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Editorial

What an amazing summer we have had weather-wise and, despite having lost some hospitality businesses, it has been good to see the village once again full of visitors. Although less of our major summer events took place, we are beginning to see a return to a new normal – the Killin 10K happened in September and the eagerly awaited Cancer Research Ladies Lunch is due to take place in November (see page 3).

You will notice that this issue is slightly smaller than usual. This is again due to there having been fewer village events but we hope that all your usual favourites are still here. We can only report what we receive so remember, this is YOUR News so be sure to let us have your input – no politics though! We know that there are some important happenings in the village over the next couple of months – Halloween, the rededication of the War Memorial and Remembrance Day to name just a few and as we get closer to Christmas, there are sure to be more things to report. We should also be welcoming our new, much improved, CO-OP (see page 4 for more information on this)

Finally, we are sorry to lose two of our production team who have decided to retire after many years of sterling work. Marion Strang has handed over her advertising responsibilities to Jo Goddard and we are pleased to welcome her on board. Liz Howard actually retired in April 2020 but has stepped in to help with the last two issues as we have got back up to speed. Our grateful thanks go to both these ladies and we wish them well.

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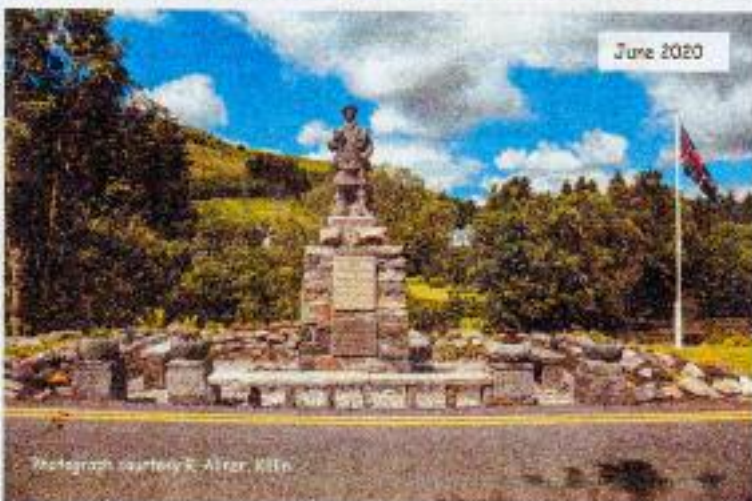
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Re-Dedication of Killin War Memorial

27th October 2021



The rededication of Killin War memorial will take place on 27th October 2021 at 13.30pm.

Any Killin or Killin area residents are welcome to attend to see the event. Ex-forces personnel please wear identification e.g. berets or medals as we want as much military presence as possible on the day. We will have representation from the Black Watch and other forces on the day. Collecting tins will be out on the day, please give something to help us maintain this unique War Memorial in the condition it deserves.

The ceremony will be conducted by Reverend Dr Russel Moffat and Royal British Legion.

Davie Osler

Correction

In the last issue, we unfortunately had 2 incorrect names in the obituaries list.

Instead of Edith Dowling it should have been Ethel Dowling, and instead of Duncan MacKenzie it should have been Duncan MacKechnie.

We apologise to friends and family for any confusion and distress this may have caused.

Ladies' Lunch Nov 2021



Hurrah! You will be pleased to know that the local Cancer Research Committee is hosting our ever-popular Ladies' Lunch on Saturday November 13th in the McLaren Hall in Killin.

Due to restrictions, this year's event will take a slightly different format, this will be a seated event instead of a buffet. There will still be the usual bar, raffle and stalls to keep you entertained.

Tickets will be available around the beginning of October so please look out for Facebook posts and notices in the Co-op and P.O. to find out where you can get your tickets.

An advertisement for Killin Outdoor Centre and Shop. The top part shows a scenic view of a lake and mountains. Below the image is the text 'KILLIN OUTDOOR CENTRE AND SHOP' in large, bold letters. To the right of the text is a logo featuring a mountain and a person climbing. Below the logo is the text 'Tel: 01567 820 652'. At the bottom, there is a grey banner with the text 'FOR ALL YOUR OUTDOOR GEAR, BOOKS, MAPS ETC..... KAYAK, CANOE AND MOUNTAIN BIKE HIRES KILLIN RESIDENTS HAVE A 10% DISCOUNT ON NON REDUCED ITEMS'.



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An update from store manager Grant Maxwell on progress with the new store


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- Amazon lockers will be situated outside of the store, so our customers can use this as a point to have their Amazon products delivered.
- A Costa Express Coffee machine will be situated alongside a bigger range of food to go (sandwiches, snacks etc)
- Hot food to go - savouries etc.
- In addition to a belted checkout (for larger purchases) there will be an adapted kiosk with easy access for shopping trolleys.
- 4 Assisted service checkouts (self scan).
- Brand new ranges will include Mediterranean, healthy snacking, health and wellbeing and electrical accessories.
- Enhanced ranges of fresh foods, cupboard goods, non-food, vaping/e-cigarettes and cards & wrap.
- Ranges doubling in size include petfood, health and beauty, confectionery.
- ATM located outside of store so it will be available 24/7.
- 30+ parking spaces including disabled and parent & child.
- A dedicated goods received area separate from our customer car park entrance, so no more lorries on Main St!
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Shops in Killin

In the last Killin News, Margaret MacIver suggested that it would be interesting to record the history of buildings in the village that are or have once been shops or businesses. Several people agreed we should not let the knowledge slip away and Killin Heritage Society has offered to help bring the information together. The Society has many records and Killin Past and Present posts fascinating pictures on the Killin Facebook page, but there are many villagers with fond memories who can help to build that history. The Society has agreed to put together a plan of the buildings along Main Street from the Bridge of Dochart to the Maclaren Hall as a start, with a guide to encourage contributions from anyone with information. We hope to make the plan and guide available in the Library and other venues for completion. We will also put up posters inviting information and

giving contact details. Killin Heritage will collect all the responses and eventually hold an event presenting the information and inviting you to come and talk about it. A similar event a few years ago on the Killin Railway turned into a lively afternoon stimulating many amusing stories and surprising details which had largely been forgotten. Shops and businesses are the backbone of a village and history often stimulates ideas for the future. Collecting this history will stimulate memories and encourage us to get back together. Of course we will have to work within Covid restrictions and the timing of the presentation event is uncertain, but we are working out how best to begin collecting the information and will circulate further news on the project.

Keith Mayo
Killin Heritage Society

Killin Heritage Society

At the time of writing (early September) we are arranging the relaunch of the Killin Heritage Society, hoping to run a near normal programme of events over this winter. I am hoping we can get together to learn about some of the special features of our surroundings, to gather information about the past lives of some of the village buildings and to refresh our memories of our natural environment.

First we need to run an AGM to approve the accounts for 2020 and elect the office bearers and committee and also to submit our return to OSCR, the Government regulator for charities. Due to the pandemic these steps will need to use Zoom and digital returns and will hopefully have been completed by the time you read this piece.

If all goes well with the further relaxation of Covid controls in terms of indoor public meetings, I hope we can announce details of meetings to be held this year and we will circulate these using existing contact email addresses and probably the Killin Community Facebook pages. If anyone wants to join our membership or amend their email address in the meantime, please send details to keithmayo2000@yahoo.co.uk

Keith Mayo
Chair

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Old Mill

We are delighted that the Thrift Shop at the Old Mill is now open once more. At present it's opening Friday afternoon, Saturday afternoon and Sunday, and the Honesty Stall is also set up outside.

The first task in bringing Heritage back to the Old Mill is to get the wheel turning and also to tidy up the space around the Mill. A volunteer day on Saturday 18th September helped with this. We are continuing to fundraise to further our heritage offerings and recently received just over £9k from the Scottish Government's 'Adapt and Thrive' programme.

The annual Old Mill Halloween event has also been arranged for Saturday 30th October. Have a look at the separate Old Mill advert and read the What's on at the Old Mill article in this issue for more information about the Old Mill project.

RecyKillin

KAT is delighted to support the RecyKillin programme in its development and we are pleased to see members beginning to join up. You can do so by creating an account at: Recykillin.myturn.com where you can browse the range of tools that they have available to hire. You can email recyKillin@gmail.com with any queries or suggestions for new items.

A RecyKillin launch is arranged for Sunday 10th October from 1-4pm at the Old Mill, where you can pick up a membership for just £10, find out more about the project and feed in your own ideas as to how it develops.

Breadalbane Park

Progress on the Park play area is continuing with a new slide recently installed by Stirling Council and the removal of the fence. Thanks to the fantastic community fundraising efforts and support through the Co-op's community giving scheme we believe there will soon be sufficient funds to add another new piece of equipment, and discussions will be held shortly to agree timescales with Stirling Council for this.

We are also continuing to seek further details on the Scottish Government's pledge to invest in play areas and have strongly set out Killin's case for funding to the local

MSP and Stirling Council.

Scottish Land Fund/Community Right to Buy

The Scottish Land Fund have recently received a Stage 1 Bid for funding from KAT, and we are continuing to liaise with the Scottish Government's Community Right to Buy Team with regards to the current Co-op building. It is hoped that the Stage 1 SLF application will be accepted by November. Initial discussions, through Alyn Smith MP's office, have established that the Co-op are willing look at a community ownership bid and we will seek to pursue these discussions when SLF funding is secured. KAT were also pleased to support the Ardeonaig and Ardtalnaig Community Association, in discussions with the SLF. The Association has recently set up a steering group of local residents to look at the future of the Abernethy Outdoor Centre.

Funding: Dochart Bridge Lights & Friends of the Cemetery

The funding application to help reinstall lights to the Bridge was successful and the project will receive £1500 from Stirling Council. The new Friends of Killin Cemetery group were also successful and were awarded nearly £600 from the Community Pride Fund.

Sports Pavilion

Following the recent request by KDSLCC that KAT take over the lease of the Pavilion, attempts have been made to engage with Stirling Council on this issue and examine how local sports facilities can be brought up to a modern standard. Cllr Martin Earl has now taken up this issue and is seeking to facilitate discussions with

senior Stirling Council officers.

Allotments

We are still awaiting a response from Stirling Council on the request to provide allotment and/or food growing space in the community. Under the Community Empowerment Act 2015 every community in Scotland has the right to access allotments/food growing space and Stirling Council's Food Growing Strategy outlines the Council's vision that everyone in the area has access to 'a range of growing opportunities'. It is hoped that Stirling Council will soon undertake an Open Space Audit to establish the availability of suitable land for the project. KAT have also applied for funding through the LLTNP Greener Recovery Fund to further examine the demand for food growing opportunities locally, and if successful it is hoped this will be able to link into any work Stirling Council are taking forward in order to meet their statutory responsibilities.

Anyone wishing to get involved, register an interest and/or join the waiting list for a plot should get in touch at raina@killincdt.co.uk or ring/text 07902 973122.

New Signage

A number of new and refurbished pointer signs have now been installed across the village thanks to funding being secured from Stirling Council. One sign, opposite the Capercaillie, remains to be put up as we are currently seeking permission for installation, from Stirling Council!



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Pupil council

We are proud to announce our new Pupil Council, Christopher Dearden, Hunter Frost, Penny Murdoch-Lindsay, Erin Kyle, Angus Proctor and Ellis McKenna.

We have our new house captains for 2021. Emma Kyle for Lochay and Finlay Henderson for Dochart. They will be helping organise regular activities in school including the monthly Captains Challenge. The photo captions have been written by Emma and Finlay.

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current Covid Situation. The Car Scheme was initially created to support those people within our community who cannot use public transport to get to places which support and maintain their wellbeing. Imagine not being able to visit family, your doctor, getting to an appointment, attending groups and being stuck indoors day after day. For many of our passengers, there is also a social aspect when out with one of our drivers. This is often the only time they get out of the house and is also an opportunity to have a good blether as well as meeting new people. For the drivers it is also a time to meet some interesting people, from the community, which they would not otherwise have done, so a positive, enjoyable experience for both parties.

Drivers receive 45p a mile to cover the cost of petrol and wear and tear of their vehicles. This is the amount volunteer drivers are able to receive without it affecting their tax. You will also be offered appropriate training, now and again and receive regular updates as well as get together, with other drivers. We are a very friendly, welcoming and supportive group of people, so if you think you might like to join us why not ring Don on 01567 820690 for more information.

Alicja Fraser



Callander and West Perthshire u3a

Our August AGM by Zoom was very well attended and this heralds the start of our new session 2021-2022. Our Interest Group Leaders have been busy re-establishing their groups or forming new groups. Future meetings will be both face to face and virtual.

U3a is all about learning for pleasure and for fun and gives you the opportunity to meet new people. Membership of our u3a entitles you to join as many of our interest groups as you want and membership is only £10 for the year.

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We are pleased to say that Killin Connect has started up again after the break during the Pandemic and we once again are meeting in the Community Rooms in Killin & Ardeonaig Parish Church on Monday mornings.

Killin Connect is a facility to support those in Killin. The group is one of many local attempts to help combat the isolation and loneliness which some people might be feeling. We all know how difficult life can be and it has been especially difficult over the last few years. The pandemic has been particularly testing for those who already have challenges of health, confidence, bereavement, anxiety or disabilities. Killin Connect offers a safe place to meet others for some fun and company.

We provide a variety of activities such as board games, quizzes, active games and crafts. We have a cuppa, talk, listen, laugh, play, sing and basically

have some fun. Periodically we invite a guest to share a craft, give a talk, sing or play a musical instrument. The activities are planned to respond to the particular interests of those attending at that time.

If you know of anyone who may benefit from this group, or if you'd like to know more then please give any of the volunteers below, a phone. Thank you.

Brenda Moffat

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Killin Community Council



At the recent meeting of the Community Council the issue of overnight parking of campervans was raised. Many of you will have noticed the large signs erected by Stirling Council prohibiting overnight stays in the three village car parks. This is partly as a result of the Community Council expressing concerns about overnight stays, particularly in the parking bays on Dochart Road overlooking the falls. This last location is due to be attended to soon, hopefully with a somewhat more discreet sign.

Feedback on social media appears to be mixed, though most agree that the signs are a bit OTT. Have they made a difference? Not much, the number of campervans parking overnight in the Station Road car park remains largely the same, probably because they are aware, though social media of course, that this prohibition is unenforceable. There have also been complaints of campervans parking in the cemetery carpark, and at the end of Pier Road.

What's to be done? Well, there were suggestions that we could try to establish the Station Road car park as a campervan friendly parking area. This would probably require liaison with Stirling Council to provide waste disposal facilities, and ensure the toilets are kept clean and open 24/7. There could be a community benefit as we could ask for donations for the upkeep of the facilities from those using them, or we could ask Stirling Council to install a parking charge system and forego any financial benefit other than the increase in tourist footfall. It might also relieve pressure on these local areas that are manifestly unsuitable for overnight stays. We could, of course, petition Stirling Council for the introduction of bylaws enforcing these prohibitions, perhaps initiating a new era of responsible tourism or, more

probably, a weird and inevitably doomed game of whack-a-mole.

The other major issue arising at our last meeting was the vexed question of the future shape and makeup of our Main Street. Patterns of consumption are changing and the pandemic has accelerated this process. Asda and Sainsburys vans are in the village every day, and more and more of us are ordering stuff online. The Hogg Trust is applying for a change of use for the shop that previously hosted the Post Office to a disabled friendly ground floor flat. The relocation of the Co-op and the closure of the Bank of Scotland branch have created other gaps in the Main Street which the Killin and Ardeonaig Trust is valiantly trying to fill with community initiatives and start-ups. The erstwhile antique shop is now scheduled to be two single bedroom holiday lets and the previous pedestrian walkway along this section of Main Street has been closed off. This matters. Should we engage in what some people would say was a Sisyphean struggle to maintain the character of our village, or should we compromise with modernity and try to ensure that the inevitable changes are managed in a way that enhances

the appeal of the village and the quality of our individual and communal lives?

These are difficult questions, and we are seeking community guidance as to how best we approach them, never mind answer them. To this end we are asking the community to engage with us to provide advice, criticism and ideas. We are seeking feedback on these issues and have set up an email account: killinfeedback@gmail.com to receive your suggestions. You can also engage with our Facebook page or, if you have no access to digital communications, just let your nearest Community Councillor know your thoughts. We are hoping that we can initiate a conversation that will resolve these dilemmas and point the way forward for the local community as a whole.

Due to constraints of space and Killin News publishing deadlines, we have not been able, in this report, to give proper account of the many services and benefits your community council has rendered unto you over the last two months. Needless to say, they are many and wonderful. Trust me!

Andy Aitken

The Killin Community Council will now be meeting on the first Tuesday of every odd month – November, January, March, etc. Local residents are welcome to attend all our meetings. Our Email address is communitycouncilkillin@gmail.com

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Killin Festive Lights

We are delighted to confirm that the plans for lighting up Killin for the festive period continue to progress well.

The recent raffle draw raised over £500 and our thanks go to all the prize donors which included the Killin Hotel, the Courie Inn, Shutters, Escape in Killin, the Bridge End Mill, Gourlay Butchers, the Real Food Café, the Co-op and the Hardware shop - particularly Danni who sold more tickets than anyone else.

Those of us who have been involved in the fundraising would like to express our thanks to everyone who has donated whether large or small amounts – it has all resulted in us being able to achieve something which will give some additional cheer this year.

Without getting bogged down with the minutiae of how it will all come together we are pleased to say that by the middle of November new sockets and lights will be in place, and we intend on having an official 'lighting' up ceremony to celebrate. With good luck and a prevailing wind (!) and hopefully no Covid restrictions getting in the way we will announce when this will be so that as many locals as are able can come out and enjoy the illuminations. 'Finally, we should announce that we have just been awarded a grant of £400 by the CFSLA Lottery towards the cost of the lights. This organisation is the local payroll lottery for local authority staff in Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling which also supports local charities and community groups. We are very grateful for their support.

In addition, the lights to illuminate the bridge are being fitted and will be working soon.

2022 Calendars

The Killin 2022 calendars are now available. They can be bought from the Post Office, the Killin Hotel, the Courie Inn, Escape in Killin and the Bridge End Mill.

The prices have remained the same as in previous years. All profits go towards the New Years Eve Fireworks display.

Masons Donate To Childrens Play Park

In May and June 2021, Scottish Free Masons from the Provincial Lodge of Perthshire West undertook a charity walk from Oban to St. Andrews to raise money for local causes and projects. R.W.M. Gary Thompson walked from Taynuilt to Tyndrum and P.M. Alex Stewart walked from Tyndrum to Balquhider on behalf of Lodge Breadalbane St.Fillans No.815 in Killin. Each lodge in the province was allocated £500 from the £7500 Raised. The masons in Killin are delighted to donate their £500 allocation to the Friends of Breadalbane Park in Killin to help with the replacement of old and broken equipment in the children's play area. The presentation was made by Gary Thompson and Martin Cockburn and was received by Fiona Boath on behalf of The Friends of Breadalbane Park.



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Development Officer Statement

Well, what a strange 18 months it has been, adapting to lockdowns, working from home, home schooling, social distancing and for many people, including myself, shielding. For many it has been an awful time: losing loved ones, missing weddings and funerals, or simply being separated from our nearest and dearest – I just hope that we can get back to a safe and sustainable 'normality'. I don't normally put my own thoughts into the Killin News, just provide an update on the works of the Trust, but I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all the Trustees and members who have supported the Trust and myself over the past year or so. The Board have been a great support and have done an amazing job juggling their own disrupted lives and volunteering for the Trust – thank you! I would also like to extend a special thanks to Theresa Elliot, our Chair, who has been a rock throughout.

Community Place Plan

As mentioned in the last edition, we are reaching the end of the Community Place Plan process. The final document is currently with the publishers, getting its final tweaks and being spruced up. We are hoping that it will be published by the end of this month. It will be available digitally on our website, and we will send round the link once it is completed. We will, however, print a small number of copies for those unable to access the internet, and for reference in the Trust office.

If you would like a hardcopy, please register your interest with Kelly. We would like to extend thanks to Derek Manson of the National Park Authority's Planning and Communities Team, who has supported us throughout the process, the National Park's Capacity Grant Scheme for funding the project, and a special thank you to Ron Allner from Killin, who at very short notice has provided fantastic photos for the publication. We would also like to extend a big thank you to all the residents and businesses who took part in the Place Plan consultations, we could not have done it without you.

Crianlarich Community Garden

By the time this goes out we will have erected our shed and cleared more areas of the site, with a view to installing raised beds and developing parking and turning areas. We have also submitted final plans to the National Park's Planning Team for the creation of a small vehicle access from Meadow Grove, and pedestrian access from the main road. Once they have given them the OK we will work on developing these over the coming months. We have been lucky enough to be donated some raised beds and road materials from Morgan Sindall, who have been working on undergrounding the local electricity cables. We don't expect to start growing much before next spring, however we hope to get everything ready to hit the ground running. If you're interested in getting involved in the Community Garden, then please get in touch with Kelly – it is

open to everyone across the Strathfillan area.

Strathfillan Seasonal Rangers

Our Seasonal Rangers' pilot has been going extremely well, and it has been noted how much cleaner and tidier the area is looking – from both locals and regular visitors. Clare West and Gavin Macnab have been doing a sterling job and have thrown themselves whole heartedly into the role – we could not have asked for better rangers. Their roles finish at the end of October however but we are hoping that with the success of the pilot, we can secure funding for next year and employ rangers from April to October, keeping our community cleaner and safer for longer.

This project is supported by NatureScot, through the Better Places Green Recovery Fund



Bike Skills Park

The pandemic meant that progressing the Bikes Skills Park has been very delayed. However, we moved forward as best we could in the circumstances. Our final, technical plans and Feasibility Study were completed by March this year, and the project is currently going through planning. Our consultants

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are doing a great job working with the planners with any questions and issues they might have. We have recently applied to National Park Authority's Green Recovery Fund for money to employ a dedicated project officer for the Bike Skills Park. We hope that by increasing the Trust's capacity we can keep up momentum and more easily secure the funding we need to build the trails. Hopefully, we will have heard if we have been successful by the time the Killin News is out.

Cycle Path

The Community Place Plan consultations have shown that completing the Tyndrum to Crianlarich cycle path is still a high priority across the whole community, from young people to local businesses. This has bolstered our endeavours to get the next phase progressed. As with many things, the pandemic has delayed much progress, with many agencies and organisations we would work with being unable/unwilling to interact. The Trust has agreed that to get the project moving we need to escalate it through the National Park Authority and beyond. We are also getting some support from NatureScot, who have been instructed by the Scottish Government to install core cycle paths across Scotland, which our cycle path forms part of one. We do not expect much immediate progress but hope to get the ball rolling again in the coming months.

Saplings

One small but important success this year has been our ability to host a couple of Saplings sessions in the



area. We held two sessions, canoeing on the River Fillan with Active Stirling, and Feltmaking with Heartfelt in Dalmally at Dalmally Community Orchard. Both sessions were fully booked and the children had a fantastic time. This was also the first year we opened up sessions to children who attend Dalmally Primary School. Our dwindling numbers over the past few years and the close links between the communities made this an obvious choice. We hope that next year we will be able to offer our full number of sessions. We would like to thank Matt Brook from Active Stirling and Liz Gaffney from Heartfelt for leading such fantastic sessions and we send a big thank you to Catriona MacLennan who kindly agreed to be the perfect assistant again!

Office Update

We have recently been discussing the reopening of the Trust office at Crianlarich Village Hall, with a view to Kelly returning towards the end of September. However, after consultation with her cardiologist, she has been advised to carry on working from home for the foreseeable future. She can still come up for outdoor meetings and sessions, such as the community garden, but has been advised to avoid indoor public spaces if she can.

If you want to contact the Trust you can email Kelly at kelly@strathfillandctd.org.uk, or phone 07707044484. She is currently available Monday to Thursday, 9.30am to 3.30pm.

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Welcome to our new Primary One children

Children from our Eco Club visited the Killin War Memorial to do a spot of weeding



Class 1 have been learning about their local community and have visited the local church and the Fire Station. Thank you to both Killin Fire Station and Russel Moffat for teaching the children about their important roles in our village. They thoroughly enjoyed their visits.

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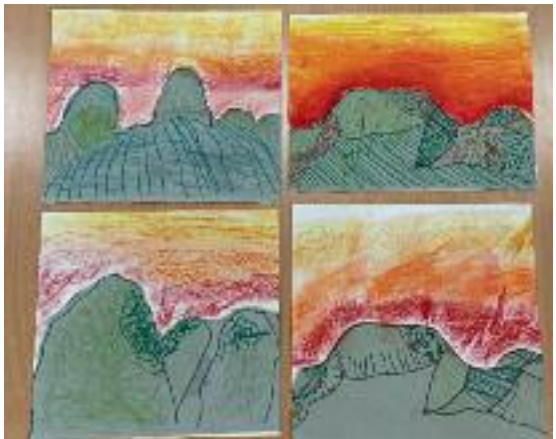


Meet our new Pupil Council for 2021-2022. Each member will represent their year group, feeding back ideas and opinions from the pupils. Congratulations

After a whole school and community review we have updated our School Values. Following feedback from all Stakeholders we are pleased to announce our new school values are Kindness, Honesty and Respect. Each term we will be focusing on one school value in class and this term the focus is KINDNESS. When acts of kindness are shown, our children will be awarded a House Point. A huge thank you must go to the very talented Mr and Mrs Hibbert who designed and built our new House Point Marble Run!



Our topic in Class 1 is 'The Community'. We are learning about the Church and the Fire Station and the people who can help us. We wrote stories about our visits and made pictures of Ben Lawers.
Liberty P3



Class 3 are learning about 'Natural Disasters'. So far we've found out about tectonic plates and continental drift. We have started to look at how and where hurricanes happen. We used the iPads to edit photos to make it look like we were in a hurricane, using the rule of thirds. Next we are looking at floods and landslides. I'm most looking forward to finding out about tsunamis and tornadoes!
Cai P7

In Class 2 our topic is Ancient Egypt. We've been learning about the River Nile and about the Pharaohs. We've also been learning about Egyptian Gods like Ra. We all made a cartouche with our names written in hieroglyphics.
Mason P4

Jumpers for Goalposts

When he saw the football nets in a state of disrepair one evening, local football enthusiast, Andy Tasker, knew he had to help.

'I've lived in the village for three and a half years now,' Andy said, 'and I've come to realise how much the locals share my love of football - it's always our main topic of conversation.'

Andy purchased two nets for the goalposts and asked the community for permission to replace the old ones. His kind offer was not only snapped up, but he also received a thank you card from the local kids.

'It brought me to tears,' Andy said, 'I didn't

expect it, I just wanted to help.'

It was then he realised he had an opportunity to share his passion for football while doing something great for the community. That's when he began recruiting a brand-new football team.

'As a kid, I was always around a



football,' Andy grinned. 'Me and my friends didn't have money to hire a pitch with real goalposts, so we'd find an empty field and use the jumpers from our backs to make the goals. Growing up, football was my happy place, a place where we were all equal.'

So far, the team has four generous donors in the village whose support helps with running costs. The team also has the backing of a charitable organisation. 'Every kid deserves a good outlook on life. Through football, this can happen. Not only will it be great fun, but the kids will learn discipline, respect, ambition, and teamwork.'

Killin football team has a vacancy for a Treasurer and Secretary on a voluntary basis. Contact Andy Tasker on Facebook to enquire.

There is still time to join:
12-17 year olds Wed 6-8pm
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Kirsty Lear-Grant



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Killin & Crianlarich Nurseries



A survey on values was conducted last term with all stakeholders and this term the children across the two nursery sites are embedding the value of kindness. In addition, the Nurture Principal 6, "The importance of transition in children's lives" is being threaded through learning and pedagogical approaches.

The Crianlarich children are learning about and exploring their local community by going on various walks and having discussions about Mary's Meals. They are also having conversations about healthy habits such as tooth brushing, healthy eating and the importance of hand washing. Some of the younger children at Killin have just enrolled and are settling in, learning the nursery routines and making friendships with peers and building relationships with Educators.

The 3-5 room children in Killin are learning about living things such as plants, animals, sea creature, marine life, insects and the seasons through local walks, researching the internet and looking at books.

The staff and children would like to say a very big thank you to Nancy Fettes for donating lots of her personal arts and crafts stickers, card and paper. The children have enjoyed being creative with these new and different resources

Alexandra Tigwell



THE KILLIN CONNECTION

Strangers on the Hill

One of the main reasons for starting this series of articles was to celebrate Killin's international heritage; the "connection" between a wee place and beyond. Whether going out to the world or inviting it in, Killin has always had a cosmopolitan spirit. The story of this issue is a textbook example - that of our once thriving Flemish community.

It's no secret that Scotland owes a lot to the Flemish, from textiles to architecture, masonry and glassblowing to language (kirk, scone, etc), surnames (Fleming) and possibly even national sports, golf and curling (sacrilege!). Less tangible but equally important was the mark these skilled people left on our own local industry, particularly weaving. Settling sometime between the 17th and 18th centuries, migrants from Flanders (now in modern Belgium) were introduced to teach native weavers the latest methods in linen production. They lived in the small township of Ard na Gaul, today a cluster of ruined buildings on the north bank of the Dochart river. This "height of the strangers", as the English translation suggests, goes largely unnoticed by drivers speeding toward Killin but was arguably the lifeblood of the village economy at one time.

The history of Flemish migration to Scotland goes back several hundred years; the initial wave following the Norman Invasion of Britain in 1066. David Canmore ascended the Scottish throne in 1124 (as David I) and his wife Maud, of Flemish stock, came north with him accompanied by a large retinue of her Flemish kinsfolk. These were people of knightly status, but soon others, notably merchants and craftsmen, made their way directly to ports on the east coast. Despite Flanders being the commercial powerhouse of medieval Europe, over-population, unfair inheritance practices and scarcity of land were driving many across the water. On the other hand, Scotland was the main supplier of wool to Flanders but had yet to

develop a textile industry of its own. The solution: bring Flemish weavers here and let them teach the population. And so began a partnership that would last over 500 years.



Hand Weaving in Killin c.1900

It is hard to determine exactly when these "strangers" arrived in Killin, as there exists no written evidence of their presence. The earliest mention of the settlement Ard na Gaul is from a charter dated 1613. If, as some sources claim, the correct translation is "hill of the foreigner" then there is little doubt of Flemish occupancy around this time. Another meaning, "height of the Lowlander" is more



Ard na Gaul today

puzzling but not wholly inaccurate, as many Flemish migrants travelled from south of the Highland line. Furthermore, the timeline matches closely with two significant events: the 1587 Act of Parliament which gave legal support to Flemish migrants and subsequent influx of

weavers in 1606. Could ours be among them?

Contemporary texts state that the Second Earl of Breadalbane was responsible for encouraging Flemish immigration to the area, suggesting Ard na Gaul was occupied much later in the 18th century. Thomas Pennant, the traveller and historian, wrote of this time: "The country manufactures a great deal of thread. They spin with 'rocks' which they do as they watch their cattle on the hills, and £1600 worth of yarn was sold out of Breadalbane at Fairs during the year." Killin alone held six fairs annually and brought merchants from all over the country. The yarn was then taken to cities like Glasgow for manufacture into cloth. A statistical account from 1793 shows that in the Killin parish there were: 63 weavers, 38 tailors, 36 woodworkers, 26 shoemakers, 20 flax dressers, 10 smiths, 9 masons, 4 hosiers and 1 dyer. Undoubtedly, these skills were a result of Flemish influence. The spinning-wheel, once a luxury item of Flanders, was now found in every Scottish county and the raw material feeding it - flax - could grow just as well in Killin as it did near Bruges. Another Flemish innovation, the weaving mill, brought an increasingly mechanised way of life to the district, with perhaps the first in the Highlands built at Lawers.

From the mid 19th century onwards the production of linen became confined to industrial hubs in the south. Demand for flax waned, as jute, hemp and cotton became far more profitable. Now the only commercial flax grown in Scotland is for linseed oil and there is only one mill left still weaving linen. Flanders remains a heavyweight in the industry; indeed "Belgian Linen" is a registered trademark of the Belgian Flax and Linen Association, comprising over 1500 artisans and companies growing and weaving flax. It is somewhat touching to think that their forebears may have once called a wee Scottish village home.

Michael Gardiner



What's on at the Old Mill

The Thrift Shop at the Old Mill is now open Friday afternoons, Saturday afternoons and Sunday. Many thanks to our volunteers old and new for all your hard work!

If you would like to help please contact Raina on: raina@killincdt.co.uk or ring 07902 973122 and leave a message.

We could do with more Halloween and Christmas items for the thrift shop. So if you have anything to donate please get in touch or pop down with them when the shop is open.

Our Honesty Stall is now being revamped regularly, so if you haven't been down in a little while come and have a look. Simply choose how much you think the item is worth, put it in one of the money bags provided and post it through the Old Mill door.

Our first goal in bringing Heritage back to the Old Mill is to get the wheel turning. As you may know, the wheel is fixed and able to turn; however, the lade is silted up and overgrown and not enough water is getting to the wheel!

We are currently fundraising to ensure the ongoing maintenance of the wheel and to further our heritage offerings.

We will have our annual Old Mill Halloween event on Saturday 30th October. Somebody did some work at the Old Mill last St Fillan's Death Day and as a result, this Halloween the zombie miller will awake from his slumber and only the brave children of Killin and beyond can return the Mill to the realm of the living (as well as receiving a goody bag and having lots of fun!). We will also have the fantastic Helen and Kirsty doing another online halloween spooky tale for those of you at home! Have a look at the separate advert in this issue. Accompanied children only, start time staggered 4-6.30pm, booking required: please contact Raina on or ring 07902 973122 and leave a message letting me know how to get back to you.

Hope to see more of you all at the Old Mill soon!



New volunteer Kirsty

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change. You'll also get a chance to see a selection of the tools you can access with a bargain membership and let us know what you'd like to see from RecyKillin in the future.

The event ties in with COP26, the United Nations upcoming climate change conference, and it's an opportunity for us to think about Killin's role in the future of our planet. We may be a wee village, but RecyKillin is an example of the things we can achieve when we come together.

1pm-4pm on Sunday 10th October at the Old Mill. Refreshments will be available, please bring your reusable cup! Contact recykillin@gmail.com for more info. See for the full tool catalogue.

Helen Lear-Grant



Killin 10k and Fun Run

The annual Loch Tay Highland Lodges Killin 10k, 5k & Fun Run, organised by Tay Fitness Events, made a welcome return this summer for its 10th year after understandably being cancelled in 2020.

There was a good turnout across the 3 different races and everyone seemed to enjoy their day. Well done to all runners who took part and many thanks to the many locals who volunteered on the day.

Cancer Research raised approx £478 and Erin Rosendale (Teenage Cancer Trust, Glasgow) about £600

Photos courtesy of Ron Alner and Goode Photography



Start of the 10k Run



Sammy Hibbert and Theresa Elliot recovering



Start of the Fun Run



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The Frost Report

Unexpected encounters of the Geoffrey Kind

Recent nursery in service days brought a couple of childminding days. Granny had three children down on the beach at the Costa del Ardeonaig, a lovely sunny day pre-algae. While carrying out the usual activities of collecting pretty pebbles and interesting bits of wood they suddenly noticed a half fledged duckling coming up to them. He was quite alone, not a parent in sight. As he was fairly fearless we assumed that he was part of a group of mallard who fed at the house and were the worst parents ever, regularly leaving their tiny babies to fend for themselves. The mallard branch of social services really needs to pull its socks up. As we left the children sang "goodbye Geoffrey" and raced back to tell me all about this surprise.

This got us thinking about the unusual events seen lately. Recently a beautiful long eared owl was twice seen happily sitting out on a local hill in broad daylight. The books say that, like most owls, they are active only at night but this guy had obviously not read the books.

Another owl encounter surprised us one afternoon in our garden just by the house. A barn owl was sitting quite nonchalantly under a rhododendron bush. Barn owls do hunt in the dusk and are really beautiful as they glide silently along but this was unusual.

We have had resident nuthatches for some years now and they have bred well this year but its only in the last few days that we have seen them burying seeds in plant pots, the veg plot and between paving. According to the said books this is normal behaviour and they can remember the location for up to 30 days but I expect that we will have a few

random sunflowers next year. And then there's Russell Crowe, oh sorry, I was meaning Russel's crow who is cleverly loosening the 'security bars' designed to keep him from stealing all the food on the manse bird table. This is a real problem all over the village and it's hard to keep ahead of these new behaviours. Not relying entirely on divine intervention wire netting has now been installed. Annoying also is the coal tit who repeatedly tosses out 99% of the mixed seed to find one special nugget that he wants. We call him Kevin. Maybe he is in the pay of the blackbirds and robins who benefit by the shower of easy food. Last year was the first time that we didn't have house martins nesting, this year the same - no interest at all



and hardly a martin to be seen. Just as we were thinking that our particular clan of birds must have met hard times on migration a huge flock of over a hundred made a late August dash to repeatedly examine old nests

too late. Why?

I remember years ago seeing a hoopoe in Glen Lochay and godwits by Moirlannich but not all unexpected occurrences are feathered. One evening just at dusk the security light went on and we expected to see the hedgehog but a pine marten was confidently smiling at us, if pine martens do ever smile. They do become very cheeky around buildings and are far more common than you may think.

Some time ago we found a large intact salmon lying in the field about thirty metres from the loch. We never did find out whether it was a four legged or two legged poacher who must have been surprised and had to run for it. My wife is surprised when a new wild orchid appears in the garden or seedling oak tree which are presumably the result of squirrel hoarding.

We remember when it was a real surprise to see a beaver but no longer. Once it was unusual to see Mr. Fox out and about in the village but no longer. He has been so bad of late breaking and entering hutches and eating several pet bunnies. Just remember if you feed wild animals there may be consequences to attracting them amongst houses. It must be Mr. Fox's cousin who is doing exactly the same in Crieff, wandering around the streets and stealing pet rabbits and hens. But it doesn't have to be an unusual sighting to interest us. The more commonplace sight of squirrels or hares playing and young speckled pom pom robins is always worth watching and we are so fortunate around here to see so much.

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Musings From The Manse

Life, Laughter and Hope.

A PESSIMIST sees a dark tunnel

An OPTIMIST sees light at the end of the tunnel

A REALIST sees a freight train

The TRAIN driver sees 3 idiots standing on the tracks!

Thank God (literally) for humour. It certainly lifts the spirits. What a wonderful summer we have experienced this year with its unusual sustained heat and dryness. It has added a bit of joy to the usual conversations about the weather in a Scottish context. Yet I have noticed that more often than not, most of the conversations that I have been party to on this subject have usually ended with the warning "Aye but we'll probably pay for this in the winter!" Scots never quite let their hair down, do they? I noted that the elation at Scotland beating Austria in a recent World Cup qualifying round was quickly followed with the customary warnings about messing up the next game and how it could all end badly! However, I think this is a common trait in the human race not just in those who live north of

the border. Joy, in human experience is often tempered with mild to medium foreboding!

We have experienced one of the strangest periods we have known in living history with an unprecedented national lockdown. Great concerns resulting from this are ongoing. For many folks the complete easing of restrictions can't come fast enough; others are more cautious and some have question marks as to how this is all going to pan out in the future. Watching the news on TV isn't exactly uplifting, tending as it does, to accentuate the negative. For as long as humans have been around we have worried about the weather, the success of the hunting season, the fruitfulness of the annual harvest and the encroachment on our territory by strangers. In the ancient world, the great city states rose and fell. The great Empires waxed and waned. Even in Ancient Egypt, decades of abundance didn't remove the background concern "what if the water level drops next year?" Throughout history people have worried even in the midst of unprecedented progress, stability, wealth and prosperity. There have been warning comments by writers both ancient and modern about "lulls before storms" and the "fragility of peace." Thinkers in all ages have pointed out the "illusions" of stability that many of their contemporaries indulged in. Written accounts from the 9th century make it clear that many of the elites in Anglo-Saxon England thought the world was near an end due to the ferocity and barbarity of the Viking raiders and invaders. Many voices in the middle ages were sure the end was nigh on many occasions over the centuries. The doomsayers concerning political and economic catastrophes have always been with us. But life goes on.....

The 20th Century witnessed the

greatest convulsions in history but we are still here. Europe survived the Great War, the Spanish Flu, the Depression, Fascism and World War 2 (casualties counted in the millions). It survived the advent of nuclear weapons and the Cold War, and despite cries heard at every period mentioned above, that the world was on the edge of the precipice we are, to quote Elton John, "Still Standing!"

Now, in our post-Brexit, covid-racked, economically challenged, globally-warming world, the question still raises its perennial head, "is everything going to fall apart?" No is the simple answer! I do not say that frivolously or flippantly.

If the history of life on earth tells us anything it is that life is incredibly resilient and creative and it has survived countless trials and tribulations. Likewise, human history testifies to our own species' resilience, resourcefulness, ingenuity and tenacity in dealing with the challenges that beset us. Therefore, I in no way minimise present or future difficulties, I am only asking for perspective.

Our Jewish brothers and sisters are renowned for their sense of humour which is surprising given Jewish history. They have a toast which I often use at the dinner table instead of the usual Grace. It is to raise our glass and say "Lechaim" (the ch is the same as in Loch). It means to "life." Now there is a sentiment worthy of our attention on a daily basis.

Of course, as a Christian I believe that this world is not a fortuitous "accident" but a "creation" with a meaning, a purpose and a goal. In all the twists and turns of life, that is the ground of my hope. May it be yours too.

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Killin Medical Practice News

Flu Vaccination

At the time of writing this you will not have heard about your flu vaccine appointment, but at the time of you reading this I am hopeful you will have had your flu vaccine. If you've not then please contact the practice on 01567 820213 if you are over 50 and would like to receive it.

Covid 19 Vaccination Evidence

We are receiving quite a few calls from patients having trouble logging on to NHS Inform looking to download their vaccination evidence. If you log on to www.killinmedicalpractice.co.uk you will find details of how to access the website and download the information you need.

We hope you all had a lovely summer and enjoyed the wonderful weather we've had.

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TRANSMISSION



The project has a dedicated website, please scan the above QR code to be taken to the project website or use the following the URL <https://bit.ly/3wJ2qGL>.

Construction works have commenced on SSEN Transmission's Killin VISTA project which will see a total of 7.8km of overhead line removed, including 31 steel lattice towers, between Killin substation and Lix Toll.

Safety is always our first priority at SSEN Transmission and with this in mind, we ask that you please remain vigilant of signage or direction around the construction works and do not enter our working areas. Users of the access tracks are asked to obey signage and are reminded that large vehicles and construction traffic are also using the tracks.

Killin VISTA works carried out to date

- Installation of bell mouth off the main A827
- Installation of the North bridge abutments for the temporary bridge across the River Dochart
- Archaeological investigations
- Tree felling works along the route for access and Underground Cable (UGC) works.
- Temporary site compound installation.



Installation of bellmouth off the main A827

Planned works quarter 4 2021

- Continuation of the installation of bell mouth and access tracks along the UGC route.
- Trenching and ducting works for circuits, This will include a road crossing across the A827 and a 900m section along the A827 carriageway.
- Installation of project welfare offices.
- Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) under the river Dochart.
- Land and secure temporary bridge across river Dochart.

Community Support

Both SSEN Transmission and our Contract Partners are keen to help and support the local community.

If there are any local projects or groups that could benefit in the form of skills-based assistance, painting, DIY, gardening and even school visits, please contact Community Liaison Manager – Louise Anderson

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Community Liaison Manager:

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Obituary

Johanna Lockie (nee MacNee)

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On the morning of the 21st of November 2020, after a long and very brave battle against cancer, we sadly lost my mum, Jo.

Jo was raised in Killin with her brother James, by Duncan and Annie MacNee. They first lived at Monemore, then settled at Ballechroisk Terrace. Mum always described her childhood in a fun and happy way. She spent most of her early adulthood living and working in Killin and of course raising me. In her early 30s she met Steve and together they had a son Sean. They moved to Alva, and that is where they settled. She eventually married Steve in September 2017.

All those who knew and loved Jo will never forget her tenacity, candid attitude and most of all her amazing outlook on life. My mum was the strongest person I know and she faced cancer head on, never allowing it to get her down.

She will be sadly missed and happily remembered by myself, the rest of her family and friends.

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Killin Music Festival has been awarded 'Annual Music Festival of the Year UK' in the Global Awards 2020/21, along with the previously announced 'Best Scottish Annual Music Festival' in the Media Innovator Awards 2020.



We are incredibly proud to receive these awards and want to thank everyone who has helped build our event over the years.

The team are currently working on a pathway for Killin Music Fest to return in a safe way for our fifth festival in 2022 as restrictions start to ease. We're also assessing if we are able to safely run other events in the run up to the next festival, including a New Year gig on 30/12. As always the safety of everyone involved with our events, along with our wider local community, is our priority. We'll keep everyone up to date via our social media channels as news develops.

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In August of this year, 13 of the Killin Beavers and Cubs were able to travel to the Invertrossachs Scout Activity Centre on the banks of Loch Venacher for a fun filled day of activities, all thanks to funding gained by Stirling and Trossachs District Scouts and the District leaders. The activities included bell boating, canoeing, pond (loch) dipping, a nature walk to explore the campsite, a bbq lunch, and last but not least, a campfire to sit around and toast marshmallows. A great time was had by all, including the parent helpers.



Beavers

Beavers returned from the summer holidays with a fantastic litter pick on Saturday 28th August. With our eyes peeled we left the pavilion and covered the hall car park, Station Road, the Bear car park, old railway line and head of the Loch. The Beavers did a fantastic job finding lots and lots of different bits of litter and the count was on to see how many discarded face masks we could find (double figures for sure!). We couldn't have done it without the help of some lovely members of EAK (Environmental Action Killin) and our parent helpers too. Big thanks also go to the Real Food Cafe for helping us out with litter grabbers and the bag holders. As we look to hold most of our meetings outside this term we're looking forward to lots more fun and games, learning new skills and trying out new challenges. Here's

hoping the weather stays kind to us. There are currently a couple of spaces for children 6 or 7 to join us available on a first come first served basis. If your child is 5 1/2 you are also welcome to email and have their name added to the waiting list. Beavers 6-7pm fortnightly Tuesdays

Laura Bathgate, Beaver Leader
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Killin 10k Run – Cubs and Scouts

Scouts and Cubs once again assisted with the water points for the annual Tay Fitness Killin 10k run. Although quieter in the number of runners participating this year, this cannot be said for the Scouts and Cubs vocal encouragement to the participants. From our table the award goes to Logan for giving the most vocal encouragement, especially on the last leg of the run. Scouts and Cubs set up tables, ensured that drinks were always available during the run, ensured all rubbish was picked and dismantled the water stop at the end. Not being biased to 2nd Killin Scout Group, the biggest cheer of all was for our own Stephen Rawlinson who was running in the race. After 18 months of restrictions it was good to get back to supporting our local community. My thanks to all the Leaders, Parents, the run organisers and above all the Scouts and Cubs who assisted in the run. I must admit my biggest concern was the Kids drinking the energy drink, however the unique flavour used was not to their tastes: GINGER!

David West, Assistant Scout Leader

The Cubs are currently meeting fortnightly on Tuesdays between 6.30pm and 8pm in the Breadalbane Park.

The Scouts are running fluidly at the moment with some meetings on Tuesday evenings and Saturdays mornings.

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Walk in the Park

Strength and Balance is Back!!

Late Update : the sessions are unfortunately suspended for a while due to the Killin Hotel having to close during the day due to staff and supply issues.

The sessions will resume as soon as the hotel re-opens and alternative premises are being located in case it takes too long. Please keep an eye on the local social media for updates.

We are delighted to announce the return of our volunteer led sessions for folk who feel they could benefit from some gentle, but important exercise.

The Paths For All Strength and Balance programme was developed with expert input from Professor Dawn Skelton of Glasgow Caledonian University. It consists of 14 simple exercises that will improve strength and balance and reduce the risk of falls in adults with advice on walking to help adults stay active and independent.

Awareness of the benefits of regular physical activity is increasing, however there is less knowledge and understanding about the importance of activities that improve muscle strength and balance throughout our adult lives.

Strength and Balance is a great way to stay active, keep up your social connections and to meet the UK Chief Medical Officer's Physical Activity Guidelines which recommend that adults should:

- aim to be active daily.
- reduce and break up sitting time (ideally every 20-30 minutes)
- incorporate activity to improve muscle strength twice each week.
- should take part in activity that improves balance and coordination twice each week

If you or someone you know would maybe benefit from taking part in the weekly session, which lasts an hour and is FREE, please just come along to the Killin Hotel at 1.30pm on Wednesdays.

New Volunteers and Walkers Welcome

Are you working or studying from home and want a break from your computer? Do you want to meet different people or make new social connections? Would you like to volunteer to develop new skills for your CV or confidence, but only have an hour or two a week to spare?

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Applicant: Co-op Food Delivery Programme

Application Type: Advertisement Consent

Decision: Current

Tue 13 Jul 2021

Proposal: Demolition of 1 no. storage shed

Location: Morenish Place Main Street Killin

Applicant: Trust John Hogg

Application Type: Conservation Area Consent

Decision: Current

Mon 19 Jul 2021

Proposal: Installation of 1no. glamping pod (for staff accommodation use) and change in the use of office to staff accommodation

Location: Luib Hotel Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr John Fyfe

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Current

Tue 20 Jul 2021

Proposal: Erection of boundary wall and gate (retrospective)

Location: 1 Craiglea Lower Floor Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mrs A Sutherland

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Current

Fri 30 Jul 2021

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse and ancillary garage

Location: Land To The East Of Gray Street Killin

Applicant: Mr George Bickerton
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Current

Wed 11 Aug 2021

Proposal: Construction of 1000 metres of forest road

Location: and East And South East of Inverardran Near Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr Andy Malcolm

Application Type: Prior Notification
Decision: Prior approval not required

Tue 24 Aug 2021

Proposal: Erection of 3no. detached dwellinghouses with shared access and separate garden grounds

Location: Greenbank Cottage Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mr G Barnaby

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Current

Thu 02 Sep 2021

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to side elevation and alterations to dwelling

Location: Leirsinn Mhor Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mr P Paxton

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Decision: Approve

Perth & Kinross

Tue 13 Jul 2021

Proposal: Alterations and extension to car park, formation of hardstanding, landscaping and associated works

Location: Ben Lawers Car Park Killin

Applicant: National Trust For Scotland

Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Approve the application

Wed 28 Jul 2021

Proposal: Extension to dwellinghouse

Location: Creagan Cottage Killin

Applicant: Mrs Julia Bates

Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Awaiting decision

Wed 25 Aug 2021

Proposal: Siting of 4 caravans for holiday accommodation use

Location: Lochtay Highland Lodges Killin

Applicant: Largo Leisure Ltd

Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Approve the application

Stirling Council

Mon 21 Jun 2021

Proposal: Extensions to side and rear of dwellinghouse

Location: Ardeonaig Lodge C107 From Access To Firbush Point Field Centre To Council Boundary

Ardeonaig Stirling

Applicant: Mr G Deakin

Application Type: Full

Decision: Awaiting decision

Wed 23 Jun 2021

Proposal: Erection of new substation compound, with associated works including equipment bases, associated structures and HV equipment, the installation of two grid transformers, a control room building, water supply borehole and upgrade of existing access tracks.

Location: Lochay Power Station Killin

Applicant: Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc

Application Type: Full

Decision: Awaiting decision

Tue 13 Jul 2021

Proposal: Replacement front porch

Location: Stag Cottage Killin

Applicant: Mr Mark Stroyan

Application Type: Full

Decision: Awaiting decision

Tue 03 Aug 2021

Proposal: Modification of Section 50 Legal Agreement relating to planning permission N/88/390 to remove the use restriction for 'Inneach'

Location: Inneach Ardeonaig

Applicant: Abernethy Trust Ltd

Application Type: Discharge or Modification of S75/S50

Decision: Awaiting decision

Thu 05 Aug 2021

Proposal: Erection of 4No holiday let units

Location: Ardeonaig Hotel Killin

Applicant: Mr Greg Deakin

Application Type: Full

Decision: Awaiting decision



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Dreadnought Pocket Place

Work is well underway for the development of a brand-new Dreadnought Pocket Place outside MacGregor's Community Hub and Post Office. The project not only improves the accessibility of the walkway but also creates a friendly space for locals and visitors to relax, recharge, and connect.



So, what is the Pocket Place programme and what can locals expect to see once the work is complete ?

The programme gives communities the chance to shape the way their neighbourhoods look, and by making it a better place to walk, cycle and wheel, increasing accessibility for everyone. The Pocket Place is also a space to pause, and an opportunity to take a moment to gather up the beauty that surrounds us in this wee village.

We can expect a new bike rack with space for an adult tricycle or an adapted bike, a log wall made from locally sourced wood and corten steel, a seating area where locals and visitors can sit and relax while they wait for the Post Office, fill in the crossword from the day's newspaper or chat with a friend. An area will be created with low-level plants that will not only bring colour and life to the area, but also assist drainage.

"This area of the village has been hazardous and an eyesore for a long time: this project will make the area safer and aesthetically more pleasant. People passing through the village can stop, order hot drinks from Shutters, buy cold drinks from us and eat their pieces in a relaxed environment" Katy told me when discussing the plans. "It'll be braw!"

The project is delivered by Sustrans Scotland in partnership with MacGregor's Community Hub.

Kirsty Lear-Grant

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What's On In Killin And District

Regular Activities

Monday

- Flow Yoga, 7-8pm,
- Community Rooms
- Gentle Yoga, 8.05-9.05pm
Community Rooms
- Juniors P7 Badminton, 6-7pm,
McLaren Hall
- Adult Badminton, 7-10pm, McLaren Hall
- Junior Badminton, 6pm, Crianlarich Hall
- Bridge, 7.15-9pm, Killin Hotel, contact Marion 829027
- Indoor Bowls, 7.30pm, Lesser Hall (winter months only)
- Outdoor Green Bowls, 6.30pm, Bowling green (summer only)

Tuesday

- Killin Craft Group, 10am-12pm, Community Rooms
- Internet Cafe, drop in between 11am-1pm, Killin Library
- u3a Art, 2-4pm, currently being held in Lochearnhead Hall
- Adult Badminton, 7-10pm, McLaren Hall
- Beavers, 6-7pm, Lesser Hall
- Cubs, 6-7.30pm, Lesser Hall (every other Tuesday)
- Tuesday Club, 2-4pm, Community Rooms
- CAB drop-in session, every 2nd Tuesday: 1pm-3pm, Killin Library

Wednesday

- Walk in the Park, 10.30
- Strength & Balance, 1.30-2.30, Killin Hotel - see update p32
- u3a French, 2.30-4pm, online
- Quilters, 2pm, Community Rooms
- Highland Hustle, 6.30-7.15pm, McLaren Hall
- Scouts, 7-9pm, Lesser Hall

- Explorers, 7-9pm (last Wed of month), Lesser Hall
- Football in the Park, 12-17 years, 6-8pm

Thursday

- Women's Guild, 2pm (3rd week of month) , Falls of Dochart Retirement Home
- Running Club, 6pm, Acharn Forest carpark
- SWI, 7.30pm (1st Thursday of month, Lesser McLaren Hall)

Friday

- Yoga, 10.30-11.45, The Big Shed
- Football in the Park, 8-11 years, 6-8pm

Sunday

- Killin Gun Club, 3rd Sun of month March-December. Contact Stuart Ogston 07999 510014 Henry Paterson 01567 820354

Coming Soon !

October

- 6 Walk in the Park, p32
- 10 RecyKillin Launch, p19
- 13 Walk in the Park, p32
- 27 Walk in the Park, p32
- 27 Rededication of War Memorial, p3
- 30 Old Mill Halloween, p11

November

- 13 Cancer Research Ladies Lunch, p3

Killin Library

Has now reopened to collect books, DVDs, food and dog waste bags and hearing aid batteries.

Monday	10-1pm 2-5pm
Tuesday	10-1pm 3-7pm
Wednesday	2-5pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	10-1pm 3-7pm
Saturday	Closed

Church Services

- **Parish Church**
 - Sunday 10am, Morning Worship, Killin Parish Church
 - 2nd Sunday of the month, 3pm, Falls of Dochart Retirement Home
- **Episcopal Church**
 - See www.strathearn-episcopal-churches.co.uk for details
- **Roman Catholic Church**
 - Saturday Mass 3pm Oct , Nov 6. Services held in the Tin Church.
 - Regular Sunday Mass in Callander at 11:30am.

Which bin? Saturdays

2nd Oct **9th Oct**

16th Oct **23rd Oct**

30th Oct **6th Nov**

13th Nov **20th Nov**

27th Nov **4th Dec**

Red = no bin collection

Grey = grey bin + blue bin

Brown = brown bin + blue box

Green = brown bin + green bin

Recycling Centres

Callander

Monday-Friday: 5pm-8pm
Saturday: 10am-2pm
Sunday: Closed

Aberfeldy

Tuesday and Thursday
9am-7pm
Saturday and Sunday
10am-5pm

Crieff

North Forr, Brioch Forr
All Year
Monday-Friday 9am-7pm
Saturday & Sunday
9am-5pm

Mobile Libraries

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the mobile libraries are running a limited service on a temporary timetable. The information below was correct at time of printing but is subject to change. Please see the council websites for any updates.

**Tyndrum/Crianlarich
Three Weekly Fridays**
Aug 6, 27, Sept 17, Oct 8

Crianlarich
Police Station 11.45-12.05

Tyndrum
Green Welly 12.15-12.35

**Glen Lochay/Ardeonaig
Fortnightly Mondays**
Not currently running

**Perth and Kinross
Fortnightly Tuesday**
Feb 4, 18, March 3, 17, 31
Tombreck 16.40-17.00

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