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Here we are, nearly in August and we have many things to look back on and to look forward to. The Music Fest was an enormous success as usual and brought many welcome visitors to the village. The Duck Race, organised by the Killin Parent Partnership at the primary school, was another success, thanks to the village firefighters who stepped in to ensure a decent flow of water as the river was so low.

Many people, locals and visitors alike, will be sorry to see the last of the Campbell family leaving Cruachan after all these years. We wish them all the best in their well-earned retirement.

We now have the Highland Games (Wednesday 2nd August) and the Killin Agricultural Show (Saturday 19th August) to look forward to. Remember, exhibits for the show have to be in the hall by 2.45 on the Friday. We will all be hoping for decent weather for both these events but, just in case, don't forget your wellies!

Remember, in the immortal words of the great Sir William Connolly CBE;

"If it wisnae fur yer wellies wherewud you be?  
You'd be in the hospital or infirmary.  
Cos you wid hae a dose of the flu or even pleurisy  
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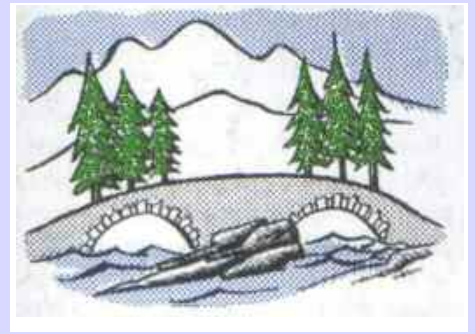
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Photo Ron Allner

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# The Big Hoof Ride Across Scotland Visit Killin



The Big Hoof promotes adventure and wellbeing through long distance horse rides and on 3rd July started their 205 mile journey from St Andrews to the island of Iona on the St Columba's Way in 13 days.

The group are fundraising for the Venture Trust, a Scottish charity that focuses on individuals facing homelessness, addiction, trauma, isolation and prison. At time of publication they have so far raised £5,600




The Big Hoof gang walked, rode, cycled and swam their way across Scotland with a total of six horses, 2 dogs and over 40 people taking part along the way to the finish.

Over the main journey, two Arabian horses Sasha and Istia were ridden, accompanied by Kirsty a welsh pony and Moy a Highland packhorse from Ardverikie Estate.

Arriving in Oban, the horses and ponies had a well-earned rest, stayed at a farm outside Oban while the humans crossed to Iona on bikes to complete their journey.



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# Killin Mountain Rescue Team

We are now over halfway through the year with just over 25 callouts so far. The months of July and August give the team a brief respite with only informal training taking place and rescues tending to be thinner on the ground with the better weather.

## Callout Summary

An example of some of the callouts we have attended are below.

26<sup>th</sup> March – Two walkers were misplaced on Meall Glas above Glen Dochart in benign conditions.

Several team members used local tracks and 4x4's to guide them off the hill.

11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April - A missing persons search was initiated for a solo male walker suspected to be on the hills surrounding Tyndrum. Multiple Mountain Rescue teams as well as dogs and drones were involved in the search over several days. Sadly the casualty was found deceased on the third day.

27<sup>th</sup> April – Female Crag fast (stuck on difficult ground) on Ben Oss. She was cold after waiting several hours for assistance but did the correct thing by not moving from her location. She was safely helped off the hill.

6<sup>th</sup> May – Two males were lost on Stuc a' Chroin in the late



evening/night. Team members walked to their last known location where they found the casualties, who were then able to walk off the hill safely.

19<sup>th</sup> May – Male walker feeling unwell on Beinn Chabhair. With no direct communication with the casualty possible, and therefore unable to ascertain the severity of the symptoms, a Coastguard Rescue helicopter was requested. Rescue 151 from Inverness was tasked and located the casualty quickly, with a subsequent airlift to hospital. Team members who were deploying on the hill track were then stood down. The team have also responded to several callouts to assist the Scottish Ambulance Service on difficult to access tracks and areas. We have been busy with several callouts to Ben A'an for lower leg



injuries. In all cases, team members have had to stretcher the casualties down for at least an hour before transferring over to the ambulance service.

## Other News

In addition to attending callouts, team members have been attending regular training with our first aid specific nights being well attended. We currently have 4 new trainee members who are progressing well through their training. As with all charities, there is a lot of behind the scenes work that is always on-going and praise should be given to all those who help keep the team operating and helping those in distress. It is a time-consuming, voluntary job. We send our thanks to Will Diamond for the tireless hard work he has done over the last year as Secretary.

We look forward to speaking and greeting people over the coming months with our attendance at summer events such as the Killin Agricultural Show. If you can't wait, do please contact me via email: [secretary@killinmountainrescue.scot](mailto:secretary@killinmountainrescue.scot)

**Stephen Rawlinson**  
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**Killin Mountain Rescue Team**

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## American Takeover?

Facebook users will be well aware of the threat to the Kenmore end of Loch Tay by the takeover of Taymouth Castle grounds, properties round Kenmore and also large areas of Glen Lyon by American companies proposing to build houses and provide facilities and amenities solely for the American buyers.

This means the potential exclusion from or limited access to areas which have been used by locals for generations. We know already that locals will not be allowed to use the golf club and that helicopters and speed boats may well become more common all along Loch Tay, affecting access and fishing and increasing noise pollution to the disadvantage of both wildlife and Lochside residents.

Exactly who now owns what is hidden in a maze of company names but it is important that local people and organisations have a lot more information and find out exactly what is planned before it is too late.

A new group on Facebook - 'Protect Loch Tay' - has been set up to try and find out exactly what is proposed. If you are as concerned as the hundreds of people who have already signed up, please join them.

**Margaret MacIver**



# 100 YEARS



The Killin SWI (Scottish Women's Institute), the rural, is going to be 100 in January 2024. Over the last century this group of women have held monthly meetings from October to April, learnt new skills, built friendships, entered competitions, fundraised, supported charities, went on outings and holidays and what every child in the village remembers hosted the Killin Primary School Christmas Party.

The present committee are busy arranging a Centenary Birthday Party to mark this wonderful milestone.

Past and Present Members are Invited to

## Killin SWI Centenary Birthday Party

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024

12 for 12.30pm

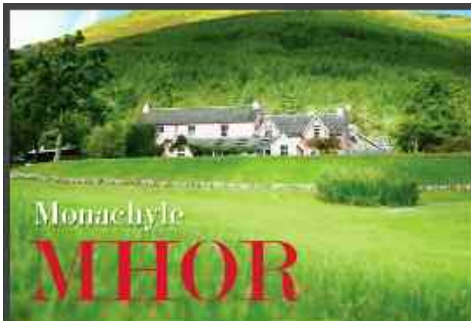
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3 Course Lunch + Tea/Coffee & Cake

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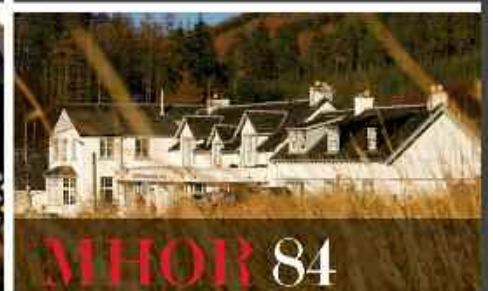
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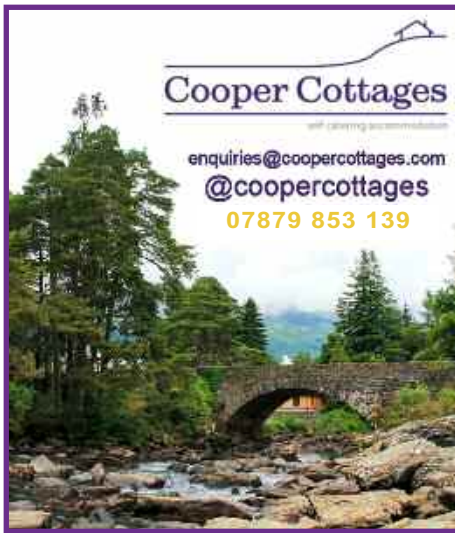
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The Annual General Meeting of Callander and West Perthshire u3a will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023 in the McLaren Leisure Centre at 2pm.

No longer working full time? Looking for new interests? Come and join us to find out more about what's on offer and meet the group leaders from 3.30 – 4.30 pm. There will be the opportunity to sign up to groups and pay subscriptions as well as have a cup of coffee.

We look forward to seeing you there.  
Bring along a friend too.




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  - To drive you must become a registered driver with us which involves filling in a small form and once you're all good to go we can give you a guided tour and a practise drive.
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  - 75p per mile with a minimum hire charge of £25.
  - It can be used for many different purposes such as club outings, social trips, family trips etc.
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## CRUACHAN – End of an Era

Cruachan Caravan and Campsite has been a very special place for so many people since its doors were opened in the 1950s by Jim and Jess Campbell. Year after year, families



have been spending their treasured holiday time here, enjoying the quiet, relaxed atmosphere, meeting up with regular visitors and making new friends. It was also a working farm and the visiting children enjoyed interacting with the animals, feeding lambs, chickens, ducks (and more recently the donkeys) and playing with the family dogs; Rab, who had ground down his front teeth carrying stones, Gypsy, Tula to name a few. Many, now adults, will

remember as children helping Jim with the 'buckets', sitting on his knee and 'driving' (or so we thought!) 'Fergie' the Tractor around the site, or helping make haystacks in the back fields, getting pulled from one side to the other through the middle to allow ventilation and boy, we were proud as punch and felt 'very important'! There was always Jess's warm, friendly hospitality (regularly putting the kids' wet clothes on the pulley to dry when they'd been playing in the duck pond). It really has been a haven for generations of families and it was the little things from the whole Campbell family that made your stay so special.

In the 1980s, their eldest son and daughter, Hamish and Maureen returned to help their parents; Hamish ran the farm side of the business, dealt with general maintenance and was regularly seen on his ride-on mower keeping the grass pristine; Maureen ran the campsite side of the business and started a restaurant at the site entrance. Many a good night was had at the restaurant and Mo's steak pie was legendary in the area. It was good home cooking and was appreciated by visitors and locals

alike. There was always an "End of Season Do" in November with a bonfire and a stunning display of fireworks, followed by Kippers and Oatcakes provided by Nancy 'fae Buckie' the following morning and all proceeds going to various charities, both local and further afield – and by God there was many a 'sair heid' the next day!

So much can be remembered and



written about the Campbell family and Cruachan that it would fill a whole edition of the Killin News (and much more)! Treasured memories, happy times and an absolute privilege to have known the Campbell Family – thank you from all who have loved this treasured place.

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# Killin Youth Project

As of the 1st July we are officially Killin Youth Project! After 18 months of dedicated partnership working and the huge effort from our local Youth Work Volunteers we are now at the

a lot on offer this summer for our youth community to take part in. The summer programme started on



the 5th July and runs through to the end of the school holidays with a huge variety of weekly activities on offer. We have Circus Skills, Bushcraft Skills, a day trip to Treezone on Lomond shores, 3

beginning of a very exciting journey. KAT would like to thank everyone involved for their continued support getting this wonderful project to this point and we are looking forward to a bright future.

sessions, Zorb football, a day with national park rangers, sports day sessions with Active Stirling and a big end of summer party!



What better way to celebrate the beginning of Killin Youth Project than with the return of our very popular summer activity programme. There is

The summer programme is open to young people leaving primary 5 up to young people leaving S3 and has been funded with help from Arnold Clark, Killin Community Council, Souter Trust, Casey Trust and a truly kind personal donation from Kenny Lyall. Our regular youth group sessions will commence on the 23rd August after the summer programme is over. Sessions will change to weekly as opposed to fortnightly and will be as follows: P6-P7 5.45pm-7.15pm and S1-S3 7.30pm-9pm every Wednesday. This will allow us more time to spend on activities and really focus on the wellbeing of the young people engaging in the project. It also gives us the ability and time to create sessions that encapsulate the outcomes we have set for Killin Youth Project to work toward.

If you would like to know more about what these outcomes are, how we created them or how we are working to achieve them then please don't hesitate to get in touch for more information.

As always it cannot be highlighted enough how thankful we are for our Youth Work Volunteers and the work they do. We always welcome anyone who is interested in volunteering no matter how little time you can give or if you would like to find out more about the project contact:

**carla@killincdt.co.uk**  
**Carla Finlay**

**Project Manager Youth and Sport (KAT)**



# Aikido (The Way of Spiritual Harmony)

Aikido arrived in Killin, at the McLaren Hall, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April this year, with the help of the local community, Stirling Council and Active Stirling, all of whom we would like to thank.

Aikido is a dynamic form of self-defence, whereby the attacker's energy is diverted using techniques involving circular motion.



Classes are offered for Children on Tuesday evening only, from 6-6.30 for ages 5 to 7yrs and 6.30- 7.00 for ages 8 to 12yrs.

application is necessary prior to joining a class. Contact Killin Aikikai by email, for more information, and to check class availability:

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N.B. spaces in the children's classes are limited and online



Men, Women and Children may all benefit by training in Aikido.

Aikido promotes flexibility of the body, increases self-confidence and manages conflict peacefully.



The Chief Instructor, David Fraser, is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Black Belt and has trained in Aikido over a 40-year period. David trained in Japan, New York and various dojo around the UK.

Classes are offered for adults and young people, from age 13 years, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm for Body Art, and from 8-9pm for Weapons (wooden sword and staff) / Iaido (The Way of drawing the Sword).



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# Breadalbane Heritage Society

The Breadalbane Heritage Society's summer programme of excursions to various places of interest in the area continued last month with an all-day visit to Mar Lodge Estate near Braemar on Royal Deeside. Members were guided by Andrew Painting, Conservation Officer for Mar Lodge with the National Trust for Scotland, along with one of the estate rangers, and shown the work in woodland regeneration that has been carried out recently in Mar Forest. Some members continued up to Clais Ffearnig looking at the montane scrub vegetation and 'alpine' plants typical of higher altitudes.

This month sees the conclusion of the BHS's summer programme with a three-night excursion on 21-24 August to the Upper Speyside and Inverness area, including visits to Culloden, Cawdor Castle and the Highland Wildlife Park at Kingussie among others. In September the regular programme of talks takes over, with a wide range of topics ranging from the folklore and archaeology of Glen Lyon and the history of the Black Watch to present and future plans for the exciting new Scottish Crannog



**Breadalbane Heritage Society** 

**2023-24 PROGRAMME**  
**WINTER TALKS**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
Tayside Raptor Study Group in Highland Perthshire:  
Kevin Thomson, Chair, Tayside Raptor Study Group

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
Mysteries, Folklore, Archaeology of Glen Lyon

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
Deciphering the Language of our Local Landscape: Colin Liddell

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
The Black Watch: (by Zoom)  
Major Ronnie Proctor, The Black Watch Association

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
Archaeology of Kilmartin: (by Zoom)  
Dr. Sharon Webb, Head of Collections, Kilmartin Museum

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
The Scottish Crannog Centre: Past Present and Future  
Mike Benson, Director TSCC

Breadalbane Community Campus, Aberfeldy: Doors open at 7.00 a.m.  
Admission: No charge for Society Members; Visitors—£4.00  
For details of the Zoom talks, contact Ian at [ian@aberfeldy@gmail.com](mailto:ian@aberfeldy@gmail.com)  
Breadalbane Heritage Society, Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, SC048982

Centre at present under construction on Loch Tay. During the inclement months of January and February talks are held on Zoom, otherwise at the Breadalbane Community Campus in Aberfeldy. Wherever possible winter talks are linked to summer excursions, and day outings for 2024 will include a

tour of the Black Watch Museum in Perth and the new museum at the Scottish Crannog Centre. All details of each month's talk will be given in this publication.

Membership of the BHS numbers is nearing 120 and has now more than recovered to its pre-Lockdown levels. The BHS's website <https://breadalbane-heritage.org.uk> features a video of local scenes of interest, and provides up-to-date information about talks and activities, events and publications. Ongoing Society projects include the maintenance of the Killiehassie private burial ground in Strathtay, and the recent publication, in association with the Aberfeldy Museum Group, of an illustrated leaflet, *The Aberfeldy and Weem Heritage Trail*, with a trail map and information on the many places of interest in the area. QR codes with information at each of these sites are currently being installed. The BHS also provides a free service of assistance with family history research. Recordings of all the recent talks are available on the website.



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# New Year Fireworks and Festive Lights

It has been six months since we last penned an article for the Killin News and I wonder at the speed of time passing. Although it may not seem like it, in the middle of summer, but the festive season and the New Year will soon be upon us. So that we might all be able to enjoy a sparkling New Year and festive season Ron and I must turn our minds to fund raising to support the fireworks display and lighting.

Midnight Storm have once again been booked for the fireworks and arrangements are in hand for the necessary licence. We also need to have public liability insurance and fund the raising and taking down of the festive lights. Everyone was very generous at this year's New Year Fireworks display and this has provided us with a good start to this year's fund raising efforts. In order to provide the fireworks and lights this year, however, we need to raise some £2,500.

Towards achieving that aim Ron has once again produced a great Killin calendar for 2024. Copies will soon arrive from the printers and be available for sale around the village. In buying a copy of this lovely



calendar you will be helping to fund this year's event. As in previous years we shall also be organising a sponsored cycle ride which we hope many of you will feel able to take part in and support. Details of the event will be published later though we have decided that this year it will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September starting and finishing at the Breadalbane Park. The cycle route will feature the cycle path out

of Killin to Lix Toll and then the old railway line to the top of Glen Ogle followed by a ride along the Rob Roy Way. It should be an enjoyable and fairly challenging ride up in the hills and all in a good cause – fitness and fireworks!

Ron and I will also be organising a raffle to be held in September and would be grateful for any donated prizes. We will of course visit the local businesses and hostellers in the hope that they too can donate prizes. When we do, please try not to give me that look of 'oh, what is he after now?'

Once again, if anyone wants to make a donation to the fireworks and festive lights fund then the bank details are:-

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## Strathfillan Community

**Bike Skills Park:** We're very excited to announce that our red and blue trails have been completed. Due to the hot dry weather in May and June, it took longer to finish them as they needed rain to 'whack them' and make the trails suitable for cycling on. This should have been done, and once we have our signage ready we can open them for people to use. We plan to host a Grand Opening towards the end of August, so please keep an eye on our Facebook page and website.

### Wild Strathfillan Community

**Heritage Project:** We are still working with the Countryside Trust to secure funding through the Heritage Lottery Fund to undertake a Community Oral History and Archive Project. We hope to submit the application soon and will keep you posted on how things are progressing.

To find out more about this project please visit the Trust's website: <https://www.strathfillancdt.org.uk/projects/wild-strathfillan-community-heritage-project>. If you are interested in getting involved in the Strathfillan Community Heritage Project, then please either come along to one of our group's meetings, or get in touch by emailing Kelly at the details below.

### Strathfillan Community

**Woodlands:** After the heat of June and now some rain, our woodland vegetation has really sprung into life. Llinos, with some help from our rangers, has been working hard to keep paths clear for the summer. She has put up some bat boxes in the woods and plans to hold a walk later in the summer with Lomond Bat Group.

Another event later in the summer will be a moth-trapping session. If you would like to come along to either or both events (for free), or you would like to get involved in the woodlands, put your name down for woodfuel, or find out more, please get in touch with Llinos at [llinos@strathfillancdt.org.uk](mailto:llinos@strathfillancdt.org.uk).

### Strathfillan Seasonal Rangers:

Following the warm May and June, our poor rangers, Gavin and Diane, are now having to contend with the recent dreich weather. They are doing a great job to keep Strathfillan clear of litter, liaising with visitors to impart information and advice, and encouraging people to treat our lovely area with more respect. So keep an eye out for them, I am sure they will be happy to have a friendly chat anytime. The rangers are employed through the Better Places Funding from NatureScot to mitigate the impact of visitors during the high season. They are not employed to undertake maintenance works around the villages or on private land.

This project is supported by NatureScot through the Better Places Fund.



**Saplings:** We have held our first two Saplings sessions for the summer, which were well attended and enjoyed by all – Ceramics with Nicola Lindsay, and a fascinating visit to Ben Cruachan: 'The Hollow Mountain' Hydro Station. We have some more exciting sessions lined up for the rest of the summer, including Nature Crafts, Canoeing, and Mountain Biking. If you have primary aged children who attend Crianlarich or Dalmally Primary Schools, and you think they might be interested, then please get in touch with Kelly at the details below, or Lisa Beckett from Glen Orchy and Innishail Action Plan, at [lisabeckett.gicc@protonmail.com](mailto:lisabeckett.gicc@protonmail.com).

**Getting in touch:** You can contact the Trust directly by emailing Kelly at [kelly@strathfillancdt.org.uk](mailto:kelly@strathfillancdt.org.uk) or phoning 07707044484. Kelly is now in the Trust Office in Crianlarich Village Hall every Thursday, 9am to 5pm if you want to drop by. Her working hours are Wednesday and Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday morning, 9am to 1.30pm. For updates on projects and activities you can check out our Facebook Page (20+) Strathfillan Community | Facebook. And for more information on our projects and what we do, have a look at our website: <https://www.strathfillancdt.org.uk/home>.

### Strathfillan Community Garden

Well, we can hardly move now for vegetables and flowers! What a season so far. Visitors from Germany, France and Switzerland (that we know of) have sat and enjoyed the bird song, the smell of sweet peas and the buzz of insects, in amongst

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the locals spending a lot of time watering (for a while). We have very kind neighbours, Gary and Linda Roberts, who keep our water butts topped up and we could not have done without their help this summer. The School raised bed is brimming with rhubarb, peas, peonies, sweet peas and strawberries and the other raised beds tended by locals have a range of herbs, vegetables and flowers. We now stock compost to save people having to carry it all into the garden along the road and a new donations box on the side of the shed – every bit helps.

We had a lovely donation from Duncan Peet from the Ochills Mountaineering Club of blackcurrants and redcurrants strikes, each with the loch or hill it was brought from. We continue to seek garden furniture (seats, benches) and large pots and



barrels, but thank the Rod & Reel for a donation of some garden umbrellas for those really hot days. Crianlarich and Tyndrum plant barrels are looking fabulous thanks to Jimmy

Allardice, Catherine Macmillan, Fiona Ramsey, Deirdre and John Burton, Mabel Ronald, Ellen Cattenach, David Hardie, Rhonda Henderson, Barry Clark, The Real Food Café, The Tyndrum Inn, and Grassy-Ass. Keep an eye on the SCDT facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2495715407394997/> for updates.

### Functional Fitness MOT

Professor Dawn Skelton (from Glasgow Caledonian University but based in Crianlarich) is offering a Functional Fitness MOT to anyone who fancies seeing how they perform compared to others of their age and gender. The functional tests include how many sit to stands you can do in 30 seconds, how long you can stand on one leg, how strong your handgrip is and how flexible you are. The tests can be done at home by yourself, or with Dawn. She will offer advice on what activities are best to improve different components of fitness (strength, balance, stamina, flexibility, coordination) and help you with a personalised prescription that meets your health and preferences. There are three open slots at the Crianlarich Hall or Dawn can come to your house if you prefer. The slots at the hall are on Thursdays (27 July 1-2.30, 24 Aug 3-4.30 and 21 Sept 9.30-11). Call her on 01838 300313 or email [dawn@strathfillancdt.org.uk](mailto:dawn@strathfillancdt.org.uk) for more information.

### Keeping strong and balanced at home

The focus on home exercise this month is flexibility. We all need long hamstrings, so we can walk with a long stride, sit up in bed with our legs ahead, sit on the floor, bend



over to pick things up. A hamstring stretch can be done at the kitchen table in the morning or maybe as a starter before dinner? The key is to be warm (the muscle anyway!), to move into the position slowly and then hold it (not your breath! And no bouncing!) for up to 20 seconds. You only need to do this a couple of times each day and you will feel you can move into the stretch further and further as the weeks progress. You never know, you might end up reaching past those toes?

### Back of thigh stretch

- Make sure you are right at the front of the chair
- Straighten one leg placing the heel on the floor.
- Place both hands on the other leg then sit really tall.
- Lean forwards with a straight back (and looking straight ahead) until you feel the stretch in the back of your thigh.
- Hold for up to 20 seconds.
- Relax and repeat on the other leg.

Have a go and let us know how you get on – give us some feedback at [dawn@strathfillancdt.org.uk](mailto:dawn@strathfillancdt.org.uk) or on the SCDT Facebook page.



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On behalf of the Killin Parent Partnership (KPP), I'd like to thank everyone for their support for all of our events over the past school year, raising funds for the primary school.

Our most recent event was the annual duck race, which saw over 500 ducks released on the River Lochay for an exhilarating race to the finish-gratefully assisted by Killin Fire Station! It was a fantastic day, with family games, face painting and refreshments, and raised almost £1200 for the school. This will go towards subsidising the P7 residential trip to Dalguise next year, with left over funds going towards our next fundraising project. I'd like to give an extra special thanks to Sara McPhee, who went out on a high in what was her last ever KPP event! (see page 32 for Duck Race photos).

We have lots more events planned for the coming school year and are always looking for more people to join us. If you would like to be involved, even just to volunteer to help at one of our events, please contact anyone on the KPP or the school for more information.

Thank you, Hayley Kennedy



In May, the school received their fourth consecutive Eco-Schools Scotland Green Flag Award. The children and staff have been working towards this for the past two years with a focus on Transport, Litter and Waste, Food and the Environment and Climate Change. We would like to thank everyone in the community who helped us achieve this including the Scottish National Trust, Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, Killin Police, Bikeability Scotland, Killin Co-op and Recy'Killin'.

The sun was shining for our whole school day out to the Head of the Loch. We built sandcastles, moats and canals. Our friends from Crianlarich PS came to join in the fun. We then headed back to school for a summer picnic and finished off the day at the park playing rounders and football.



Congratulations to our prize winners this year!

<b>Progress in Literacy</b>	<b>School Values Award</b>
Class 1 Isla Hoad	Class 1 Bella Frost
Class 2 Alanna Higginson	Class 2 Georgia Rawlinson
Class 3 Alistair Gibson	Class 3 Maddison MacLachlan
<b>Progress in Numeracy</b>	<b>Headteacher Award</b>
Class 1 Ryley Tant	Declan Barker
Class 2 Joshua Hay	
Class 3 Reyss Frost	



We would like to wish our Primary 7s all the very best as they move on to High School.

Thank you to everyone who came to see our school production of 'Little Red Riding Hood' at the McLaren Hall. Thank you also to the Killin Drama Club for help with lighting, costumes and backdrops and to Mrs Bellas for helping with the make-up. We think everyone agreed that they put on an amazing performance.



We had another successful Sports Day at Breadalbane Park with Crianlarich and the Nursery. Thank you to everyone who came to cheer the children on and to the KPP for the much needed ice-lollies.

### Sports Results 2023

	Dochart	Lochay
Potted Sports	553	541
Flat race	107	109
Egg/Spoon	109	107
Obstacle	113	100
Relay	25	50
High Jump	18	18
Long Jump	25	11
Totals	950	936



In May we visited the newly refurbished Old Mill to see all our work with Amanda Edmiston (Story Teller) in an exhibition. You can hear some of our stories at <https://storyspinningkillin.com/podcast/> or go upstairs at the Mill to read them, admire our story telling map of Killin and see our healing potion kist. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this project and we look forward to working with Amanda in the future.



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# Killin Community Council

## Membership

Following the April elections for regional community councils, and our own Annual General Meeting held in May, the new Killin Community Council has six duly elected members. They are: Andy Aitken (Chair), Charlie Grant (Vice-chair and Planning), Frances Inglis (Secretary), Pamela Grant (Treasurer), Stuart Inglis and Susan McRobbie.

At the public meeting held in early July, Jillian Lawrence was welcomed aboard as a co-opted member of the Community Council. It was agreed at this meeting that a further co-optee would be recruited, and that an advert to this end would be published locally. Further information and an application form can be obtained by emailing the Community Council (see email address below). The closing date for applications is 18<sup>th</sup> August.

## Defibrillator

At the following public meeting of the reconstituted Community Council the issue of the village defibrillator was raised. The current one has reached the end of its operating life, and a new one has been ordered. Finance has been raised partly through two modest donations, one from the Killin Masonic Lodge and one from us. However, the bulk of the finance has come from the Killin Highland Games and we wish to extend our thanks to the KHG Committee for this generous contribution. The Community Council has also agreed to take over the care and maintenance of the defibrillator and raise funds for its ongoing costs and eventual replacement. Pamela Farquharson and Susan McRobbie have agreed to take on this responsibility and we thank them very much. We have since heard that SSE has gifted £500 to this fund – a very welcome contribution which is greatly appreciated.

## Kenmore Developments

Four members of the Community Council attended a drop-in presentation held in Kenmore to find out more about the proposed development of Taymouth Castle and surrounding areas. The focus of the presentation was on 'back of house' proposals – staff accommodation, laundry, etc. – so was only of limited value, but we were able to ask questions, and it

appears that a great deal of money is being invested in the area to create a very expensive and exclusive holiday resort. Taymouth Castle is being extensively renovated and hundreds of luxury homes are planned. There is understandable concern about the effect this will have on the local area, particularly Loch Tay and its environs, but there are also opportunities – for local businesses, organisations and individuals. The Community Council, therefore, has taken the decision to interact proactively with all interested parties in the greater interests of the larger community until such time as a better understanding of the situation develops.

## Nursery Provision

Another major development of note is the withdrawal of 0-2 years nursery provision in Killin. This is part of a package of cuts to Council provision in a number of areas. There appears to have been little advance warning or consultation with those affected, and it will have an impact not only on those with preschool children but on the community as a whole. The removal or reduction in pre-school educational provision is a disincentive for young families to move to the area, or for those already here to remain. It is entirely possible that this development will adversely affect the primary school roll, and the staffing levels of both the school and nursery. For all these reasons and more, the Community Council has pledged to support all efforts to restore this provision.

## Sewage Works

There have been a number of complaints about the smell from the sewage treatment works in the 'helicopter field' just east of Lyon Road, and of continuing drainage problems in the area of the new Co-op. These have been taken up by our new Secretary, Frances Inglis. As a result, Scottish Water have agreed to create a hydraulic model of the village's drainage network to identify possible choke points and solutions. She was also advised that members of the public should complain directly to Scottish Water about sewage issues as this is more effective than single complaints from the Community Council. **The number to call is: 0800 077 8778.**

## Traffic Issues

In July 2022, the Community Council debated the issue of village speed limits. The meeting was well attended as we had asked for local feedback on a Stirling Council proposal to reduce the speed limit to 20mph. There was a lively and instructive discussion of several options, at the end of which the decision was taken, unanimously and with the full support of those members of the public attending, that the speed limit should remain at 30mph and be extended to the Golf Course entrance. At our recent meeting, this decision was called into question. It was agreed to revisit this issue at our next public meeting, where the 20mph proposal would be reconsidered, and this will be posted as an official agenda item closer to the time. Comments on this and other matters are always welcome and can be sent to [communitycouncilkillin@gmail.com](mailto:communitycouncilkillin@gmail.com) As always, members of the public are also welcome to attend in person.

## Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held in the Lesser McLaren Hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm.

**Andy Aitken**

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# KAT Killin and Ardeonaig

Phew! Anyone else pleased to see a bit of the wet stuff again, or perhaps by the time you read this we've had enough? We've had such glorious weather recently, but our gorgeous village gardens and delightful Dochart needed a little pick-me-up and look all the better for it now.

So, let's see how the ideas you proposed in the Community Action Plan are progressing.

## Old Co-op

Now, it might look like not much is happening, but just as when you do your own home-improvements, there's a lot of hard work taking place behind the scenes to ensure all the relevant warrants and regulations are being followed, plus, we're striving to find additional funding to make sure everything inside will be just right for you before we reach our opening day.

Quick reminder, the business unit to the front-left will be available for lease, and we'll soon be advertising for a tenant. So, if you're interested, watch this space or any of the other local and social media spaces and let us know about your business idea. We can't wait to hear.

## Reuse Shop

Your amazing Reuse shop keeps having the window display changed (does Kirsty never stop?), complemented by Jenny's fabulous floral displays outside. Kirsty and crew are always on the lookout for good quality donations of bric-a-brac and kids' toys, so when you've had a clear out and want to see your things go to a good home, give them a call on 07470 798 357. They're happy to organise a pick-up if you're unable to deliver your items, and we want to be sure there's enough room to store all your new donations.

In July, not only did they have some great gadget donations for the kitchen to whip up some culinary delights, perhaps using the Community Fridge items; they even got serenaded by Douglas and Cailan (#bootstraptour). Not sure if these guys were for sale, but I'm certain Ruth and Janet enjoyed the experience. The hardworking Reuse troops deserve it - they're also branching out to hold a Giant Tombola at the Highland Games on 2 August and managing a stall at the Killin Agricultural Show on 19 August.

If you don't already volunteer and

you'd like to spend a few hours each week meeting folk and catching up, Kirsty welcomes everyone. We provide full training, tea and coffee.

There are loads of different tasks, something to suit everyone. Just pop in the shop or email her at [Kirsty@Killincdt.co.uk](mailto:Kirsty@Killincdt.co.uk)



## Youth Project

They have reached a monumental milestone; from 1 July they officially became the Killin Youth Project. Everyone at KAT is immensely grateful to all those involved from its initial inception to this most significant step. The Killin Youth Project starts in style with its Summer Activity Programme. Head over to Carla's update (Page 8) to see all the summer holiday events planned for young people leaving Primary 5 to those leaving S3. Youth Group Sessions will recommence weekly rather than fortnightly from 23 August. Huge thanks to our Youth Work Volunteers for everything they do.

If you'd like to know more, join in, or support the Youth Group, contact [Carla@Killincdt.co.uk](mailto:Carla@Killincdt.co.uk)

## Calling all growers and gardeners

Are you interested in a community garden for Killin, a space for food growing? There's a community group working with KAT to set one up! If you'd like to know more or want to get involved, please register your interest at <https://s.surveypal.com/a263pyd7> as soon as possible. We need to let our partners know the size of the garden and we really want to make sure there's enough space for everyone. [raina@killincdt.co.uk](mailto:raina@killincdt.co.uk)

## Makers Market

If you haven't already done, so come and visit the Makers' Market at the Old Mill! This is currently open 10-5

Wednesday - Saturday (and maybe Sunday by the time you read this). It's a collaboration between KAT and Made in Stirling (trading arm of Creative Stirling). We had a great opening day event, see the pictures here by Gillian Goode (Facebook - @goodephotography and Insta - goode\_fotos.), thanks to all who came!

Five of the artists are from right here in Killin, and all of them are from the Stirling or Loch Tay area.

We are always looking for more artists, so come on all you budding creatives, contact [Paul@creativestirling.org](mailto:Paul@creativestirling.org) for details.

Look out for our craft workshops in September on Facebook, Insta and posters, and for even more heritage coming up! Also, we're going to enter the Killin scarecrow competition this year, so look out for our entry!

## Old Mill

While in the Mill, you can also view our St Fillan heritage corner, our new home for the healing stones, replica bell and crozier; and you might have noticed, we now have the waterwheel working wonderfully while we're open! And don't forget to pick up a map for the Killin Heritage Trail.

Upstairs, see the results of our oral social history project 'Storyspinning', produced in conjunction with the young people of Killin and Amanda Edmiston, a local storyteller (Botanica Fabula).

See [www.facebook.com/Oldmill.KAT](https://www.facebook.com/Oldmill.KAT) for updates or Insta @oldmillkillin or @madeinstirlingstore

We still have a Sunday 'curator' role available, 10.30- 4 (with ½ hour lunch break) at the Old Mill Makers' Market shop. This would involve some working alone, opening and closing the shop, operating the till, cash handling and customer service. The pay is £11 an hour available until the end of October, with the possibility of an extension; but short-term cover for the summer holidays and peak season is also possible.

Please contact [raina@killincdt.co.uk](mailto:raina@killincdt.co.uk) for details.

## Other Happenings

The 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Picnic in Breadalbane Park organised by Fiona Boath was a great success. The youth group had a tombola table at the event, donating all the money raised to the play park fundraising. They raised £77.84 which is amazing, big

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thanks to all involved.

KAT has applied for a grant to Safe Deposit Scotland Community Grants for up to £2,000, so fingers crossed we'll be successful.

We are still looking for other grants to help buy more equipment, and this is made easier if we can demonstrate we have your support through local fundraising. If you're able and would like to donate, please visit our fundraising page:

<https://www.givengain.com/cc/breadalbane-park--play-park-development/>

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- Use only one appliance at a time when the sun is out - if you use more your demand may be more than the solar is providing, so you will be buying the remainder from the grid
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# Killin Music Fest - Hugely

Much-loved Killin Music Fest enjoyed a successful 2023 edition, with over 1,500 visitors making their way to the heart of Scotland for three days of music, culture and family-friendly fun.

The scenic village of Killin on the western tip of Loch Tay came alive with joyful community spirit between Friday 16 and Sunday 18 June, welcoming visitors from all over Scotland and beyond to its stacked sixth edition.

Festival Director Gregor MacKenzie said: "It was amazing to see so many people of all ages and backgrounds flocking to Killin Music Fest this weekend and joining in with the activities, workshops, competitions and, of course, the music. It was also fantastic to be able to welcome campers to the site for the first time this year to a stunning spot close to the festival site. Going forward I hope this helps open up the event for future attendees to soak up the atmosphere for the full three days.



"A huge highlight of the weekend was our Sunday night main stage when our 'Celtic Kin' activity programme came to a crescendo. Support from Creative Scotland enabled us to present a full schedule of events designed to celebrate Celtic cultures: their languages, performative arts and music. Norrie MacIver, Unity Irish Dance, Gwilym Bowen Rhys, Ellie Beaton and Aberfeldy Gaelic Choir took us on a journey, and delivered a memorable closing evening.

"This festival is all about community spirit and it was just superb to see everyone getting



Face the West

involved! Thank you so much to everyone who came along, and to all the artists, crafters, suppliers and volunteers who made the weekend so spectacular. It was a heart-warming and invigorating three days."

Since 2016, Killin Music Fest has attracted the best in Scottish music to the heart of the country, and this year's line up did not disappoint. Stornoway electro-Celtic band **Face The West** blew crowds away on Friday night with a spirited set filled with pipes, synth and rock and roll. The unstoppable musical duo **Ross Ainslie and Ali Hutton** closed the show on Saturday, thrilling audiences with their unparalleled energy and enthusiasm.

The festival's free to access Danny Kyle Stage, presented by Tolbooth Stirling, celebrated exciting, up and coming musical talent throughout each day, with the likes of **Lori, Maria McAveety, The No Marcs,**

**The BKs** and **Moonlight Zoo** putting on stunning performances.

The spectacular **Doune Pipe Band** led a soul stirring procession on Sunday morning to the McLaren



Josie Duncan



Raintown

Hall's community stage where the family favourite Col Charles Stewart Competition took place.

The team of Struan McNaughton, Andrew McHendry, Reyss Frost, Declan Barker, Arran Campbell and Archie Finlay won the coveted quich for their energetic performance of *Rattlin' Rollin' Willie*, narrowly beating a strong field of competitors.

# Successful 2023 Edition



St Rochs Ceili Band

Named after Stewart, a prominent figure in Killin and Perthshire who helped to preserve and promote local history, folklore and music, the competition always aims to shine a light on the rich culture and history of the local area.

On the Friday afternoon of the festival, **St Roch's Ceili Band** visited the local primary school to perform songs for the children, and to field their questions about being on stage performing, and musical instruments. By the end of the session all of the kids and their teachers were dancing along to the young band's rousing tunes. Later that night around 35 members of the band packed themselves onto the TRS Main Stage for their set.

A wide range of fringe activities ran throughout the weekend, designed to celebrate the rich cultures and traditions of Scotland. The craft fair held at Killin Parish Church on Saturday proved popular again, while the Highland Hustle workout session at McLaren Hall had everyone on their feet.



Kirsten Adamson

The award-winning **Aberfeldy Gaelic Choir** were in town for their



Aberfeldy Gaelic Choir with co-founder Elizabeth McDiarmid

main stage set, and in their down time arranged a visit to the local retirement home to meet Elizabeth McDiarmid, one of the co-founders of their choir group, which was

established over 50 years ago.

The choir held a special, moving performance for Elizabeth and the residents in the home before taking to the main stage later that night.

First held in 2016, Killin Music Fest has since become a jewel in Perthshire's traditional music

calendar, attracting visitors and locals alike to the picturesque village in the heart of Scotland. The event is rooted in community spirit, showcased throughout the weekend's schedule of activities.

This year's festival took place between Friday 16th and Sunday 18th June 2023. Killin Music Fest will return in 2025, running Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd June.

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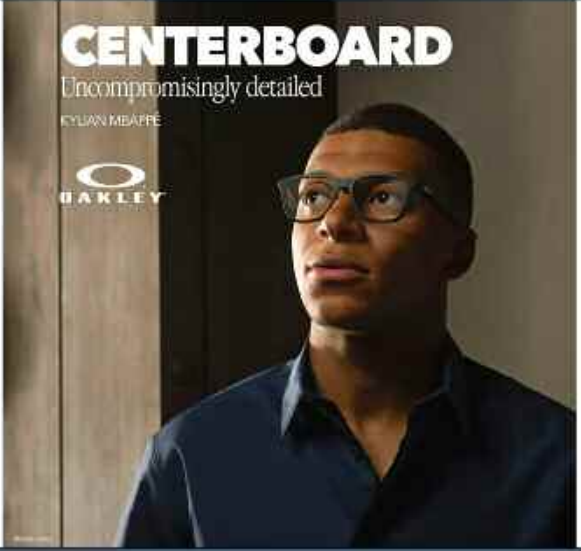

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# Frost Report

## Family Time

The school holidays began a couple of weeks ago and everyone is having more family time. Not only the humans but the wildlife around is also very busy with their new families.

Fledgling birds are lined up on fences and branches to be fed. Fluffy sparrows, blue tits still with untidy jackets and random hairstyles, robins still with speckly chests and slightly ungainly brown blackbirds. It's a hard job for the parents keeping them satisfied, and all these long days after the earlier tasks of courtship and nest building. A tiny wren had been busy for days pulling pieces of moss from the stones for his beautifully made nest. It appears that it is the male's responsibility to make several "des reses" so that the female can select the best. So, remember, a wildlife garden needs plenty of spare moss. We have house martins back after a couple of no-show years. The first hatching was precariously balanced for two days when part of the nest broke away before they flew. The nest was repaired, and a second brood are well on the way. We have tried the artificial pre-formed nests, but the birds have, so far, refused to use them. Maybe the building work is a necessary part of the behaviour.

There do not appear to be as many sand martins this year, certainly not at the Kenmore Courtyard.

It is surprising how many nests we find in the garden as they are so well hidden. Even the birds using nest boxes can be so secretive. Blackbirds are usually the easiest to find as they don't seem to be so obsessed with hiding them and build them out of all sorts of random and more noticeable materials. Years ago, a pair built close to a printer's office and used entirely paper scraps. Good recycling!

All feathered parents are not as attentive. We had a female mallard and 12 ducklings come to be fed several times a day. We had seen her on her roadside nest previously and now watched as day by day the numbers gradually reduced to 2. Several pheasant families have visited from the fields but the chicks seem to wander off and either

perish or spend their time home alone.

We recently spent time in Caithness in a cottage with a huge, wooded garden but there were so few birds. One delight was hearing the skylarks which seem absent from here. It is lovely though to hear the oyster catchers and curlews - long may they thrive.

New furry friends have arrived too, a small squadron of squirrels (sure that's not correct, what is a group of squirrels?). The young ones come alone or in, what appears to be, sibling pairs without parents. How do they find our food stash quite a way from the woods? It could be a scent trail that they follow, or do they have a secret squirrel language?

Amongst the few rabbits is one with a white patch on its shoulders. Amongst her four kits is one with a white face blaze.

During our increasingly long cold drink breaks, our most surprising sighting was a tiny black and cream creature bobbing in and out of a crevice amongst large stones. It was a water shrew. We have either seen Walter several times or we have several Walters. Never near water! There must be two as we have seen a really tiny young one. Wee Willie must have been home alone too as we watched him for about half an hour with no sign of a parent.

They must have left Wee Willie for an outdoor adventure as he climbed up three feet of ivy. 22 wildcats are to be released from Kincaig wildlife park into the Cairngorms NP with GPS attached. Let's hope that the area is free of feral domestic cats as interbreeding is the main danger. As from this October, there will no longer be a closed season for shooting male deer in yet another attempt by NatureScot to reduce deer numbers. The food industry is encouraging the use of copper rather than lead bullets to avoid lead contamination of the venison. Have you noticed the warning on some fish for children and pregnant women not to eat too much because fish, some species more than others, contain mercury as a side effect of their metabolism.

If you are planning your family time at the seaside, take a brolly, not for

the rain but for protection from mugging seagulls which have become a real danger in some areas. One was seen stealing a bag of rolls from an Iceland store. Maybe it was just suffering from the cost of living.

An additive derived from bananas is being trialled in sheep feed to reduce methane emissions. Would it work with humans? Is that why players are continually nibbling them at Wimbledon?

Mr. Fox is taking the family away for a gourmet break as he has heard that a woman in East Kilbride has been feeding three generations of a fox family for 25 years on sausage rolls, pizza and Chinese takeaway. Good reduction of food waste but there is no comment on how the garden smells.

Tim Frost

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Otherwise, we've been doing our best to cope with the changeable weather, doing lots of weeding, making compost, and occasionally finding time to lie down and recover from it all!

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# Auchmore Wedding

In the seventies and early eighties my father, Arnold Young, was the Killin Registrar and in those days non-church weddings took place in the Registrar's office - which was in his home here at Auchmore.

Donald and I were one of the last couples he married before he retired in 1982.

Nowadays weddings can take place almost anywhere and we were delighted when Arnold's great granddaughter, Layla Mathieson, asked if she could be married at Auchmore. This, however, was very different from a Registry office wedding and involved a marquee in the garden and minibus trips to bring guests up from the village. The original plan



was for the actual ceremony to take place in the garden but the weather required it to be in the marquee. The ceremony was Humanist and as such new to many of the gathering. It was delightfully personal and all-inclusive,

providing lots of laughter before and after the serious bit. The bride had received her PhD earlier in the week and there were many references to the couple as Dr Layla Mathieson but Mr Ewan Ritchie.

Happily the sun shone for the photos and the bride and groom also slipped away to the Falls for a photo - and were apparently watched by crowds on the bridge! Celebrations continued in the evening and everyone agreed that Arnold and Dora would have been delighted that the event took place at Auchmore.

**Margaret MacIver**

# Clipping Competition

## Results from Killin Agricultural Show Annual Clipping Competition

We held our annual shearing competition on Friday 30th of June.

Big thanks to our judges and to everyone who participated and supported the evening. ✂️🐏



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## National Park

### 11 Jul 2023

Proposal: Demolition and replacement of ancillary building  
Location: Wester Lix Steading Killin  
Applicant: Mrs Kimberley McIntyre  
Application Type: Householder Planning Permission  
Decision: Current

## Perth & Kinross Council

### 23 May 2023

Proposal: Erection of a holiday accommodation unit, construction of vehicular access, track with passing places, and associated works  
Location: Land 250 Metres South of Morenish Cottage Killin  
Applicant: Mrs A Farquharson  
Application Type: planning permission local  
Decision: Awaiting decision

## Stirling Council

### 02 May 2023

Proposal: Tarmachan Peatland Restoration Scheme  
Location: Land 1.5km North Of Killin Highland Lodges Killin  
Applicant: National Trust For Scotland  
Application Type: Prior Notification/Approval  
Decision: Awaiting decision

### 24 May 2023

Proposal: Installation of free standing top up water tap  
Location: Land At Station Road Crianlarich  
Applicant: Scottish Water  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission  
Decision: Current

### 08 Jun 2023

Proposal: Erection of ancillary building  
Location: Strathfillan House Strathfillan Church Road Tyndrum Crianlarich  
Applicant: Mr Stephen Jessup  
Application Type: Householder Planning Permission  
Decision: Current

### 23 Jun 2023

Proposal: Erection of 2 dwellinghouses, 2 detached garages and associated accesses  
Location: Land West Of Keppoch, Station Road Lower, Tyndrum  
Applicant: Mr Artur Chechlac  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission  
Decision: Current

### 26 Jun 2023

Proposal: Single storey extension to side and rear of dwellinghouse  
Location: Tigh Na Beithe 4 Pier Road Killin  
Applicant: Mrs Sheila Campbell  
Application Type: Proposed Certificate of Lawfulness  
Decision: Awaiting decision

### 27 Jun 2023

Proposal: Extension to each side of dwellinghouse and erection of garage building with workshops and tractor store  
Location: Auchmore Cottage Auchmore Killin  
Applicant: Mr Simon Barber  
Application Type: Full  
Decision: Approve with Conditions

### 04 Jul 2023

Proposal: Extension and associated external alterations to rear elevation to form disabled access toilets  
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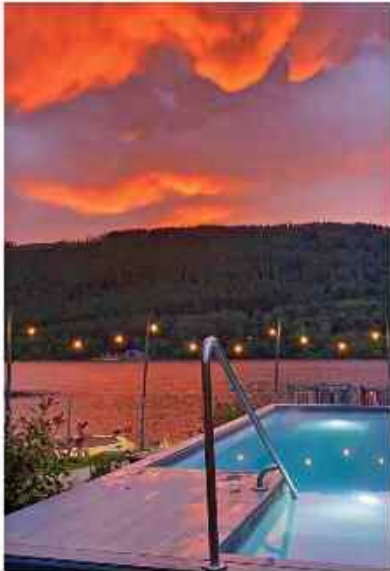
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This last couple of months has seen the retirement of District Nurse Susan



McRobbie and Specialist Paramedic, Andy Craig. We wish them both a very happy, long and healthy retirement. Susan will be returning as part of the district nursing team for a few days a week and

Andy is becoming part of the visitor experience at the Church of the Holy Rude. We wish them all the best. We had a lunch for Susan and Andy, here are some pictures. Can only just see Susan!



The practice would also like to thank Dr James McKelvie who has been covering Dr's Watson & Mill's annual holiday. Wishing you all a good summer !

**Ann Massey  
Practice Manager**

## Patient Participation Group

After an interesting informal recent meeting, it appears that there are some local concerns, especially around care in the community. We are therefore restarting the PPG.

There will be a completely open meeting for anyone in the Killin area to attend with comments and suggestions. This will be held in the surgery and we are hoping that anyone interested in local issues will come along. Remember, it is not only surgery matters that are discussed - there would be no hospital cars without the PPG for instance!

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# Nursery Cuts – Campaign

## Campaigners seek to reverse shock childcare cut

In a shocking turn of events Killin is losing the only childcare facility for 0 to 2 year olds within a 45 min drive of the village. Without warning, Stirling Council has decided to cut the service from Killin Nursery without consulting parents who only found out when they tried to register their young children for nursery care. Local Mum and Dad Georgie and David Pelly have had to take the difficult decision to move away as they are expecting their second child and were relying on the nursery to provide care so Georgie could return to work. They could be the first of many working families forced to move away from Killin.

"This decision is short-sighted as it has a disproportionate impact on rural areas", said Andy Aitken, Chair of the Community Council in Killin. "We saw a much-needed increase in the number of families with young children moving here in recent years, but these same families are now being forced out, and those considering having children are having to rethink. This will have long-term consequences on rural communities across the area who rely on Killin Nursery."

Local parents, grandparents and other worried residents have set up a campaign to reverse the cut to this

vital service. They have warned the council that the flow of new families will dry up; working families will move out; and there will be fewer young people in the community.

Parents also fear that losing the childcare service will have a negative impact on local schools and businesses, pushing the community towards rural poverty and

for local parents to become childminders. However, local campaigner Clare Rudd says that is not a viable option. "Childminders are legally only allowed 3 kids under school age, and 1 under 1. Places would therefore be extremely limited." It is also shortsighted of the council to cut nursery care without ensuring that there were alternatives already in place.



Several parents and guardians have suggested that, had they been consulted, they may have been able to agree to pay a higher fee than the current £4.50 per/hour to save the well-used service. Local campaigners are also wondering why the service is being cut completely in Killin, but only partially in other Stirlingshire nurseries.

On 20th July local parents and campaigners presented their petition to the council and released statements and pictures to the media in their efforts to get Stirling council to reconsider.

Follow on twitter: #ReverseTheCuts or Facebook @ReverseTheCutsKillin

*Reverse The Cuts campaigners are looking for creative solutions to keep the nursery service going and want to gauge the impact this closure will have and the level of support. Please could you help by filling out the anonymous questionnaire enclosed in the magazine.*

**Melissa Sharpe**

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Final tower felled

Construction works on SSEN Transmission's Killin VISTA project has now completed and has seen a total of 7.8km of overhead line removed, including 32 steel lattice towers, between Killin substation and Lix Toll.

As we enter the final phases of reinstatement work on the project, we'd like to thank the local community, Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, Stirling Council, and all other key stakeholders for their continued patience and support while we've delivered this project.

## Progress on site

Q2 saw the dismantling and removal of the remaining overhead line tower infrastructure across the site. In May, the final tower was felled and removed within Acharn Forest, adjacent to the Biomass facility. All temporary access tracks and bellmouths removed with final land reinstatement works completed across the full site. Our Principal Contractor Morgan Sindall Infrastructure have completed full demobilisation of their site offices.

## Final tower felling

A small group from SSEN Transmission and representatives from the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park gathered near Killin to watch the final of the 32 transmission towers felled.

The final tower felling on the Killin VISTA project is a fantastic milestone as the team heads towards completion, and it was great to welcome representatives from Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, our contractor Morgan Sindall Infrastructure and designers BakerHicks to see the final tower structure come down.

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

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# Obituary

## Nancy Wood (1938-2023)

Nancy was 'a weel kent face' in Killin during the summer. She and her husband, Joey, absolutely loved this area.

Nancy was born and brought up in Aberdeen then moved to Buckie in 1959 when she married local plasterer, Joseph Wood. They first visited Killin in 1965 on a camping holiday with her younger sister, Kathleen, and stayed at the Maragowan site. Then in 1971, on a family holiday with their children, Jennifer and Michael, they stayed at Cruachan Camp site which, back then, was owned and run by Jim and Jess Campbell and, as they say, the rest is history!

For Nancy and Joey, there was no other place like it – time and time again, when they finished work on a Friday, they were 'doon the road to Cruachan'. Eventually, they had a static caravan on the site and introduced family and friends to this area. Although Nancy lived by the sea in Buckie, it was the hills where she felt most at home. After Jim and Jess passed away the site was run by their son and daughter, Hamish and Maureen and when Nancy retired after 28 years in stock control at Baxters Food Manufacturers in



Fochabers, Maureen asked if she'd be interested in helping her at the site in a 'meet and greet' role. Nancy had a ready smile and friendly manner and this was her dream job - answering the 'phone, selling ice creams etc

from the site shop, welcoming folk to Cruachan and helping to make sure they had a lovely stay – and the kettle was always on!

'Everyone knew Nancy, she was up with the lark, always cheery and added so much to our summer holidays. We'll miss our evenings sharing a Baileys with her Bradford pals'. Of course, the lockdowns kept Nancy away from Cruachan in 2020 so, knowing that Morayshire was about to be locked-down in May 2021 due to an increase in Covid cases in Elgin, Nancy (and her wee dog, Jackson) 'escaped' and motored down the A9. As soon as she arrived, everyone knew something was very wrong and, in August 2021, Nancy was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer (she had never smoked). She died peacefully at home in Buckie on 1 April 2023. She treasured her friendship with Maureen, Hamish and the Campbell family, made many dear friends over the years at Cruachan and had a lot of laughs and happy times at this very special, cherished place.

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## Ladies Greensomes Open: Saturday 3 June

### Magic 2's

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Ashley Harris & Lara Richbell,

**Nearest the Pin in 2** : Silvia Knecht  
& Patricia Parkhouse

### Longest Drive :

Silver : Carolyn Smith (Dunblane  
New)

Bronze : Fiona Campbell (Taynuilt)

### Handicap

1. Kay Dowling & Susan McRobbie  
(Killin) 62

2. Silvia Knecht (Killin) & Patricia  
Parkhouse (Mortonhall) 63

### Scratch :

1. Lara Richbell & Ashley Harris 78

**Killin Cup (Best overall Handi-  
cap)** : Kay Dowling & Susan McRob-  
bie

**Bridge of Lochay Salver (Best  
Local Handicap)**: Kay Dowling &  
Susan McRobbie

**Dochart Trophy (Best overall  
Scratch)** : Lara Richbell & Ashley  
Harris



Sylvia and Daniel Knecht with Lynn and David Thom

## Mixed Open: Saturday 27 May

### Magic 2's

Graham & Judith Kerr, Gordon  
Aitken & Caroline Henderson,  
Patricia & Robin Parkhouse

### Nearest Pin

Ladies (14th) – Christine Cameron  
Gents (11th) – Stuart Cameron  
**In 3 (9th & 18th)** – Liz Stevens  
and Allan McHenry

### Longest Drive

Ladies (16th) – Caroline Henderson  
Gents (9th) – John Booth

### Handicap

1. Daniel & Silvia Knecht 60  
2. John & Lesley Stone 61  
3. Liz Stevens & Allan McHenry 63

### Scratch

1. Lynn & David Thom 76 BIH  
2. Gordon Aitken & Caroline  
Henderson 76  
3. Robin & Patricia Parkhouse 81

**Bill Mitchell Salver (Best Killin):**  
Daniel & Silvia Knecht

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## Hazel Lafferty



Double congratulations to Hazel Lafferty who graduated from Glasgow University on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022 with a 1:1 Master of Arts with Honours Degree in English Literature, and has graduated again at Glasgow University on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 with a Post Graduate Degree in Education. Hazel will now commence her probationary year teaching a Primary 6 Class in Glasgow. We are so proud of you, well done.

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We worked towards our camp craft badge this term.

up a tent big enough to get all our beavers inside (perhaps not to sleep though!). It was tough work for all involved. Rachael helped teach the Beavers some navigation skills that might come in handy if we needed to use a map to find somewhere to camp.  
And the last requirement we could meet for now (until we hopefully get

Aside from our badge activities we also made the most of the unseasonable heat and one evening, with temperatures still well into the 20s, we enjoyed some water games. Some of these required lots of teamwork and some were just plain silly with the Beavers all having a wonderful time!  
Earlier in the term, we had our parachute out which is always another firm favourite!  
We are hoping that soon after returning from our summer holidays we can get ourselves away on Beaver sleepover which is always an exciting 24 hours!

Beavers are aged 6&7, they meet in Killin on alternate Tuesdays from 6-7pm. If you'd like your child to join us please e-mail

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As summer sets the slopes alive with colour, our existing restoration areas show us what the new area may look like in a few years and decades' time. Our montane scrub is pink, yellow, blue, white and green with plants like wood cranesbill, roseroot, orchids, globeflower and dwarf trees. And it is full of sound too: birdsong, burbling brooks, grating calls of ring ouzels, buzzing insects, wind over leaves, ravens' cronks and much more. All of this would once have been common across Scottish mountainsides. Thanks to conservation work pioneered here, the habitat is expanding again at sites across Scotland.

Photos show this habitat at 800m altitude and some of the wealth of creatures who call it home: a specialised high-altitude butterfly, the mountain ringlet; and a ring ouzel's nest, with the second clutch of eggs this busy bird has reared since flying over from North Africa or southern Spain in April. The blue flower is alpine forget-me-not, one of many rarities growing 1100 metres above sea level.

Some of this work will take many years to bear fruit, but we also aim to make a few visible improvements to the landscape this year. An airlift of stone to the summits lets us reduce erosion from hillwalking routes. Visitors can also reduce erosion by walking on the main paths, not along lines of erosion beside paths. Meanwhile, we can now remove fences near the car park and lower part of the Ben Lawers path, opening out the woodlands and improving the views from the road. We may be looking for volunteers to help with this task in the autumn.



For more info on Ben Lawers go to [www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/ben-lawers](http://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/ben-lawers)

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At the yearly prize giving and in front of all their peers, Katie and Declan

sat bravely while two teachers assisted them in shaving their hair.

Katie decided she wanted to donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust. Making this donation will help children and young people who have experienced hair lost due to cancer or

cancer treatment, to receive a free real hair wig.

They set up a JustGiving page and so far, have raised over £1700. The whole community has been extremely supportive and really got behind them to make this possible. Without the help and dedication of the community this would have not been possible. They would like to thank each and every person who donated, supported and assisted in this fundraiser.

**Maryke Barker**



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# What's On In Killin And District

## Regular Activities

### Monday

- Adult Badminton, 7-9pm, 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

- Bee Creative, 10am-12pm, Community Rooms
- U3A Art, 2-4pm, currently being held in Lochearnhead Hall
- Beavers, 6-7pm, Lesser Hall (every other Tuesday)
- Tuesday Club, 2-4pm, Community Rooms
- Pilates 5.45pm and 6.45pm, Community Rooms, booking required on 07866 018629
- CAB drop-in session, every 2nd Tuesday: 1pm-3pm, Killin Library
- Aikido 7-9 Adults/Children from 13 years.
- Aikido 6-6.30 aged 5 to 7 - 6.30 aged 8 to 12.

### Wednesday

- Walk in the Park, 10.20
- Strength & Balance, 2-3pm, Community Rooms
- U3A French, 2.30-4pm, online
- Highland Hustle, 6.30-7.15pm, zoom
- Youth Club, P6/7 5.45-7.15pm S1-3 7.30-9.00pm [Sign-Ups: [alasdair@cyp.org.uk](mailto:alasdair@cyp.org.uk)]
- Pilates drop-in, 5.20pm, Lesser McLaren Hall
- Multi-Sports Session - Wednesdays (Fortnightly), P5-7 5-6pm, S1-3 6-7pm [sign-ups: [mckennac@activestirling.org.uk](mailto:mckennac@activestirling.org.uk)]
- Killin Comm Choir, 7.30pm-9pm, Killin Church
- Aikido 7-8pm Body Art
- Aikido 8-9pm Weapons Adults and children from 13years

### Thursday

- Running Club, 6pm, Acharn Forest carpark
- SWI, 7.30pm (1st Thursday of month, Community Rooms)

### Friday

- Pilates, 9am and 10 am, Community Rooms. Booking essential on 07866 018629
- Yoga, 10.15 - 11.30 McLean Hall, Fearnan.
- Old Mill Talk & Tour event, 11.30-12pm

### Saturday

- Football in the Park, 12-17 years, 12-2pm

### Sunday

- Football in the Park, 8-11 years, Check for times with Andy.
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## Coming Soon !

### • August

- 2nd Highland Games
- 16th Patient Participation Group P28
- 19th Agricultural Show
- 24th U3A AGM/Enrolment p6
- 26th 10k run

### • September

- 5th Killin Community Council p17
- 15th Breadalbane Heritage Society p10

### • January 2024

- 6th Killin SW1 Centenary p5

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<b>Friday</b>	10-1pm	3-7pm
<b>Saturday</b>	Closed	

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- **2nd Sunday of the month**  
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- **3rd Sunday of the month**  
10:00am Cafe Church including Sunday School
- **4th Sunday of the month**  
10:00am Sunday worship
- **5th Sunday of the month**  
10:00am Sunday worship
- **Episcopal Church**
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- **Roman Catholic Church**
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### Crianlarich/Tyndrum Fortnightly Fridays

4th Aug, 18th Aug, 1st Sep, 15th Sep, 29th Sep

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Willow Square 12:05-12:25

### Tyndrum

Green Welly 13:40-14:10  
Mansefield 14:15-14:45

### Glen Lochay/Ardeonaig Fortnightly Mondays

14th Aug, 28th Aug, 11th Sep, 25th Sep

Glen Lochay 11.45-12.30  
Ardeonaig 14.00-14.45

### Perth and Kinross Fortnightly Tuesday

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