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Killin Mountain Rescue Team

Long serving Killin Mountain Rescue Team members honoured by Scottish Mountain Rescue



Teddy Inglis, Willie Stitt, Gus Cameron and Bill Rose with their certificates

Killin Mountain Rescue Team stalwarts have been honoured for lifelong commitment to Mountain Rescue in Scotland. Four of the team were awarded the prestigious Distinguished Service Award (DSA), a recognition for service and leadership spanning more than four decades. Awarded from the Mountain Rescue Community in Scotland, these were presented to former team leader Billy 'Willie' Stitt of Killin, Team Secretary and coordinator, Bill Rose of Callander, Deputy Leaders Gus Cameron of Lochearnhead and Stewart 'Teddy' Inglis of Killin. The awardees received the accolades at a recent event prior to the Scottish Mountain Rescue annual general meeting after being nominated by their peers across Scotland.

All four have been members since 1975, fulfilling mountain rescue in the north Stirlingshire area including Killin and Callander. There have been many hundreds of rescues these gentlemen have been involved in and it is to their credit that many individuals have been rescued and returned to their loved ones. In those early days these fresh-faced young men would often be attending with scarce information and after significant delays in help being sought. Rescues often required the utilisation of an army of local people; often those being locals who worked and lived on the surrounding land estates and farms as shepherds and or gamekeepers or local hillgoers who knew the area like the back of their hand. The clothing and kit were basic with no access to technology such as GPS's, mobile phones or drones. The availability of helicopters was significantly less than today,

consequently meaning people would only be rescued often after long dangerous searches utilising only very basic climbing equipment and the fundamentals of mountaineering such as map and compass navigation and local knowledge. Casualties often experienced cold and lonely hours waiting for the help to arrive; the extraction wasn't quick either and these experiences underpinned a commitment to mountain rescue that would last a life time. Thankfully things are different today and our team has advanced through the years with greater technology and resources available and the outlook for those in difficulty has greatly improved primarily due to mobile phones.

As experienced mountain rescuers, these men have seen and experienced many tragic callouts. None more so than the night of the 1st of February 1987; it is a day that devastated the team and the wider local communities in which they

served.

During a call out on Ben More looking for a walker, the team Coordinator, Harry Lawrie, was killed as the Wessex helicopter he was in tragically crashed into the mountainside. The incident also caused life changing injuries to fellow team member, the late Iain Ramsay. Despite the grief at losing one of their own, it is these aforementioned men and the members of the team at that time, who the next day went out again to search for the missing person who also tragically died. It is that dedication that has ensured Killin Mountain Rescue Team has always been there for the thousands of hill goers in its area.

The foundation of Mountain Rescue has always been a team effort, it is not the individual that makes it work, it's being able to work together towards a common purpose. Bill, Billy, Gus and Teddy are rightly recognised for their long commitment to mountain rescue. They have always stressed they have only been part of a team where its members, along with their families, local communities and businesses, have all played a part in supporting the team and thus play a part in its continuing legacy of assisting those in need of help in remote locations. This is a testament of the distinguished mountain rescue service these Gentlemen have undertaken.

**Stephen Rawlinson
Secretary
Killin Mountain Rescue Team**



Killin MRT Helicopter Training 1988

Remembrance Sunday 2023



The Remembrance Day Ceremony was held on Sunday 12th November 2023. The service was led by Biker Chaplain Bryn Rees of the Royal British Legion Riders Branch. Children from Killin Primary School read parts of "Poppies of Flanders".



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The support from locals and tourists was, as always, fantastic.

This year we managed to raise £600 which we decided, as a crew, to split between Killin WRI for the

Kids Christmas party, Lochearnhead Playgroup & Killin Golf Club Junior Section.

We would like to thank the local communities for the continued support throughout the year.



Peter Nettleton received on behalf of the golf course, Jo Rankin on behalf of the Lochearnhead playgroup, and Sheila Aitken & Elizabeth Woods received on behalf of the WRI.



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Recently, a few of the children in the Thistle and Heather room have started taking part in Play on Pedals, which is an early years cycling training programme. It has been developed in partnership with Cycling UK, Cycling Scotland, Bike for Good and Play Scotland. Play on pedals gives the children the opportunity to develop independence, gross motor movements and learn new skills to maintain a healthy lifestyle through fun, safe and engaging games. The aim of Play on Pedals is to give all pre-school children the opportunity to learn how to ride a bike before they go to primary school. As a result of a funding bid, the nursery was kindly gifted a balance bike and a helmet to support the delivery of the Play on Pedals programme.

The children are learning the different parts of a balance and pedal bike and their functions. They are also learning how to be safe whilst riding a bike, how important it is to have a helmet on whilst riding a bike and how to safely use the brakes on the bike by 'squeezing' them gently.

The children in the Thistle room have been strengthening their fine and gross motor skills with gym hall

visits, table top games and a range of outdoor activities. The children have also been continuing their weekly retirement home visits and Rhyme Time.



Once a month, Rhyme Time has been held in the retirement home and has been very successful. The children are now preparing for the run up to Christmas and they are excited about their up and coming Christmas market which will be held on the 14th of December from 2pm in the school hall, all welcome.

We would also like to thank parents for your continued contributions on your child's e-learning journals.



Save The C60 Bus Service

The C60 bus service has now been reduced and may be cancelled altogether.

This service is vital to the area and cannot be lost. Please help us save this service:

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Breadalbane Heritage Society

The Breadalbane Heritage Society does not meet in December, and is now looking forward to the four monthly talks scheduled for 2024 and the planned summer excursions.

During January and February talks are held on Zoom, otherwise at 7.30 pm at the Breadalbane Community Campus. Doors open at 7.00 pm for those who would like to come early and look at the displays. Talks in 2024 are held, as always, on Fridays, beginning with one on the Black Watch. The talk in February will be on the archaeology of Kilmartin, the fascinating area which members plan to visit in August on a three-night excursion. The talk in March will be on the Scottish Crannog Centre, the opening of which next year is eagerly awaited, and the talk in April by Donald Riddell on Glen Lyon has been rescheduled from October 2023 when the Breadalbane Community Campus was unavoidably closed due to the storm.

The BHS's website 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.



Founded 1982

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FORTHCOMING WINTER TALKS

Friday 19th January 2024

The Black Watch (On Zoom)

Presented by Major Ronnie Proctor,
Secretary of The Black Watch Association

Friday 16th February 2024

Archaeology of Kilmartin (On Zoom)

Presented by Dr. Sharon Webb,
Head of Collections, Kilmartin Museum

Friday 15th March 2024

**The Scottish Crannog Centre: Past,
Present and Future**

Presented by Mike Benson, Director TSCC

Friday 19th April 2024

**The Mysteries, Folklore and History of
Glen Lyon**

Presented by Donald Riddell

For registration details for the Zoom talks, contact Ian at
bhsaberfeldy@gmail.com.

The March and April talks will be held in the Breadalbane
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Killin Youth Project

Youth group sessions have been busy, busy, busy and the spooky season was an amazing amount of fun. This October holidays we had our Halloween costume making day



which was an incredibly good day with lots of creativity on display. Thank you to everyone for kind donations towards our designs and it was so good to see many of the costumes on display on Halloween night.

This block we are festivities focused and have had sessions like pumpkin carving, Halloween games, clay modelling, tray bakes. Now we are turning our attention to Christmas! We have a Christmas movie night planned, Christmas planning and crafts and a Christmas party. The last youth group session will be on December 20th before we stop for the holidays. Youth Group will return on January 10th.

Coming up we have some community focussed activities planned, for example youth group have been



asked to help at the Christmas Fayre selling refreshments. With a team of willing and helpful young people, we will be there on the day with teas/coffee and baked goodies.

With the Drama Group stepping down after many years hosting the annual Burns Supper they have handed over the torch to Killin Youth Project and Killin Parent Partnership who will host the event in January for the first time as a joint venture. A big job and challenge for our young people but a wonderful way for them to give something back to the senior members of their community. I am in no doubt they are going to do an amazing job and they are very excited about it! Look out for more details to come. After our meeting

with Ryan Rocks from Creative Stirling, our senior group have decided to take part in the Media Matters course, a 16 hour



course that gives young people the opportunity to learn skills in planning, production, podcasting and

Facebook page you can find details of upcoming sessions, timings and registration details and see some of our amazing session pictures.



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



sound engineering. We plan to do the course over 3 days in the February school break. There is still space and if you know a young person who is not already attending youth group, who would be interested in joining the course, then please get in touch. Over on Killin Youth Project's

about the project contact:

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Sandra, Fiona and Tina

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Strathfillan Community Development Trust

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By the time the Killin News is published, we really hope that the Bike Trails issues will be resolved. We are working closely with the designer and other parties to remedy the situation. Hopefully we will be able to open the trails in the New Year.

Wild Strathfillan Landscape Project

This project is focusing on restoring nature across Strathfillan and encouraging people to engage with their natural and cultural heritage. Our Development Officer and Woodland Officer visited the new Tree Nursery at Glenfalloch Estate in September. It was a really interesting visit with lots of scope for the community to work with them, perhaps growing native trees for the woodlands. It is still early days, but we hope to work with them in the next year.

The Countryside Trust have been successful in securing FIRNS Funding, which is money to explore how best green finance (carbon credits and nature restoration) can benefit the people of Strathfillan. We will be closely involved to help explore the community benefits of this new world.

The Countryside Trust submitted an application to the National Heritage Lottery Fund. If they are successful, we will get funding for our Community Heritage Project, and a proposed boardwalk and interpretation boards in the Community Garden.

If you are interested in getting involved in Wild Strathfillan or the Strathfillan Community Heritage Project, then please get in touch by emailing Kelly at the details below.

Strathfillan Community Garden

The community garden activity is slowing down for winter. People have harvested their crops and a few are putting in winter greens, garlic, and onions, both inside the polytunnel and out. The beds that are not in use will be 'fed' so they are ready for spring planting. A couple of the outside beds are being given up so if you are interested in growing your own veg or plants in the community garden, please contact Dawn or Kelly.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2495715407394997>
for updates.

Community Meeting and AGM

The Trust's AGM will be held on December 4th, 2023 in the Tyndrum Inn. This will be preceded by a Community Meeting on the proposed Tyndrum Community Infrastructure Project. This is the proposed project for the Trust to purchase land on the edge of Tyndrum to create visitor parking and waste disposal. The Community Survey raised more question than it answered, and we want to hear more of the views of the local people and have a transparent discussion about the proposals. We would encourage as many Tyndrum residents as possible to attend.

The Community Meeting will be followed by our AGM, where you can find out what we have done over the past year, ask questions and raise any concerns – or even join the Board! The Community Meeting will start at 5.30pm and the AGM at 6.30pm. Both meetings are open to everyone across Strathfillan, including non-members. Refreshments will be available, including a finger buffet, tea, coffee and wine.

Getting in touch

You can contact the Trust directly by emailing Kelly at kelly@strathfillancdt.org.uk or phoning 07707044484. Kelly works 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.

For updates on projects and activities you can check out our Facebook Page - [Strathfillan Community](#). And for more information on our projects and what we do, have a look at our website:

<https://www.strathfillancdt.org.uk/home>

Keeping strong and balanced at home

The focus on home exercise this month is balance. This exercise will help your stability if you lose your balance and have to step backwards to correct yourself. It will help you feel more stable when you have to step backwards out the way of someone in the Recycle shop!

Backwards walking :-

Stand side on to your support, this could be a wall, or a kitchen worktop

- Walk backwards up to 10 steps, start with smaller steps and lengthen
- Keep the back tall and look straight ahead throughout the exercise
- Use a toe through to heel action
- Keep the pace steady and controlled
- Repeat the other way

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



The poster features a central white text box on an orange background decorated with handprints. At the top left is a logo for 'The Community Needs Trust' with a graphic of two hands. To the right is a photograph of a rural landscape with hills. The main text reads: 'Community Meeting On Tyndrum Community Infrastructure Project Tyndrum Inn Monday, December 4th at 5.30pm'. Below this, it states: 'The Community Survey raised more questions than answers. Let us answer some of your questions. Ensure the development is what you want. Make sure you have your say.' At the bottom, it says: 'Followed by: Strathfillan Community Development Trust's AGM Tyndrum Inn from 6.30pm. Free refreshments available: finger buffet, tea, coffee and wine.'

Scottish Wildlife Trust



CALLANDER LOCAL GROUP PROGRAMME 2023-24
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Thursday 14th December '23

Woodland Trust: Standing up for Trees
Ian Baird, Woodland Trust

Thursday 11th January '24

Barn Owls: How is our local population faring?
Steve Willis, BTO

Thursday 15th February '24

Avian Influenza: its effect on our Seabirds
Susan Davies, CEO Scottish Seabird Centre

Thursday 14th March '24

Butterfly Conservation plus pearl-Bordered Frithillary
Anthony McClusky (BC) and Nick Cooke (CLEAR Services Ltd)

Thursday 11th April '24

Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels + very brief AGM
Felix Sanchez-Bishop, SSRS Conservation & Control Officer

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Local Contact: Lesley Hawkins 01077 339000 lhawkins@twscotland.co.uk
General information available on <https://www.scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/local-groups/callander/>



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 6th January 2024

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A Message from the Killin Parent Partnership

The pumpkin patch was a great success, and some hugely creative works were seen! Well done to all the children that took part!

At the start of November we enjoyed a fireside social at the Killin Hotel.

To finish off the year, we will be holding a raffle and refreshments at the Christmas Show!

2024 promises some well loved KPP events as well as taking new opportunities to raise funds for our school.

We are always grateful for help; setting events up, baking a cake or packing up events makes a huge difference! Please feel welcome to join in!

Hayley Kennedy



On Thursday 2nd November, we invited our family and friends to come and view our learning about Incredible India. It was really fun to share our work with our parents and show them what we have been doing this term. We finished off with some Indian songs and dancing. Thank you to everyone who came along.

Leila, P7



Class One loved learning about some of the amazing animals that live in incredible India.

David Smith, from the Stirling Smith Museum and Gallery, came to visit Class 2 to talk to us about the Victorians. He taught us that during the Victorian Era, children who wrote with their left hands would be punished or be forced to wear the Dunce hat. Suddenly, Mr Smith became a Victorian teacher! We were all told to sit up straight, no hands on our desks, and strictly no laughing! We enjoyed a realistic insight into a Victorian classroom.

Thomas, P5



We managed to buy many wonderful books from the RecyKillin shop to add to our library!



This term our House Captain Challenge was to work together to build a lego Taj Mahal!

Cole, P1



The dental nurse from Childsmile came to teach Class 1 how to look after their teeth by brushing twice a day and not eating too much sugar.

Noah, P2



We had a visit from Fred, from Animal Concern, who gave us information about how to help keep our pets calm during the firework season. He also showed us ways we can reduce the harm we do to wild animals.

Alexander, P5



Congratulations to Euan who won the Comrie Firework Poster Competition. He was asked to switch the fireworks on at their Bonfire Night. Well done, Euan.

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Killin Community Council

C60 Bus Service

The main topic under discussion at the recent meeting of the Killin Community Council was the reduction in the C60 bus service between Killin and Callendar. The service was hardly a template for effective and efficient provision of rural public transport as it was. It had deteriorated gradually and inexorably since the heyday of deregulation. There were, in recent memory, direct buses from Killin to Dundee and Edinburgh. Now, all that is left is a skeleton service to and from Callendar that is so sparse and shabby that it is hardly fit for purpose.

Yet, as I write, this stripped-down service is due to cease completely at the end of March next year, leaving us with no service whatsoever. The loss of the C60 service also affects Lochearnhead, Balquidder and Strathyre, and all points between. School children travelling to McLaren High School will not have access to after-school activities, whether that be leisure, recreation, sport or study. They will lose contact with friends and become more isolated in their rural communities. This can be said for all age groups to some degree. Access to essential services will be significantly impacted. People in Lochearnhead will need a car to access the Killin Medical Practice. People in Callendar, who signed up in droves with our dental practice as it is the last one in the area providing NHS treatment, are already reporting serious problems attending these appointments. Employees, key workers, and essential staff commuting from one village to another will no longer be able to do so without private transport. The list goes on. The Community Council is working with a local action group 'Keep the Bus', to schedule a series of meetings to address this issue. The first

meeting, which will be restricted to local groups and organisations representing people impacted by this decision, will plan and schedule a duly advertised public meeting later in the year. This will take place in the McLaren Hall. Look out for notices advertising it. Keep the Bus have designed a feedback form which they have posted on the Facebook community noticeboard page. Please do fill this in with your comments, even if you or members of your family only use the service occasionally. It will only take a couple of minutes and will help our cause by showing strong community concern. It will also help us frame the discussion points for the public meeting.

Council Budget Cuts

Stirling Council have intimated that they need to make significant budgetary cuts over the next year. While the list of potential savings they have identified makes grim reading for anyone, the consequences for rural communities are frightening. These include the closure of libraries, the closure of public toilets, further reductions in nursery provision, reducing or stopping completely after school support and activities, and even reducing the school week for primary pupils. And, of course, top of this list is public transport! This financial meltdown should not come as a surprise. Council Tax has been frozen for almost all of the SNP's time in government. This is a political decision, and a very questionable one, as the people who most benefit from a freeze are comparatively well-off homeowners, while the people most adversely affected by a council tax freeze are those who rely on council services and rural communities who find these services collapsing and closing around them. Take a look at the list

of threatened services on Stirling Council's own website and consider the gradual erosion of services and facilities we have all witnessed over the last decade and a half, and ask yourself; has the council tax freeze really improved my life?

But we are where we are. Many of the services we take for granted are now in jeopardy. If we don't fight back, we shall lose them one by one. The fight starts with the vital transport link upon which many of our residents depend, so I implore you all to give your support to the those involved in Keep the Bus, and be prepared to support all such initiatives over the coming year. Finally, on behalf of the Community Council, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a brighter and more congenial New Year. The next meeting of the Community Council will be held in the McLaren Lesser Hall on 9th January at 7.00pm. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

Andy Aitken



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Callander	Gartmore	Locheearnhead	
Deanston	Killearn	Strathblane	

Further new build developments are being planned for Killearn, Balmaha, Croftamie, Strathblane and Drymen. Please let us know if you want to live in a village that is not listed above. Information on local housing need and demand helps us plan for the future. For further information about us and a downloadable application pack please visit our website www.rsha.org.uk.

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Re-Use Shop & Community Fridge

The warming colours of autumn have done their best to offset the chill creeping in and your Re-Use shop is also ringing the changes with December-themed windows – have you seen them yet?

Why not pop in to find those hidden treasures as you start (or continue) your festive preparations. The new opening hours are 12:00–15:00 Monday to Saturday, excepting Tuesdays when it's 10:00–13:00 To give the volunteers and staff a wee break, both the shop and the Tool Library will close from 15 December until the New Year; so, you'd better get in there quick and grab the bargains while you can.

But hang on, don't panic, you'll still get your morning rolls, bread and vegetables as the Community Fridge will be available at the Re-Use shop door. Speaking of the Community Fridge, we say a sad goodbye to Stella, who's been a stalwart and originator of this amazingly beneficial idea; thank you for everything. Stella leaves a big gap, and we really need more help, if you can spare just one morning a week, or even half an hour? Please pop into the shop on a Saturday for a quick chat, call us on 07470 798357, or email Kirsty@Killincdt.co.uk.

Regrettably, we also say a fond farewell to Kerri, who's been a fabulous volunteer over the past year. We wish you both good luck for the future.

And while we're showing our appreciation, we'd like to thank every one of you who has donated, made purchases or simply popped in to say hello and have a good blether throughout 2023.

Food Growing Group

Returning to thoughts of food, as we do more of at this time of the year, the food growing project is continuing to develop and we're working hard to seek funding. We'd like to thank Biosismic Ltd for their pro bono support with the garden design! If you are interested in joining the food growing group mailing list and would like to get involved in designing and building the garden, please contact raina@killincdt.co.uk

The Old Mill

Psst – has anyone mentioned there's something special just around the corner? It's almost CHRISTMAS! And The Old Mill is holding a 2 WEEK CHRISTMAS LOCAL MAKERS' MARKET!!!

From Mon 27th Nov- Sun 10th Dec we will be open 10AM-5PM 7 days a week, plus LATE-NIGHT SHOPPING, music and a glass of mulled wine on both Thursdays!!

At the weekends we will have FESTIVE HAVE-A-GO CRAFTS for all the family and hot festive drinks.

Our Christmas event builds on the success of our trial Makers' Market, which has been running in partnership with Made in Stirling (thanks guys for all your support!) over the summer. We will be OPENING AGAIN IN APRIL 2024 to bring you even more local makers' and artists' delights!

And, don't forget to come along to the annual REBEDDING OF THE HEALING STONES on CHRISTMAS EVE at 11AM. We plan to have music, a little chat about St Fillan, and of course we'll carry out the ancient re-bedding ceremony. As usual, just turn up and of course, it is completely free.

If you would like to book a visit, or use the Stones at any time, contact raina@killincdt.co.uk

Over the winter the Old Mill team will be beavering away behind the scenes to develop our heritage offering.

We are also planning some online video shots on the Old Mill and St Fillan Heritage and history, so, keep eye on the Old Mill Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/OldMill.KAT> for updates!

Youth Project

Halloween seems like a long time ago now; but head over to Carla's update to read about the hair-raising antics the Youth Project got up to last month. Then check out what they have planned for Christmas crafts, creativity and community commotions.

For more information and details about their activities, check out the Killin Youth Project Facebook page, and if you'd like to volunteer or support us, contact Carla@Killincdt.co.uk

Breadalbane Park

You know how we're always looking for grants to help buy more equipment for Breadalbane Park, and asking your support? Well guess what! In October the final piece of the embankment equipment was installed, just in time for the school holidays. We were lucky to receive funding from Killin Sports and Recreation Hub, The Friends of Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park, KAT and local fundraising, all added funds to the pot. Thank you everyone who contributed towards this piece.



We're now thinking about the next piece of equipment, the climbing frame structure, which will be done in 3 phases.

The first phase is the most expensive and will cost around £13,000, sounds a lot but together we've got this, we can do it.

If you'd like to contribute you can donate here <https://www.givengain.com/campaign/breadalbane-park-play-park-development>

Other news

I know you're all super keen to learn more about each of the KAT projects and everyone who tirelessly and freely gives their own time to support our community, so go on, take a peek at our website, www.killincdt.co.uk, you know you're curious.

And if you feel you can support your community by volunteering or joining us; please don't hesitate to get in touch with theresa@killincdt.co.uk

Every one of these projects is initiated by you.

KAT and all your volunteers strive to bring these to life for you and keep Killin captivating for our community and its kindred spirits.

From all at KAT, thank you for your unwavering support, your unrelenting collaboration, and your solid, steadfast sense of togetherness and community.

Have an absolutely crackin' Killin Christmas everyone.

Bridget Saddler
chair@killincdt.co.uk

Ladies



The Killin branch of the Cancer Research UK charity recently held their annual Ladies Lunch in the McLaren Hall, Killin.

There was a fantastic turn out as usual, and a great time was had by all...

....and most importantly, over £4000 was raised for CRUK.

Well done to the organising team for another memorable event, and roll on next year !



Lunch



National Park Partnership Plan

Killin as a climate-resilient place where people and nature thrive together, by Gordon Watson Chief Executive of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority.

The recent flood events that affected communities across the National Park were a stark reminder that climate change is already having an impact on people's lives and livelihoods. More than ever before, it is clear that collective action is required to reshape the Park as a climate-resilient place where people and nature thrive together.

There are already excellent examples of community groups, schools, individuals and businesses playing their part to tackle climate change and nature loss here in the National Park.

This year, Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) brought down 32 electricity transmission towers in Killin to replace them with underground cables. This was hugely beneficial in reducing the visual impact of energy provision for the local community in Killin and on special landscapes in the National Park. It is in line with the aims in our next National Park Partnership Plan to provide communities with

infrastructure that delivers for climate, nature and people.

The draft National Park Partnership Plan also recognises that being connected with nature can improve a person's health and wellbeing and encourage them to protect the natural environment.

National Parks have an important role in providing this opportunity to people from all backgrounds and this year the Killin Group was named Health Walk Group of the Year at Paths for All's Volunteer Awards 2023. This group, which is part of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs Countryside Trust's flagship project Walk in the Park, holds weekly Health Walks throughout the year as well as Dementia Friendly sessions for people living with dementia and their carers.

The scale and urgency of the climate and nature crises are the main drivers for the next five-year plan for the National Park, the National Park Partnership Plan.

The views of people who live in, work in, and visit the Park are being incorporated into that long-term plan, which aims to secure a positive, sustainable future for the area. During a consultation between April and July this year, local residents, businesses and community groups

shared their views on the National Park's future, particularly on how to tackle significant challenges for nature, climate and people. This included key issues such as nature restoration, land use change, travel and transport, jobs, skills and housing.

We were open about the challenges facing the National Park, particularly in terms of the twin global crises for nature and climate, the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, and the need for bold action here and now. It has been encouraging to see that the vast majority of people agree on these priorities and the joined-up effort needed to address them. All the feedback received will be used to inform the final National Park Partnership Plan which will be presented to the National Park Authority Board in December for approval, before being submitted to Scottish Ministers.

We look forward to sharing that final plan with communities and visitors in Spring 2024 – and to coming together to restore nature, tackle climate change and ensure greener economic growth for the National Park.

More information about the upcoming National Park Partnership Plan can be found online at

www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/future

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Walk in the Park - Killin Health Walks bring Community Together

Kicking off this month's update we start with the BIG announcement that 'Walk in the Park' has been celebrated for its positive impact within the Killin community, by Scotland's national walking charity. Named the Health Walk Group of the Year at the Paths for All's Volunteer Awards 2023 last month, members of the Killin group along with Fiona and Grace from the Countryside Trust team, gathered at Holyrood to



receive the award. It was hats off to the group who kept things under wraps until the official announcement and took part in a secret filming session during one of their regular Wednesday walks.

For the group and everyone who was unable to attend the awards on the last evening walk of the summer, the group celebrated with a celebration night at The Pavillion Sports & Recreation Hub which included a special screening of the award film. Please visit Paths for All website to watch the film - <https://www.pathsforall.org.uk/whats-on/gallery-details/volunteer-award-winners-2023#6>. The award can also be seen on display within the Killin News office window and we would like to thank them for their support.



Walk schedule - Join us every Wednesday!

The new December to January health walk schedule is out now - led by trained volunteers on routes that they personally risk assess and trial

out themselves. Each walk is less than an hour long beginning with a short gentle warm up, followed by a brisk walk and followed by a short cool down at the end. The walks are friendly, regular and we encourage and welcome new walkers to join us and who feel they would benefit from being more active. The walks are also an opportunity to meet new people in your area and explore places you might not have been before.

During Christmas and the New Year there will be a short break with the last walk this year being the 13th of December and returning for the New Year on the 10th of January starting from their new meeting place at the Pavillion Sports & Recreation Hub (or the Capercaillie - check the programme for details).

In Step with Nature - Noticing Seeds

Grace, the Countryside Trust's new Health Walk Coordinator brings to you another fabulous In Step with Nature challenge, as for the next couple of weeks participants will be concentrating on noticing the various types of seeds produced by trees. Grace was inspired to focus on this because it's seed gathering season right now - the best time to get out and collect seeds for planting and growing young trees.



Grace has suggested that if you're interested in identifying seeds while you're out and about, the Tree Council have some great online resources which describe common trees and their seeds. If you have thoughts, photos, perhaps poems that you would like to share with others, contact Grace to join their 'In Step with Nature' WhatsApp group.

Strength and Balance - Wednesdays 2.00pm-3.00pm

Strength and balance exercises are perfect for anyone worried about slipping or falling. The simple exercises include leg raises and ankle movement - and all the sessions are run by trained volunteers. Participants have shared how the sessions have helped give them more confidence to go out more and be independent and build their strength to take the stairs. Come along

weekly to the Killin & Ardeonaig Parish Church for this fun, social session. Stay for a cuppa and a natter afterwards. No booking required.

Age Scotland Awards

Rosie and Isobel, their trained volunteer strength and balance demonstrators, recently received from Age Scotland certificates from participant David Pritchard.

Although not successful in winning this time, the award recognises the fantastic work both Rosie and Isobel do in delivering the Trusts weekly S&B sessions, the connections made in the community and friendships formed through their exceptional commitment and service. Thank you, ladies, for your inspirational work!



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10 January 2024	Pavilion Sports & Recreation Hub	Loch Circuit/Old Railway		
17 January 2024	Capercaillie	Craigavie Road		
24 January 2024	Pavilion Sports & Recreation Hub	Glen Ogle to Viaduct		
31 January 2024	Capercaillie	River Dochart & Old Railway to Memorial		
07 February 2024	Pavilion Sports & Recreation Hub	Golf Club Walk		

No need to book, just turn up.
Walks are followed by optional refreshments in a local coffee shop/hotel.
For more information contact: fiona@trustinthepark.org
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Beavers at Ben Lawers NNR



In late July a member of our ranger team came across several cut down trees and branches in one of our enclosures, and with closer examination saw the tell-tale markings of Beaver. This is the first time Beavers have been recorded on the reserve and was a wonderful surprise for the team!

Further investigation has shown that the beavers have now built a dam on the burn. This impressive structure has slowed the water in the stream considerably and has created an interesting new wetland area above it. Beavers are considered a keystone species due to their ability to shape freshwater habitats which benefits many other animal and plant species. They do this through the building of dams, the digging of canals, and the creation of dead wood.



Many readers will be well aware of the beavers found around Loch Tay and the rivers Dochart and Lochay. It seems as though some particularly adventurous beavers have managed to make it up into the Ben Lawers NNR which may be the highest altitude beaver colony in the UK at 460m.

The colonization by beavers would not have been possible without the pioneering work at NTS Ben Lawers team in the creation of montane woodland. The beavers are feeding on trees that were planted on Ben Lawers NNR within one of our enclosures and without this there would have been no food source for the beavers. The Beavers are feeding on a range of different species including Birch, Aspen and Willow.

Its still early days for this population and the number of Beavers in this population is still to be determined. We will continue to monitor the population and record any changes to the surrounding habitat.



For more info on Ben Lawers go to www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/ben-lawers

Local Planning Applications

National Park

22 Sep 2023
 Proposal: North and South end
 platform extension with barriers,
 gates, handrails and steps
 Location: Crianlarich Railway Station
 Station Road Crianlarich
 Applicant: Mr Fraser MacKenzie (OBO
 Network Rail)
 Application Type: Prior Notification
 Decision: Prior approval not required

26 Sep 2023
 Proposal: Erection of single storey
 extension
 Location: Craigdochart Craignavie
 Road Killin
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs N. Copeland
 Application Type: Householder
 Planning Permission
 Decision: Current

28 Sep 2023
 Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse
 Location: Land Adjacent To Masonic
 Lodge Main Street Killin
 Applicant: Miss S Hewitt
 Application Type: Detailed Planning
 Permission
 Decision: Current

03 Oct 2023
 Proposal: Tree works within a
 conservation area - removal of one
 Spruce
 Location: Burnbrae Cottage 6 Clifton
 Road Tyndrum
 Applicant: Mrs Rena Baillie
 Application Type: Tree works
 application
 Decision: Current

09 Oct 2023
 Proposal: Change of use of land from
 combined heat and power plant to
 battery energy storage system, and
 installation of requisite works and
 infrastructure
 Location: Acharn Forest Killin
 Applicant: Biomass Energy
 Renewables LLP
 Application Type: Detailed Planning
 Permission

Decision: Current

01 Nov 2023
 Proposal: Erection of pergola to
 partially cover existing outdoor
 seating, extension to paved area,
 alterations to recycling facilities to
 accommodate 2 no. disabled parking
 bays, insertion of 2 no. doors and
 alterations to fenestration
 Location: The Real Food Cafe
 Tyndrum Crianlarich
 Applicant: Sarah Heward
 Application Type: Detailed Planning
 Permission
 Decision: Current

Perth & Kinross Council

Nothing to Report

Stirling Council

26 Jul 2023
 Proposal: Erection of 5 bedroom
 Estate Lodge which comprises of
 manager's house, an office for estate
 manager, and short stay
 accommodation for seasonal workers
 (with no holiday letting),
 refurbishment of Bothy for use as
 artist retreat and demolition of
 existing sheep shed
 Location: Batavaime Kennock
 Lubchurran Road Killin
 Applicant: Glenlochay AG
 Application Type: Full
 Decision: Awaiting decision

17 Oct 2023
 Proposal: Application under Section
 150(1)(c) of the Town and Country
 Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to
 clarify compliance with condition 5 of
 applications S/05/00653/DET and
 21/00627/FUL to allow each of the
 three chalets to be sold or let
 individually for use as temporary
 holiday accommodation or holiday
 letting accommodation
 Location: Brae Lodge Ardeonaig
 Applicant: Abernethy Trust Ltd
 Application Type: Proposed
 Certificate of Lawfulness

Decision: Approve with Reasons

31 Oct 2023
 Proposal: Battery electricity storage
 project of above 20MW and below
 50MW
 Location: Land To West Of Killin
 Switching Station Killin
 Applicant: Boreland Energy Ltd
 Application Type: Proposal of
 Application Notice
 Decision: Closed

01 Nov 2023
 Proposal: Installation of a 20m high
 lattice mast accommodating 4no.
 0.6m transmission dishes and
 ancillary development within a 10x14
 metre compound surrounded by a
 stockproof fence, complete with
 access gate. The proposed compound
 will also accommodate 2no. cabinets;
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 proposed new section of 3m wide by
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 track from the existing stone track.
 Location: Land 165M North Of
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It's been our first Autumn at Tombreck, and we're told that it was very wet even by Scottish standards! We've struggled to keep warm and dry and so have the plants. The first heavy rain storm sent a stream into the polytunnel, leaving a big puddle at the bottom and threatening the winter salads with mildew. We dug a simple French drain on the uphill side – basically a flat-bottomed trench angled downhill at a steady gradient and filled up with stones – and this seems to be diverting water around the sides of the tunnel quite effectively. Hearing what other farmers have had to deal with, we're

thankful that this has been the worst of our troubles.

Our new veg box scheme has had a steady start, making good use of the seasonal abundance, and we expect to continue into January with what we've grown in our first year before pausing until late Spring. One-off box orders are available as well as subscriptions, and we will be enabling optional add-ons in the week before Christmas, including our own spiced green tomato chutney, which is rather delicious if I say so myself!

Scottish Wildlife Trust

Pitlochry and Highland Perthshire Branch

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th December (not our usual Monday) at 19.30, at the Tryst, Church of Scotland, 13 Bonnethill Road, Pitlochry, PH16 5BS.

Logan Steele, a member of the Tayside Raptor group will give a talk on "Birds of Prey".

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Coming Soon! We also have Townbreak Dementia Support Services looking to hold a social group in Killin, no dates confirmed yet, if you have internet access visit their website, townbreak.org for further information.

Just another reminder that our practice is open from 8am. If you feel

you need an urgent appointment, the earlier we know, the better service we can provide.

Over the Christmas and New Year period we will be closed:

25th & 26th December 2023
1st & 2nd January 2024

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Have a lovely Christmas and a happy and healthy 2024. Best wishes from all the team at Killin Medical Practice.

Ann Massey
Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group

At the last meeting we heard that hospital cars are still being frequently asked to take patients for early appointments which means that drivers have extremely early starts. The hospital reports that they can no longer initially give out later appointments to rural postcodes as this is seen as favouring these areas. Appointments are allocated on a first come first served basis, but patients are asked to change these if required. Let us know how you get on with this please.

Equally, let us know how well care is being delivered, as we are assured that all is now well in the area, all

care being delivered by council staff. Anyone interested in working in this area can apply.

We had a visit from two people who will be coming once fortnightly in the near future to help anyone with care/assisted living issues such as applying for help. The idea is to reduce stressful issues and so promote better health and wellbeing. You may be recommended by a GP or you will be able to apply yourself. We hope to have full information at our next meeting which is on **Wednesday Dec. 6th at 12:30** at the surgery. Everyone welcome.

Linda Frost

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Lochay Transformer Replacement

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SSEN's Transmission's 132kV transformer replacement project adjacent to Lochay Power Station involves the construction of a new substation compound, including building to house indoor equipment.

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Progress on site

Following our Principal Contractors Global and Balfour Beatty successfully mobilising to site in June 2023, construction works officially commenced in July 2023.

Works to date have seen the diversion of the existing storm drain around the site, stripping of the topsoil (as depicted in the above photograph) and breaking out of rock completed. The works currently ongoing are formation of the platform and its drainage.

Upcoming works

The platform ground works will be complete in January 2024, this will include the drainage works and installation of the gabion basket wall.

Following on from this will be installation of concrete bases for the outdoor electrical plant.

Festive period

Site closure dates for the festive period will be:

22 December 2023 – 5 January 2024

Although the site will be closed for all construction workers during this period, security will remain in place.

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

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Frost Report



Looking out of the window on another very wet day I'm wondering how the birds can still flit about and feed without appearing to get wet. OK they have special preen glands to keep their feathers in good condition and waterproof but come on! These little guys could teach WD40 a few things. Also, our busy squirrels happily munching away while hanging upside down, tummy up to the rain. Invisible wetsuits or what? It really is marvellous and still a mystery how our wild friends adapt so well to their lifestyles.

Farm animals too, the tups do not seem to be put off their "romancing" by the weather either. Better not try to answer that one.

At the moment we have a hit squad of blue and great tits, many of which I think, are youngsters hatched here this year. If the shed doors are left open the tiniest crack my next visit is met by a squadron of them leaving like bikers on the run leaving behind a trashed floor. They really seem to like cable ties which they pull down onto the floor, maybe they look like worms? The front step is another battleground and parcels and newspapers are shredded. One great tit in particular will tap away for hours at trainer and croc soles. Why?

Presumably finding tiny seeds or other delicious morsels. Similar scavenging goes on at the car tyres. Why were the last few swallows still here in November? Were they waiting for the first snow on the tops before they went off to warmer climes.

A larger and more recent visitor has been a kestrel, we see so few these days. Why? What has changed so much? Maybe this one is the reason for fewer mice in our traps. Where

have the mice all gone? Our friendly neighbourhood owl is certainly wondering, and we are having to resort to frozen supplies (be careful what you take if you rob our outside freezer).

A yet unanswered question is what sets the security light on every evening soon after dark? Maybe the pine marten poo on the stones may have some bearing?

Will the new legislation stopping the closed season in Scotland for stags have a quick solution to reducing deer numbers? Or will this result in an imbalance of the sexes? It is hinds which produce the calves so...? Is the increase and spread of sea eagles going to impact on our already stressed golden eagles? Did you see the beautifully photographed programme on sea eagles etc. by Hamza Yassin? He not only dances very well but also says it as it is. He has shots of a sea eagle stooping to catch a flying barnacle goose. Eat your words those who told farmers that sea eagles would only take carrion and would not attack live lambs! When the forestry lobby have shot all the deer and the rewilders have affected the eagles what are they going to print on the Scottish shortbread tins?

Will the extensive rewilding project on Dalnacardoch estate really manage to get capercaillie back within this decade? A good deal of money is being put into changes in habitat use and educating the locals (sounds a bit like rhino conservation in Africa).

One of Africa's mysteries has been solved. Huge numbers of elephant in Southern Africa died in 2020 and the cause has been identified as a Pasteurella bacterium. It had been

previously identified in saiga antelope in Kazakhstan. When we were in Botswana about ten years ago, there was already a similar unexplained plague of dead elephants so this may be the answer there too. Not just us with pandemics then.

Corncrakes have been on the decline for many years, but some areas have recently seen a rise in numbers, (an estimated 850) and it was wondered why. Apparently, the quantity and quality of land management in some areas leaving tall winter dead wild plants was the reason. Why this is when the birds fly south to The Congo for the winter (how very sensible!) isn't clear. It is maybe because it provides a better feeding area when the corncrake return?

And a final question, this time from fox news. How did a London fox get into a dog café? (I'm presuming that this was a dog friendly café not one exclusively for dogs to go to for a coffee and bone and sniff their friends) and chew the seating? The answer is that he fell through a roof hatch.

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New Year Fireworks and Festive Lights

As I write it will soon be December and the season of Hogmanay will be upon us once again. A truly festive time of the year when all of us will hopefully have events to look forward to including, I hope, the New Year Fireworks display.

Stirling Council may have cancelled Stirling's fireworks display but, all is set for this year's Killin Fireworks display along with the festive lights on our Main Street – which were put up during mid-November. The recent heavy rainfall made the Falls pretty spectacular for a few days, but alas damaged one of the bridge lights causing all of them to fail. It is to be hoped that we can manage to have the damage fixed and once again enjoy the bridge lights.

By the time the Killin News is published we shall have held the draw for our fund-raising raffle and while I am not able to say how much has been raised at the time of writing, ticket sales have been going well, so thanks to everyone who bought tickets. While on the subject of thanks Ron and I would like to express our gratitude to the raffle prize givers – The Capercaillie, The Courie Inn, The Real Food Restaurant, Bridge End Mill, Morag Felgate Massage Therapy, Gourlay Butchers, Brenda Simpson, Sarah McPhee and our own Sheila Allner.

As part of the Council licence application for the fireworks I have had to include a COVID risk assessment. While we have come to accept that we are living with the disease it is still a risk for many. I felt it was therefore prudent to publish a part of that risk assessment below:-

Government advice is that there are things that individuals can do to stay well and protect others. These are:-

- try to stay at home if you have symptoms
- if you have symptoms and do need to go out, wear a well-fitting face covering
- get the vaccine if offered to give you the best possible protection
- wash your hands regularly
- meet in well-ventilated spaces
- support , for anyone who prefers others to take extra care around them.

That said, we would encourage anyone exhibiting Covid symptoms to stay away. We hope that everyone will heed the advice for the benefit of all.

It simply remains for Ron and me to thank everyone for their support this year at a time when everyone is feeling the pressures from the cost-of-living crisis. We hope everyone will enjoy Hogmanay and especially the Fireworks display.

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Killin Golf Club

Members of the golf club gathered to celebrate the season just ending. The prize winners gathered their prizes - some with more than others, but all were celebrated with applause and cheers. It was a great evening catching up with everyone and watching as new friendships were made.

The golf course will remain open throughout the winter (weather permitting), sometimes we will be playing on winter greens and tees to protect the main ones. Honesty box will be in operation.



2023 Prize Winners

Senior Gents

Ivor Noble Quaich	- Allan McHenery
John Hall Cup	- Allan McHenery
Senior Trophy	- Allan McHenery
Medal Play Off	- still to be played
Willie Allan Trophy	- B.L. Stock
Toddy Trophy	- B.L Stock
Alastair Robertson Eclectic	- Allan McHenery
Tarmachan Trophy	- n/p

Gents

Monthly Medal Winners

April	- Paul Melia
May	- Daniel Knecht
June	- Paul Melia
July	- Jim Atkinson
August	- Jim Atkinson
Sept	- Billy Ronald
Captains Putter	- Daniel Knecht
Jack McLean (2 ball)	- Paul Melia, Jim Atkinson
Arrochar Trophy	- R.D Lewis
Flag Competition	- Billy Ronald
Jack Noble Stableford	- Daniel Knecht
Shotgun Foursomes	- Tam Dewar, Ray Back
Fred France	- Peter Nettleton
Medal Play Off	- Daniel Knecht
Gents Outing Trophy	- Tam Dewar
Dr Wilson	- still to be played
Foursomes Trophy	- still to be played
Fourball Trophy	- still to be played
George Smith Rosebowl	- n/p
Club Champion	- R. D Lewis

Ladies

Flag Competition	- Sheila Aitken
May Wilson Trophy	- Sheila Aitken, Audrey Weaver
McKay Cup	- Silvia Knecht
Captains Prize	- Kay Dowling
Birdie Tree	- Kay Dowling
Par Tree	- Silvia Knecht
Eclectic (Scratch)	- Kay Dowling 66
Eclectic (Handicap)	- Silvia Knecht 48
Chrissie France	- Kay Dowling
Ladies Medal handicap 0-20	- Kay Dowling
Ladies Medal handicap 21+	- Liz Stevens
Senior Ladies Medal	- Moira Reilly
Golden Oldie Trophy	- n/p
Mystery Competition	- n/p
Ladies Champion	- Kay Dowling

Mixed

Dr Stevenson	- Moira Reilly & Dickie Lewis
Lochay Trophy	- Tam Dewar & Lizzie Stevens
Centenary Cup	- n/p
Adult and Junior Cup	- n/p
Junior Championship	- n/p

Competition Winners representing Killin Golf Club at further rounds

Ladies Coronation Foursomes	- Sheila Aitken, Silvia Knecht
R&A 9 Hole Competition	- Daniel Knecht, Mons Bolin
Ladies Daily Mail Foursomes	- Moira Reilly, Kay Dowling
Gents Daily Mail Foursomes	- Paul Melia, Daniel Knecht
Scottish Medal Finalists	- Kay Dowling, Peter Nettleton

Congratulations



Mr and Mrs Sion Roberts

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Congratulations to **Arran Goddard** who graduated on 6th October 2023 from the School of Adventure Studies, University of Highlands & Islands, with a BA Hons degree in Adventure Tourism Management. Arran's passion for the outdoors has created his career, now joining the award-winning team at Wilderness Scotland, working internationally, based in Aviemore. He especially focuses on resilience and mental health through outdoor exploring in Scotland and Greenland and is also an Arctic Guide with children's charity The Polar Academy.

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open to all. Nick explained that the past decade has seen an explosion of public interest in off-road pilgrimage travel across Europe. He has worked with volunteer steering groups in setting up 10 routes in Scotland, totalling some 1,000 miles in length. The Kentigern Way is the newest Pilgrim Route leading from Annan to Glasgow.

We spent an interesting and entertaining session in November with our guest speaker Anthony Weld Forester whose subject was 'Lord Kames and the Draining of The Carse'. Apart from being one of the leading figures of the Scottish Enlightenment, Lord Kames was the force behind one of the greatest agricultural experiments of the late C18, which was the draining of a

large part of Flanders Moss, creating the Carse of Stirling as we see it today.

We look forward to Peter Ireland's presentation, 'Travels in Antique Lands,' later in January. We also have up to 30 interest groups. New for 2023/24 is the 'Our Villages' group, which will visit our villages and learn from locals about the history of the settlements, how populations have changed, what life is like today.

Membership of Callander and West Perthshire u3a is only £10/year. For that sum you can attend as many events and interest groups as you wish. Have a look at our website candwpu3a.org to find out more. It's not too late to join.

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My First Visit to Killin



Beinn nan Eachan East Top, mysteriously deleted from Munro's Tables in 1981

March 1986. There were three of us. Nine months earlier we had struggled through deep snow in the Pyrenees and had to spend a night out high up under a boulder. Perhaps we thought we were ready for anything, but we had not given much thought to conditions in Scotland in the middle of March. I was 33 but infected with the enthusiasm of youth that I had never felt in my youth.

The wind howled and roared as we got higher. Snow blew over and around and up our sleeves and noses and down our socks and necks. We had ice axes and we clung to them, and when we could no longer stand up we crawled and that was how we reached the summit of Beinn Ghlas, one of the easiest of the high hills. There was no debate on top, we went down and heard later that a car had been blown off Skye and into the sea. Welcome to Scotland, this is your life.

It was our third day in the hills, but it was Meall nan Tarmachan that got me started, the first hill I climbed purely because it was in *Munro's Tables*. I had never heard of it before but it looked superb, totally coated in

white. We knew nothing of the ridge or the route so we went the obvious way to us, up alongside the pipeline, along the crest east to west and back down the middle. Meall Garbh came as a shock, with a steep and icy drop down the other side. That bit was tricky but we managed. Then on to Beinn nan Eachan and Creag na Caillich, both looking and feeling as brilliant as the first two. Four in a day, what a start. They all counted.

Later on I started to look into things more deeply and realised that the Holy Tables had been tampered with, distorted by unholy editors. This was no truth to believe in after all, it was another false lead. There was only one solution. I would have to find out the truth for myself. I thought I could find the truth on Ordnance Survey maps, so I studied them forensically. They were pretty good but full of discrepancies, so I realised they were fallible as well. Eventually I turned my attention elsewhere and put my faith in the invisible presence in the heavens, beyond the clouds. Satellites. Thank you science, technology and the Global Navigation Satellite System ...

... In 2019 I moved to Killin, to a house with a view of the Tarmachan ridge and Beinn Ghlas. It would be romantic to think it was fulfilment of a dream that had begun in 1986. Other people seemed to have dreams and plans like that, but not me. I moved because I happened to stop outside an estate agent window in Crieff and saw a picture of a house that looked nicer than mine, and the text mentioned a view and I thought that as I was now in receipt of a state pension, I could afford the monthly mortgage repayments. So I went and had a look and then I bought it. I didn't look at any other houses, this one was fine. I had always liked Killin but for some reason I had never thought of living there.

This is an edited extract from The 1033 High Hills of Britain, written and published in Killin, available from Killin Outdoor Shop or Pedantic Press (pedantic.org.uk). Soundtrack also available, featuring the Meall nan Tarmachan song.

Alan Dawson

2nd Killin & District Scout Group Stirling & Trossachs



Our Beaver group went on their annual sleepover at the end of September! Using the community minibus we headed along the loch to the Scottish Crannog centre where we had a wonderful afternoon learning what life would have been like many thousand years ago. We got hands on making clay pots, learning how to hand spin thread from wool, tasting nettle tea and even going on a boar hunt! A massive thank you to the Crannog centre for their hospitality we really would encourage a visit there!



We then spent our overnight in Aberfeldy Scout Hall. Our theme for the camp was the Disney film "Brave" set in medieval Scotland. We played a bit of indoor hockey to replicate shinty, went on the trail of Willo the wisps and enjoyed the compulsory movie night in their sleeping bags and tents! The sleepover is a big step for many of our Beavers their first night away from their parents so a big well done to everyone achieving another night away badge.

Laura Bathgate

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**Christmas wishes to all our friends at home and abroad
From Morag, Archie and Lucy**

Jim Beattie and Elizabeth Hancock are not sending out cards this year, so we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year

Jimmy and Maureen Gauld would like to wish our many friends and neighbours a very healthy Xmas and a beautiful time at New Year and later

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What's On In Killin And District

Regular Activities

Coming Soon !

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)

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 10am-4pm, The Pavillion, Main Street
- 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, fortnightly, various locations
- Highland Hustle, 6.30-7.15pm, Lesser McLaren Hall
- Youth Club, P6/7 5.45-7.15pm
S1-3 7.30-9.00pm [Sign-Ups: alasdair@cyp.org.uk]
- Multi-Sports Session - Wednesdays (Fortnightly), P5-7 5-6pm, S1-3 6-7pm [sign-ups: 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

- Killin Community Hub, 12.30-2.30 Sports Pavilion
- SWI, 7.30pm (1st Thursday of month, Community Rooms)

Friday

- Pilates, 9am, 10am and 11am Community Rooms. Booking essential on 07866 018629
- Yoga, 10.15 - 11.30 McLean Hall, Fearnan.

Saturday

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

Sunday

- Football in the Park, 8-11 years, Check for times with Andy.
- Killin Gun Club, 3rd Sun of month March-December. Contact Stuart Ogston 07999 510014 Henry Paterson 01567 820354

Church Services

- **Killin & Ardeonaig Parish Church**
- **1st Sunday of the month**
10:00am Sunday worship including Sunday School
- **2nd Sunday of the month**
10:00 Sunday worship including communion
- **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**
- See www.strathearn-episcopal-churches.co.uk for details
- **Roman Catholic Church**
- Sunday Mass in Callander at 11:30am

- **December**
- 27th Nov-10th Dec Christmas Local Makers Market and Festive Have a Go Crafts p19
- 6th PPG Meeting p28
- 6th Walk in the park p23
- 13th Walk in the park p23
- 13th Dec Scottish Wildlife Trust Pitlochry p 27
- 16th Dec Lantern Making Workshop p35
- 24th Dec. Rebedding of the Healing Stones p19
- 24th Christmas Eve church service
- 31st Dec Hogmany Lantern Walk p35
- 31st New Year Fireworks p32
- **January**
- 1st New Year Dance
- 6th Killin SWI Centenary p13
- 9th Community Council Meeting p17
- 11th Scottish Wildlife Trust Callander p13
- 19th Breadalbane Heritage Society p8
- **February**
- Killin Youth Project Media Matters Course p9

Mobile Libraries

Please see the council websites for any updates.

Crianlarich/Tyndrum Fortnightly Fridays
8th Dec, 22nd Dec
Crianlarich
School 10:45-11:30
Glenfalloch Rd 11:40-12:00
Willow Square 12:05-12:25

Tyndrum
Green Welly 13:40-14:10
Mansefield 14:15-14:45
Glen Lochay/Ardeonaig Fortnightly Mondays
4th Dec, 18th Dec
Glen Lochay 11.45-12.30
Ardeonaig 14.00-14.45

Perth and Kinross Three week stops, Tuesday
5th Dec, 9th Jan, 30th Jan, 20th Feb
Tombreck 16.10-16.30

Recycling Centres

Callander

Monday-Friday: 5pm-7.30pm
Saturday: 10am-1.30pm
Sunday: Closed

Aberfeldy

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

Crieff

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

Which bin? Saturdays

9th Dec 16th Dec

23rd Dec 30th Dec

6th Jan 13th Jan

20th Jan 27th Jan

Red = no bin collection

Grey = grey bin + blue bin

Brown = brown bin + glass box

Green = brown bin + green bin

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We wish each and every one of our customers a very
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