

KILLIN NEWS

KILLIN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

The Games overcome the Weather



The Games Competitors with Terry Butcher and David Webster (back to camera).

The 1994 Killin Highland Games did happen as planned and in spite of dreadful weather, must be counted as a striking success for the recently formed Killin Traders' Association.

John Mallinson, the Association's Chairman, modestly claimed it as "reasonably profitable" and providing the resources with which to tackle other supporting events over the next years. John hopes that the Games will become an annual event and perhaps even link up with the Agricultural Show to set up a two to three week cluster of events to attract tourists and local people.

Already plans are afoot to engage the same group of internationally known "strong men" for the 1995 Killin Games! What else may happen in the intervening weeks before "the show" remains to be seen, but we have already heard rumours of a "Music Festival", but enough about the future.

We called the Games a success in spite of the weather, but perhaps it is as well the weather was bad, for nearly 2,000 people braved the rain to attend. Had it been a sunny day, we hate to think of the parking problem we would have had!

While we give well earned credit to the Traders Association for the success of the Games, we also recognise the major contribution of David Webster (who did the continuous commentary) these marvellous strong men who really made the day a great success and also Douglas Edmonds who did the judging.

On the financial side, we understand that the sponsorship (so necessary with events of this kind) was, after a shaky start, very satisfactory, with Calor Gas the major sponsor and many local businesses lending much needed support. It is our view that following this successful start (or rather re-start) next year's Games should not lack eager sponsors.

(Photographic coverage of the Games is given on pages 7 and 8).

Notice to Advertisers

First, let us take this opportunity to thank you all very sincerely for your marvellous support over the last three years. The Killin News could not have kept going without your help. Unfortunately, Stirling District Council's new policy for its Resource Centre will mean our costs to produce the paper will rise by about 40%. Two of the posts in the Centre; Graphic Designer and Printer, are to be made self funding. But be not alarmed! We do not intend to raise our advertising rates by such a large amount, probably, in fact, will look to increase in the area of 10% and find other cost effective ways of meeting the difference. In these circumstances we hope that we can continue to count upon your support and iron out any particular difficulties on a personal basis. Thank you again.

Editor

Killin Show says Farewell to Pat Christie



Our photograph shows Pat Christie clutching the bouquet presented to her at this year's Agricultural Show. Pat is retiring after 25 years looking after and developing the Killin Show, one of the most important in Scotland. For most of these years she shared the task with husband Gilbert, who retired as Chairman two years ago. Many thanks Pat, from Killin and the agricultural community. More pictures of the Show on pages 9 and 10.

Winner of the Co-op "Scrabble" Hamper

Comment

By the time you read this, perhaps more will be known about the military plane crash in Glenogle. We understand that the plane's flight data recorder has been found and may provide some clues as to the cause of this horrific crash which killed the pilot and navigator. That there were no other casualties, is to say the least, a blessing, given that the villages of Lochearnhead and Killin were, in terms of the speed of these planes, mere seconds away from disaster!

For years there have been complaints about the "disturbance" caused by such low flying. When we dealt with the subject in March 1992, we learned then that RAF Leuchars alone gets approximately 300 complaints a year. We also published a letter in a subsequent issue claiming that some of these flights were lower than ever and twice in number. Well, it is no longer a matter of mere "noise pollution"; it now seems to be something of much greater concern!

We understand there is an all party group in the House of Commons pressing for tighter restrictions on low flying. We hope they will be able to take into consideration this latest tragedy.

Next Issue: Christmas

The next issue of the paper will be distributed towards the end of November and it will be **the Christmas Issue**, so please get your Christmas advertisements in as soon as possible, by the end of October at the latest. This applies to letters, articles and all other copy. Thank you.

Editor



While a substantial number of Killin people won smaller prizes in the Co-op Scrabble, none, to our knowledge, won any of the cars or Caribbean holidays. May Aitken, however, did win the Co-op hamper filled with goodies.



Our Weather by Mervyn K Brown



In the previous issue of the Killin News mention was made in this column of the hope for a reasonable spell of weather in late July/early August in order to secure hay in good condition. This wish, as we now know, has been granted and to judge from the numerous stacks and 'stows' of very high quality hay, to be seen around the Lochside in Glen Lyon and elsewhere, bears witness to this fact.

High pressure systems prevailed over the past month or more and skies were seldom clear of cloud; the official forecasters were loath to commit themselves for more than a day or two. Perhaps this probably high humidity in the atmosphere is a hangover from the long distasteful Winter. However, one must not grumble and sheep and cattle can look forward to plenty of good grub later on, whatever the Winter brings.

What then of the rest of 1994 at least as far as rainfall is concerned? So far, this year has clocked up 946 mm (38") (25 August). The annual average for Ardtalnaig being 1,277 mm (51") thereby leaving some 330 mm (13") to come - a monthly average of slightly over 75 mm (3").

Given that November and December often produce 200 - 250 mm (8 - 10") there is then the pious hope that September/October just could give us some pleasant conditions - one can always hope!



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Clan MacGregor gather in Killin



At the grave of Rob Roy!

Members of the Clan Gregor Society gathered in Killin Hotel on Saturday 20 August for the AGM of the Society, after which many enjoyed dinner and entertainment in the Hotel. On the morning of the 21st, members were given a conducted tour of the new Breadalbane Folklore Centre before travelling onto Balquhidder for their annual service in the Church and commemoration by the grave of Rob Roy MacGregor.

A G Hutchinson

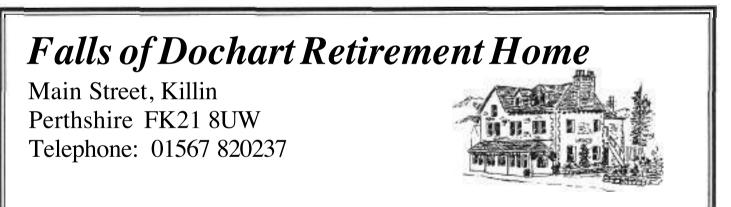
Scottish Poppy Appeal 1993/94

The organisers of the Scottish Poppy Appeal for 1993 thank the Parish of Killin and Ardeonaig for their generous contribution of £635.15, including the Church retiring collection. For the first time ever this has reached over one million pounds. Sadly, our share was down this year, so please make a special effort in 1994 to remedy this - this is a D-Day Jubilee year. Details for 1994 are:- Poppy Week 7-12 November and Remembrance Sunday 13 November.

Note: (1) Poppies and posters will be delivered to establishments by 30 October 1994; (2) lady collectors who wish, may collect boxes by 4/5 November and (3) poppy sales may start as soon as they are seen to be worn on TV. A replacement lady collector is required for Miss Margaret Marquis. Please telephone names to Rev David MacNaughton (820247) or Major Tom Gilfillan (820350).

A notice covering Miss Marquis' sad death appears elsewhere on page 11 of this issue.

Tom Gilfillan



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Knocking on the door of the past Tombola Stall at the Show



Nicolas Dixon and assistant Barrie Andrian, with piles for Crannog in the background.

The team of underwater archaeologists who are recreating prehistory by building a replica crannog in Loch Tay, Perthshire, have just solved one of the mysteries surrounding the ancient lake dwellings. The originally timber built round houses were supported by oak and alder piles driven into the Loch bed, typically 25-30 metres offshore. Many theories have been put forward as to how the crannog dwellers managed this engineering feat, but now the team from the Scottish Trust for Underwater Archaeology (STUA) led by Dr Nicholas Dixon of Edinburgh University's Department of Archaeology, discovered how this has was accomplished. After learning how to grapple with 8 to 10 metre long timbers, the mainly student and volunteer workforce has successfully driven in the first 28 piles representing the "inner circle" of the crannog's foundation. The unique design of the crannog is based on evidence obtained from Dr Dixon's underwater excavations on a late Bronze Age site in the Loch. The original posts of the supporting platform from the 2,600 year old crannog have survived, along with the food remains and numerous artefacts and demonstrate clearly that the house was initially free standing and

employed woodworking methods much more sophisticated than had been suspected.

Log Boat

Reconstruction of the crannog provided an unexpected bonus when the team were clearing the site of the Loch bed. They discovered the substantial remains of a dug out canoe (log boat) buried in the silt. The log boat, which is over ten metres long, will have to be excavated recorded and removed to a safe site so that work can continue on the crannog's reconstruction. Dr Dixon and the STUA will share their results with the public. The replica crannog is the first phase of an education and tourist development being constructed at Kenmore, adjacent to the Croft-na-Caber Activities Centre. Public access to the crannog will be available through an interpretive centre, which will house the artefacts, timbers and other finds from the STUA's underwater excavations, together with live video of work in progress. It is intended to open the crannog and interpretive centre by next Easter.

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The Heritage Society and the Killin News would like to thank all those who gave prizes, both commercial establishments and the many individuals which made the day to successful.

SA

Glasgow Half Marathon

On 21 August 1994, James Fenna, Duncan MacDonald and Maureen Inglis set off with 7,000 other people to pound 13 miles 192½ yards round the streets of Glasgow, in order to raise money for the McLaren Hall Appeal Fund. Thanks to your generous support, they raised the sum of £270.95. James finished in 1 hour 37 minutes, Duncan in 1 hour 42 minutes and Maureen in 2 hours 21 minutes.



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Killin Bakery Tel: (0567) 820706

Open Monday to Saturday Notice You can now order pizzas by telephone 820706 Biting insects are familiar to all residents of the Killin area, especially the minute Highland midge. The bigger blood feeding flies, such as the common cleg, are present in much smaller numbers and this is fortunate because the bite is much more painful.

The cleg family, known as the Tabanidae, includes some 30 species in Britain. I recently found a specimen of the largest of these, *Tabanus sudeticus*, settled on the car in the middle of Killin. Its body length from nose to tail was no less than 25mm/one inch, from nose to wing tip at rest some 30 mm. Its fearsome looking mouthparts would make a large hole in their victim's skin. The compound eyes are large, like the cleg, but brown rather than green and provide good vision for locating prey. While the male feeds on nectar, it is the female, as usual, which demands the blood. This is probably the biggest blood sucking fly in Britain and is really a very handsome insect.

David Mardon

Annual Sheep Dog Trials



On Sunday 4 September the Killin and District Agricultural Society held its 12th Annual Sheep Dog Trials this year at Acharn by kind permission of Malcolm Campbell. A good number of competitors took part and the prizes were presented by Mabel Ronald. First was Alec Buist of Carie with 'Roy' with 91 points, second was Lome Clark with 'Cap' with 83 points and in third place was Dick Steven with 'Jean' with 81. The Judge for the day was Ralph Wolfe from Loch Katrine, Aberfoyle (in the centre of the photograph).



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Start of the Games procession at Dochart Bridge, led by McNaughton's Vale of Atholl Juvenile Pipe Band.

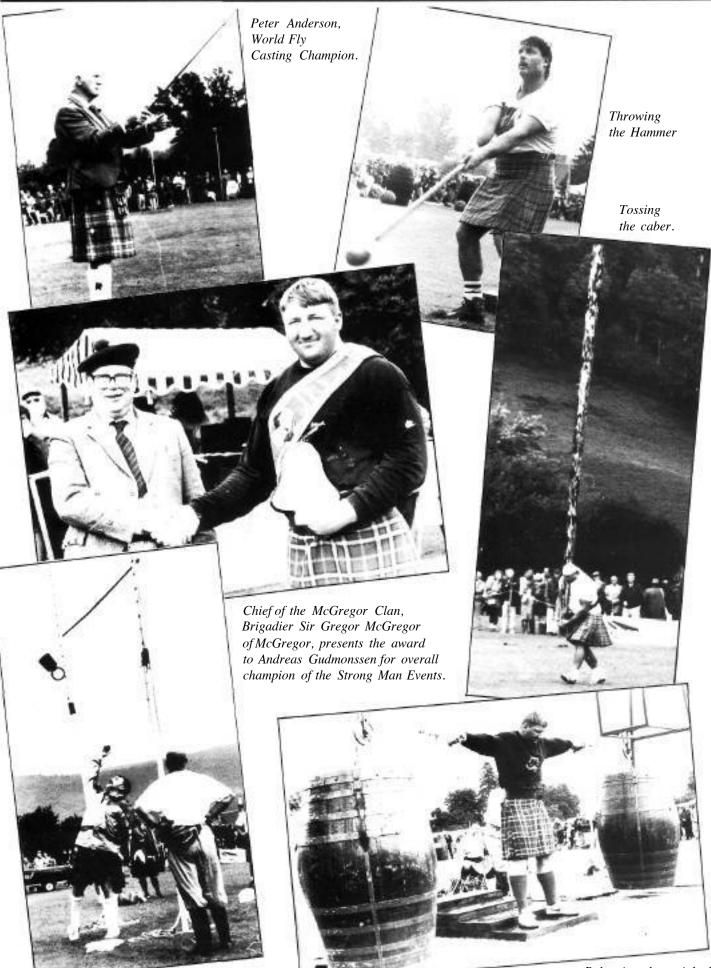
Traditional opening of Games with 'Chieftain' beating sword on shield to the four points of the compass.



Lifting the McGlashan Stones.

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... more from the Games



Over the top.

Balancing the weights!

The Agricultural Show 1994



The Show Prize Winners



Onlookers fascinated by the demonstration of Crook making by Robbie Campbell of Fort William.



Champion in the Commercial Cattle category: black Limousin stot, Eubank, McDiarmid, Ben Lawers: also in the picture the judge Mr. I. Mitchie from West Mains, Ballechin.



Champion in the Commercial Sheep section: Dougie Livingston with the Suffolk Gimmer of Mrs. Sants, Morenish.



The undisputed winner of the terrier race!

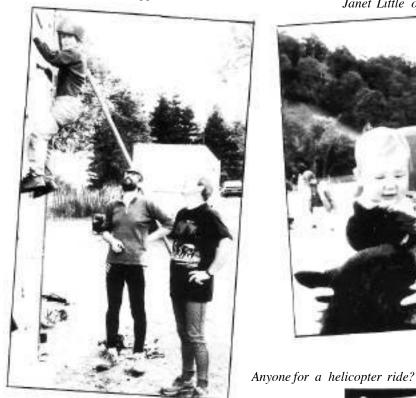
... more from the Show



The winning float, the Mothers and Toddlers as Hippies!

Perhaps the most unusual pet on show, 'Pugsley' with owner Janet Little of Callander.





A Budding mountaineer on the Killin Mountain Rescue team's climbing wall



The Show Queen, Susan Durham from Dalmally, with the 'bonniest baby,' Amy Armstrong (and mum) from Kirkton Farm Crianlarich.



John won the recent Open Sporting Shoot at Luib. (See P.13 Gun Club report).

Killin Community Council

The Council met on 11 August in the McLaren Hall under the Chairmanship of Dr MacColl. Councillor 1 Martin, SDC and Councillor S Duke, CRC, sent their apologies. Mrs F Campbell-Smith was present on behalf of Killin Traders' Association. One member of the public was also present.

The Mart - Councillor Martin had reported that SDC intended to serve an Enforcement Order if the area was not cleaned up.

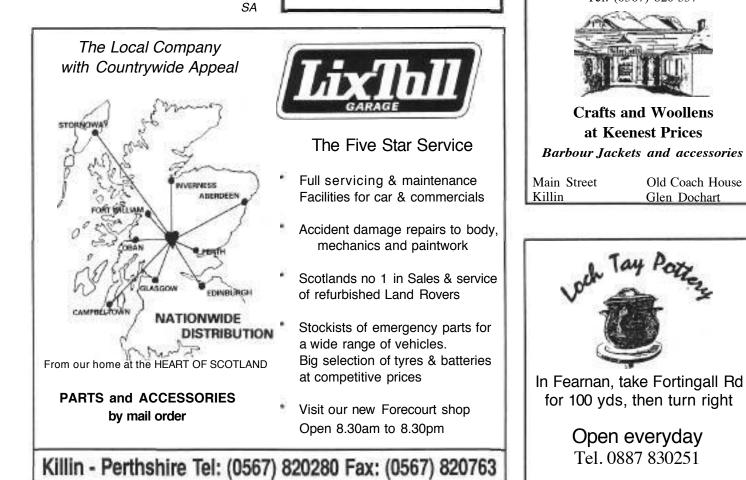
McLaren Hall - A meeting of the Management Committee had been held and reported that work would be starting soon on renovating the Hall. The Council would be writing to the Hall Committee asking that a copy of the Constitution be available at all times in the Hall and in the Library.

General Cleanliness of Village - Agreed to write again to SDC Cleansing Department about inadequate emptying of litter bins and general cleanliness of the bottle bank area. It was also agreed to write to Mrs Sue Gutteridge of the Leisure and Recreation Department of SDC about improving and relocating the children's play area. The present location is troubled by dog fouling, also, it was felt that the equipment and facilities on offer for the children were pathetic by modern standards.

Obituaries

Mrs Robertson passed away on 24 July 1994, surely one of nature's gentlewomen. Better known as Nell Robertson, she was more interested in other folk's troubles than her own and she had plenty of them in the latter part of her life. As a mother and grandmother she will be greatly missed and indeed her many friends from Killin will miss her kindly word and her wonderful outlook on life.

Margaret Marquis, who died suddenly in June, spent nearly all her life in the Village. She started work with the late Eric Wilson when she left school, originally on a temporary basis and remained until she retired a few years ago. In her younger days she was a keen and active member of the Badminton and Golf Clubs and of the Dramatic Society. Latterly, she spent a lot of time helping friends less able than herself. For those who knew her best, the most abiding memory of Margaret will be of her sense of humour which made her such good company.



Letters

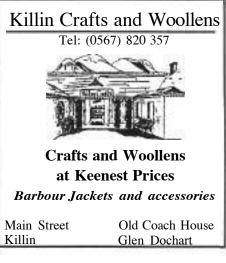
Dear Sir

Ben Ouhr Lochearnhead

Further to your last issue about the Killin Highland Games this year, I was the local Heavyweight Champion in 1947 and came second in all the open events which were won by Black Watch Sgt Major Tom Brown, whose younger brother, Ian Brown from Murthly, competed round the area for many years. I was the Scottish Champion in 1953 and in the first three in the Scottish team for 12 years afterwards. In the above I refer to the Killin Games of 1947. An insertion will wake up some of the older people's memories.

Ewan Cameron

PS Still alive and kicking! I missed your games, but if invited next year, would come.



Winners of Floral Award Scheme

Commercial Section: *Hanging Basket:* 1st Capercaillie Restaurant, 2nd Killin Crafts, 3rd Killin Hotel. *Tub;* 1st Killin Surgery, 2nd Killin Crafts, 3rd Killin Hotel. *Window Boxes:* 1st Killin Hotel, 2nd Killin Crafts, 3rd Dall Lodge Hotel.

Domestic Section: *Hanging Basket:* 1st John Farmer, 2nd Mrs M McRae, 3rd Mrs J Forster. *Tubs:* 1st Mrs M McRae, 2nd J Farmer, 3rd Mrs H Guild. *Window Boxes:* 1st Mrs J Forster, 2nd Allan Walker, 3rd Mrs Mudd.

Children's Section: *Hanging Basket:* 1st Stewart Grant, 2nd Robert Grant. *Tubs:* 1st Allison Cairns, 2nd Gemma Grant, 3rd equal. Krystal Grant/Claire Ramsay. *Window Boxes:* 1st Gemma Grant, 2nd Krystal Grant, 3rd Paul Ramsay.

We would thank all entrants for their fine efforts and beautiful displays. We had an increase and would encourage more entries for next year as we have been invited to join the Village in Bloom competition. Anyone interested in assisting for the competition please give names to Mrs Paddy McKinnon. Prizes will be presented at Tourist Association AGM.

Killin Kirk Flower Festival

As part of the 250th Anniversary of the Killin Kirk, a spectacular and ingenious series of floral arrangements donated or put on by no less than 26 local organisations took place from 7 - 14 August. A steady stream of visitors enjoyed the flowers and the teas and coffees served by volunteers.

The Exhibition raised an amazing £685.44. Congratulations to all who worked so hard.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Forth Award Centre open every Tuesday from 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm at the Argyll Centre, Princes Street, Stirling. Information, advice, courses or chat; telephone 820291. K Riddell for more information.

Clubs and Societies

Drama Club



Cancer Research Campaign

The Annual Fiddlers' Rally in the McLaren Hall in July raised the sum of £317. Boreland Gardens opened for an afternoon to the public in July when the Cancer Committee served their traditional cream teas; a most enjoyable visit in beautiful surroundings, which raised the sum of £289 for the Charity.

The Pancake Tea held at Littlecroft raised £165 for the McLaren Hall Appeal Fund.

In the last issue we reported David Mardon's intention to do a sponsored cycle from Killin to Rannoch Station and we are pleased to report that he successfully completed the trip on Friday 26 August with nothing more than a few aches and a soaking or two from the frequent showers. The journey was 54½ miles and took 5½ hours, including stops. The club is indebted to David for his efforts.

We would also wish to thank all those who sponsored him to raise funds to replace the stage curtains of the McLaren Hall. A sum of around £330 was raised.

Bill Douglas

Killin and Ardeonaig Women's Guild

Our Winter session will commence on Thursday 20 October 1994 in the Church Hall at 7.30 pm with "A Matter of Opinion". A warm welcome is extended to all to come along and join us that evening.

The Women's Guild members would like to thank all those who donated to and helped at the sale. The sum of $\pounds 620$ was raised.

Mairi Stewart (Convener)

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Football Club



Killin AFC recently held their AGM and a new Committee was formed. Mr E McAllister was appointed Chairman. The new **Player Manager is Mr T Hunter.** The club was very pleased that Tony accepted the position. Our Annual Duck Race was very successful and the Club would like to thank all those who quacked and clucked on the day. 1st D McKechnie; 2nd I Ramsay; 3rd D McKechnie; 4th 1 McLaggan. Results going to press: Killin 1 - Ballinluig 3; Killin 2 - Abernethy 3. *NMacKenzie*

Killin Gun Club

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Congratulations to J Sinclair for

winning the open. He had some very

good shooters to compete against on

Shoot results - Sunday 26 June 1994

Class A: E McAllister 66, R Cairns 62,

Robertson 57, G Ross 56, S Christie 54.

Class C: T Devlin 54, E Paterson 43, A

Donaldson 38, R Gibb 30. Visitors: R

Metcalf 50. Class A Sporting: R

Paterson 69, H Campbell 63, E

McAllister 60, R Cairns 56. Class B: G

Ross 60, G Coyne 57, Jas Sinclair 51.

Class C: A Donaldson 66, B Donaldson

51, T Devlin 50. Visitors: R Metcalf

Challenge Cup 66. Continuation: John

Sinclair. Sweep: R Cairns. 24 guns

turned out on a dull, damp day.

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Class B: D

E McAllister 126.

the day. Well done John!

B McNaughton 47.

High Gun:

Killin Gun Club held their open **50 Bird Sporting Clay Pigeon Shoot** on Sunday 7 August 1994. 62 guns turned out on a warm day. There were some lovely prizes to be won over the day. The shoot was sponsored by The Stagger Inn Restaurant and Game Fayre Ltd, Game Dealers. Many thanks to our sponsors for making it a day to remember. Prize winners were as follows:-

Woodcock: B Bolt on 30. High Pheasant: R Ross 30. Driven Grouse: I Menzies 30, Walk-up Grouse: H Slee 27. Rabbit/Pigeon: B Jones 30. High Gun Open: J Sinclair 132. High Gun Club Local: 132. High Gun Ladies: I Dernie 66. Continuation Bolting Fox: 1st B Bolton, 2nd S Atkinson, 3rd H Slee. Continuation Three Pairs: 1st S Atkinson, 2nd J Pirie, 3rd G Coyne.



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Winners: Scratch: 1 E Lindsay (Blairgowrie) 65, 2 S Ursell (Goodwood) 67, 3 D McNiven (Aberfeldy) 70. Handicap Category 1: 1 A Smith (Dunning) 63, 2 S Ireland (Killin) 64, 3. C Taylor (Killin) 65. Category 2: 1 J McIlroy (Johannesburg) 59, 2 W Rew (Killin) 63, D Wilkie (Killin) 64.

Ladies Champion 1994: Rachel Hunter. Gents Champion 1994: George Smith. Lochay Trophy, mixed foursome over 36 holes: Winners: D Nicolson and E Taylor.



Club Champions

Killin Carpet Bowling Club

Carpet Bowls will be held in the Lesser McLaren Hall on Monday nights at 7.30 pm starting on the first Monday in October. New members welcome. Do come along and give it a go! The annual open pairs competition will be held on 3 December in the McLaren Hall.



Clubs and Societies

Green Team - Bogs, Brilliant Bogs!



Look out! The Green Team's in Action!

On 18 August, the Green Team went to Ben Lawers to sample the delights of peat bogs as part of National Bog Week. They discovered many animals and plants living in bogs and talked about why it is important to look after Scotland's bogs.

H Cole

Killin branch of SWRI is 71 years old in this year and we are still going strong tail

this year and we are still going strong. Once again we are looking forward to a busy and interesting session starting on Thursday 6 October. Our meetings are held, almost without exception on the first Thursday of each month, October through April, in the Lesser McLaren Hall. We have a membership of about 60 and our meetings are very well attended. We are part of the Breadalbane Group which, in its turn, is part of Perth and Kinross Federation. Apart from our local meetings there are lots of other events organised throughout the area for members to attend and enjoy.

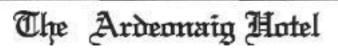
We are always delighted to welcome new members and I take this opportunity to

invite you to join us this year. We have talks and demonstrations covering a wide range of interests - crafts, cookery, travel, general interest, topics, beauty, to name but a few, Do come along, you'll enjoy yourself. I look forward to welcoming you at our first meeting.

Sheena Chisholm (President)

1st meeting: Thursday 6 October: 'Women at risk as Drivers' - a talk by an officer of the Accident Prevention Unit of the Central Scotland Police Force.

2nd meeting: Thursday 3 November: 'A dip into Archives' - a talk by Dr E M MacColl.



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Car Treasure Hunt in aid of Boys Brigade

The first car treasure hunt, which was in aid of BB funds, was held on Sunday 21 August. The event was supported by a small, but quality, field of enthusiastic treasure hunters. The route took the entrants through the Village up to Lix Toll, to Auchlyne back to the Village, over to the Pier Road and back to the McLaren Hall where cups of tea and sandwiches, etc were enjoyed. There were two and a half hours allowed to drive the route and solve the clues. The winners were:- 1st - the Syme Family; 2nd - the Anderson Family. The format of the hunt is to devise a route, along which are clues and answers which can be solved by observation and deduction, with the occasional difficult clue to have you think a bit harder. It is hoped to have another treasure hunt at Easter next year; details will be available nearer the time. If you have any suggestions as to the timing or date please let Kay Riddell or myself have these over the next few months. Thank you for the support we received and we hope to build this up for next time.

Linda Frost

Fletcher Travel

Fletcher Travel have arranged a seven day, six night holiday to St Malo, Brittany and Normandy from 23 - 29 April 1995. Coach will leave from Killin if sufficient people interested. Cost £269. Contact Fletcher Travel (0222) 705826 or Kay Riddell 820291 or Judy Forster 820298.

Stop Press! Curling Club

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Angling Club: Loch Lomond Outing

The annual return trip to the Vale of Leven Angling Club, Loch Lomond, took place on Saturday 27 August and was supported by 11 anglers and friends. This year the visit of the Lomond Anglers to Loch Tay and the return visit on the 27th, were to say the least, disorganised chaos. A week before the competition on Loch Tay on 26 June, virtually nothing had been arranged by way of boats, engines, club members to ghillie and a venue to entertain our guests. On the morning of the visit we were still scrambling around trying to avert an embarrassing disaster through lack of Killin members' support, as it was, two boats had no ghillies.

The trip to Loch Lomond started off fine, with the usual notice to put up for names for the bus. Then those going found a notice stating that the Killin Club would not subsidise transport, a costly item if not at least partly subsidised, however, we booked a minibus and the cost per head, if all seats were taken, was reasonable. Once again disaster loomed with "call offs" and "don't knows" and eventually "not turning up" which left us quickly re-organising finances to cover the cost.

The day was perfect for fishing, but Alf Muller was the only one to feel the rod bend with what turned out to be a pike. This did not qualify for the sweep, but did get the whisky. It was unanimously decided to donate the sweep money of £11 to the Senior Citizens' Christmas treat at the Vale of Leven Clubhouse. We were entertained to an excellent buffet and a dram at the Clubhouse and those who supported the outing were all well satisfied on the day.

I have been encouraged to write this report by a band of anglers and friends, some of whom did not, nor have not, even visited Loch Lomond, in the hope that future Angling Club office bearers and Committee members will realise the importance of supporting inter club events, of which there are only three in the season and the club competitions, where lack of members attending, is at an all time low.

It is also important for the Committee to realise that the AGM and buffet and prize-giving being on a Monday and not on a Friday or Saturday, will be poorly attended as the principal prize winners will be unable to attend. At least change this date to enable the season to end on a brighter note and hopefully the Club going forward and not in retreat as it is at present.

A J M Stewart

Tuesday Club

Killin Tuesday Club will commence their Winter programme on Tuesday 11 October in the Church Hall at 7.30 pm. We invite all senior citizens to come along and join us and enjoy our various activities.

Mairi M Stewart, President

Killin Arts & Crafts Exhibition

We were delighted that over 500 people visited this year's Art and Crafts Exhibition. The door collection, donations and commission on sales allowed the Group to give £400 to the McLaren Hall Appeal Fund, £50 to the Community bus and £50 to the Nursing Association.

A large portion of these funds is due to the continuing support and generosity of the people of Killin and District. Thank you.

Elizabeth Lumsden

Killin Heritage Society

Killin Heritage Society welcomes old members and newcomers to the start of the Winter programme. The first three speakers are:- John Ridley, who rebuilt the water wheel at St Fillan's Mill, Friday 7 October; Nicholas Dixon, Marine Archaeologist on "Crannogs on Loch Tay", Friday 28 October; and Molly Porter, ex leader of the Cairngorm Mountain Rescue Team, 4 November.

All meetings are in the McLaren Hall at 8.00 pm.

Results of Photographic Quiz at Killin Show

Old Killin: Dr Syme.

Killin Now: Joint winners: David Mardon/Donald MacLarty.

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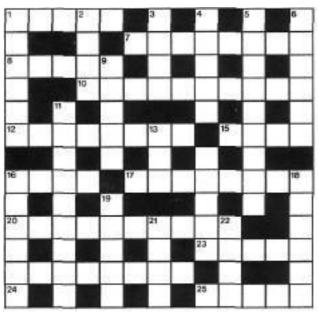
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Crossword by Crustacean



Solution to last crossword

Across: 7. safety 8. exacts 9. blue 10. absolute 11. Adonis 12. Nicest 14. paddle 17. trough 19. ejection 21. test 22. scarce 23. longer

Down: 1. failed 2. demeaned 3. bylaws 4. person 5. fall 6. states 13. croutons 15. object 16. edited 17. tangle 18. gasper 20. corn

Thanks

I would like to thank all my neighbours and friends who so kindly rallied round at the time of Bill's illness and sudden death. My thanks also for all the flowers, cards, letters and offers of help which I received at that time and during my own spells in hospital. To the doctors, nurses and home helps who attended us both and to all those who visited us, your care and attention is greatly appreciated. Without the support I was given, I do not know how I would have coped. A very sincere thank you to you all.

Nettie Anderson, Kibo

I would tike to thank everyone for their kindness in sending get well cards, letters and gifts. Also a big thank you to everyone who visited me while in Stirling Royal Infirmary and since I returned home.

Mairi M Stitt

We welcome the new warden, Matthew Gale and his fiance Sheena Tangne to the village for the next two years.

For Sale

Five interior doors £5 each. Telephone 820298.

ACROSS

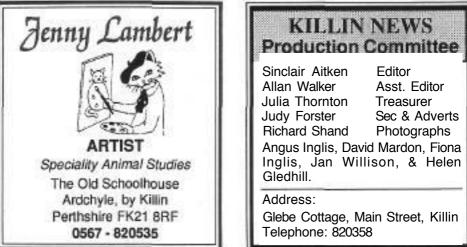
- Worry too much about the chicks.' (5)
- 7. Sounds like a soft holiday, but nice (8)
- 8. Or treat, in America? (5)
- 10. Nice grooms know how to work efficiently (10)
- 12. Responsible again? You can depend on it! (8)
- 14. Said about the platform (4)
- Some of it is all amplified in the light (4)
- If you don't bid, deals will make you physically limited (8)
- 20. Study the tax you used to pay and donate (10)
- 23. Fruity computer (5)
- 24. Empty? (8)
- 25. A Scot with love will leave quickly (5)

Thanks

Many thanks to Elizabeth, Doug and Kenny, Auchmore, from 150 friends who thoroughly enjoyed the Barbecue in July and helped to raise £332 for the Oncology Department at RHSC in Edinburgh.

Thanks

Mrs Davidson, Clematis Cottage, would like to express her thanks to everyone who sent congratulations to her on her 95th birthday. You made it a very special occasion for her. Thank you all.



DOWN

- Brother has no right to care
 (6)
- 2. A hundred in one? No, the reverse (4)
- 3. Part of the musical tone of a singer (4)
- 4. An odd Roman dwelling (5)
- Like a friend with a song?
 (8)
- 6. Off East surely provides banquets (6)
- 9. A village in Natal (5)
- 11. Let men consume ale in all weather (9)
- 13. A floral welcome (3)
- 15. Some of the past an Italian loves (5)
- 16. Imprisons one's loved one (6)
- 18. Loathe, hate (6)
- 19. Game for anglers (5)
- 21. Sounds like a lovely island!(4)
- 23. Part of the picture and the big story (4)

Thank you: Robertson

Elizabeth, Janet and families would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy which we received on the death of our mother, Helen (Nell) and also last year on the death of our father Alistair.

We would like to express our profound thanks for the donations amounting to $\pounds 250$ which were made at the Church.

This money has been forwarded to Cancer Research (Scotland).

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