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Killin News wins National Award



In case some of you missed the news (on holiday? On another planet?) your local paper actually won a national award! It even got us a mention with photographs in both "The Courier" and the "Stirling Observer". Earlier this year we were persuaded to put the Killin News into a competition run by the quarterly magazine "The Countryman", for village newspapers. Surprise, surprise, we came second in the category for villages with less than a 1,000 population and that was out of over 100 entries. For that we got a visit (some of us!) to Burford in Oxfordshire, where we received from John Timpson, broadcaster and journalist and leader of the panel of judges, a splendid certificate (shortly to be displayed in the library) and a cheque for £100.

Needless to say, we are delighted and it is a splendid reward for all the time and effort which the production committee have put into **your** paper. We are also indebted to all the local

advertisers for their support and to you, the readers, who regularly provide us with material and, of course, a big thank you goes to the Community Resource Centre, in the persons of Pauline Roberts (graphics and layout) and Frank Travers (printing) who really turn our efforts into an attractive paper.

To crown the success story, Councillor Anne Dickson (SDC Community Services Committee Chairman) gave a congratulatory reception in the Municipal Buildings for ourselves, the Resource Centre staff and also the group who produce the other local paper to win an award in the same competition "The Villager". This latter paper from Strathyre, Balquhider and Lochearnhead gained the first ever Beginners Award presented also by John Timpson.

We congratulate the Editor Margaret Ritchie on a fine achievement. So what next folks - the Booker Prize?

Killin Masonic Anniversary 1895 - 1995

On 7 February 1895 a charter was granted to Killin Masons to form a Lodge in the Village. This was formally done in March 1895 and consequently, next year Lodge Breadalbane St Fillans No 815 celebrates its Centenary.

The first Freemasons' Lodge in Killin dates from 1803, but unfortunately, it was declared dormant in 1848. The Centenary shall be marked with a formal celebration on 25 March 1995 followed by dinner.

The history of the Lodge is being published and it is hoped to mark the year with other events in which the local community can be in some way involved. Various ideas have been put forward by the members and it is hoped to have some plans in place early in the New Year.

The New Year Dance

The annual dance in the McLaren Hall on Monday 2 January will start the year of celebration off in splendid style. The format will be the same as last time with admission by ticket only, no tickets to be available at the door.

Notices will be put up in the Village and area giving details, but tickets can be bought from the following:- Douglas McRobbie, tel 820374; A Stewart, tel 820224; Wm Stitt, tel 820663 from mid December. Prices are £4, with OAPs and Juniors £2. There will be a strict limit on tickets issued.

AIM Stewart

Comment

We hope you enjoy this Christmas issue of the paper, it is the biggest yet - 18 pages!

As you will see, this is largely due to the amount of advertising, we hope it is not too much. In any case, let's be honest, it will certainly help our finances, for our long term aim is to put aside enough to buy ourselves a decent computer which can handle "desktop publishing" and this could, in the long run, reduce our operating costs.

Change of secretaries

We forgot to mention in our last issue that Fiona Inglis has been forced to give up the job of secretary to the newspaper (although remaining on the Committee) as she was moving to Callander. We would like to thank Fiona for her terrific work for the Killin News over the three years of it's existence; she not only did most of the typing, she "organised" us and the paper and without that organisation the Killin News would not have survived! Thank you Fiona from all of us! Now her job is being taken on by Judy Forster (and advertising!). We welcome Judy and wish her well and do, please Judy, keep organising us!

Next Issue

As well as wishing you all the very best for the festive season, may we remind you that **copy for the next issue** is required **before Christmas**, by the end of December at the very latest.

Moirilannich Cottage, Glen Lochay



In our 18th issue (January 1994) we made mention of the National Trust and the restoration of the old cottage ("Something stirring up Glen Lochay"). We paid a visit to check up on how things were going. The cottage which had been thatched is slowly being put together by Brian Wilson and Rowan Seabrook. The byre end has been cleared, the cruck beams exposed and the old runnel in the centre of the floor (the grip) repaired. New roofing timbers and replacement of parts of the cruck beams give an indication of how the byre looked in its "hey day". Work should be completed

by the Spring and the interior late in 1995. An interesting square hole in the floor of the living room may have been for the grandfather clock when the floor was raised, the clock fitting the ceiling so closely that no alternative, other than getting rid of the clock, was possible. Your reporter and intrepid photographer will venture into the wilds next year for an update.

An old cast iron fireback had been found with the inscription PROBASTI ME. How is your Latin?

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Killin Community Council

The Council met on 13 October under the chairmanship of Dr Mairi MacColl. Councillor Susan Duke (CRC) and Councillor Ian Martin (SDC) were in attendance. Also present were Inspector W Rose and Constable I Donaldson.

Rural Housing Applications

Ms Lesley Rodgers, of SDC Planning Department, distributed copies of a draft document on the above subject. The Chairman raised the question of "local need". All the proposed developments at the Mart and Fingal Road appeared to be "for sale" whereas the Chairman and Council members felt that the Chairman would write a letter to Ms Rodgers setting out the Council's feelings about the proposals.

McLaren Hall

Work to start on refurbishment on 17 October. There would be a notice posted in the Hall giving duties of hallkeeper and responsibility of lessees.

Dog Fouling and General Cleanliness of Village

Chairman reported considerable progress

on the above item, largely due to the attention of Mr Ryan, SDC.

Breadalbane Park

Still no signs of improvement for children's play area in the response of Ms S Gutterside, Play Services Manager, SDC. Chairman to write again expressing great disappointment at her reply and stressing the need for improved facilities.

Traders' Association

Mr D McRobbie reported that the Association had, after counting sponsorship money, made a profit of £4,750 on the Highland Games which will take place again next year. There was also the possibility of a folk music festival in the third week of June 1995.

Strathfillan Community Council

Houses for local people

We have recently been informed by Rural Stirling Housing Association that the new 15 houses on the Manse Field, Tyndrum, will be allocated according to general housing need instead of just local need.

This news has caused great anxiety in our Community particularly as there are over 100 applicants. We feel that this is a betrayal of promises made by officials since the institution of the project.

Village Enhancement Scheme

This scheme, founded by Forth Valley Enterprise, is now well underway. The general feeling seems to be satisfaction with the Tyndrum project and much criticism in Crianlarich.

At a Village walkabout meeting in Crianlarich with Nick Coombie of City Design, who represents FVE, we agreed a considerable list of modifications and further improvements. These include concrete brick resurfacing of the village hall car park and widening and resurfacing of the Church driveway and some landscaping on Glenfalloch Road. We have approached Railtrack to obtain improvements on their land.

Tenants' Association

An Association has recently been formed to represent the interests of tenants in all rented property. People who wish to join should contact the Chairman - Moira Robertson on (0838) 300296.

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Killin Village Enhancement Project

The opening of the Folklore Centre will help to improve Killin's fortunes. As an attraction in its own right and as a means of feeding visitors into the surrounding area, it will make a big impact over the years.

In the Village Enhancement Project, Central Regional Council have approved £40,000 towards creating a new car park, Forth Valley Enterprise have committed £125,000 towards a range of works, notably upgrading parts of the main street, the entrance to Breadalbane Park, McLaren Hall Car Park and the new National Trust acquisition in the main street. It is likely that Stirling District Council and Scottish Natural Heritage will be able to help with landscaping works and the development of the Village Trail. **All of these projects should be completed in the first half of next year.**

It is important that there is a promotional campaign to highlight the attractions of Killin and Breadalbane to potential visitors. Once they have arrived it is vital that they are greeted by the highest possible standards in all aspects of their visit. A significant part of the project will be improving standards in shops, hotels, tearooms, indeed all businesses. Both the Tourist Board and the Forth Valley Enterprise will be investing considerable time and effort in working with local businesses to train staff and management. **Standards**

need to improve generally and good businesses are continually investing in their employees. By this time next year the new car park should be built, the main street landscape improved, Breadalbane Park enhanced, signing renewed and all businesses should have undertaken training so that their customers notice.

Over 100,000 visitors will have crossed the threshold of the Folklore Centre, the sun will have shone on the 5,000 crowd attending the highland games and the folk music festival organisers will be spending the profits from their first year efforts!

*Steve Rodrick
Central Regional Council*

The National Trust for Scotland office in Killin requires a part time Secretary.

Further information from David Mardon, tel (0567) 820248.

? Mystery Photograph



Can you help? ?

A local lady purchased a number of picture frames at the August "nearly new" sale only to discover a handsome gentleman lurking behind a print.

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Fire Brigade Award



All 12 retained fire stations in Central Region competed recently for the annual Drill and Competency Test 1994. Killin Fire Station came out tops and was presented with the "Walter Kidde Trophy" by the Firemaster, Mr Iain Adam.

Notice

Killin Fire Station is on the lookout for men **and women to become part time firefighters**. If you enjoy being active, are community spirited and have time to spare, being a part time firefighter could be for you. The most critical time is between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm so day time cover would have to be suitable for you. Give us a call Thursday nights (820231) or speak to any of the firefighters. (PS - six retained fire stations in Central Region have female firefighters).



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There's the box designed to break the back, at the bottom of the door;
It makes me want to reach out for a pill;
The doggy barking hazard, is just one trial more
and the 'boxless' door needs fortitude and skill.

Should I pop it thro' a window? Should I leave it by the door?
Better try the window first I think.
So I stand upon the bin, end up lying on the floor
and the paper's landed in the kitchen sink.

By the time the round is over, I'm feeling fit to drop,
But still there are some thoughts which trouble me;
Will No 20 find the paper hidden

Scottish Poppy Appeal 1995

- 1 A replacement, male or female, is required for the Convener, Major Tom Gilfillan, for the 1995 Appeal. Volunteers should give their names to Rev D MacNaughton, the Manse, Killin, tel 820247 or to Tom Gilfillan, tel 820350.
- 2 Basic requirements are a modicum of spare time, a car and a small amount of working/storage space.
- 3 The replacement will be advised as necessary by the present Convener in early 1995 for the Poppy Appeal Week.
- 4 The majority of Poppy Conveners in this area are ladies, so this is no drawback; in fact in many ways it can be an advantage.

Tom Gilfillan

underneath the mop?
Or beneath the doggy bowl at number three?

Helen Gledhill

Local man shoots for Scotland

At a British Team Championship Shoot at Byewell, near Newcastle, Eric McAllister of Killin Gun Club finished the day 3rd High Gun in the Scottish Team (or 30 guns). Eric dropped only two points out of a possible 300 for 100 clays and was awarded the Bronze Medal. Well done Eric!

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In Scotland 50,000 people have moderate to severe dementia and many more have mild dementia or are not yet diagnosed. Dementia is most common in older people, but can affect people in their 40's and 50's or even younger.

Alzheimer Scotland - Action on Dementia is an organisation which aims to:-

- 1 Be the national voice of people with dementia and their carers.
- 2 Improve public policies for people

with dementia and their carers.

- 3 Provide and secure the provision of high quality services both for people with dementia and their carers.

In Stirling District and Clackmannan, we provide Day Care in Alloa and Carer Support Groups in Alloa, Callander and Stirling where there is a branch of the society. We also support the Town Drop-in Cafe and Befriending Service for people with dementia.

Public awareness is promoted through talks, articles, displays, etc, so please make contact if your organisation/group would like to hear more.

A 24 hour Dementia Helpline operates on 031 220 6155. This is manned at all times (no answer phones) and offers help and advice. There does not have to be a crisis.

Our projects would not succeed without the valuable help of volunteers and some fund raising. (Alzheimer Scotland - Action on Dementia will have to raise £50,000 just to stand still this coming year). Any help offered in these areas would be welcome or perhaps you would like to join the organisation and help to support its work.

Almost everyone knows of someone with dementia and of the support that person and their carers need in co-operation with the statutory bodies and other voluntary organisations.

Further details from:-

Mrs Pamela Hopkins, Resource Worker for Stirling and District and Clackmannan.

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Boys Brigade: Stirling Battalion Founder's Day Parade



A proud moment for Killin's folk on Sunday 30 October as our BB Captain Chris McLarty and his company led 500 to 600 lads of the Stirling Battalion in their annual parade to the Killin Kirk. These days we hear so often of "gloom and doom", especially about youngsters. The Parade was an inspiring sight for anyone lucky enough to be present. Among the boys, so many noted that Killin's company did not just lead "from the front", but were outstanding for their self discipline and personal behaviour; they were a credit to the Village, to their Captain and his officers. The aim of the BB is a true Christian manliness. With 30 or so boys in the Company Section and 15 or so in the Juniors, a unique opportunity presents itself for the Christian faith and for the boys. We wish them well.

Rev D McNaughton

What "they" said about Killin

Dorothy Wordsworth who stayed at **Killin Hotel** with her brother William wrote - "The inn is one of the largest on the Scotch Road and stands on a broad, stately and silent stream bordered by tall trees and cornfields, the richest we have seen in Scotland". Brother William meanwhile 'wandered lonely as a cloud' and penned the odd sonnet. The rich cornfields must have been the old crofts and Finlarig Meadows." **Dorothy Wordsworth: A Tour of Scotland 1803.**

"**Killin** is the most extraordinary collection of extraordinary scenery in Scotland, unlike anything else in the Country, or probably on earth." **Dr McCulloch** writing to **Sir Walter Scott** in the early 1800s.

"There is a park, Finlarig in Breadalbane, enclosed with a dry stone dyke six feet high, flat on top and covered with turf, built by skilful masons in the year 1620 - it was the first enclosure in all that part of the highlands." **John Walker - History of the Hebrides and Highlands 1808.**

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Killin Traders' Association

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profitable. The Games will be held in 1995 when it is hoped that sponsorship will be at a much higher level. The Traders' Association are in the process of securing funding in order to stage a Traditional Music and Dance Festival during the third week of June 1995. By holding the Festival in the shoulder month of June, it is hoped that Killin will have a more even distribution of revenue over the Summer season. A feasibility study has been conducted and will be used to support applications for funding to various bodies. The main events of the Festival will be centred on the McLaren Hall which has the dual advantage of being the second largest hall in Perthshire and is currently undergoing a major refurbishment. The Traders' Association wish to support the use of the McLaren Hall as they believe it is a major asset to the Community. The meeting further agreed that the existing subscription rate of £50 per annum was *now* too high and that it should be reduced to £25. Furthermore, those members who had already paid £50 would therefore be entitled to two years' membership

F Campbell-Smith

Pantomime at Comrie

Good News! In response to huge public demand (especially from the children) Comrie and District Dramatic Society is performing the pantomime Aladdin on 8, 9 and 10 December at 7.30 pm in the Comrie Public Hall. Children from both Comrie Primary and Crieff High School are well into rehearsals under the watchful eye of Creative Director Sally Paterson. Suzie Walker stars as Aladdin with humungous support from the Comrie Drama team.

Tickets are available from Gordon Hibbert, Killin Golf Course, tel 820312 or Roger Lambert, tel 820524 and also from Boyds the Newsagents in Comrie.

The last pantomime performed by Comrie and District Dramatic Society sold out quickly, so to avoid disappointment please get your tickets early. There are only very limited numbers of tickets available on the door. See you there!

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The Board has recently been tackling the following issues:- **Higher Still** - an opportunity for all; the provision of medical first aid at the school; various contracts for cleaning and school transport; the swimming pool/sports complex; drugs awareness; the setting up of an anti-litter campaign in and around the school; the various subsidies families are entitled to, ie school clothing and school meals.

Any parents who have views/opinions on these topics, or indeed any other items of interest/concern should contact the Clerk to the School Board, Mrs Susan Trzebiatowski, Runrig, Brig O'Turk, By Callander, Perthshire, FK17 8HT.



Mervyn's Weather



Firstly, it seems appropriate to congratulate the perpetrators of the "Killin News" on their recent success achieved in a contest run by the "Countryman" magazine of Burford in Oxfordshire - a well deserved accolade!

Still on a pleasurable note, the hopes mentioned in the last issue of this journal, that September and October would treat us kindly, have been realised. On the whole the pattern has been most acceptable - a season of mists and yellow fruitfulness indeed with sufficient rain and little or no frost, grass still grows green and the absence of destructive gales has permitted the trees to attain their colour change slowly, showing Highland Perthshire at its Autumnal best. Now with the passing of "St Luke's little Summer" and a coincident moon change (full 19 October) the weather, at the time of writing, would appear to have broken for the time being anyway.

It would seem that weather-wise, as in

so many other cases, like breeds like and once a regime becomes established, it can project itself for many weeks, as witnessed this past late Summer and Autumn, when we have been blessed with numerous consecutive high pressure systems whereas, during say the dreadful "Summer" of 1985 or indeed last Winter, depressions advanced from the spawning bed of the Atlantic with nauseous regularity.

It is just possible that this Indian Summer might have a last innings in November. Who can tell?

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New Police Initiative to Combat Crime

Crime Management Unit - Report Direct 0645 559669

On 31 October 1994, a new initiative in combating crime and improving the treatment of victims of crime will commence within Central Scotland Police in a Crime Management Unit based at Police Headquarters, Stirling. The Unit will consist of two main components: "Report Direct" and "Intelligence Analysis Section". Report Direct is a crime desk staffed by specially trained police investigators who will receive telephone calls from all victims of crime within the pilot project area and who will be charged with the responsibility of eliciting the fullest information possible from the caller and thereafter, initiating

the most effective deployment of resources to investigate the crime at hand. The contact telephone number for "Report Direct" is 0645 559669. The second facet of the Unit is the Intelligence Analysis Section.

The main objectives of the Unit are:-

- (i) Improve the treatment of victims of crime and ensure that they are kept informed.
- (ii) Instigate a more effective and efficient deployment of officers to policing functions within local areas.

Children's Fireworks and Bonfire Party



On Saturday 5 November, the Killin Bonfire and Fireworks Party was held once again at the Killin Hotel. Thankfully it was dry and mild and all who attended appeared to enjoy the display which ended with a barbecue for the kids. A big thank you to the following:- N McKenzie, S Inglis, D McLarty, W Stitt for building bonfire, C McRae, Carol and Ally Campbell, Costcutters, Co-op for the barbecue goodies rustled up by Trish and Merlyn, Killin Fire Brigade for the display, Killin Hotel and Chef Jamie and everyone who gave so generously. See you next year!

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Fun Run by local lads

Two local youths helped swell the Strathcarron Hospice funds by taking part in a six mile "fun run" during early October. James Fenna and David Riddell took part in the Denny High School run together with some 400 to 500 others and raised £89 for a very worthwhile cause. Well done boys!

Obituary Notices

Lizzie Anderson was born in Stanley, but came to live in a remote part of Glenlochay when she married Jock. Her happiest years were spent there where the simple things in life were special to her. She made many friends there through her kind hospitality to all who called. She moved to Killin when Jock retired from shepherding and settled down to village life. Lizzie went about life quietly, but had a heart of gold. She was at her happiest in her home where her kindly ways and warm welcome will be remembered by her relations and many friends she made throughout her life.

Harry Anderson MBE passed away in his 91st year.

Born in Elgin in 1903, he and his wife came to Killin in 1963, she died in 1974. He is survived by a son and three daughters.

After returning from the second World War he became well known as a keen sportsman. He excelled as a golfer, bowler and fisherman.

He was also much thought of as a teaching Elder in the Church of Scotland in which capacity he had served for 50 years.

JB

WA

William Anderson, Cragnavie Road, Killin, died on 20 June 1994. Born at Crianlarich 1903. A noted local footballer for Crianlarich and Killin. Joined the Police force in Birmingham in 1924. Retired as a Detective Chief Inspector. Served as a Security Officer in Tanganyika for 10 years and retired to Killin in 1960.



Breadalbane Killin Curling Club

The original curling pond of the Killin Curling Club was in the Auchmore Woods. That was before 1878 when a meeting of the Club was called in Killin Hotel on 2 January.

A Committee of three members was appointed to select a suitable site for a new pond. This arose because Lord Breadalbane requested that four clubs be formed on his estates.

Hereafter, the clubs were known as Breadalbane Killin Curling Club, Breadalbane Aberfeldy Curling Club, Breadalbane Strathfillan Curling Club and Breadalbane Kenmore Curling Club.

His Lordship requested that he and Lady Breadalbane be Patron and Patroness of each of the Clubs and that he would give ground for each of the clubs' ponds for a rental of 1d per year. This was the start of what was known in 1878 as the "new pond", or the Acharn Pond, as it is now known.

Over the years, the Club has had some remarkable games on this pond, including several times, the playing of Breadalbane Province games when the whole pond was used from end to end.

In 1905 an artificial pond ie "tarmac" was made at the foot of Glen Lochay.



It was used up until 1939/40, but is now the site of the Hydro Board's switching station.

The Club's first Secretary-Treasurer, the late Peter McDiarmid, held that position for 43 years. The late J D McRae was a Club member for 58 years, 10 years as President. Great characters, every one of them and a lot more too numerous to mention!

In season 1950-51, the firm of J & D MacGregor, Garage Proprietors, Killin, gifted to the Club an electrical installation for lighting the pond for night curling. For this generous gesture James and Duncan MacGregor were elected life members of the Club.

After about 10 years, an even bigger improvement took place when through

the generosity of the President, the late Robert MacGregor, grid electricity was installed.

In the early 60's too, one of the Club's outstanding members, the late Hall Farquharson, got some of the ladies started curling and today the Club has more ladies than men who are active curlers. The ladies in recent years have made a great contribution to the Club and at present one of them, Rachel Hunter, is President of Breadalbane Province which consists of five clubs.

Young members are the foundation of any Club and I am delighted to say that Helen Sinclair is teaching some of the school pupils this season.

Nowadays, nearly all curling takes place indoors, but we never gave up hope that we may yet again curl on our own pond.

J Willison



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Letters



Glen Gyle
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Dear Sir

As some readers are already aware, I am engaged in a study of the place names of Killin parish and neighbouring parishes of Balquhidder and Comrie with a view to publication. Local place names are an important element of our heritage and the main purpose of this study is to try and ensure their survival by carefully recording the location, origin, pronunciation and meaning of individual names. I am particularly interested in place names which are known locally but which do not appear on current OS maps and I would be most grateful to hear from anyone who feels they may be of help. I may be contacted at my home address or by telephoning 0821 650514. Thank you.

A MacGregor Hutcheson

The following is extracted from a letter sent to Allan Walker from Colin Kennedy who lived in Killin from his birth in 1936 until 1967, when he went to Canada and contains his memories of Moirlannich:-

"In the forties my father and I driving up to Moirlannich at night along with Duncan McPherson and Jimmy Forbes to play a card game called "Catch the Ten".

I was about 6-8 years old then. My job was to keep the fire going by pushing a log, maybe three feet long, into the fire which was on a stone slab on the floor. All the cooking was done over this fire with the old "sway" on which the big kettle and pots were hung.

By the time I reached 10, I was given another job which was the task of climbing up the inside of the chimney, which had footholds and with a brush, sweeping down as much soot as I could reach.

When I was finished a big tin bath was placed in the middle of the kitchen floor with hot water for me to have a bath before going home. My "pay" was a scone and a glass of milk!" (More to come in the next issue).

Colin Kennedy

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Biggest Salmon of the Year "Famous Grouse" Prize

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Gents: *Club Champion* G Smith; *Dr Wilson Trophy* C Taylor; *Medal Trophy* Steve Bergin; *Arrochar Trophy* G Ferguson; *Captain's Putter* T Taylor; *Fred France* G Ramsay; *J S MacLean* W Rew and C Dickson; *Jack Noble* W Rew; *Grouse Foursomes* Jan Chisholm and C Taylor; *Ferguson Doubles* W Rew and J Rough. Medal Winners: (Glass) G Smith; S Aitken; A Chisholm; S Sturrock; G Smith; J Macallum. Mixed: *Lochay Trophy* Mrs E Taylor and D Nicolson. Dr Stevenson: Mrs A Weaver and C Taylor. Ladies: *Club Champion* R Hunter; *McKay Cup* F Robertson. Chrissie France Cup: F Robertson. May Wilson: R Hunter and J Henderson. Red Cross Eclectic Shield: F Robertson. Additional Trophies: *Bill Mitchell Salver* Mrs J Henderson and R Lewis. McRobert Club: Mrs J Henderson and R Lewis.



*The Junior Champion, Richard Lewis,
with the Club Captain, Ian Donaldson*

The Killin and District Nursing Association

During the past year, this Association has purchased the following items for use in the community:- a combined foetal/vascular Doppler; an automatic air cell pressure relief mattress; an upholstered orthopaedic chair and leg raiser; bed raisers and various items of clothing. In addition, donations have been made to Crossroads, the Community Bus Fund and to the Churches to support hospital visiting. Thank you for your continued and generous support.

A Weaver

WRI

President Mrs Sheena Chisholm welcomed old and new members to the opening meeting in the Lesser McLaren Hall. Mrs Chisholm introduced Sergeant Bob Hutchison of the Accident Prevention Unit, Central Scotland Police, who spoke about "safety for women drivers". He also showed a video giving much information should a motoring problem occur. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs S Ferguson. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs M MacDonald and Mrs S Ferguson. After business, the Committee entertained with a humorous song composed by Mrs L Lambert. **Competition results:- Favourite butter dish:** 1. Mrs S Ferguson; 2. Mrs S Chisholm; 3. Mrs B McLean. **Raspberry Jam:** 1. Mrs E Stewart; 2. Mrs M Twigg; 3. Mrs S Chisholm.

Cancer Research A date for your Diary

Killin Branch of Cancer Research Campaign are holding their Annual Christmas Coffee morning in McLaren hall on Saturday 10 December from 10.00 am - 12 Noon. There will be a baking stall and a lovely raffle. Please come to support a good cause.

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Gun Club

Killin Gun Club held this open 50 bird DTL on Sunday 4 September 1994. The Bank of Scotland sponsored this shoot. Many thanks to the Bank. Thirty three guns attended on a mixed day for weather. Shoot results are as follows:-

25 DTL: Trap A 1. G D Coyne 68; 2. G Bramley 61 equal S Christie 67. **25 DTL: Trap B** 1. G A Webster 74; 2. R Baynes 67; 3. D McRobbie 66. **High Gun Open:** G A Webster 139. **High Gun Club:** G D Coyne 127. **Continuation 3 pairs and C Ilse Trophy:** A Donaldson. **Continuation 5 Pair:** H Slee. **Team Shoot: 1st Killin** G Coyne, H Slee, S Christie, Jas Sinclair, D MacRobbie. **2nd Strathgryre** G A Webster, G Bramley, R Baynes, G Mitchell, D MacRobbie.

A good day was had by all.

Shoot results for 2 October 1994:-

DTL Class A: 1. E McAllister 59; 2. H Campbell 53; 3. G Mitchell 52. **Class B:** 1. G Coyne 59; 2 equal. G Ross and S Christie 54. **Class C:** 1. T Devlin 57; 2. R Gibb 41; 3. A Lowdon 32. **Class A Sporting:** 1 equal. G Mitchell and H Campbell 69; 3. I Downie 63. **Class B** 1. G Ross 69; 2. Jas Sinclair 59; 3. G Coyne 57. **Class C** 1. R Gibb 63; 2. T Devlin 60; 3. E Paterson and A Lowdon 45. **High Gun:** G Ross 123. **Veteran Trophy:** R Gibb 63. **Double Rise:** 1. G Ross 22; 2. S Christie 22. **Flush:** 1. D Stewart, J Sinclair, G Ross; 2. E Paterson, T Frost, H Slee. 9 Guns turned out on a dull, dry day.

G Coyne

Killin Football Club

Results up to Saturday 21 October 1994:- Stanley 1 Killin 1 (Killin won five, four on penalties). Killin -v- Blair Atholl - points awarded to Killin. Killin 5 - 0 Grandtully : Killin 4 - 0 Burrelton Killin 6 - 2 Breadalbane : Alyth (First Div) 9 - 1 Killin : Grandtully 2 - 5 Killin

Angling Club The Awa' Cup

On 18 September, the annual "Awa' Cup" competition was held in Inverawe Fishery. Once again there was a poor turn out of full Angling Club members, but the stalwarts in the affiliated section saved the day. Conditions were not ideal, the weather having been cold, as intimated to us by the fishery manager, resulting in fish being slow and disinterested. However, apart from the weather, sport was to be had and some respectable catches were weighed in. The winner was Ian Downie with a four fish bag. The club rules state that any fish over 3lbs only counts as 3lbs to make competition fair, since as you will see one fish of size can make a big difference. The Editor of this paper participated in this competition and ended the morning session blank. As is the custom of some of the party, we retired at lunch time to a local hotel for some sustenance and solid nourishment. Sinclair declared he always did better after such a visit. True to this prediction, within 15 minutes of restarting, Sinclair connected with a specimen fish. Battle was joined and assistance summoned by the usual call of "help somebody". I hastened to assist, but had to wait ten minutes before seeing the monster. A further 15 minutes went by before Sinclair, with all the skill of an expert, guided the fish towards the net. The rainbow was not finished yet and set off on another run stripping line from the reel. Perseverance and determination won the day and finally a magnificent 10lbs rainbow trout was safely on the bank. For the purist, Sinclair fished with 7lb breaking strain cast and the fish took a black zulu variant fly size 12.

A J M Stewart

Royal Blind School Collection

The collection taken in September for the Royal Blind School in Edinburgh raised the record sum of £320. My thanks to all who contributed and to the collectors, my appreciation for a splendid effort.

Elizabeth Martin, Convener

Community Bus

The Bus Committee would like to thank all those who supported the coffee morning held during September, at which the sum of £371 was raised. Thanks are also extended to those who took part in the kitchen, at the tables and manned the stalls.

The Wednesday Circle

A group of villagers meet in the sports pavilion each Wednesday from 7.00 pm onwards. This is a support group for those who are interested in weight control. There are no dietary rules, each individual follows his or her own diet. The group will be very happy to welcome anyone interested.

Women's Guild "A Matter of Opinion"

The October meeting of the "Guild" was lively and was enjoyed not only by members, but also guests who went along to hear the panel, chaired most effectively by Mrs M Stewart, give opinions on various topical and some not so topical matters. The "Matter of Opinion" panel consisted of Mrs M Aitken, Dr E Turner, Mr J Rough and Mr P Simpson who aired their opinions on many wide ranging subjects. An excellent evening was rounded off by most enjoyable refreshments served by the Guild ladies.

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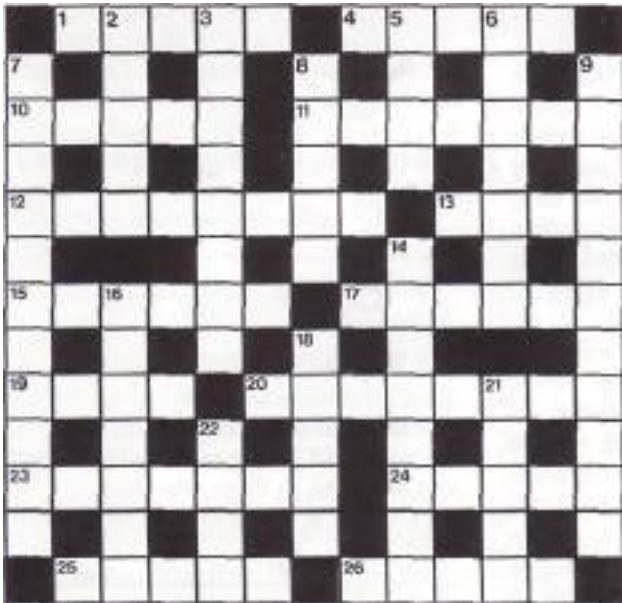
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Solution to last crossword

Across: 1. brood 7. pleasure 8. trick 10. ergonomics 12. reliable 14. dais 16. lamp 17. disabled 20. contribute 23. apple 24. evacuate 25. scoot

Down: 1. bother 2. once 3. alto 4. manor 5. musically 6. feasts 11. elemental 13. lei 15. pasta 16. locket 18. detest 19. trout 21. Bute 22. epic

Thank You

Jock Anderson would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy and support on the death of his wife Lizzie and also for the help and hospitality offered, to him at this difficult time.

ACROSS

1. In the trade, correct decisions are made about interior design (5)
4. A prickly form of I (5)
10. I enter the Church for a simple solution (5)
11. Take a break, but then put it back (7)
12. Like a star - or a flower? (8)
13. Sort of cool engine! (4)
15. Can a penny provide a bite of food (6)
17. And even you! (6)
19. It's a rum utensil, but at least in part it's quiet (4)
20. Raced out somehow and ended up in school (8)
23. In some conflict with 16 (7)
24. Began useless riot near Turnberry initially and got scorched (5)
25. A knife edge of grass (5)
26. Stop working (5)

DOWN

2. Live! (5)
3. Full blown? (8)
5. Expel the University holy man (4)
6. A wary prospect (4, 3)
7. The village has a hopeful project under this title (11)
8. Like Scots dialect (5)
9. The devil's twisted treat will show us how (11)
14. A builder's missile? (5, 3)
16. Without any training (7)
18. What an unemployed car does! (5)
21. Part of this hearty rolling countryside is in the Alps (5)
22. A base without love - but some money (4)



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Christmas 1994

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