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# KILLIN NEWS

#### KILLIN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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## **Nursery Education**



Exactly a year ago, we featured on the front page (January 1994) the sterling work of the local Playgroup for the under fives in the Village, in the absence of any educational provision by Central Region.

The scene is now completely different! We are able to announce that a **full time educational provision for the Pre-fives** will start in Killin School after the Summer holidays.

Following the setting up of a Project Development Team under the Chairmanship of Eileen Hutton, of Central Region Education Department and a Questionnaire to parents in the District, it was finally decided to choose Killin School for the first rural Pre-five "Pilot" Project in the Region.

#### A Flexible Provision

The Project will provide a range of services, including full day, part day and even "out of school" care for older children. The idea is to pilot on one site, a full range of services, very much determined by parents' needs and their

work patterns. The core of this provision will, of course, be a nursery class or classes, but providing care and social/educational activity out with the normal nursery age range.

#### Staffing and Costs

The seriousness of Central Region's intentions can be measured by their decision to appoint the following staff to the project, **a co-ordinator**, who will work with the parents in the District and try to provide for their varied needs, a part time trained **Nursery Teacher**, three full time Nursery Nurses and a Clerical Assistant. The total cost, at least for the first year, is in the region of £100,000. We understand that part of this cost may be met by European money.

#### The Playgroup

Needless to say, the Region has not forgotten the work that has been carried out for years by the local Playgroup. We understand that there will be consultation with them and the Scottish Pre-School Play Association, to determine what contribution they may be able to contribute to the Project.

# Killin News Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Killin News will be held in the Killin Hotel on Wednesday 5 April 1995 at 8.00 pm.

We cordially invite our readers and advertisers to attend.

#### **Editor's Absence**

If the paper is not up to its usual standard, the reason is that our esteemed Editor has been out of the Country! There is no truth in the rumour that he is in anyway connected with the Barings Bank going bust! The paper has, therefore, been edited by Fiona Inglis, Judy Forster and Allan Walker.

It is with regret that we have accepted Helen Gledhill's resignation from the Committee. We would like to thank her for all the work she has done during the last three years. We would like to welcome two new members to the Committee, Kay Riddell and John Sinclair.

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#### Cold Comfort for Community Council

Despite meeting in an inexplicably unheated Lesser McLaren Hall on the coldest night of the year, the meeting of 9 February 1995 proceeded normally, bar a shiver or two. Dr Mairi MacColl was in the Chair; Councillors Mrs S Duke {Central Region) and Mr I Martin (Stirling District) and Mrs J Mallinson (Traders' Association) were in attendance.

Apologies from Mr K Taylor and Constable I Donaldson. One member of the public was present.

- 1. Housing at the former Mart; In response to an invitation, Mr R J Craig of Lynfern Developments spoke about the housing proposals for the Mart area. Mr Craig's aim, with the backing of Scottish Homes, is to erect 16 good quality homes for local people. The houses, mix of two and three bedroomed semi-detached, would be for sale on a low cost home ownership scheme. Mr Craig admitted in discussion that he would like further information on how much demand there would be for home ownership related to local need. Present estimates were based on figures from the Local Authority and Scottish Homes.
- 2. Funding for the re-siting of the play area: was not yet confirmed by Stirling District Council. Application towards cost should have been made for European funding by Central Region in January. We are awaiting further confirmation in funding and the likely site of the play area.
- 3. Car Parking at the Capercaillie Restaurant/Filling Station: The most recent plan/proposal is that there be parking for five buses in front of the Monemore Houses and for 30 cars on

the ground to the side of the restaurant. The Community Council felt that although not entirely satisfactory, the plans represented an improvement on previous years.

- 4. **Pre-School Education:** Plans for a centre of pre-school education at Killin Primary School are likely to go ahead.
- 5. Proposed Folk Festival, Killin 16-18 June 1995: Plans are progressing towards holding a Folk Festival in Killin. Mr Mallinson (Traders' Association) reported some funding commitments have been received.
- 6. McLaren High School: Proposed Swimming Pool/Leisure Centre: Mr Alan Reid of the School Board gave a presentation of plans for the new project stressing that the complex would serve the Community, not just the School.

The next meeting of the Council will be Thursday 13 April 1995.

## Tyndrum Village Hall Association

The Chairman reports that grants of £12,000 from the Scottish Office and £6,000 from Stirling District Council were awarded for refurbishment of the Village Hall. The total cost will be in the region of £24,000 for refurbishment.

John Riley states that the Committee hope that refurbishment will encourage greater numbers of people to use the Hall and to become involved in Hall activities. For information contact the following: John Riley, Chairman, Invervey, Tyndrum; Lamond Gosden, Vice Chairman; Elizabeth McLellan, Treasurer or Lesley Ann Thompson.

# Strathfillan Community Council

#### Gold Mining and Gold Centre

John Riley, the Secretary, reports that "Caledonia" is now the majority shareholding company of Fynegold, with Ennex having maintained a small shareholding.

In a meeting with Mr MacLeod of Caledonia, Mr MacLeod stated that his company hope to see things underway in six months, build the mine in the following 18 months, the first commercial operation in Scotland!

The company has other mining rights around the Tyndrum area and foresee the mining operation continuing into the foreseeable future.

There is a policy of employing as many local people as possible although skilled staff will have to be brought in from elsewhere. There is intention to open a Gold Centre to manufacture and sell gold and silver products, with the possibility of employing and training a number of people.

#### Kate's Bite

The Council unanimously recommended that this operation be given planning permission.

#### Crianlarich By-pass

The Community Council undertook a Questionnaire exercise/public opinion survey regarding the proposed by-pass scheme. From the results of this survey, the majority of those who took part felt that the Village needed a by-pass.

The survey also covered broader aspects of by-pass development, the findings were sent to the Scottish Office who expressed appreciation.

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#### **Curling Club** Burns' Supper

The Club held their Annual Burns Supper, once again at Suie Lodge, presided over by Douglas McRobbie. The haggis was presented by Gemma Reilly and piped in by Kenny Lang of Auchmore. Sinclair Aitken gave the address. Sandy Taylor from Ardeonaig gave an amusing "Toast to the Lasses" and Rachel Hunter gave as good as she got in her reply. The evening's entertainment was provided by Davie Thornton, at his best on the fiddle, ably supported by Pat and Gilbert Christie on keyboard and accordion. Cowmeadow, on a visit to Killin, sang a number of songs quite beautifully, as also did Ewan Campbell, Mary Masterson and Jim Cushley. A great night.

# **Breast Screening Caravan Returns**

The Forth Valley Health Board Breast Screening Programme continues to try to detect Breast cancers at an early stage when they should be more easily treated. The Mobile Screening caravan will be in Killin from 20 to 25 April. All women aged between 50-65 will be invited for screening, those over 64 can refer themselves to the van. Last time, the attendance for screening was around 75%. For those women who did not attend, a common problem seemed to be difficulty in communication in order to change appointment times etc. The Surgery staff will be happy to liaise with the Mobile Unit. If you have problems, please feel free to give us a call. The Surgery number is (01567) 820213. Doctors Syme, Blaney and Turner.

PS: Congratulations to Elaine and Les on the safe arrival of their son on 22 February.

D Syme

#### Senior Citizens' Burns' Supper

Overall, some 50 people enjoyed a "happening" in the McLaren Hall on 25 January. The Supper was cooked by Dani Grant and there was plenty of Uisge-Beatha (Water of Life) and other liquid refreshment. Sinclair Aitken, in the Chair, addressed the haggis (piped in by Kenny Lang). Colin MacRae addressed the ladies and Mairi Stewart replied. The singers were Jack Rough, Willie Allan, Mary Masterson and Jim Cushley. Pat and Gilbert Christie provided toe tapping music and accompaniment.

Poetry was served with "Tae a Moose" rendered by John Twigg and Liz Lambert contributed two of her own poems with a wry look at politicians ("Tae a Politician"). Organiser Charlie Grant, who vanished in full Highland Regalia to help put out a fire, returned in time to thank the many volunteers. It was good to see the youngsters helping at the tables - thanks to Lesley Graham, David Grant, Sylvia Grant,

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Cameron Buildings, Main St, Killin Tel: (01567) 820475 - SHOP 820605 - House Heather Stewart and Sharon Gillies. (I believe whilst putting out the fire, Charlie may have ascended a ladder! The mind boggles!) Charlie hopes the Supper will become an annual event at the McLaren Hall.

## Scottish Poppy Appeal 1994 and 1995

The 1994 Appeal in the Parish of Killin and Ardeonaig raised £694.60 (including Retiring Collection of £83.50). These sums are both the highest ever! Thank you to the lady collectors and establishments in achieving this. The 1995 Appeal Year covers the 50th Anniversary of both VE and VJ days; "do not forget to remember"!

Volunteer replacements are still required for the Late Miss M Marquis, the Convener Major Tom Gilfillan and Mrs E Gilfillan. Names please to Rev D McNaughton, tel 820247 or Tom Gilfillan, tel 820350.

#### Thank You

To everyone who organised my surprise Birthday Party, a very big thank you. I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

Frances MacLaggan

#### **Thanks**

George Smith and family would like to thank everyone, with special thanks to Rev D McNaughton and Doctor David Blaney, for help and good wishes while Ann was in hospital. She is now at home and maintaining her recovery.



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#### New Ambulance for Killin

This article is supposed to be about the new ambulance for the Village, but really we want to feature the great crew that use it and are there to look after us - Jock, Norma and Len.

#### First, the Ambulance

Split new, 2.5 Ford turbo-diesel, new engine, fast, if necessary, more stable and therefore, more comfortable for the patients and with higher road clearance (much needed on some of our "roads").

#### The Crew

The photographs on this page feature the crew on the day they were visited by John McEwen, Divisional Manager of Ambulances Services for Forth Valley Health Board (he's the one in the hat!) who came to Killin to "launch" the new vehicle. We also saw demonstrated, various pieces of life saving equipment - defibrillators, quick reporters, etc, many of them supplied with money raised by the local community and much other



The crew posing formally with John McEwan and the new ambulance

equipment necessary for an efficient service. We discovered also that all three of our ambulance men (women!) will soon be fully trained paramedics! So let's be grateful for the professional commitment of Norma, Len and Jock and hope we never have to meet them professionally!



Jock checks a "passing Villager's" heart and discovers he has one!



The crew, the new ambulance and some of their lifesaving equipment for use in emergency situations.



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#### Comment

With this issue, Killin News completes its fourth year. Glancing through the back copies one can see that, even in a short time, much has happened in the Village and surrounding areas. 1991 saw the start of the St Fillan Mill Project, completed in 1994. Killin Leisure and Recreation Club was coming out of the planning stage. Killin Mountain Rescue celebrated a quarter of a Century. The Sport and Leisure Complex was opened in 1992. A new 125 bedroomed hotel opened in Tyndrum. First mention of the Goldmine. The ambulance staff turned out in new green uniforms. Crianlarich Village Hall opened in 1992. The new surgery opened at Ballechroisk.

1993 saw Killin win a top tourism award. The salmon fishing opening day saw the worst weather for years with a boat being overturned. A landslide blocked the Crianlarich road. Problems with dog fouling has been a hardy annual. The Loch Tay Trundler started. The MacLaggans took over the Post Office after three generations in the same family. Killin Kirk had its 250th anniversary.

The purpose in mentioning these odds and ends of news is that nothing stands still - new houses at Ballechroisk, Highland Games, projected Folk Music Festival. The more personal bits of news about the Village reflect a fairly active community, but there is a downside. Many local businesses, shops, hotels, etc have not had an easy time because of the recession, use of the big supermarkets competing with local shops. Vandalism is alive and well, much damage to property, uprooting of shrubs, older folk being harassed with unwelcome banging on doors and windows, litter (and it's not the visitors). A clutter of signs and notices advertising the delights of the Village. The inevitable build up of traffic. The Bank, a shadow of its former self.

The times they are a changing. It is up to old and new villagers to think what they can contribute to community life, not what they can take from it. Support local endeavours. There are obvious needs, such as something for the younger kids in the in-between time when they are too young for adult clubs - not easy. We know that the conclusion to Comment sounds like sour grapes, but think about it.

#### "Which I drank"

/ had twelve bottles of whisky in my cellar and my wife told me to empty the contents of each and every bottle down the sink or else. . . . so I said I would, and proceeded with the unpleasant task

I withdrew the cork from the first bottle and poured the contents down the sink, with the exception of one glass which I drank.

I extracted the cork from the second bottle and did likewise, with the exception of one glass which I drank. I then withdrew the cork from the third bottle and poured the whisky down the sink, with the exception of one glass which I drank. I pulled the cork from the fourth sink, and poured the bottle down the glass, which I drank

I pulled the bottle from the cork of the next and drank one sink out of it, and threw the rest down the glass. I pulled the sink out of the next glass, and poured the cork down the bottle and drank the glass.

I pulled the next cork from my throat and poured the sink down the bottle. Then I corked the sink with the glass, bottled the drink and drank the pour.

When I had everything emptied, I steadied the house with one hand and counted the bottles, corks, glasses and sinks with the other, which were twenty nine.

To be sure I counted them again, and when they came by, I had seventy nine and as the house came by, I counted them again and finally had all the houses and bottles, corks, glasses and sinks counted, except one house and one bottle, which I drank



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#### Keep Scotland Beautiful

At the invitation of Killin Tourist Association, the Director and Executive Officer of Keep Scotland Beautiful addressed a public meeting in the McLaren Hall on 26 January.

Keep Scotland Beautiful is the Scottish arm of the Keep Britain Tidy campaign sponsored by the Government.

The purpose of the meeting was to encourage Killin to enter the Scotland in Bloom competition. We learned that there is more to this than flowers in tubs and baskets. Basically, the concern is about tidiness and litter, presenting a

welcome aspect to visitors and improving general amenities; all of these are taken into account by the Judges. In other words, there is a spill-over from the competition to wider aspects of Village environment. District Council help can be obtained and there are a number of support groups for Villages that enter.

Given the long awaited Killin Enhancement Scheme, joining and taking part in Scotland in Bloom could be to the Village's advantage. Anyone wishing to join a small planning group or help in any way, should contact Roger Bedwell, Fairview, Main Street, Killin 820667.

#### Welsh Donation to Mountain Rescue

Over the weekend of 4/5 March, when Wales was playing Scotland at Murrayfield, 21 hopeful Welsh supporters stayed at the Killin Hotel. They brought with them a cheque for £150 from a local sponsor (Mark Holland, Auto Sales, Abertillery). In addition, they presented to be raffled, a child's mountain bike (Gary Fowler, Lex Vauxhall, Abertillery) and a large red Welsh dragon! All the money to go to the Killin Mountain Rescue Team. A total of £329 was handed over to PC Davie Murray in the Killin Hotel public bar late Saturday night! The bike was won by Ali Campbell's daughter, Victoria and the Welsh dragon was donated to the Killin Hotel by the lucky winner! Many thanks Wales for your generosity.



Davie Murray receiving the cheque

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# Folklore Centre scoops National Award

it seems that a rather major Village event escaped the scrutiny of our news team. Sorry folks, we had no notice of the event and so have no photographs! But let us, in any case, congratulate the new Folklore Centre for winning a "National Visitor Attraction Award"! It appears there was an unannounced inspection visit by staff of the Association of Scottish Visitor Attractions. Lena Gaw of ASVA presented the award to Stirling District Council's Provost Pat Greenhill at the Centre. The photograph, in the Stirling Observer, also featured Helen McPhie of Stirling District Council and our own Paddy McKinnon. The Centre, in its first year, has already seen 70,000 visitors across its doors. May we ask anyone in the Village involved in any similar event, to please contact our "eager" news team. We promise to send a photographer.

# Elections: What? Are you perplexed?

The demise of Central Region and the present Stirling District Council is not far off (March 1996). A new authority that will cover most of the present functions of the two will come into being in March 1996, probably called Stirling Killin will, for electoral purposes, be in an area called North Queensland. Where this name comes from, no-one seems to know, however, before the new Authority comes into being, just to keep us on our toes, there will be a Shadow Council elected on 6 April 1995 this year. The Shadow Councillors will work in tandem with the present Local Authority Councillors until they take over in 1996. They will be in office then for three years, having had no power in their "shadow" year.

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#### **Dog Fouling**

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Pooper Scoopers are available free in the library. A new receptacle will be provided at the caravan park in the season.

Perhaps free spectacles for dog owners who are blind to their dog's unwelcome deposits would be in order!

#### McLaren Hall Special Appeal Fund

The Chairman, Trustees and members of the Management Committee wish to thank, most sincerely, all those who donated so generously to the above fund.

Thanks also to all organisations who ran special events to raise money for the appeal which enabled the Committee to have the necessary work on the Hall carried out. Thanks also to Stirling District Council and the Scottish Office for their generous grants.

The Chairman would also like to thank Mr Martin Dickson for his valuable assistance in securing the grants. The sum raised to date is £12,626.87.

W Stitt, Chairman

# Report of AGM Hall Committee

The AGM of the McLaren Hall took place on 7 March 1995.

Thirteen association representatives and four trustees, together with office bearers, were present. The Chairman reported much of the renovation work has now been completed - roof, windows and insulation. A new oil-fired boiler has been installed, improving the general heating of the Hall. The Lesser Hall, passage and toilets are ready for redecoration, it is hoped a grant will be obtained for this.

Work on the kitchen will start shortly, two new cookers and a new urn are on order. The rest of the kitchen upgrading is still under discussion. The toilets have been upgraded and new floor covering chosen at the meeting.

Mrs Stewart, on behalf of the Quilters, is to offer, for raffle, a large quilt made

by the ladies. The proceeds of this raffle will be donated to the Hall funds. The Secretary will act as promoter and raffle tickets available shortly.

The treasurer again thanked everyone for donations given to the appeal fund; it was an enormous achievement. Office bearers were re-elected:-

Chairman: William Stitt
Secretary: Cheryl Campbell
Treasurer: Mrs M Masterton
Booking Secretary: Mrs A MacNee

Cheryl Campbell, Secretary

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# Loch Tayside Giant (Domhnull Mhor Maclabhruinn) Big Donald MacLaren



Visitors to the Killin Golf Club may have noticed a black and white sketch of the Loch Tay Giant, with an enormous golf club on the wall, purported to belong to him. This is, of course, a wee bit of fun, but Big Donald did exist and some stories attributed to his strength have come down.

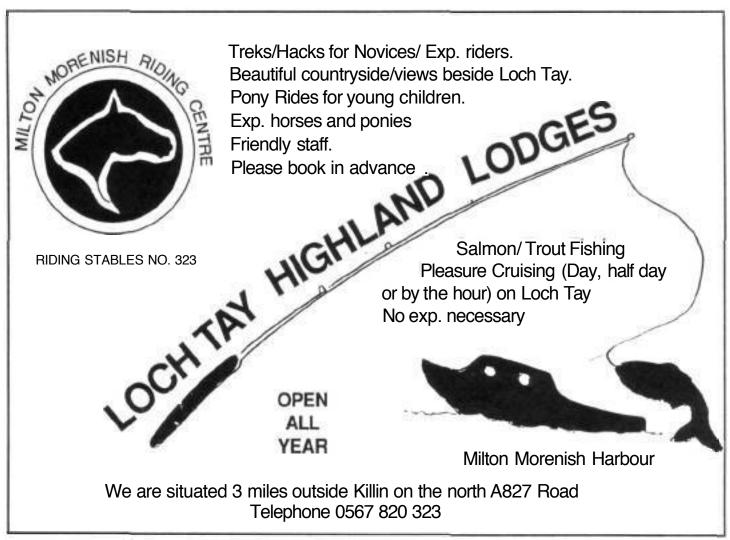
What height he was we do not know, but nowadays, with several local men round about 6ft 3in to 6ft 6in, Big Donald might not stand out quite as much as in the early 1800's, when the average height for a man was about 5ft 6in to 5 ft 8in.

In 1850, a company of Royal Engineers surveying the countryside from Ben Lawers needed a box of instruments, weighing about two hundredweights, taken up to (he top. The Captain looked for two strong local men to carry the box up. Big Donald asked the Captain if he could be paid two men's wages if he carried it up himself. This was agreed and sure enough, Donald, with help to get the box onto his back, carried it to the top. If we are to believe it, without stopping from Ben Lawers Hotel.

Another feat was when a horse and cart full of peat stuck to the axles in soft ground. Big Donald unhitched the horse and pulled the cart out saying "No wonder the poor beast could not shift it, I could hardly manage it myself!" The giant died in 1870 aged 85.

The only likeness known is the black and white sketch drawn when Donald was 83 years old.

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#### **Rural Access Service**

#### Sponsored by Stirling and District Association for Mental Health

The Stirling and District Association for Mental Health is concerned with the rights and welfare of people who have experienced mental ill health or related mental health problems and promotes good mental health. Its services are designed to assist these groups and those who care for them, to live in the community. Its services include respite, guidance, counselling and friendship that are both complementary and an alternative to those offered by the statutory sector, benefiting from the Association's ability to be innovative and understanding the needs of its client group. Recently, it decided to actively address the needs of people who live in rural areas through the development of the Rural Access Service. This new service aims to help people living in rural areas who experience ongoing feelings of stress, acute unhappiness, anxiety or symptoms of mental illness. These feelings may have been triggered by a significant life event or change in lifestyle such as:-

- loss of a loved one
- starting or losing a job
- moving home
- difficult family relationship
- major accident
- long term illness or that of a loved one
- discharge from a mental hospital
- new or difficult medication

or sometimes if only we knew!

Such feelings often isolate people from the community, inhibiting their ability to cope with daily life and access to appropriate sources of help. Therefore, the Rural Access Service offers short to medium term assistance to such people living in the Western rural communities of Stirling District and specifically provides:-

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- A practical approach in resolving problems
- Basic advocacy to enable access to statutory services
- A means by which self help groups may be formed and meet to develop friendship and local support.

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# Killin Traders and Folk Festival

Killin District Traders' Association's plans for a Killin Folk Festival look like coming to fruition. Sponsorship and substantial funding has been secured from Scottish Brewers, Central Regional Council, Stirling District Council and the Area Tourist Board. The event, pencilled in so far for 16-18 June 1995, will have Danny Kyle and Gerry Chambers as advisors to the organising Committee.

Such an event is likely to attract people from both North and South of the Border. Dougie McLean has been pencilled in for the Friday evening concert and Phil Cunningham and Aly Bain have been approached for a Saturday Ceilidh.

Adding variety to the weekend will be workshops for children and heats for the World Ceilidh Band Championships.

# Dumping Rubbish at the Mart

The Community Council is concerned at the continued dumping of household debris at the Mart area. Articles have included an old bath, bedstead and storage radiators.

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#### Falls of Dochart Retirement Home

The Home opened on 13 February, but realty opened properly when John Laurie, retired shepherd manager, moved in on the 16th. John, aged 93, came from Morvern in Argyll to Breadalbane in 1931. He and Ewen Cameron are the only surviving members of the original Lochearnhead Highland Games Committee.

The "Home" and Hilary and Geoff Martin, the owners, stress the word home, can take up to 12 residents but can cater within that number for two couples. The advantages of such a central position is that residents can be part of the Village and be near to local activities.

Visitors will be welcome. Mrs Evelyn Watt, who has extensive experience in residential work, is the Care Manager. Breakfast in your own room, home cooking with someone always at hand will cover the comfort and safety side.



Prop Hillary Martin, John Laurie and Care Manager Evelyn Watt

It is good to see the building being used for a residential home, a long-felt need in Killin.

The building has had an interesting and chequered career. Built in the 1880's, it has been a private house, an annexe for Killin Hotel, following a fire at the Hotel and a Guest House/ Hotel owned by Mr Strata, an Italian, who was interned during the war in case he was a spy! (He wasn't!) Molly McRobbie's mother ran it as a hotel, as did Susan and Peter George. Now a residential home meeting rigorous safety standards.

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#### **Dochart in Spate**

Suspicions that the Dochart has been exceptionally high this Winter (see photo last issue) were confirmed when Mr R Allcock, Director of the Tay River Purification Board, reported to the Board that the River Dochart recorded its second highest flood since 1990, higher than the flood in January 1993.

#### **Quiz Night**



Langs' Supreme

The Winter programme of Sunday night quizzes at Fishers Hotel culminated on Sunday 19 February with the finals night.

The team quiz was won after a very closely fought contest by Langs Supreme, led by Kenny Lang and the Curly Gun Club, led by Stuart Christie. The tension rose as the six

gladiators took their places for the individual title "Brain of Killin". These contestants had to answer specialist subjects as well as the ordinary quiz.

The battle ended in a dead heat between Roger Twigg and Anthony Dowling and went to sudden death, ie first incorrect answer, the other was the winner.

Roger finally won and fully deserves the title "Brain of Killin".



Roger Twigg

#### McLaren High School Board - Update

**Swimming Pool/Sports Complex:** A representative of the Board is currently making presentations to local Community Councils asking them to write in support of the project to Stirling District Council, Centra! Regional Council and Michael Forsyth MP.

**Drugs Awareness Campaign:** The senior pupils have conducted a survey concerning drugs and alcohol which was completed by senior pupils. This will be analysed by experts from Forth Valley Health Board and Wise Crack, a group of ex-drug addicts, who have visited the School. The campaign will move forward depending on the results of this analysis.

**Non Attendance Committee:** This group is made up of the parent members of the School Board and they meet on a regular basis with the Rector and Guidance Teachers to discuss pupils the School is concerned about with regard to attendance.

The Clerk to the School Board, Mrs Susan Trzebiatowski. Runrig, Brig O'Turk, By Callander, Perthshire FK17 8HT.

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#### Exercise - Is it for you?

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Recent work from America has shown the health benefits of a moderate amount of activity every day. Perhaps the most important findings are that activity can be accumulated and that around 30 minutes of activity every day, reduces the risk of stroke, heart attacks and so on, equivalent to stopping smoking 20 cigarettes. The sort of activity you should undertake is enough to make you slightly short of breath, but not so that you could not hold a conversation. Because you can accumulate activity, it is easy to fit it into your day. Take a walk. From the car park at the Roads Depot, along the railway line to the old level crossing and back will take about 15 minutes and should be within most people's capacity. (If not, you really are unfit!) Do some gardening. Do some bending/stretching or dance to your favourite music. Do the dusting or window cleaning as vigorously as you can. Dust down the bike and go for a spin, there are plenty of quiet roads and forestry tracks' around. Leave the car behind and collect the papers or the kids on foot.

Surveys in the UK show that exercise levels fall off progressively throughout life and that this is especially true of women, who seem to give up on any regular activity much younger than men - even taking into account the fact that women do most of the housework!

This sort of routine is not just important for the young, the elderly too can benefit from increasing their activity, even just in terms of being able to carry on doing the things they want to for longer. 1 am sure you can all think of examples of people who prove this point.



#### Weather



For the past five years or so, it would appear that during the late Winter, a weaker pattern has emerged of excessive rainfall and gales and a generally mobile, westerly regime. This latterly, has been projected into March, at one time one of the drier months. Time was when I came in covered in stour from the horse harrows and at night, the glow is what is known in the West as "fathloisgte", the reflection in the sky of uncontrolled muirburning, would add colour to March evenings. Not any more. Good drying spells in Spring seem to be scarce and brief.

The lack of "push" within the major high pressure area of the northern hemisphere would appear to be the cause. When the Siberian high extends far enough west to cover our islands, in Winter one can expect long spells of hard frost, in Spring periods of dry, barren conditions, not perhaps conducive to growth but great for getting on with the work!

Likewise, in Summer, should the Azores high push north sufficiently, we would expect the idyllic anticyclonic weather most of us enjoy. Perhaps a return to earlier patterns is overdue.

Mervyn K Browne

So, Summer's coming and there's no longer the weather as an excuse, let us see you out there being active rather than inside with the couch potatoes!

D Syme

If you want advice or information about increasing activity, there are leaflets available in the Surgery - or the Doctors would be happy to discuss any points you are not clear about.

#### Healthy Eating - Recipes

#### **Mushroom and Peppers Baked Potatoes**

4 x 8oz Baking Potatoes 5oz mushrooms quartered

1 red pepper diced

½ yellow pepper diced

½ green pepper diced

4 medium tomatoes cut into wedges

2 tablespoons chopped mixed herbs pepper and salt

Bake potatoes in pre-heated oven 220°C for about one hour.

Cook remainder of vegetables in a little water until tender. Split open potatoes and divide mixture between them. 200 cal per serving. Serves 4.

#### Winter Cauliflower, Cabbage and Apple Salad

5 oz Cauliflower (broken into florets)

1 dessert apple

2 tablespoons orange juice

1 oz grated carrot

3 oz white cabbage shredded

2 tablespoons natural yoghurt

2 teaspoons cider vinegar pepper and salt

Core and dice apple (no need to peel). Toss in orange juice to prevent Place all of prepared browning. vegetables and apple in a mixing bowl. Mix together yoghurt and vinegar. Stir into salad making sure ingredients are well coated. 35 cal per serving. Serves 4.

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### **AGM Tourist Association**



Floral Award Winners

The AGM of the Tourist Association was held in the Clachaig Hotel on Friday 17 February. Councillor Wm Petrie from Loch Lomond and Trossachs Tourist Board was in the Chair. Mr Donald Pow, Marketing Director for Loch Lomond and Trossachs Tourist Board, was also there.

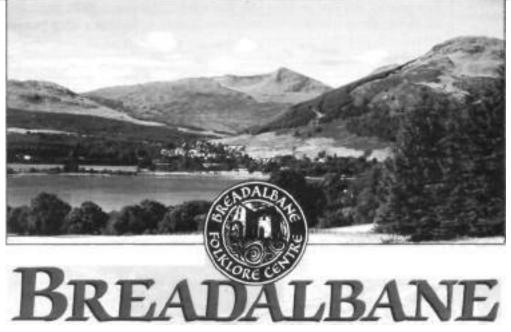
Mr Petrie has also been appointed as Chairman of the Interim Board which has been set up before the amalgamation of several Tourist Boards in Scotland. In his address to members, he said that changes may not have been wanted, but we shall have to make the best of it. Personal links may disappear. Blueprints have been laid down to avoid great change. The name of the new Board has still to be decided.

Presentations of the floral awards then took place. After the presentations, Mr R Bedwell, Chairman of the local Tourist Information, addressed the meeting. He

stated that the new Breadalbane Folklore Centre had been very successful with 71,000 visitors during its first year. Trade on the whole was static and there was pressure to promote this area. The major event was the Highland Games' success which was due to the new Traders' Association. The new event for this year is a Folk Festival to be held on 16, 17 and 18 June. It is hoped that this event will be well supported by local people. First steps have been taken in connection with "Killin in Bloom" and it is hoped that local traders will sponsor flower baskets. Country dancing for visitors was very successful.

The Chairman also pointed out that a percentage of the money paid by members in subscriptions was returned to the Village in the form of marketing and help with local projects. Some local traders were not members of the Tourist Association and it was hoped that more people would join. Improvements planned for the Village resurfacing at the park entrance, car parking and a nature trail.

The Committee formed at the meeting are looking for support from local traders and individuals in the Village.



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#### Change at the Church

The demission of Rev McNaughton as (he Minister for Killin and Ardeonaig Church presents change and uncertainty. However, whatever the consequences of change, one thing is clear, there need not be undue concern - the God who is the focus of Church life is unchanging. Mr McNaughton's Ministry has been marked by his integrity, his evangelical fervour and by his genuine concern for the well being of his parishioners. His Ministry has been marked too, by the illness and death of Dorothy and his burning desire to mark in a book, Dorothy's Christian witness, in good health and poor, as they coped together with Motor Neurone Disease. It is understandable that David needs to be free of a Parish Ministry in order to fulfil this and other opportunities that may arise for Christian service. The future of the Ministry in Killin is the responsibility of the Presbytery. In turn, they have referred the matter to their Re-appraisal Committee who will visit us in the future to seek our views and consider the matter before reporting to the Presbytery. These are not faceless bureaucrats but experienced people who share a concern for the future of the Church. In the meantime, an Interim Moderator has been appointed. He is Dr Stuart Todd who is formerly the Minister of St Machar's Cathedral in Aberdeen and has retired to Balquhidder. These steps may not fully alleviate the uncertainty about the future but it does mean that we are not going forward into a void.

A man of ideas, Mr McNaughton's time in Killin has left its mark in many ways, not the least in the BB, in visiting the sick, in arranging a week of Livelink meetings with Billy Graham and in leading pilgrimage walks, among other things. We wish him and his family well for the future.

Philip A Simpson, Joint Session Clerk

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#### Royal Mail tribute to retiring Postman - Ian MacGregor



At a presentation by the Royal Mail in the Tighnabruaich Hotel, Bob Allan, Area Manager for Fife/Central Region, paid tribute to Ian's 45 years' service. He mentioned that when he started, rationing was still in force and nationalisation was in full swing. Ian, in addition to being a postman/post bus driver, has had a role as special constable and member of the mountain rescue team. The Royal Mail presented Ian with a garden bench and a crystal bowl for long service. Chris Macintosh, Delivery Manager, was present. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

# Killin Library Children's Easter Event

Egg painting and face painting plus lots more. Thursday 6 April 10.30 am - 12 Noon. Please remember to use the events diary in the library when planning events such as coffee mornings etc.



#### Killin Village Enhancement Project

As some of you may be aware, Steve Rodrick, the Project Manager for the Rural Stirling Partnership, moved on to pastures new at the end of November 1994. I am sure you would join the partnership in wishing Steve success in his new career. Steve's replacement is Hugh Lightbody who joined the partnership at the beginning of January 1995. Hugh has experience in both the public and private sector with a career that has covered materials management, development, rural development and business development in the food sector.

A key project in the partnership's portfolio is the Village Enhancement. Progress continues to be made towards the delivery of this initiative.

Land negotiations have recently begun with respect to the ground next to the Capercaillie Restaurant. This forms the proposed site for a properly laid out car park. Coach parking continues to pose a problem and it is hoped that an effective solution can be developed that will ensure the safe operation of coaches in the Village whilst exploiting this valuable revenue opportunity.

Initial proposals for the entrance to Breadalbane Park will be developed shortly in conjunction with the local community. These consultations will also seek to investigate the idea of a second park entrance from the McLaren Hall car park. In addition, a draft scheme for a village trail is currently being discussed with individual land owners. An investigation of the McLaren Hall car park had identified that the surface requires attention to enhance the condition of this area. This work is scheduled to commence in March but clarification is first being sought on the ownership of the car park.

It is encouraging to note that visitor numbers to the Folklore Centre have exceeded expectations, this includes 300 hardy souls who enjoyed a visit to the Centre on New Year's Day.

#### Letters

Barnsley South Yorkshire

Dear Killin News Team

Hilary Martin, of the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home, very kindly sends us every issue of Killin News. It is a real pleasure to read and in our opinion, is more professional and interesting than many national daily tabloids. As we read the news, it brings back warm memories of our time in Killin and the friends we made. It makes us feel as though we are still in the Village and not 320 miles away; so keep up the good work. We would tike to thank everybody who sent their good wishes to us on hearing about our good fortune in adopting a two year old little boy at Christmas - can anyone beat that for a Christmas present.' We are looking forward to seeing you all again in the Spring. With very best wishes.

John, Patricia and Andrew Heckingbottom

PS From your piece "What they said about Killin" in January, it looks as though the first settlers in Killin could have been Yorkshiremen and you may all be descendents of "Tykes"!

#### **Clubs and Societies**

#### **Heritage Society**

The well known broadcaster and writer Rennie McOwan has kindly agreed to become a Vice President of the Society. He has always shown a keen interest in the Killin area and has spoken to the Heritage Society on several occasions. He is an expert on Perthshire history and the Heritage Society are very fortunate to have him on the Committee. At the AGM in February, Dr M MacColl gave a very interesting and entertaining talk on "A Dip into the Archives" of Killin Church.



Rennie McOwan

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#### Clubs and Societies



#### Killin Bowling Club

History has it that the first bowling green in Killin was situated where W Stitt now has his builder's yard and that about 1917/ 18, a green was formed beside the River Dochart between the sawmill (now G Smith, Joiner) and Wallace's Mill (now Millhouse). Apparently, bowlers had to constantly fight against the midges here - the midges eventually won and were left in possession of the "field" or rather green. After this there does not seem to have been any bowling activity in Killin until 1950 when, on 24 April, a bowling green formed on the present site was almost ready for play and a committee set up to manage its affairs.

Killin Development Committee gave a loan of £50 for the purchase of mats, jacks, rink markers, canvas sheets, etc and agreed to pay maintenance costs for the first year. New bowls cost £5-£6 a pair and annual subscriptions were set at 25/- for adults and 15/- for under 18 year olds. A day ticket cost 3/- and 1/6 and evening play after 6.00 pm, 2/- and 1/-. Hire of bowls cost 3d and hire of overshoes also 3d. The opening date for this new bowling green was 3 June 1950

- the opening ceremony being performed by Mrs Alfred Morris of Killin Hotel. Membership at November 1950 was 62 gents and 10 ladies - present membership is approximately 10 gents and 14 ladies!

The new Killin and District Sports and Leisure Club was opened on 11 July 1992 and this provides opportunities for tennis, football and putting, as well as bowling. Costs are very much higher now than when we had a wooden hut. Now we have a very attractive clubhouse with toilet facilities, showers, clubroom and small kitchen. All this costs money and the bowling club would dearly like to increase the membership. Anyone interested is warmly invited to contact the Secretary.

We would also like to encourage young people of 11 years and upwards to learn to play bowls and to this end, would be willing to arrange tuition - probably starting after the Easter Holiday.

Again, anyone interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact the Secretary - Hope MacDonald,

#### Killin Golf Club

The AGM was held on 21 January 1995 with 44 members in attendance. The retiring Captain, Mr Ian Donaldson, chaired the meeting. 1994 saw a quieter season as regards visitors, however, the Club was well supported by its members and it is encouraging to see the enthusiasm and excellent attendance of the junior and intermediate members. It is hoped to see further improvements lo the course this year, particularly major drainage.

#### New appointments:

Captain - Mr S Aitken; Vice Captain - Mr W Rew; Ladies Captain - Mrs J Henderson; Ladies Vice Captain - Mrs F Robertson. Committee - Mr L Brown, Mr D MacRobbie, Mr S Bergin, Mrs C Fenton.

#### Membership Fees 1995:

Full/Country £90 (+£30 joining fee) Intermediate (18-21 years) £45 Junior {13-17 years) £22.50 Junior (12 years and under) £6 Social £10 (waiting list in force)

Visitor Green Fees:

£10 per round, £13 per day.

#### Killin Brownies

The Brownies had a successful coffee evening and tupperware sale. Three of the girls did their Hostess Badge: Amy Munro, Alison Woods and Samantha Higginbotham. Thank you to all who came. We will be having a coffee morning after Easter, date to be arranged. If anyone has a craft that they can do eg sewing, knitting, etc and would come and demonstrate one Monday evening, would you get in touch with us? Also we are looking for odd bits of wool, material, etc. Please hand them in to Jane, Annie or Fiona Mitchell. Thank you.

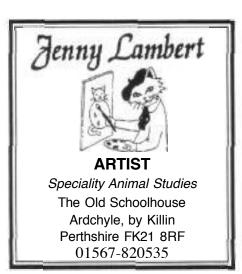
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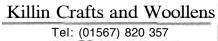
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Special challenge to the Killin News Team to pit their wits against all comers (more than one team expected) and show what you are made of. Further details notified by posters nearer the date.

Boys' Brigade Committee

#### Killin Gun Club

Killin Gun Club held this cancelled shoot from 1 December 1994 on Sunday 8 January 1995. The day was wet and cold. 24 guns turned out and enjoyed the day's fun. The winners were as follows:-

Side by Side Competition: 1st A McCorquodale 12; 2nd E Paterson, J Sinclair 11; 4th T Frost 9. Continuation: R Cairns. Sweep: A Donaldson. Article Competition: 1 J Sinclair 58; 2 A McCorquodale 55; 3 H Campbell 52; 4 E McAllister 49; 5 R Cairns, T Frost 45; 7 D Robertson, A Donaldson 44; 9 R Mills 43; 10 J Sinclair, E Paterson, S Christie 40; 13 G Coyne 37; 14 J Mills 34; 15 A Lowdon 32; 16 C Ross 31; 17 J Ward, C Johnston 30; 19 J McKay, T Frost 24; 21 B Donaldson 22; 22 T Devlin 21; 23 R Gibb, D Camelleri 14; 24 D Howson 12; 26 J Gledhill 3. Flush: B Donaldson, J Ward, G Coyne, E McAllister.

Killin Gun Club held their AGM in Suie Lodge Hotel on Sunday 19 February 1995. The Committee and office bearers as follows: President: E Paterson, Secretary: G Coyne, Treasurer: J Sinclair, Committee: T Frost, H Campbell, Jas Sinclair, E McAllister, D Robertson, H Paterson, R Mills, D McRobbie and S Christie.

Seventeen members attended. Membership fee: Adults £10, Juniors and OAPs£5

G Coyne, Secretary

#### **Loch Tay Association**

The AGM of the Association was held at the Killin Hotel on 9 February under the chairmanship of Group Captain DEB Dowling. Following the formal business, ihe meeting was addressed by John McKay of the Scottish Natural Heritage on "Access to and use of Scottish Land and Water". The great increase in hill walking and climbing has necessitated closer liaison and agreement between landowners and visitors to marry the two interests, eg in management of paths, access roads and car parking. Tourism is vital to the rural economy but needs to be controlled and organised by the various parties concerned. Scottish water resource needs modernising - access rights are archaic and need revising. Bye-Laws are essential for the benefit of all users. Rangers are desirable, but need powers and finance. Countryside recreation has not proved politically attractive to local authorities.

# Indoor Bowls Killin Rinks Competition

15 rinks entered the competition on 11 February. Winners were as follows:-

Ist Lochearnhead: C MacGregor, B
McLarty, J Cochrane, J Crammon. 2nd
Killin: J Guild, H Guild, D Baynes, A
Hunter. 3rd Crook of Devon 4th Killin:
C McLarty, J Willison, H Forster, H
Sinclair. Pairs: 1st Camserney: R
MacLeod, D Kennedy. 2nd
Balquhidder: D Campbell, Colin Haste

#### Killin Football Club

Results are as follows: Killin 3 Blair Atholl 1; Breadalbane 4 Killin 2; Killin 5 Friarton 1.

#### WR

Mrs Sheena Chisholm, President, welcomed members to the 71st birthday party which was held in Killin Hotel. After the buffet, a most enjoyable evening's entertainment was enjoyed by all

The birthday cake was cut by Mrs Margaret MacDonald and the poetry competition was won by Mrs Fiona Inglis.

The February meeting of Killin WRI was held in the Lesser McLaren Hall. Members were welcomed by Mrs Sheena Chisholm, President. The members were entertained by Mrs Joan Tinker, who gave a most interesting and instructive talk and demonstrated the making and use of paper patterns in dressmaking. After tea, served by the hostesses Mrs E Stewart and Mrs M Twigg, the members were entertained with a musical quiz. Vote of thanks was given by Mrs M Twigg.

#### **Competition Winners:**

**Pin Cushion:** 1 Mrs M Naismith, 2 Mrs Sheila Ferguson. **Cream Soup:** 1 Mrs M Naismith, 2 Mrs B MacGregor, 3 Mrs S Ferguson.

#### March meeting - 2 March 1995

The speaker was Mrs Ross who gave a most interesting slide show and talk on her trip to Iran. She spoke especially of the many ancient Mosques and the friendliness of the people. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs May Aitken. After tea, served by the Committee, the meeting was entertained to a Quiz by Mrs Mary Twigg.

Competition results: Children's mittens: Mrs S Ferguson. Holiday souvenir: 1 Mrs M Twigg; 2 Mrs J Willison; 3 Mrs M Naismith.

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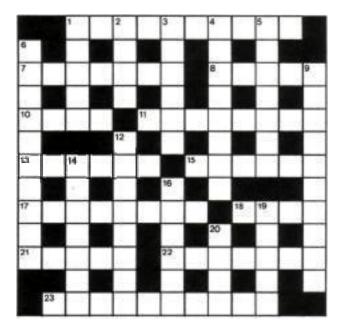
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#### Solution to Last Crossword

**Across:** 7. downhill racer 9. Freesia 10. elope 11. cleg 12. minim 16. dough 17. pair 21. atoll 22. Aladdin 23. Tuesdays Child

Down: 1. edifice 2. sweeney 3. chest 4. freebie 5. actor 6. creek 13. collide 14. baldwin 15. Granada 18. pasta 19. posed 20. catch

#### **ACROSS**

- I. In pensive mood (10)
- 7. Swing not found in children's playpark (7)
- 8. Either way this revolver is the same (5)
- 10. Come no nearer, there's nothing in it (4)
- 11. The holy man knocked and received corporal punishment for it (8)
- 13. Coal shifter (6)
- 15. Protects the ship and the ashes (6)
- 17. Proximity showing closeness on the headland (8)
- 18. Vehicle joined to a point leaves its mark (4)
- 21. Elude (5)
- 22. Three points cry for the clean up (7)
- 23. The late stupid mixed up characters make for empty remarks (10)

#### DOWN

- Discipline or tail feathers
   (5)
- 2. Above (4)
- 3. Welcomes with tears (6)
- 4. Endless trio over upset deceased employed the needle (8)
- 5. Upmarket pedant confused by unrecorded message (7)
- 6. Neolithic or perhaps Bronze Age circle (10)
- 9. Radio detection carriages for catching fast people? (10)
- 12. Give a repeat dose (8)
- 14. Of no value or service (7)
- 16. The idiot has briefly returned confused to make a positive declaration (6)
- 19. Sounds as if these ships' members are used to a luxury life (5)
- 20. *Employed* (4)

#### **Obituaries**

Alistair Hunter worked as a shepherd at Kenknock for 20 years until he became manager at Kirkton and Arrivain Farms in 1962. Following bilateral hip replacements, he gave up practical farming and started a new career as an agricultural representative. Alistair was known from the Outer Hebrides to the Firth of Clyde and East to Badenoch. Alistair was a keen sportsman, a popular member of the Golf Club, the Curling Club and the Carpet Bowling Club. He was a great character who had a fund of humorous stories. Alistair will be sadly missed.

Lucie MacAulay 1904-1995. Mrs MacAulay, after an adventurous early life, came to Killin when her husband retired 23 years ago. She took an active part in the Village life - curling, bowling and the hospital car service. Following her husband's death in 1974, she went on charity walks, was particularly interested in painting, the arts and Killin heritage. Readers will remember that Lucie contributed to the January issue of Killin News.

Mrs Ada Caird came to live in Killin in 1973 with her late husband Doctor

Colin Caird. Music played a large part in the daily life at Rose Cottage where many people in the Village were made welcome. She was a keen sportswoman and in her early days, played lacrosse for Scotland. One of her hobbies was knitting "multi colour gloves" and many of her friends wore them. She leaves a family of four children, two daughters and two sons. She will be sadly missed.

Vic Munro was a regular visitor to "Cruachan", Killin for over 20 years. Living in Carluke since his retiral, he loved nothing better than walking in the west glens, was a keen member of the Angling Club and the Golf Club. Jessie (his wife) and two sons intend to continue coming to Cruachan Caravan Site. A potent concoction that Vic called a rusty nail was often offered to fishing and golfing companions. He will be missed at Cruachan very much.

Margaret (Peggy) MacTaggart has died in her 87th.year. She was sister of Jean (93 years) and Auntie of May MacGregor. She lived in Maryhill, Glasgow until four years ago when she moved to Kirk Care, Killin.

#### **Thanks**

Mae Hewitt - John and the family of the late Mae would like to thank all friends for the kindness and support in their recent sad loss. Sincere thanks to everyone.

#### **Next Issue**

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