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KILLIN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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Highland Games beats the Weather again!!!



The World Famous "Strong Men" who competed at the Games.

So the Games took place again and again with the same "threat" from the weather! Only this time the weather "problem", was **too much sunshine.** Some of us thought that the strong men would collapse in the extremely high temperatures, but were happy to say they didn't; in fact they performed as well, if not better than last year, much to the delight of the 3,000 people who basked in the sunshine and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

We learned from Charlie Hagan, Chairman of Games Committee. that overall the financial return was up on last year. Calor Gas maintained their main sponsor's position, although the overall sponsorship was down on last year. It should be noted that one of the basic costs is of course the 'Strong Men' and they take £3,500 to start with, but the bottom line seems to be that it works. This year, too, the Games staged their own dance to choose a 'Highland Queen' and seem to have got over the difficulty

which used to plague the 'Show Queen' dance of not getting competitors easily. This year the 'Highland Queen' was chosen without the girls knowing they were being 'judged'. This year the Queen was of course, Rachel Watt, from Killin. That she got £150.00 and her runner-up £100.00 was of course an added incentive! We hear that Rachel put it towards a continental holiday.

Next year the Games look to be an even bigger event. The 'Strong Men' yes, but also the International Gathering of the Clan MacGregor, with more than 200 from overseas, a March past and Massed Pipes and Drums.

One plea from Charlie: **please can more people help!** They are needed for a variety of small jobs on the day, from car parking to stewarding, etc.

Come on, think about it!

Police Notice

It has come to the attention of the police that local children are using the footpaths to ride their bicycles on and after doing so are leaving their machines lying on the footpaths. This is against the law and is highly dangerous for elderly and infirm persons using the footpaths. The local police ask for parents co-operation in stopping this practice.

Local People are parking their vehicles on yellow lines. This practice is dangerous and it entices tourists to follow suit. Complaints have been made to the Chief Constable regarding this offence and the police expect that this practice will cease before it becomes necessary to issue parking tickets. Local Traders are displaying signs on footpaths and this causes problems for invalids, pram users and pedestrians. The police ask that this practice be ceased forthwith.

Dave Murray

Local Telephone Book: Final Reminder

This is just to remind you to provide information for the new Local Telephone Book about to be produced. We need accurate information by the 13th October 1995 at the latest.

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KILLIN SHOW RESULTS

Blackface Section - Judge D McPhail, Glendarvel

Champion - R and J McLarty, Littleport, St Fillans with a four crop ewe from their Glentarken Flock by an £1,100 Midcock and out of a ewe by a home bred son of a Dall tup: Reserve Champion - Also R and I McLarty with a gimmer by a Nunnerie Sire Aged tup - J Taylor, Braes of Ardeonaig. 2. Shear tup -Meggernie Estate. Shearling -Glentarken. Aged Ewe - Glentarken. One crop ewe - Braes of Ardeonaig. Gimmer - Glentarken. Ram Lamb -J Elliott, Ben More. Ewe Lamb - G Stewart, Tom Breck. Pair Gimmers - Braes of Ardeonaig. Pair Ewe Lambs - Tom Breck. Pair Ram Lambs - Ben More Pair Wedders Lambs - K Taylor - Dall. Male Group - Glentarken. Female Group - Glentarken. Best lamb - Tom Breck. Wool - F McAskill, Tullich. Best sheep opposite sex to Champion - Meggernie.

Cross Sheep Judge - I Malcolm, Coilifchat, Callander

Champion - H McDiarmid, Ben Lawers with a pair of 3/4 Suffolk lambs. Reserve - Mrs Sants, Morenish with a male ewe lamb.

Cattle - Judge W Stevenson, Pitlochry

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Wool Judge - S Balinger
Best fleece - F MacAskill. Blackface
fine - Braes of Ardeonaig. N.E.
Cheviot - Glen Mollochan. Mule J Veitch Jacob - Braes of Ardeonaig.

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Weather

During the exceptionally dry, hot summer of 1976 the magical figure of 70°F (21.0°C) was exceeded on 40 occasions, with 84.6°F or 29.0"C on July 27th. This year a high of 31.4°C (89.5°F) on 28th June broke the record, since records began at Ardtalnaig in 1957, while at date of writing (31 August) 70°F has been reached on 48 occasions.

A noticeable fact here on Lochtayside is that while in 1976 grass and crops were scorched to an even shade of brown and to a less extent in 1984, this summer there has been considerably less parching and in the main grass seems to have withstood the dessicating effect. Hay, though possibly a bit light, has been secured in excellent condition as indeed it was in 1994.

At today's date rainfall for 1995 stands at 753mm. This figure subtracted from the annual average of 1,277mm leaves 524mm or something like 21 inches still to come before 31st December, slightly over 5 inches per month! Umbrellas would seem still to be required!

In spite of all this talk of sunshine and heat, on August 28th 1994 Ben Nevis had its first autumn coat of snow and also that until about August 20th this year a patch of old snow was visible in Coire Ban Mor of Beinn Heasgarnich. Indeed, there is on the heights but little of the year, entirely free of snow.

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Killin Community Council

The Council met on l0th August in the McLaren Hall under the chairmanship of Dr. Mairi MacColl. As well as being a regular meeting, this was also the Council's AGM. Councillors S Duke and I Martin were in attendance. No members of the public were present.

Breadalbane Park Area

It seems that things should start to happen soon with the probability of money being available for the re-location of the play park and its improvement. Mrs Gutteridge will return soon from holiday and take charge.

The broken fence at the SW side of the park has now been replaced with a fence and gate.

Dog Fouling and General Cleanliness of Village

Further letter to be sent to Mr Ryan objecting to failure of SDC to inform the Council of new appointment. It was also agreed to send letter to Secretary of State asking for Instant Fines for anyone discarding litter.

Killin Folk Festival

Letter to be sent to Traders' Association asking for a donation for allowing the use of Breadalbane Park, for camping during Folk Music Festival.

AGM Chairman's Report

The Chairman (or Chairperson!) reported that there were few if any matters to report that were not already widely

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known through the media. She did feel, however, that the old problem of lengthy periods for response from Regional and District Councils was creeping back.

She indicated, yet again, her desire to resign from the post of Chairman and asked, unsuccessfully, for nominations. The Treasurer, Mr S Aitken, also indicated his desire to resign after some 5 years in the post, with similar result. Both agreed, reluctantly to remain in office in the meantime.

The Financial report had been presented and approved at the previous meeting.

AOB

The Chairman announced that Representatives of Central Regional Council's Water and Sewage Department would attend the next meeting and talk about the new water filtration system to be installed at Killin. The public are encouraged to attend.

Mr MacRobbie raised the question of the new nursery school and childcare facility. The newly appointed co-ordinator, Jenny Todd, had not yet had time to take action. Councillor Susan Duke undertook to look into this matter.

Councillor Duke announced that she would not be attending Community Council meetings in future unless particularly requested. It was agreed that an invitation be extended to **Mr Kenneth Campbell** Shadow Councillor of the new Unitary Council, to attend the meetings.

Next Meeting - Thursday 12th October, 7.30 pm, Lesser McLaren Hall. The public is invited, **even encouraged, to** attend.

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Scottish Poppy Appeal 1994/95

The organisers of the Scottish Poppy Appeal for 1994 thank the Parish of Killin and Ardeonaig for their generous contribution of £694.60 which was higher than last year. This year we are commemorating fifty years since the end of the Second World War. With the passing of time it is easy to forget the sacrifice made so long ago by so many on our behalf. With increasing age the needs of many men and women who fought in the war and since are now greater than ever.

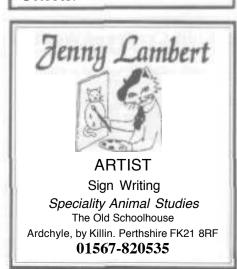
Note. (1) Poppies and posters will be delivered to establishments at the end of October. (2) Poppies will be delivered to lady collectors on 3rd and 4th of November. (3) The Appeal Dates are 6-10 November for door to door collection and 11th November for street collections. Remembrance Sunday is 12th November. If any of our regular collectors have questions for me I can be contacted on 820590 most evenings.

David Dowling

Next Issue

Advertisers please note: the next Killin News is the **Christmas Issue**, distributed towards the end of November.

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Annual Sheepdog Trials



The winners! Alex Buchan with Sweep

On Sunday 3rd September the Killin and District Agricultural Society held its Annual Sheepdog Trials; this year at Acharn by kind permission of Malcolm Campbell. The event was organised by Dick Steven of Crianlarich and presided over by Douglas Waugh, Chairman of the Society. The results were: 1st Alex Buchan with Sweep. Glenfalloch; 2nd Lorne Clerk with Tib from Ledcharrie; 3rd Alex Buist with Roy from Carrie. The Judge for the day was John Ferguson from Carnoch, Strontian.

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Strathfillan Community Council

CORRON TRUST. The seminar held in the Crianlarich Village Hall on Friday 14 July was very successful; over 50 people arriving to contribute to a lively debate about the future of the area. A wide representation from all sections of local society, residents, business interests, the Tourist Association, farmers and local voluntary organisations attended.

In addition many statutory agencies were represented, since they have a critical role to play in any proposals for economic and community regeneration, such as Local Authorities, Forth Valley Enterprise, Scottish Homes and the Rural Stirling Partnership. CORRON have now formally welcomed our community as one of the 12 areas to take part in the first year of the Scottish Rural Programme. The programme of events and actions has now been defined and we are

optimistic that important changes will result.

Connonish Gold Mine

Caledonian Mining Corporation, the new owners of the mine, have recently sought the support of our Community Council to speed up the legal proceedings in finalising the Section 50 Agreement by the end of September 1995.

If this is achieved they expect to start the building phase early in January '96 which will employ about 100 people, preferably from local labour and contractors.

They expect that about 50 persons will be directly employed during mining operations, the majority hopefully being local people. They calculate that reserves of ore will last 10 years but are confident that the life of the mine will be extended by further exploration.

This is a most exciting time for our community and we should work together to obtain the maximum benefit.

(For further information on these items contact the writer)

John Riley, Chairman





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History of Killin Golf Club

On the 5th of August 1913 a meeting was held in Killin to discuss the possibility of establishing a Golf Course. This was proposed by Mr Steen, the then tenant of Finlarig Farm, who had backing from the Marquis of Breadalbane to use part of the farm for this purpose. At that public meeting Killin Golf Club was formed with an initial membership of 37. Mr Steen was to undertake the laying out and maintenance of the course in return for which he would receive 98% of the takings! Mr John **Duncan** the professional at Stirling Golf Club advised on the layout and so the course with some later improvements, was born.

The "house-letters" backed the scheme enthusiastically and agreed to pay an annual levy to the club so that their guests could use the course. Perhaps unusually for those days the first lady members were welcomed at the third meeting of the club on 27th August 1913.

The course was eventually ready for play by 4th June 1914, and on that day an exhibition match was played by John Duncan from Stirling and James Burns the professional at Falkirk after the official opening by Mrs Steen, Finlarig. by this time there were 70 members of whom 12 were ladies. 1914 was an unfortunate time

to open a new golf course and the original three secretaries as well as many members had to depart on War service. By 1917 it was impossible to keep the course open because of shortage of labour to keep it in order and Mr Steen and the Committee then fell out badly over the failure to maintain it.

In 1917 it was decided to close down for the duration of the War and grow hay! However, Mr Steen then went back on this and proposed to plough it up. The members appealed to Lord Breadalbane for permission to take over running and maintenance of the course and fortunately he agreed to this.

However, even as late as 1920 the Club was still trying to get hold of the horsemower and tools used for maintenance from Mr Steen. Another public meeting was called and the backing of the "house-letters" and hoteliers obtained for an attempt at reconstruction of the course. Following this meeting the equipment was bought from Mr Steen for £55 and also some more grass cutting equipment and in February 1920 John King was appointed green-keeper. In 1920 a bazaar was held which raised £785 - a huge sum for these days. With this the members decided to build a Clubhouse and this was duly

opened in 1922.

By 1928 things had improved financially and in 1928 when Mr Steen's lease of Finlarig expired the Club obtained a 20 year lease from Breadalbane Estate at an annual rental of £35. By 1931 the Club had made a profit of £4. The question of Sunday golf was first discussed in 1932 and came up at intervals until 1947 when it was finally allowed.

Despite the problems of the Second World War the course did stay open but financial problems developed and for many years the Club was dependent more on fund raising efforts than on membership fees. In 1950 it was decided that the members should try to buy the course if at all possible. As usual, finance was the problem. It was decided to offer £760, but the selling agents wanted £1,500. A special general meeting was held which turned out probably the most dramatic in the Club's history.

One of the members then was the late Captain Stroyan of Boreland. After discussion of the situation he asked for a short adjournement of the meeting to let him make a phone call. He returned a short time later to inform the members that the Golf Course was now the property of Killin Golf Club. If they would pay the £760, he would make up the difference.

In 1950 there was a presentation to John King who had given 30 years devoted service to the Club as greenkeeper. In August 1951 the first

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Celebration of the Club's 50th Anniversary. From from left to right: Margaret Marquis, May Wilson, Chrissie Fenton, Dorothea Somerville, Jessie Valentine, Jimmy Wilson, Davie MacDougal, Jimmy Tinley, John Panton, Joe Rapley, Jack McLean.

Open Mixed Foursome Competition was held on an appallingly wet day! However, despite the rather inauspicious start the competition has continued without a break until the present day although now held in May.

Following John King's resignation in 1951 a succession of greenkeepers came and went. Douglas Ireland came in 1955 and remained as part-time Professional as well as greenkeeper until 1960. Bill Mitchell held the same appointment from 1963-65. In 1963 the Club celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with an exhibition match given by 4 professionals - 2 men and 2 women John Panton, James Wilson, Jessie Valentine and Dorothea Somerville.

By 1969 it was obvious that the clubhouse built in 1922 was no longer adequate as living accommodation and

a mobile home was purchased for the greenkeeper. In 1974 it was decided that as the Club now had a licence and catering was being expanded a Steward and Greenkeeper should be employed. Sandy MacLeod was appointed then and has now given 20 years of sterling service to the Club-firstly alone and now-assisted by an assistant greenkeeper and an apprentice.

Expansion has continued - a new tractor shed in 1980, water on the greens in 1979, and in 1992 the completion of the ambitious extension to the Clubhouse.

Despite all its financial problems over the years the Golf Club continues to flourish and still provides great enjoyment for members and for the hundreds of visitors who delight in the challenge, beauty and friendliness of this little course.

Lottery Winners!

The Killin Drama Club received some wonderful news last month - we've "won" on the National Lottery.

With the general refurbishment of the McLaren Hall taking place and us having raised funds locally to replace the front stage curtains, we took a critical look at what facilities we would ideally love to have. Those old brown curtains still hanging were desperately needing replaced!! What we might be able to do if a proper lighting system were installed!! And wouldn't a sound system be bliss!!! But at a cost of some £20,000 it was all a pipe dream - until the Scottish Arts Council Lottery Fund looked at our pleadings and came up with a grant of £15,505. As usual there were numerous conditions to be met - such as raising the difference of £5,000 to enable the work to be completed within one year but some begging letters have already been despatched and we are confident that the money can be raised and all terms fulfilled.

While these facilities will obviously benefit the Drama Club they will of course be available to other parties and hopefully will help attract more entertainers to the hall.

The members of the Drama Club would like to record their gratitude to Glenda Mardon and Lesley Syme for the considerable amount of work they put into firstly completing the Application form -I saw it and that in itself was no mean feat - and also dealing with the many subsequent queries. Thanks ladies, your efforts have been rewarded.

Bill Douglas, Chairman



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Killin Traders Association and Kenmore Enterprise Group

A Meeting of representatives of Local Organisations, Elected Bodies, Riparian Owners and Traders was held in the McLaren Hall on Tuesday 29th August at the request of the Traders' Association. Also present were members of the Kenmore Enterprise Group and a considerable number of uninvited individuals from various parts of Lochtayside, who were clearly interested in the matter under discussion. The meeting was chaired by John Mallinson, chairman of the Killin Traders' Association.

The main proposal was the idea, which seems to have emanated from the Kenmore Enterprise Group, that it would be more effective and in tourism terms more sensible to "market" the qualities of Lochtayside as a whole rather than Kenmore and Killin separately. Loch Tay as a holiday centre, it was suggested, with various possible developments could become a big enough tourism project to attract European money.

John Mallinson, put the above ideas forward and asked the meeting to offer their views. He said he had called the meeting so that all points of view could be expressed, not just those of the Traders.

The ensuing discussion was at times somewhat heated, but what became clear was that many of those present, whether representing organisations or just themselves were very clearly opposed to "unfettered" developments at the West end of the Loch and they viewed the Kenmore Enterprise group with considerable suspicion.

There were also those, and surprisingly many, who were quite hostile to any kind of commercial enterprise in the name of tourism. It was frequently pointed out that the relatively underdeveloped west end of

the loch, with its beauty and tranquillity, was what many tourists sought.

There was also some distaste expressed for the marketing language used. Many were opposed to the use of phrases like "Loch Tay is a product to be effectively marketed".

Most of the proposals floated by the Kenmore Enterprise Group got little support, although some thought the suggestion of a bus service link between Perth, Killin and Crianlarich was useful. Although many were unhappy with the proposed collaboration, there were some who thought the idea of promoting Loch Tay as a holiday entity had a lot to recommend it. They suggested that the different tourist boards should be asked to consider the idea.

The meeting finally closed with the intention of having a further meeting to widen the scope of discussion, and at a later stage a public meeting in Killin.

S.A. (see page No. 14 for further information about next meeting)

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North West Rural Area Committee

Yet another report from another Committee! This Committee set up by the Regional Council gets together Officials, Councillors, the public and Community Councillors. The primary purpose is to bring local government to the people - where questions can be asked directly to the Councillor and Council Officials whose work has an impact on our lives.

The committees visit different areas. The latest meeting was in Callander; at times a hilarious meeting chaired ably by Councillor Duke. Matters arising included, hence the ribaldry, long distance lorries being parked in Callander overnight, with the toilets in the carpark being closed. Why closed? Because of vandalism. To get to the bottom of the problem the discussion revealed that the police cannot move lorry drivers who have driven their allotted time before having a rest. In an effort to curb vandalism in public areas, video cameras have been used, for example in Oban. A Pilot scheme might be tried in Callander public loos. Watch Out! You might be on candid camera.

Other news gleaned - A contract is going out for a new shop in Strathyre.

A rep from Crianlarich asked if the new under fives provision in Killin would be available for Crianlarich children.

A presentation by pupils from the McLaren High was given - the subject a survey of 244 pupils including those from rural areas. The survey revealed widespread discontent regarding provision for youngsters. 86% felt that there was nowhere to go.

56% were bored - However there was no support for a 'drop in cafe' along the lines of the one in Crieff.

There is a value in a Rural Committee, but care will have to be taken to differentiate between the role of Community Councils and Rural Committee. For those interested the next meeting of the North West Rural Area Committee will be in Thornhill on the 27th September. Remember the public can raise all sorts of issues directly.

Itural Show 1995







Some of the Mothers and Toddlers Group dressed up for the Show!



The Exhibition of local artists' work.





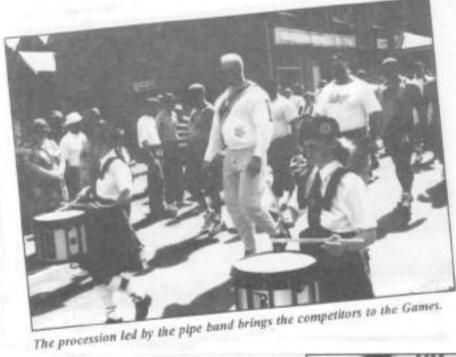
The Champion, A new born Limousin stot of the McDiarmids, Shenlarich.

Competing for the baking prizes, some of the produce.



The Killin Highl

Photographs: David Mardon. Killin



Tossing the Caber

Derek Lord, Davie Sneddon in the "High Road", the celebrity guest at the Games.

Two German visitors, rather formally dressed (!) for a temperature in the mid 80's. The one on the left, Florian Kroker, look part in the Hill race, (he changed into running strip!)



See results of the Hill race on p.15.







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Brigadier Sir Gregor MacGregor Bart.,

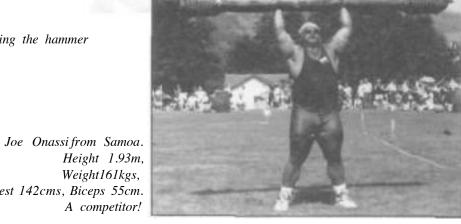
Chieftain of the Games, calling the competitors to lay down their arms and



The Hill Race: Duncan MacDonald (Killin) shaking hands with Paul Ridley (Crianlarich). Also in the picture is Maurice Copeland from Norfolk, the oldest Competitor, aged 67!.'



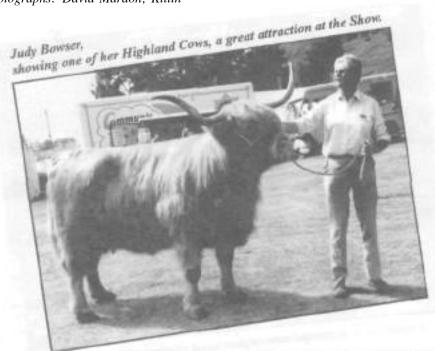
Throwing the hammer



Chest 142cms, Biceps 55cm.

The Killin Agricu

Photographs: David Mardon, Killin







Champion Sheep. A four crop ewe from the Glentarken flock of R. and I. McLarty, Littleport, St. Fillans.



"Competitors" getting ready for the "Bonniest baby" Comp



The Winning baby. She (he?) was called ERIN and was a visitor's baby.



Comment Column

Events in Killin

Establishing the Traditional Music and Dance Festival and bringing Highland Games to the village, both complement the Agricultural Show and the other activities run by Clubs and Local Organisations during the year.

Killin is a tourist centre and to attract visitors to stay awhile, there must be facilities, pursuits and special events to satisfy their comfort, leisure interest, and provide entertainment. These complement the natural beauty and tranquillity of the area which for resident and visitor must be protected.

In the first instance those providing accommodation and eating facilities will benefit, followed by local shops and support services, but tradesmen can also expect the winter months, when refurbishment usually takes place, to benefit their line of work. Thus the local economy can flourish.

Already within a few months visitors who have come to the village for the first time are making plans to come back! Others will return for a specific event and spend some of their holiday here, and regular visitors plan to take in one or more events next year. Killin can thus gain a reputation for hosting enjoyable activities and events, providing good facilities, and a friendly welcome for visitors. This of course involves had work and as many people as possible helping to run all the events so that they go smoothly.

Success generates its own momentum and the support and co-operation of the villagers and the many sponsors will ensure that Killin can prosper.

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Tercentenary of The Bank of Scotland: Killin Branch Celebrates



On the 17th July the Bank of Scotland celebrated the 300th anniversary of its founding by an Act of the Scots Parliament in 1695. Quite an Achievement! In fact it just happens to be the only Company founded by the Scots Parliament (dissolved in 1707!) which still exists, is still independent and continues to play an important part in Scottish Life.

The Killin Branch, no doubt like all

the others, celebrated with wine and a slice of special celebratory cake for all the lucky customers who turned up on that day, 17th of July. The cake was a magnificent piece of local baking with the blue and white colours of the Bank.

Our photograph shows Bill Douglas, Acting Manager, and Elizabeth Hancock on hand to give customers their glass of wine!



Marketing Proposals for 'Loch Tay'

As a result of the preliminary meeting held on Tuesday 29th August 1995 at which the suggestions, made by representatives of the Kenmore Enterprise Group to the Killin & District Traders Association, were put to representatives of Local Organisations, Elected Bodies, Riparian Owners and Traders, it has decided to widen the scope of the discussion as follows:-

Constitutionally formed organisations within the area, from Lawers and Ardeonaig to Killin, are being formally lettered and asked to propose suggestions for projects to be included within a larger 'Loch Tay' project; also to elect a representative who will serve on a joint committee which will determine a final list of proposals for consideration at a public meeting to follow. In addition, in order to ensure the widest possible consultation, individual members of the community are invited to put suggestions, in writing, addressed to the Interim Secretary of the Killin & District Traders Association, Mrs Fiona Stewart, 2 Dochart Road, Killin, Perthshire, FK21 8SN.

Letters are asked to be received no later than 17th October and the first meeting of the nominated representatives shall take place on Tuesday, 24th October at 8.00 pm. This shall be followed by a Public Meeting on Tuesday 14th November at 8.00 pm both meetings will be in the Lesser McLaren Hall.



RSPB: New Local Members' Group

Attention all ornithologists, bird lovers in general, and anyone else with more than a passing interest in birds, a new members' group of the RSPB has been forced to promote the interests of the RSPB in the Forth Valley Area.

Indoor and outdoor programmes have been arranged. There will be a ticket only official launch at the Golden Lion Hotel, King Street, Stirling on Wednesday the 11th of October at 7.30 pm when the principal speakers will be Don Bridget MacCaskill. Tickets will be available at the reception desk from the 18th September.

If you cannot attend the opening or any of these events you can still find out more by contacting the membership secretary, Duncan McIntyre, on 01786 880452.

Killin Water Supply

Are you satisfied with the provision of water in Killin? Are there too many chemicals in it? Is it really pure enough? Do we pay too much for it? And will we be paying more? These questions, and no doubt many others, will be answered at the next meeting of the Community Council, which is of course open to the public, when representatives of the Regional Council's Water and Sewage Department will be present to describe the new water treatment plant (costing £1.147 million) in Killin, to be installed at the site of the old one, and to answer any questions your Council or you yourselves may wish to ask.

The meeting will take place in the Lesser McLaren Hall on Thursday 12th October, 1995, at 7.30 pm. Put the date in your diary and come along, if not to ask questions, at least to listen to the people from the Regional Council Water Department.



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Village Enhancement Project

A recent meeting of the Rural Stirling Partnership and local community representatives was held to hear about the progress made on the village enhancement project.

This followed consultation with local residents which helped develop a design layout for the entrance to the Breadalbane Park. This has now been agreed. Moves are now underway to finalise the detailed design and it is hoped that a contract for the work will be underway in the near future.

The Village Enhancement has qualified for support from the European Regional Development Fund under Objective 5(b).

Negotiations are continuing for the purchase of the ground beside the Capercaillie restaurant. This site has been designated as the preferred site for a new car park for the village. However, other options are also being considered that would provide enhanced car and coach parking together with additional visitor facilities.

Floral Awards

Commercial Section

Hanging Baskets 1. Killin Crafts; 2. Shutters; 3. Capercaillie Restaurant. **Window Boxes** 1. Killin Crafts; 2. Shutters

Tubs 1. Killin Crafts; 2. Shutters; 3. Killin Surgery.

Domestic Section

Hanging Baskets 1. Mr J Farmer; 2. Mrs M Inglis; 3. Mrs F Stewart.
Window Boxes 1. Mrs F Stewart; 2. Mrs F Cairns; 3. Mrs M Inglis.
Tubs 1. Mrs M McRae; 2. Mrs M Inglis; 3. Mr J Farmer.

Children's Section

Hanging Baskets 1. R Grant (Beechcroft); 2. S Grant (Beechcroft). **Tubs** 1.Gemma Grant; 2. Krystle Grant; 3. Allison Cairns.

Window Boxes 1. Krystle Grant; 2. Gemma Grant

Thank you to all entrants for lovely displays despite very dry weather. Very many thanks to judge, Constable Iain Ramsay, for again doing a good job.

Highland Games Hill Race Results

1st: **Steve Burns**: 22.39 min Fort William, Lochaber Club. Cup winner 2nd: **Billy Brooks**: 24.45 min. Fort William, Lochaber Club.

3rd **Iain Anderson** 25.40 min Blairgowrie.

4th: **Dochy MacDonald**: 28.49 min Killin.

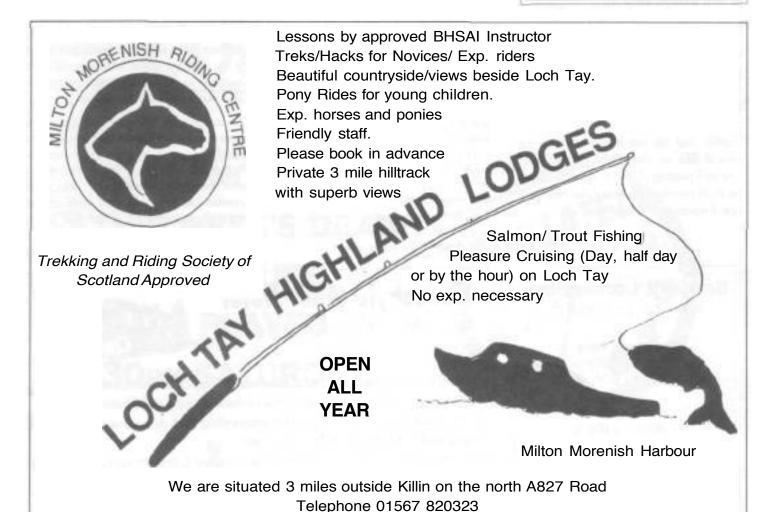
5th: **Florian Kroker**: 33.29 min Germany, only foreign competitor.
9th: **Maurice Copeland**: 41.10 min Norfolk (Oldest Competitor, 67)

For the record two young competitors both from Killin, Daren Webster and Terry Douglas performed well although not in the first five.

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The following letter has been received from Anne and John Harrison, the parents of the RAF Flight Lieutenant who died with his colleague in the Tornado crash at Glenogle:-

To the people of Killin, Lochearnhead & Balquhidder

The family of FULt RICK HARRISON would like to thank everyone for all they have done for us this last year.

Firstly all the Emergency Services for trying to help the boys, these men do a difficult job and sometimes not a very nice one, but thank God they are there.

Special thanks to all the Clergy for their support and prayers. The good ladies for the beautiful baking, not to mention the most welcome cup of tea on that bitter cold day in March. The school children who braved the weather to be with us on the hillside, and the Sunday school children who gave me a scrapbook of their drawings (I will always keep it).

The musicians who played in very difficult conditions, especially the piper who played the lament in shirt sleeves, he had the admiration of all there.

Lastly but by no means least, we would like to thank the people who are still putting flowers there. It gives us both comfort knowing the boys are not forgotten. Thank you all.

Anne and John Harrison

Letters



Sir,

Lix Toll

Can you, or any of your readers, tell me whether these verses, attributed to the late MacLean Larimer, have any foundation in fact, or whether they are merely perpetuating a myth.

> Yours etc, A C Miller

Some two miles westward of Killin The Dochart waters roll. And, at the Junction of the road. The place is called Lix Toll. Why Lix? It's not a Highland name, nor yet a Highland sound It's derivation's known to few; but I shall now expound: About three hundred years ago, when first the work began. The soldiers who laid down the road, were working from a plan. Wade showed each key location, simply as a numbered fix: Thus Callander was fifty-five, and Doune was fifty-six. Consecutively numbered ev'ry section northward led; Sirathyre was fifty-seven, and then came Lochearnhead; Meticulously numbered ev'ry place along the line, Lochearnhead was fifty-eight, the next was fifty-nine. But simple soldiers working, with their shovels and their picks. Did not know Roman numerals, and thought the place was Lix.

Dear Friends and Villagers,

It has been great living here in Killin. Just like my home village. I want you all to know I will be back in Killin on my caravanning holidays. I have got my friends here! Like some of the fire station. Thanks for letting me be your mascot. It has been great to have you all to be my boys before Fiona joined us all. And the football team, thanks to them for letting me be your 'Best Supporter' of the team. Keep Training! Thank you for having me. And you will all be welcome to see me again - and come along to see us at our new house nearer Central Region areas.

With all my love, Karen, and Mum and Dad Patrick.

See you all soon! And keep in touch.

Dear Sir.

I was interested to read the letter in the July issue which referred to the Drama Review.

Everything the writer of the tetter suggested about acting is probably true and had not been criticised by the reviewer. However, if a play, as distinct from mime, is being presented to an audience, the words need to be audible to all in the theatre and in this instance they were not.

To accept criticism of one's work is never easy; criticism is not always justified and of course can be rejected. It is, I suggest, worth considering another person's evaluation in a positive way and at least bearing it in mind for future enterprises.

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Youth Club

Once again the idea of reforming a Youth Club has been mooted. Some years ago I assisted in running the club and those involved will recall that in addition to the club nights there was a Disco in the Lesser Hall fortnightly during the summer restricted to eleven to seventeen year olds. The club met in the school and had various equipment for the youngsters and it's own disco set up. The demise of the club then was the result of lack of stewarding by the parents and the responsibility rested on a small dedicated group of parents and older teenagers. It became impossible to safely run the club and in particular the discos.

As has been pointed out in letters there are many resources not known to youngsters in the village through the sports pavilion, the golf club and the bowling club, to mention but three avenues to occupy them during the months. The youth summer organisations operate in the winter and within the area there are other venues and facilities. Time moves on and the idea may once again get the continued support it needs. I would offer my help but suggest that a simple survey be carried out, as was mentioned, among the school children, than an open meeting held at which they and all interested parties can discuss the prospects of restarting and running the club.

A J M Stewart

Dear Sir,

McLaren Hall Lets

I read, with interest, the letter in the last issue of the News, concerning the letting of the Hall to outside traders. About twenty years ago 1 served on the management committee, and Jack McLean and myself were delegated to review the charging structure for all the lets. The revised costs took into account the regular users, block bookings for clubs, and set a charge for commercial use by traders, which was at a level considered to be reflective of the hire of similar space at other venues.

It was not the intention to dissuade vendors from coming to the village, and therefore deny locals the opportunity of purchasing the goods on offer, but to create a more suitable income from a commercial enterprise.

Shortly after the new charges were ratified, some local retailers raised objections to the letting of the hall to outside traders. The subsequent management meeting took notice of the various views expressed, and after lengthy discussion, it was decided to limit the weeks when these bookings could be made. If I recall correctly the period from Easter to the end of September, and from mid November to the New Year was excluded to commercial traders. The minutes will correctly record this and whether a subsequent meeting overturned the agreed limitation. The hall must create income to meet increasing expenditure and the trustees and management committee have to explore every avenue to do so, and the villagers have a spendid facility which they should utilise and support in a positive manner.

A J M Stewart

McLaren Hall, Killin

Sir,

In reply to the letter concerning market traders in Killin News.

On Tuesday, 8th August, 1995, a special meeting of the management committee was held at the McLaren Hall, to discuss the hiring of the hall to outside traders. The committee have to date received one letter of complaint from a local trader and one from the trailers association who were approached by the same trader.

After much discussion, it was agreed by the full committee that traders would be allowed to hire the hall, but restricted to one visit per month. This would allow some revenue to be generated which is much needed for the general running of the hall. With regard to the Disposition and Deed of Trust and the proposed Constitution of the Hall. These have already been displayed in Killin Library for a limited period of time, however, it was agreed that a copy of both will be available in Killin Library for anyone to read on the library premises.

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Gun Club

The Club held its annual Gents Open Competition on Saturday 5 August. Over 100 competitors took part on a day of blazing sunshine. The results were as follows:

Scratch 1. E Lindsay (Blairgowrie) 70 (BIH); 2. G Smith (Killin) 70; 3. S Graham (Douglas Park) 71. Perhaps it should be noted that this was the sixth time in succession that Eric Lindsay won the first scratch prize, but this time only narrowly over our own George Smith.

Handicap O-14 1. J Chisholm (Killin) 71 (Net 59) the Trophy Winner; 2.1 Foreman (Muthill) 77 (63); 3. A Kerr (Vale of Leven) 78 (64).

Handicap 15-28 1. G Ramsay (Killin) 78 (60); 2 G Simpson (Bonnyton) 77 (61); 3. I Greaves (Killin) 82 (62).

The Club would like to acknowledge the sponsorship they had from various people and businesses, but perhaps particularly that of Caddymatic Ltd, who donated an electric power trolley. This was raffled, tickets being sold over a period of a few days including the Open Day and a useful sum of money was obtained by the Club.

The Winner of the trolley was none other than Anne Smith, who many of you will know is just recovering from a heart attack, and has just taken up golf again. A good home for the trolley.

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Inter Club Shoot

Killin Gun Club played host to an inter-club shoot on Wednesday evening 19th July. Clubs turning up were Meggernie, Aberfeldy, Blair Atholl, Logierait, Fortingall, Blackmount and Killin. The evening went well, with some very good shooting. The winners of the cup were Killin with 240 points. 2nd Blair Atholl 237 points. 3rd Aberfeldy 228 points. 4th Blackmount 207 points.

Killin Gun Club are to run this shoot again next year.

Teaching the Boys' Brigade

The Gun Club entertained the Boys' Brigade Observers on Saturday 29th July. We gave tuition and ran a small competition among them.

Club Shoot

The club shoot was held on Sunday 23rd July. 24 guns turned out on a warm sunny day. Results were as follows:-

25DTL Class A 1. R Cairns (72); 2. H Campbell & G Coyne (71).

Class B 1. J Sinclair (73); 2. E Paterson (64); 3. R Mills (62).

Class C 1. D MacCallum (56); 2. M Howson (53); 3. I Downie (42).

Visitors DTL M Dobson (59)

25 Sporting Class A 1. G Ross (66); 2. G Coyne (66).

Class B 1. R Cairns (63); 2. J McKay



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(52); 3. T Devlin (48).

Class C 1.1 Downie (66); 2. J Sinclair (54); 3. D Howson (39).

Visitors Sporting G Cattanach (72). Seep H Campbell Continuation K Wilmott Challenge Cup 25 DTL J Sinclair (73) High Gun G Coyne (137).

Open Competition

Killin Gun Club held their open 50 bird sporting on Sunday 13th August. There were 95 guns taking part on a bright sunny day. This shoot was sponsored by ABS Forestry Engineers, Killin. Many thanks to ABS for their sponsorship. Mrs S Aitken presented the glass and silverware to the prizewinners. Many thanks to all for their help on the day. Winners were as follows: 5 pair woodcock - I Gardner. 5 pair high pheasants - H Johnstone. 5 pair driven grouse - H Johnstone. 5 pair walked up grouse - G D Coyne. 5 pair duck and teal - D Bartlett.

Ladies High Gun A Rooksby (111); High Gun Open I Gardner (138); High Gun Club - A McCorquodale (126); High Gun Postal District - J Sinclair (114); Inter lodge trophy: Morenish (480).

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Angling Club

The final competition on Loch Tay saw twelve rods return blank. Conditions were quite good and fish were seen and even tempted to rise but to no avail. The final results for the year are as follows; Champion, Ian Downie; The Peter Ross Cup, Ian Downie; Handicap Cup, Stuart MacDonald; Heaviest Basket, Ian Downie; The Heaviest Fish, Stuart MacDonald. The Awa' Cup and (he Casting Competition are still to be fought for. Members are reminded that the Club AGM will be held in the Killin Hotel on Monday 13th November at 7.30 pm followed by the prize giving and buffet supper.

The recent circular on further restricting the bait fishing for salmon on the Tay system was discussed by the Club's Salmon section when it was agreed to recommend a compromise solution to the Board, in that the Club would postpone the opening of its river beat until the 1st of March and allow bait fishing by all legal methods, except prawn and shrimp, spinning with lures as an option until the end of June, thereafter fly fishing only, until, the end of the season. The restriction of one fish per day would continue. There has been some well deserved publicity in the press on this decision and it is hoped that this wilt be accepted and other riparian owners will follow our lead in moving to conserve the King of fish.

The trip to The Vale of Leven Angling Club took place on the 26th of August when fourteen members and friends were entertained by the Lomond Anglers. The weather proved mixed with a wet morning and dry afternoon, no game fish were caught but Bill and Ian won with two Pike, and Fred our visitor from London, caught a Perch of close on 2lb. An enjoyable day was had by all, rounded off with a buffet in the club.

A J M Stewart

Bowling Club

In an effort to encourage the younger members of our community to develop an interest in green bowling some practice games were set up by Mrs Margaret MacDonald and this subsequently led to a knock-out competition for a new trophy - the Mary Cameron Junior Trophy. Sixteen youngsters took part - a very creditable number - and the eventual winner was Terry Douglas, Runner-up Allan Donnelly.

Unlikely though it may be that all of the above sixteen will actively pursue bowling at this stage, it is hoped that some will and that the others, having had a taste of the game, will return to it at some later date.

If they do, those Club members who gave of their time to help the juniors get to know how the game is played will have been well rewarded.

Women's Guild

Work Group, Coffee Morning, realised £1,000 thanks to all who helped, donated and purchased.

The Nearly New Sale realised £760.00. Again thanks to everyone. The Dedication Service will be held on Sunday 24th September at 11.00 am. The Guild will meet in the Church Hall on Thursday 28th September at 7.30 pm.

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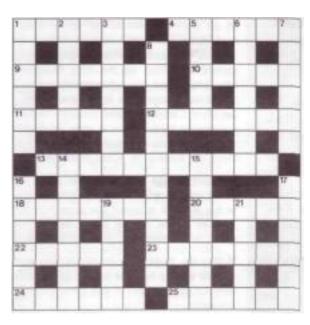
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Across: 1. Result 4. Access 9. Monster 10. Inter 11. Leave 12. Upgrade 13. Considerate 18. Refusal 20. Crete 22. Drier 23. Erupted 24. Dreams 25. Stolen

Down: 1. Rumble 2. Senga 3. Letters 5. Cling 6. Entrant 7. Street 8. Ground Elder 14. Offside 15. Recruit 16. Graded 17. Tendon 19. Strum 21. Extol

ACROSS

- 1. Strong, but partly robbed and broke (6)
- 4. What some would call a lady overseas! (6)
- O. They do it repeatedly on course! (7)
- 10. Approaches? (5)
- 11. Despicable person, rather low! (5)
- 12. Small birds, just beginners? (7)
- 13. An additional wanderer (Almost) but generous! (11)
- 18. The rep is again chemically active (7)
- 20. What you get out depends on this (5)
- 22. Fifty at church, and close the door (5)
- 23. Change the gear out and show anger (7)
- 24. These things aren't right(6)
- 25. Helps some poor creatures into the after life! (6)

DOWN

- 1. Again the leader will get less (6).
- 2. Eastern bird out for the mating (5)
- 3. In bowling it's the skip perhaps who is the leader (7)
- 5. That's it! You've got it! No more room! (5)
- 6. What sometimes occurs at the end of dinner! (7)
- 7. Stop! The backward editor sits out (7)
- 8. Have a holiday at the Taj without your accountant and make it worse (11)
- 14. That part of a soldier's pay to make up for his grand life (1-6)
- 15. Sometimes mistakenly taken for gold (7)
- 16. In the 'ould country' just a beginner in the wood (6)
- 17. Usually abbreviated when part of an address (6)
- 19. Sounds like an alternative to the upper air (6)
- 21. Some of these who sup late at night will need this (5)

Church News

Following the recent congregational meetings in Killin, Ardeonaig and Balquhidder a conclusion has yet to be reached regarding the proposed linkage. (A linkage is formed where two parishes remain distinct and separate but agree to share the services of a Minister).

The vote in Killin was for the linkage. The vote in Balquhidder was against it.

Further negotiation and refinement of the proposal will have to be made before an agreement can be reached. A linkage cannot take place unless both sides agree to it.

The Presbytery Reappraisal Committee reconsidered the matter at the end of August and the Convenor, Mrs MacCormick, is to hold meetings with representatives from both congregations. The Committee fully expects the differences to be resolved and the linkage to be confirmed in time.

Philip Simpson, Joint Session Clerk

John Laurie Award

John Laurie who you will remember recently featured in the Killin News, was honoured in July for his long service to Lochearnhead & Strathyre Games. John (94) has been a member of the Games Committee since 1948. Friends and family gathered at Lochearnhead Hotel to part John being made an honorary president. His badge of office was presented by fellow honorary president Ewan Cameron.

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Nan MacKellar

Thanks from Nan MacKellar

I would like to thank all the kind folk who helped and supported me during my recent trip to hospital and for the cards and flowers. In particular Jack Rough his son, Dr Blaney and the Ambulance Crew.

Jim adds his thanks to those who helped with transport and in many ways.

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