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KILLIN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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## Killin placed firmly on Tourist Map



*Christine Webster displays the Healing Stones*

Killin is placed firmly on the Map. More tourists are viewing Killin as a perfect place to stay - and that's good news for local businesses. With its celebrated Falls of Dochart, good choice of shopping, hillwalking and fishing - combined with its colourful history and legends - Killin has long been recognised as an ideal base for exploring the Highlands. More recent developments have also helped raise Killin's profile. The Breadalbane Folklore Centre has certainly made a name for itself since it opened in July last year. Figures show that there has been an even greater number of visitors with nearly 96,000 visitors so far this year which can be compared to just over 71,000 in 1994 and 33,000 at the old Tourist Information Centre in the Main Street in 1993.

The movie industry is also helping to place Killin firmly on the map as it has strong connections with national heroes. James Fraser, Director of Loch Lomond, Stirling and Trossachs Tourist Board said "Killin and Breadalbane have very strong

associations with Clan Gregor and we have worked closely with film distributors, United International Pictures, to maximise the publicity for this area arising from the Hollywood blockbuster Rob Roy starring Liam Neeson and Jessica Lange."

Mr Fraser went on to praise the voluntary efforts made by Killin and District Tourist Association and Killin Traders' Association to further enhance Killin's appeal for visitors. Mr Fraser said "Events such as Killin Highland Games, the new Killin Folk Festival and regular country dance evenings, together with the village floral awards scheme, made an important contribution to visitors' enjoyment of Killin and will, I am sure, help persuade many of them to come back again." But it is those who work in Killin who are best placed to say how the season has fared. A survey conducted among Killin members of the Tourist Board - which includes accommodation and retail establishments as well as visitor attractions - has shown that many feel

## New Year Dance

Lodge Breadalbane, St Fillans, will be holding the traditional New Year Dance on 1 January 1996 in the McLaren Hall at 9.00 pm. Admission will be by ticket only, available from Douglas McRobbie, William Stitt, Tommy Coffield and Alex Stewart.

There will be the usual restriction on numbers so book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

this year has been better than the last few years. The exceptional Summer weather was frequently cited as playing a major role - particularly by those catering for lovers of the great outdoors, such as the Glendochart and Maragowan caravan and camping sites. Perhaps, also partly due to warmer climates, it seems that more people are opting to enjoy the countryside on their own doorstep rather than travelling abroad as many guest house owners, such as Mrs Willison of Dalchenna, have noticed more UK visitors who also seem to be staying longer. Word of Killin's attractions seems to be spreading abroad. Killin Crafts remarked that there appears to be a greater number of German, French and Dutch visitors.

Local businesses hope to build on this success, with many currently attending tourism training courses funded by Forth Valley Enterprise and the European Regional Development Fund. It is also hoped that initiatives such as the Tourist Board's Autumn Gold campaign will help to extend the season into November.



*Gillian Taylor  
Loch Lomond, Stirling  
& the Trossachs Tourist Board*

## Killin Community Council

The Council met on 12 October in the Lesser McLaren Hall.

Dr Mairi MacColl was in the Chair. Regional Councillor Susan Duke was present as was also Councillor Kenneth Campbell (of the new "shadow" Unitary Council). Twelve members of the public were present.

### *Improvement to Killin Water Supply*

Mr Alan Stewart, Group Leader, Central Region Water Services, showed a video of work carried out to improve water supplies similar to work currently being carried out in Killin. This work was reported in the July issue of Killin News and will cost £1,147 million. The result will be a plentiful supply of good quality water to meet the demands of even the busiest tourist season. Levels of chlorination should also be controlled so that we don't get excesses at any time.

Mr Stewart answered questions and was thanked for his presentation.

### *Re-siting of Children's Play Area in Breadalbane Park*

The two options for the relocation of the play areas, are near the main entrance, the other between the round house and the putting green.

The second option was chosen although some councillors were unhappy at the less than accurate map showing the two sites.

## *Management of Loch Lomond and Trossachs Area*

The Scottish Office wish to set up a Management Group to manage either Loch Lomond and the Trossachs (including Killin) or two areas, one Loch Lomond and the other the Trossachs. Killin Community Council opted for the second alternative, that is, the smaller unit, the Trossachs.

It was felt that the one large unit would be too dominated by the particular problems and issues pertaining to Loch Lomond.

### *Killin Folk Festival*

The Traders' Association have given a donation of £200 to the Community Council for the use of the Park as a camp site during the Festival.

### *Community Council Project Grants*

Two projects are to be put up for grants:

- 1 Hedges planted round Bowling Green; and
- 2 Bulb planting on bank area of Breadalbane Park.

### *Police Matters*


The Annual Questionnaire on community satisfaction with Police performance has just been received. A councillor agreed to fill it in on behalf of the Council. Some felt, however, that a visible Police presence was required and suggested the re-introduction of foot patrols.

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## Strathfillan Community Council

The routine business of the Council is continuing satisfactorily, mainly due to our delegated groups, such as village enhancement and the environment. Bill Paulin also reported that the Newsletter Team are working very enthusiastically. The Corron Trust Project has been shelved until April 1996, partly because new projects have been delayed until the new Stirling Council takes over. Also the situation will be greatly changed when the Gold Mine starts its building phase in the New Year. Ian Stalker, European Managing Director of Caledonian Mining, reports that all legal/council formalities are near completion and expects to start building in January. He and his colleagues will wish to meet people and contractors soon. We have, for some time (along with the Tourist Association) been lobbying against the "Argyll Tourist Route" which directs traffic away from our area at both Tarbet and Ballachulish. We have mentioned this to Michael Forsyth, Secretary of State, but have had a disappointing response. We hope to get the support of Killin Community Council and the Tourist Association in this endeavour.

*John Reilly, Chairman*



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## Jack's Beanstalk

Killin Drama Club's production of Jack and the Beanstalk is progressing well in rehearsals - oh yes it is, but Mystic Meg watch out ... Killin has its own mystic powers which will be ably demonstrated by Dame Trot and Silly Billy in the January production at the McLaren Hall.

The blindfolded Silly Billy, seated centre stage, can actually identify any items Dame Trot borrows from members of the audience. A truly amazing example of the paranormal here in Killin.

Another highlight to watch out for is the continuing duel throughout the panto between the Vegetable Fairy, played by Glenda Mardon and a sinister, evil Fleshcreep, played by Killin's answer to Vincent Price, Colin McRae.

Tickets will be available from late December, so buy yours early to avoid disappointment.

## Comment

May we, the Production Committee, wish all our readers and advertisers, the very best of seasonal good wishes and may 1996 be a great year for us all.

### Nursery School, Killin

We are pleased to see Jenny Tod appointed and on the job as Coordinator but we remember (Killin 25 March 1995) the promises (commitment?) of Central Region - "full time educational provision for the pre-fives for Killin and District". The staff? "A coordinator, a part-time trained nursery teacher, three full-time nursery nurses and a clerical assistant!"

OK. All this needed European Money!

Well, with the greatest respect to Jenny, we've fallen far short of that promise. We didn't get the European money! So Jenny has to do the best she can in difficult circumstances and with limited resources. Aren't we lucky the Region has people like Jenny, who manage against all the odds, to keep the educational ship afloat!

## Next Issue

As well as wishing you all the very best for the festive season, may we remind you that copy, articles, letters, advertisements for the next issue, distributed towards the end of January, are required before Christmas, by the end of December at the latest.

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Both were complete beginners. They got a brief period of instruction (15 minutes) from Rosemary Third (Receptionist at Lix Toll Garage and qualified water-ski instructor).

They attempted to water-ski for as long as they could for per minute sponsorship. While perhaps not as elegant as you see on the box, between them they stayed up for a total of 10 minutes 16 seconds. You may not think this is very much but we assure you if you've never done it before, it's quite terrific! They raised the useful sum of £123.10 of which £13 is still to be collected. The whole event was sponsored by Lix Toll Garage.

Well done Michael and Malcolm - we were there and saw how cold it was.

## McLaren High School Board

Mr David McKenzie, Education Officer from Central Regional Council, attended a recent Board meeting for the following two items - School Nurse/First Aiders.

Two doctors, one from each Callander surgery, attended the Board meeting to discuss medical emergencies in a rural area. The Board was reassured that Callander is served by a 24 hour ambulance service. The School was advised to dial 999 in the event of a medical emergency in future to ensure there are no delays. It was agreed that the School would issue staff with a policy for medical emergencies.

### School Transport

The Board was informed that CRC had changed its policy with regard to school children on contracted buses to one seat per child. With regard to the Killin to Callander double decker bus, the Board was told that the bus will not be as

overcrowded now because children from Strathyre are using the bus from Balquhidder. It was explained to Mr McKenzie that the Board was pushing for single decker buses, especially in Winter, owing to the extreme weather conditions in Glen Ogle. Mr McKenzie and Brian Luti are to meet to progress this further.

### Drugs Awareness

The Board will be arranging an open evening for parents and pupils in the near future.

### Elections for New Parent Members

Elections will be taking place during the Autumn term for new parent members on the Board.

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## Mervyn's Weather

The last of these contributions for Killin News was written on 31 August which coincided with the end of a notable dry, warm period. Since then conditions have returned more or less to normal, although the middle portion of September did produce, on Lochayside at any rate, a spell of Indian Summer, this while Buchan and the North-east were experiencing rain, gales, flooding and much damage.

On 27 September Ben Lawers and other high hills had their first Autumn snow above 3,000 feet. October on the other hand satisfied those who, during the torrid days of July and August, expressed fervent wishes for rain and supplied us with over 10 inches to date. This along with September's 5 inches has put us in sight of the year's average of 51 inches. Due to extremely mild conditions, Autumn colouring has been less intensive, some trees shedding their leaves in full summer greenery.

*Mervyn K Browne*

## New Fire Fighter for Killin



Our photograph shows the newest recruit to the Killin Fire Service, Fiona Christie, the first woman to join our local Brigade.

Fiona joined in May as a part-time fire-fighter and so far "loves it".

She has not yet been at any major accident or disaster but hopes that she will be able to cope if called upon. This is certainly reflected in the attitude of the "boys" who seem to think well of her in the service.

Fiona, originally from Fintry, enjoys the challenge and likes to think she is doing something for the community. She now works (when not fighting fires!) in the Killin Surgery.



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*And deep its midnight run had made  
Beyond Drumviach's hazel glade  
And when the sun, his beacon red,  
Had kindled on Glenogle's head,  
The fireman 'Tattie' full o' zip  
Had settle doon to hae a kip.*

*Balquhiddie's braes hove into sight,  
All going well and no blue light,  
Wi' 'Neilly' at his vigil keeping  
And 'Tattie' on the deck fast sleeping,  
Alas their bliss soon turned to dread,  
Balquhiddie's 'start' had turned to  
red.*

*Wi' 'Tattie' wakened frae his dreams  
And 'Neil' near bursting at the seams,  
The guard announced in tones of woe,  
To Achnacloich we canna go,  
For just as we were doing fine,*

*This rock fell down and blocked the  
line,*

*We needna wait a Beeching cut,  
The Oban line will noo be shut.*

*Our 'Tattie' then his piece box drew,  
'Neil' on the ground the tablet threw,  
Each looked to sky and sea and plain  
At whit he ne'er may see again,  
Wi' hearts near broke and grim  
forbode,  
They came back frae the Oban road.*

*This 'Oban Mail' the depot's toy,  
For sixty years the 'Caley' s' joy,  
Will pass nae mair Cruachan's ben,  
Nor see Killin's sweet leafy glen  
But what is worse for 'Caley's' pride,  
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## Killin Nursery

We are pleased to note that the long awaited nursery for Killin and District is beginning to be realised. Jenny Tod, the appointed Coordinator, tells us that she hoped to have the thing up and running before Christmas. Although it will not be quite as lavishly staffed and resourced as Central Region Education Department promised us back in March, as Ms Tod says, let's be positive about it. So we'll be positive!

The nursery classes Phase I, will operate on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning for children between 3 and 5 years. Already, advertisements are out for two nursery nurses with whom Jenny will work. Phase 2 in the New Year will hopefully extend both hours and ages for the nursery.

Other positive happenings: (1) a child minding course with creche facilities is up and running; (2) The Glendochart Adult Group has been formed and has set about getting funding, for a start with First Aid classes especially related to children in the home and the nursery and later "Taster" classes for adults in Art, Upholstery, Aerobics and (3) the Playgroup will by now have moved to the new nursery premises (beautifully decorated and equipped). Note also the nursery has invited Santa on Friday 15 December from 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm. Well done Jenny! Positive achievement!

Further information on any of the above from Jenny Tod on 820889.



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## Proposed link with Kenmore Enterprise Group

Following the meeting held on 29 August and reported in the last issue, a subsequent meeting was held on 24 October between representatives of local clubs and elected organisations to discuss the suggested link with the Kenmore Enterprise Group. The members present were from the Community Council, Loch Tay Users, West End Salmon Fishers, Heritage Society, Tourist Board, Angling Club, Killin.

*News and Traders' Association:* The ideas for possible projects received from various sources were circulated and discussed. The general opinion of those present was that most of these should already be pursued by organisations representing the community who should lobby the existing elected and funding bodies. It was concluded that there would be no point at this stage in sanctioning a formal link with East Loch Tay but to keep options open for co-operation in specific projects and should European Funding become a possibility, be in a position to take advantage through liaising with the Kenmore Group. It was agreed that there would be no point in having a Public meeting since this gathering could not put forward a strategy for discussion.

Representatives attended the public meeting in Kenmore on the 25th and it was obvious that KEG did not have widespread support from the area and the committee was still at the interim stage. Although there was a draft constitution and a strategy in place, formal elections had not taken place. It was agreed from the floor that before any progress could be made the membership would require

to be increased to 50 then call an AGM to ratify a committee and office bearers and decide future progress. There was virtually no support to form a link with Killin at this time but that a common project to improve the marketing of the area promoting the existing facilities and amenities could be considered between both ends of the Loch.

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Bob rode for the Raleigh team and later for the Rudge in 1930. He was the only Scot to win the Scottish Six Day Trials and won twice in 1935 and 1937. He tried dirt racing and the TT but settled for trial events and won 21 first class awards and a gold medal in the International Six Day at Merano in Italy.

Bob was recognised as Scotland's greatest trials rider and won many trophies. When not competing, he took a 2% horse power Raleigh to the top of Ben Nevis and was presented by a grateful Raleigh management with a special gold medal. His skills as a rider were utilised by the Army where in the 1914/18 War he was a Sergeant Major instructor in the Motor Cycle unit of the King's Royal Rifles. In the last War before Arnhem, Bob trained Airborne troops on their special small machines and also showed Commandos the technique for motorcycling on sand and shingle.

Looking through a scrapbook, kindly lent by Mrs I McGregor, this short article cannot do justice to the catalogue of victories and triumphs achieved by Bob McGregor.



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## Moirlannich Cottage



We reported in January 1994 and again in November that the old farmhouse/cottage/longhouse Moirlannich, was in the process of restoration.

Readers may remember that the cottage in Glenlochay is noteworthy for a number of things - a crude frame, its age and having a hanging lum\

Mr Lindsay, Project Manager, National Trust for Scotland, updated members of Killin Heritage Society who paid a visit on 25 August.

Inside the building opportunity was given to see the original wooden frame, thatch and adjoining byre. Box beds and the built-in dresser showed a way of life now gone. There is a large shed for exhibits and an explanation of the Trust's activities. There will be a car park and a small garden area. It is hoped to open the building in the Spring of 1996 using volunteers on a "two afternoons a week" basis.

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Over the Summer, Killin Heritage has visited sites of local interest including the stone circle at Kinnell, old settlements and copper mines.

If you are interested in knowing of further outings get in touch with Judy Forster, telephone 820298 and, of course, join the Heritage Society which, in addition to outings, has a programme of speakers throughout the Winter.

## Drama Club

### Stage Improvement Fund

You will have read in the last issue that the Drama Club were successful in being offered a grant towards stage improvements and an induction loop system for the McLaren Hall.

The grant is dependent on raising the balance of the cost.

A programme of fund-raising events is planned, however, should you wish to make a straightforward donation to this project simply call in at the Bank of Scotland, Killin and ask to donate to the "Stage Equipment Fund" account number 01905081.

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Killiecrankie was the destination for the Green Team's first away fixture at the end of July.

The day was extremely enjoyable and as well as various woodland topics, we learned all about the famous battle. After visiting the Soldier's Leap several of the group attempted to jump a similar distance on dry land. None of them would have made it across the river!

We had our lunch by the River Garry which provided ample opportunity for water fights, but in the hot weather it was quite pleasant to have a cool shower!

Thanks must go to Mrs Frost for organising the community bus and to Jane Brown and Pat Campbell for all their help on the day.

Younger members of the Team also had their own outing. Tim Frost took us up into the hills to Coire Riadhait where we were able to enjoy real peace and quiet. All we could hear when we listened carefully was the trickling burn and the odd insect. It was a great trip - thanks Tim.

During the rest of the Summer there have been a variety of other activities and we hope to continue with less frequent meetings over the Winter.

*Helen Cole*

## Angling Club

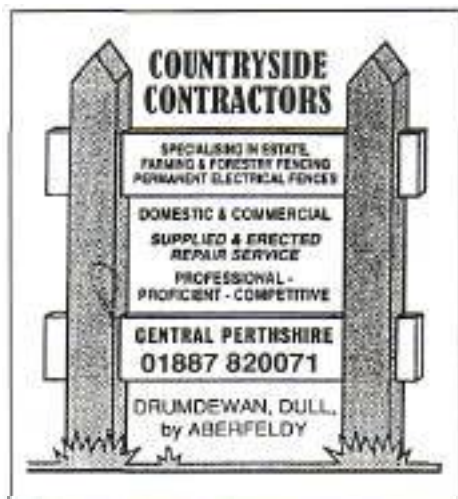
### Maintenance of Slipway and Moorings

The Angling Club lease the area of ground from the boundary with Dall Lodge Hotel down stream to a line from the mooring of W12 to the chestnut tree.

The Club is responsible for the upkeep of the road, the slip way, the parking area (which is for the use of members only) and the moorings from Dall Lodge fence to the top side of the slip way. Improvements have been made this year and further work is to be carried out.

It is the policy of the Club to ensure the river bank and access are properly and safely maintained, to be enjoyed by everyone and encourage others to play their part in making sure their section of the River Lochay does not decline through erosion and lack of attention.

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## Letters



Dear Sir

I refer to the letter from A C Miller in your Issue No 28 and offer the following information.

The original names for the three old adjoining settlements in Glen Dochart with 'Lix' in their names were:

- 1 Lie Uachdarach (Upper Lix)
- 2 Lie Mheadhonach (Mid Lix)
- 3 Lie Iochdarach (Lower Lix)

which are now named Wester Lix, Mid Lix and Easter Lix (also known as Acharn Cottage). Lie (pronounced Leechk) means "flagstone" or "hard slope". Lix is the Anglicised version of the name in plural form.

Yours sincerely  
Andrew Comrie  
(ex Killin Police Station)  
St Andrews

Dear Sir

A C Miller asks if the verses, attributed to the late MacLean Lorimer and published in your Issue No 28 (Sept 95) are correct.

On page 389 of the book "In Famed Breadalbane", there is reference to "Lix, Licks - the hard slope". This, I think, indicates that the verses probably have no "foundation in fact" or perhaps Wade was using the local name; then again perhaps it was just fortuitous that "Licks or Lix" happened to be "fifty-nine".

Does anyone know if in fact Lix Toll is the 59th?

Yours  
J C MacNab of MacNab

Collace  
Perthshire

Dear Sir

I was interested in A C Miller's reference in the September issue to the origin of the name Lix in verses

attributed to the late MacLean Lorimer. It reminded me of the story of the Glasgow tourist bus driver who, on passing Lix Toll, used to inform his passengers that they were 59 miles from Glasgow and the equally absurd tale that the name derived from that of the Roman 9th Legion which was annihilated by the local Caledonian tribes for daring to venture north of the Highland line.

The name Lix occurs in various guises on early maps including Leeks, the pronunciation of which closely reflects that of the Gaelic name Lie, which is the dative of leac, meaning a hard or flaggy slope.

The English plural derives from the threefold division of Lie Uachdrach, Lie Meadhonach and Lie Lochdrach, that is Upper, Middle and Easter Lix, now commonly known as Wester, Middle and Easter Lix.

Had the English rendering been Lies or even Licks, we would undoubtedly have been spared the myths surrounding the origin of the name.

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## Letters (cont)

Ardchyle Farm  
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Dear Sir

The letter from Laura Bates (Killin News Issue 27) struck a familiar chord in my memory as over the past 40 odd years of involvement in amateur dramatics, I too, have suffered the occasional bruised ego, quickly followed by resentment against what I consider to be unfair comment from a critic on my own performance in a public production.

Regrettably, it is a hard fact of amateur, or professional, dramatic life that once you step onto the boards under the public gaze you have to be prepared to accept the applause and criticism with equal aplomb. I agree that it was somewhat unfair to criticise the producer as once the performance is live there is nothing he or she can do.

However, I would challenge one part of Laura's letter in which she suggests

that acting is more than performing to an audience. Not so. Her suggestions form the basis of what it means to belong to a drama club and apply equally to the backstage staff, the ticket sellers et al.

Theatre is not theatre without an audience. Acting is a combination of illusion and stage craft presented to an audience in dialogue or mime. The most important component of stage craft, if dialogue is used, is the projection of the actor's voice into the audience. A common failing, especially amongst people new to acting, is to talk to each other on the set in normal voices which do not carry to the audience. Problems with voice projection are easily remedied by time and experience.

Some satisfaction might be gained from a comment made by certain actors in the recent Edinburgh Fringe - "A critical review is written about people who can by people who can't!"

Roger E Lambert

## School Helper Retires



May MacGregor who has been School helper for 17 years has retired.

Staff, pupils and friends made a presentation of a rose bowl on 13 October.

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## MacMillan Appeal Coffee Morning

Thanks to local people, the coffee morning held at the Capercaillie Restaurant as part of the nationwide World's Biggest Coffee Morning with Nescafe on Friday 29 September was a major success.

Not only was it a very sociable event, with over 20 people attending, but generous donations raised £133 for the MacMillan Appeal to help people living with cancer.

The event was organised by Mr R G Lewis who commented "My coffee morning was one of thousands held all over the UK between 8.00 am and 12 Noon as part of the MacMillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning with Nescafe. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along and made a valuable contribution to MacMillan, helping the charity make a real difference to the lives of local people with cancer and their families."

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She is on the road to recovery.  
Many thanks.

### Thanks

Tom Shearer would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards, visits and gifts received during his stay in Stirling Royal Infirmary.

Thanks also to all those who kindly transported Helen to visit him in hospital.

### Thanks

Nan and Jim would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their kind wishes, cards, gifts and visits to the hospital over the past couple of months. Also the cards and gifts to Nan on her birthday.

Many, many thanks to all.

## The Community Resource Centre Stirling District Council



wishes the Killin News and  
it's readers all the best  
over the festive season

## Obituaries

Andrew Duncan left the hurly burly of business life down South to retire to the peace and tranquility of Killin in 1987. Born in Glasgow, where he trained as a CA, Andrew served in the Army in the Tank Corps from 1941-1947, seeing service in Italy and North Africa. After the War he spent most of his working life in the South but his holidays in Scotland. In his youth he was a keen rugby player and golfer. On retirement he took great pleasure in his dogs, in birds, his garden and in the countryside. He and Irene made a wide circle of friends in Killin. Andrew bore his illness with great courage and fortitude and did not lose his sense of humour or his skill as a raconteur. He leaves his wife Irene and family of three children - two sons and a daughter. He will be sadly missed.

Miss Wilhelmina Horsburgh, aged 92 years, died on 29 October in Stirling Royal Infirmary. Born in Blanehead, Wilhelmina trained in PE but had to give it up owing to ill health. She moved to Balfron and lived in what is now the Pirn Inn. She joined the WAAF in 1940 as a Section Officer then helped in the re-settlement of Germany post war. Wilhelmina also worked on BBC Children's Hour with rhymes and wrote popular children's books. She moved to Balquhidder in 1946 and entered Kirk Care in Killin in 1985.

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## Clubs and Societies

### Killin Gun Club

**Shoot Results 50 DTL 3 September:** *Trap A:* 1. D Tilden 75; 2. J Sinclair 75; 3. B Gillies 74. *Trap B:* 1. R Baynes 75; 2 equal. G A Webster & B Gillies 74. **High Gun Open:** B Gillies 148. *Wgh Gun Club:* J Sinclair 147. *Team Shoot:* 1. Killin Select 135; 2. Glen Lyon Raiders 130. **Continuation:** 5 pair open: H Slee. 5 pair club: R Cairns. 3 pair open: B Gillies.

43 guns turned out on a changeable day. The shooting was good.

**Shoot Results 1 October: Class A DTL:** 1. G Ross 71; 2. E McAllister 68; 3. R M C 61; 4. G Coyne 57. *Class B:* 1. S Christie 57; 2. D Stewart 51; 3. Ross Mills 47. *Class C:* 1. G Mullen 62; 2. J Ward 60; 3. R Gibb 40; 4. T Frost 39. *Sporting:* 1. G Ross 66; 2. E McAllister 54; 3. H Reilly 45. *B:* 1. R M C 60; 2. Lennox 51; 3 equal. S Christie & D Stewart 48. *C:* 1. E Paterson 48; 2. Jas Sinclair 45; 3. Ross Mills 42. **High Gun:** G Ross 137. *D/R:* 1. E McAllister 30; 2. R Mills RMC 21.

*George Coyne, Secretary*

### Killin Breadalbane Angling Club

The final competition of the year, the Awa' Cup, held at Inverawe Fishery on 24 September, saw seven members do battle. Conditions were difficult after the long hot Summer but Jack Scougall pipped Angus Inglis by nine ounces to win the trophy.

The Casting Competition on 3 September saw only two members take part, the winner was Ian Downie. The final result for the season is: Club Champion Ian Downie, the Peter Ross Cup Ian Downie, Heaviest Bag Ian Downie, the Casting Trophy Ian Downie, the Handicap Cup Stuart MacDonald, the Heaviest Fish Stuart MacDonald and the Awa' Cup Jack Scougall.

The total number of trout weighed in for the competitions was 64, a total of 35 pounds 5½ ounces, compared with 13 trout for a total of 8 pounds 12 ounces in 1994.

The salmon section saw 57 salmon and four grilse caught for a combined weight of 653½ pounds, which is just over half of last year's tally.

More salmon were seen going through the river this year, hopefully to ensure a good spawning for the future. The winner of the Shield for the heaviest salmon is Neil Cairns with a fish of 18 pounds and once again the Cup for the most fish caught is won by Donnie MacKenzie with 17 salmon for a total weight of 192½ pounds.

I would remind every one that under the terms of the Protection Order, permission

### Killin Carpet Bowling Club

At the AGM on 25 September 1995, the following officials were elected: President (re-elected) C Grant; Vice President J Guild, Treasurer I Donaldson, Secretary L Mitchell, Match Secretary H Guild and new Committee Member H Forster. C Grant will be Club Representative for the McLaren Hall. There was a low turnout with just enough members to form a committee. New members would be most welcome. Fees for the season: present members £15, new members/juniors (14-16 years) £5, under 14's free. Club meets in the Lesser McLaren Hall on Mondays at 7.30 pm. Why not come and give it a try?

*Lester Mitchell, Secretary*

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At our first meeting in October, Liz Lambert, President, welcomed members and Mr Keith Mitchell gave an interesting demonstration on the making of starters. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs J Willison and Mrs E Stewart.

After business, the company were entertained by the Rural Choir.

Competition winners were:

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*A J M Stewart, Club President*

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Mixed Section: *Lochay Trophy*: E Taylor & S Bergin. *Stevenson Trophy*: J Chisholm & S Chisholm.

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F Robertson. *MacKay Cup*: R Cannon, Chrissie France, S Chisholm. *May Wilson Trophy*: S Chisholm & F Robertson. *SLGA Brooch*: F Robertson. *Cancer Relief*: C Fenton. *Red Cross Eclectic Shield*: F Robertson. *Handicap Eclectic*: S Chisholm. *Captain's Prize*: R Hunter. *Flag Competition*: F Ramsay. *Coronation Fours*: R Cannon & J Rough. *RSPCC*: R Cannon, F Ramsay, F Robertson. *Pendant*: M Graham. *Birdie Tree*: F Robertson.

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### ACROSS



1. What you have if your will is free (6)
4. Not silver, an alloy (6)
9. Take advantage of someone theatrically (7)
10. In Rio January is a good month for this wine (5)
11. You might say it's a kind of frame up (3, 2)
12. Put a lot into this high voice and see it shake (7)
13. Pavlov's dogs were (11)
18. The Irishman may have a rowdy following but he loves his country (7)
20. Beat, a coin, an enclosure (5)
22. Some figure, a sort of squint square (5)
23. Some famous tin gems are putting out (7)
24. Twelve points for a royal (7)
25. Those who are not employed (6)

### DOWN



1. If your fingers are all thumbs you are! (6)
2. Ready to be filmed, the beginning (5)
3. In a tent with the king, not much room (7)
5. Weird, unusual (5)
6. No one wants it, yet one can take a lot of it to avoid it! (7)
7. Nearly as good as a professor (6)
8. Give tuition to the rest and make amends (11)
14. In front of the front line? (7)
15. Didn't agree, and took action (7)
16. This bemused satrap, came from a hard place (6)
17. Some of these stories we had ages ago (6)
19. I'm less than blue, but I can fill your mind (5)
21. Some of us run it easily, for harmony (5)

## Solution to last Crossword

### Across:

1. bust 4. abroad 9. driving 10. nears 11. creep 12. rookies 13. extravagant 18. reagent 20. input 22. latch 23. outrage 24. errors 25. priest

### Down:

1. reduce 2. bride 3. skipper 5. bingo 6. oration 7. desist 8. aggravation 14. x-factor 15. glitter 16. Tralee 17. street 19. ether 21. plate



### Killin Library ★★

Children's Christmas Event on Thursday 14 December from 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm in the Library - Primary 1-7.

Information required from local clubs and societies for update to community database eg name of Club/Organisation, telephone number, fees, time of meeting etc.

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