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## BSE - The Local Perspective



I was delighted that my first assignment for the Killin News was on a subject that I could really get my teeth into! There is nothing I enjoy more than a juicy fillet steak with a smidgen of garlic butter, and the recent hype supposedly linking BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) with the human version of the disease CJD (Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease) has in no way deterred me from eating beef. I decided however to approach local people to get a more balanced view on how the BSE scare is affecting them.

Local butchers Colin McRae and Tom Neill say that beef sales have never been so good. Tom recently changed his supplier of beef, to John Christie of Lochdochart who farms Galloway cattle for breeding as well as for beef. The Christies have never had a case of BSE within their herd, they have always adopted natural farming methods, the Galloways are hill grazed in the summer and fed hay, straw, nut and minerals in the winter and chemical fertilisers are

not used. Colin McRae selects his beef from 18 month old Aberdeen Angus from Orkney, they are also BSE free and he knows the ancestry of every beast. He believes that the shopper is "getting back to basics" and deserting the big supermarkets in favour of the local butcher where quality and ingredients in beef products is assured.

Auchlyne farmer, Gilbert Christie remarked that the BSE scare has affected their business financially. He rears calves till they are yearlings, he then sells them on at Dalnally to farms which will fatten them up to be sold as beef about a year later. His beasts are BSE free and yet the price fetched by these yearlings has dropped dramatically. Gilbert said, "there is no test available at present to establish whether a cow has or will develop BSE. but it is totally unnecessary and wasteful to cull thousands of beasts to appease the EU".

I didn't manage to speak to anyone who had given up buying beef from the local

butcher shops although there were several who had stopped buying beef burgers from supermarkets and fast food restaurants. It would appear that you are much more likely to get run over by a car than contract CJD but the EU are not demanding that all Renault, Peugeot, Mercedes and BMW's are to be culled. As satirist Rory Bremner remarked, "To avoid the massive expense likely to be incurred by the unnecessary culling and incineration, we should disguise the cows as sheep, send them in trucks across to France and the French will burn them for us!"

It is difficult to understand why John Christie has for the past six years been forbidden to export breeding cattle to European countries when he has never fed his beasts on anything but what they would eat naturally, especially when you consider that BSE is prevalent throughout Europe and North America. Are British farmers being used as political scape-goats by the EU?

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# The Big Steak Experience



There are some, as you might expect, who refuse to be brow-beaten by the media on the matter of BSE.

For one group, some thirty odd diners, who took part in a BSE Night (only the letters stood for "Big Steak Experience") at The Old Mill Restaurant, Liangarstan, a jolly time was had by all. I suppose it's a way of expressing solidarity with the local cattle farmers. They openly enjoyed their beef, no doubt, to some extent, "sterilised" by liberal quantities of red wine. Our photograph shows the evening in action and the BSE menu.

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## Forthcoming Events

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| May 31 Heritage Walk - at 6 pm<br>McLaren Hall Car Park   | July 10 Scottish Country Dancing -<br>McLaren Hall 8pm-<br><i>and every Wednesday</i>    |
| 1 Killin Golf Club -<br>Ladies Open Competition   | 12 Heritage Walk -<br>McLaren Hall Car Park at 6 pm                                      |
| 8 Killin Golf Club - Open Stableford<br>Competition - <i>and every Saturday</i>                   | 14 Highland Farm Visit, Glendochart.<br>Book through Ranger Service<br>Tel: 01786 475019 |
| 14 Heritage Walk -<br>McLaren Hall Car Park at 6 pm   | 17 Bowling Club. Bric-A-Brac Sale.<br>McLaren Hall                                       |
| 21, 22 & 23 2nd Killin Traditional<br>Music And Dance Festival<br>- Events Throughout The Village | 21 Boreland Gardens. Glenlochay.<br>Open to public.<br>Teas in aid of Cancer Research    |
| 21, 22 & 23 Craft Fayre -<br>Demonstration & Stalls   | 21 Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band - 1 pm   |
| 23 Killin Gun Club -<br>High Pheasant Rose Bowl   | 21 Gun Club Challenge Cup  |
| 28 Heritage Walk -<br>McLaren Hall Car Park at 6 pm   | 26 Highland Queen Dance,<br>McLaren Hall   |

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## Strathfillan

## Community Council

A public consultation meeting on proposed **traffic calming** measures for Crianlarich was held by the Scottish Office in Crianlarich Hall on 24 April. The measures include repeated warning signs on all approach roads, district and unique "gateway" signs at the start of the 30 mph speed limit, narrowing the road to a uniform width along the centre of the village (as has already been completed beside the Crianlarich Hotel) and use of bollards, lighting and plantings. Work is to take place during 1996/97. Although not discussed, it was confirmed that the Crianlarich by-pass is budgeted for 1997/98.

Following the excellent response to our **Public Transport Questionnaire**, a letter has been written to Mr Ken Ross, Post Bus Manager. It requests a longer stop over time in Killin than the present 35 minutes, and one earlier in the day than the current 4.35 pm slot. It also asks that the present additional return runs to Tyndrum be re-arranged to coincide with the (hoped for) new stop over time. The questionnaire results were also sent to the Public Transport Unit, Stirling Council, stressing the view expressed by many that what little Public Transport there is in our area appears to be designed to suit tourists rather than locals. The need for a direct return service to Stirling was stressed.

Collection boxes throughout Strathfillan raised £568 for the Dunblane Appeal. Thanks to all who contributed.

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## Tarmachan Teashop

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The Council met in the McLaren Hall on Thursday 11 April 1996. Dr Mairi McColl was in The Chair. There was no representation from the new Stirling Council. One member of the public was present.

**Play Area Breadalbane Park:** It was reported that Mr. Aitken had a meeting with Sue Gutteridge (Principal Office Play and out of School Care) and a consultant. The Council have now given them the go ahead to re-site the play park in the area of the Roundhouse.

**Entrance To Breadalbane Park:** Some complaints were made about haphazard parking in the new entrance area. It was thought that parking should be limited to marked areas and probably only for the launderette and the library. Some litter bins were also required. Letter to be sent to Stirling Council about this.

**Dog Fouling and General Cleanliness:** It was felt that Jake was continuing to do a good job. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the new Council asking for a permanent skip provision.

**Dochart Bridge.** Letter to be sent about the urgent need for repair work.

**Glendochart Adult Education Group:** A request had been received for financial assistance for this group. It was agreed to give them a £50 grant.

**Role of Community Councils in New Local Government Set Up:** Jan Laing, of Community Services. Stirling Council, has asked for a public meeting to discuss this. It was agreed to hold one on 8 or 22 May.

**Killin P.T.A.:** The Chairman read a letter from Rosemary Simpson, Chairman of the PTA, asking permission to make use of the present Children's Play Area in the park, once the new play park is installed, to develop a long term conservation project involving the school children. The intention would be to develop a nature garden with a small natural woodland. This was agreed.

**Killin Library:** It was agreed that a letter be sent to Helen Munro, Director of Community Service, regarding the closure of the library during the librarian's holiday 22-26 April. It was felt that the fax machine and the photocopier were services which were always required. It was also thought that the income from these machines and from the hire of videos would be more than enough to pay the wages of a relief librarian for that period; and there were two in the village recently trained to handle the new computerised lending scheme.

It was reported that the lay-by across the road from the curling pond was in a bit of a mess. The Chairman is to ask the owners about future plans for this area.

It was reported that an area of the Ardeonaig Road on the shore side between Chloichran Burn and Fiddler's Bay is in a dangerous condition. A letter will be sent to the Stirling Council for this to be looked into.

Next Meeting:

**Thursday 13 June at 7.30 pm**

in the Lesser McLaren Hall. Member of the public are welcome.

## Local Girl In London Marathon



Our photograph show Jenny Lambert, daughter of Liz Lambert (Ardchyle) who took part in the recent London Marathon. When asked how long it took her, she said, "Well, it was faster than the last time I did it. and I've NO blisters!". Jenny, aged 23, is a final year veterinary student at Edinburgh University. She ran in the race in aid of a national cancer care charity. The MacMillan Cancer Relief Fund. She managed to raise over one thousand pounds for the charity, and would like to thank everyone in the village who contributed.

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# McLaren Hall

## Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the McLaren Hall Management Committee was held on 23 April in the Lesser Hall before a representation of various organisations who, in one way or another, make use of the Halls' facilities. Mr. William Stitt was in the Chair.

The first item dealt with was the need for new lights in the main hall of a kind which would not "catch" the shuttlecocks of the Badminton Club. Various estimates were discussed including "covers" for the existing lights. It was finally decided to leave this decision to the incoming committee.

During discussion of the Treasurer's Report it was revealed that the Appeal Fund was closed at the end of February after raising £12,636.87. This alongside major grants from Stirling District Council and The Scottish Education Department amounted to a total of £46,693.13. After expenditure, repair and improvement work to the building, there was a balance of some £15,000. Mr. Stitt thanked all those in the village and elsewhere who had contributed to the fund.

There was some discussion of the new-lighting and sound systems acquired by The Drama Club and for the use of the community in general. Because of the sophistication of the two systems, groups who wish to make use of either of them must apply to the Drama Club to provide them. This raised the question of the need for a basic and adequate form of lighting without having to use the new Drama Club system. It was finally agreed that this would be looked into.

It was noted that the Trustees had agreed to donate £500 towards the cost of running the Hall.

Under Any Other Business a number of matters were raised. First was the inadequate work done on the roof of the main hall. Some speakers referred to the continuing dampness and areas leaking water, which had made redecoration very difficult. It appears

that this has resulted in certain insurance claims.

Also raised was the matter of the letting of the Hall to outside traders. This was thought by some speakers, especially those involved in similar trading activities, to be using the Hall to undermine local businesses. It was their view that at least the letting of the Hall to outside traders should be limited. The Chairman agreed to ask the incoming Committee to look at the matter and probably restrict the use of the Hall for such purposes.

There was also some discussion of the system in use for booking the Hall. It seems that the system is perhaps less than perfect. The incoming Committee will be asked to review it.

When it came to the item "Election Of Office Bearers" there were no nominations. Consequently the existing committee were re-elected for the coming year. **Chairman: W. Stitt, Secretary: C. Campbell, Treasurer: M. Masterson, Vice Chairman: G. Mardon.** It was also agreed that the Killin Traders Association should appoint one of their members to the Committee.

### *Afterthought*

*Four of the Trustees were present. We wonder how much money the Trustees took after for the Hall, after all, it belongs to the village. Shouldn't we know some of the details of the finance involved? Should it not be made public?*

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## Jock Stewart's Long Service Medal



The photograph shows our own Jock Stewart in the company of John McEwan, Divisional Manager, Forth Valley & Lanarkshire. Ambulance Service, being presented with his medal for long service and good conduct by Dr Mairi McColl. (Some nasty people present questioned the "Good Conduct" bit!), but to be serious, Dr McColl spoke highly of Jock's work for the village over the years. She remembered how her own job was greatly relieved with Jock's arrival on the scene. She felt he fully deserved the medal on behalf of the village as well as the Ambulance Service. Jock has served the community of Killin and district for 21 years - and still does. Well done. Jock, and many thanks from the village.

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## Annual Sheep Clipping Competition

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# The 2nd Killin Festival Of Traditional Music & Dance

21st to 23rd June 1996

Well folks we are nearly there and it's time to look out your festival gear, dust off your clogs, lubricate your tonsils, and get ready for the greatest weekend feast of all that is best in the traditional music and dance scene. Last year you enjoyed the first event and came through with flying colours, so the committee, and our Directors, have prepared another programme of concerts, ceilidhs, workshops, competitions, storytelling, children's events, exhibitions, and a craft fayre, for your enjoyment and involvement. There's something for everyone. The advance weekend booking flyers are available throughout the village and Katy Forster will reserve your tickets at The Killin Outdoor Centre & Mountain Shop. The festival shop will be at the National Trust building and will be open from Thursday 20th June, where you will be able to exchange the receipts for the weekend passes. The full detailed programme will be on sale at various outlets from the beginning of June. From the volume of enquiries already received, it is advisable to book early. There have been bookings made from Holland, The States and Ireland as well as from south of the border and the mailing list for tickets is over 250 to date.

Here's a taste of what's happening over the weekend. The Irish concert has Marie ni Cathasaigh and Chris Newman who will astound everyone with their wizardry on the Irish harp and guitar, and they are supported by Croabh Rua and Doire Beag two of Ireland's top bands guaranteed to get the feet tapping. The legendary Tannahill Weavers, making one of their all too rare visits home from busy overseas tours, head up the Saturday nights, with one of the best all girl groups around Stravaig whose singing is renowned in folk circles. To top the weekend off there is the one and only Wolfstone whose concerts sell out where ever they appear, with the singing brother Peter and Gavin known as



Tonight At Noon, and the wonderfully rich variety of traditional songs from Kevin and Ellen Mitchel it promises to round off a fantastic second festival.

The late night ceilidhs are in the capable hands of Hot Toddy, the reigning World Champions. Last Tram tae Auchenshoogle the ex world champions, and our local favourites the lads from Kinlochard.

By popular demand there is to be another chance to try your hand at Appalachian Clog Dancing, so Margaret and the Craignavie Road contingent, and Kay and Co.. get limbered up.

Now kids this is for you. but you can bring mum and dad, 'Cowboy' Ernie Sites all the way from Idaho- Ernie is a cattle rancher and rodeo star, and he will teach you rope tricks, tell stories and sing the old cowboy songs and generally have you tied in knots. Also there are the Armagh Rhymers who dress up in costumes which were used by street artistes in the fourth century, they are made of straw, and their songs, stories, and games are not to be missed.

The craft fayre in the school has an added attraction with local participants, and we are delighted to have the Art Society holding a two day exhibition of their fine creative work in the Church Hall. The Heritage Society and Tourist Board are giving a talk and slide show which promises to be a major attraction, so make sure of your seat and see how the village used to be.

Let's hope this whets your appetite!

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## Moirilannich Longhouse To Open Soon



In 1991, the National Trust For Scotland purchased from Boreland Estate this survivor of a rural building type once common in the Highlands of Scotland.

Since then, a team of Trust staff, with technical advice from Historic Scotland colleagues, has researched the building's history, and commissioned specialist contractors to carry out conservation repairs.

The building probably dates from the mid-eighteenth century, with a byre in one half, and living accommodation in the other. The latter features a hanging lum and box beds, whilst the original cobbled floor in the byre remains, and the thatched roof and cruck-framed construction also contribute to the building's category "A" listed building status.

A very small parking area has been laid out by the Trust, and a "tin shed" also formed part of the acquisition. This has been fitted out to provide an interpretative display, including artefacts found in the longhouse.

The property is expected to open at a date to be arranged in June, on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons, with an official opening on 28 June, to acknowledge much generous financial help, including from the family of the late Sheriff Prain of Perth, and grants from Historic Scotland and Forth Valley Enterprise. It will be staffed by volunteers from Killin Heritage Society. Once the property has opened, for visits outwith normal opening hours or party visits, please contact Mrs Yvonne McPherson at the Trust's Ben Lawers Ranger Service Office, Fagus. Manse Road, Killin (Tel&Fax: 01567820988).

Moirilannich Longhouse is a half mile off the A827, on the West Glen Lochay road - 500 yards beyond the Hydro Board sub-station.

Robin Satow, National Trust for Scotland

## Sailor Beware



Killin Drama Club on a 'high' after their recent pantomime success came up trumps with the comedy, 'Sailor Beware'.

Revolving round the pre-wedding troubles of a sailor and his girl friend, ably played by Gordon Hibbert and Bindi Webster. The action taking place in the girl friend's family home, gave the cast scope for their emerging talents. Lesley Syme coped well with the long role as Bindi's mother, the character could be described as that of a domestic, manipulative tyrant. Bindi showed the odd flash of being a bit like the mother. Glenda Mardon was good as a put upon wee buddy with a 'secret sorrow'. Sue Dearne produced an immaculate cockney accent as the interfering neighbour, not bad for a north of England girl. Bill Douglas as the henpecked father of the bride was hilarious when he was brought home having imbibed several over the eight. Rebecca Cameron was a joy as a minx with her sights firmly fixed on Colin McRae. Colin as Carnoustie Bligh AB. friend of the groom, kept the

laughs going. John Greaves who was the giant in the recent pantomime, a suitably bland vicar. It was an ambitious play which slowed in the last act - not because of lack in the performers, but some over-writing in the play itself.

The new equipment - lighting and sound was appreciated, derived in part from the National Lottery. Bill Douglas in his closing vote of thanks, emphasised that the equipment was for the benefit of all the community.

Thanks to all who worked behind the scenes. It was good to note the number of younger people involved. Congratulations to the cast and to the producer, Charlotte Blythe.

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# Thornhill Tercentenary 1696 - 1996

Thornhill near Stirling, is celebrating its 300th birthday this year.

**Historic Background:** In 1616 the estate of Kings Boquhapple was bought by the inventor of Logarithms, John Napier of Merchiston (1550- 1617).

In July 1695 Archibald, (grandson of the brainy maths guy) inherited the estate and had a Scots Parliament Act passed ordaining "that in all time coming, there by four fairs settled and established yearly at the Toun of Kings Boquhapple in the parochin of Kincardine".

This same Archibald Napier was a bit of a power builder and soon planned to make the "fermtoun" into a village. On 10 February 1696 by a deliberate act of foundation he granted 15 feu charters to settlers in the new village of Thornhill. Thornhill was laid out as a planned village with the traditional main street flanked by houses of either side. Each house had a strip of ground running down to common land on both the north and south sides of the village. The main street of Thornhill today is still much the same, with its houses lining the road and backing onto both commons.

\* *Sir John Napier (direct descendant of the founder of Thornhill), with his wife Erica are flying over from Johannesburg to be guests of honour during the first part of the neck.*

**The Celebrations:** These started with a family dance (village only) on the actual birthday- 10 February.

## The Big Week

**Saturday 8 June** ( 12 - 4 pm)  
*Re-enactment of a 17th Century Mercat:* Members of the Heritage Company will be there to motivate the crowds. Most of the village will be involved in one way or another and are expected to dress suitably.

**Saturday 8 June** (8 pm in marquee) A  
*Concert By The Linn Choir:* 300 Tickets

**Sunday 9 June** (1.30-4.30 pm) *Primary School Reunion For Pupils & Staff:* Exhibition of over 150 photographs of village life.



MAIN STREET, EAST END, THORNHILL

**Monday 10 June** (7.30 in marquee)  
*Drama Festival:* This takes the form of a series of one act plays performed by The Thornhill Players, and other Amateur Theatrical Companies.

**Tuesday 11 June** (7.30 pm Church Hall): *Illustrated talk on Thornhill from Iron Age to Present Day* by Stuart McCulloch.

**Wednesday 12 June** (10- 1 pm Scout Hall): *Village Mid-Week Market,*

**Friday 14 June** (7 for 7.30 in Marquee)  
*Medieval Banquet:* The Lion and Unicorn Pub is taking over the marquee and holding a banquet for 200 people - roasting animals, ale. wenches?!

**Saturday 15 June** (8 pm in marquee)  
*Ceilidh:* With Ian Lockart's band.

**Sunday 16 June** (1 pm) *Inter-Village It's a Knock Out:* Silly games and loads of fun for all the family, while different villages compete against each other.

## Other Events

An exhibition of crafts by the Woman's Rural Institute: Church Hall.

An exhibition of photographs of old Thornhill with over 150 illustrations of the way our parents and grandparents used to live, Masonic Hall 9-15 June.

If you would like to know more about this project, times and venues, other clubs taking part in the Drama evening, or villages competing in It's a Knock Out, please contact Belinda MacMillan. Tel: 01786 850692, fax 01786 850680. Boghall Farm, Thornhill, Near Stirling. FK8 3QD



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## 'Horse Power' In The Forest



Our photograph shows Peter Matyjasek from Strathyre with Bill, and eight year old Clydesdale Horse, thinning the forest near Wester Lix. Peter has another three similar working horses (Ted, Sid and Danny) and finds that there is plenty of work for them.

More and more owners of forestry land, as in this case, Scottish Woodlands, find that having such work done with horses caused much less damage than forestry machines with heavy vehicles. Consequently there is little need to re-instate the land afterwards. There is no need to bulldoze roads through the trees, the horses make their own way and are more environmentally friendly. Keep up the good work, Peter.

### For Your Diary

Ever wondered what the farmers and shepherds get up to, speaking their own language about "gimmers" and "Hogs"? Busy now at the lambing and peering at the pens at the show later in the year.

Now is your chance to come along and see a world class exhibition and championship of sheep shearing at the end of June, the 30th to be precise. We had details from Colin McGregor, Lochearnhead who himself was twice Scottish Champion and sheared sheep in New Zealand. Australia and Saudi Arabia (yes, there are sheep there, but that's another story).

Now for the details:

*Lochearnhead Shears, Scottish*

*Blackface Shearing Championships*

Sunday 30th June, 1996 11am to 6pm

See shearing for beginners (Juniors) through to the lop open shearers in the world. Starts at 11 am and runs through to the evening when there will be a marquee dance.

David Fagan, New Zealand World Champion 1996 will be there and top Scots Tom Wilson and George Bayne (World Champion Team 96), local farmers and shepherds will also be represented.

The annual Marquee Dance will have Billy Fergusson's Band. Come along and give it your support.

Entries to

Mrs. M. McDiarmid,

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## Police News

With the fishing season now well underway, the normal influx of fishing visitors has also begun. Although the majority of these people are well behaved, a number are of the criminal fraternity and responsible for a large number of the thefts which occur in our community. Bearing this in mind, boat owners are advised to remove engines from boats wherever possible whilst they are left unattended. If this is not feasible, they should be made as secure as possible.

This time of the year also brings an increase of travelling criminals on the roads, looking for opportunities to steal from vehicles parked in lay-bys, picnic areas and quiet locations. Motorists should ensure that their vehicles are secured prior to leaving them and valuables taken with them. At the very least, valuables should be placed in the boot out of sight.

Householders are encouraged to be more security conscious around the home and this includes outbuildings and sheds.

Dog fouling in Breadalbane Park has been a problem for a long time and this continues to be so despite regular mention of it by the Community Council in this paper. Any person who is in charge of a dog who allows it to foul any place maintained by the local authority and used for recreation and sporting purposes is committing an offence under Section 48(1)(e) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act, 1982, and if caught will be charged accordingly. It is hoped that any person using the park to walk their dogs will use the "Poop Scoops" which are provided free and available to our local library and the aforementioned action will not be necessary. As previously mentioned this is a long standing problem and can be solved by dog owners being more responsible.

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## Ardchyle's Alien Invaders



Alien invaders have recently been discovered in a garden at Ardchyle. These undesirables are found during the day lurking beneath stones, and bits of wood or plastic. During the night they become active and move underground where they devour earthworms.

They are New Zealand flatworms, and are easily recognised by their habit of lying coiled up, often covered in lots of mucus. They have a purple-brown back with light pinkish-buff sides and under-surface (which is flat) and can grow to about 7 inches (170mm). They lay eggs, which look like shiny, black "tic-tacs" and can contain as many as 10 young worms.

They were accidentally introduced to Scotland in the 1960's and now threaten earthworm populations throughout the country. Earthworms are an important part of our ecosystem assisting in recycling decaying plant material and aerating the soil, and providing food for many animals such as blackbirds, moles and badgers. A drastic decline in earthworm numbers would have serious knock-on effects.

New Zealand flatworms have now been found in over 500 sites throughout Scotland, but these were the first to be recorded from Killin. In this country there are no natural predators to restrict their numbers. The only way of controlling them is to kill any individuals found. If you find one, don't pick it up with your fingers as the mucus they produce is an irritant, but kill it by putting it in hot, salty water in a screw top jar (they can escape from tiny openings in other containers). Gardeners can also help to prevent further spread of these pests by quarantining any newly obtained plants before planting them. This involves immersing the entire pot in water for 24 hours, to kill any adult worms, leaving for five days and then repeating the process.

*Helen Cole.*

## Litter Louts Take Note



I'm sure for most of us the thought of tossing a fizzy juice can out of the car window or emptying the car ashtray on the ground would go against the grain, it is just not something you would do. Have you ever considered when you see litter discarded at the side of the road how long it will take to decompose to an un-recognisable state?

Styrofoam ('disposable' cups)	NEVER!
Aluminium (e.g. beer, cola cans)	80 to 100 years
Vibram Soles	50 to 80 years
Plastic Containers	50 to 80 years
Leather Shoes	25 to 40 years
Plastic Bags	10 to 20 years
Cigarette Ends	10 to 12 years
Plastic Coated Cartons	5 years
Wool Socks	Up To 2 years
Orange Peel	Up To 6 months
Paper Containers	Up To 5 months

So please, take your litter home with you, recycle, pick up rubbish discarded by others, and should you have to be airlifted from the hill by Killin Mountain Rescue - remember to take your boots, socks and lunch box away with you!

*Kevin FitzGerald*

## Tooth Knocked Out?

A recent leader in the British Medical Journal addressed the topic of teeth which are knocked out accidentally. These teeth are in effect, "uprooted" but can re-root themselves if replaced in the socket immediately. After they are replaced they should be splinted by a dentist.

If you can't bear to do the replacing yourself, you should keep the tooth moist while you travel to the dentist. The best medium for this in most households is milk, which has the right sort of chemical balance. I thought this information was worth circulating more widely. We have contacted the local dentists, all of whom would be pleased to see patients urgently in this situation.

Please note that all of the above applies only to *second teeth*. *First teeth* which are knocked out can just be left out! As to *false teeth*, what about "Superglue"?

*Dr David Syme*



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# Freedom To Roam The Hills

We who live in the Scottish Highlands can count ourselves fortunate to reside here, for it is a land of great natural beauty unsurpassed anywhere in the world, in which is contained large areas of true wilderness found nowadays in few European countries. It is a land of vast privately owned estates whose proprietors, many of whom live elsewhere for much of the year, have by and large very specific selfish reasons for such ownership, and it is a land where antiquated feudal attitudes are yet alive and kicking.

This is not to say of course that these huge private fiefdoms are inaccessible to those of us from less privileged backgrounds because here in the Highlands we have a valuable tradition of public access stretching back several centuries, a tradition which has been jealously guarded ever since autocratic landowners such as the Duke of Atholl and others unsuccessfully attempted to prohibit visitations by the great unwashed during the heyday of the "sporting" estates in the nineteenth century.

Those of the hillwalking and climbing fraternity who have habitually visited our great mountains in the recent past as these activities became increasingly popular have, on the whole, enjoyed a friendly relationship with landowners and their employees provided they treated the countryside with respect and did not invade areas where deer stalking takes place during periods of August, September and October.

The old "Colonel Blimp" type of absentee landowner who occasionally visited his glens and hills for a spot of fishin' or shootin' may not, for various reasons, have been every one's idea of the ideal proprietor for a sizeable portion of the Scottish countryside, but he did not usually interfere with 'freedom to roam' - a right enshrined in tradition rather than law, but not less honourable for that.

In recent years however different types of landowning animals have been invading Scotland. We now have

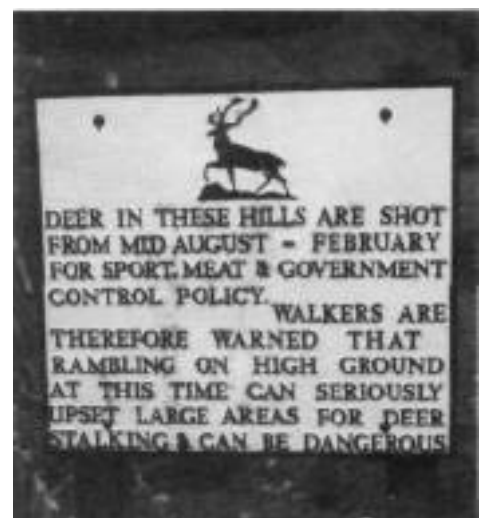


"corporate" landowners whose exact identity, or even nationality, it is difficult to discover and whose motives in buying estates are shrouded in mystery, and we have mega-rich individuals who fancy a slice of the action. These vary from people with no conception of a right of freedom to roam on privately owned property from Arab Sheikhs and American billionaires to Europeans such as Dutch, Swiss or Danish folk who realise that foreigners would be prohibited from willy nilly buying up huge tracts of their own homelands, but who don't mind taking advantage of our more laissez faire laws relating to these matters.

It was one of this ilk, a Dutchman named Paul van Vlissingen, who was responsible for sparking some very-acrimonious reaction from outdoor enthusiasts by banning camping and cycling and instructing walkers to keep to footpaths on his estate at Letterewe, an exceptionally beautiful 70,000 acre chunk of Wester Ross. Van Vlissingen's motives were actually quite laudable - he just wanted the area to stay exactly as it had been for a considerable time, but the trouble was he didn't seem to appreciate that hillwalkers had justifiably taken it for granted that they could pitch

a tent and walk unfettered over these lovely mountains. In other words 'freedom to roam' is unassailably entrenched in Highland culture.

This concept now appears to have been taken on board by most estate owners following a period during which, thanks partly to government legislation (The Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994) under which something called 'aggravated trespass' became a criminal offence, it was felt that Lairds were beginning to flex their muscles again. A concordat has been drawn up between, on the one hand the Scottish Land owners' Federation (a body which lobbies on behalf of major property owners) and, on the other, organisations such as the



Mountaineering Council for Scotland and the Ramblers Association, whose Scottish spokesman. Dave Morris has been at the forefront of the debate in recent years.

Under this concordat the SLF has agreed that a right of freedom to roam does exist and in exchange outdoor organisations will encourage visitors to recognise the importance of estate functions such as sheep farming by not disturbing livestock in any way, not to leave litter anywhere, and to respect the legitimacy of deer stalking as an important source of revenue on some estates and a necessary means of keeping deer numbers under control. However, intimidatory notices such as "Danger, stalking and deer culling with HV rifles in operation August 20th -February 15th. Keep off during this period", will not be acceptable.

It remains to be seen whether both sets of parties to the concordat abide by both the letter and spirit of its contents. Let us hope so because it would be a terrible pity if confrontation were to become part and parcel of a day out in the hills.

*Mike Mackey, Killin*

## Auchmore Barbecue

Last year the Barbecue was spoiled by a number of uninvited guests! Some damage was done. Folk are reminded that it is by **written invitation only**. 'Hingers on' are not welcome.

*Liz MacGregor*

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Then there's curling, bowling and football.  
Badminton, dancing. BB's  
There's drama, the rural and quilting.  
Coffee mornings, whist drives, wine and cheese.

The weather can be appalling,  
Of daylight, there's virtually nil!,  
But, do we become downhearted.  
Do we resort to a pill?

Oh no, we stay happy and cheerful.  
What is it that keeps us so gay.  
It's the thought of approaching summer.  
When the tourists will come back to stay.

No parking again for the season.  
No bread or milk in the shops.  
The Bridge o'er the Dochart all cluttered.  
And queues at the local bus stops.

But with them come friendships and talcs,  
of life, both abroad and at home.  
They're our mainstay, and we must remember.  
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*Liz Lambert*

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The Centre, which is open from 10 am to 4 pm every weekday and also offers a 24 hour answering service, is always looking for volunteers to help with various aspects of it's work so if you have any spare time please contact the office.

## The Floral Award Scheme

The Floral Award Scheme sponsored by the Tourist Association will take place again this summer with classes for traders, domestic houses and for children. In the past few years the number of entries have stayed at about twenty-five. This scheme is not a competition for the 'expert' gardeners, it is for anyone who likes to brighten their home with hanging baskets, flower tubs or window boxes. Anyone wishing to enter, please give their name to any of the Tourist Information staff. Judging normally takes place during August.

## Hanging Flower Baskets For The Main Street

The Killin And District Tourist Association will be arranging for a number of hanging flower baskets to be erected on lamp standards in the Main Street for the summer tourist season. The initial cost of the baskets, brackets and a mobile watering system is to be met by the Association from the prize received when Killin was voted by tourists as the Best Village in the Loch Lomond, Stirling and Trossachs area in the Antartex Tourist Award Scheme, two years ago,

A number of local people and traders have offered assistance, thanks to A & B Engineering Services who have offered to manufacture and donate brackets and to Mrs Ann Smith for the offer of baskets and a contact for the supply of plants. To be able to have a reasonable display this summer the Tourist Association would be pleased to hear from any traders and individuals who would like to sponsor a lamp standard.

The only request that we make is that sponsors would be prepared to help on a rota basis with the watering. With your help we hope to make the village a little brighter for both locals and tourists. Anyone who wishes to sponsor or would like to help in any way, please contact Roger Bedwell at Fairview.

## Thank You

Donnie MacKenzie: on 9th March 1996 our village worthy was taken from us so suddenly. He was a keen angler and lived life to the full. Although not in good health for many years, he always had a cheery face and a kind word for everyone. Donnie's smiling face and twinkling eyes will be so sadly missed by all his good friends.

We would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards, letters and flowers. Sincere thanks also to the Rev. Dr. Todd for his comforting service and to everyone who paid their last respects at the church and graveside. Thanks also are due to the Doctors and to Jack MacWilliam the undertaker.

Donald & Joan, Addie & Karen, Valerie & Kenny, his three devoted grandchildren, Iain, Donna and Gemma and myself thank everyone most sincerely.

The sum of £430 was raised at the church door for medical equipment for the Killin Surgery.

*Lily MacKenzie*

## Thank You

I would like to express my sincere thanks for all the help and support given by many in Killin during the period of my husband Rab's illness and death. Although a comparative newcomer, this kindness has been much appreciated.

*Mary McMath.*

## Local Writer Wins Award

Roger Lambert of Ardchyle, Glen Dochart scored a success at the Scottish Associated of Writers Annual Conference in Pitlochry in March. His novel, "Sharpness Of The Heather", a historical romance set at the time of the Highland Clearances won the first prize and the Pitlochry Trophy. A further novel, a children's adventure, used local settings and background, won third prize. Roger of course has written plays performed in Killin and is well known in the amateur drama scene.

## COMMENT

### Our New Stirling Council

So folks, we've now got our new Council! No more confusion about who's responsible for what, Region or District. As their first information sheet makes clear, whether you want to find out about rubbish collections, local education, or a housing problem you will simply contact Stirling Council.

Of course you can contact them, but whether anything happens we must wait and see. We expect they'll have problems and priorities just like the old Councils. And, judging from the press reports, the change over was beset with difficulties, not the least being financial and resource ones.

Here in Killin our first experience of Stirling Council has of course been the news of the **17.5% increase in Council Tax!** If this was going to mean better services we might just be able to bear it.

but it seems that it was in large part due to the government grant not being enough to meet the full cost of re-organisation.

So, what's the good news? Not much yet! But there was bad news for the **Library in Killin!** At first there was a plan to cut the library hours by 6 per week. Apart from depriving the community of all the valuable library services, it would have considerably reduced the income of our librarian. However, *this plan was not carried through.* Much rejoicing!

Now comes the nasty bit! Having failed to achieve this cut in hours per week, the Council (not to be thwarted) decided instead to *close the Library* when the librarian was having her well earned holiday. And, this inspite of having two fully trained (computers and all) relief librarians. So for a week (and there will be more) Killin has no library service, no fax, no photocopying, no video rental. It all seems rather mean and spiteful; the savings can't possibly account for much.

How does this match the new Council's vision to make Stirling, and I quote, "a caring compassionate community where people are treated with dignity and respect and are provided with services to meet their needs." And in their new set of values which the Council agreed upon we read, "encourage communities to fully participate in the decision making process." What participation did we have in the decision to close the library?

But then it's early days, maybe things will get better!

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# Killin Major Accident Scenario

A coach carrying 39 elderly tourists crashes into a car with 5 occupants on The Falls of Dochart Bridge. Coach goes through the parapet into the river and passengers are thrown to the front. Coach driver and passenger are killed, six passengers have multiple injuries, 2 passengers head injuries, 10 with lower limb fractures and lacerations, 3 with upper limb fractures and lacerations; remaining passengers are walking wounded with shock, minor lacerations and bruises. The car driver and front seat passenger are trapped with lower limb injuries. A child standing at the back has been thrown through the windscreen. Two rear seat passengers in shock. And, the coach has fractured sewage pipe and effluent is escaping into the river.

No! It hasn't happened and let's hope it never does. But you know the story, such things- disasters - major accidents always happen somewhere else (usually in America!). That, no doubt is what the people of Dunblane thought too!

The above scenario was in fact a "Table-Top Exercise" held in Killin Primary School and the purpose was to validate the Major Emergency Procedures of the emergency services. Fire, Police, Ambulance and Health Services.

Around a spectacularly accurate model of The Dochart Bridge (see photo) and immediate area, complete with the above mentioned vehicles, sat three "syndicates" (teams?) each with a doctor, policeman, ambulance technician and fire fighter. Facing them, but in no sense testing or judging them, was a panel of "top people" in the various services, along with Rosemary Williams, Emergency Planning Officer. Forth Valley Health Board: they were also the organisers of the exercise.

The evening's business involved the presenter of the exercise, Assistant Divisional Officer Malcolm Wilson. Central Scotland Fire Service setting these syndicates a series of questions such as: if you are the first person on the




scene what would be your initial actions and priorities? What is the role of your service at this or similar incidents? How do you co-operate with the other services? What other agencies would you call upon? What is the Health Service response? What information does the receiving hospital require?

We as observers, and there were about twenty of us, mainly from local and district emergency services, listened to the answers given by the four syndicates, and individuals and the helpful contribution of the "expert" panel. It was emphasised that there were no "right answers", the whole exercise was a learning experience for everybody. We ourselves found the responses by syndicates, and individuals remarkably intelligent, co-operative and reassuring. Particularly, we thought, each service seemed to have a remarkably clear idea

of its' role in this complex and painful situation, and the need for co-operation with other services.

The whole evening was a very worthwhile exercise and considerably reassuring to those of us who were mere observers.

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## Overflow From English Lakes?

The increase in leisure and outdoor activities has led to concern about over usage of many of our natural assets. Recent publicity has shown the tremendous growth in rambling and hill-walking. Erosion caused by the tramp of many feet has caused closure of paths on some hills. As on the land, so with our other assets, the lochs and rivers. The English Lake District with easy access from large cities has been under siege, an important point being that little preparation was made for the situation until it was almost too late. On Lake Windermere in particular it has been found necessary to place restrictions on usage. Between fourteen and fifteen thousand boats being registered! Speed limits will become necessary and some areas banned to high powered boats.

Nearer home, on Loch Lomond, new bylaws came into being on 1 February 1996. With restrictions on Lake Windermere and Loch Lomond gradually coming into effect, it is highly likely that displaced activities will move north to Loch Tay and Loch Earn. In an effort to be prepared for the future, rather than development piece meal, the Loch Tay Association representing riparian owners and other users of Loch Tay, has in conjunction with the two local authority councils Perth & Kinross and Stirling, as well as Scottish Natural Heritage and the Scottish Sports Council, launched a six month study into the recreational use

of Loch Tay and Loch Earn. Local people who have known Loch Tay all their lives, feel that Loch Tay has more people using the water than ever before and to some this may appear very obvious, however, there is no base line. More usage-since when? The 'Lochs Study' will seek to establish a database of the current use of the Lochs and will bring together a number of interested bodies. The information will be collated and related to the national picture. The study will further seek to identify any recognised areas of conflict. The study will be conducted by Allison Taylor who can be contacted at Perth 01738 475258. A questionnaire will be circulated to interested parties to get as wide a representation as possible, including visitors. It is in the interests of all who use the Lochs to co-operate as fully as possible. Meanwhile it will be interesting to see the effect of the Loch Lomond bye-laws and their relevance to Loch Tay.

We are grateful to David Dowling. Chairman of the Loch Tay Association for his help in compiling this article. David stresses the need to get the views of local people, that there are dangers when the larger national and local authorities, with power to move in ways that are not appropriate to local perceptions and needs.

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The PTA would like to thank everyone who attended our book sale and coffee evening in March. £58 was raised for funds, and books worth £200 were bought for the school library.

Two more exciting events are planned for the summer term:-

(1) Ben Lawers visit on 25 May 10.30 am-2.00 pm, to which all school children and their families are invited.

(2) "Mad Event" in Breadalbane Park on 16 June 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm. Are you brave enough (or daft enough!) to enter a team in our light hearted treasure hunt / challenge course on (he slopes of Sron a Chlachain? There will be prizes for the winners and a bar-b-q afterwards. Look out in the village for further details and entry forms.

There are also long term plans for the school children to set up a tree nursery and, eventually, to do some tree planting around the village. We hope this will encourage the children to take an interest in caring for their environment and, of course, the new trees will be there for the whole community to enjoy. An application has been made for one of 10 regional awards (worth £500) in this year's Environment Week sponsored by BT. We might be lucky!

Janet Somerville



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## Letters



Sir,

*Having read the interesting letter from David W MacNabb, President of the Clan MacNabb Society of North America, regarding the long connection of MacNabbs with the area around Killin. I would like to introduce you through this paper to a family of McNabs whom I recently met whilst visiting relatives in New Zealand.*

*Travelling in the South Island with my cousin, we enjoyed a short stay with Jackie and Tig McNab at their home which is situated on a hillside with a wide view of Tasman Bay and the hills beyond. Very reminiscent of the west coast of Scotland.*

*Jackie and Tig retired from a life of farming built this house with a view to running a B&B, which they do very well. They had been open for business for one month when we arrived, their first visitors with a UK connection - we were warmly welcomed.*

*After retiring Jackie and Tig, like so many New Zealanders made the trip to Europe, travelled to Scotland and by chance made an overnight stop at Crianlarich to be told by their host that they, as McNabs should be slaying in Killin, the ancestral home of the McNabs. They came to Killin. visited*



*the sites known to be connected with McNabs, took many photographs to record this surprising visit - they had previously known nothing of McNab history.*

*Connections with this country had long been forgotten, now this visit had awakened an interest in their past, they felt a sense of belonging to this country so like their own, from whence their forebears had so bravely journeyed to find a new life.*

*It would be good to learn of other McNab families living in New Zealand. Perhaps if would be possible to form an association similar to that in North America so that McNab links with the country of their ancestors could be maintained, and their history continue to be reached in New Zealand, a young country with a great future.*

C Smith, Newport-on-Tav

Sir,

*We are writing with thanks to everybody who attended our local fancy dress charity dance. We raised a total of £657 for Cancer Research.*

*Thanks to everyone there, it was a great success. There was a good local turnout as well as some visitors. We would also like to thank everybody who helped get the dance off the ground in every way, whether it was by way of a donation, selling raffle tickets or helping on the door, all help was very much appreciated.*

Thanks again.

Pamela & Sue

# Obituaries

## James MacDonald

The community of South Loch Tayside and beyond was saddened by the recent passing of one of its' oldest and most respected residents.

Jimmy MacDonald was born in Balquhidder 91 years ago. In 1948, he and his late wife, Flora, came to Brae Farm, Ardeonaig.

"One of the old school", Jimmy was highly regarded for his shepherding skills and earned the respect and affection of all who knew him during his long life.

In latter years, he has lived at Maragbeg Farm and right to the end retained his interest in what was happening in the farming community and the world in general.

Jimmy was fortunate to be cared for at home during his last illness by his daughter, Mary, to whom, along with the other members of his family, the sympathy of the district is extended.

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## James Brown, Tombreck

James Brown, or Jimmy as he was more affectionately known, passed away very peacefully at the age of 81, in Stirling Royal Infirmary, after a long illness.

Jimmy was born in Lanarkshire and in his early years was one of the last generation of farm horsemen. He came from Madison in Stirlingshire to Tombreck, Lawers, in 1947 with his new bride Annie. Here he and Annie had two sons. Drew and Tober.

Although he was a quiet man and kept to himself, he had a keen intelligence and a dry sense of humour, which made him an interesting conversationalist when he opened up. He greatly enjoyed the communal events of farming life - the clippings and the market in Killin. He maintained a keen interest in the news from shows and sales even when ill health prevented him from taking an active part.

His life revolved round his family and animals and the church. He was an elder of the now disused church at Carie. and subsequently one of the longest standing elders at Lawers.

Quiet as he was, he enjoyed visits from people of all ages, types and nationalities, and was an amused observer of human nature. Right to the end his sharp brain, encyclopaedic memory and dry wit never deserted him. He will be missed in the community as a friend and neighbour and carrier of the old fanning tradition.

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## Margaret MacMillan

Margaret MacMillan formerly of Fingal Road, Killin, died in April at the Caledonian Nursing Home in Callander aged 75. Margaret came to Killin when she was four years old and lived at that time at Acharn Farm where her father was employed, in her later years she suffered from ill-health but was a familiar figure trekking to and fro in the village. Prior to this she worked at the Ardeonaig Hotel, she was also the assistant cook at Killin school and at one time worked for the Earl of Breadalbane. Her greatest interest was when the "Save The Argylls" campaign was at its height, she threw herself into this with enthusiasm. During the end of the war, she worked in the NAAFI. She was pre-deceased by her sister Morag who died in September.

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## John Twigg

John Twigg - John, beloved wife of Mary, died at home on 25th April 1996 after a long illness. He was born on 3 September 1920 in Swadlincote, Derbyshire and served his time as an electrician. He was in the Royal Navy 1941 - 46, and served on the Russian Convoys including PQ17 and was wounded in August 1944 when his minesweeper was attacked by RAF Typhoons after being mistaken for Germans evacuating Le Havre.

John met Mary when they were both in the Navy, and they married in 1946. He worked in England and Wales before coming to Fettercairn Distillery and then to Killin to work on the Lawers Scheme in 1954. He joined Hydro-Electric in 1957 and rose to be Breadalbane Group Maintenance Engineer. He retired in 1985. John was a very talented craftsman, happiest when in his shed making furniture, marquetry and jewellery. He must have turned hundreds of table lamps over the years. The rocking horses he made for the Children's Ward in Stirling and his grand daughters were magnificent. John was always willing to help any one in difficulty and nothing was ever a bother.

He was devoted to Mary, his sons Duncan, Roger and Randy, his daughters-in-law and grandchildren, and will be sadly missed by them, the community and his many friends.

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## Rab McMath.

At his home An Grianan Craignavie Road, Killin in April.

Rab and Mary who moved to Killin some fifteen months ago were settling and taking a keen interest in the village and the surrounding countryside.

Rab worked until retirement at the University Field Station on Loch Lomond side. He had a broad knowledge of nature and animal life, was a long time supporter of the SNP and was keen on cycling and motor bikes.

Those of us who knew Rab and Mary appreciated their friendship. Our sympathy goes to Mary.

# CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

## Killin Carpet Bowling Club



The Killin Club held an end of season friendly for the Tay Valley League Clubs when the President Charlie Grant, was presented with the Tay Valley Trophy. This was the first time in the history of the Killin Club that the Trophy had been won by the club. Ian Brace in handing over the trophy spoke of the keen competitive spirit in which this year's play had been carried out. and offered hearty congratulations to the Killin Bowlers. In reply Charlie thanked Ian for his kind words, and how pleased he was to accept the trophy on behalf of the Killin Bowlers, and that he was very proud of the Killin Club for having played so well over the winter and brought the Trophy to Killin. The photo shows the proud club members with the trophy.

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## Killin & District Sport & Leisure Club

The Management Committee held a meeting on 16 April under the Chairmanship of Mrs P MacKinnon.

The Committee is still negotiating with the Folk Festival Committee about the sum of money to be paid to the Sport & Leisure Club for the use of the Pavilion Facilities by campers during The Festival.

The Chairman reported that James Fenna, having got his HNC for coaching tennis, volleyball and football would be giving his services to the Club this summer. It was likely that Stirling Council would provide a grant to pay for his services.

Extension of Present Pavilion  
Two sub-committees were formed to deal with this proposed idea, one to look at financial matters and the other to consider practical building concerns. It had previously been agreed that an extension, perhaps with Lottery funding, would be a way of sorting some of the Club's financial problems.

It was agreed to purchase a video camera to for the main prize in a raffle to be held in association with the Agricultural Show.

## W. R. I.

At the March meeting, Mrs Lambert, President, welcomed members and introduced Mrs. Houston and Mrs Thorburn from Helensburgh who spoke about the work of Oxfam and their involvement with the Charity. Mrs. Fiona Inglis proposed the vote of thanks. After tea served by hostesses Fiona Inglis and Jane Brown, there was a musical quiz. The singing of the rural song and the National Anthem closed the meeting.

### Competitions

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| <i>Oxfam Jumper:-</i> | 1. L. Lambert  |
| 2. B. MacGregor       | 3. B. Gordon   |
| <i>Marmalade:-</i>    | 1. B. Gordon   |
| 2. I. Campbell        | 3. J. Willison |

In April. Mrs Lambert presided over the last meeting of the season. Mr. E. Cooper from Aberfeldy gave a health talk and spoke about the benefits of yoga and meditation. Mrs. Monica Naismith proposed the vote of thanks. After tea, business was conducted and the new committee were elected. Mrs. Lambert was re-elected as President. The ladies who competed in the Elizabeth Gardner Competition in Aberfeldy then performed their sketch.

### Competitions

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Vegetarian Dish:-</i>           | 1. M. Graham    |
| 2. B. MacGregor                    | 3. J. Willison  |
| <i>Quilted Article:-</i>           | 1. B. MacGregor |
| <i>Points Cup For The Year -</i>   |                 |
| Mrs. B. MacGregor                  |                 |
| <i>Points Cup For Best Trier -</i> |                 |
| Mrs.E. Stewart                     |                 |

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## Badminton Club Winners For 1995/96



*Ladies Champion* - Gill Higgins  
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*Junior Champion* - Richard Lewis

## Killin Art & Crafts Exhibition 1996

The Killin Art & Crafts Exhibition will be held in the Lesser McLaren Hall, Killin during the first week of August 1996. This advance notice will allow anyone who may be interested to think about possible exhibits.

Painting and Crafts may be entered either for exhibition only, or for sale, if the exhibitor so wishes, in which case, a commission on any sale will be charge.

We hope that you will keep this date in mind and will support the Exhibition in due course. Any further information may be obtained from Mrs L Lumsden. Riabhach. Glen Dochart. by Killin, Tel. 820404 (Secretary, or Mrs M H McNeill, Sandyford. Craignavie Road. Killin, Tel. 820514 (President).

*Betty Lumsden*

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## Woman's Guild

The April meeting of the Woman's Guild was a coffee evening with musical entertainment by the Reverend Jim Benson. A very enjoyable evening was had by all and £142 was raised.

Also in April the Annual General Meetings are held in Edinburgh where the Presidents and the delegates meet over a four day period with 1600 other women attending each day from guilds throughout Scotland.

The guild meets again on Thursday 16 May for the echoes meeting where our President and delegates will give reports from the Edinburgh meetings.

There has been much press publicity about the Women's Guild being disbanded and a new organisation starting. Although a small majority of Presbyterian councils voted for changes and a proposed interim constitution, it has been decided not to proceed at the moment. More details of what is being proposed will emerge from the Edinburgh meetings.

On Thursday 6 June all 48 Guilds in Stirling Presbytery will meet in Killin for their Annual Summer Rally. The speaker this year is to be Dorothy Armstrong from "Feed The Minds" and Mr. Ian Milligan and choir from Callander will provide the entertainment.

*Muriel Bedwel!*

## Killin Gun Club

Killin Gun Club held their first shoot for the year on 31 March, and thirty guns turned out on a dry cool day.

Results

### Down The Line

#### Class A:

1. G. Ross - 69. H. Campbell - 69
3. G Coyne & G. Mitchell, Equal - 64

#### Class B:

1. D. Robertson - 62, 2. Jas. Sinclair - 57
3. S. Christie-53

#### Class C:

1. D. McCallum - 61, 2. D. Howson - 56
3. F. Frost - 47

- Visitors:** 1. S. McInnes - 61,  
2. B. Drysdale - 58, 3. A. Rowantree- 57

### Sporting

- Class A:** 1. D. Robertson - 66,  
2. J. Sinclair & R. McC, Equal - 63

- Class B:** 1. Lennox - 54  
2. Jas. Sinclair - 45, 3. J. McKay - 42

#### Class C:

1. J. Downie-60 2. R. Mills - 48
3. F. Frost - 36

#### Visitors:

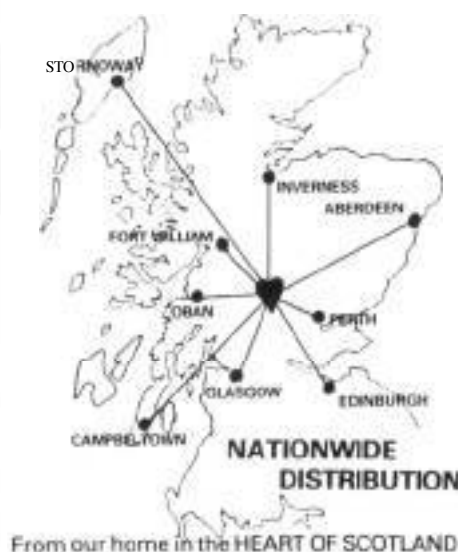
1. J. Morris - 51 2. B. Drysdale - 51
3. G. Metcalfe - 45

**High Gun:** G. Ross- 129

**Continuation:** G. Coyne

**Sweep:** S. Christie G. Coyne (Secretary Killin Gun Club)

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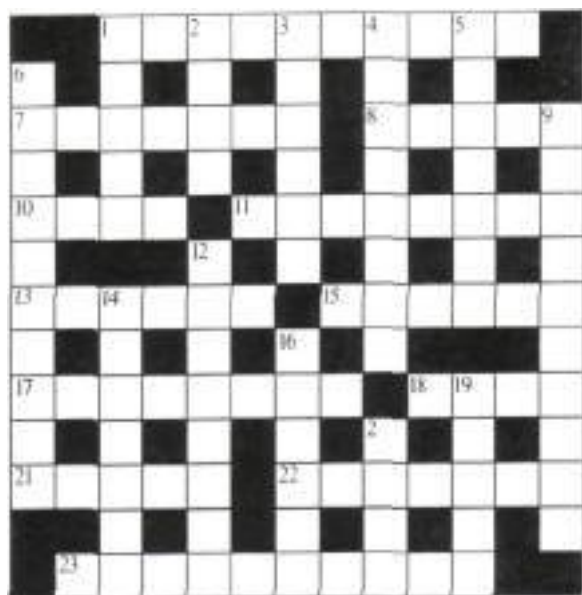


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1. Scrambled egg on toast for the actor's opening move. (3,2,5)  
 Ballroom fully designed to hold a crowd. (7)  
 8. Wanders around sounding like it is part of the Italian capital. (4)  
 10. Time out in this event to measure a tie. (4)  
 11. This number has no bounds. (8)  
 13. Undo no re-sort -yes. resort. (6)  
 15. Gaelic sounding but pertaining more to Paris & environs. (6)  
 17. Perhaps this businessman once looked after your cases. (8)  
 18. The very thought of it. (4)  
 21. Healthy noise. (5)  
 22. No automatics in this old Scottish laundry. (7)  
 23. Did Inspector Morse's solution of gyrate help the system to get messages off? (10)

- 1 The bird goes round ami around. (5)  
 2. A small quarrel can start the infant feeling furious. (4)  
 3. Only altered between the poles for covering ladies' supports. (6)  
 4. Marine in duck enclosure - that's the end (8)  
 5 Held back by her laical grandfather is what made her so cold. (7)  
 6. Without initial happiness a slender fish is all confused and lonely. (10)  
 9. Is this building erected to give us cloudless days and nights? (10)  
 12. Stir your breakfast perhaps. (8)  
 14. He rules below, in the main. (7)  
 16. The answer is a tricky problem (6)  
 19. His hand is played by another. (5)  
 20. A furtive look either way. (4)

**Solution To Last Crossword** Across: 7. Scotch and soda, 9. contour, 10. ideal. 11. Iona. 12. acute, 16. jelly, 17. ha-ha. 21. abode, 22. upstage. 23. into the sunset  
 Down: 1. psychic, 2. morning, 3. scion, 4. addicts, 5. model, 6. rally. 8. agriculture  
 13. seventh. 14. malaise, 15. talents. 18. basin. 19. tooth, 20. issue

## Kirk News

### Vacancy

The proposed linkage between the parishes of Balquhiddie, and Killin and Ardeonaig has taken longer than was initially expected. In the interests of the linkage. Mr. Benson has retired from the charge of Balquhiddie with effect from the end of April. This has allowed a fresh approach to overcoming the failure to agree the linkage up to now. The next stage is for the Presbytery Reappraisal Committee to meet with the congregation in Balquhiddie early in May. They will explain not only the benefits of the proposed linkage but also the inevitability of it eventually taking place.

The draft basis of linkage will be agreed between the office bearers prior to approval by the two congregations. Subsequently a joint vacancy committee will be appointed to identify a minister who might be called to the charge. It seems likely to be towards the end of the year before a new minister has been called and has established him or herself in the charge.

In the meantime, the Kirk Session are delighted that Dr. Todd has expressed his willingness and his pleasure in continuing as Interim Moderator.

### Morenish Chapel

Other news from the church include the recommencement of services at Morenish Chapel. These will take place on the first Sunday of the month and will be led by the following people :-  
 May - Mr Simpson, June - Mr Allan and Mrs Stewart. July - Mr Rough. August - Dr Todd, September - To be arranged. October - Rev D McNaughton

Philip Simpson

So far as Killin and Ardeonaig are concerned, we already have indicated our agreement to the Presbytery to proceed with the linkage. However, there will now need to be a change in the formal agreement of the basis of the linkage between the two parishes. This change concerns where the minister is going to live. Clearly a minister will now be called to the joint charge. The Reappraisal Committee would appear to agree with the Kirk Session that Killin is the obvious centre of population in which the minister will live.

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