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International Gathering Of The Clan Gregor



Memorial Service and Commemoration - Rob Roy's grave, Balquidder

The Clan Gregor Society's Annual Gathering took place at Killin this year between 27 July and 5 August. This time it was designated International Gathering Year and so, aside from participants from Scotland and England, there were many visitors from the United States, Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

During the course of the nine days there were coach trips to Glen Orchy/Glenstrae and Glen Lyon, both areas associated with the Clan Gregor in antiquity; another trip to the ancient settlement of Tirai in Glen Lochay, led by Gregor Hutchison proved both popular and entertaining.

There were also genealogy sessions throughout the week and a trip to Edinburgh to visit various libraries. The sessions were led by Richard McGregor and Peter Lawrie, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Clan Gregor Society; and joining the Edinburgh expedition were David and Sheena Osler and Fergus and Linda MacAdam from Killin, both of whom have MacGregor connections.

Talks were given by Rennie McOwan, Sheila Pitcairn (the genealogist) and

Michael Newcomen (of the White Cockade Society). Entertainment was provided by Roger Sharp on accordion and Pharaig MacNeil, the storyteller, both of whom are familiar to the Killin folk.

The Society was also delighted to take an active part in the Killin Highland Games which were opened by our Chief Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor Bart, and a number of events were attended by Major Malcolm and Mrs MacGregor.

The traditional Clan Service and Commemoration was held on Sunday 4 August at which Bishop Gregor MacGregor of Inverness presided. This was attended by many Scottish members of the Society as well as those from overseas.

The Clan Gregor Gathering would not have been such a success if it had not been for the welcome and co-operation of the people of Killin. We would like to thank most sincerely everyone who helped in any way and most particularly the staff of the Killin Hotel for being so accommodating and the Killin Highland Games Committee for all their help.

Richard MacGregor

Floral Award Winners

Children's Section:

Hanging Baskets, 1st Equal Robert Grant and Stewart Grant. Window Box, 1st Gordon Bates.

Domestic Section:

Hanging Baskets, 1st Mrs Farmer - Manse Road, 2nd Mrs Campbell - Main Street, 3rd Mrs Lewis - The Glebe. Window Boxes, 1st Mrs Hibbert - Golf House, 2nd Mrs Mudd - Grey Street, 3rd Mrs Inglis - Monemore. Flower Tubs, 1st Mrs Farmer, 2nd Mrs Mudd, 3rd Mrs Hibbert.

Commercial Section:

Hanging Baskets, 1st Maragowan Caravan Site, 2nd Killin Crafts, 3rd Capercaillie Restaurant. Window Boxes, 1st Killin Crafts. Flower Tubs, 1st Capercaillie Restaurant, 2nd Killin Crafts, 3rd Killin Doctors Surgery.

All winners will be notified of the date of the prize giving. The Killin Tourist Association would like to thank all those who entered the competition and a special thanks to PC Ian Ramsay for being the judge.

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Killin Community Council Annual General Meeting

The AGM of Killin Community Council was held on 8 August in the MacLaren Hall. Dr Mairi MacColl was in the chair. An apology was received from Stirling Councillor Kenneth Campbell. No members of the public were present.

The business of the previous meeting was continued with great praise for the new children's play area in Breadalbane Park. Those using the play area are advised to keep the gate closed and use only the opening which has a dog grid. Toilets were very much required; it was reported that the Round House and the area behind the Hall were being used as toilets.

The Council had asked again for litter bins at the entrance to the Park. Stirling had replied that there was no money to provide them from the budget for the work done.

A barrow, or trolley of some kind, was requested to help the village officer, the previous one having gone missing. It was also pointed out that some better provision was needed when Jake Green was on holiday.

After prolonged discussion S Aitken proposed that Stirling Council should be asked to put up traffic lights on the Dochart Bridge for a trial period during the summer. The proposal was seconded by Pat Christie. and was carried on a vote.

The Chairman reported that Community Council Elections had been postponed and would probably not now take place until mid-summer 1997.

The local PTA had got permission to develop the new unused site of the old play-area as a nature garden and small natural woodland.

Chairman's Report on the year's activities of the Community Council was given by Dr MacColl. She expressed satisfaction at the new entrance to the Park and the excellent new children's play area. She expressed her regret that so much time and money was wasted on - workshop - forums - area committees and publications of all sorts from innumerable bodies, none of which appeared to achieve any concrete results. She felt that the new Council was

still "finding it's feet" and hoped that things would improve.

She then announced her wish to retire from Chairmanship and Membership of the Council. She received a warm vote of thanks from the members for her years of service to the community.

Financial Statement. The Treasurer provided a balance sheet for the year to 31 March. This showed the finances to be very healthy and it was agreed that some distribution of money to good causes should be undertaken.

Mr Aitken announced his wish to retire from the post of Treasurer and also from the Council. He also was given a vote of thanks for his years of work in this capacity.

The following new office-bearers were elected: *Chairman:* I MacGregor, *Vice-Chairman:* P Christie, *Treasurer:* F Kennedy, *Secretary:* H MacDonald, *Joint Convenors of Breadalbane Park:* J Gauld and A Walker, *Councillors Continuing:* K Taylor, D MacRobbie.

The retiring Chairman, Dr MacColl, pointed out that efforts should be made to recruit new Councillors as the total number must not fall below seven.

Under "Any Other Business" a number of smaller items of business were dealt with and will be taken up at the next meeting on Thursday 10 October.

Dr MacColl and S Aitken thanked the members for their help and support in the past and wished them well in the future.

Strathfillan Community Council

Cars and traffic dominated talk at the last Strathfillan Community Council meeting. Hillwalkers cars parking along the verges at Portnellan obstruct visibility, especially for those pulling out from side entrances. There have been a spate of crashes and near misses. A similar situation is developing at Inverarnan. The car park in Crianlarich, beside the public toilets is becoming blocked up with cars left overnight or over the weekend. Kenneth Campbell, our local councillor agreed to take these problems to Stirling Council, with our suggested solutions.

May Clements and Lamond Gosden are putting together a plan to improve road safety in Tyndrum-including an off the road bus stop for coaches travelling south and double yellow lines.

The stairs leading from Willow Square, Crianlarich beside the railway bridge to the main road are in a dangerous state. The Council is to be pursued until repairs are made.

John Riley has been voted Vice Chairman of the Association of Scottish Community Councils. It appears that Community Council elections are to be postponed until a date to be set by Stirling Council. They were due this autumn.

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Comings And Goings In The Glen

This Spring a flock of Black Tailed Godwits flew into power lines near Moirlannich. Unfortunately, only one of the ten survived, the others being decapitated or de-winged. But for this accident it would probably not have been known that these rare seasonal migrants from North Africa and India had visited Glen Lochay. Has anyone ever seen them here before?

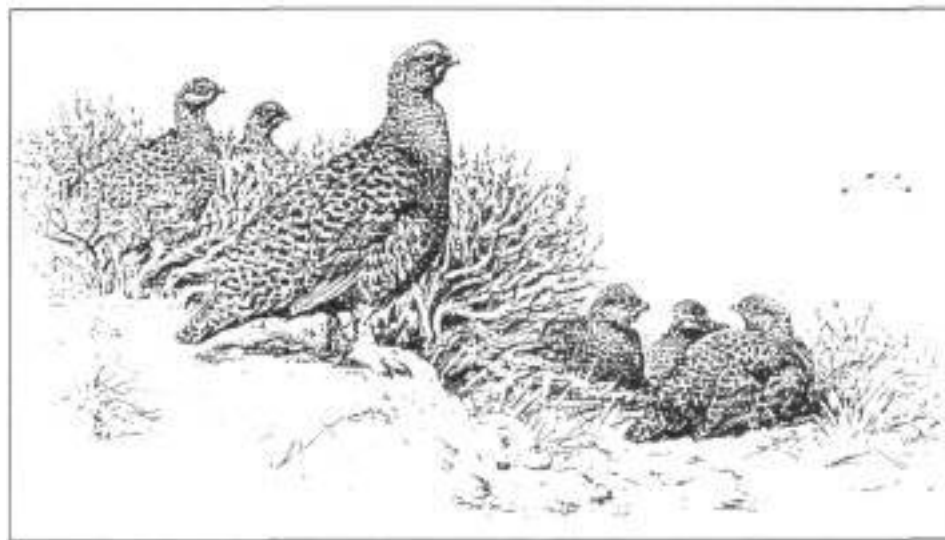
Once again the Osprey has been in the area for most of the summer. A pair have been seen on several occasions, sometimes carrying nesting material, sometimes fishing, but there is no evidence of a nest.

Another bird which would seem to be rushing headlong towards the "rare species" list is our Red Grouse. The large wicker pony panniers will stay unused in the stables for a few more years - for ever? The few brace shot these days can fit 'happily' into a plastic



Pine Martin

poke! In the 1940's and '50's local estates would have shot 500 brace or more. What can be the reason for this drastic decline? Although the natural population level of grouse would probably be quite low and the intensive keeping of earlier years boosted



Grouse

numbers, there still appears to be a shortfall. Is it due to ticks, natural population fluctuations, changing climate, or is it invasion of heather by bracken, overgrazing of berry-bearing plants, acid rain, may be even Chernobyl, (some keepers and shepherds are still reported to "glow" after dark!), or just an increase in raptors; probably it is due to a combination of factors. The grouse season brings a lot of money into the local economy and this safeguards the hills as we know them, to walk amongst and to admire. Maybe its time for grants for bracken spraying, we may even see the blue and white EC sign on the high tops. Or will the only grouse to be seen be on a bottle in the bar?

Hopefully the red squirrel will not become a rarity. The mixed woodlands on the lower slopes of Glen Lochay seem to be sustaining a reasonable population. The newly planted mixed woodlands also have this in mind.

Certainly there are fewer swallows skimming the pony park than twenty years ago and fewer oyster catchers to liven up the river banks. The latter is partly due to feral mink - the animal liberationists did a great job there didn't they? A local said to me a couple of years ago, "*There's not really as much of anything!*"

But, there does seem to be more pine martens around and a healthy population of otters in the deep cover of the riverside and barn owls have returned as well.

We must remember that we cannot control everything. Its not just shepherds who come and go in the hills, the natural world is ever-changing, animals come and go, change, adapts, evolve.

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Car parks are potentially dangerous areas. Our parking area is increasingly being used by young children as a play area. We wish to emphasise that the car park is solely for parking by patients, doctors, staff and other official visitors. We suggest that parents actively discourage children from playing near vehicles.

Drs Syme, Blaney & Turner

'What's On' In Killin

Attention All Clubs & Societies

We would like to produce a leaflet in conjunction with Killin News which lists all the activities which are available in the Killin area. At the surgery we are in a good position to distribute these to all newcomers to the village as people register with the practice when they move here. At present, it is difficult for people to find out what goes on and to obtain contact phone numbers. Please could the secretaries of all clubs/societies/organisation send brief details to the Editor of Killin News of their club i.e. where and when you meet, who can join and a contact phone number or address for potential members. The leaflet will also be distributed in the Killin News for all current residents to remind them of all they could be doing over the winter besides watching TV!

Elaine Turner

The Ben Lawers Historic Landscape Project

The historic landscape of the north Loch Tayside, including the southern slopes of Ben Lawers, represents one of the most rewarding areas in Scotland for archaeological research. This is because of the unusual combination of particularly detailed historical records, especially late 18th century documents, and the abundance of physical remains on the ground. Work by the National Trust for Scotland's archaeologist, Robin Turner, has developed a collaboration with Glasgow University Archaeological Research Division for a programme of site excavations. The work began this summer and will continue for several years.

Excavations were carried out on several sites over two weeks, with parties of students and NTS Conservation Volunteers working under supervision, all led by John Atkinson of Glasgow University. Sites include shielings at over 2,000 feet altitude on the lip of Coire Odhar, and buildings at lower altitude on Cragganester and at Lawers Village. John presented a preliminary

summary of the work in a public talk in the McLaren Hall on 8 August, as this year's field work was finishing. One tentative conclusion was that some of the shielings may represent a very long period of use, perhaps from the 12th or 13th century to as recently as the late 19th century. However, much remains to be done and conclusions drawn are provisional and may be revised with further work. In other words, watch this space for future reports.

Also on 8 August, an open day was held at these sites, under the leadership of Dr Richard Hingley of Historic Scotland, to increase awareness among site managers of the potential problems of conserving such archaeological sites on land in use, for example with agriculture, recreation or conservation. Threats to remains may be from plants like bracken, trees or shrubs, livestock, vehicular use for servicing power lines, and recreational activities such as camping.

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Scottish Poppy Appeal

The organisers of the Scottish Poppy Appeal thank the Parish of Killin And Ardeonaig for their generous contribution for 1995 of £550.99. The total raised for Scotland was £1,127,000.

It may not be generally known that all administrative costs of the collection are covered by legacies and every penny that is put into the tins goes directly to the needy.

I should like to add my thanks to our local collectors for last year. Without their help we should fall far short of the needs of ex-service men and women.

The arrangements for 1996 are that poppies and posters will be delivered to collectors and establishments by 4 November. Collections will take place from 4 to 9 November. Remembrance Sunday is 10 November with the laying of wreaths at the memorial after the church service.

David Dowling

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Golden Wedding

On September 24 this year, my parents celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary. John Stewart and Agnes, nee MacKinnon, were married in 1946 by the Rev. Donald Thomson. My father's parents at that time farmed Tombreck on Loch Tayside, and Dad had been serving as a navigator with Bomber Command during the Second World War. Mum's folks ran a joiner's business in the village, and Mum worked on the railway which served the area. My father took up farm management and moved to Butterstone, then to an estate near Forfar, before taking up an appointment with the Department Of Agriculture and Fisheries in Inverness, ultimately moving to the Senior Inspector's position in Edinburgh from which he retired. My Mother maintained her interest in the SWRI, wherever they went and served as Group Secretary for a time in Inverness. Both have always maintained a keen interest in the village and what was happening in the area. They have two other sons Cameron, who lives in Cumbernauld and Angus who stays in Aberdeen, and three grandsons and a granddaughter. We their family wish them well and congratulations on this special occasion.

Alex Stewart

McLaren High School Prize Giving

We apologise for accidentally omitting the name of Jamie Callan from the list of Effort/Achievement Merit Certificate Awards in the last issue of the Killin News. *Well done, Jamie.*

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The Autumn has arrived, enrol now for our evening courses: places are limited.

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Both these courses are Scotvec Modules and run for 20 weeks (*excluding school holidays*). To book your place and for further information, please telephone (01567)820753.

First Aid Course:

Killin: A general 6 week non certificated course commencing Thursday 26 Sept - 7 Nov 1996 (*excluding Thursday 17 Oct*) 1 - 9pm in Killin Primary School. Cost £12.00.

Tyndrum: A 3 week course covering emergency treatment for children. Cost £6.00.

To book your place and for further information please telephone 01567 820472.

Cookery Course:

An 8 week course including Microwave cooking, cake icing and cooking for Christmas. Commencing Wednesday 23 Oct - 11 Dec 1996, 7.30 - 9.30pm in Killin Primary School. Cost £16.00.

To book your place and for further information please telephone 01567 820374.

Attention! Achtung!

We are desperately seeking local people interested in teaching modern languages. Please contact us using one of the above telephone numbers.

Finally we are holding our AGM on Thursday 14 November 1996 at 8pm in Killin Primary School. Everyone is welcome - come along for a glass of wine and a chat. Hope to see you there.



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Auchmore Barbecue

Another great nosh-up at the Auchmore Barbecue on the 20th of July! A dry night (well that was the weather) and midges less voracious than usual. There was a good turn-out of Americans, Germans, Belgians, as well as the local Scots, and all enjoyed venison, pheasant, pork etc., and salads. Kenny Lang managed the electrics and played the pipes. Ian Campbell slaved over the hot coals while Stewart Gillies carved the meat. Alan Hewitt compered the raffle while Annette and Donald MacLarty managed the pitch and toss. Liz would like to thank all who contributed to the raffle and helped on the night.

Morag MacNee would like to thank Liz, Dug, Kenny and company for hosting such a marvellous barbecue. The raffle and donations raised the handsome sum of £531.00, which is to benefit the Oncology Department of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh.

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Boreland Gardens: Open Day



On Sunday afternoon 21 July, Boreland Gardens were open to the public by kind permission of Judge Angus Stroyan. Although the plants were a little late this year, the garden was ablaze with colour. Cream Teas were served by the Cancer Research Campaign Committee and £300.95 was raised for Cancer Research.

B McGregor

Annual Sheep Dog Trials

The trials this year were again held at Acharn on a day of splendid sunshine, so that for the spectators it was something of a summer picnic. This year also had the highest number of competitors, 25 dogs eager to prove their worth. The contest was presided over by Dick Steven from Crianlarich and the judge was Robin MacGregor from Fort Augustus. The results were as follows: 1st. Tom Baillie (Ochertyre) with Don; 2nd. Sylvia Goodwin (Meggernie) with Rogue; 3rd Lome Clark (Ledcharrie) with Tib. After giving out the prizes, Dick Steven thanked all those who helped and also Malcolm Campbell for the use of his field and his sheep.



2nd Place: Sylvia Goodwin Meggernie

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Music To Canada



Janet Kennedy & Marisa Martin at the show

this. Various concerts have been held, including an exciting performance by the Calgary Fiddlers in Callander on 14 August, the proceeds of which were donated to the tour fund. This concert was part of a tour including Stirling, Glasgow and Edinburgh. A tape cassette of the Calgary Fiddlers was won by Mrs Hargreave of Fingal Road as the prize in the "Hunt The Harp" organised by Fiona

Kennedy at the Killin Show. This event, together with the "guess the sweets", won by Ellen Stewart, raised £36. The sponsored bike ride of 100 miles was done during 12 and a half saddle-sore hours on 25 August, with nearly £250 pledged- I am grateful to my younger, more athletic colleague, Helen, for company and pacemaking on the whole ride, to Glenda for back-up support, and to Fiona for a celebratory meal in the evening. Glenda please note, no more requests for sponsored bike rides before 2001!

Last but not least, many thanks from Fiona Kennedy and myself to all those supporters who so generously backed these events.

David Mardon

The McLaren High School Music Department is organising a tour to Canada in June and July 1997. Previous successful tours in Europe have been run at three yearly intervals, the last one to Austria and Germany in 1994. Having established contacts in Canada, an 18 day tour is planned to visit Toronto, Edmonton, Calgary and Banff. At present the numbers expected to go are 45 members of the orchestra, a choir of 12, with 4 dancers and 4 pipers, in all 60 - 65 pupils and 8 - 10 adults. This will include two pupils from Killin, Janet Kennedy and Marissa Mardon.

The high cost of this venture is being subsidised by the school, and fund-raising events are being run to help with

Lochearnhead to St. Fillans Cycle Route

The Loch Eam Tourism Initiative is looking at the possibility of creating a footpath and cycle route along the line of the disused railway between St. Fillans and Lochearnhead. The route crosses the boundary between Perth and Kinross and Stirling, and the initiative has convinced the local authorities and the Local Enterprise Companies that the proposal would be of benefit, providing recreation for local people and encouraging cyclists and walkers to visit the area. The line is in fairly good condition but has a number of missing bridges and some ground condition problems. It also belongs to several different landowners.

Perth and Kinross and Stirling Councils, Forth Valley Enterprise and Scottish Enterprise Tayside have commissioned Halcrow Fox to investigate the proposal. David Bell from Halcrow Fox will be talking to local landowners and the community, and assessing the route over the next few weeks.

David Bell will be pleased to talk to anyone with an interest in the proposal. He can be contacted at Halcrow Fox, 4 Chester Street, Edinburgh EH3 7RA. or on 0131 226-5012. More locally, Duncan Scott from the Loch Eam Tourism Initiative will also be pleased to hear from people, he can be contacted at the Lochearnhead Watersports Centre, or on 01567 830330.

The sponsors plan to hold two public meetings to present the findings of the feasibility study in the Autumn. For further information contact: Nancy Haigh, Media and Information Officer on 01738 475048.

The Great Annual Killin Duck Race

On Sunday 1 September the crowds gathered for the Great Race in which about 500 ducks took part, swimming with the current from near the curling pond to just the other side of the bridge at the Falls; there helped to dry land by Davie Osler and his helpers. It was a tough swim and many got side tracked by difficult eddies, However, the winners, that is those who put their money on the first four ducks were:- 1st A Hanson (Northumberland) £100; 2nd Bridge Of Lochay Hotel £50; 3rd Leslie McKinley {a visitor} £25; 4th Daren Kennedy £10.

Many thanks to Davie Osler, Neil McKenzie, Eric McAlister, Bill Douglas and Roddy MacDonald who organised and "policed" the race. A substantial sum was raised for the Killin Football Club.

Next Issue

Copy, articles and advertisements for the next issue are required **by 31st August** at the latest, before that date if possible. It will be distributed towards the end of September. Letters to the editor, articles, all are welcomed. Any events taking place in October/November can be advertised in the next issue.

Comment

We note the retiral of the Chairman and Treasurer of the Community Council, and thank them for their years of service. Perhaps a special thank you is due to Dr MacColl for the long period she held the responsible office of Chairman, and frequently had to do battle with the two larger Councils in their final years. We wish the new Chairman, Ian MacGregor, and his fellow office bearers every success in the future.

We would also draw your attention to the Community Council Elections, which will take place early in 1997. Killin's Council is now somewhat reduced and critically needs new members; if it loses any more members it will cease to exist! The Council plays an active and strong part in representing the needs and views of the village to the new Stirling Council, as well as offering financial help to various activities in the village. We would therefore encourage people to put themselves, or others, forward for election.

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Another Successful Highland Games



The Games parade enters the Park led by the Clan Gregor

Remember the doubts before the first games, three years ago!! Well, after this, the third, Killin Highland Games, there aren't many doubters left. Nearly 4,000 people lined the park on a drizzly dreich day to watch the famous strong men once again do battle. Those who watched them last year would notice a number of new faces - but strong as ever!

The day was also made even more attractive by the fact that it was also the Clan Gregor Society's Annual Gathering, and this time an International Gathering. It was good therefore to see them lead the procession through the village along with the strong men. It was also very fitting that the MacGregors were there, for the Chieftan of the Games was none other than Brigadier Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, Bart, who as well as leading his clan performed the ceremony of opening the Games. Joining Sir Gregor, as the Games Celebrity Guest, was none other than our own Mary Sandeman, Gaelic singer and TV personality and it has to be said she was a much appreciated celebrity for she spent the afternoon walking round and chatting to people.

The crowd enjoyed and cheered the strong men in their various competitions, from tossing the caber to lifting the McGlashan Stones - it also has to be noted that the Bulgarian, Eugueni Popov, broke the record the dead weight lift.

Charles Grant, the Chairman of the Games, was also pleased the Games had been financially successful. This was due in great part to the number of people attending, but also to the support of the sponsors, especially Forth Valley Enterprise, Grouse Whisky, Glen Morangie, Fife Fire Group and many other, including local sponsors W Stitt (Builders), Lix Toll Garage, Scottish Co-Op, C Grant {Painters & Decorators}.

One worry however, hangs over the Games and that is the problem of parking. Many cars had to park as far away as Craignavie Road, from where the Games Committee ran a free bus to and from the Park. The danger is that if the Park's parking problem gets worse, the Games may be moved out of the village and away from the local amphitheatre of Breadalbane Park.

One final word from Charlie Grant- he would like to thank all the many people who helped, in various ways on the day; they were all much appreciated. But - Charlie says can we have even more helpers next year?!



Gaelic Singer Mary Sandman with Games-Queen Stephanie Meikle and assistant Emma Hunter



Brigadier Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, Bart, opens the Games in traditional manner.



The famous Strong men



Peter Anderson, World Champion Fly Caster



The Hill Runners set off

The Killin & District Agricultural S



The Children's part of the procession



Handshearing



Highland Dancers: Eilidh Taylor and Aileen Steven



3 year old Highland Bull Donald, from Lower Duallan



Land Rover pulling!

Society Annual Agricultural Show 1996



*Reserve Champion Sheep: 3 year old
ewe from Braes of Ardeonaig, John
Taylor*



' Unofficial judges'



*Champion: Limousin Cross from
Chesthill, Donald McDiarmid*



Parade of the Traditional Highland Cattle

Killin Agricultural Show

Still One Of The Best

Another happy, enjoyable day in good sunshine for farmers, their friends and families, and of course the delighted visitors to the area!

The morning was mainly occupied by the judging of cattle and sheep, and those who were closely involved will no doubt have seen the detailed lists of prize winners in the various categories: we note here just the main prizes in cattle and sheep.

In the cattle parade, the judge Mr D Laidlaw, Craigannet Farm Stirling, chose as champion of the day a black February-bom Limonsin heifer, shown by Donald McDiarmid Chesthill, who has had a number of previous championships. The reserve champion was from Ledharrie (M Campbell).

The sheep judge, Hamish McNicol, Tumault Farm, Barbreck, Argyll, was full of praise notably for the large numbers in all the classes but also for the outstanding quality. He chose as champion a home bred shearling ram shown by Messrs. MacLarty, Glentarken. This was in fact the MacLartys fifth championship in a row at the Killin Show. The reserve champion

was from nearer home namely a 3 year old ewe shown by John Taylor, Braes Of Ardeonaig.

The afternoon began with the procession led by Comrie Pipe Band down the Main Street into Breadalbane Park. Francis Taylor, the Show Secretary, has asked us to put in a special thank you to all the children and adults who took part in the parade this year. "It was an excellent display and must have involved a great deal of hard work!"

Prizes: Parade: 1st -Pirate (Killin Mothers and Toddlers), 2nd - Cowboys & Indians (Killin Playgroup), 3rd - Brownies, 4th - Drama Club.

Highland Dancing was provided by two excellent local dancers, Aileen Steven, Crianlarich and Eilidh Taylor, Ardeonaig. The Bonny Baby Contest was judged by Mrs Jean Anne McNaughton, Inverlochlarig Farm, Balquhidder and was won by Sarah Jean Armstrong of Ardeonaig, incidentally, her sister Amy won it in 1994.

This year the *Hill Race* was won by Dan McLaughlin of Keilator. 2nd was Hamish McLaughlin and 3rd was Peter Kennedy.

Other Prizes: Homecraft cup: Mrs E Lumsden, Handcraft cup: Mrs E Stewart, Baking Cup: Mrs B. MacGregor, Produce Cup: Miss D McKenzie, Horticultural Cup: Mrs Len Fenton, Floral Art Cup: Mrs W Taylor, Girls Cup: Claire, Jenny McCarron, Boys Cup: John McRae, WRI Silver Salver: Killin WRI.

The Killin News would also like to acknowledge the excellent work done by Francis Taylor of Ardeonaig, the show Secretary, helped by Joan McKenzie. altogether another successful Killin Show.

McLaren Community Leisure Centre

Summer Progress: The initial earthmoving contract that commenced on 1 July was successfully completed before the recent return to school. This type of work is noisy and messy, and it was therefore important to complete during the summer recess period. The spoil was removed to create additional space in the existing earth mound for building part of the Leisure Centre itself, as well as the car park and the main vehicle entrance to the complex.

There are a number of advantages in building into the earthbank as then the main bulk of the building will not be visible from the main road, being hidden by the earthbank; the building will also effectively act as the banks retaining wall. Another advantage is that the spoil removed was used to make up low lying ground to the south of the sports field to enlarge the sports field to compensate for loss due to car parking requirements.

Autumn: Now that the ground is cleared for building, the complex process of tendering for the main building contract is underway. This process is crucial to the overall success of the whole project, as the process ensures that the best contractor can be found, who can meet the stringent quality standards set up by our architects as well as meeting deadlines and most importantly to be able to achieve these standards at a price that can be afforded. Overall, this is the best method of ensuring value for money.

There will be further regular reports on progress as the months pass.

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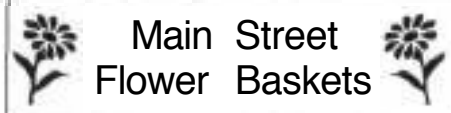
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If you want to know more about us, either as a volunteer or as a victim of crime, please contact:- The Co-ordinator (Rosemary Docherty) Stirling and District Victim Support, 4 Albert Place, Stirling, FK8 2QL (Tel 01786 445782).



Main Street
Flower Baskets

The Killin and District Tourist Association would like to thank the following Killin traders and individuals who sponsored the hanging flower baskets in the Main Street this summer:- The Clachaig Hotel. Capercaillie Restaurant, McRae Butchers. Shutters Restaurant, Gauld Antiques. Killin Outdoor Centre & Mountain Shop. Mr & Mrs Mudd, Mr & Mrs Farmer and Mr & Mrs McRobbie. With help and assistance from Gordon Aitken, Ann Smith, Bruce & Gillian Ford, Mrs Somerville, Mrs Lithgow & Mrs Muller.

Eighteen baskets were in use this year and the Association hope to purchase more for next year, the aim eventually being to cover all the lighting poles in the Main Street.

Away With The Fairies - Kelpies & Things That Go Bump In The Night

Breadalbane - Killin and The Shores of Loch Tay had like the rest of Gaelic/Celtic Scotland, its own traditions and myths handed down orally from one generation to another. Some of the stories are to be found ascribed to other bits of the country, showing some sort of common ancestry or folk experience. Old Myths, legends were often based on forgotten happenings in history, perhaps stories of Urisks (Uraisg) or Brownies were some memory of the former Pictish people, who knows? Killin was once described as the home of witches and weavers.

The best known witch was the Big Grey Hag of Craighailleoch - the very name of the mountain meaning the Craig of the Old Woman. She had the evil eye and lived in the 17th Century, had the second sight and looked through the leg bone of a sheep to see future events.

The Lady Of Lawers, whose activities we have recorded in an earlier issue, had doubtful blessing of second sight but of course was not regarded as a witch. Never-the-less, she left an old Gaelic saying on a carved stone on the top of

Ben Lawers which translated is, "Spend as you get and you'll save as you spend. Save - and for whom? Remember Death'. The stone was stolen by some visitor, perhaps the saying was directed towards a future Chancellor Of The Exchequer!

The older generations were believers in Fairies who lived in round green knolls known as Sitheanan and on the whole lived peaceably with the human neighbours. As you pass through the second gate going up Glen Dochart on the Auchlyne road, there is on the right a mound covered at the moment in conifer trees. This is the Sith A Bhruaich, pronounced Shivruach. a fairy mound. It has the oft repeated story of a traveller hearing the fairy music, going into the mound for a year and a day. Another story goes that there is a treasure in the mound but it is in the place of the trout. I heard recently that the rapids below the mound were called by some the Fairy Falls. A little further on the left past Bovain, lies another quite distinctive mound. Tom Dubh the Black Hillock, again with fairy connections. The best known wee people were the Urisks or the

Brownies who were supposed to live about the burns and torment folk if crossed. Local Urisks were to be found at Carie - at Fearnan where one called Paderlan lived in the burn to the west and at Ardeonaig and Ardtalnaig on the south side of the Loch.

The Urisks left Breadalbane in a body when a shepherd came across a secret meeting in the hills. Incensed the Urisks departed never to return.

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Killin Heritage Society

Monthly meetings will begin on Friday 11th October, with Patrick Cave-Browne talking about experimental archaeology. Future speakers include Richard Fawcett on Stirling Castle restoration. Dr. Bennet from the School of Scottish Studies. Robin Turner on the Ben Lawers Historic Society. The meetings are held monthly on Fridays in the Lesser McLaren Hall. Old and new members, and visitors are welcome.

J Foster, Secretary

The Silence Of The Lambs !

Autumn is now upon us and the cute spring lambs have now become wooly sheep. Or have they? The wee dead lambs we have all witnessed by the roadside certainly won't have to worry about the onslaught of snow. So many times I have seen a wee totty lamb run the gauntlet of 60 miles an hour traffic just to get to that juicy blade of grass on the other side of the road. I am realist enough to know that they are born to be slaughtered and enter the food chain with a mint sauce accompaniment, but the needless waste and suffering of a dead or dying lamb is disgraceful. Upon whose shoulders rests the responsibility of the lives of these escapees from a comfortable field? Is it the farmers responsibility to adequately fence in the sheep, does it lie with the roads department to ensure the sheep are fenced off the roads or is it the driver's fault for driving without due care and attention. Each must surely hold some obligation to the well-being of these animals.

Stirling Council Roads Department's duty concerning lambs, is solely to clear the dead carcasses from the roads. A representative from the Department said that the only situation which requires the Council to fence animals off the road is at a motorway.

Fulton Ronald of Keilator Farm observed that the Council erect fences when they put in new roads, Unfortunately, they don't liaise with the farmers which results in fences being erected that don't join on with other fences and the animals just walk round the ends. There were government grants for fencing, but these are no longer available in this area. Fulton expressed concern over the difficulties of containment during lambing time, no matter how good the fence, and asked that drivers give due consideration to other road users - even sheep.

A representative for The Scottish Office. Paul Geoghan. said that the grants for fencing stopped in February when the Farm And Conservation Grant Scheme closed. The good news is that discussions are underway for a replacement scheme.



When pressed on whether subsidies for sheep farming should be withdrawn thereby allowing sheep prices to reflect their true cost (to include adequate fencing), he was in no doubt that sheep subsidies would continue.

The Scottish Society For Prevention of Cruelty to Animals took guidance from The Road Traffic Act 1984. Certain areas of Scotland are classed as wild and are generally unfenced. here the onus is upon the driver to be aware that livestock can wander onto the roads. John Briggs, Deputy Superintendent of the SSPCA commented that in fenced areas it is the farmer's responsibility to ensure stock is safe. In Court, the farmer would have to prove that all reasonable steps were taken to prevent straying.

The usual scenario is. a terminal situation for the lamb, a trip to Lix Toll to repair

the car, loss of revenue to the farmer, extra work for the Road's Department and the police. Imagine the trauma for the driver and the lifelong impression on children out for a day in the country.

The controversy continues. Human nature, not the Killin News, dictates we must apportion blame - but where? Politics is the usual "scape-sheep". Perhaps if the government didn't subsidise sheep farming in Scotland, it would not be a viable business and the sheep would be replaced by blocks of sitka spruce trees which don't tend to wander onto the roads (although state-of-the-art fencing always seems to be available to protect the trees from the nibbles of deer and turn the roads into chicanes). So in one short paragraph, it's down to the Government yet again - unless YOU think different?!?

Linda Fitzgerald

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Killin Traders Association

The AGM of the Killin Traders Association will be held in October. The date, time and venue will be notified by public notices throughout the village. It is essential that in order to take important decisions on the future roll of this group all existing members and interested parties attend this public meeting. If there is not sufficient interest in continuing the association, the Killin Traders Association will be formally disbanded. This AGM will also include reports from the Folk Festival Committee and the Highland Games Committee.

Fiona Stewart, Interim Secretary

Scottish Country Dancing

Meetings will commence on Wednesday 9th October in the Church hall at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing old members once again, and of course new members are very welcome.

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Alcohol consumption can be measured in "units of alcohol" where one unit equals a "short" of spirits, a glass of wine or half a pint of beer. The recommended maximum consumption of alcohol is 21 units per week for men and 14 units for women, with the suggestion that some days are alcohol-free.

Recent statistics show that men are actually managing to reduce their consumption, though one in four still exceeds the limits, while women are increasing their drinking every year. These habits are contributing to Scotland's lead status in the heart attack league tables.

If you or a member of your family are drinking too much, there are various ways to cut down. Find other social outlets than the pub. There are plenty of activities in the area, which would take up your time. If you are drinking, pace yourself, alternate soft drinks or low alcohol drinks with your "usual". Don't get caught up in buying "rounds", if there are a few of you it's better to have a "kitty".

If your drinking is so heavy you get the shakes and need an "eye-opener" in the morning then you need medical help. We can assist you to deal with these symptoms and to break the cycle of drinking. Although abuse of alcohol is not primarily

a medical problem, there are plenty of other sources of advice and information. many of them run by people who have "been there" Listed are some organisations which can help:

Central Scotland Council on Alcohol.

4 Woodside Road, Sliding. FK8 1RF
Tel: 01786 450721. 9am-5pm Mon-Fri & 24hr Ansaphone.

Confidential, one-to-one counselling by appointment in Stirling, Falkirk and Alloa areas, for anyone with a drink-related problem or their partners. Also runs Alcohol Outreach Initiative, funded by Urban Aid, which provides an information and advice service.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 50 Wellington Street, Glasgow G2. Tel: 0141 221 9027. 9am -5pm (Mon-Fri) & 24hr Ansaphone

Scottish information centre; co-ordinates local groups and activities.

Al-Anon Family Groups UK & Eire,

61 Great Dover Street, London. SE1 4YF
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Al-Anon provides a readily available community resource for all those close to a problem drinker. It offers a recovery programme to people from all walks of life whether or not the drinker recognises that a programme exists. Al-Anon and Alateen offer help to the families and friends of problem drinkers.

There is in addition local help which can be contacted via the surgery.

Finally, I wonder if it would be helpful to problem drinkers and their families if local publicans upheld the licensing laws by refusing to serve people who are obviously inebriated? Just a thought!

David Syme

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Hillphones - Walkers and Stalkers Get Talking



North Glen Dochart/South Glen Lochay
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Landranger Map 51.

As part of its commitment to the Access Concordat the Mountaineering Council of Scotland (MCofS) in conjunction with the Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and a number of highland estates, has launched a new Hillphones service which will provide walkers and climbers with daily information about the location of deerstalking activities.

Hillphones will operate each year from August 1st to October 31 thereby covering the main period of the stag stalking season. A daily recorded message will provide information on where stalking is taking place, which walking routes will be affected, preferred alternatives, and wherever possible, an indication of stalking activities over the following days. The Hillphones service, which is seen as an experimental system, will operate in three areas this year. Any comments about the service should be addressed to the MCofS.

An answerphone message will be available by 08.00 a.m. each morning and walkers and climbers will be able to call the hillphones number, receive up to date information about the days stalking in the area, and then make their own plans accordingly.

The three areas operating Hillphones this year are Grey Corries/Mamore, North Glen Dochart/South Glen Lochay and north Arran.

The Glens Dochart and Lochay area contains 2 Munros. Emma Paterson who will have the task of converting the activities of 4 estates into a Hillphones

message is hopeful that the service will reduce conflicts and enable hillgoers to plan their visits with the estate's activities in mind. Emma has said that 'in years gone by landowners have quite often been seen as the bad guys, but the estates in this area have come together to offer help and bring the activities of walking and stalking closer together/

The MCofS see Hillphones as an extension to 'Heading for the Scottish Hills' which they publish in conjunction with the Scottish Landowners Federation. A new edition of this book will be available later this year. When walking in other areas of Scotland not covered by a Hillphones service, the MCofS recommend using 'Heading for the Scottish Hills' to contact the estates direct and seek advice on the best route on a given day.

1. Grey Corries/Mamore:
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OBITUARIES

Drew Brown

Drew Brown was born at Tombreck and spent most of his life on the Lochside. After being educated at Killin School he went to work at Derculich as a stockman working with the Aberdeen Angus cattle. He then came to Morenish to work as a shepherd. With the "banter" that went on in the fank with Angus, Jim, Duncan, Robbie, Neil and Hamish, you never felt the day go by. After Morenish he came home to look after his parents at Tombreck. Drew was always most obliging and when he was asked to help his answer was - no problem!

Our sympathy goes to Mrs Brown and Tober.

Peter Kelly

Peter Kelly was born on the Isle Of Colonsay in 1967 but moved to the Borders at the age of eight when his father took up his new position of Stockman on a farm on the outskirts of Melrose.

Since following in the family footsteps and becoming a Shepherd/Stockman, Peter moved around the country but in more recent years he lived in the Killin area, latterly at Inneshevan Farm. Peter first came to Killin at the age of sixteen to stay with his brother Iain, following the death of his parents.

Peter leaves behind a son, Duncan, two brothers, a sister, nephews and nieces.

Iain Kelly.

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Letters

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Dear Sir,

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Killin - A Visitor's View

My wife and myself have been regular visitors to Killin for the past 15 years. We spend at least two holidays per year here, and more if funds permit! Since discovering the village and surrounding areas we have introduced numerous friends who have also developed a great affinity for the area and people. We were somewhat dismayed when we heard rumours of plans to 'develop' the area, the great attraction for us of Killin and the surrounding countryside is that it is not 'developed'. This was well illustrated to me when trout fishing at the head of Loch Tay in June when the only sounds heard were the lapping of water on the hull of the boat and the birds singing. For the past few years, including this June, we were able to observe a pair of diving Ospreys and a Black Throated Diver flying by. This peace and tranquillity must in my mind and those of my friends, be of paramount importance when any plans for development are being considered.

The lessons of Lake Windermere and Loch Lomond are there for all to see, and to despoil this particular area of outstanding natural beauty would be nothing short of sacrilege. I am sure that the majority of visitors who stay for any length of time in the area would be of the same opinion. Holiday-makers who require the water sports activities etc., are well served by either Kenmore or Lochearnhead, both of which are within easy striking distance, so let's retain this beautiful unspoiled corner of Scotland as it is, for future generations to enjoy, as we do now.

Ian. M. Hall.

".... along Glen Lyon to the Bridge Of Balgie, and thence over the mountain pass, leaving Ben Lawers to our left till we again joined the road by Loch Tay and so to Killin. The mountain crossing was a very narrow and difficult one and we unfortunately met two cars while on it, and it taxed all the ingenuity of both drivers to negotiate a passage. It took us a considerable time to get past the larger one, which had several ladies accompanying it; but they appeared to enjoy sitting in the heather and watching us at our work. "

This is an extract from my Grandfather's account of his "Scotch Tour" in 1926. His brother drove him over 1,300 miles from Stranraer to Thurso and many places in between. I was reminded of it when the Heritage Society had a walk on part of the old road from Bridge Of Balgie, I would imagine it was quite bad enough to drive over without any competition.

Margaret Hargreave. Killin

Killin And Ardeonaig Woman's Guild Craft Group

The group wish to thank all those who supported the coffee morning on 31st July. The sum raised was £1,378.18. The Craft Group contributed £724.00 to this grand total. Our winter activities will commence on Tuesday 15th October from 10 am - 12 noon. A warm welcome to those who would like to join us.

The nearly new sale was again most successful, realising £610. Thanks to all those who gave goods and who helped.

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Golf Club

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17 competitors had 'magic twos', and one, Scott Sutherland (Taymouth) had a hole in one!

Killin Mothers & Toddlers

The AGM of the Killin Mothers & Toddlers took place on 9 August in the church hall. The Chairperson, Pamela Farquharson welcomed a good turn out of mothers,

Pamela gave a full report of the past years activities and announced that Jumping Beans will be starting on 17 September in the McLaren Hall. The new committee for 1996/97 is as follows:- Chairperson - Susan McRobbie. Secretary - Sheila Aitken. Treasurer - Lorraine Pritchard. Rota Secretary - Kay Dowling. Committee - Sheona MacAskill & Julie Rhys.

The toddler group will continue to meet on Friday mornings in the church hall but the time has changed to 9.30-11.30 am. Any mothers or fathers with children under three will be made most welcome.

Sheila Aitken

Killin Football Club



The team was photographed wearing their new strips emblazoned with "Clachaig Hotel", generously provided by their sponsor John Mallinson just before meeting Aberfeldy in the first game of the season.

Killin play in the 3rd Division of the Perthshire Amateur League and under their new player/manager Murray Falconer they beat Aberfeldy 2 : 0, in a fast and entertaining game. The goals were scored by Ian Porter and Murray Falconer. Well done Killin! A good start to the season.

Back Row: John Mallinson (sponsor), Morven Frost, David Riddell, George Farquharson, Roddie MacDonald, Jim Craig, Blair Falconer, Eric McAlister (Chairman).

Front Row: Ian Porter, Donald Marno, Ben Webb, David Feaks, Terry Douglas, Murray Falconer (player/manager).

Killin Green Bowling Club

The weather has on the whole been kind to bowlers so far this season and there has general! been a good turnout of members for the various games and competitions. We could still do with more members, however, and would welcome anyone who is interested. The competition for the Mary Cameron Trophy for Juniors was held on 21 August and the winner was David Riddell, runner-up Cameron Frost. The competition for the Malcolm Cameron Trophy - Green Bowlers against Carpet Bowlers, was held on 24 August and on this occasion the trophy was won by the Carpet Bowlers.

Hope MacDonald, Secretary

WRI

The new session starts on 3 October in the Lesser Hall with a talk and demonstration on colour analysis by Karen Auld. We will be pleased to welcome new members.

Killin won the Silver Salver by taking 1st place in the Rural Competition at the Agricultural Show. Two of our members, Mrs K McRae and Mrs J Rough will be representing Perth And Kinross in a Golf Tournament in Minto in September. We wish them well.

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Killin Gun Club

23rd June, 1996. Shoot Results

Class(B) 1.JasSinclair-55. 2.S.Christie - 49 3. D.Stewart - 46. **Class (C)** 1.D.Howson-53. 2. G. Muller - 48. 3. R.Green - 30. **Sporting Class (A)** 1. D. Deans - 66. 2. E. McAllister - 66. 3. G.Ross - 66. **Class (B)** 1. Jas. Sinclair - 63. 2.J.McKay-63. 3.D.Christie-57. **High Gun** E McAllister - 127. **High Gun Overall** E.McAllister-154. **Home Trophy Winner** D. Deans -119 **McKay Trophy** D. Deans - 93. **Sweep** E. McAllister. **High Pheasant McAllister Cup** 1. J.Sinclair-27. 2. E. McAllister, D. Deans - 27.

Killin Gun Club held their open 50 Bird Sporting on Sunday 11th August. This shoot was sponsored by Stitt Brothers, Killin and Guthrie and Robertson, Builders, Crieff. Many thanks to the sponsors for their support. This shoot once again attracted 87 guns with some very good shooting on a perfect summer day. Shoot results as follows:

Woodcock D.B.Taylor. **High Pheasant** G. Sewell. **D. Grouse** H.Johnston. **Walk-up Grouse** E. Bramley **Rabbit and Pigeon** C.Johnston **High Gun** A. MacIntyre 44 x 50 birds. **H Slee Cup** T. Devlin. **Scott Trophy** J.Sinclair. **Ladies** G. Wight. **Booby** B. McKinstrie. **Continuation Fox** B. Bolton. **Continuation Walk-up** J. McPhillip. **Inter-lodge Trophy** Auchlyne

Shoot Results 21st July. **25 D.T.L. Class A.** 1. J. Sinclair-73. 2. G.Ross - 70. **Class (B)** 1. R. Mills - 70. 2. Jas Sinclair - 68.. **Sporting. Class (A)** 1. G. Coyne -65. 2. G.Ross- 63. **Class (B)** 1. A. Donaldson - 66. 2. Jas Sinclair - 62. **Class C Trophy** G. Muller -108. **High Gun** J. Sinclair-136. **Challenge Cup 25 D.T.L.** J. Sinclair-73. **Continuation** D. Stewart. **Sweep** Jas Sinclair.

Killin Gun Club outing to Cluny on Saturday 8th June. 24 members turned out. Winners on the day. **Craignavie Cup** 1. G. Coyne 2. J. Sinclair & E. McAllister, Inter-club shoot on 7th July, 1996. 8 teams invited, all turned up. Results as follows: 1. Strathyre-239. 2. Killin - 237. 3. Blair Atholl - 236. 4. Fortingall - 220. 5. Meggernie - 206. 6. Blackmount-194. 7. Logierait-188. 8. Glenfalloch - 168. **High Gun.** W. McLauchlan 46 kills out of 50.

G. D- Coyne, Secretary.

Killin Breadalbane Angling Club



This years competitions on Loch Tay have been completed and the returns have proved disappointing. Twenty-eight trout were weighed in for a total of sixteen pounds, with the average a fraction over nine ounces. This compares with sixty-four in 1995 totalling thirty-seven pounds five and a half ounces. Char were not in any evidence, but there were a number of shoals of rainbows seen cruising along the areas between the shallows and the deeper water. One visiting party of Yorkshire anglers fished the river below the boat house for a week and caught over fifty rainbows ranging from two to seven pounds. This raises the question, "Are we witnessing the demise of Loch Tay as a traditional Brown Trout Fishery?" Other lochs where these predator trout have been introduced have seen the natural brown trout all but disappear.

Ian Downie retained the Club Championship with fifteen trout weighing eight pounds, and John Scougall was the runner-up. A.Stewart had a fish of exactly one pound to win the cup for the best trout with Ian the runner-up.

Members are reminded that the AGM prize giving and social takes place in the Killin Hotel on Monday 11 November at 7.30pm. My personal thanks to Norman Inglis for assisting Peter Anderson with the casting competitions at the Highland Games, a good day was had by all despite the weather.

The trip to Loch Lomond took place on 10 August, with twelve members and friends attending. Unfortunately, no fish of any kind were caught, and the 'sweep' money and bottle of 'liquid gold' were donated to the funds for the senior citizens Christmas Party. The party, however, enjoyed mixed weather on the day with rain predominant in the morning and sunshine in the afternoon. The lunch time barbecue was up to the normal standard and a feature of the day was an impromptu 'swim' taken by G Main who stated that he felt the need to freshen up. On returning to the Vale Of Leven Club House a buffet was enjoyed by everyone and Ian Downie thanked our Lomond friends for their hospitality.

This November, the AGM of the Tay Salmon Fishery Board will be considering some rather far reaching changes to the Salmon Fishing on the Tay River System. These will probably include restrictions in methods of fishing, alterations to the fishing season and some form of catch and release policy, the adoption of which will be placed before the Secretary Of State for ratification. I will endeavour to represent the interests of Killin Club at this meeting and should any other riparian owner be unable to attend I would be willing to air their views and if necessary table their written proxy votes on any subject. At the previous meeting in 1995, the lower beats were well represented and the voting power in this area would have a large impact on the final outcome of any item tabled for discussion.

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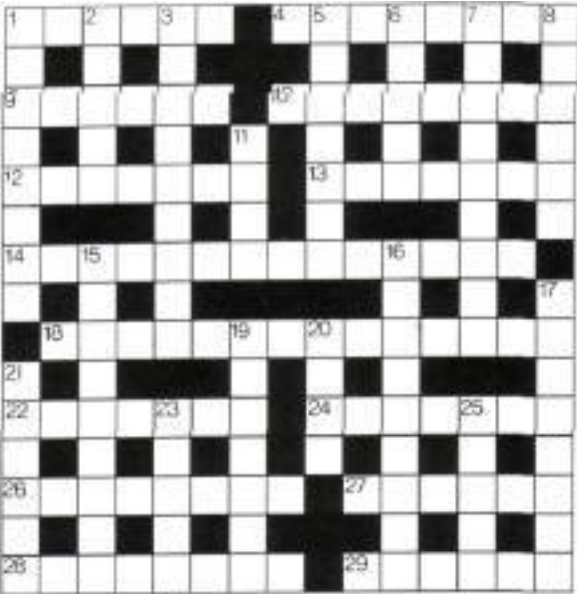
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1. Polonius advised his son never to be one! (6)

4. Hold sure and put it to the wheel (8)

9. Cleopatra has one! (6)

10. The building and its adjuncts; its logical (8)

12. One who is on a cold downward path (7)

13. Say or write, eg in despatches! (7)

14. He keeps everything working (14)

18. Left or right, it is fair (14)

22. The end of right bends can cause mix ups (7)

24. Some fear a chest cold, or some other ailment (7)

26. Deviousness, specially at cards? (8)

27. Make light of something, repeatedly (3 - 3)

28. Aberdeen, say, is in the clear, south of thai there's tidy workers (8)

29. Daren's caught (6)
1. Without companion, on the range? (8)

2. An Eastern in part of France is relative (5)

3. The norther liege can bring understanding (9)

5. He's not easily scared... (4,3)

6. ...nor make a woman of him (5)

7. Diana's drinking and eating will waste her (9)

8. Without the softness, this gift can hurt (6)

11. Some of them are fatter in this green island (4)

15. Twice four, ten, NE, good at making things (9)

16. The duck is depressed; is there any comfort? (9)

17. Sad Riot in the East caused by a star? (8)

19. One who gives confidence at least (7)

20. Expensive game! (4)

23. Sounds like a fungus, or similar (5)

25. The moneyman starts to be frisky (5)

Thank You

I wish to thank Killin and District for their help, support and donations in raising £438 at the sale on Saturday 31 August for the Oncology Department RHSC Edinburgh.

Morag McNee

The family of Peter Kelly would like to thank everyone for the kindness and support given to us following our recent bereavement, also for the many flower, cards and letters. Our thanks also to the Doctors, Police and Ambulance staff of Killin for their help and understanding in the weeks prior to Peter's death and to Dr Todd. Jack and Charlie McWilliam for their help since.

Iain Kelly

I wish to thank family and friends for the lovely flowers, cards and gifts which I received while in hospital.

Margaret Mantle,
The Glebe, Killin.

Solution To Last Crossword

Across: 7. Source. 8. Rustic. 9. Alec. 10. Tankards. 11. & 12. Second Eleven. 14. Raisin. 17. Stench. 19. Nestling. 21. Herb. 22. Aspire. 23. Annual.
Down: 1. Goalie. 2. Precious. 3. Heated. 4. Fringe. 5. Asia. 6. Birdie. 13. Elephant. 15. Averse. 16. Nailed. 17. Signal. 18. Cereal. 20. Tail.

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Perth Show

There were three local prize-winners in the raffle at Perth Show. These were: Jim Woods-Umbrella, May Graham - Basket of Flowers and Fiona Inglis - Bottle of Wine.

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