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## The Scottish Thistle Awards For Tourism

### *Killin Triumphs*



*Ian Grant, Chairman of Scottish Tourist Board, James Wilson of Glen turret Distillery, John Malinson of Killin Tourist Initiative and Kirsty Young.*

The Village of Killin is celebrating winning the Thistle Award in the category of the best Area Tourism Initiative at the Scottish Tourism Awards Ceremony, which was held in the Edinburgh International Conference Centre on Friday 25 October. The application was submitted on the basis that the events run by the local committees increased visitor awareness of the facilities within the area, and encouraged them to return and spend holidays in what is a very central situation for enjoying the best of what Scotland has to offer.

The plan conceived in 1994 was to develop a series of events which would attract tourists to the Village. The Highland Games of that year saw some 3,500 visitors enjoy the thrills of the World Strong Men feats and the traditional games competitions. This with the long established Killin Agricultural Show set the foundation for the next stage of the plan which was a Traditional Music and Dance Festival

in June the following year. The first Festival held over a weekend brought 4,000 enthusiasts to the area, and subsequent attendance's at both events have seen attendance's rise to an average of 5,000. The next stage of the initiative is to hold a Real Ale Festival in the autumn of 1997, which will complete the initial plan to regenerate the tourists\* awareness of the Killin area.

The award, which will be on display in the Post Office, was accepted on behalf of the Village by John Mallinson, who was supported by Charles Grant, Frances McLaggan and Alex & Fiona Stewart.

The entire Village can be proud of this major achievement and everyone's efforts and struggles have been rewarded. 1997 can be an even greater success with the Thistle Award at the fore front of our combined drive to stage quality events, which will bring visitors to our area to enjoy our hospitality and spread the word that the award was well deserved.

## The Green Team

The Green Team have been busy again over the summer, enthusiastically investigating the wildlife and environment around Killin. Amongst other topics, they have been learning about bees and how they spread the word when there is lots of food about (there are some very fine waggle dancers in the Green Team, Killin's answer to line dancing?), food webs and how to detect the presence of secretive animals. They also looked at earthworms and why they are important to other animals, gardeners and farmers, and learned to recognise the New Zealand flatworm which eats them and has now been found in two gardens in Killin.

We will be holding less regular meetings over the winter so watch out for notice of dates to be posted at the school.

*Helen Cole*

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## Killin Community Council

A meeting of the Council was held on 10 October in the McLaren Hall Committee Room, Mr Ian MacGregor in the Chair. No members of the public were present.

### **Play Area, Breadalbane Park.**

Stirling Councils reply to the Community Council's letter complaining that there was a need for toilets near the new play area, was rather unhelpful. They suggested that the McLaren Hall toilets might be made available. This was thought to be an unlikely solution; the secretary was asked to write to Keith Russell in Community Services, who had overall responsibility for the development of parks. Some solution to this problem is needed soon.

### **Parking At The Entrance To Breadalbane Park**

No action has resulted from the Council's letter of 14 August regarding vehicles being driven into the park. The Secretary will write to Derek Robertson, Area Outdoor Services Officer, suggesting the gates be kept locked.

### **Rubbish Collection**

Stirling Council has written to say that they will "give consideration" to the supply of a replacement barrow for the Village Officer. The Council again referred to the excellent work that Jake was doing while poorly supported by Stirling Council.

Concern was expressed about the growth of bushes and trees on both sides of the Dochart Bridge. The Secretary will write to Mr Lewis and Mr Dowling about the need to cutback this shrub growth and provide better visibility for drivers.

Stirling Council are continuing to explore methods of improving public transport in the area. It seems that budgetary considerations **will** make it difficult to re-introduce concessionary fares for 16 and 17 year olds in full time education.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Community Council elections would take place in March 1997. He will attend a conference on this subject on 26 October.

It was decided to write to Environmental Services with regard to certain small environmental projects which might be grant assisted.

The next meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 12 December 1996. **Members of the public are welcome to attend.**

## Strathfillan Community Council

We are very pleased that, resulting from our Community Transport Questionnaire in February, the Stirling Council Public Transport Unit have re-arranged the Post Bus timetable to give us an extra trip to Killin on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To date we have had the choice of spending 35 minutes or 6 hours in Killin. From November 18 we will be able to stay for more useful 2 hours, 3 hours or 5 hours on those two days. The new timetable is not perfect - especially as the extra trips do not extend to Tyndrum. However, we do feel that we are having a constructive dialogue with Stirling Council and are optimistic of on-going positive changes.

In addition to the all important everyday matters that concern the Community Council, we are currently involved in several developments which could have exciting long term implications:

- An application for funding from The Millennium Forest For Scotland is underway for the purchase of land on the left of the A82 as you enter Tyndrum from Crianlarich. It is proposed that Caledonian Pines and broadleaf woodland be planted, with picnic areas, walks, a mountain bike track and car parking development. An area of over 83 hectares is involved.

- A Public Meeting is to be held in Crianlarich Hall on Saturday 23 November to seek the local community's approval and commitment (of minds and hard work) to a proposed Crianlarich Community Woodland. This will cover a more modest four and a half hectares to be leased from Forest Enterprise. With the help of children, mums, dads, grandparents, the school and professionals, it is hoped that fencing, tree planting, walks, bird boxes etc.. will flourish.

- The Strathfillan Regeneration Strategy is finally "all systems go" with initial funding of £35,780 in place. This has come from the European Union (accessed by Stirling Council). Stirling Council. Forth Valley Enterprise. Scottish Homes and the Corrom Trust (for the Strathfillan Community). The Corrom Trust are the catalyst in all this - being a charitable organisation who give quality professional help to enable local people to take a financial stake in regenerating their communities. Their public meeting is to be on Nov 27.

  
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## Police News

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As most of you will be aware, a few housebreakings recently occurred in the Lochearnhead / Killin area including the Post Office and the Capercaillie Restaurant. Although this type of crime is relatively uncommon in these parts, it highlights the need for people to be more security conscious regarding their homes. This includes garages, sheds and outbuildings, the security of which are usually sadly neglected. The aim of improved security should be to achieve the following three objectives:-

- Make an intruder take more time.
- Make an intruder make more noise.
- Make an intruder look more conspicuous.

If anyone wishes assistance or further information regarding home security please contact Constable Ian Donaldson at Killin Police Office Tel: 820222

### Cycle Coding

A set of stamping equipment has been purchased with a donation made by the Community Council. Anyone with a bicycle who would like it coded should contact either Constable Donaldson or Constable Murray at Killin Police Office. It is intended to have a day set aside specifically for post coding cycles, but with Christmas approaching and Santa possibly visiting Killin with a number of bikes it would probably be better to wait until January to hold this.

Still on the subject of cycles, parents are reminded that they should ensure that if their children are using their cycles in the dark evenings, that they have both back and front lights fitted and preferably are wearing both reflective and fluorescent clothing.

*Constable Ian Donaldson*

### Royal Blind Asylum & School

Thank you again for Killin's continued support for the Royal Blind School in Edinburgh. This years' collection amounted to £305 and I wish to thank everyone who contributed and especially the enthusiastic collectors.

*Betty Martin (Convenor)*



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## McLaren High School New Headmaster

The new Headmaster, Mr Daniel Murphy recently gave an interview to two pupils for the *Killin News*.

Mr Murphy started at the McLaren High as Headmaster this term. He taught History at the school from 1983 to 1987 and had been Principal Teacher at Crieff High School before his return to Callander. How did he feel after his first week? "Shocked on Monday but happy". He was looking forward to the challenge of his new post and is also hoping to do a bit of teaching as well as administration. "Would he listen to people with different views and ideas." He replied, "listen yes - agree maybe" His first impressions were good but he was concerned about overcrowded cloakrooms as a meeting place and felt that school transport needed looking at. Our impression was that Mr Murphy was anxious to consult with staff, parents and use the Pupil Council. He has adopted an open approach and changes will be discussed with staff and pupils after October.

We felt that the new Head would be good for the school, bringing new ideas and lots of challenges to be met.

*Claire Ramsay & Christine Gallacher*

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## Killin News versus National Trust Scotland *Half Time Score:* The Rain Forest Lost

It was recently brought to the attention of the *Killin News* that The National Trust For Scotland when re-furbishing Horwoods (*usually known as Archie's*) in the Killin Main Street, used mahogany on the frontage of the property. We felt this was incongruous with the current environmental knowledge on greenhouse gasses affecting the ozone layer, the annihilation of tropical rain forests and depletion of hardwood trees such as Mahogany, which can take between 120 -140 years to reach maturity. We wrote to The National Trust For Scotland to enlighten them. Mr Douglas Dow CB, Director of The NTS informed us that the mahogany used was from Central Africa and felled by the French logging company SESAM. He thanked us for bringing this to his attention, it apparently had not occurred to the NTS that they should be setting an example by using alternatives to tropical hardwoods and assured us that the NTS would, as a direct result of our letter, review its policy on using mahogany. Although SESAM's logging activities are strictly monitored. Mr Dow did not, as I had hoped, tell us anything about possible replanting! Perhaps they never heard about the "Earth Summit" in 1992! We watch with interest.

As an aside to the above, did you know that 1 person needs 7 trees to change their carbon dioxide to oxygen and that 20 trees are required to offset the pollution from one car driven to Stirling and back.

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## Linkage Of The Churches



## Mervyn's Weather



The linkage of Killin with Balquhiddie church was firmly established at the end of August with a service at Balquhiddie. It has since been possible to take steps to call a minister. Following congregational meetings in both parishes a Vacancy Committee has been formed of five people from Balquhiddie and eight from Killin and Ardeonaig. The Convenor is Captain Bowser and the Clerk is Philip Simpson.

The Committee's work is now well under way and in due course it is hoped to make a sole nomination of a minister to be called. It is unlikely, however, that a new minister will be in post until well into 1997.

Presbytery determined that the matter of which manse should become the manse of the linked charge would be determined by arbitration. The arbiters in turn determined that it should be Killin manse.

*P. Simpson*

Now that the clocks have changed and daylight is starting to fail at 4pm it is perhaps time to look back and summarise (pardon the pun!) the summer and early autumn of 1996. May and early June were cool and wet with little to suspect a repeat performance of 1995 with its record temperatures and torrid conditions. However, once it got going, '96 was if anything preferable to its predecessor, giving us lovely spells of dry warm weather interspersed with sufficient rain to rejuvenate wilting grass and gardens. Thunderstorms occurred on only two days.

Perhaps the most pleasant attribute of this year was the Indian Summer of the first three weeks of September when yet again the warm dry conditions threatened to burn up the greenery but the final week of this month saved this situation and indeed encouraged various plants and shrubs such as Honeysuckle. Clematis and hybrid Rhododendron and Azaleas to attempt a second flowering.

Now on the threshold of November, the final Autumn month, fields are green and the leaves although ablaze with colour are reluctant to part company with their parent trees, so wind and frost free has the season been. What then does all this portend for the coming winter and indeed next Spring? Like spilled paint- it remains to be seen!!

*Mervyn K Browne*

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forced up to the high tops to avoid some of the heat and the flies. Having to walk up to these parts in the heat of the day had the stalking parties dressed in a wonderful array of shorts and bikinis (and that was only the men!). At least the deer were in good condition with a healthy layer of fat on the carcasses. This is extremely important for the stags as the late summer is the rutting season, and while they are protecting their harem of hinds from any other stags and roaring their challenge they eat virtually nothing for several weeks. We can now see them changing behaviour and moving down to the low ground to try to feed themselves up ready for the rigours of winter when

food can be harder to find and the weather takes its toll on energy reserves. At this time the weary scraggy beasts are said to be 'run' (much like the average stalker).

As the stag season ends so the hind season begins. The aim is to cull the weak, sick and old as far as is possible (the wife will need to look out!). This shooting season lasts through the winter till mid February and so involves going to the hill in the worst of the weather.



From a large red-furred mammal living around here to a small one, though also red. Of course it's the red squirrel. Apparently far greater numbers than usual are being killed on the narrow roads around the village, especially near Ardeonaig. They're busy getting food for the winter and will be spending more time on the roads as they collect the beech mast etc., so please take extra care when driving.

*Tim Frost*

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*Dr David Syme*



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Charles was noted for his erudite sermons and has carried this erudition into his writing. *"The Great Bear"* despite being the mightiest locomotive of its time, never achieved its full potential, hence the quote from WH Auden in the front of the booklet *"history to the defeated may say alas! but cannot help or pardon."*

## Bonfire Night

The now traditional fireworks and bonfire night was held on a night of lashing rain and high winds on the site of the old swing park; yet many children with their brave mums and dads turned up - and stuck it out. In spite of the rain the bonfire got lit and really took off and the fireworks were, as you would expect, beautiful, colourful and **NOISY!** Full marks to all who helped to keep the show on the road despite the foul weather.

We would like to thank Neil and Gregor McKenzie and Gregor Gillies for building the bonfire, and also the Fire Service for their assistance on the night.

Thanks to all who donated money towards the purchase of the fireworks and in particular the Community Council and the Traders Association.

*PS The old swing park is to be planted with trees by the PTA, so if anyone knows of a site for next year's bonfire, please let me know. (Ian Donaldson)*

*PPS And our thanks from the Killin News to Ian for once again organising a great night. (Editor)*



Roddy and myself would like to thank our friends, employers and everyone else for the kindness and support given to us following our recent bereavement. Our thanks also to the doctors, district nurses and home helps for the help and understanding given throughout Archie's illness, and to Dr Todd and J & G McWilliams for their help since.

*Alasdair MacDonald*

On behalf of Mrs Margaret Todd of Tigh-na-finn, Main Street, Killin, I would like to thank everyone for all the lovely cards and messages of sympathy received following the death of her husband Rab, on Wednesday 6 November. Sincere thanks also for the tremendous support and care given by the Doctors and Nurses here in Killin, Margaret will be forever grateful.

Rab began his butchering career in Killin in the early seventies, working with my late father, and returned here earlier this year after running the Newburgh business for the last twenty-five years. His laughter and great sense of humour will be sadly missed.

*Colin McRae*

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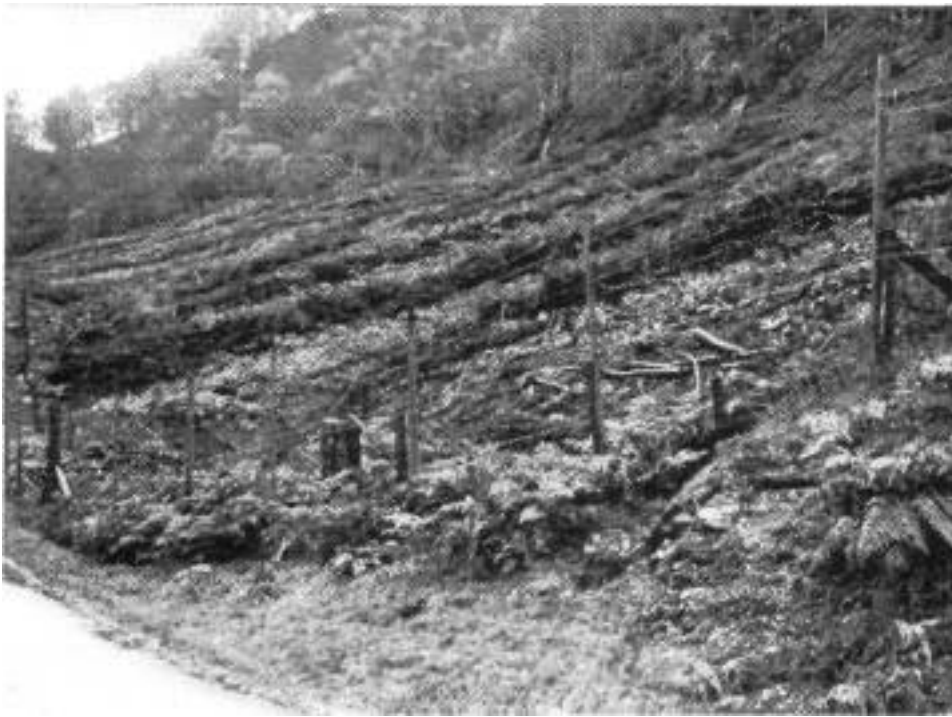
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# Not A Pretty Sight



It started during the summer. Faded memories of the view were revived on the descent into Lochearnhead with the reappearance of Meall Reamhar, the "Fat Hill", overlooking Lochearnhead and a glimpse of the Pass Of Glen Ogle beyond it. All a consequence of the timber operations on the west side of the road just after passing the 'Golden Larches' establishment. Just as well there was something to distract the gaze from the scene of destruction in the foreground after the removal of the tree trunks. No monetary value in the stripped branches so they are all just left to litter the area as if a whirlwind had passed through. Tidying up is obviously of no interest in forestry, as presumably there is no legislation to enforce this as with other works which substantially alter the landscape such as Hydro schemes, quarries, roadworks etc. I suppose that, after blocking out the skyline for over twenty years, restoration of the land to its previous condition is of no real concern to the planters. And besides, it would cost money!

More tree felling is continuing on the northside of Glen Ogle though so far it is all below the skyline so there hasn't been much difference to the distant

outlook. The resulting mangled mess is still there though and, arguably, it looked better with the trees still in place. However I don't suppose there will be many dissenting voices about improvement when the stretch down towards Killin from Lix Toll is finally subjected to the chain saws. Trees planted so close to the road that overhanging branches have had to be trimmed off to allow the passage of high sided vehicles. No secret in the trimming as all the branches are still lying there at the base of the trees. It will be nice to just see the sky again far less the view.

Hopefully the lessons have been learnt and the new plantations on the east side of Glen Ogle have been kept back a short distance from the verge. An extra 50 to 100 yards clearway would have been preferable in my opinion. However they are coming along nicely, so if you appreciate a skyline of rock and earth rather than conifer tops keep on looking now and commit to memory. Once it has gone it is rather a long time before it reappears.

David Main

## Comment

We rejoice with the rest of the village at the news that Killin has won the coveted *Thistle Award* for the best *Area Tourism Initiative*. And let's be clear, this initiative grew out of the original formation of the Traders Association chaired by John Mallinson. It was this association that spawned the Committees which set up and managed the Killin Highland Games and the Folk Music Festival. The success of these events in the tourist terms for Killin needs no comment from us: they were extremely effective in putting Killin firmly on the tourist map, as a place *not to miss*.

And yet as reported on P11, the AGM of the Traders Association was attended by 6 members and 5 of the public. The apathy of traders in Killin is deplorable. These tourism initiatives are bound to benefit all traders in the village, whether they are directly or indirectly involved with tourism. We take it from the AGM report that the Traders Association no longer exists. We regret the demise of what might have been an important association, but wish every success to the new Tourism Initiative Committee.

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# A Lifetime With Horses

When Allan and I arrived at Loch Tay Highland Lodges & Equestrian Centre to interview Mrs Pamela Booth, one gey dreich Tuesday afternoon, we didn't find Mrs Booth sitting at her cosy fire in her lovely lounge overlooking Loch Tay. Quite the contrary, she was mucking out the stables with the rest of her staff and of course her dog Tay. We were relieved we didn't have to don our wellies when after a brief introduction to the horses, she suggested we retire to the comfort of her house where we became well acquainted with her other two dogs. Fleur and Sophie.

Pamela started riding when she was only 2 years old, her parents bred Show Hunters and racehorses. Coffee (30) and Jack (25) were the first horses she brought to Loch Tay 15 years ago when she and her husband Clive moved here from Derbyshire. Pamela and Clive began erecting the lodges 14 years ago. they started off with 6 and within 6 years they had built 36 lodges. Then the stables building with living accommodation above for staff was built.

all of which successfully blend in with the surrounding countryside. Their only child James, born and bred on Loch Tay completes their family, at only 12 years of age he has been chosen to shoot for Scotland in the Under 19's British Schools Shooting Competition.

Pamela broke her back 17 years ago in a horse riding accident, she was in hospital for 6 months and her first question was not whether she would walk again, but when would she be able to ride again. Riding and horses are in her blood and after a long recovery she was soon back in the saddle. She now has 23 horses in residence at Loch Tay. She breeds British Warmbloods which are a mix of Cleveland Bay and Warmbloods. She shows them young and trains them for dressage. She also takes in horses for training and is wonderful at restoring confidence in horses which have been traumatised. Her top horse just now is Swepstone Mr Fox, who has put Loch Tay firmly on the map in International dressage competitions. The Killin countryside is not ideally suited to horses, so Pamela had an Olympic sized all weather arena specially built. the surface of which is made from re-cycled car tyres - shock absorbers for horses. Highland Ponies are used for trekking on the 2 mile purpose built track developed on the Morenish hillside.



*Pamela with Wolfgang*

Three years ago the *Killin News* featured Pamela's first born horse, Amadeus. Tragically. Amadeus died last year as a result of a broken leg. Amadeus, as the portrait on Pamela's livingroom wall testifies, was a beautiful horse, he won prizes everywhere he was shown and Pamela was totally devastated by his death. They were like kindred spirits. She now has Paris who is Amadeus's brother.

We were both touched by Pamela's total dedication to her horses. She is absolutely professional in their care but they still get wee treats, usually Polo Mints although General George's favourite is a Magnum Ice Cream.

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# Killin Traders Association

## Annual General Meeting

At the meeting on 29 October, six members of the association and five members of the public were present. The Chairman, John Mallinson opened the proceedings, and gave a resume of the reason for forming the group. Very little had been achieved in pursuing the original objectives of the traders and the organising of events by sub-committees, had replaced the intended work of the association. He believed there was a role for some form of organisation to look after the interests of traders in the village but lack of support at present seemed to indicate that businesses felt there was no need for any association.

Fiona Stewart the interim secretary presented the minutes and report which were adopted by the meeting. Charles Grant then gave the Highland Games report on another successful year and stated that the games had quickly become established on the circuit as one not to be missed if the level of attendance's of

competitors and spectators was used as a bench mark. John Mallinson spoke of the Traditional Music And Dance Festival and again the number of visitors proved the event popular and quality artistes made the weekend an unqualified success. Next year, more workshops and family events are planned. It was agreed that the Scottish Tourism Thistle Award for the events should help attract sponsorship and the village and area must use this achievement to the best advantage. Frances McLaggan presented the accounts which were adopted.

Discussion turned to the future of the Association and it was agreed to re-organise under the name of "The Killin Initiative". The existing accounts were closed and funds transferred to a new holding account. The constitution would be re-drawn to suit running events under a charitable status.

Office bearers were elected as follows: Chairman J Mallinson. Secretary F Stewart, Treasurer F McLaggan, Committee Members A Stewart, J Gauld, H Campbell. H Reid. D Syme, L Syme, C Grant and W Douglas. The Highland Games Chairman C Grant, Secretary F Stewart, and The Festival Chairman J Mallinson, Secretary A Stewart. It was agreed that the Chairman and Secretary of each event will co-opt members onto the two committees and the proposed Real Ale Festival in October would initially be handled by J Mallinson and A Stewart who would report back to the main committee. It was decided to make arrangements for the permanent display of the Thistle Award Trophy. The confirmed dates of the Festival are 20 to 22 June and the Games on 6 August. Anyone wishing to help in arranging the events should get in touch with the Secretaries.

*Fiona Stewart*

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The First Aid course has been well attended and we would hope to repeat the "Emergency First Aid For Children." as tutored by our local ambulance crew, in Killin during the summer.

At the time of going to press, I have no comment on the Cookery Course other than "It's a hoot."

**Spring Courses:** Politics And Local Government. If anyone is interested in attending the above course beginning in January, please phone: 01567 820753.

Spanish/German Conversation. If anyone is interested in either of these classes, beginning in January, please phone: 01567 820374.

### **Attention!**

We have had several requests for a course in Jive/Latin American/Hop or other form of modern dance. Is there anyone out there who could teach such a course?

Also we are still looking for people to tutor furniture restoration, yoga, aerobics and anything else you can suggest.

Following our first AGM a complete list of new committee members will be printed in the next issue of this paper.

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Local anglers looking on saw Elizabeth Douse, John Mallinson and Alec Stewart perform the presentation. The lucky angler, Stewart Lang of 5 Holmlea Place, Kilmarnock took the heaviest fish of 1996 off the western beat of Loch Tay.

It weighed in at 23 and a half pounds; a hen fish which took a blue and silver Kynoch off the power station in February. You had a good season, Stewart, well done!

Special thanks to Famous Grouse Whisky, the sponsors and to Elizabeth for refreshments afterwards. Tight lines to all for 1997.

*Picture and report by G MacAulay*

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Throughout the building great care has been taken to use building materials that will least harm the environment in manufacture, and be non-toxic once installed into the fabric of the building. We wanted the building to be pleasant as well as utilitarian where necessary, and therefore where possible, the use of more traditional materials will become a feature. Even the glues and adhesives in the building have been thoughtfully chosen to be the most friendly around. The building's exterior includes wood cladding, and the pitched roof is tiled with traditional slate to match the roof of the school and library.

Our application for outside sources of funding, placed features such as energy efficiency and environmental friendliness, high on our priorities, and we believe these features were important in achieving the levels of grant funding received from bodies such as the Sport Lottery Fund through the Scottish Sports Council, Forth Valley Enterprise and European Objective 5B funding.

## New Year Dance

Lodge Breadalbane, St. Fillans, will be holding the traditional New Year Dance on 1 January 1997 in the McLaren Hall at 9.00pm. Admission will be by ticket only, available from Douglas McRobbie, William Stitt, Tommy Coffield and Alex Stewart. There will be the usual restriction on numbers so book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

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## Next Issue

*First, may we wish all our readers,  
writers and advertisers a Happy  
Christmas and a Guid New Year!  
May 1997 be good for us all!*

Copy, articles, news stories and advertisements for the next issue of the Killin News are needed by 31 December. It will be distributed towards to end of January. Any events taking place in February or March can be advertised in this issue. We know it's difficult over the festive season to get organised, but please try to get the stuff to us if possible before 31 December.

The board is also considering how in the future the leisure centre's healthy atmosphere can be maintained through the choice of other consumable products such as cleaning materials to ensure that both staff and users can get the best from the health, fitness and social opportunities afforded by the leisure centre.

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"A good new year".

Dani Grant



## The Salvation Army

I would like to say a big thank you to the residents of Killin for their generosity in giving to our "Red Shield" door knock appeal last February. As the Salvation Army Officer responsible to ensure collection of the district in which Killin is situated. I would like to thank you for the sum of £120.04 which was collected.

You may be interested to know that all the money collected by The Salvation Army in this appeal is sent to our London Head Office and every penny is given to the Social Work Fund which undertakes to provide to those in need in the UK.. Being second only to the national government, to maintain our social work budget costs The Salvation Army nearly £35 million every year. This huge budget depends on the general public for every penny raised. Nearly £3 million is raised through the "Red Shield" door knock appeal nationwide. The money that Killin residents raised for The Salvation Army when added to the collection taken by the Perth Salvation Army, totalled £7,239.38. an increase of 140% on the previous year.

As we look ahead to our 1997 appeal, I would like to think that we have perhaps 10 friends in Killin who would be willing to give no more than two hours of their time in the first week of February 1997 and

collect their street on behalf of The Salvation Army. What would that commitment entail? Well, very simply, a collectors pack would be delivered to you. This will be made up of:- the required amount of envelopes; a permit for collecting; a volunteers badge; a sheet providing you with suggestions about how best to collect, together with information about The Salvation Army social services. This will allow you to know where the money collected will go and inform your neighbours if they should ask.

You would have one week to collect the 30 - 50 houses where you live. The village organiser will contact you to arrange a time to pick up the envelopes.

If you feel able to be a friend to The Salvation Army in this way, would you please make contact with either myself or your village organiser Sinclair Aitken.

**Iain Hudson, Lieutenant, Perth, Telephone: 01738 635672.**



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Following the success of their last pantomime, Killin Drama Club are busy rehearsing this season's production of Robinson Crusoe. Cannibals have been sighted near the McLaren Hall and there are rumours of a fight between Robinson Crusoe's sailor friends and a group of swashbuckling pirates. There's the usual pantomime villain, this time it's the *Demon Oylslick* who is about to meet his match when *Fairy Detergenta* comes to the aid of our heroes.

The show is to run for three nights - Thursday 16, Friday 17 and Saturday 18 January, 1997. The doors will open at 7 pm and the curtain goes up at 7.30 pm. Tickets, price £3.50 (concessions £2.50) will be on sale at J R News from Monday 16 December. The Club hope that this will reduce the need to queue outside the hall, and will provide an early opportunity to secure seats for any particular performance. Many thanks to those helping with the production, and as the Cannibals would say..... BOOLA!



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# OBITUARIES

## Archibald MacDonald

Archibald MacDonald was born in the village of Acharacle, Argyll in 1930. He moved to Daldravaig Farm, Glen Lochay in 1944 where he worked as a farm labourer. There he met the late Moira Watson and they married in 1960. He left the farm in 1970 and moved to Ballechroisk Terrace and then joined the Hydro Board as a fitter's mate. A heart condition and a bypass operation forced his retirement in 1982. Limited by his illness he led a quiet life thereafter. He died peacefully at Stirling Royal Infirmary on 7 September. A very supportive and caring father, he will be greatly missed.

## John MacPhail

John MacPhail beloved husband of Peggy died at Kildean Hospital, Stirling on 23 October 1996 after a long illness.

He was born on 9 July 1928 in Carnish, North Uist. John and Peggy came from the same village where they attended school together. They married in Arrochar and moved to Crianlarich where John worked at Sloy Power Station. They moved to Killin in 1954 to work on the Lawers scheme and then the Breclaich with McLeods. Then John worked for Stitt's as a digger driver (as we all remember him) for over 25 years and had to take early retirement due to ill health.

John was devoted to Peggy, son Donald, daughters Margaret and Morag, his son-in-law Neil and grandchildren Morag, Alan, Gregor and Euan. He will be sadly missed by them and his many friends.

## Pam Ireland

Pam Ireland started her married life in Dundee before coming to Killin thirteen years ago with her husband Dougal and children Paul, Julie and Jennifer. She was a quiet warm-hearted person who devoted her life to bringing up her children in the regular absence of Dougal who had to work away from home. Although Pam lived quietly she was always busy particularly with her favourite hobby needlecraft.

Those of us who knew her appreciated and miss her quick wit and great sense of humour which never deserted her throughout her illness. A true friend sadly missed.

## Hazel Burt

Hazel Burt was born in Glasgow but spent most of her early life in Dundee. She was educated at St. Andrews and Edinburgh. She brought up her family in Harrogate where she became senior lecturer at the College Of Further Education. She took early retirement and settled with her husband in Fearnan where they set up a small pottery business in 1982. She was always fun loving and joined in several social activities. She was president of the Fearnan Country Dance Class, a member of the Aberfeldy Bridge Club, the Grandtully Bowling Club and actively supported several charities. She will be missed.

## Duncan MacGregor

We report the sudden and tragic death of young Duncan MacGregor (aged 21), son of Alistair and nephew of Gordon MacGregor who lives in Killin. Duncan a regular soldier with the Royal Artillery, returned home from Bosnia in June of this year, he had done four tours of duty in the former Yugoslavia. His mother, Heather said "To think that he went through such a lot over there, then died in his home town!" In fact he died in a motor cycle accident in his home town of Hucknall, Nottingham. In addition to his mother and father, Duncan leaves his brother Gareth (aged 17). The funeral service was held at Central Methodist Church, Hucknall and the cremation at Mansfield.

## Rona Cruickshank

Rona Cruickshank of Auchreoch JP, was born in Aberdeenshire. In 1958 she married Martin Cruickshank, then a serving officer in the Gordon Highlanders. She accompanied her husband on his various postings in Europe and Africa. In their leisure time they were enthusiastic travellers, particularly to lesser known parts of the world from the Arctic to the Sahara Desert. When Major Cruickshank retired from his Regiment in 1967, they came to Strathfillan. They have farmed Auchreoch for the last 28 years.

Rona was well known in Killin, particularly from her Friday morning shopping expeditions. Residents will remember the handsome lady with the silver hair, always with a ready greeting and a smile. She was by nature a private person. The modesty with which she conducted herself, tended to hide her deep compassion for her fellow men and her commitment to the land, animals and wildlife of Scotland. She had a wonderfully contagious sense of humour.

To those whose lives she touched, it is a privilege to have known her. She will be missed by many and will linger long in our memories. Our hearts go out to her husband Martin, her daughter Fenella, her sons, Martin and Paul, and all her family.

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## Carpet Bowling Club

The Annual General Meeting of the Carpet Bowling Club was held on 30 September 1996. Charlie Grant, Retiring President, reported on a successful year, the highlight being the winning of the Tay Valley League for the first time by Killin. He also welcomed the return of the long lost Treasurer who despite being seldom seen was re-elected.

Office Bearers elected were, President, Jock Guild; Vice President, Dougie Livingstone; Secretary, Lester Mitchell; Treasurer, Ian Donaldson; Match Secretary, Hazel Guild; Committee, Alec Stewart, Neil Forsythe, Stewart Ireland, Charlie Grant.

New members are always welcome. Why not come along and try on a Monday night at 7.30 in the Lesser McLaren Hall. Subscriptions are £15.00 Concessions for first timers and juniors.

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## Killin & District Art & Crafts Exhibition

Over 1000 people visited this year's Art & Crafts Exhibition. The door collection, donations and commission on sales, allowed the Club to give £200 to the Sports And Leisure Centre: £150 to the Church Hall Fabric Fund: £50 to the Nursing Association and, £50 to the Community Bus.

Although the proportion of visitors is high, we would not reach these figures if it were not for the continuing support and generosity of the people of Killin and District. *Thank you.*

*Elizabeth Lumsden, Secretary*

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## WRI

On 25 September, a coffee evening and fashion show was held in aid of the Children's Christmas Party. The clothes were supplied by Asda's from Perth and the models were all local. The sum of 0541.75 was raised and we would like to thank all those who attended the evening and helped to make it such a success. Thanks also to all the models who played their parts very well.

Mrs Liz Lambert, President, welcomed members to the opening meeting in October and introduced Mrs Karen Auld who gave an interesting talk and demonstration on Colour Analysis. The competition winners were:-

*Favourite Scarf -*

1. M Naismith 2. B Gordon
3. M Macdonald

*Raspberry Jam -*

1. A Smith 2. J Willison

M Hunter



*One of the young models*

## "The Ice Man Cometh"

*Killin Heritage Society* held the first meeting of the Autumn season on Friday 11 October 1996. Dr. McColl, Chairman, gave tribute to Ella Walker ex President of the Society. Ella had been a source of knowledge on Gaelic and Perthshire history before her death in the summer.

The guest speaker Mr. Patrick Cave-Browne gave a well attended meeting "something completely different". The members were enthralled with a demonstration of fire lighting techniques going back to prehistoric times. The probable methods of producing cup marked stones (Perthshire has many such stones)

were shown. A wealth of material was on display and members were invited to have a go and to touch and pass round artefacts. Mr. Cave-Browne also produced copies he had made of the belongings found on the Ice Man. The Ice Man found in a glacier in the Alps in 1991 was reckoned to be about 3 - 5 thousand years old! I remember children's stories about tinder boxes and never knew what they were. Mr Cave-Browne supplied the answer.

Altogether a most unusual speaker demonstrating age old skills worked out by trial and error as ancient man left no instruction manual.

AW

*Addendum:* The society usually meets on the first Friday of the month in the Lesser McLaren Hall. For details contact Judy Forster, Secretary, telephone 820298. New members welcome.

The Heritage quiz held in the summer was won by Donald McLarty with 19 correct answers out of 20. Ellen Stewart scored 17. Good to see a display of local knowledge.

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# The Gun Club Golf Club: Trophy Winners 1996

**The Killin Show:** The Gun Club, as a mark of respect to the Dunblane tragedy, cancelled the Clay Pigeon Shoot at the Killin Show this year. We apologise to all those disappointed shooters who turned up. We will be back next year.

The Open 50 DTL held on 1 September 1996 was sponsored by J McRae, Butchers, Killin & Callander, 43 guns turned out on a good day for shooting:-

## Trap A 25 DTL

1. E McAllister 2. W A Davidson
3. D McGregor (all 73)
1. G A Webster 2. D Tilden, 75
- 3= J Sinclair & E McAllister (all 75)

## High Gun Open & Club -

E McAllister. 148

## Team Shoot:

1. Strathyre 2. Newhampshire

## Club Shoot 13 October 25 DTL:

Class A 1. E McAlister.

2. G Coyne. 3. J Sinclair (all 71)

Class B 1. D Robertson 70,

2. S Christie 62. 3. J Sinclair 61.

Class C 1. G Muller 63,

2. B Donaldson 63. 3. F Frost 62.

Sparling Class A 1. E McAllister 66.

2. H Campbell 63. 3. G Coyne 60.

Sporting Class B 1. Lennox 57

2. J Sinclair 48

Sporting Class C 1. B Stavelly 57.

2= D Howson & B Donaldson 56

High Gun: E McAllister 377

Veterans Trophy: G Coyne 131

Double Rise, WD McRobbie Trophy:

J Sinclair 21.

G D Coyne (Sec)



## Seniors:

Eclectic Trophy: G Smith.

Medal Play-Off Trophy: S Aitken.

Senior Trophy: D Thornton

Super Senior Trophy: A Muller.

John Hall Trophy: S Aitken.

## Gents:

Club Champion: S Chisholm.

Dr. Wilson Trophy: G Smith. Medal

Play Off Trophy: J Rough. Arrochar

Trophy: W McKay Captains Putter:

G Smith. Fred France Trophy:

D McRobbie. J S McLean Trophy:

G Smith & J McCallum. Jack Noble

Trophy: D Nicolson. Grouse Trophy:

D Nicolson & B Ford. Ferguson

Doubles: S Aitken & L Brown.

Fourball Trophy: S Chisholm &

N Chalmers. G Smith Trophy: L Brown.

## Mixed Section:

Lochay Trophy: V Welsh & W Hogg.

Stevenson Trophy: F Ramsay &

G Smith.

Ladies: Club Champion: F Robertson

Silver Medal: F Ramsay Bronze

Medal: A Smith. Mackay Cup: J

Chisholm. Chrissie France: F

Robertson. May Wilson Cup: F

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Eclectic Shield: F Ramsay (Scratch).

Handicap Eclectic: J Chisholm SLGA

Brooch: E Frame. Cancer Relief: A

Weaver. Captain's Prize: F Ramsay

Flag Competition: J Chisholm

Coronation Fours: F Robertson & J

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# Christmas Prize Crossword by Safarian

## ACROSS



## DOWN



- 1 **Alter** Elba hack  
- it can be altered (10)
- 7 **Snug**, done and assembled  
to provide places of  
confinement (8)
- 8 **Group** only partly needed to  
describe covering (4)
- 9 **The great white Norman**  
might identify with (5)
- 10 **Deciphering Braille**  
could lead  
to being generous (7)
- 12 **Benefit** for those getting  
on (3, 3, 7)
- 15 **Turbulent** -yes stormy, so  
dropped out for a puzzle (7)
- 17 **Lydia** trained to help out  
in the house (5)
- 20 **Distinctive dress** tailors brag  
about (4)
- 21 **All** take part in the event,  
including the novice, so it's  
over and done with (8)
- 22 **Study the documents** to enlist  
these recruits (10)

- 1.6 **Murphy** suffering from square  
eyes perhaps - how indolent(5, 6)
- 2 **African country**, large, first  
class and varied (7)
- 3 **Glimmer** of light from fag end  
low in intensity (4)
- 4 **Jumble** sale said to describe  
being under attack (8)
- 5 **No credit** in closure - though a  
bloodsucker may result (5)
- 6 **See 1 Down**
- 11 **They** are used on shipboard to  
raise a lone expensive car  
tween decks (8)
- 13 **A manly sort** but he's no  
expert (6)
- 14 **Odds** involving local mix-up  
resulting in this mollusc (7)
- 16 **We find the ban** also  
includes tar (5)
- 18 **Water lily** discovered in  
Strathmiglo tussocks, or in  
Egypt more likely (5)
- 19 **Agent's** disposal in Premier  
reshuffle provides the Arab  
ruler (4)

### Prize Crossword

The senders of the first two correct solutions will each receive £15 generously donated by the Bank Of Scotland, Killin. Solutions should be sent to:- Killin News Prize Crossword, 2 Glebe Cottages, Killin, FK21 8TN, and should arrive no later than Saturday 21 December 1996.

### Solution To Last Crossword

**Across:** 1. Lender 4. Shoulder 9. Needle 10. Premises 12. Sledger 13. Mention 14. Maintenance man 18. Even handedness 22. Tangles 24. Earache 26. Trickery 27. Poo-poo 28. Cleaners 29. Snared

**Down:** 1. Lonesome 2. Niece 3. Enlighten 5. Hard Man 6. Unman 7. Dissipate 8. Resent 11. Erin 15. Inventive 16. Eiderdoun 17. Asteroid 19. Assurer 20. Deer 21. Static 23. Liken 25. Caper.

**Editor's Note:** We apologise for the omission of clue 21 down in the last crossword: printer's error!!! I bet it made it much more exciting!!!

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