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Publicity Boost for Killin Tourism



Trossachs and Breadalbane are set to enjoy a publicity boost as a group of seven travel journalists spent three days sampling what the area has to offer in terms of attractions and activities.

The group of writers, all from leading English regional newspapers with a combined circulation of over 600,000, were hosted by Argyll, the Isles, Loch Lomond, Stirling and Trossachs Tourist Board, with support from the European Regional Development Fund.

The journalists visited several of the area's main visitor attractions during their stay in Breadalbane including the Falls of Dochart, the Breadalbane Folklore Centre, Rob Roy's Grave at Balquhiddy and sampled a number of activities at the Ardeonaig Outdoor Centre.

Whilst in the Trossachs, they visited the Rob Roy and Trossachs Visitor Centre in Callander, Doune Castle, Inchmahome Priory on the Lake of Menteith and the Scottish Wool Centre in Aberfoyle, as

well as walking in the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park and cycling by Loch Katrine. The group stayed at the Dall Lodge Country House Hotel in Killin and the Lake Hotel at Port of Menteith.

Local Tourist Board Director, Danny McKirgan, who joined the group said: 'The journalists all enjoyed their stay tremendously, and were extremely impressed with the wonderful environment and range of attractions that we have to offer. I am sure that this visit will help to raise the profile of the Trossachs and Breadalbane area and lead to more English visitors in the forthcoming season.'

Journalists from the following newspapers participated in the trip: Sheffield Star, Darlington Northern Echo, Nottingham Evening Post, Manchester Evening News, Huddersfield Daily Examiner, Lancashire Evening Post and Middlesbrough Evening Gazette. They are pictured with Roger Bedwell of Killin Tourist Association (extreme right).

Green Team

As most of you will have heard the Green Team is for children who are enthusiastic about nature and the environment, to learn more through activities and games. It is run by the National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service and teachers from Killin Primary school and all children of primary age are welcome. They don't have to stop coming when they go to big school either, as we could use some experienced helpers!

The Team meets at 6 pm alternate Thursday evenings, starting on 24th April, in the school garden for about one and a half hours. If it is very wet we use the former shop at Lynedoch (at least we will, once Stitts have finished in there!). Don't forget that meetings continue throughout the school holidays in the summer - we got a bit lonely last year.

Activities planned for this summer include orienteering, adventure games, a dusk walk and the chance to do some practical conservation work, so we hope to see lots of familiar faces and some new ones during the next few weeks.

Helen Cole

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Killin Community Council

The Council met in the Lesser McLaren Hall on Thursday 10th April, 1997. The meeting was attended by Councillor Ken Campbell from Stirling.

Community Council Elections: will take place in October 1997. Public Benches, e.g. on Pier Road, are in some cases in poor condition. Councillor Campbell to look into the lack of action to repair them.

C.C.T.V. Security System: J. Gauld to report to next meeting; testing of sites to be carried out. The cost of installation is thought to be in the region of £3,500. Cemetery: Stirling Council have written to confirm steps have been taken to try to control the rabbit infestation. The situation will be monitored.

Sports Club Management Committee: Fiona Kennedy volunteered to represent the Council on this committee.

Youth Hostel: Complaints have been received about cars being parked on the public road outside the Hostel. (Since this was discussed a letter has been received from SYHA apologising and confirming that it will not happen again.)

Litter: Complaints received about litter on road between Lix Toll and Killin, and between Killin and Ardeonaig. Councillor Campbell will look into this matter. Missing 'No Parking' signs on several passing places on the Killin to Ardeonaig Road need to be replaced. Letter to be sent to Stirling Council.

Ice Cream Van: Apparently the owner of the van which has sold ice-cream for many summers has been informed that the site in what was Monemore Car park will no longer be available to her. Councillor Campbell has agreed to look into this,

Strathfillan Community Council

The Scottish Office intend to add the construction of the interchange on to the end of the by-pass construction, but they will only be funding the basic elements. It will then be adopted and maintained by Stirling Council. The land is to be acquired by agreement and this is progressing. Discussion of the developments visualised by Strathfillan Community Development Trust will need to be with Stirling Council.

Craig Gardener of the Environment and Cleansing Department sent a letter in response to the meeting the Community Councillors had with his department at the end of last year. The main points are as follows: Blue sacks are to national specification. Any complaints to Jim Beverage, Inspector. Landfill tax, the cost has been passed to the user.

Wheelie bins, regretfully, we will not be getting them yet.

Unmanned skips, misuse by the commercial sector means these are no longer available.

Glass recycling, the council is agreeable to one in Tyndrum, and a suitable site

needs to be found. A meeting with Tony Cassidy of ACE. Alloa might be beneficial. Litter collection (roadside), this is to be done twice yearly.

The traffic calming for Crianlarich has been done, but there are a few areas which the community is not happy with i.e. the pavement outside the Police Station and School House needs tidying up to blend in; the verges to the south of the village are now stones instead of grass and walkers are parking their cars there; the markers on the pavements to indicate to motorists the popular crossing points, are too small, positioned in the middle of the pavement and brown so blend in with the pavement, this makes them a hazard to pedestrians; the school gates are no longer wide enough to allow the Dental Bus into the playground; Barr Construction Ltd used the Rod and Reel car park for their plant, without permission and left several pot holes. the verges at all the entrances to the village are left in a churned-up state A letter is to be sent to the Scottish Office Next meeting Wednesday 4th June at Crianlarich Hall 7.30 pm will be the AGM.

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Killin Drama Club



Killin Drama Club presented the play 'I Have Five Daughters' by Margaret MacNamara in the MacLaren Hall on 21st and 22nd March. The adaptation made from Jane Austen's novel 'Pride and Prejudice' was an ambitious project for the Club. Killin had got used to the Drama Club giving its audiences the goodies and this was certainly good. Having just recently had the television Pride and Prejudice on our minds, it was interesting to see how an adaptation would work. Shortening and adapting a play means that the dialogue must bear the onus of filling in the gaps and it was a pity that much of the linking dialogue was difficult to hear.

However, we had a nice period feel about this 'morning room comedy' excellent costumes and a cast who had obviously worked very hard in learning

the quite intricate language of the plays setting.

Glenda Mardon gave a strong performance as the scheming mother with five daughters to marry off. The daughters all developed their differing characters very well. Colin MacRae (D'Arcy) and Rebecca Cameron as Elizabeth Bennett had a good scene where the independent Elizabeth, the arrogant D'Arcy finally cleared their differences.

The cast, producer and supporting staff, are to be congratulated for another two nights of live entertainment. (See letter on page 11)

AW

S. N. A. G.

(Schools Nutrition Action Group)

We are writing to inform you about the Healthy Eating Group set up at the school.

We are trying to encourage pupils to have a healthier lifestyle and in particular to improve their eating habits. This is not an easy task and we try to come up with a variety of ideas-a "healthy heart" display on St Valentine's Day; posters to encourage pupils to eat from Megabytes - where the food is high in fibre and low in salt, fat and sugar; general displays on what to eat; questionnaires about eating habits and a lot of other ideas.

One of our success stories was National Apple Day when we gave apples free to the pupils in the hope that it would encourage them to eat more fruit generally.

Another project is to provide "garden" furniture for an outside eating area in the summer months. This would mean that food brought from Megabytes or brought from home could be eaten in comfortable surroundings - in the 'sunshine.'

In order to provide the facilities we have to raise money to buy tables, chairs and umbrellas and are writing to ask local businesses and groups such as Rotary and Round Table to give us some financial assistance. If you would like to help in anyway, please contact Miss Kinloch at the school.

*Alison Cairns and Nicola Coffield
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The Best Rural Child Care In Europe?



Alma Walker

Unless you are a mum or (dad!) with small children, you may not be aware of the outstanding child care and nursery provision that's available in Killin.

We spent the best part of a morning chatting to Alma Walker (Head of Nursery) and Margie Hinks who is her right hand woman. Between them and with help from 'sessional workers' like Tony Webb. Mary Storrar. Elizabeth Hancock. Susan McRobbie and others. they run a remarkably flexible nursery and childcare set-up. Sessional workers" give what time they can and require no specialised training, merely experience with children.

The hours of operating are Monday to Thursday. Nursery. Age 0 - 5 (Yes! Nothing, i.e. very young babies!). After school care 3 pm-6 pm in term time and 2pm-5 pm during holidays. On Fridays the well-known and experienced Local Playgroup steps in, 9.30 - 11.30. Mothers and toddlers are also catered for either in the nursery of the Church Hall. Additionally, as a form of out-reach. Alma and another helper go out to the Hall at Tyndrum on Fridays to work with children from Tyndrum. Crianlarich and Bridge of Orchy. - they've now got their very own mini-bus.

After school, children from Primary 1 to Primary 7 (i.e. 5 - 12 years) are cared for by Tony Webb and Myrica Mardon. till their mums or dads finish work; well until 6pm, if needed. Although the Child

Care is mostly for working parents, it's also helpful for the socialisation of children from remote farms.

Both Alma and Margie are highly experienced Nursery Nurses, and provide in the Nursery good educationally based play activities. They also have, thanks to good funding, a great variety of excellent equipment and materials.

The Killin Nursery and Child Care unit, started as a pilot scheme, funded by Stirling Council and the Scottish Office. It has now clearly proved itself, and will probably lead to similar developments at Croftamie and Aberfoyle.

The principal impression we get of this provision was that of great flexibility. Whatever parent's needs are identified. Alma and her staff seem able to provide some sort of answer. Needless to say the Killin parents greatly appreciate what is provided.

The Nursery was recently visited by 'experts' in nursery and child-care work from Finland and the Finns were greatly impressed.

Why not pay a visit and see what's going on in the Nursery behind the School. Alma likes visitors - its good for the children - but of course not all at once.

GLEN DOCHART ADULT EDUCATION GROUP



The summer term courses are all running and have, we are pleased to say, full enrolment, two computing courses and yoga classes.

A fun time is being had by all! There will be no courses over the summer holidays, but we wish you all a great summer and look forward to the autumn term, when we have more exciting courses planned for September - computing courses to suit the demand and aerobic classes to get us all fit for Christmas. Yoga classes may continue if the demand is there.

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Killin and District Tourist Association Floral Awards

It was encouraging to see new names on the list of prize-winners in 1996 and it is hoped that 1997 will see an increase in the number of entries. The colourful displays to be found around the village are not only an added attraction for visitors but give pleasure to local residents throughout the summer months.

There are four categories this year. for both commercial and private entries. For three of these - Hanging Baskets, Window Boxes and Tubs- it will be £1 per entry for adults and free for children. Entries should be handed in to the Tourist Office. The new category is to be an open one and prizes will be awarded for 'The Tidiest Garden Viewed from the Road'. This will allow those gardens that have shrubs, heathers perennials etc., and not just displays of summer bedding plants, to participate. It will also involve the whole village, unless individuals choose to opt out. in which case they should give their names to the Tourist Office.

Smoke Free Zone



Well known 'ciggy' fan. Hazel Guild, has cracked it!

In a mighty effort. Hazel kicked the habit with a sponsored campaign. Since February over £200 has been raised for the Royal Blind Asylum and sponsorship is still coming in! Not only has Hazel done well, but there have been fewer crashes in Main Street due to poor visibility! We understand that a weight watchers sponsorship is now being contemplated.

AW

Hanging Baskets



The introduction of hanging baskets on lamp posts in the village proved to be a great success last year and it is hoped that all those traders and individuals who were kind enough to sponsor them will be willing to do so again this year. It is planned to increase the number of baskets for 1997 and with that in mind. the Tourist Association would welcome offers of sponsorship from both commercial establishments and private individuals. Sponsorship is £25 per lamp post and names should be given to Roger Bedwell, Fairview House.

Willie Inglis has kindly taken on the job of planting up the baskets and looking after them until they are in situ. However, the Tourist Association should be pleased to hear from anyone who would be willing to help with the maintenance of them during the summer months.

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"Good in Parts"

Last year, Forth Valley Health Board carried out a postal survey of the Health and Lifestyle of Adults in the board area. This suffered from the drawbacks inherent in such a survey, for example, people who have an interest in health are more likely to respond, but some interesting points emerge.

Over 80% of respondents felt that they were usually 'very healthy' or 'reasonably healthy'. Only 7% were in 'poor health or not very healthy'. Self perception of poor health was related to poverty and deprivation.

Almost half (46%) were overweight. This was also commonly associated with low socio-economic group, long-standing illness and perceived poor health. People had used a variety of methods to lose weight including dieting (55%), increasing exercise (45%) and a

combination (18%) Factors they thought would help included: advice from a doctor, 'healthy foods' at lower prices and encouragement and support from family and friends. Maybe there's a role for all of us in helping.

There is a gratifying decline in smoking since the last survey in 1992. Only 29% of the population admit to smoking, as opposed to 42% then. Again, support from family and friends was cited as a major factor in helping people stop, together with willpower, advice from health professionals and higher tax on tobacco. Now smokers are in a clear minority'. I personally look forward to the day when the first local pub declares itself a 'smoke-free zone' (even for a week?.. a day?..sponsored?.. for charity?..for fun?..for the hell of it?)

Dr D Syme

Surgery News

After the launch of the 'Hotline', patients who require repeat prescriptions are in for yet more changes in the near future. In line with government policy, we are increasing the proportion of drugs which are prescribed 'Generically'. This means that instead of using the brand name e.g. 'Zantac', drugs are ordered and dispensed by their "chemical" name, in this case 'Ranitidine'. Although you may notice a change in the appearance of the packaging or the tablets, the effect of the drugs is the same. We will carry out the change gradually over succeeding months. The main effect is to make a more efficient use of resources. If you would like more information, please contact the surgery.

We were sorry to lose the services of Moira Allison our part-time receptionist. Although only in post a short time, her quiet efficiency had made her a valued member of the team. Our loss is Aberfeldy's gain as Moira is now working in the surgery there. We are pleased to welcome Anne Gillies, who many of you will have met before at Lix Toll.

Likewise, we should note the well-earned retirement of Audrey Weaver (covered in detail elsewhere). Audrey is a superb nurse who has been a valued member of the Primary Care Team and will be a hard act to follow

Congratulations to Michael McLaren who now has his green ambulance attendant's overalls to replace the blue mechanic's ones. On the other hand, the ambulances do seem to go faster. Maybe he's been souping them up on the quiet!

Dr D Syme

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Roddy Doddy Dendrons!

The word Rhododendron conjures up in the minds of some the vast areas of evergreen shrubs bearing huge beautiful light purple flowers, especially in the west of Scotland. Others see an invasive all consuming weed, under which nothing will grow, which requires total eradication. This Rhododendron known as Ponticum (named after Pontica in Turkey) was imported to be planted as game cover or garden shelter, another man made problem about which I will write no more.

Most of Scotland's garden collections are based on expeditions by adventurous plant collectors working on behalf of Victorian aristocracy to satisfy their obsession for collections. A report from one expedition mentions a Rhododendron 55 feet high bearing 800 bright red flowers as big as footballs. The largest natural concentration of species is in a triangle of Asia that includes Nepal, south west China and northern Burma. There are 800 distinct species of Rhododendron from 80 feet tall to tiny alpenes, with leaf sizes from 3 feet to a quarter of an inch, and flowers of various colours from deep red through to pure white. The identification of this long lived, woody, evergreen plant is dependent on several factors such as size, shape, colour of the leaf and whether the leaves have scales or tiny hairs. There are few apparent uses for Rhododendron but some have been known to be used for incense, others as lamp wicks and some even drunk as a tea.

Due to favourable climatic conditions (for Rhododendrons), Scotland is home to some of the best collections in Europe. In 1996 the American Rhododendron Society chose Oban as the location for its first AGM outside of the USA. Rhododendron Oban was named to commemorate this event. Some of the most spectacular displays can be seen during April, May and June at Arduaine, Inverewe, Benmore, Edinburgh Botanical Gardens and hundreds of other private gardens which open to the public to raise money for charities through Scotland's Garden Scheme.

Kevin FitzGerald

The 3rd Killin Traditional Music & Dance Festival

20th to 22nd June 1997

Yes folks it is almost that time of year again, and by the time you read this the Festival will be just a few weeks away. The hard working Committee and our Directors have brought together another bumper weekend of the best in folk music and dance, with legends, storytelling, talks, illustrations, competitions and workshops. The Art Society and Heritage Society will be taking part, and the Craft Fayre will again feature as an important part of our event.

This year there have been requests for information from Canada, the USA, Norway, Spain, Germany and Australia, so the Killin Festival may be considered as truly international. Co-operation by everyone is essential to ensure continued success, and the need to use every possible venue during the festival means keeping this June weekend clear of all other activities, thus enabling the organisers the full scope of the available space to accommodate the events.

This year's ingredients include Tommy Sands, one of Ireland's foremost solo performers: The Doonan Family with their own brand of Irish Folk Music: The Boys of the Lough with Ali Bain are sure to get your feet tapping: Duncan Chisholm and his new group: the

legendary Archie Fisher; Iron Horse with their fantastic interpretation of music: and due to popular requests from their many fans, especially Johnny Willison, the bonny lassies from Galloway Stravaig. Mix in Jimmy MacGregor's illustrated talk on the History of Rob Roy: the Vass Family with musical workshops: Irish step dancing sessions, so Kay and company take note; a fiddle master class with you know who and story telling in the capable hand of Taffy Thomas. Northumberland girls going by the wonderful name of "Lucky Bags"; Craig en Roan; and A Dog called Sean will keep the session bars up to the mark.

Bof the Clown makes a welcome return to entertain the young and the not so young. The ceilidh dances are in the very capable hands of Last Tram tae Auchenshuggle and Hot Toddy. Stir in Gibb Todd and Danny Kyle as your MC's. the boys and girls from Glenfarg. add Gerry Airlie & Co.. Corner House and the open stage and there you have it. Killin will again echo with wonderful music from dawn to dusk. The shop will open on Friday morning 20 June at 9.00 am by kind permission of David Ironside. Solicitors, so get your tickets reserved early and book your seat.

Alex Stewart

Comment

At a time when the new Councils are seriously disliked - mainly for the very large increase in the property tax. it seems strange to be finding nice things to say about our Council in Stirling. But we must be fair. It seems that in the planning and building of the new car and bus parking area at Monemore, Gladys Farquharson's ice-cream trailer was overlooked until the Killin News highlighted the situation. The Council have now had second thoughts.

A deputation from Stirling, including Kate Smithson (Transport Manager) came to see Gladys on Friday 8th May. Clearly there are administrative problems, but the upshot seems to be that a site has been located for the ice-cream trailer, and we'll be seeing Gladys once again selling her ice-cream to the coach tourists, (so somebody does love them!).

The Council also made a mistake in cancelling the grass cutting of 80 year old Elsie Mercer (of the Glebe) who has a disabled husband. After Elsie's irate letter the department in question apologised and made a U-turn. Elsie's grass will in fact be cut.

It's good to have a Council that can admit mistakes and correct them.

Advertising Feature



What's New

Corrie Crafts opened next to Shutters Restaurant in April. Good to see unused premises on Main Street come to life. What's new about another craft shop? The main thing is that all articles on sale are made in Scotland. Many showing the talents of local people varying from Aran knitwear to antler/horn work and tartan waistcoats. Elizabeth and Tom Murphy from Glen Lochay who run the business produce wooden decorative items. Elizabeth's speciality 'Salt Dough Sculpture'. 'What's that!' I hear you cry - Well come and see.

Other wares come from Callander. Stirling and Glasgow. Further foreign part is Mull. In other words Corrie Crafts is supporting home industry, much of it local to Killin. Elizabeth can be seen working at her speciality in the shop most days.

Two Folk Stories From Glen Ogle

At the top of Glen Ogle between Killin and Lochearnhead there is a little loch at present surrounded by trees. This loch has long lost folk stories attached to it. I was told as a boy that in the old days it was the home of a water horse or kelpie. This horse was reputed to lure people onto its' back and then re-enter the lochan drowning its' rider. The name of the lochan is spelt in different ways for example Eilidh - Cheile - Eilie, however, I was told that Lochan Lairig Eilidh meant the Loch of the pass of Eilidh the water sprite. Another variation is that it means the pass of the swans. This story is found in other parts of the Highlands.

James Anderson in his "Sketches Of A Highland Village" gives a variation of this story as follows:

"In the days before the railway was built, the road, such as it was, skirted the side of the Lochan in Glen Ogle. On this occasion a man had come up the glen on horseback and dismounted beside the loch to let his horse have a drink. He was in the act of washing his hands when the figure of a young woman, screaming, appeared in the loch, which became very agitated. The man jumped into the saddle and galloped right through Killin as far as this side of Morenish where he collapsed.

There were numerous people around at that time and a certain old woman was

sent for. She took a good look at the man and said that he had seen the Lairig Eilie Ghost, the story of which must have been known at that time. She made him take a glass of water which had been brought here from a healing well by the young people at the Beltane Festival in May. She dipped her finger in the water and made the sign of the Cross on his forehead and he soon recovered.' One can see links with the story of the water horse, the ghost being that of a drowned woman.

Another story of Glen Ogle concerns an old cottage that stood between Lix Toll Garage and Heather Cottage. The remains of this house could be seen until road widening took place in the last twenty to thirty years. The cottage was a meeting place for the Drovers taking cattle over the Lairig or Pass.

One night a group were playing cards with a stranger. A Drover dropped a card and on bending over to pick it up, saw that the stranger, who had been winning consistently, had cloven feet! Shock - Horror - the lads scattered out into the night shouting, "It is himself. It was thought to be dangerous to mention the Devil by name, hence nicknames such as Auld Nick - Cloutie - Hob and many others. Again this story can be found in different versions throughout the Highlands.

AW

The Autumn Forum

Can we introduce you to "The Autumn Forum" which has been set up as an umbrella group working for the over 50's in the Stirling Council area. The Forum can represent all groups and associations whose members are mostly over 50. The Forum will undertake to work on both National and Local issues that affect their members on social, economic, health, ethical, racial and environmental matters. Supported and encouraged by Stirling Council, it is hoped to set up a network of groups throughout the area that will stimulate and represent over 50's in a strong, focused and persuasive voice.

Stop Press

We note that a garage in Bearsden has a special "Happy Hour" between 12 and 1 pm with a reduction of 1.2p per litre on petrol prices. This is particularly useful to pensioners who find the recent increases in price difficult to handle. Autumn Forum would like to encourage a similar scheme in the Stirling area. In fact many businesses might start a "Happy Hour" specifically for pensioners. Autumn Forum would advertise such initiatives and increase business. The slogan is "You help us, we'll help you!".

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Doug Lambie, from Kilchrenan near Oban, last year's champion will be defending his title.



Crianlarich Village Signs

Congratulations Crianlarich on the attractive new village signs. We spoke to Watty Anderson in Crianlarich and he informed us that at a public meeting six or so designs provided by the Scottish Office (who are paying for them as part of the traffic calming measures in Crianlarich) were put to the vote and the majority present chose the one depicting the mountains, hikers, viaduct and railway. They are certainly original, impressive and tell the story of Crianlarich at one glance.

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Next Issue

Copy and advertisements for the next, July Issue, are required by 27 June.

Remember any activity, meeting etc.. taking place in August or September can be flagged in the next issue, which will be distributed towards the end of July.

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Killin & District Tourist Association

Calendar Of Events In Killin & District 1997

June

- 7 Killin Golf Club- Ladies
Open Competition
- 8 Sheep Clipping & Dog Trials
- Moar Farm Glen Lyon. 1.30 pm
- 14 Killin Golf Club- Open
Stableford Competition and
every Saturday
- 20,21& 22
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- 20,21& 22
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7.30 pm
- 26 Lochearnhead Highland Games

Live entertainment is available most weekends in the Clachaig Hotel and the Killin Hotel (Midweek Entertainment also available) and also the Clachan Cottage Hotel in Lochearnhead.

For further details and other events call at the Tourist Information Centre at the Breadalbane Folklore Centre by the Falls of Dochart.

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Presentation to Audrey Weaver



On 18th April at the Old Mill Restaurant at Liangarston a group of Audrey's friends and fellow professionals gathered to say farewell and thank you. Dr McColl introduced Miss Isa McIntyre who presented a cheque for £750. on behalf of the Killin Nursing Association and the Community. A light buffet was served and people were able to wish Audrey all the best for her retiral.

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I would like to thank the Killin Nursing Association and all who contributed so generously to my retirement presentation. Thanks also, for the many cards and letters of good wishes. I would also like to thank my colleagues at the Nurse's Clinic and the Killin Medical Practice for their generous gifts, support and friendship over the years.

It has been my good fortune and privilege to work and live in an area of great natural beauty, friendliness and thriving community spirit and to share in its joys and sorrows. I look forward to a future enriched by many happy memories.

Audrey Weaver

I wish to thank most sincerely everyone who sent their good wishes during my recent illness. Dr. Blaney and the ambulance men for their quick attention and help in the early hours of the morning. I am very thankful to say I am feeling fine now.

Also, Jim and I would like to thank all our friends for the lovely cards and presents we received on our golden wedding anniversary, and the family and those who helped to make our party such a success.

*Jessie Campbell
Cruachan. Killin*

Iain Hunter would like to thank all friends who sent cards, gifts and good wishes during his recent stay in hospital.

Elizabeth Murphy would like to thank everyone who sent their good wishes in her new venture at Corrie Crafts.

The family of Cathy Cambell would like to thank you all for the support we received during mum's final few months with us in Killin and Strathcarron Hospice.

Mother fought a long and courageous battle against illness, but on Saturday 10th of May sadly she could fight no more. The goodwishes, flowers, letters, cards and visits from you all, kept her smiling and strong to the very end.

Thanks a million to you all ...

Alzheimer Scotland - Action on Dementia -

Dementia Awareness Week 2nd - 9th June.

The theme of Awareness Week this year is 'At Home with Dementia' and a variety of events to raise both awareness and funds have been planned in Stirling District.

Saturday 31st May - A Harp Concert by Na Clarsairean in St. Columba's Church. Stirling at 7.30 pm. Tickets £3. Those who heard this group in Balquhider Church will know how good these musicians are.

31st May - Information Caravan at Drymen show.

5th and 6th June - Caravan and collection in Stirling Town Centre.

6th and 7th June - 'The Long Way Home', a play that has been specially written for the week. It helps people with little knowledge to understand dementia and features Gwyneth Guthrie (Mrs Mac from High Road) and Sheila Donald. It can be seen at 7.30 pm at the Cowane Centre, Stirling.

We look forward to your support during this week. Remember there are friends who care for them, with few breaks and a selfless commitment. As one carer said to me the other day 'Its like the lottery, it could be you!'

If anyone would like to know more about the work of Alzheimer Scotland - Action on Dementia or needs help with any aspect of dementia please contact Pamela Hopkins. Resource Worker. Telephone 01567-830298 or call our 24 hour Help Line on Freephone 0800 317817.

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Letters



Dear Sir

McLaren Hall Sound System

With reference to the review in the last issue of our 1997 Pantomime and comments from members of the public following our March play, we would like to clear up a misunderstanding.

The sound system we commissioned for the hall was not intended to be used to enhance general sound levels from the stage during our productions. The microphone system was designed as a general public address system and appropriate basic microphones were acquired. These can be used by individual singers and speakers close to the mikes, which would normally be set at the front of the stage, but not by, for example, members of the chorus who may also be dancing or situated at the rear of the stage. The Drama Club had no intention of using the mikes to enhance stage performances. The microphone system which is there can support more advanced microphones for those who wish to provide and use them. Those with a technical understanding will realise that placing even sophisticated mikes on the sides of a box set raises problems when you have varying strengths of voices on a stage. The answer is maybe radio mikes but these are expensive to hire in, more complex to operate, and, for the old-fashioned among us, go against the grain for use in our context.

We are working hard to develop our skills. Every member of a Drama Club, in Killin or further afield, would confess

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to occasionally dropping their voice from nerves, not to mention forgetting their lines or even missing an entrance. None of us are perfect - please carry on supporting us while we try and get nearer to it'

Lesley Syme
Drama Club

Dear Sir

"Bus Stop"

I personally think that the 'Bus Stop' issue, as reported in the Killin News, will damage the standing of the village.

It's really all about the Falls of Dochart which has been, since the advent of tourism in Victorian times, a local scenic attraction. Where else in the Central Highlands has a tumbling cascade of water and its attractive environs been so frequently painted and photographed? There are a good few businesses strategically situated around the falls which benefit by their location.

Over 130 years ago the community of Killin strengthened when the railway reached Glen Ogle and subsequently Killin junction. That is when so-called mass tourism started, albeit with weekend day-trippers. So, what is new? Yes, they now come by coach, but every-day of the week.

Tourism is an international affair and Scotland as a whole is part of it. Killin deservedly received its Thistle award through its initiative. But true Highland Hospitality' (as quoted in paragraph two on page 5) isn't only about welcoming visitors who arrive for the village's successful events; what about the rest?

Ugly utterances about coaches and their passengers will infuriate the operators and drivers and, no doubt, upset the directors of the Area and Scottish Tourist Boards. The fact of the matter is that the coach business within Scotland is a major growth area in which vast investments have been made, are still currently going on and will continue into the future. Coaches

happen also to be very environmentally friendly- Killin should think about that'

Our family business here in Tyndrum catered for over 4,600 coaches during 1996. Methinks that is probably more than the whole of Killin catered for. We've been involved in the bus trade for over 30 years. On the back of them our business has thrived and expanded, now employing over 60 persons during the season's peak. Some of our staff have been with us over twenty years and we're proud of that. All of this means hard cash going back into the community from our staff, tradespersons and suppliers. By the way, if we can acquire local services and suppliers, we'll buy them. That has been a long-standing business ethic.

During three decades of business we've learned to cater for everybody but, above all, the coach business has been our bread and butter, aye, it's provided large dollops of jam as well - waken up Killin'

Derek Wilkie (Partner). Clifton
Coffee House and Craft Centre.
TYNDRUM.

Dear Sir

"Bus Stop"

With regard to the front page article in the March issue of the Killin News. We are sure we speak on behalf of the majority of our members when we say that as an Association, we welcome all forms of tourism, as long as it is not wholly detrimental to the scenic beauty and general peace and tranquillity of the area. In Killin and the surrounding district there can be few businesses that do not benefit, either directly or indirectly, from tourism, and there are many individuals in the same situation.

By the very nature of the positioning of the falls and the bridge, there is always going to be congestion at that end of the village. The car/coach parking project at Monemore, if it works efficiently, should go some way towards easing this situation but is hardly the "fait accompli" as reported in the article. Discussions have gone on for years regarding this matter, involving Stirling District and Central Region Council through the Stirling Rural Partnership.

the local Community Council, the 'Tourist Association and the Area Tourist Board, the Killin Traders' Association and there was a Public Meeting in the village concerning the whole Village Enhancement Scheme. Everyone in the village has had the opportunity to voice their concerns long before this work actually started.

We agree that the current development will not solve the congestion problems that occur and our Association would like to see more coaches dropping passengers off at Monemore and picking them up in the carpark at the north end of the village, or vice versa, thus encouraging visitors to stroll up or down the Main Street. However, as many of the coaches carry passengers that would find the walk difficult, this would not always be a suitable procedure. Let us not forget that for many people this is the only way to have a holiday and vast numbers enjoy this kind of trip each year.

Coach tours provide a vital source of revenue for Scotland, even if only a very small percentage of that benefits Killin. Our village happens to be in a very picturesque position, on a tourist route, and we are sure that there are many visitors who come initially on a coach tour but return as individuals, having liked what they saw. If they read articles such as 'Bus Stop' they will not want to return and neither will the four companies that bring them.

The Killin and District Tourist Association is working hard towards improving the information signing for the area, enhancing the visual effect of the Main Street and actively encouraging visitors to stay longer and to return. However, it is, as reported in the article, the job of businesses and individuals alike and the wider community, to do their utmost to persuade visitors to stay longer, to encourage them to return and most importantly, to make them feel welcome at all times. Killin needs tourism and whilst its demands should not overrule any decisions that are made regarding developments in the village, it should never be forgotten that whatever form it takes, it is a vital source of income for this community.

Gilleen Ford,
Secretary.
Killin and District
Tourist Association

Dear Sir,

Coach Tourism

I was very disappointed to read the contents of the front page article in the March edition of Killin News and, in particular, the very negative references to the impact of coach tourism and, as one of the guilty parties 'responsible for encouraging coach tour operators to include the scenic splendours of Killin and surrounding area in their itineraries, I would like to make some observations on the benefits of coach tourism.

The tens of thousands of coach borne holidaymakers who visit Killin each year are great ambassadors for the area as they extol the many virtues of the area to friends and relatives who, in turn, may be persuaded to think of Killin as a future holiday destination - they are in effect a cost effective advertising medium for the village.

Some businesses in the village do derive direct economic benefits from coach tours. I am aware of a number of companies who use, for example, the Killin Hotel for overnight stays and various catering outlets for refreshment stops.

While, admittedly, a number of coach operators have limited stops in the village, several gift orientated shops benefit from coach trade.

At least 25% of the turnover at the Breadalbane Folklore Centre is generated from coach passengers and without this the Centre would require to

open for a much shorter season which, in turn, would mean the tourist information service and exhibitions on different aspects of the area would not be available in the shoulder months to other visitors and, the staff who are local residents, would be laid off

There are a number of very successful coaching hotels and coach tour operators based in the Stirling Council area who employ a large number of people in rural communities where jobs are becoming increasingly hard to find as other traditional industries decline - nearby villages such as Crianlarich and Tyndrum would be much poorer without the hugely successful Highland Heritage Tour Hotels.

These coach orientated businesses in the Stirling Council area also pay substantial sums in commercial rates which, in turn, is used to cross-subsidise essential services which are of benefit to all residents in the local community.

Finally, I would urge all your readers to embrace the suggestion in your article that every effort should be made to "take advantage of Killin's natural beauty and show the visitor that Killin has even more to offer". This comment should apply equally to all types of visitors including the many coach borne holidaymakers who appreciate the natural delights of the area and grace us with their presence each year!

*James Fraser, Chief Executive,
Argyll, the Isles, Loch Lomond,
Stirling & Trossachs Tourist Board*

Dear Sir

'Bus Stop'

It is with the utmost sadness that I read the Editorial in the March issue of the "Killin News". This Editorial is approved by your "Production Committee" as laid down by your stated "Editorial Policy" on page 20.

Quite clearly this article advertises to the world that a "Warm Highland Welcome" is only selectively available to Visitors in Killin and certainly not to Coach Groups. Can we take it that other allegedly low spending groups such as Walkers, Fishermen, Caravans and Campers will be next on your list of undesirables?

There are many people in Killin and in the various public agencies who have worked very, very hard to help Killin to improve its image - with 20 minutes at a word processor you have undone much of this work.

Already your heading has winged its way merrily by fax all over England & Scotland and is the hot topic amongst coach drivers.

The damage you have done will not be immediately apparent but it will cost you dearly in the long term.

The people of Killin should be seen to act now, to dissociate themselves from your published views and consign your committee to the Dustbin of Local History, where it so richly deserves to reside.

*Yours in Sorrow
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Editor's Note

We should like to point out that the front page article in the last issue, 'Bus Stop' was not in fact the paper's editorial. Since the start of the Killin News some 6 years ago our editorial comment has always appeared inside the paper in a column headed 'Comment'. If the 'Bus Stop' article was mistakenly assumed to be an expression of our editorial views, we regret this very much. The article was in fact an attempt to survey attitudes of local people to the congested bus parking near Monemore.

McLaren Community Leisure Centre

The project to build a Sports Complex is now in its final stage with the start of the construction of the facility. The Board still has to raise funds to complete the project and the support of all parties is sought to achieve our targets.

The facility will include a swimming pool with whirlpool, sauna and Sunbeds, a games hall, climbing wall, fitness suite, squash courts, external floodlit all weather tennis courts and five a side football pitch, and a four rink indoor bowling hall. In addition a soft play area for young children and a cafe will be part of the facility. It is anticipated that the Centre will open for business in April 1998.

The Board of Directors is drawn from local community councils, the school, the local authority and the business community.

The Board would be interested to hear from any individual or organisation willing to help raise funds for the project; please contact any of the following Board members:

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OBITUARIES

Hamish MacKinnon of Ardeonaig was born in Glenfalloch on 3 April 1911 and died in Stirling Royal Infirmary on 5 March 1997 after a short illness. His family moved to Ardeonaig when he was three years old and he lived there ever since. On leaving school he became a shepherd at the Braes of Ardeonaig Farm until 1949 when he began work with the County Council where he was employed until he retired at age sixty-five. Hamish lived and worked with the help of his wife Mary on a croft where he was always most content working on the land and looking after his cattle. He was for the last many years the only remaining crofter in Ardeonaig, where at one time there were many. He was a loving husband and father and is sadly missed by all the family. Many thanks to all who paid their last respects at the Church and graveside. The sum of £215 was collected in aid of the Killin Ambulance Service.

John Elders died on Wednesday 23 April 1997 aged 75 years. He was born at Barnard Castle, Co-Durham and spent his early years at Warren Farm, Wynyard Park.

John married Muriel in 1948 and after many happy family holidays camping in Scotland they finally moved to Laburnum Villa, Killin in the late 60's where Muriel ran the guest house and John joined the Roads Department. When John retired they moved to Ingleton in the Yorkshire Dales to live with their daughter Marion, son-in-law Peter and grandson Robert. He visited Killin with Peter exactly one week before he died and saw a few "old" mates. He always loved Scotland and particularly Killin and it now seems as though he was meant to re-visit his old haunts. It was a lovely spring day on Wednesday and he went to spend some time in his beautiful garden where he finally came to rest.

Muriel and family would like to thank all those friends in Killin who have sent such kind wishes. They have very happy memories of Killin and look forward to re-visiting the village in the future.

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Donald Campbell was born at Craighuie, Balquhidder in 1903 and moved to Corrycharmaig Farm in Glen Lochay in 1917 when his father took over the tenancy. Donald worked there for a number of years before taking over the tenancy of Bovain Farm in Glen Dochart and farmed there until he retired and moved to his house in Killin. Latterly due to failing health he was a resident in the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home where he died on 8 March 1997. He was a good stockman and attended to his animals conscientiously. He loved to roam the hills amongst his sheep. He was a quiet living man but was very good company when visiting friends. He had a great love for Gaelic songs and fiddle music. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Daisy Petrie came from Buckinghamshire to Killin in 1933 to work in Auchmore House with the Earl of Breadalbane. She married Wattie in 1934 and apart from a few months in Arbroath, early in her married life, she spent the rest of her time in Killin. Daisy worked for many years at the Bridge of Lochay Hotel and supported many local clubs and functions. After her husband's death in 1985, she became one of the first tenants in Ballechroisk Court. The last 15 months of her life were spent in the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. She is survived by two daughters, Doreen and Evelyn, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren to whom we express our sympathy.

Janet McGregor aged 95(years died on 28 February - 1997 in the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home where she happily spent the last year of her long life.

She was the sole survivor of a family of seven whose forbears farmed Lawernacroy, Lawers for generations. Two brothers were killed on active service within three months of each other in 1916 and a third brother died in 1941 after taking ill on a Home Guard exercise. The remaining brother Jimmy and his sisters Janet and Lizzie moved with their parents from their thatched farm house to Rhynachulig in 1927.

After retirement, they lived in Drumnalarig until failing health necessitated their removal to care. **Jimmy in his 93rd year predeceased Janet** on 13 February 1997 at Broomhall Nursing Home in Menstrie where he was contented and well loved for his dry sense of humour. To the end he read "The Scottish Farmer" with interest.

Janet worked hard all her life on the farm and in the home where she was faithful and hospitable. In her youth she loved singing and dancing and played the melodeon. In later life she listened with enjoyment to Scottish Dance Music on the radio. Her favourite hymn "There is a Happy Land" was sung at her funeral in Kenmore where she was laid to rest beside Jimmy looking west to Lawers. They are survived by two nieces, Rena and Chrissie.

Jimmy and Janet lived simple, frugal, disciplined lives, practising the old skills and with their passing another link with the past is broken.

Elizabeth McDiarmid

Arthur Copple, who was aged 79 years, died in Stirling Royal Infirmary on 20 March 1997. All of his immediate family including his wife Kath, sons John and Stephen, and daughters Man and Cathie were with him as he passed peacefully away. The funeral service for Arthur was held in the village on 25 March at St. Fillans Episcopal Church and was kindly conducted by Father McCrudden.

Kath and Arthur came from the St. Helens area of Lancashire. Arthur was an Industrial Chemist working for most of his life in the transparent paper industry. In 1987 they retired to Killin, on the recommendation of Kath's sister Marie who lives nearby. Kath and Arthur were no strangers to Scotland, as for over forty years they had often stayed on holiday and came to love the countryside and the warm-hearted people, making some very dear friends. Arthur loved fishing, and one of his happiest moments was with Gregor MacAulay on Loch Tay in May 1987 when he caught a salmon weighing 28 pounds!

At the service, his cousin Eric Lathom and nephew Harry McLaren spoke of Arthur's industrious life and how he was esteemed and respected, particularly in Italy where he acted as a consultant to the Safta company in Piacenza for so many years. He will be missed by all who knew him. The family wish to sincerely thank the doctors and nurses of Killin for their special care and attention which helped Arthur so much. Also, thanks to the neighbours, relations and other friends for their kind expressions of sympathy. Flowers were gratefully accepted from the Church of Scotland and other friends. A special thanks will go to the doctors and nursing staff on Ward 28 at SRI who were so kind and considerate during Arthur's last days. We are sure the generous donations that were collected for the ward will be put to good use.

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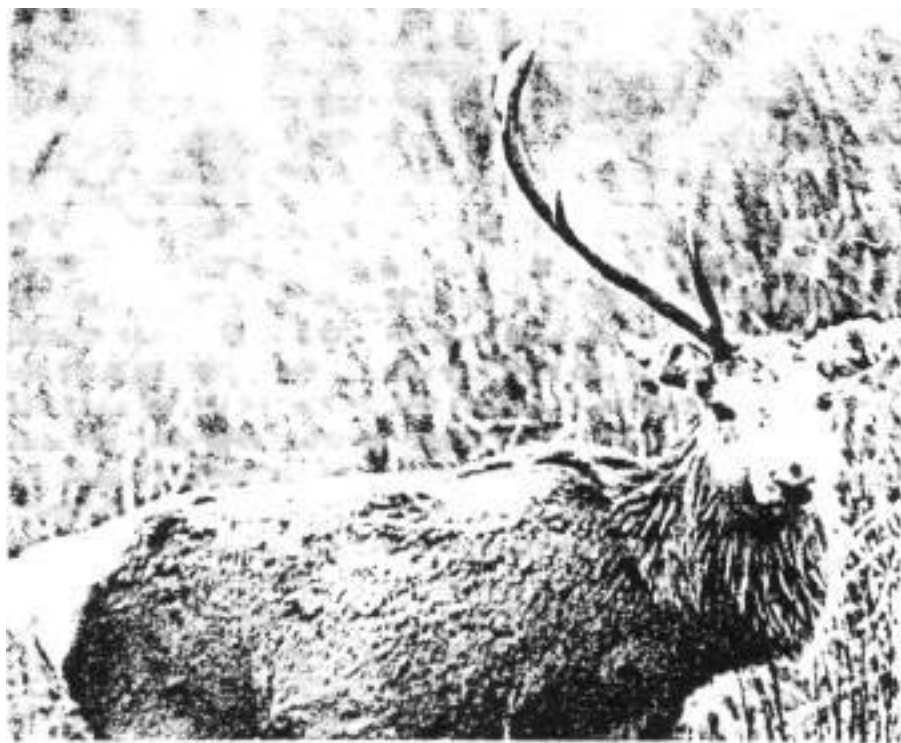
We tend to call them "horns" but really they are antlers. The male of all species of deer have antlers which are cast and re-grown annually. Antelope have horns which they keep for life. In one species, reindeer, the female have antlers too.

At a year old they grow knobs, hence the name "Knobber". Normally the size of antlers increases each year but this is not always the case. Some times a stag can be quite a few years old and just have weak spikes. If all goes well and feeding is good the stag may reach twelve points - a royal, or even more. As the stag ages the antler growth decreases each year and he is said to be "going back" (remind you of anyone you know?).

The antler grows from a pedicle on the skull and is supplied with nourishing blood through a furry skin on the outside called velvet. When the antler is fully grown, the skin shrivels and must become itchy as the stags are eager to rub it off on any convenient place. This velvet is used in Chinese medicine as an aphrodisiac. (Watch out for who goes raking the hills by moonlight looking some! It is not yet available at the surgery.)

Now the antlers are hard and darken in colour and the stag can spend another year with his crowning glory.

This cast 'horn' is what is usually used in horncraft to make buttons, knife handles



etc., and can be found in Spring where it drops. Two antlers are seldom cast together and the poor stag must feel very lopsided halfway through. It is often chewed by stags, hinds and other animals as a source of calcium (don't bother - this can be obtained at the surgery!).

Please remember all these other animals at this vulnerable time: lambs, ground-nesting birds and soon the young deer. Please be sure to keep close control of your dog (and yourself if you do find some velvet.)

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Killin Boys Brigade

The Killin Boys Brigade held an open night at which about 60 parents and friends watched the boys display. Prize winners were as follows: Junior Section - Best Group - Boreland-Ryan Douglas. Perfect Attendance 1 year - Robert Brown. James Stewart, Alexander MacPherson. Perfect Attendance 2 years - Peter Campbell. Perfect Attendance- 3 years - Ryan Douglas. Gold Award - Ryan Douglas, Gordon Bates. Alistair Webber. Ewan MacKenzie.

Company Section - Best Squad No. 1. - Allan Donnelly. Best Drilled Boy - Cameron Frost. Perfect Attendance 1 year - Allan Donnelly. Gregor Mackenzie. Perfect Attendance 2 years - David Riddell. Michael Webb. Perfect Attendance 5 years - Timothy MacColl. Perfect Attendance 9 years - Gregor Gillies.

A big thank you to Mrs Peacock for being our guest for the night, and to all who have helped over the last year.

C. McLarty.

Killin Playgroup



Killin Playgroup held their annual Coffee Morning and Easter Fun Day on the 22nd of March. The Nursery once again proved to be a very successful venue with one room devoted to face-painting, drawing, balloons and competitions for the children while the adults relaxed next door with coffee and cakes. The event raised £279.15.

Our thanks go to Alma Walker for supporting the use of the Nursery, and helping at the event, Douglas McRobbie for "clowning around" with the balloons. Dani Grant for donating the splendid Easter Egg and to all those who donated baking, bottles and gifts for the stalls and who attended and supported the event.

The funds raised will help to take the children on a trip to Perth's Noah's Ark and to keep the Playgroup supplied with materials and equipment.

Killin Breadalbane Angling Club

The first trout competition of the 1997 season saw seven members venturing out. and eleven fish weighed in. Ian Downie, defending his Championship won by a short head from Gregory Dall. with Jack Scougall bringing home the best trout at 11lb. Conditions were far from ideal, but good sport was there to be enjoyed.

On the salmon front, the first grassed was well into the season and who else but Norman Inglis had the honour. The numbers are down on this time last year, but with the alteration to the rules and cold conditions this was to be expected.

The winter floods have changed some of the lies, and the work at the new car park obviously disturbed the water. On this subject the surplus material from the work being thrown into the river has made the banking unsightly and some of our senior members will find it difficult to safely follow a fish into the lower pool, so the committee trust this will be cleared up once the work has been completed. Work will be carried out on the land owned by the club adjacent to the Bridge Pool to clear away some of the unsightly scrub and remove the dead tree, which will enhance the view from the bridge. The Club also has been given the use of four moorings up stream from the Killin Hotel landing stage and shortly the members will be carrying out some improvements and making use of these berths. Work is already underway to carry out refurbishment of the landing stage and land at the Club's engine shed to improve the river bank in this area. Members please note that assistance is required on 15 June for the Lomond Clubs annual visit, names to be entered on the Club notice which will be placed in the Newsagents.

Alex Stewart

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W.R.I.

The March meeting was an open meeting and we also had visitors from neighbouring institutes. Mrs L. Lambert welcomed the company and introduced Donna Knight and Anne Marie Biggart from Tesco's in Perth, who demonstrated the cooking of a three course meal.

Competitions: Meringues 1. Jan Willison. 2. Elizabeth Woods. 3. Bunty Macgregor. Soft Toy - 1. Mary Twigg. 2. Monica Naismith. 3. May Aitken.

The April meeting had four members showing their skills. E. Woods demonstrated machine knitting. L. Murphy on dough craft. K. Winton on decoupage and M. Naismith on card making and bag folding. The new committee was formed and Liz Lambert was re-elected as President. The points cup for 1996/97 was won by M. Naismith and the cup for the best trier by B. MacGregor.

Competition - Rock Buns 1. M Twigg. 2. M. Naismith. 3. M. Aitken.

Killin Bowling Club -1997

The Bowling Green opened for play on Saturday 3rd May. The Club would benefit greatly from an influx of new members. Any prospective new member will not be required to pay the annual subscription (£35) straight away but can have two sessions free of charge to help in making the decision whether or not to continue. Bowls, heel-less overshoes, etc. will all be available - also free of charge- so. if you are interested, whether or not you have previously bowled, please get in touch with the Secretary (820582) for further information.

Special sessions for 10-16 year olds will again be arranged this year-information about these will be available soon.

Hope MacDonald Hon. Secretary.

Golf Club

The AGM of the Club, held in January approved the following appointments for 1997: Hon. President. Mr D Clark; Hon. Vice-President. Mrs C Fenton; Captain. Mr D McRobbie; Vice-Captain. Mr J Rough; Secretary. Mr A Chisholm; Treasurer. Mr W Blake; Minutes Secretary. Mrs E Hancock; Match Secretary. Mr J Greaves.

Ladies Section: Captain. Mrs J Rough; Vice-Captain, Mrs A Smith; Match Secretary. Mrs E Ingram.

Committee: Mrs S Chisholm. Mr I Lithgow. Mrs A Weaver. Dr E M McColl. Mr S Aitken. Mr L Brown. Mr S Bergin. Mr G Aitken.

Unfortunately, on 12 February, following a strong procedural disagreement within the Committee, Mr

A Chisholm, the Secretary, tendered his resignation. Attempts to persuade him to withdraw that resignation failed. His action, while understandable in the circumstances, was deeply regretted. The Club thanked him for all the years of valuable and loyal service he has given. During the subsequent meeting of the Committee on 12 March. Mr J Greaves was co-opted onto the Committee as Acting Secretary until the next AGM. Subsequently. Mr J Rough. Vice-Captain agreed to handle the job of Match Secretary.

It should also be noted that the Club has purchased some 48 acres of the former Finlarig Estate lying to the East of the present club grounds. In the long term this creates the possibility of future development.

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Badminton Club - Champions for 1997

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Woman's Guild

We all met in the Church Hall on a fine Spring evening for a night which turned out to be a night to remember. Muriel Bedwell introduced our speaker, Mrs Moncrieffe who came from St. Fillans. A most knowledgeable Scots 'girl' who had worked in many exotic parts of the world but found nowhere as breathtakingly beautiful as her native Perthshire. Her arrangement of flowers was artistically beautiful - she specialises in arrangements for churches and loves to arrange flowers for weddings. The tea, coffee and home-baking was as good as always and I always find Guild meetings to be very social occasions. It was lovely to see Mairi Stewart on the road to recovery. A vote of thanks was ably given by Bunty MacGregor and the evening closed with the Benediction from the Rev. Todd.

Thanks to all who came along and enjoyed the evening. We were able to raise from the sales table, raffle and other contributions the sum of £142

Guild Secretary - Jean Henderson.

Heritage Society

Moirlanich Longhouse is now open until the end of October on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons 2 - 5 pm. Arrangements can be made for special opening times for groups wishing to visit. Contact National Trust for Scotland Office. Moirlanich is manned by volunteer members of the Heritage Society.

S Mudd

Killin A.F.C.

- 1997 Results -

Glenfarg 2 - Killin 4. Bridgeton 0 - Killin 2. Killin 4 - Meigle 2. Abernethy 2 - Killin 4. Tulloch 2 - Killin 2. Guildtown 2 - Killin 5. Glencarse 3 - Killin 3. Killin 3 - Methven 4. (Cup Match) Blair Atholl 3 - Killin 4.

This year we have won 6 games and drawn 2 in the League. At the moment we are currently third but have games in hand. We have mostly home games left with only one away game (Breadalbane). 1st Breadalbane, approx 5 points ahead, 1 game in hand. 2nd Glencarse - approx same points - with at least 2 games in hand.

R McD.

Killin Carpet Bowling

The 1996/97 season ended on the 31st March. The Club held its Dinner and Social Evening in Killin Hotel on the 5th April, where the following folk received their trophies.

League (Before Xmas)

- C. Grant, J. Sinclair, J. Willison, R. Douglas.

League (After Xmas)

- D. Livingstone, N. MacKenzie.

Singles Champion - C. McLarty.

Doubles - J. Grant, A. Walker.

Handicap Shield

- N. Forsyth, S. Aitken, J. Sinclair.

Points Trophy - N. Forsyth.

Knockout Trophy

- C. McLarty, A. Stewart, R. Douglas, G. MacKenzie.

H. Guild Sec.

Killin Gun Club

Killin Gun Club held their first shoot of the year on Sunday 13th April 24 guns turned up on a cool but dry day Shoot results as follows: 25

D.T.L. Class (A) 1. John Sinclair - 71
2. G. Coyne - 69. 3. D. Robertson - 65
25 *Sporting (Class A)* 1 E MacLellan - 66. 2nd eq. - R. Cairns & J Sinclair - 63. 25 *D.T.L. (Class B)* 1 G Mullen - 54. 2. T.Frost - 48. 3 I Fullerton - 36
25 *Sporting (Class B)* 1. J. Ward - 63
2nd eq. - J. MacKay & S. Christie - 51
25 *D.T.L. (Class C)* 1. J. Mills - 60. 2. B. Staveley - 59. 3. J. Ward - 55. 25 *Sporting (Class C)* 1. B. Staveley - 57
2. S. Argo - 51. 3. R. Lewis - 45. *High Gun* - J. Sinclair - 134. *Sweep* - Lennox
Continuation - J. Sinclair. *High Gun* - Class (C) - B. Staveley - 116.

G. Coyne (Secretary K.G.C.)

Curling Club

At the A.G.M. at Suie Lodge on Tuesday 15th March at 8 pm, there were 18 present.

Prizewinners were as follows: Winnipeg - D. McRobbie. Runner-up - S. Christie. League - J. Smith. Runner-up - P. Reilly. Points - D. McRobbie. Runner-up - G. Christie. Ladies : Points - S. Aitken. Runner-up - M. Taylor. Dr Mairi - S. Aitken. First League Game - D. McRobbie.

The meeting was held by candlelight as there was a power cut.

F McLaggan. Secretary.

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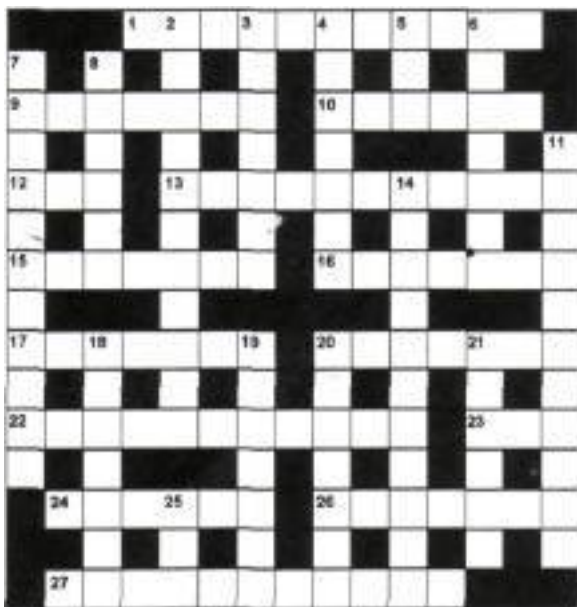
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Crossword by Crustacean

ACROSS

DOWN



Solution To Last Crossword

Across: 1. Psychopath 7. Hurdler 8. Ernie 10. Leek 11. Leisured 13. Excel 15. Ruler 17. Gridiron 18. Acne 21. Sonia 22. Knitter 23. Mysterious
Down: 1. Purge 2. Yolk 3. Hornet 4,16. Pressure cooker 5. Tendril 6. Challenges 9. Elderberry 12. Claimant 14. Chimney 19. Cutis 20. Silo

1. Together at sea? (11)
9. Concerning signs of success as spoken (7)
10. Some of us had a GI on disc but it was slow (6)
12. Part of this strange liquid starts to take shape (3)
13. Sounds like a rather roughly made chair! Well, of course, its 18th Century (11)
15. Excludes unwanted sound! (7)
16. It can't be made any simpler (7)
17. Use a gullible cage for this bird (7)
20. Get together with a Greek character for this paper (7)
22. Nanook of the North -or? (2,3,6)
23. For something Scottish or Republican? (3)
24. Tear round the French and be soft (6)
26. Confront -face to face (7)
27. Superficial covering, but it will grow more (3 - 8)

1. Mixed up beat group rid of boat -yes, rid (5)
2. Old Adam invented this practice! (11)
3. A chance to get some marks (7)
4. Formerly enough of a specimen (7)
5. Black or red? Although it's usually blue (3)
6. Monkey can do it! (7)
7. Movement forward (11)
8. This walker is nearly a risk taker (6)
11. Do this before dining (3,3,5)
14. A philosophy that had much appeal to the Nazis (11)
18. Trade Co., specialising in 1920's aesthetics (3,4)
19. A Parisian courtesan (7)
20. Cowardly, like a broken guitar (7)
21. Reared in the woods? (6)
25. Now you've got to it! (3)



Induction of the New Minister

Rev. John Lincoln will be inducted as the minister of Killin, Ardeonaig and Balquhiddar on Thursday 19th June. The service in Killin Church at 7.00pm will be followed by a social evening in the McLaren Hall. Everybody is welcome and please do come to meet the new minister.

Sunday Services - The service time has changed and morning worship is now at 10.00 am each Sunday. This was essential in order to allow the new minister to conduct worship in Killin and in Balquhiddar. The service in Balquhiddar is held at 12 noon.

Morenish Chapel - The summer series of monthly services has started at Morenish. They are held at 3.00pm on the first Sunday of each month throughout the summer. For the remainder of the summer the services at Morenish will be conducted by Mr J. Rough - 1st June, Mr W. Allan - 6th July, Dr S. Todd - 3rd August, Rev. J. Lincoln - 7th September and 5th October. At Morenish, as with the weekly Sunday morning service in Killin, all are very welcome.

Philip Simpson.

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