



KILLIN NEWS

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HIGHLAND CATTLE Steal the Show!



While Killin now has a number of summer events which attract visitors and which local people enjoy, the Folk Music Festival. The Highland Games - the Annual Agricultural Show is perhaps the most authentic and almost totally local event, with a considerable history. It alone reflects the involvement in sheep and cattle fanning which was the life blood of the community, though nowadays somewhat overwhelmed by tourism; and it's not just narrowly local, for many farming people from outside the area pay a visit to the Killin Show - which is recognised as one of the biggest sheep events in Scotland.

The tourists undoubtedly enjoy the sheep and cattle judging and appreciate the clearly knowledgeable characters who crowd round the pens. They also enjoy watching how the handlers cope with, say, powerful rams with magnificent horns and the odd wild bullock that won't stand to be photographed.

The big thing this year, particularly for the visitors, was the great showing of Highland Cattle, not, as with the other judging in pens set aside for them, but

instead in the main ring in the middle of the football pitch.

These majestic and apparently gentle beasts paraded somewhat sedately and were much loved by the crowds, especially English and Foreign visitors. These cattle - bulls, cows and calves came from Glen Lochay (John Cameron). Auchlyne (Judy Bowser), and with the winning champion from John Lacey of Lawers.

The other notable aspect of the Show was of course the fancy dress of the various groups in the village in the parade led by the pipe-band.. Outstanding, and the prize winners were the "Dalmatians" of the Brownies, closely followed by the "fire-tots", some of whom couldn't keep their eyes open in the "fire-engines" ingeniously created by the Mothers and Toddlers and Playgroup.

Other results and pictures of the Show are on pages 20 & 11.

WANTED

New Editor needed for the Killin News. Our present Editor has done an excellent job for over six years now and deserves a well earned break. Anyone who would be keen to see the Killin News continue and who would be prepared to accept payment in the form of job satisfaction only - would be ideal.

Much help would be provided by the present production committee and our retiring Editor.

Anyone who is interested should write in the first instance to the Killin News Production Committee. (see back page for details)

The Committee

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Killin Community Council

Meeting in Lesser Hall on Thursday 14th August.

Present:

I. MacGregor. Chairman, P. Christie. J. Gauld. K. Taylor.

In Attendance;

Richard Shand, Inspector Rose.

Constable Donaldson.

Mr G. Lawrie. There were 7 members of the public present.

Apologies :

F. Kennedy, A. Walker. D. McRobbie.

The Chairman opened the meeting by asking R. Shand and J. Gauld to give a report on the result of their investigations into the proposed installation of C.C.T.V. in Killin. Several quotations had been received - the cheapest being for approximately £3,300 for supply of materials and installation. It was thought that £1,000 would be required annually to run the system. Grants might be available from Scottish Office. Stirling Council and Police Federation, but it was obvious that certain conditions would have to be met in order to secure any of these.

Inspector Rose and Mr Lawrie spoke of their experience of C.C.T.V. systems, pointing out some of the pitfalls as well as the advantages. This was followed by a discussion on siting of cameras at Bridge of Lochay and Lix Toll - some felt that a camera in the Clachaig area would be preferable to Lix Toll.

It was felt that the poor turnout of the public to this meeting indicated a lack of interest locally in the proposed scheme and that things should be left in abeyance meantime until the proposed Police mobile system is up and running. Inspector Rose felt it might be helpful to contact Stirling Council regarding the likelihood of any financial assistance being available & that Councillors might benefit from having a look at the system now running in Carnoustie. It was felt that an item might be placed in Killin News expressing the Community Council's disappointment at local lack of interest in the proposed scheme.

Inspector Rose made reference to the desirability of curtailing late-night licensing hours at future public events such as Music Festival, Highland Games and Agricultural Show.

As there were only 4 Council members

present it was assumed that this was not enough to form a Quorum and the meeting was closed at 8.50 pm.

**Next Meeting - A.G.M. 7.30 pm
Thursday 9th October, 1997.**

Strathfillan Community Council

There was a meeting of the Strathfillan Community Council on Wednesday 6th August. Strathfillan Community Development Trust has now been established as a charitable trust, with a Board of Directors, who are working hard to get several projects off the ground.

Some members of the Board and others organised an exhibition entitled Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, which was excellent. Many people in the community lent photographs and memorabilia. It was held first in Crianlarich and then the following week in Tyndrum. It brought back lots of memories.

East of Scotland Water are in consultation with Stirling Council on the merits of fluoridation. John Riley told of a programme on Channel 4 which said that fluoride was a cumulative poison, which, in its worst form, could cause gross malformation of the bones.

Toothpaste had 1000-15000 times the recommended level in water. An orthopaedic surgeon in Birmingham said that there had been fluoride in the water there since the 1950's and an increase in osteoporosis, fractures and arthritis was shown. Graphs showing that the decrease in tooth decay could be from better health and diet rather than fluoridation were shown. The C.C. recommended that we reject any fluoridation of our water supply, and John Riley to make a report and send copies to other C.C.'s.

Moir Robertson.

Something to Shout About

On Saturday the 19th July Tyndrum Fire Station along with the assistance of the Crianlarich Crew held their fund raiser for the fire brigades national benevolent fund. As in previous years Clifton Coffee House were kind enough to lend them their car-park.

In addition to the two fire appliances, the Community Educational Unit from Stirling Fire-station manned by Richard Kane came up and helped in the fun.

This year they had an extra helper going by the name of Fireman Sam, who most of the children loved, although some were not quite sure of him, well who could blame them! Tyndrum's weather was at its best providing a beautiful day and because of the hot sun. the kids wanted water fights with the fire fighters and the inevitable happened and they ran low on water, but there was no need to worry, a hydrant was always close by to replenish the 150 gallons which was used throughout the day. At 5pm the boys had had enough and decided to call it a day, but not before raising the sum of £460. Well Done!

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Retiral

We very much regret that Jan Willison has found it necessary to resign from The Killin News Production Committee. Jan has been so useful over the years chasing up clubs and societies for their notices. She has however many commitments which make it difficult for her to continue.

Thank you Jan for all your help.

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Scottish Poppy Appeal

The Scottish Poppy Appeal raised £1,030,000 in 1996. Thanks of the organisers of the appeal go to Killin and Ardeonaig for their generous contribution of £480.80.

I would like to thank our local collectors for their effort, for without their dedicated work the Appeal would not be possible.

It may be of interest that Canadian Colonel John MacRae wrote the poem 'In Flanders Fields' in 1915 at Ypres. It was published in Punch where it impressed many, but it was not until November 1921 that Britain had its first Poppy Day. For over 75 years we have worn the Poppy in Remembrance although Colonel MacRae, dying in 1918, never lived to see it.

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and
in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

Arrangements for 1997 are that poppies will be distributed to collectors and establishments by the 3rd November and collections will be made from the 3rd to 8th November. Remembrance Sunday on the 9th November with the laying of wreaths at the Memorial after the Church Service.

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August the Twelfth

The start of "The season" for most keepers and stalkers in the Highlands is, traditionally, the 12th August. Most estates begin with a small family day of walked-up grouse, driven grouse not usually starting until later in August or into September.

The day will begin with the keepers and family meeting outside the big house and a mixture of tweeds and tartans means that the gathering looks remarkably unchanged from pictures and photographs of Victorian times. One change is the more modern ritual of applying liberal quantities of midge repellent up the kilts! Our forebears must have relied on herbal deterrents or have been more stoic!

This year the day dawned clear and still with the promise of increasing heat. The heat became so intense during the day that even the midges disappeared (thus avoiding the need to re-enact the midge/kilt ritual at regular intervals) One certain keeper even took to wearing shades for the glare and a baseball cap (traditional green of course) to protect his ever increasing solar panel, giving rise to the rumours that the Mafia had taken over.

After the party has driven to the area in Land Rovers or cars, they may be able to get part of the way up the hill by Argo (at least the less young and able, or is it the ones with the stronger nerve?) The rest of the way up to the moor has to be done on foot - carrying guns and packed lunches.

The beat to be shot may vary greatly in area, but the day begins at the top of the beat. If the grouse are to be walked-up



then the "guns" (meaning the people who are shooting that day) with the dogs hunting about 20 yards ahead, walk across the moor in a straight line. The pace is fairly slow and must be easy for the slowest walker. The labs and spaniels will flush the grouse, sometimes in ones and twos but often in a covey. The guns need to stay alert so as not to miss their chance. When birds have been shot the line stops and the birds are found and retrieved by the dogs (a good retriever is invaluable). This year there was a lovely heavy bloom on the heather which sent up a cloud of pollen as the dogs and the line walked. This was a beautiful scented cloud which left our boots and the dogs' coats tacky and yellow. It also made scenting very difficult for the hunting dogs.

After a sweep of anything from half to several miles depending on the size of the beat, one end walker will stand still and the line will gradually turn to cover the next sweep in the opposite direction (it is believed by some that this was the

origin of formation dancing teams!! The moor is swept like this until the bottom is reached several hours later, with a stop for a picnic lunch along the way.

Sometimes pointers and setters are used on 'dogging moors' and when the dogs point or set the grouse some of the guns come up and the birds are flushed.

Driven grouse are shot from a line of butts which are usually built of stone and turf. The beaters walk in a wide-sweeping line to send the birds flying over the butts.

However the day goes, be the weather fair or foul, it is a wonderful way to spend a day and teatime back at the lodge is a welcome rest for dogs and men.

The day usually ends in the big house with a family dinner of roast grouse and bread sauce - and a chance to go over the day again.

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Green Team visit the Rainforest



During the school holidays, some members of the Green Team were lucky enough to visit a rainforest just outside Edinburgh.

The forest was located inside a large glass house at Edinburgh's Butterfly and Insect World, but was very realistic. Despite the hot weather outside, it was very much more humid inside, which is just how the butterflies like it. They were everywhere, and many of them were large and colourful.

One type which had large eye-spots to make it look like an owl, seemed to like landing on people as well as the vegetation and liked eating rotten bananas! Big butterflies produce big caterpillars and we saw one munching away which must have been nearly 6 inches long.

We also saw a variety of other bugs and beasts, and some brave people even held Rosie the tarantula (who has been lucky enough to also have

been handled by Sean Connery). She wasn't as frightening as she looked though... Cynthia and Cedric the giant stick insects were other favourites, as were the thousands of leaf cutting ants who were working away above our heads for the whole visit. They must have walked miles.

Everybody seemed to enjoy the experience and there would still be lots to see on a repeat visit. Thanks to Linda Frost and Jane Brown for organising use of and driving the community bus.

Helen Cole.

Next Issue Christmas

Copy and Advertisements for the November Issue are required by Friday 31st October. Please note it will be the Christmas Issue, distributed towards the end of November.

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Killin and District Tourist Association - Floral Awards 1997

The judge for the 1997 Floral Awards was Mr Jimmy Givens. ably assisted by his wife Jean. Mr Givens has been well-known in Northumberland horticultural circles for over 40 years, as both judge and a prize-winning exhibitor. He kindly gave up almost two days of his holiday to judge the different sections of the Floral Awards and was extremely complimentary about the village.

These were the only entries in the Children's Sections.

Window Boxes 1. Robert and Stewart Grant. Beechcroft.

Hanging Baskets 1. Robert and Stewart Grant. Beechcroft.

Tubs: 1. John MacRae. Tayview.

There were 24 entries in the Adult Domestic Sections. The Judges were looking for variety and combination of planting as well as overall colour.

Window Boxes 1. Mr I. Hunter, 6 Dochart Road. 2. Mr A. Walker, Barnacarie. Main Street. 3. Mrs Mudd. Falls of Dochart Cottage.

Hanging Baskets 1. Mrs M. Inglis. 18 Monemore. 2. Mr J. Farmer. Pathways. 3. Mr L. Fenton. 17 Monemore..

Tubs 1. Mrs M. Inglis, 18 Monemore. 2. Mrs M. McRae, Tayview. 3. Mrs Campbell. Machany.

These were the only entries in the Commercial Sections

Window Boxes and Tubs - Killin Crafts.

Hanging Baskets 1 Killin Crafts. 2. Breadalbane Folklore Centre.

The judges felt that the following Commercial Establishments, although not entered in the Competition, should all be complemented on their superb floral displays.

Capercaillie Restaurant, Rowancroft, Antique Shop, Invertay House.

Open Domestic Section for "*The Tidiest Garden Viewed from the Road*"

Preliminary judging for this has taken place over several months and the prizes are not awarded solely for the summers floral displays. The Judges wish to complement the people of Killin on the overall high standard of their gardens.

1. Rowanbank, Dochart Road. 2. 8, Ballechroisk. 3. 6 Dochart Road & Ardshean Craignavie Road.

The following gardens were all Commended :
7. Ballechroisk. 17 Monemore. IS Monemore. 3 Dochart Road, Machany. Main Street. Littlecroft. Main Street. The Cedars. Main Street.

There were many other gardens that were either very tidy but rather sparsely planted or in need of just a little more attention, that came very close to being on the list.

Killin Heritage Society

Killin Heritage Society would like to welcome members old and new to their first meeting of the 1997/98 season. It will be held in the Lesser McLaren Hall at 8 pm on Friday 3rd October when the speaker will be Dr Richard Fawcett on the Restoration of Stirling Castle.

Talks are usually illustrated with slides. We have some excellent speakers for the winter session, including Don and Bridget MacAskill. Wild Life Experts. Dr Louise Yeoman on the Covenanters, Dr David Caldwell on Finlaggan, Isle of Islay. Dr Hugh MacBean on Medieval Glasgow and more! Please come along. I'm sure that you'll enjoy the evening. If you want to become a member the subscription is £5. per year and there is a silver collection at each meeting.

The Heritage Society has recently compiled a video of Killin. Past and Present, which will be on sale at the Newsagents Shop and Killin Library at £9.99. An ideal Christmas Present for home and overseas!!

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David Riddell received his Gold Award Certificate at Holyrood from Major General Hall. Governor of Edinburgh Castle, in the presence of H.R.H. Prince Philip on 9th July.

The award scheme is open to all young people between the ages of 14-25 years. Each participant must complete the 5 sections of the award - Service. Exploration. Skills. Physical Recreation and a Residential Project in order to gain the award.

Over the last 3 years David has also completed the earlier stages of the award - the bronze and silver.

David entered the scheme through Forth Valley Open Award Group which meet each Tuesday 7 pm - 9 pm in Stirling.

Comment

Killin's Contaminated Water

As we write (7th September) Killin (and only Killin) has been issued with a "Boil Water Notice". Certainly the guidelines given in the notice are clear and very helpful. The explanation given for this somewhat drastic notice is that "severe rain has caused difficulties with the treatment process in the Killin area" Severe rain ! Have they ever seen the village when really severe rain floods the Main Street at The Glebe and the Pier Road is impassable. The recent somewhat heavy rain has been nothing compared to that and with such floods in the past we had no water contamination.

And this "Boil Water Notice" follows the opening in November of last year of a £900.000 treatment works and we quote "The development will provide an improved standard of water treatment... It will also secure the local area's supply of high quality water for the future" (Killin News, Jan 1997.) May we ask East of Scotland Water - What went wrong ? Was our money badly used ? Please let us know !

							
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Living Heritage: Rare Wild Flower Found In Killin

Corncockle Agrostemma githago
(Kiss me quick)

One of the Caryophyllaceae or Campion family. A tall leggy plant with few lanceolate leaves. Reddish purple flowers 4cm across with long leaf like sepals extending beyond the petals.

Weeds are plants that grow where they are unwelcome. Most wild plants come into this category as gardeners look for larger and longer lasting blooms to give that



cacophony of colour that we associate with tidy, well tended gardens.

A decision to buck this trend and encourage an area of managed wilderness paid off this year with the unexpected appearance of a rare and unusual weed. Once the scourge of cornfields, an adulterer of wheat, feared on account of its seeds which contain a bitter tasting and poisonous saponin (1, the Corncockle has all but disappeared from the wild in Britain

(2) (3). Rare in Great Britain and locally abundant in parts of Europe it is decreasing throughout its range (4) due to careful seed control and the use of herbicides. It has been known as a weed of cornfields since Neolithic times and its existence in Perthshire is acknowledged by the presence of a Cockle Drum in the Aberfeldy Water Mill designed to remove unwanted weed seeds from the cereals in the refining process.

The Corncockle appeared in an area of the Glebe that is likely to have been part of a field. Like poppies, Corncockle seeds can remain dormant, reappearing only when old pastureland is disturbed or when it has been deliberately planted in wildflower meadows (5) (6).

Project Jupiter, who have reconstructed a wildflower meadow in Grangemouth obtained their Corncockle seed from the South of England. These three small Killin plants may be one of the very rare examples of the Scottish natural genetic Corncockle stock.

Willie Angus

(1) A Field Guide in colour to Wild Flowers by D. Aichele

(2) The Illustrated Flora of Britain and Northern Europe gives its UK distribution as locally in East Anglia and Morayshire.

(3) It is not mentioned in the Collins Guide to Scottish Wild Flowers

(4) The Wild Flower Key by Francis Rose

(5) Earlham Churchyard. Norwich

(6) Jupiter Site. ICI Grangemouth

Auchmore BBQ

Killin Does It Again - £650 raised for Oncology Department of Royal Hospital for Sick Children. The now traditional Barbeque at Auchmore on 12th July was a great success. The concerted effort by volunteers and support of the village was notable. The stalwarts who worked away on the night were Dougal MacGregor in his famous soup kitchen, Kenny and Norma (now married), Morag, Ian Campbell, Stewart Gillies, slaving over a hot stove. Donald and Annette MacLarty extracting cash on their bottle game. Willie Stitt provided the Tardis (Dr Who's Loo). Liz MacGregor wishes to thank all who helped or supported the venture.

One Woman And Her Dog

Killin & District Agricultural Society held its 15th Annual Local Sheepdog Trials at Acharn on Sunday 8 September. The field and sheep were kindly given for the day by Malcolm Campbell. Ledcharrie and much help was given by shepherd Lome Clarke.

The Judge for the day was Alister Cameron from Brig O'Turk.

- 1st Sylvia Goodwin (Glen Lyon)
with Jim 92 points
- 2nd Lome Clurke [Ledcharrie]
with Kyle 90 points
- 3rd Lome Clarke (Ledcharrie)
with Tib 87 points
- 4th Tom Baillie (Auchtertyre)
with Don 82 points
- 5th Dick Steven (Crianlarich)
with Jean 82 points

Prizes Outwith First Three Placings

Best Outrun & Lift - Tom Baillie and Don
Best Drive - D. Ormiston (Glen Lyon) and Scott

Best Pen - A. Buchanan (Glen Lyon) and Bill
Best Shed - A. Buchanan (Glen Lyon) and Bill

Unluckiest Competitor - A. Buchanan (Glen Lyon) and Mirk

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Killin Highland Games

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On to the Games Day and a record crowd of over 6,000 enjoyed the spectacle. The opening parade was led by the Vale of Atholl Junior Pipe Band, our Chieftain Brigadier Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor and Lady MacGregor. followed by the Highland Queen and her Attendant, with the Games Chairman Charlie Grant, our Personality Mary Sandeman and World Fly Casting Champion Peter Anderson, leading the World Strongmen to the games arena. The Chieftain opened the Games in the traditional manner, and the struggle was joined, between the heavy weights. The Piping and Dancing drew large entries

and appreciative onlookers, and the casting corner had many trying their skill. One highlight of the day came in the Flintstones over head lift, when Raymond Bergmanis of Latvia broke the World Record with a weight of 171 kg. the other was Oystein Kristianson's record breaking hill run: winning with a time of 22 minutes and 20 seconds.

The Marquee Dance at night to the music of the Folk Band. Tandem, rounded off a wonderful day. and all who came went away happy.

Wild Miles Triathlon

We are pleased to report that Duncan MacDonald of Killin not only completed the 70 Wild Mile Triathlon on 14th June in a highly commendable time and in so doing succeeded in raising £660 in

sponsorship money for Cystic Fibrosis and Cancer Research.

The "Wild Miles" consisted of cycling from Glencoe Ski-centre to Taynuilt. canoeing the length of Loch Etive. and finally running back up Glen Etive.

For this feat he received a very fine certificate showing the triathlon logo.

Duncan would like to thank Kay Riddell, Lesley Kettle and Stewart Inglis for assisting in collecting sponsorship money, and Rosie who supplied back-up on the day (who else?): also thanks to all who so generously gave to these worthy causes.

For the record Duncan's total time was 5 hours 57 minutes and finished 13th out of 40 starters. Well done. Duncan!

Editor's Note: Duncan will be competing again next year, so get ready to increase his sponsorship money.



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Francesa Wilkes from Swindon*



Show Champion from Glentarken (R.J. McLarty)



Champion at pulling Landrovers!



*Sheep judge, Mr W. McKinnon
at work*

Golf Club Race Night

Members gathered at the Golf Club on Saturday 25th July dressed as if visiting Royal Ascot, as the club held its second fundraising Race Night. Instead of golf bags, clubs and golf trolleys the order of the day seemed to be binoculars, wide brimmed hats and betting slips as everyone entered the spirit of the evening. This was the night when one could buy a race-horse and be entertained in the 'Owners Enclosure' during the race in the slim hope that "Mongrel" out of "Mixed Marriage" or some other

runner with an equally dubious name would sneak home ahead of the field. Some rather shady bookmakers arrived to relieve members of their cash in the shape of Moneybags Mary (a.k.a. Ian Lithgow) and Honest John (a.k.a. John Greaves).



payouts to a minimum, and a healthy profit was made on the night. Bill Melroy and Gordon Hibbert kept the punters entertained and used a combination of threat, persuasion and unashamed bullying to raise money for the club funds.

Sharp Sheena (you know who) paid out the winnings if she had to, but the aim of the night was to keep

Killin: Walking Leaflet

An attractive new local walks guide - which doesn't go rambling on - has recently been produced for the local area!

The easy to follow guide covers Breadalbane including Killin. Crianlarich and Tyndrum and is aimed at casual walkers of all abilities, with walks ranging from 1 to 7 miles.

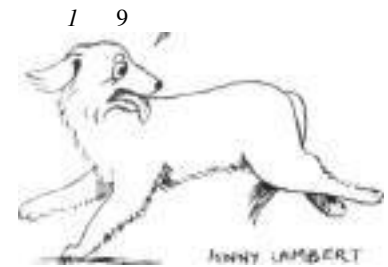
The guide has been produced by local cartographers Stirling Surveys, in conjunction with Argyll, the Isles. Loch Lomond. Stirling & Trossachs Tourist Board, with financial assistance from Forth Valley Enterprise. It forms part of a series of 'Footprint' walks guides which now include titles on Loch Lomond and the Trossachs. together with the new Breadalbane guide.

Each of the guides include handy route descriptions and good quality colour maps for easy to follow walks and are available now from local tourist information centres, priced at just £1.99.

Local Tourist Board Director, Danny McKirgan said "Research confirms that casual walking is one of the most popular holiday pastimes for visitors to Scotland- not to mention local residents. I am sure that both locals and visitors will find hours of pleasure in the beautiful Breadalbane countryside using this handy new guide."

Beware Of Ticks!

Newcomers to Killin and the surrounding area, particularly if they have dogs, may have become aware of an insidious little monster that lurks in the long grass and bracken waiting to attach itself to any innocent passing pooch. Jurassic Park has nothing on the lifestyle of this particular little parasite which, if given the chance. will vampire like latch onto passing mammals including human beings.



After a visit to the vet with dog and discovering that this was a boom year for Exodes Ricinus, I discovered what a fiend the enemy is! We are indebted to Ian Harbit, the vet in Aberfeldy for the following information - readers of a tender disposition should skip the rest!

The common sheep tick sometimes called the castor bean tick (because when full up of one's vital juices they resemble a small bean). What do they do? They suck blood! There are three host ticks, that is they have three feeds in their life from their respective victims. After a five day nosh up. they drop off into the undergrowth and lurk for a year, emerging a year later, a bit bigger and repeat the process. In the third year as adults they meet up on the host and mate as this is the easiest place to meet. Mum tick after another five day feast drops off and burrows into the soil where she lays about 2,000 eggs! Well you know the rest - off we go again.

The little darlings prefer rough ground bracken and forests where they can overwinter. They can carry disease like redwater in cattle, louping ill in cattle and sheep, and lymes disease. The tick in its larval form and then as

nymph and adult climbs to the top of bracken and grass and waits until an animal passes.

They feel the vibration of the passing host, that is dog - sheep - cat or you and me and drop off for a long lunch. A touch of meths or covering the tick with vaseline suffocates them and makes it easier to get the little devils off. I forgot to mention that they bury their little fangs in your skin which



means that you can't brush them off.

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McLaren Hall December Concert

Music lovers throughout the area make a note in your diaries of a night not to be missed in Killin. Friday 5th December. 1997, when soprano Arleen Barlow of Tyndrum accompanied by pianist Lydia Buttigieg of Malta are to present a Concert at the McLaren Hall. The McLaren High School Orchestra have also agreed to perform and the event is being promoted by Killin Drama Club.

Arleen has won the Soprano Trophy at Music Festivals throughout the north of England and has performed with the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra in Manchester. Her career seemed to have ended five years ago when she was seriously injured in an accident, but through the encouragement of her many friends in Malta she has regained her confidence and has performed a number of concerts in Malta with her friend Lydia.

Lydia, a native of Malta, has participated in concerts at Maltafest, the Aula Magna in Valetta and at the Malta Cultural Institute. She is secretary of the European Piano Teacher's Association and has recently studied the harp as a second instrument. Her list of tutors is extensive and includes one gentleman with the impressive title Baron Joseph

Drago D'Aragona Cuzkiera Testaferrata LRSMI for those of you who know their music tutors! In addition to performances in Malta she has performed in Germany and in Scotland with the Amadeus Chamber Choir. Their programme for the evening will include songs and piano solos, and those lovers of Andrew Lloyd Webber's music will not be disappointed..

The McLaren High School Orchestra has been in existence for 28 years and with 35 strings, 10 woodwinds, 10 brass plus percussion, regularly performs at school and local events throughout the area. The orchestra has toured on four occasions, three times to Europe and recently to Canada, where every aspect of its performance was appreciated and applauded. The orchestra will be conducted by the school's Head of Music. Mr Ian Milligan.

Funds raised from the evening will be donated to the McLaren Hall and to the Orchestra. Admission to the one-night concert will be by ticket only and details of ticket price and availability will be advertised on posters locally.

Gordon Hibbert, Killin Drama Club.

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Safe Schools Programme

The first phase of Stirling Council's £238,000 safe schools programme is under way as new signs are put up in schools across the Council area.

The cost will be partly funded by a Scottish Office Grant of £178,000.

Over the next seven months, 55 schools will get new entry systems with visitor badge schemes, signing-in books, better signs and video cameras where needed. New electronic access control systems will be installed in the seven secondary schools.

At the same time, the Council intends to begin a series of training sessions for school staff using training packs on managing violence and aggression produced by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust.

It all follows a safety audit of all 58 schools in the Stirling Council area, spearheaded by Police Liaison Officers Robin Iffla and Gary Lawrie, and the setting up of Safe School Groups with school staff, parents and pupils.

Pat Kelly, who chairs Stirling Council's Children's Committee, said: "Every school in the safety audit identified access and unauthorised visitors as the greatest priority. There was an overwhelming concern among school staff and parents at the apparent lack of control over visitors to our schools."

"This is just the beginning," said Councillor Kelly. "School security will remain a high priority for the Council because we need to monitor what we have already done and start addressing other security issues such as vandalism, graffiti

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the very many kind friends in Killin and district for cards, fruit and flowers, and for visits in me while I was in hospital. A special thank-you to Mr and Mrs Thompsell for bringing me home and a very special thank you to Paddy McKinnon for looking after my house.
Jenny McIntyre.

Gladys Farquharson would like to give her thanks to all these people in the village who did what they could to help her in her relations with Stirling Council over the continuing location of her much appreciated ice-cream trailer. She also wishes to thank the many others who continued to show interest in her now successful endeavours. It looks as if we can continue to enjoy her ice-cream!

Mr and Mrs Duncan Clark wish to convey their sincere thanks for cards and messages of good wishes received on the occasion of their Golden Wedding on 26th June 1997.

Elizabeth Murphy would like to thank the people of Killin for the lovely cards and sympathy extended during the loss of her father Robert Rees and for the prayers offered during his illness. Mr and Mrs Rees were frequent visitors to Killin and were always touched by the warmth and kindness shown to them both.

Morag MacNee would like to give many thanks once again for all help, support and donations received at the sale held in McLaren Hall on Saturday 30th August where £550 was realised for the Oncology Department R.H.S.C. Edinburgh.

Jane Stewart would like to thank everyone for the cards and letters received following the death of her sister Buntie (Helen Hall), thanks also to those who attended the funeral and grateful thanks for all donations received totalling £340 for Killin Nursing Service.

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Sir,

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Think of the cost of this! There can be no statistical evidence that could justify such a spend. Having been involved in the recovery of vehicles from most of the accidents between Callander and Tyndrum over the past 23 years, I cannot think of any occurrence that would not have happened had these bollards been in existence.

These bollards are a disgusting waste of public money when it could be far better spent elsewhere.

Travellers on the A85/A84 between Tyndrum and Stirling will have their beautiful views of hills and lochs, disturbed in rapid regularity with over-enlarged signs, bearing messages for drivers who hopefully will try to keep their eyes on the road at the same time.

Yours.

Jim Cushley, Lix Toll Garage.

Cantos Mor
Killin

Sir,

Regarding Dull Lodge Hotel v Killin Leisure Recreation Club, may I pour a little oil on troubled waters.

In all fairness I can see Mr Wilson of Dall Lodge's problem, and I must admit that the thought of a splintered glass followed by a football careering through the conservatory window while having my G and T or whatever, does not appeal to me either, so may I suggest the following.

Erect 3 flagpoles parallel with the boundary wall next to Dall Lodge Hotel, the centre pole being in line with the centre of the conservatory and the other 2 poles placed equidistant apart. Before any game commences 2 large nets be raised to the top of the poles and lowered afterwards. Those poles would not look unsightly and could also be used for flags in such events as the Folk Festival, Killin Show and Highland Games etc. Arguably 3 flags are no protection against the hammer thrower entering the Guinness Book of Records, but that is another story.

Regarding Mr David Osier resigning from the committee, I think he should re-consider. He has put a lot of work into what we now have, and it would be a sad loss to the village if he were to go. It takes a very special breed of people to communicate with the youth. As for a court case, I don't think it would ever happen. "He who buys property next to a gasometer must occasionally expect to smell gas!". If it really came to the crunch and a court case was pending, money would be the least of the club's problems. With so much at stake here I think the people of Killin would come to the rescue. It has always been a giving and caring village,

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Sir,

Just who does Mr Wilson think he is? He has only been in our village a short time and already he is laying down orders. He knew when he bought Dall Lodge there was a recreation club next to him: nobody asked him to buy the hotel.

Davy Osier and many others have put in a lot of time and effort to get us our Pavilion. It took our kids off the street and gave them an interest. Does Mr Wilson want to stop that or maybe he would rather they all hung about Dal! Lodge and then he could keep them amused.

As a mother in this village. I am prepared to fight against Mr Wilson and I hope

Tralee, Killin.

Sir,

I am writing in reply to David Osler's letter in the last issue of the Killin News. As the mother of two young children I have great concern that the facilities at the Pavilion and Tennis Courts have been put under restriction for the summer months.

I do feel that it is deplorable that the children of Killin cannot use the Pavilion facilities to their full potential during the summer months. It is like dangling a carrot in front of a donkey and then telling the donkey it can't have the carrot.

The local people fought to have the new Pavilion and I do not think this

others with or without children will do the same. I personally will not be sitting back to let this man ruin what little there is for kids here.

Being a local myself and now a mother, I know what growing up in this village is like with nothing to do. If the kids are hanging around the street people complain. Kids haven't got much of a life here, so lets not have an incomer like Mr Wilson gel his wax.

*Yours etc.
Johanna MacNee*

suppression should be tolerated. The Pavilion keeps the children off the streets and could possibly provide better facilities in the years to come. Unfortunately this may never happen as long as Mr Wilson controls the use of the Pavilion and Courts.

This curtailment wilt inevitably create less revenue and therefore less profit which could inhibit projects for the future and could possibly bring the Club to complete closure. It would be a shame if such an event took place.

I hope that there can be more support generated for what David Osler wanted for the Club, and more help for the present Committee to defend the moral rights of the Club.

*Yours etc.,
P. Farquharson*

*Dall Lodge Country House Hotel
Killin*

Dear Sir

There is an old adage which suggests that any mention in a newspaper, good or bad, is always good for business. Having been a resident in Killin since my purchase of The Dall Lodge some seven years ago. I am disappointed to note that the first mention in the Killin News arises from the sad resignation of Mr Osler from the Killin & District Leisure and Recreation Club. Given that there were a number of disturbing inaccuracies in Mr Osler's somewhat lengthy rendering, I feel it would only be fair to the community to respond to his letter to set the record straight and report on the factual circumstances rather than employ innuendo, suggestion and conjecture.

When I first took over the Dall Lodge in 1990, the tennis court next door was my immediate neighbour. This did not present me with any difficulty of any description. In 1992, the Club applied for Planning approval to build a new clubhouse and erect floodlighting for the tennis courts. I had no objection to these new amenities, and felt that they would be of benefit to the community. When the Planning application was lodged, there was no mention of football or any other sport being played on the tennis court. I indeed, have always been of the impression that a tennis court is for the playing of tennis,

Mr Osler, in his letter, indicated that the Club "out of goodwill" did not object to the building of our conservatory at the hotel in 1992. He was also of the opinion "that tennis balls, footballs etc. would probably hit the conservatory and also that at times there would be noise and powerful lights from the tennis courts". The basis of any objection to a Planning application has to be valid, and the question of "goodwill" or otherwise quite simply does not feature. In addition. Mr Osier has failed to point out that the Lease which the Club currently enjoy from the Local Authority places an obligation upon them to the effect that

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they shall not create a nuisance to their neighbours. Mr Osler appears to consider that there is nothing untoward in myself and my customers having to put up with tennis balls and footballs entering my property, striking the conservatory, motor vehicles in the car park and the like, in addition to the noise and, on occasions, bad language coming from those who frequent the club's facilities. The erection of the conservatory at my Hotel was a completely passive act, the erection being for the benefit of not only visitors to the area but also for the benefit of those who would care to frequent the Hotel.

During the course of the last few years, the Hotel has suffered damage from footballs, tennis balls and golf balls flying into the grounds, hitting windows, gutters and cars parking in our car park. As a result of these many intrusions. I was left with little choice but to complain to the Committee of the Club in an effort to resolve the problems amicably. I attempted to arrange meetings and suggested to the Club that they should perhaps re-position the goals, fit netting etc. However, the Committee of the Club did not choose to act on any of my suggestions to limit the damage to my property and reduce the nuisance factors which were being experienced. A committee member even suggested that I should prove that the balls were coming from those who were using the facilities of the Club. an extremely naive act at its simplest.

Contrary to Mr Osler's suggestion that there appears to be some restriction on Club members entering the grounds of the Hotel to retrieve balls, I advised the Club at the only meeting ever arranged that Club members should not climb over the wall or through the fence, damaging shrubs, trees, flowers etc. and that they should use the normal means of entry from the driveway into the Hotel. One popular shortcut used by those entering the Hotel grounds was to step on and jump from the LPG tank which, as anyone with common sense would appreciate, is extremely dangerous. I cannot imagine what the committee of

the Club would think if one of their members, on attempting to retrieve a ball, fell on or over the LPG tank and broke a fitting or a pipe, resulting in gas leak and ignition culminating in what could undoubtedly be a fatal accident. This is quite apart from the damage which would in fact be done to the Hotel and its grounds.

There appears to be a complete failure on the part of the Committee to consider the consequences of a football crashing into any of the glass windows of the conservatory or the hotel. The noise factor alone when this occurs is extremely disturbing and does cause elderly and other guests a considerable amount of alarm. Perhaps Mr Osler could consider how he would feel if he was relaxing in our conservatory when an incident of this nature occurred. It is, indeed, crass to suggest that an aerial bombardment of footballs, tennis balls and the like is anything less than a considerable nuisance. The Committee in one letter actually used the word "missiles".

Regrettably, despite the fact that these many incidents have been brought to the attention of the Committee of the Club over a considerable period of time, they tend to consider any requests made by me to be unreasonable. Can someone please explain to me why this should be?

Mr Osler then raises the subject of my "advising guests not to use the facilities at Killin, but rather to travel to Aberfeldy for its facilities". There is one simple explanation as to why this occurred. During one Bank Holiday last year, I tried to make a booking for the tennis court for guests. I was told that the key to the tennis court could not be located. I had no other option but to advise the guest to go to Aberfeldy and indeed, could provide the guests with discount tickets which had been provided to me by those who operate the facilities in Aberfeldy. On another occasion, we have a confirmed booking for a guest to use the tennis court, and the guest was told on arrival at the court that it was double-booked and the guest was denied

access. These difficulties were brought to the attention of the Management Committee, in the hope that they would find the comments constructive and afford room for improvement, it is obvious from the tone of Mr Osler's letter that my approaches have been totally misconstrued and, for whatever reason, the Committee of the Club do not appear to welcome criticism of any description.

Mr Osler, by means of his letter, appears to be seeking sympathy from the community. Seeking that sympathy by providing statements which are to say the least, in many areas completely misleading, and by making efforts to arouse passion and emotion whilst ignoring factors such as nuisance, disturbance, damage and the risk to public safety is not conducive to good neighbourly relations. Perhaps a more proper course of action would have been to meet face to face, sit down and take positive steps to resolve what are undoubtedly difficulties. I hold out an olive branch to those who remain on the Committee in the hope that some constructive efforts may now be made to resolve the situation.

Sports facilities should be enjoyed by participants of all ages, and the fact that these facilities exist on the doorstep of the community is indeed a bonus. The facilities, however, should not be used or abused in such a manner as to cause nuisance to neighbours, and I sincerely feel that matters could be resolved in an adult fashion if those who remain on the Committee were to meet and discuss matters with me.

Yours etc.
David R. Wilson

Killin Gun Club

Shoot Results 20th July, 1997.

DTL -

Class A.

1. G. Coyne - 74. 2. G. Ross & H. Campbell - 60.

Class B.

1. R. Mills - 58. 2. Jas. Sinclair - 57.
3. J. McKay - 54.

Class C.

1. I Fullerton - 67. 2. E. Paterson - 52.
3. R. Lewis - 48.

Sporting -

Class A. 1. G. Coyne - 66. 2. H. Campbell - 63. 3 eq. R. McCairns & G. Ross - 60

Class B. 1. B. Stavelly - 63. 2. J. McKay - 60. 3. S. Christie - 57.

Class C. 1. R. Gibb - 60.

2. D. Stewart - 54. 3. E. Paterson - 51.

High Gun - G. Coyne - 140 pts.

50 Bird Open Shoot, Sunday 10th August.

81 guns turned out on a fine warm sunny day. Sponsors for the shoot were A.B. Services. Killin and McBeth, Butchers, Forres.

Winners on the day were:

High Pheasant -

1. J. McPhilips. 2. B. Bolton.

Driven Grouse -

1. J. Wight. 2. J. McPhilips.

Walk-up Grouse -

1. H. Johnston. 2. J. Anderson.

Pigeon-Woodcock -

1. H. Johnston. 2. D. Robertson.

Duck & Teal - 1. D. Lyall.

Ladies High Gun - G. Wight - 36.

High Gun Open - J. McPhilips - 46.

High Gun Local - J. Sinclair - 39.

High Gun Club - J. Sinclair - 39.

Continuation - J. Wight.

Bolting Fox - S. Brown.

G.D. Coe - Secretary, K G.C.

Killin and Ardeonaig Guild

The ladies of the Craft Group would like to thank everyone who worked so hard and those who gave so generously for their coffee morning on the 30th July, when the grand total of £853. was raised for Church Funds.

The Craft Group resumes on Tuesday 14th October in the Church Hall at 10am. A very warm welcome will be given to anyone in the village and district who would like to join us.

The Guild Quilters Group resumes on Wednesday 1st October in the Church Hall at 2 pm. Again a very warm welcome will be given to anyone who is interested in quilting.

The Guild have their Dedication Service in the Church on Sunday 14th September at 10 am.

Their first meeting will be held in the Church Hall on Thursday 18th September at 7.30 pm when Rev. John Lincoln will tell stories from the North with Musical Items.

The Guild is held on the 3rd Thursday of each month when there are speakers telling us of their experiences as a prison visitor, traidcraft, home mission etc. We also have a Christmas Musical Evening. We are a small but very active group of ladies and would be delighted to welcome anyone who is interested in the work of the Church.

Killin and District Sports and Leisure Club



*Photo: back - Timothy McColl, Ross Mallinson, Louise Webb, Scott Hunter
front - Michael Webb, Euan MacKenzie*

Winners of Junior Competitions -

Tennis 10 - 12 years - Timothy McColl. 13 - 16 years - Louise Webb.
Putting 10-12 years - Michael Webb.
13 - 16 years - Scott Hunter.

Bowling - Mary Cameron Trophy - Euan MacKenzie. Runner-up - Ross Mallinson.

Killin Golf Club Gents Open 1997

Scratch -

1. G. Smith - Killin - 65.
2. S. Sutherland - Taymouth - 67.
3. C. Spiers - Dunkeld - 71 BIH.

Handicap 0 - 14

1. A. Hill - Taynult - 62 BIH.
2. G. March - Killin - 62 BIH.
3. M. Craig - UAE. Dubai - 62 BIH.

Handicap - 15 - 28

1. S. MacLennan - Glencruitten - 64.
2. J. MacCallum - Killin - 65.
3. G. Crockett - Killin - 66 BIH.

Killin Open Trophy -

G. Smith - Killin.

Best Nett Trophy - A. Hill - Taynult.

P.S. We are also pleased to record that one of our ex-captains - and a senior to boot - Alf Muller, brilliantly got "a hole in one" at the second. If you didn't get a drink from Alf at the time as most of us did. it's too late now! Well done Alf!

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We would like to invite you to join us at our monthly meetings held in the Lesser McLaren Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm. (October to April)

We have a varied programme, with invited speakers covering topics such as cookery, arts and crafts, health and beauty, travel and topical issues that members may be interested in.

In addition, we entertain the schoolchildren for their Christmas party, support the Scottish War Blinded (annual whist drive) and hold various fund raising events for specified charities. Not forgetting ourselves, we hold an annual January birthday party and time an outing each May. (theatre, meal, any suggestions)

For a total of £5.50 annual membership and 50p per meeting including a cup of tea, we feel that it is tremendous value for an informative entertaining evening spent among friends.

Looking forward to seeing you at our October meeting,

Liz Lambert - President.
Bunty MacGregor - Secretary

The Brownies

At the Killin Show the Brownies managed to raise £70. with their rattle. We would like to thank everyone for their help and support.

Although the Brownies have by now got started again, if anyone still wants to join, aged about 7. please come along to the Church Hall any Monday night. 6.15 - 7.45.

Fiona Mitchell.

Killin Breadalbane Angling Club

The 1997 season is drawing to a close and the usual mixed bag of tales can be cast into memories. It has been Ian Downie's year, retaining the Club Championship, winning the Peter Ross, the heaviest fish and bag cups and is leading in the salmon trophies as well. Angus McLennan stopped Ian's run by winning the handicapped cup. The last trophy is the 'Awa Cup' at North Third with John Scougall defending. I would remind members that any motions for discussion on the 10th November should be put in writing to the secretary two weeks prior to the meeting.

Thanks are due to Jack Scougall, George Main, Steve Bergin and Sid Haydock. for assisting Peter Anderson at the Angling Corner during the Highland Games. George won the club salmon casting competition on the day with Sid second. George also took charge of the junior casting section with such expertise that his photo appeared in one of the prominent weekly newspapers. Fame at last!

The Club purchased a new boat for checking up on anglers fishing without permits, and this is in the capable hands of Neil Cairns and Ian Downie, so look out! They intend to make a substantial return on our investment.

Assistance will be required to take the boats off the water for the winter, and carry out repairs and painting, so take note many hands make light work.

Postscript: The visit to Vale of Leven Angling Club, Loch Lomond.

As all the Angling Club members will know there is an annual exchange of visits between the two clubs, (See K.N. July Issue].

Our trip to Loch Lomond took place on 23rd August when some 17 of our members set off for Loch Lomond for a day's fishing, hopefully for salmon. We were welcomed by the Vale of Leven Club and assigned to the various boats, all managed by experienced Loch Lomond Ghillies! The day passed happily with many fishing stories being exchanged. Lunch was had on the island of Inchmurrin where a splendid barbecue awaited us with associated refreshment. (Please note there is no truth in the story that optics were nailed to the trees). After a goodly and refreshing lunch we all made our way back to the boats.

The final result of a day spent in lovely weather on the beautiful loch was that one boat ghillied by the champion. Danny Shaw, landed 5 pike weighing 30 lbs. No salmon! The Killin members who won the bottle of whisky from the V.L.A.C. were Ian Downie, George Main and Sinclair Aitken. Danny of course won our bottle for being the best ghillie of the day.

The day ended with a fine buffet at the splendid club premises of the V.L.A.C.

Post post script: We should record the fact that one of our members had an unexpected swim in the Loch. It was a somewhat sobering experience as the water was cold. But he survived to tell the tale and was none the worse for the dip!

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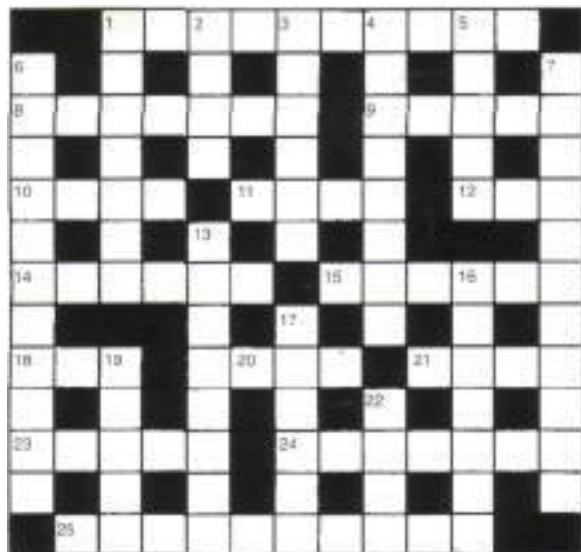
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Crossword By Leo

ACROSS

DOWN



1. Arbitrator cut short Northern drum, no right for 25 (10)
5. Regret hook? Don't eat the leaves! (7)
9. Secretary loves heal (5)
10. Lunchtime either way (4)
11. Railway? It's for a UK citizen
12. Crustacean could give you this
14. An answer to 1 and 25 (3, 3)
15. Not a day pupil, not a cusp (6)
18. Catch ten backwards (3)
20. Alone and blue (4)
21. Love glove dump (4)
23. Song in disc back for three (5)
24. Crib? O no, gaily (3,4)
25. Piece left bits in ruins for 1 (10)

1. A curious without one is harsh! (7)
2. Terror in safe area
3. Some new Christian could be? (6)
4. To return in people for system of signs (8)
5. Neuter? Scare off sex anyway (5)
6. By darn! Sweet meat (6, 5)
7. Cage Eastern portion in measure of concord (11)
13. You won't get in here if you've "5'ed"! (4,4)
16. Immerse in thousand dearer melt down (7)
17. Olympic starters? (6)
19. In this lair there's a backward test (5)
22. Social worker I oppose (4)

Solution to last Crossword

Across - 1. Mixed Doubles, 9. Engraving, 10.12. Comet Hale-Bopp, 11. Pennon, 13. Ewer, 14. Reversal, 16. Stopcock, 19. Scut, 21. Rheostat, 22. Calico, 25. Idaho, 26. Pointless, 27. Effervescent

Down - 2. Ingenue, 3. Erato, 4. Dais, 5. Up-graded, 6. Loch Ewe, 7. Symbols, 8. Stipulations, 9. Express train, 15. Scrapper, 17. Operate, 18. Cast off, 20. Crimean, 23. Attic, 24. Time

Some Results from the Agricultural Show

Sheep: Judge - Mr W. McKinnon.
Champion came from Glentarken (R.J.McLarty). Reserve from Braes of Ardeonaig (Mr J. Taylor).
Commercial Cattle:
Judge - Ms McLarty (Oban).
Champion Limoussin Calf (Chesthill, Glenlyon).
Highest Number of Points: Shenlarich (R McDiarmid & Co.)
Reserve Champion from Shenlarich.
Highland Cattle: Judge : J. Redpath, Knowehead Farm, Alyth.
Champion from Mr and Mrs Lacey, Lawers Farm.

Other Results: W.R.I. - Ardeonaig. Hill Race - P. Kennedy, Ft. William. Floral Art - Mrs H. Taylor, Braes of Ardeonaig. Handcraft - Pat Christie. Home Craft - Mrs J. Higgins. Vegetable and Flower - Mr Len Fenton. Girls Cup - Siobhan Anderson. Boys Cup - Robert Brown. Baking Cup - Bunty MacGregor. Bonny Baby - Franceses Wilkes, Swindon.

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Killin Mothers and Toddlers

Following the AGM on 13 August 1997 the new committee members are:

Chairperson: Elaine Turner
Treasurer: Lorraine Pritchard
Secretary: Julie Rhys
Committee: Susan McRobbie

Toddlers meet every Friday from 9.30 to 11.30 am in the Church Hall except on the first Friday of the month when we meet in the Nursery building. We welcome babies as well as toddlers to come along, bring mum or dad and meet others in the group. We provide a wide range of toys, jigsaws and books for the kids and tea or coffee for the parents, in hopefully an informal and friendly atmosphere. Just turn up at any time throughout the session or if you would like to know more then contact Julie Rhys on 01567 820 753.

WANTED

Kind owner to cat-sit if owner is away for a weekend. It would entail moving into the cat's house, centrally heated! fridge and freezer would be left full! cat's don't care if their owner is young or old! Catcall - 820298

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