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FREE

Wind Farm for Glen Ogle?



A Wind Farm in Altamant Pass, California, USA

Word has reached us that the wind power 'clean' energy debate has come to our corner of the country. Following the recent 'switching on' of the last of 34 turbines at a site on three hill tops in Ross-shire, comes the news that a planning application has been lodged with Stirling Council for a Wind Farm in Glen Ogle, consisting of 25 conical towers, 39 metres high, each with a 17 metre long blade. Clearly there is considerable interest in the use of wind energy and its supporters claim that wind power could generate up to 10% of Scotland's electricity needs.

So Glen Ogle is the most recent site for such a proposed development, probably located in the area due North of Lochearnhead, East of the summit of Ben Leobhan and near a group of Lochans, almost equidistant between Killin and Lochearnhead. The 'Farm' would in fact be out of sight of both villages, and probably not visible from the main roads.

Nevertheless objections will be made to the development. Already the

possibility of 'noise pollution' has been identified by some local people from the noise created by the 25 devices which will carry on the prevailing wind. Clearly the whole development has to be carefully assessed in terms of environmental impact, danger to wildlife, damage to a bog area by the construction of concrete plinths and access roads.

It is, however somewhat reassuring to know that Stirling Council will not be considering the planning application until full and widespread consultation has been carried out; already the R.S.P.B. and Scottish Natural Heritage and other organisations have been contacted for their views. All comments will continue to be given serious consideration.

But even planning approval if granted by the Council must also be supported by separate Scottish Office approval, and the issuing of a licence to operate. It will therefore be some time yet before we know how the matter has been resolved.

National Trust for Scotland

On the 27th October the Trust invited members of Killin Heritage Society to an afternoon tea party at the Cruachan Tearoom. This was to celebrate the end of the season's manning of Moirlannich Longhouse in Glenlochay since the opening Alex Lindsay, the Regional in July. Director, thanked Heritage members for their help and support, and Yvonne MacPherson for her work co-ordinating and keeping an eye on things over the summer.

There was also a slide show reminding us of how the 'cottage' looked before restoration, drawing our attention to another restoration at Cottown near Errol. The latter, an old Schoolhouse with clay walls and thatched roof will be worth a visit in the near future.

Members of the Heritage Society enjoyed a grand afternoon tea with lashings of home d,

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Killin Community Council

Annual General Meeting - 9th October, 1997.

Chairman, lan MacGregor, thanked participants for coming to the final meeting of the outgoing Community Council. The incoming Community Council is being set up under new procedures by Stirling Council. In his summing up of a year subject to big political changes, the chairman mentioned some of the positives:-

- 1. The new play park.
- Improvement to parking at the west-end of the village.
- 3. The youth club up and running
- 4. Opening of the new water works.
- Jake Green's barrow and Glady's ice cream van controversies being resolved.

On the negative side lan felt disappointment at:-

- Lack of progress on housing at the Mart.
- The need for toilets at Breadalbane Park.
- 3. Scrub which is obscuring vision at the Dochart Bridge.
- The non-resolution of the Community Bus problems.
- The standstill regarding the CCTV cameras.

The Chairman thanked all members of the outgoing Community Council and paid tribute to Secretary Hope MacDonald's work. He also indicated that, after seventeen years on the Community Council, he felt that it was time to stand down. Mr Gauld expressed the appreciation of the Council for Mr MacGregor's long service and particularly in this the existing Council's final year.

It was recognised that some unfinished business would properly become the concern of the incoming Council.

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- The Mart Mr Gauld reported that work had started on conversions of the Mart basement into two flats. No mention of houses had been made however.
- Attention was drawn to the lack of proper facilities at the bus stop and the telephone box at Lix Toll,
- Pat Christie drew attention to the dangerous drop at the side of the Killin to Auchlyne road, opposite the Allt Eilidh burn. Vehicles could easily drop down to the river.
- 4. Passing places Ardeonaig Road reply received from the Stirling Council. Higher priority signs will be replaced soon when finance permits.

A number of concerns arose:

- 1. Manhole cover on the library road very dangerous.
- 2. Need for ramp handrail at the public toilets at west end of the village.
- Need for parking for library lack of adequate facility.
- 4. Copies of the financial statement were circulated and have been approved by the Auditor.
- Concern was expressed at the lack of follow through from Stirling Councillor and low attendance at the Community Council meetings.
- A bouquet of flowers for Hope MacDonald was unanimously agreed.

In conclusion Ian MacGregor wished the incoming Councillors well.

A.Walker, Acting Secretary.

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Strathfillan Community Council

The Strathfillan Community Council successfully applied for a 'Community Environment Grant" from Stirling Council. The £700 will be used to mend roadside picket fencing and to paint the pedestrian underpass in Crianlarich. Although the full £1000 which we applied for wasn't received, we cant complain as the Crianlarich Community Woodland and the Primary School Tree Nursery both received some funds from the scheme.

Being the last meeting of the old Community Council John Riley was thanked for his dedicated hard work as Chairman over the past three years. Sometimes it takes a long time for the work of a Community Council to reap rewards, vet there can be no doubt that it is worth-In 1995 we completed our Public Transport Survey of Strathfillan. Armed with the community's requests we have lobbied for a return service to Stirling. It is very pleasing that the new monthly Saturday service is now being tested. Likewise, the Strathfillan Community Development Trust s making serious headway in putting together a package to secure the empty British Rail Cottages in Crianlarich for local use. This has all originated from the pleas and deliberation on from the Community Council - these started way back in 1994

Further plans have resulted in consultants being appointed to look at traffic calming/controlling measles - Tyndrum. Once they've put together the proposals there will be a period of Public Consultation. Our main concerns include the speed of traffic, the lack of proper bus stop facilities and the parking of coaches and lorries on pavements and in front of the Mansefield houses.

Best wishes to the new Strathfillan Community Council.

Sue Wyllie, Secretary.



McLaren Hall Committee

Annual General Meeting Wednesday 29th October 1997

The A.G.M. met in the Lesser McLaren Hall and was chaired by Mr W. Stitt. There was a good turn out representing the various clubs and societies who use the Hall.

The lighting problem in the Main Hall in relation to the Badminton Club has not been solved. No other form of lighting has been decided upon. New bulbs have been ordered to replace the blown ones. This problem, along with upgrading the toilets, is to be considered when the Committee apply for grants. It was reported that the Hall was now licensed to hold outside sales (subsequently confirmed at 36 per annum). Hall rental charges were discussed and a proposal to raise them by 25% was agreed.

Reference was made to a Feasibility Study submitted to the Committee previously on the viability of using the McLaren Hall to increase the number of village events, although it gave some historical background, and some figures of costings, based on ten events per year, there did not seem to be enough evidence that this was needed or could be achieved. There was also some confusion as to who might be doing the organising. No decisions were taken about the study.

Election of Office Bearers

Mr W. Stitt announced that he would not be standing for re-election. There was only one nominee for a successor, namely Dr. David Syme, who was therefore elected. The rest of the office bearers agreed to continue.

Chairman: Dr. D. Syme; Secretary: G. Mardon: Treasurer : C.McRae;

Booking Secretary: E. Woods.

Mr J. Willison gave a vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman who had been in the post for 19 years. The meeting responded with a round of applause in appreciation of his hard work and commitment.

New Year Dance

Lodge Breadalbane St. Fillans will be holding the traditional New Year Dance on 1st January, 1998 in the McLaren Hall at 9.00. pm. Admission will be by ticket only, available from Douglas McRobbie, William Stitt. Tommy Coffield and Alex Stewart. There will be the usual restriction on numbers so book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

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A great deal of roaring may exchange across hill and glen before two stags actually come to lock horns in a battle of strength. victor will then have that particular group of hinds as his harem - at least till another stag comes along. early November the stags are very thin and tired or 'run' and have had little time to rest or eat. It is during the rut that the stag stalking takes place.

Not only every season, but every day is different, you never know how it will turn out or what will happen next. Several years ago, while walking grouse at The Rhealdt (near Ben Lawers) a lady's stick went straight into the peat. In the hole which appeared was a stag. He had fallen in and the sides were too deep and steep for him to climb out. After a little help from his friends (the bad cruel stalker pulled him out by his horns) he ran away and lived to fight another day.



No matter how the stalk goes, if it is successful, the dead stag needs to be brought back to the larder. A 12 -19 stone dead weight is not an easy It is usually roped round burden. the horns and head, a stick put through the other end of the rope and dragged to a point where an ATV can reach it. Ponies used to he used but now there are many places where experienced ponymen who know the safe routes over the hills are impossible to find. A ghillie's job is not an easy one - to be observant, know the ground and to be in the right place at the right time in all weathers. So good ghillies are hard to get. That is why we tend to grow our own at Boreland (we are now on phase 2).

So the stag season is over and the hind season is well underway. friend in Sutherland put 'Stags' and

"Hinds' on his bar toilets. This was all right during the winter but he realised that the tourists could not cope, when the seat was left up in the 'Hinds'!

Let's hope all goes well and at least some of the older and not so well hinds need not have to wait for the winter cold to end their days.

Tim Frost



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Remember to secure garden sheds, garages and outbuildings which are a target for travelling criminals. The value of 'bits and pieces' you have stored there can amount to a considerable sum if you have to replace them.

If you have any queries regarding home security, contact the local Police office for further information or a house security survey.

Cyclists

All cyclists are reminded of the need for lights on their bikes when using them on dark winter nights. Parents should consider the benefits of children wearing fluorescent and reflective clothing and a recommended helmet. These items could save your child's life.

Motorists

With the onset of winter motorists are advised to check the condition of their tyres and lights, (both sidelights and headlights).

Also, give yourself that extra few minutes in the morning before you have to start your journey to enable your vehicle to warm up and defrost your windscreen. Don't try to drive with a 1 inch circle cleared in front of you and everything else frosted up.

Remember to wear your seat belts. It is the responsibility of the individual to wear a seatbelt unless the passenger is under 14 years of age, whereupon the responsibility for that person wearing a seatbelt lies with the driver of the vehicle.

In the run up to the festive period, the intensity of road checks increases, both locally and throughout the country, so don't be caught out.

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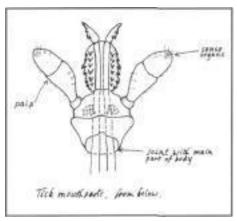
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Beware Of Ticks: Part 2

To continue the story about ticks, let's be clear, ticks have no head in the true sense of the word, but the body is divided only into the small front part consisting of the mouth and jaws, and the main part which bears the walking limbs and contains all other organs. Breathing is done through two holes. one on each side of the body, behind the legs. The mouthpart 'works' are

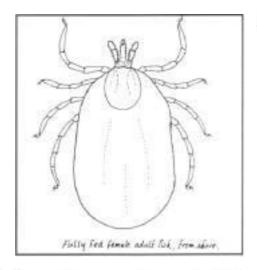


fascinating, in spite of the irritation with which we humans, as unwilling hosts, react to the bite.

The mouthparts, like the legs, have their skeleton on the outside and are worked by muscles and tendons on the inside. First the 'bite-site' is chosen using sense organs on the club shaped 'palps'. Then the tooth-like end-pieces of the mouthparts cut their way into the skin blood vessels with an outward, horizontal movement. Next come the parts armed with backward-pointing hooks, which form such a secure attachment to the skin that the beast cannot easily be dislodged, even by scratching. claws on the legs are relatively small and weak, and not designed for strong attachment to the host. Once the mouthparts are settled in for a good feed, blood can be pumped up into the gut of the tick, but to make sure it does not clot and cause a blockage, an anticoagulant is injected into the wound. In common with other tiny blood-feeding creatures, it is this saliva which creates the irritation in the skin during and after feeding. It is also the means by which disease agents can be passed to the host.

Removal of ticks sometimes worries people. I find that the best method is grasping with fine, chisel-edged tweezers and giving a sharp tug towards the rear of the animal (the free, unattached end). For many years when I was a zoology student, and later when researching fleas, I examined many ticks with a stereo microscope, after removal from myself. Never once did I find that the mouthparts had been left behind, but rather they often came away with a piece of my skin attached!

David Mardon.





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Lyme Disease and Tick Removal: The Medical Viewpoint

First of all the name: Lyme disease was named for the town of Old Lyme, where the first cases were described. It is caused by a spiral organism, Borrelia Burgdorferi, which is transmitted by the ticks, whose lifestyle is so eloquently described by David Mardon.

Cases of the disease have been described in Scotland and some Scottish ticks are known to be infected. We are often asked about prevention and treatment. The best thing is not to be bitten! Ticks prefer wooded areas and grassland, as well as bracken. Attachment can be discouraged by wearing long trousers, tucking them into socks and so on. Unfortunately this isn't very handy in the summer.

If you are bitten, it is clear that the best way to remove them is by grasping them with fine tweezers below the body and pulling gently but firmly. The tick with them disengage the

barbs on its mouthparts. It will rather let go than be pulled apart! I find that rotation helps, the direction of rotation doesn't matter. Vets sell a device for removing ticks from dogs which is quite handy, less bother, and probably less dangerous, than messing around with butter or lighted cigarettes. It is also less likely to result in injection of infected material.

Although many ticks will carry the infective organism, it doesn't follow that you will be infected. It takes 36 - 48 hours for transmission of the organism to happen and most ticks will be removed long before that. We don't recommend routine antibiotic protection as the problems associated with antibiotics would probably outweigh the benefit*. However, you should be aware that a red "bulls-eye" rash, typically spreading out like a ripple from the centre, is a common sign of infection. In this case we would treat with antibiotics, which are curative, although you need a longer course than for most infections. Other signs of infection are numerous. and require skill to tease out from those of other diseases. Perhaps they might be the subject of a future article!

* Dennis. David T Meltzer, Martin Antibiotic Prophylaxis after Tick Bites. Lancet 350 p 1191 October 1997.

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Sample the whisky to check for quality.

Take a large bowl. Check the whisky again. To be sure of the highest quality, pour one level cup and drink. Repeat. Turn on the electric mixer, beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of sugar and beat again. Make sure the whisky is still OK. Cry another tup. Turn off the mixer. Break two leggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit. Mix on the turner. If the fried druit gets stuck on the beaters



pry it loose with a drewscriver. Sample the whisky to check for tonsiscity. Next, sifty two cups of salt, or something. Who cares? Check the whisky. Now, sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table and spoon of sugar or something. Whatever you can find. Grease the

A Dog's Memorial

On the unmetalled road below the Loch-na-Lairige Dam which gives access to the Tarmachan Ridge, there is a well made memorial stone on the right of the track as you go west. An inscription inlaid on a granite slab: Major Ben Lawers, Pyrenean Mountain Dog - 19.9.72 to 9.3.80.

Does anyone know the story of this dog and its memorial? From the name of the dog he obviously belonged to someone who knew and loved the mountains.

A Walker

oven. Turn the cake to 350 degrees. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Throw the bowl out of the window. check the whisky and go to bed.



Fiona and Judy, Hiccup!!

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Christmas Menu

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McLaren Community Leisure Centre Update

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With the roof in place, important interior work can now go ahead, undisturbed by the autumn and winter weather. Many of the main sports facilities are basically in place, as the swimming pool has now been formed, and the floors to areas such as the indoor bowling hall, squash courts, changing rooms etc. have been laid, the final playing surfaces will be completed towards the end of the project.

The main building contractor has said that they are on schedule to hand over the completed building on May 4th 1998. It is anticipated that the leisure centre will therefore be open to the public in early June following a commissioning period when all systems can be tested, newly recruited staff be trained and familiarise themselves with the new leisure centre. The recruitment process for the crucial post of leisure centre manager has now commenced, and an appointment will be made in the new year. There will be much demanding work for the new manager in setting up systems and procedures, marketing the leisure centre and recruiting staff, prior to the building's handover from the builders.

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Membership fee for frequent users, (this fee will cover a member's full use.) Reduced membership fee for regular users, who will pay a small additional fee for each visit. Pay as you go for casual users.

The Committee is delighted at the level of financial contribution from donations and fund raising events, and would like to express their Sincerest thanks. However, fund raising will need to continue to ensure that there are sufficient funds available to be able to purchase essential equipment.

We hope to bring you further updates in the new year, when we shall report on the levels of fees and charges, and the appointment of the manager.



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McLaren High School News

Congratulations go to Sixth Year pupil Kirsy Kennedy of Killin on her election to the position of Student Representative on Stirling Council's Children's Committee. The election involved all Stirling Council Secondary School pupils with only one



representative to be elected. Well done to Kirsty on her success we are sure she will do an excellent job of presenting views of all secondary pupils in the Stirling area.

On Wednesday 8 October saw a Mufti Day in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust. The whole school got involved, paying for the privilege of wearing casual clothes - brave ones dressing up!

The lunchtime karaoke was probably the highlight of the day. The assembly hall was crammed full of pupils and teachers, all eager to see the "talents" of those with a temporary bout of confidence!

Prizes were awarded to the best fancy dress costumes, and the pleasantly surprising total of around £645 raised contributed to the overall success of the day.

A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped, especially Mr Milligan, Mr Morrow, the Janitors and the Judges.

K Paton, Assistant Rector,

mufti from the Collins Addendum: Concise = civilian dress, esp., as worn by a person who normally wears a military uniform.

Aileen Steven - School Of Highland

I have now had a highland dancing class in Crianlarich Hall for a year and have fourteen pupils with sessions every Tuesday night. There are various ages and abilities but the main objective is to learn and enjoy this form of traditional dance.

Claire. Amy, Margaret. Siobhan, Kirsty and Lisa.

It is good to see some boys coming to the class because at one time men dominated the Highland dance scene and women excluded from competing.



Back Row: Lyndsey Marno, Claire Johnston, Amy Carson, Margaret MacLennan First Row: Siobhan Anderson, Lisa Hancock, Kirsty Sommerville, Hayley Coleman

In June of this year four pupils sat their first medal tests and I am pleased to say they all did very well. Margaret MacLennan passed her **Beginners** Highland Fling with a Pass, Lyndsey Marno and Amy Carson passed their Bronze with a Commended and Claire Johnston also did her Bronze passing with a Highly Commended. They all received certificates and medals and hopefully we will see more results in the future. Also, we had four of the younger pupils dancing at a ceilidh in Ardeonaig in the spring. They were Siobhan Anderson, Kirsty Sommerville, Ashley Hunter and Lisa Hancock and all performed exceptionally well for their first public appearance. On a slightly bigger scale we then had seven dancing at the Killin Show. Lyndsey, However traditions changed and now if you are to go round the Highland Games and competitions the majority of dancers are female. in saying that, at the Cowal Games this year, the World Championship took place and the Adult World Title went to Gregor Bowman from Dundee.

I find it a great pleasure teaching Highland Dancing and look forward to our Tuesday sessions. 1 hope to be back with more news and results in the future and lake this opportunity to thank all those who support the class bringing their children from Killin. Ardeonaig, Lochearnhead, Tyndrum and Crianlarich.

Aileen



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Killin Mountain Rescue Team

On two occasions this year people who have had serious falls resulting in major injuries and consequent rescue by the Killin Mountain Rescue Team, have returned to the area to pay tribute and thanks to their rescuers.

The first casualty was a lad called Hector Bunting who fell some distance over a rock face and down a steep slope above Monachyle Mhor, Balquhidder, where he sustained head injuries, broken collar bone, cracked ribs and pelvic injuries. He was treated on the scene then air-lifted to hospital. The team members present were invited up to Monachyle Mhor restaurant for refreshments etc., where they were met by Hector, his family and friends and thanked for their efforts.

The second incident actually happened some four years ago and happened not for away - in fact up the golf course burn (gorge). One sunny summer day a party of female German Venture Scouts were descending from the Tarmachan Ridge after night stopping at the quarry when Anna Klatte slipped and fell some 30-40 feet into the gorge and on to the rocks. She was seriously injured and required

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urgent evacuation to hospital. helicopter performed a very difficult recovery, where-by the pilot held the aircraft in hover over the gorge while the winchman came down through the trees to the burn floor. Anna was swiftly loaded on to the stretcher and off to hospital firstly to Stirling then to Edinburgh's Specialist Liver Unit where she spent some considerable lime and had several operations.

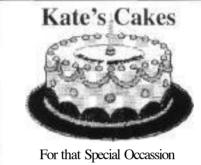
Anna returned to Killin again this year to meet the team members, have a chat and thank them personally. We were also asked to show her where it all happened because she had no recollection of what went wrong other than that of slipping so once again we obliged. A few photos were taken and this time we walked safely out. Her next port of call in Scotland was in Mull so her favourite local policeman, none other than Ian Donaldson himself, just happened to be going to the west so a lift was accepted.

These are just two of the incidents that make all the hours of training worthwhile.

Next Issue

First, may we wish all our readers, writers and advertisers a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. May 1998 be good for us all!

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



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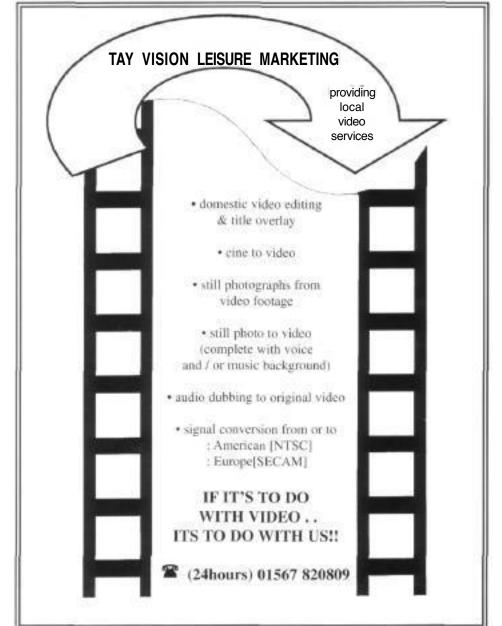
Jim Cushley's letter about the extravagance of using tax payers money to litter the area with new bollards to supposedly stop accidents, stimulated us to ask about the latest round of spending in resurfacing the lay-bys in Glen Ogle and then closing them all off! You may have noticed for some months now since the lovely new tarmac was laid, the colourful array of red and white dunces hats (we reckon they forgot to take them away with them!) All that money spent on them - to cone them off - we couldn't understand it!

We asked Stirling Council who said that they were contracted to do the work by The Scottish Office (it is a trunk road and therefore maintained financially by The Scottish Office). Upon completion of the work, someone in Stirling Council became concerned over visibility when cars were pulling out of the lay-bys. They decided in the light of the danger to

road users to close the lay-bys. They hadn't anticipated the actions of tourists who stop on the main road, get out their cars, move the cones and park in the lay-bys. This causes much more of a hazard than a car pulling out!

When we spoke to The Scottish Office they said that they are "conducting a safety audit" on the lay-bys and subject to the result will either spend more money officially closing these unofficial lay-bys or will once again open the lay-bys in January, when all the tourists have gonenever mind, we are sure it will give the snow-plough somewhere to pile the snow!

The most intriguing aspect of this is the mysterious way the cones are magically replaced every day. We have decided that the 'cone fairy' is responsible - Oh yes she is!



Highland Cross

The Highland Cross was held on 21st June This is an annual sponsored event consisting of a 20 mile run followed by a 30 mile cycle stretching from Kintail in the west to Beauly on the East coast.

Team members representing Killin were Duncan MacDonald. Morag McLeod (formerly of the Bank of Scotland, Killin) and Graham Steele of Aberfeldy.

Duncan would like to thank all who sponsored him, to the tune of £225. which gave the team a total of £535 for Highland charities.

Duncan's time was 5 hrs 25 seconds.



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Some months ago Duncan McDonald asked me if I fancied helping him in a 190 mile coast to coast endurance race across Scotland which took the form of running, cycling and canoeing. Once I had stopped laughing and he had explained that he was only looking for a back up man. I agreed. My tasks were quite simple, put the tents up and down, make copious amounts of tea and the odd snack, and ensure that his bike and canoe were in the right place at the right time. Duncan's tasks however were not so straightforward. The race in its third year was sponsored by Bennachie Scotch Whisky and was run over three days.

Day 1, Friday 29 August (Duncan's overall time was 6 hours 8 minutes). The start point was near the Ballachulish Bridge. The first leg was a 2.7 mile run from the bridge towards Glencoe, there he picked up his bike and cycled the 96 miles to Blair Castle via Tyndrum, Crianlarich, Killin, Fearnan, Tummel Bridge and Killiecrankie.

Day 2, Saturday (Duncan's overall time was 5 hours I minute). This was a tough

28 mile cross country / mountain run starling in the grounds of Blair Castle, through Glen Tilt and the Linn of Dee and finishing in the games park at Braemar were we camped overnight.

Day 3, Sunday (Duncan's overall time was 5 hours 28 minutes). This was another tough one. Starting at the gates of the Braemar games field there was a 1 mile run followed by a 45 mile cycle through Potarch and on to Durris, swap the bike for a canoe, paddle 16 miles down the Dee to Aberdeen, dump the canoe at Aberdeen Boat Club and run the remaining 2 miles to the Girdleness Lighhouse and the race finish.

The hard part over - all that remained was the prize giving ceremony. This was in The Beach Ballroom in Aberdeen and was given as a civic reception by the Lady Provost who presented the various prizes to the winners and runners up. There were about 124 competitors, competing either as individuals or in teams of two. This extremely physically demanding race proved to be quite an international affair. Most athletes were from this

country but America. Belgium. Norway. New Zealand, Australia, France and Italy were also represented. The winning male was American, the winning female was Norwegian. The winning male team and the winning female team were both Scottish. New friends were made, phone numbers and addresses swapped and several are looking forward to next year's event.

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Halloween Dance

On Halloween the McLaren Hall Management Committee ran a Fancy Dress Dance in aid of Hall Funds. A special prize for the ugliest was won by Geraldine McKenna and a prize was also given for the best dressed behind the bar - won by Lesley Graham.

The band 'Just the Ticket' had us all dancing off our feet, leaving only the fit able to cope.

A special thanks to all involved in this successful evening which has added £480 to Hall Funds.

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St. Fillans Episcopal Church

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Following morning Holy Communion a luncheon party was held in the church hall. Dr Weaver, Chairman, thanked Rev Symon for his three years service to the Church and wished him and his wife well in their retirement. He was then presented with a collection of CD's of Beethhoven Piano Concertos and a cheque for £275. Mrs Audrey Weaver was presented with a book token and thanked for her work for S. Fillans, Mr Symon responded with grateful thanks and good wishes to all.

After lunch we were glad to welcome the Rev. Professor Robert Somerville (to be known as 'Robbie') who will succeed John Symon as our priest. He commenced his duties on Sunday 21st September. He lives in Blairgowrie and we are most grateful to him for undertaking this journey every Sunday.

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The retiring Chairman. Bill Stitt, would like to express his thanks to all the secretaries and treasurers who gave him so much assistance and support throughout the 19 years he served in office.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sent flowers, cards and gifts during my recent operation. It was so very kind of you all. Also special thanks to all the local doctors and nurses.

Claire Ramsay

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all the ladies in Killin who have helped me, as I am very disabled. Thanks especially to Jean Henderson who puts herself at risk sometimes by going out on the road to stop the traffic so that I can cross the street. Many thanks also to all the girls in the local shops who do everything in their power to help and also take my groceries to my car. Thank you all.

Kathy Dynowski

We would like to thank everyone in Killin who helped to make our 30th Wedding Anniversary / 50th Birthday celebration on 20 September such a memorable occasion. Special thanks to Rev. Prof. R G Sommerville and the congregation of St Fillan's Scottish Episcopal Church.

Many thanks to all involved in the auction sale which raised £800 for the RHSC Oncology Dept.

Particular thanks also to the Clachaig Hotel for the use of their premises. "Guess the Amount" in the Counter Bottle was won by Peter Riley and raised our evening total to a magnificent £1,135. Your help and support was greatly appreciated.

Morag McNee

We hope by the time this is published we will have sent our thanks by letter, to everyone who gave us such beautiful gifts and cards, and we apologise to anyone we may have missed.

Our very special thanks go to our daughter and son-in-law, Mhari and Paul Riddell, our son Graeme and his fiancee Bindi Webster, for all the help they gave us, and our grand-daughter Siobhan for being the best bridesmaid in Scotland. Our grateful thanks to you all.

Lorraine & Howard Pease 5 Meadowbank Road, Largs.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone in Killin for all the lovely gifts and cards received on the safe arrival of Liam on 28 September 1997 - and a good Christmas to everyone!

Norman & Margie Hinks

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all doctors and nurses who looked after me whilst I was ill in hospital recently. Grateful thanks also to all who gave me fruit, flowers and cards and a special thank you to Morag and Archie for their care of my little Tootsie.

Mary A Cameron, Ardshean, Craignavie Road, Killin.

Heritage Society: Stop Press

The Heritage Society would like to remind members and friends that the December meeting has been changed to Friday 28th November. The speaker will be Dr C. Craik on 'Space Exploration and Astronomy.' The meeting will be held in the Lesser McLaren Hall at 8 pm. All welcome.

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Mervyn's Weather



LETTERS



Sir,

Dear Sir

So far as late summer and early autumn is concerned. 1997 must surely be claimed as a vintage year - certainly as regards hill farming. Indeed, with the exception of February, June and some short unsettled spells, most of the year has been benign and lacking in extremes of temperature, rainfall and wind strength. Now, as October goes to rest, the days are mild, sunny and quiet with just the odd frosty night to remind us that November is waiting in the wings, although usually once a weather pattern is established it takes a bit of breaking up.

While the autumn colours are in places as glorious as always, many trees are still retaining their full greenery making the spectrum of shades all the more noticeable. Growth of grass throughout the growing season has been exceptional and many "last cuts" of lawns have proved false! An almost embarrassing amount of hay and silage has been secured and whereas in many years farmers have jumped at the chance of an "extra cut" of silage, this year many fields have remained as grazing - no complaints!

With 1997 soon drawing to a close, and having enjoyed three "good" summers, one wonders what 1998 will produce? The more "good" years we get, the higher the likelihood of a stinker!!

Mervyn Browne 30 October 1997 We have just spent a most enjoyable week in your lovely village, thanks in no small part to the welcome we were given by the locals. Without exception, everyone was helpful and friendly, finding time to pass the time of day or offer advice, no matter how busy they were. This was true of both shop proprietor and assistants, in butchers, bakers, grocer, newsagents, tearooms and gift shops.

We have travelled the length and breadth of Great Britain but have not come across anywhere so welcoming. We felt like valued customers, not passing tourists, and there is no doubt we shall return. Through your Newsletter, max we compliment the whole village and assure your businesses that customer service in Killin takes some beating.

Rob and Alison Cunningham Mexborough, South Yorkshire.

Dear Sir

To all parents and pet lovers. I have been particularly disgusted over the last two weeks at the number of broken beer bottles I have found all along the pavements of Main Street, Killin. What is worse, in the grass opposite my own home, my two grandchildren were practising some golf and came running back with handfuls of broken glass. I cannot understand why people will not put their empty bottles in the proper litter bins provided for them.

Jean Henderson 10 Fingal Road, Killin. I do not intend getting into a war of words with Mr Wilson in regard to this matter but I would like to point out one or two facts that seem to have eluded him when writing his rather lengthy reply.

- J. The Leisure Project began in 1990 and football had always been planned on the all weather surface as had netball and basketball. Council minutes will verify this as will minutes of the Public Meeting which Mr Wilson did not attend.
- 2. Tennis courts are indeed for tennis if only marked out for tennis, if Mr Wilson cares to look he will see the area is marked out for all the aforementioned sports.
- 3. The club's lease does indeed hold to the obligations Mr Wilson mentions, but that is for our members and our members only. Breadalbane park is a public park and a lot of non-members use it as well, e.g. Mr Wilsons comment in regard to golf balls landing in his garden. This is from youngsters who come down to the park to practice, I have often warned them about this.
- 4. I was chairman at the time of Mr Wilson's planning application and I raised with Bob Calvert of Stirling District my worries about a conservatory's glass strength to withstand footballs etc. but he said that the planners would stipulate a glass that would withstand this and to the best of my knowledge this is what happened.

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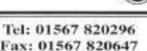
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6. On the subject of me looking for sympathy, I can only look for sympathy for the youngsters of Killin who have few enough facilities in Killin to be deprived of one of the most popular. I note in Mr Wilson's attack on me he never once referred to the reason for my initial letter but instead tried to defend by attacking.

In conclusion however, I note Mr Wilson's words in regard to holding out an olive branch and think it should be taken up at the earliest opportunity to see if agreement on the way forward can be reached. For this to happen we require negotiation and not threats and demands and in this regard I do not intend continuing this war of words and this letter will be my last word on the subject. Lastly I would like to thank everyone from the village and surrounding area who gave me such good support. / hope that you will now consider joining or assist in supporting the club to ensure it's future.

David Osler, Rowancroft, Killin

Killin Golf Club

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Prizewinners 1997

Ladies: Club Champion: Fiona Robertson. Runner-up: Fiona Ramsay. Fiona Robertson. Silver Medal: Robertson. Bronze Medal: Sheena Chisholm. Chrissie France Cup: Maureen Gauld. May Wilson Trophy: Jan Rough & Fiona Ramsay. SLGA Brooch: Maureen Gauld. Cancer Relief: Ann Smith. Red Cross Shield: (Eclectic Scratch) Fiona Robertson. Eclectic Handicap: Audrey Weaver. Captain's Prize: Audrey Weaver. Flag Competition: Ann Smith. Coronation Fours: Audrey Weaver & Elizabeth Ingram. R.S.S.PC.C.: Jan Rough, May Graham & Ruby Cannon. Ladies Pendant: Fiona Robertson. Birdie Tree: Fiona Robertson. Gleneagles Medal: Elizabeth Ingram.

Mixed: Sheena Chisholm & George Smith. Dr Stevenson Trophy: Sheena Chisholm & George Smith.

Gents: Club Champion: George Smith. C.C.
Runner-up: John Chisholm. Flag
Competition: Bill McPherson. Arrochar
Trophy: Bill McPherson. Captain's Putter:
Ian Ramsay. Fred France Trophy: Bill Rew.
George Smith Trophy: Ian Ramsay.
J.S.McLean Trophy: Jim McCallum &

George Smith. Grouse Trophy: Jim McCallum &.George Smith. G. Ferguson Trophy: Bill McPherson & Martin Jackson. Foursomes: Dickie Lewis & Jim McCallum. Fourball: Ian & Graham Ramsay. Dr. Wilson Trophy: Trevor Taylor. Jack Noble Trophy: Lawrence Brown. Medal Play-off: Jack Rough.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Seniors: Super Senior Trophy: George Spittal. Senior Trophy: Bill McPherson. John Hall: Lochay Trophy Bill Rew. Medal Playoff: Sinclair Aitken. Eclectic: George Smith.

Juniors: Champion: Richard Lewis. Runner-up: Angus Duncan. Category One: Bert Lancy Trophy - Mark Donnelly. Category Two: McArthur Trophy: Calum Frame. Category Three: Anniversary Trophy: Gemma Grant. Category Four: Junior Trophy: Rory Syme. Most Improved Golfer: Barry McGrandle.

Finally - Outstanding Performances in 1997. 1 .Fiona Robertson : Champion of Champions, Perthshire.

2.Fiona Ramsay: Holds new Killin Lady's Record Score of 66 scratch.

3.George Smith: Two holes in one this year.

1. King James VI Course, Perth and

2. 3rd Hole at Killin. (Drinks have already been dispersed.)

4.A. Muller: Hole in one in Killin Gents Open.

Outstanding Performance in 1997



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Drama Club Pantomime

Rehearsals arc well under way for this winter's pantomime "Dick Turpin' which the Drama Club are to present on the 15th, 16th and 17th January, 1998. All the classic ingredients are involved, with a larger than life "Dame', a couple of comic policemen, the villain with his cronies and of course a hero or two.

Dick Turpin was famous for robbing wealthy passengers on stage-coaches, a point which was brought to the attention of Stagecoach, the Perth based coach operator. On hearing that Dick Turpin was in the area the company quickly agreed to assist the club with a donation towards the cost of costumes.....just in case!

Some further financial help has been received towards the cost of costume hire and without giving away any secrets, the club is grateful to Robert Wiseman Dairies for their help.

Local children are very much involved, with some 'first-timers' playing the parts

of villagers and footmen, whilst those involved in previous productions are busily learning their lines for their 'speaking parts'. Most of the cast appear in a chaotic courtroom scene, where Judge Euan MacKenzie takes charge and quickly demonstrates that he will not stand for nonsense in HIS court.

This production is technically challenging. Some new special effects are being used for the first time and without doubt the show involves some of the most difficult scene changes attempted by the club so far. The club have enlisted the help of a fencing instructor to train actors to fight a duel with swords and a dancing teacher is also to assist with the production. As in previous years, friends throughout the village and beyond are assisting with the manufacture of 'props' and costumes.

Tickets will be on sale from mid-December and all involved will be hoping to build on the successes of previous years.

Killin Gun Club

Shoot results Sunday 12th October

D.T.L.

(Class A) I. J. Sinclair - 75. 2. D. Robertson - 73. 3 eq. E. McAllister & G. Mitchell-71.

(Class B) 1. D. Stewart - 69. 2. S. Argo - 55. 3. Jas Sinclair - 54.

(Class C) 1. M. Howson - 55. 2. E. Paterson - 52. 3. R. Lewis - 47.

Sporting

(Class A.) 1. P. Cramb - 66. 2. E. McAllister - 63. 3. A. Donaldson - 60. (Class B) 1. G. Mitchell - 56. 2. Jas Sinclair-54. 3. T. Frost-51.

(Class C) 1. D. Stewart - 51. 2. I. Fullerton & E. Paterson - 45.

Double Rise Competition

- 1. D. Howson -44.

2 eq. A. Campbell & S. Christie - 41. 4. E. McAllister - 38.

High Gun - E. McAllister - 134. 34 guns turned out on a dry cold day.

Shoot results Open 50 D.T.L. Sunday 7th September

Trap (*A*) 1. S. Ferguson - 74. 2 eq. E.McAllister & G. A. Webster - 70.

Trap (B) 1. E.McAllister - 71. 2. R.M.C. - 70. 3 eq. H. Campbell & G. A. Webster - 68.

High Gun Open - E.McAllister-141. **High Gun Club** - E. McAllister 141. 36 guns turned out on the day.

CD. Coyne, Secretary.

Killin Football

Last year's success for Killin A.F.C. in winning the Perthshire Division 3 Championship has continued into the new season.

Up to Saturday 25th October 6 League Games have been played, all at home, with 4 wins and two draws. In fact it is now about a year since Killin have lost a league game. In addition 3 games have been played in different cup competitions and although two ended in disappointment it was at the hands of Murray Royal and Bridge of Earn who finished second and third respectively in the First Division.

Results to date

Killin 2 v Comrie 0. Killin 2 v Vale of Earn 0. Killin 1 v Auchterarder 1. Killin 3 v Meigle 1. (Perthshire Cup). Killin 4 v Kinrossie 2. Killin 2 v Guildtown 2. Killin 4 v Vale of Atholl 3. Murray Royal 4 v Killin 1 (North of Tay Cup) Killin 1 v Bridge of Earn 2 (All penalties) (Ashleigh Cup).

The team's top scorers are Ally Farquhar (5) David Feaks (4) and David Riddell (3) Bill Douglas, Secretary.

Cancer Research

The Cancer Research Committee are holding their Annual Coffee Morning on Saturday 29th November from 10 am - 12 noon in the McLaren Hall. There will be a Christmas Gift and Baking Stall. Admission is £1.00 and 50p for children.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT A GOOD CAUSE.

Killin S.W.R.I.

The monthly meeting was held on 2nd October in the Lesser McLaren Hall. The speaker was Dr David Syme who showed slides giving excellent insight into the equipment used in mountain rescues and the places where rescues are carried out. Competition winners were Mrs M. Hunter and Mrs M. Graham. Killin will host the Group Meeting on 22nd October.

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Killin Breadalbane Angling Club

Conservation is a much used term but I refer, in this instance, to the beleaguered Scottish Salmon. In recent years the commercial nets on the River Tay have been bought by the Trust which is a major step in allowing more fish. However the Killin Club is the only riparian owner in the Tay system to restrict members catches. We have been applauded for this by those further down the river, and the beats above Killin have seen more salmon in the rivers and lochs.

However, these measures are not enough, and a wind of change is beginning to blow from the Tay Salmon Fisheries Board. The Board's officials are doing the rounds of owners and clubs advocating greater co-operation in taking further action. Some of our members went along with Richard Lyons, the board's biologist and his team, to watch them electro fishing some of the spawning burns. This is done on selective areas to establish the population of Salmon fry and one to three year old parr, and the results give a guide to the levels of spawning activity. Some of the results were astonishing. Small burns, which looked barren, produced amazing numbers of young salmon, whilst others were lacking good stocks.

Once the results have been tabulated they will be compared with previous years to show how things are shaping up for the future. The preliminary findings were varied. Previous good redds were down and others much the same. Presentation For Largest Salmon, Loch Tay



On behalf of Chris White of Luton, Bedfordshire. Gregor MacAulay accepts The Famous Grouse Trophy and gallon of Famous Grouse Whisky from Clachaig Hotelier, Elizabeth Douse. Chris caught the biggest salmon from the west end beat of Loch Tay in 1997 weighing 28 pounds. Well done Chris!

some even looking better than other years. In 1998 a major survey of every known spawning tributary will be carried out, and the results will give a more exact picture.

In the immediate future, there will be a salmon count, to see what the spawning fish are like this year. There will again be a ghillies' conference to emphasise the part they must play in ensuring all unclean and ripe fish are carefully returned. It is just as important to put back kelts, baggots and rawners, in the spring months, as it is to return coloured fish close to spawning in the autumn. The new Superintendent. Brian Moves, is encouraging anglers to become honorary bailiffs, to report all instances of malpractice and suspected instances of

poaching or fishing without due right. Investigations are to be carried out to encourage spawning fish, and the cooperation of landowners, riparian right holders as well as angling clubs will be required. Mike Smith, the Board chairman, is the driving force behind the proposed programme to ensure that by educating all the angling fraternity, the Tay Salmon will survive.

I would like to think that the Killin Club will continue to play its part in the protection of an endangered species.

A J M Stewart

Neil J MacKenzie

I would like to thank all my customers over the past year and wish them all a Merry Christmas

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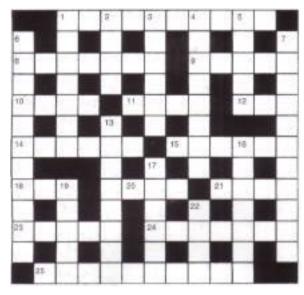
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Xmas Crossword By Crustacian Across



Prize Crossword

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- 1. There 's a right noise among writers, but they're past it (10)
- 8. Sounds like former politicians
 with a little trouble grants
 freedom (7)
- 9. Some new ovens show how some things were made (5)
- 10. Love writing! Al Fresco? (4)
- 11 In the disco slow music was capital {4}
- 12. Fish early for this (3)
- 14. Rental for a head piece (6)
- 15. Keeps us going (6)
- 18. She has a clinging habit (3)
- 20. A pleasant part of France (4)
- 21. Eastern or Western it's a "together" group! (4)
- 23. You may find this attractive substance by the sea (5)
- 24. Wee pals of Alice?

 They do a lot of sleeping (7)
- 25. Precedes a heavenly disaster? (5,5)

DOWN

- /. Hope we'll all get one of these soon! (7)
- 2. Emphatic (American?)
 negative? (4)
- 3. It sins, yet we keep at it (6)
- 4. Early immigrant (8)
- 5. Keep him under control; he's a real dog (5)
- 6. Will obsess us in the weeks to come! (11)
- 7. Carefully entwined, and closely linked (11)
- 13. They'll pull a lot of presents soon! (8)
- 16. They recovered!

 Got themselves together (7)
- 17. Some of the acid I conceal makes me feel bad! (6)
- 19. Even Cathay, or nearly so, is a long way to go in such a vessel! (5)
- 22. Therefore I've got it right! (4)

Solution to last Crossword

Across: 1. referendum 8. rhubarb 9. tempo 10. noon 11. Brit 12. nip 14. yes, yes 15. border 18. net 20. solo 21. omit 23. prial 24. conbrio 25. plebiscite

Down: 1. raucous 2. fear 3. reborn 4. notation 5. unman 6. brandy snaps 7. cooperation 13. mens club 16. demerge 17. blocks 19. trial 22. anti

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Church of Scotland / Episcopal Church

Combined Carol Service Sunday December 21 at 6.00 pm in St Angus* Church, Lochearnhead.

Killin & Ardeonaig Parish Church

Christmas Eve:

11.15 pm Nine Lessons and Carols {Rev. Dr. S Todd)

Christmas Day:

10.30 am Family Service (Rev. J. Lincoln)

St Fillan's Episcopal Church, Killin

Sunday 21 December Holy Communion at 9.30 am
Christmas Day:
Christmas Communion at 9.30 am
28 December:
Holy Communion at 9.30 am

Roman Catholic Church

24 December:

Christmas Mass 7 pm Suie Lodge Hotel

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A Very Merry Christmas

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