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Parking in Glenogle: Watch this space



Bye Bye Lay-bys

In the November Issue of the Killin News we reported on the coned-off lay-bys in Glen Ogle, we now have an update on the farce - it was only a pantomime over the festive period!

The result of The Scottish Office "Safety Audit" was that four out of the five newly laid tarmac lay-bys had reduced visibility and were to be closed having been deemed "unsafe". We highlighted the waste of public money and inconvenience of the traffic lights which littered the Glen during the peak summer months. Dave Hamilton of the Scottish Office said that although they regretted this, "Public Safety must come first". Yes, we had to agree - but should that not have been their main priority before laying the tarmac? Their solution was to lay raised kerbs to hinder parking. We pointed out the additional expense, and as a direct result of our enquiry, The Scottish Office have decided NOT to lay raised kerbs, they will remove the "P" signs and will solid white line entrances to all five lay-bys to prevent them being mistaken for "official lay-bys". They admit four are un-safe but cannot

warrant wasting even more money which as they said, "probably wouldn't stop people parking in them anyway".

We asked where cars could park to admire the view of Glen Ogle and were informed that there was "ample off-road parking"(?!) and that a "Route Action Reduction Plan" had highlighted that "no additional parking was required". We suggested that Glen Ogle was not unlike Glen Croe (the Rest and be thankful) albeit in miniature. It is stunning in all seasons and much admired by tourists, locals and business travellers. A car park and viewpoint would allow drivers to pull off the road to admire the scenery and perhaps reduce the number of accidents? Dave Hamilton said this would only be considered if The Scottish Office was aware of a public need - we thought we were raising their awareness - but apparently it is required that you, locals and visitors alike, write to The Scottish Office in Edinburgh either directly or through us at the Killin News and then perhaps some action will be taken.

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NEW EDITOR

We have to inform you that this issue is the last to be edited by the present editor. Subsequent issues will be handled by Linda FitzGerald who has agreed to be, with the approval of the Production Committee, the new Editor. Linda has recently been living temporarily outside the village - at Loch Lubnaig-side, but she and her husband will be moving back to Killin in the near future.

Linda has been deeply involved in and committed to the paper for some time now and we have no doubt that she will effectively keep the paper going, and maybe give it a new dimension. We are sure you will give her all the support possible.

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Killin Community Council

Meeting 10 February

There were six Committee members, four members of the public and Councillor Ken Campbell present at the meeting.

There are no plans to build public toilets in Breadalbane Park in the foreseeable future. The Council suggests the use of the pavilion toilets. Permission would be required before this could take place. The requirement of a handrail at the Dochart Bridge toilets - no handrail would be installed.

CCTV, is still on hold. Police say it may still be coming but there will still be the use of the portable one on occasion.

Concern was expressed about the non-mains connection of the water and sewage in the surrounding areas of Killin. With the continuous expansion of holiday accommodation in outlying areas there was concern about the present system not being able to cope.

The Chairman informed the committee that a report was coming out on the Friday following the meeting concerning the water contamination. He said that the Water Board realised the seriousness of the problem but would have to wait for the report before any

Notice

The Community Council are planning to make a presentation to Dave Murray our retiring constable. Donations can be handed in to the Bank of Scotland, Killin.

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further comment could be made. (*See Comment Page 11*).

Outline Planning has now been granted to Mr Addis, although it should be noted that at the time of the Previous Community Council Meeting, planning had not been granted.

Council to put up a Dog Waste Bin in the Lyon Road/Ballechroisk area.

An application was made for permission to use the park for the weekend of the Folk Festival. There were no objections to this and permission was granted.

The boundary wall between Fassifern and Breadalbane Park has collapsed and responsibility to rebuild was in question. No-one appears to know who actually has the responsibility of the up-keep of the boundary walls and fences surrounding Breadalbane Park. Councillor Campbell will look into this and let us know.

Killin Initiative/Millennium Fund - It was raised at the meeting that Killin should be seen as putting forward a project for the Millennium. Funding could be available and ideas for the project were asked for. It was decided that a letter in the Killin News for ideas for this project would be a good idea.

Councillor Campbell passed round a map with the proposed boundary of the National Park. There are three councils in the proposed Park area, Stirling, Argyll & Bute and West Dunbartonshire. These Councils are hoping to set up a joint committee. The Government would also like to have Community Involvement.

Next Meeting - 14 April, 1998.

Strathfillan Community Council

Two representatives from the East of Scotland Water Board Authority gave a presentation about forthcoming work on Tyndrum sewage works. Starting in March/April 1998 a large pipe will be built from the existing works beside Pine Trees Leisure Park up to the main road, along the side of the main road, down the old road at Dalrigh to discharge into the River Fillan at the White Bridge. This is an interim measure to cure the problem that the Crom Allt (where sewage outflow is currently discharged!) is too small for the present volume of outflow. A detailed investigation is underway, and within five years a new larger sewage system will hopefully be built outside the village. The pipe building work - will take eighteen weeks and will cause disruption on the main road for about four weeks. The Community Council stressed that traffic hold ups must not take place over Easter or the holiday weekends in May. The Water Authority was reminded of the problems with Crianlarich's sewage capacity. An investigation into the way forward there is to start in about a year.

Readers who would like more detail on our discussions are reminded to read the Strathfillan Community Council minutes which are displayed in the glass-fronted noticeboards outside the village shops in Crianlarich and Tyndrum. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 1 April, 7.30 pm in Tyndrum Village Hall. Members of the public are very welcome to attend.

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Curling Club Burns Supper

Talk about tickets for the World Cup in France! Getting into the Suie Lodge Burns Supper is probably more difficult. However the Killin News, using its heavy media power managed to get in. Unfortunately in the hassle to get in the KN camera was slightly damaged: so, we apologise - no photos this year (everyone can now relax)!

As usual a great night was had by all and it's this writer's view that this must be one of the top Suppers in Scotland - and we say this with no disrespect to the runner-up, The Senior Citizens' one.

The remarkable array of talent never ceases to amaze us. Happily chaired by Chrissie Fenton the night started off with, of course, the pipes (Charlie Methven) and Bill MacIlroy addressing the Haggis, carried in by Sheila Aitken. The haggis of course was fiercely attacked and we all got down to it (with drams all round, especially for the Piper).

The subsequent entertainment was a usual of top quality; Gilbert Christie effectively addressing the Lassies and Pamela Farquharson replying as lively in a rhyming speech. Then there was the music, Davie Thornton on the fiddle (?) sometimes along with Pat and Gilbert; songs, of course from Jim Cushley and Mary Masterson, and this time too from Jack Rough. But, over and above the musical items, we remember Robert Bruce And The Spider (Charlie & Colin), Holy Willies' Prayer in the dark with a candle....

"O Lord. Thou kens what zeal I bear,
When drinkers drink and swearers swear,
Well, Willie was on a loser that night for
there was certainly much singing (I don't
know about the swearing!).

But clearly the great event of the evening was the absolutely marvellous "performance" of Tam O' Shanter by Charlie Methven, involving us all powerfully in the drama of this great poem. And need I say it? The night would not have been complete without a couple of good stories from who else? Johnnie Burton!

Stewart Christie formally brought the evening to a (temporary!) close with a vote of thanks for all who contributed to the evening.

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Senior Citizens Burns Supper



The Committee members of Killin Youth Club would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in making the above event a very enjoyable one. Special thanks to Diane and Roger Twigg, Tighnabruaich Hotel for the Soup, Margaret and John Mallinson, Clachaig Hotel, for the Tatties, Colin MacRae for the Haggis, Mitch and Julie, Costcutters, for the Turnips, Alex Stewart for the Trifles, Kate Stewart and Morag MacKenzie for Transportation, Myrica Mardon, Claire Ramsay, Kate Stewart, Fiona Stewart, Joyce Webb, for assembling the above in a manner fit for a King. Allan Walker, Jean Henderson, Alex Stewart and Bill Naismith for the toasts, Jim Sutherland for chairing the proceedings, Dave Thornton, Peter Shuttleworth, Willie Allan for Entertainment, Duncan MacKinnon for Piping, and everyone else who helped.

This is a tradition in Killin that the Youth Club is honoured to be involved in, and last but not least thanks to all the young people who waited at the tables. Their parents can be proud of them as a fine example of modern youth in action.

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The Festival Camp Site will be pre-booked and access strictly controlled. Professional Security Officers will be on duty each night to assist everyone, and to make the visitors stay enjoyable. Police Officers, including a contingent in plain clothes, will be circulating in varying numbers, throughout the week-

end. The Hoteliers have jointly agreed to restrict the opening hours to 1.00 am. which will be publicised further by a relaunch of the 'Pub Watch Scheme'. This will be co-ordinated by the Police Publicity Officer, and articles will appear in the press.

At the end of March the booking flyers will be available and once again the 'Outdoor Centre' will be taking the local bookings. Please note, get your dinner arranged for half an hour earlier this year, since the concerts will be starting at 7.00 pm.

The committee are determined that the Killin Festival will not be over shadowed by unruly elements, wherever

they may come from. All the advance publicity will be aimed at getting the message across, that the Festival, which is established as one of the top ten in Scotland, is here to stay, providing an opportunity for locals and our many visitors, to enjoy a week-end of the very best in traditional music, song, story and dance.

Here is a taste of this year's artistes. Brian McNeil, Ron Kavana, Ian Bruce, Thomas Lynch, Deaf Shepherd and Old Blind Dogs. Heard of them? Take our word for it - you will!!

*A.J.M. Stewart,
Festival Secretary*



Mervyn's Weather



El Nino and Sunami are natural phenomena which occur in the Pacific and are held responsible for meteorological departures from the usual, and indeed have been blamed for the recent "twisters" in Florida which is of course outwith their normal influence.

In the Atlantic however it is unusual for such dramatic upheavals but never the less a huge body of water such as this is bound to have an affect on climate and weather of the surrounding land masses.

Much of our British weather derives from the line of demarcation between the Gulf Stream, or more correctly The North Atlantic Drift, which is comparatively warm, and the Labrador Current which is obviously much colder emanating as it does from an ice berg ridden source. It would appear that the positioning of this dividing line - the source of many low pressure systems - can vary, thereby deciding whether our islands are battered by westerly gales and rain or, should it move northwards allowing the semi-permanent Azores "High" to do likewise, then we could expect quieter and more pleasant conditions. All this is obviously over simplifications and it has probably not been established why this aforesaid division of warm and cold move around. There is the possibility that submarine geological activity along the line of the mid Atlantic Ridge - a fracture area in the

Earth's crust - may be partly responsible. Incidentally this ridge is thought to have given rise to the theory of "The Lost Continent of Atlantis" and the Celtic legend of "Tir Nan Og" "The Land of the Ever Young".

Many reasons have been put forward for the present long spell of ultra mild conditions. As well as the fore going comments. Global Warming may or may not have an effect. Meanwhile the very persistent area of high pressure that has been swanning around to the south of the British Isles is still in evidence and has sucked warm winds from the Sahara for some time.

A new moon on 26 February could assist in breaking down this pressure system and allow more normal conditions to bring March "in like a lamb"!!

Mervyn Browne, Ardtalnaig, 26 Feb. '98

Mull Theatre Comes to Killin

Mull Theatre will be playing in the McLaren Hull on Friday May 22 as part of their 1998 tour. The excellent professional company will perform a play specially commissioned by them, and which was a very great success when performed in 1993 on Mull. Please make a note in your diary to come and see 'Dr Sullivan and Mr Gilbert' a play with music, as we are certain this will be an entertaining evening.

Watch out for posters nearer the time with more details. The event is being promoted by Killin Drama Club as part of their commitment to increase the use of the McLaren Hall by 'outsiders'.



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Out for the Count and on the March

The hind season ended on 15 February, and about this time many estates feed deer to help them over the last of the winter days. On many estates it's the stags which come in to feed, but on some it's the hinds. Any one of a variety of foods can be used; hay, turnips, maize or cobs may be chosen. At Boreland we put out 20 tons of turnips. We take them as far up the hill as we can with the Argo. In contrast, in Sutherland about 250 stags came in daily, feeding by hand from the buckets of maize. A couple of miles out the younger stags came to call, the middle feed attracted the 'middle of the road' stags and at the policy fence the older and wiser boys were waiting. They would come up close and it was always advisable to fasten up your jacket to avoid getting caught on the horns. The food is always well spread to avoid fighting. Vitamin blocks are also often put out to provide valuable trace elements in their winter diet.

Also in mid-February the deer are counted. To facilitate planning and numbers to cull it is necessary to know how many deer are in the area. It is far better to count on dry bright days with snow lying. This means that the deer tend not to move so far or spread out so much. In the clear light of such days it is easier to sex the deer when spying.

Most of Scotland is covered by deer management groups who meet to plan future policy. This area is covered by the West Rannoch group. Neighbouring estates try to count on the same day so that large groups of beasts are not double counted or missed. This can be a long day out. So next time you see a stalker sleeping on the hill it may be just the result of counting the deer instead of sheep! About every six years the Deer Commission count each area.

Another Spring activity this year was the Countryside March. On the first of March an estimated 285,000 or more country people braved the rabbit warrens of London's tube system to emerge near Waterloo Bridge to march to Hyde Park. It took a good deal of organising and commitment for many country folk to get there, apart from the distance



and the threat of 'three' Frosts being there, they all have animals and responsibilities to leave behind. This is a measure of the fear in the countryside at the moment. The rally was well organised, the most good-natured that the police had witnessed, enjoyable and was a triumph for unity between the various country factions. One banner said it all with 'Eat British lamb. 30.000 foxes can't be wrong.' It was impossible to get an accurate count (a bit like the deer count - but much easier to sex at a distance!) Let's hope by the time that you read this the huge tide of tweed had some effect and made politicians realise that they must listen to the man on the ground (literally). We were glad to escape back to Glasgow and a breath of fresh air - yes, even Glasgow smelled fresh! Remember these proposed laws affect you all - even your pet dog would be acting illegally if chasing a rabbit!

Tim Frost

NEXT ISSUE

Copy and advertisements for the May issue are required by Thursday 30 April. It will be distributed towards the end of May. you will be able to advertise and give prominence to anything happening in late May, June and July. Think about it now! - and get the stuff to the editor or members of the committee.

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Costcutters Award Winning Successes

We are delighted to report that Costcutters was Highly Commended in the Competition for Retailer of the Year. But better still, the shop was runner-up in the competition for Village Store of the Year. Presentations were made on 26th February by the Scottish Grocer, and you can see the framed award notices in the shop. Congratulations to Mitch and Julie and of course all the staff.

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Another Strange Inscription



Following our current interest in inscriptions, memorials and tombstones, we are indebted to Margaret Hargreave of Fingal Road for bringing our attention to a story of unrequited love, recorded on, of all places, the slopes of Sron a Chlachain (the hill above Killin).

Margaret who is a determined walker and explorer discovered high on the hill a long love poem inscribed on a cut stone. Sonic 14 verses of which we have reproduced but a few to give the flavour.

The reference in the second verse to "from under seas came I" might mean a submariner or perhaps someone from the other side of the world. It took some determination to carry the stone up the hill. Does anyone know the story or perhaps it is best left in peace.

To E

Daughter of Dumbarton
Dear witch with magic eyes
I sorely rue our parting
My spirit in me dies.

From Overtoun you started
From under sea came I
And now I'm broken hearted
To be with you I sigh.

But now you'll wed another
Your happiness he'll hold
My star of hope must wither
And irksome night enfold.

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Opening of Salmon Fishing

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It never ceases to amaze this writer that Kenmore gets such lavish coverage on TV and in the press (excluding the KN) for their opening day procession. Quite clearly the 'big event' is at Killin. We must have a word with the media next year.

For the record, this year was not blank in terms of fish caught, but our heart goes out to David Rew from Ayr who caught a 13lb 8 oz. fish, only to be beaten as the last boat returned in the dark with one at 13lbs 9 1/2 oz. taken by Colin MacPherson from Glasgow. Congratulations, therefore, to Colin.

Altogether a successful day, and one which saw the attendance of Killin's new minister successfully fulfilling the traditional role.



Blessing the boats at Kinnell



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Wales is renowned for its male voice choirs, and Killin is to be visited by one of them in the McLaren Hall on the 23rd May. Bro Aled has between thirty and forty members, under the musical director, Mair Selway. Their repertoire is very extensive and delivered in their distinctive style. Last year their performance in Oban Cathedral played to a packed audience. Following what promises to be a night to remember there will be a ceilidh Dance to give our guests a taste of Scottish late night revelry. Tickets will be available from the 1st April. Funds will go towards the Choir's Charity and Initiative.

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For some time, a charity called "Sustrans" (Sustainable Transport) has been developing a network of cycle paths so as to separate cyclists (and pedestrians) from motor transport and improve safety. There is now an extensive network of these tracks which are often along the track of disused railway lines. As you know, there are many miles of disused railway in this area as a result of the closure of the Callander, Oban and Killin Junction lines. After a lot of negotiation, and with the help of grants from the National Lottery, Sustrans have gained access to a fair bit of the trackbed in this area.

Providing an alternative route through Glen Ogle will no doubt increase the number of cyclists who visit the area. This summer will see a major project to line the car park at Glenoglehead with the trackbed past Acharn. This will be undertaken by volunteers who will be working in August.

I see this as an exciting development for the area which will increase the recreational opportunities for locals and tourists alike. A representative from Sustrans will explain more about the charity and the plans for the area in the Lesser McLaren Hall at 7.30 pm on Friday 17 April. I hope there will be a good turnout for what promises to be an interesting evening.

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Theft

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In light of these thefts, boat owners are advised to review their security measures, particular attention being paid to leaving as little in boats as is necessary. If engines are capable of being removed without too much difficulty, it is advisable to do so rather than leave them attached to boats. Items that you are unable to remove should be secured as best you can to make it more difficult for the thief. If the persons responsible find 'easy pickings' in this area they will no doubt return again and again. The more difficulty they have may make them target other areas.

Parking on Double Yellow Lines

Despite numerous attempts to educate people about not parking on double yellow lines, a large number of local people still continue to do so. Please appreciate that these lines are there for a particular reason - TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS.

One of the objectives of Central Scotland Police is to reduce the number of accidents in the area we live in. This is achieved in various ways. One is education and another is enforcement. The first would appear to have failed and it would appear to be due to the inability

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of people to walk a few yards to park where they should. Unfortunately it appears to be the same people who park indiscriminately time after time. I hope they heed this warning.

On the same subject, people still continue to stop outside the school, I can only assume that it is parents dropping off their children for school. Once again these markings are on the road to make it safer for the children, so if you are one of the culprits, please have a little thought for other people's children and refrain from doing so.

Continuing in this vein, during recent road checks the number of people not wearing seatbelts was very high. Advice was given at this time and the situation seems to have improved dramatically, but there are still some who continue to refuse to wear a belt. Ask any member of the Fire Brigade or Ambulance Service about the number of people who are now walking away from serious Road Traffic Accidents because they were wearing a belt. Then ask them about the ones who weren't wearing one.

Vandalism

Recently one of the ornamental horses' heads outside the entrance to the Capercaillie Restaurant was knocked off. This is not the first time that this has occurred and any information as to who the culprit was would be appreciated. Any information will be treated in confidence.

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Annual General Meeting

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Dick Turpin

The curtain rose once again in the middle of January, when Killin Drama Club presented the pantomime "Dick Turpin" - and what a pantomime it was! Each year something bigger, better and even more ambitious. And did it pay off? - it certainly did judging by the audience participation and reaction.

The scenes romped along at great speed with good comedy, good singing and excellent visual effects. The children were very good, so much better than in previous years. Their singing and dancing was excellent, especially the nifty footwork in the Maypole Dance - my heart was in my mouth just watching it unfold. The "pro's" did their stuff with equal enthusiasm and skill, with the baddy being even nastier than ever - hisssss! The musical arrangements and colourful costumes are to be congratulated upon and the stage crew again excelled themselves with their obvious hard work.

My only criticism is that the pantomime was slightly too long - singing only two verses of certain songs and cutting down on the dance routines could have shortened some of the scenes. Normally no one is singled out for their performance, but Glenda Mardon, the Panto Dame, deserves a special mention for an all round outstanding performance (especially in that dress!!). Congratulations to all concerned with this excellent production.

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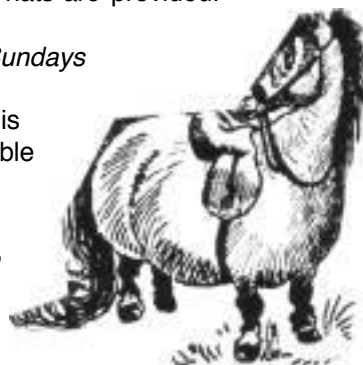
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Presentation of Cheque for £487.44 from proceeds of LTHL Charity Opening Night of new Indoor Riding School held on 13 December '97. to Mrs Jean Gardner, Chairman of West and Central Scotland Region RDA.

Mr J. C. Booth presenting cheque. On right Mrs P. Lewis Booth on her dressage horse Sweptstone Mr Fox. On left, Kirstin Uhlenbrock, chief instructor on her stallion, Mirko. The pair performed their pas de deux to music for Mrs Gardner and RDA. Press Office Mrs A. Cooper. The presentation was held on 21 January at the Indoor School.

Electoral Officer, Stirling


News from the latest Electoral Register has now been published and shows an increase in the Killin electorate from 624 to 629. The register can be checked in the library and should contain ALL the names of eligible voters who were living locally on 10th October, 1997.

Opportunity Knocks - The Clackmannan shire, Falkirk and Stirling Local Authorities (CFSLA) Payroll Lottery invites locally based charities and community groups to apply to them for assistance with equipment needs. The lottery obtains its funds from voluntary donations of past and present employees of CFSLA.

Fun and Games

The 24th annual Viewforth Garden Fete takes place this year on Saturday 6th June. A full entertainment programme is being organised including visits by the Scottish Claymores players and cheerleaders, climbing wall, falconry display, silent auction and a chance to abseil 80 ft from the main building.

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At the recent Awards Ceremony organised by Scottish Grocers Magazine, Costcutters - Killin achieved runner-up for Village Store of the year and Highly Commended for retailer of the Year. Julie and Mitch and their staff would like to thank all their customers for their support over the past years.				

East of Scotland Water

Having written twice to the East of Scotland Water asking them to give the Killin News an explanation of why we suffered a "Boil Water" incident in September 97, we have not yet received a reply, never mind an article. So we're only a small local paper; but apparently they were communicating to all the dailies and weeklies about how well they were handling what they called "The Waterborne Hazard Incident" in Killin!!.

However, we have now located their final report on "the incident" - sent to the Community Council - a 50 page document!, which we can't really summarise here. It is in fact a very detailed account of how well they handled the incident thus described in their own words "East of Scotland Water were of the opinion that the failures were associated (sic) with a rapid increase in raw water colour at the works, where chlorinated raw water was having to be mixed with treated water to meet demand" - in September?! They go on, "The incident occurred following a period of extremely heavy rainfall which resulted in exceptionally poor raw water quality entering the Killin Treatment Works" - which incidentally cost the best part of £1 million!

OK! It happened, and they certainly handled the situation well, but we just wonder, why did it happen at all, and yet never before! As for "extremely heavy rainfall" - they've seen nothing yet!

The Report is now available for all to read in Killin Library.

From John & Julia Lincoln at the Manse

We have been here for about eight months, and at long last I have got round to putting pen to paper for the Killin News. We are still settling in at the manse and it will be some time before we finally unpack all the boxes and even longer before the car sees the inside of the garage!

Both the Parish of Killin & Ardeonaig and the Parish of Balquhiddier are becoming used to sharing a minister and I am trying to ensure my diary doesn't put me in two places at the same time!

I find it fascinating that two such parishes should be linked by the Presbytery. Today the parishes are very different, yet they share a common history as both are associated with the first Gaelic Bible. The history of both parishes points to the importance our forebears laid upon the Word of God being accessible in the language of the people.

In Balquhiddier the Rev. Robert Kirk laboured in translating a metrical version of the Psalms which as published in 1684. He also transliterated the classical Irish of Bedell's Old Testament and O'Donnell's New Testament to produce a complete Bible which was published in 1690. Visitors can see copies of the finished product in the "Friendship Room" at the church to this day.

Here in Killin, Kirk's work was superseded by the labours of the Rev. James Stuart who produced the first Gaelic translation of the New Testament in

1767. No one could miss the memorial erected by the Gaelic Society of Perth in front of the parish church. Stuart did not carry out his labours unaided being assisted by the "pious and learned" Rev. James Fraser and by Dugald Buchanan.

Buchanan is probably the greatest religious Gaelic poet and we have every reason to be proud of him. Again there is a link between the parishes, for just a few yards south of the village store in Strathyre is a memorial to Dugald Buchanan. A generation before Buchanan another religious poet walked the hills of Sutherland - in the parish in which I ministered before coming here. John Mackay was a tacksman at Mudale, a short distance from Altnaharra. His story provides another link - this time between the far north and the Perthshire hills. Next time I put pen to paper perhaps I'll explore that link.

The "language" has all but disappeared from these glens. The Bible or "Books" are no longer in daily use by the vast majority of the people. Our children still hear the well known stories from the Bible but that is not enough. I feel that something is missing, something which our forebears enjoyed when they read from the Word in past days. The "Books" brought them closer to God, and opened a channel of blessing which perhaps we have lost today. I hope that we may recover the best of our heritage, so that we may be strengthened and prepared for what will be our future.

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Killin and District Sports and Leisure Club

The annual general meeting was held on Thursday 12 February. Reports included reference to the extensive work of improvements to the putting green, problems of wear and flooding on the all-weather tennis court surface and the improvement to the financial position of the club following a revision of the annual rent and grants from Stirling Council. Appreciation was expressed for the considerable assistance given to the Club by the Community Services Department of Stirling Council.

Only eight members of the Club attended out of a membership of 45 (excluding junior members). Whilst it was appreciated that there were extenuating circumstances applying for some members, it was clear that there is little interest in the Club by residents of the village and none from outlying residents. It must be remembered that the Club was formed after much effort by a number of people exploring the possibilities. At a public meeting held on 27 June, 1990 attended by approximately 65 residents, it was unanimously resolved to 'proceed with the Killin Sports and Leisure Project.'

More work followed by the steering committee and the Council to find the funds, draft a constitution, and arrange for the management generally. The funds came by way of grants from the Football Trust, Gannochy Trust and Tourist Board with the Council providing the balance (some £80,000). The cost of this had to be met by the Club being granted a lease for 21 years at a rent to be subsidised to the extent of 50%.

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The Club is run by a management committee set up under the rules laid down by the Club Constitution. Some members and officers of this committee have represented the village since the Club's instigation. There are some who were also on the steering committee. Their length of service is only because there has been no one else prepared to take an interest and it is felt that the time has come to review the situation. Two officers are unable to continue because of ill health and two more take the view that they are not prepared to continue and that the time has come for others to take an interest if the village is to have a Sports Club at all.

The situation is being actively pursued by the management committee. Anyone who feels that they can help should contact the chairman, Mrs F. E. MacKinnon. (820716)

The total ages of the 8 people present exceeded 600. Younger residents of the area must now come forward to take part in the running of the Club.

Forth Valley Local Health Council

Breast Screening Programme

The National Breast Screening Programme offers routine breast screening for all women aged 50 to 64 and invitations are sent out at the appropriate time to all women eligible to attend. Women aged 65 and over who would like to be screened can arrange through their own G.P. or Health Centre. Only 4% of women over 64 self referred during the last round of screening. The Breast Screening Service in Forth Valley is provided by the West of Scotland and the South of Scotland Breast Screening Services.

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Floral Awards and Hanging Baskets

1998 will see the running of the Floral Awards taken over by a village committee, with initial financial support from the Killin and District Tourist Association. The latter has felt for some time that the Floral Awards should not be under its auspices alone and should be more of a community project. There will be some changes to the way the scheme is organised and to the distribution of prizes but it is hoped

that villagers will continue to give the same tremendous support that they have in the past. It was encouraging to see new names on the list of prize winners in 1997 and it is hoped that 1998 will see a further increase in the number of entries. The colourful displays to be found around the village are not only an added attraction for visitors but give pleasure to local residents throughout the summer months.

There are four categories again this year for private entries. For three of these - Hanging Baskets, Window Boxes and Tubs - it will be £1 per entry for adults and free for children. Entrants should try to achieve a variety of planting and colour, producing a balanced overall effect. Entrants should remember also, that small is often beautiful, so do not think you have to have huge displays to be in with a chance of winning. Entries should be handed in to Kay Riddell at the Library. The fourth category remains an open one and prizes will be awarded for "The Tidiest Garden Viewed From The Road". This will allow those gardens that have shrubs,

heathers, perennials etc., and not just displays of summer bedding plants, to participate. This section involves the whole village and everyone should be greatly encouraged by the highly complimentary remarks made during the final judging last year. The Commercial sections will be open competitions, which it is hoped will encourage more businesses to make an effort to brighten up their premises with floral displays.

Hanging Baskets

The new committee will also take over the hanging baskets, on lamp posts in the village. This has proved to be a great success and it is hoped that all those traders and individuals who were kind enough to sponsor them last year will be willing to do so again, this year. There are 24 baskets at present, and with that in mind, the Floral Award Committee would welcome offers of sponsorship from both commercial establishments and private individuals. Sponsorship remains, for the third year, at £25 per lamp post, and names should be given to Kay Riddell. 1997 saw Willie Inglis do a splendid job of planting up the baskets and looking after them until they were in situ. However, once in place, some sponsors who agreed to water their baskets, did not give them the sustenance they needed! Some baskets were resuscitated but for others it was too late. The watering throughout the summer remains a problem and the Floral Awards committee would be pleased to hear from anyone who would be willing to help.

Cancer Research Disco

A very successful disco was held in the school on Friday 27 February. This event raised over £150 for Cancer Research. As usual the standard of behaviour among those attending was excellent and a good time was had by all. Thanks go to staff and other volunteers for their support.

Tesco

Once again Tesco will be running its computer coupons offer. Last year we collected enough for a CD Rom. This year we hope to collect enough for a laptop/notepad for use by our pupils. There is a collection point in the Entrance Hall. Pupils should place coupons in the boxes provided. Thank you for your support.

School Board

The School Board has recently been discussing the issue of settling-in classes, with particular reference to S1/S2. Discussion will continue in the summer term, to take on board forthcoming national advice and discussions in school on this. Also under discussion at the School Board has been the quality of catering in McLaren High, various Health and Safety issues and the recent Government proposals on enhancing the role of School Boards by giving them more powers in relation to some aspects of school life. The School Board can be contacted on this or any other matter through:

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Constable Murray



Dave Murray came to this district first as the local policeman in Criannlarich. While he was there the Police Station was very much the first port of call for anyone in trouble and he and his wife did a great deal to help the Community in many ways. Later he was posted to Killin and here too his help has been appreciated - not least for his efforts on behalf of the Angling Club.

It isn't easy to be both a respected policeman and a popular member of the local community in a small village, but Dave Murray has achieved it and our good wishes for the future go with him as he hangs up his dived cap.

And as Dave puts it himself: -

Blue Light Taxis - (The End Of An Era)

The current operator is being put out to grass in the near future and wishes to thank all his patrons, voluntary and otherwise, for their co-operation over the years. He hopes that the new incumbent can expect the same degree of assistance from you in the future. May I take this opportunity to thank all villagers for making my stint in Killin so enjoyable and rewarding.

Dave Murray

(see page 2)

LETTERS



Sir

It is with regret that I feel I must write to express my disgust at the slate of the pavements in Killin. I refer to the constant presence of dog excrement. It is a shame that a place of beauty such as Killin should be spoilt in this way, and with the forthcoming tourist season shortly to be upon us, what memories will they take away? We rely immensely on tourism so why spoil what could be a good memory. Dog owners please clean up your act!!

A disgusted resident.

*Alice MacPherson
Ballechroisk Terrace*

Sir,

As I sit here in my big hoose wondering what to write I gaze across our lovely glen and see an orange light It seems to shine on every night and causes light pollution Can any of you reading this come up with a solution ?

An orange light in our dear glen is very out of place In Princes Street or Morningside it would be very "naice" But up here in our highland glen where the moon and stars still show Is not the place for a city light whose orange light does glow.

So Killin News readers I'm asking you to find a good solution To help to curb the problem of all this light pollution A simple shade might do the trick and train the light's bright glow To shine upon the house nearby and not the glen below.

*Emma Paterson
Barncroft of Auchlyne*

The Vanishing Traffic Surveys?!

I was the driver of one of the cars pulled over by the police to take part in a 10/15 minute questionnaire being conducted by The Scottish Office on the A85 between Kingshouse and Lix Toll, about 18 months ago. The questions were mainly about how safety could be improved on this road - did I drive this road regularly - "yes": did I think more lay-bys were required for tourists and tired drivers - "yes". Was I the only one questioned who felt this way - it would appear that the results of this survey produced nothing - except waste even more money!?! (see front page).

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THANK YOU

Lily MacKenzie would like to thank friends and neighbours for the cards, gifts and phone calls she received when in hospital, thanks also to the minister for his visit and the lovely flowers she received from the church when she came home.

Audrey Campbell would like to thank Tony Webb and all his helpers for the wonderful Burns Supper. Also the lads and lassies of the youth club who were so smartly turned out and professional in serving the meal. It was a most enjoyable evening - roll on next year!

Hope MacDonald would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, flowers, cards, gifts and visits whilst she was in hospital. These all cheered her up no end when things weren't so rosy as they are now! Thank you very much.

Killin & District Sport and Leisure Club

Please note
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Catriona Inglis would like to thank everyone in the village who sent letters, cards and flowers to her and her family on the tragic loss of Helena. The support shown to them by everyone was overwhelming.

Donations now stand at £1,200 for the intensive Care Unit at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh. Special thanks also to Pamela, Sandra and Johanna, who have been real true friends indeed.

*Catriona Inglis,
Flat J F2, 95 Restalrig
Road, Edinburgh.*

Helen Campbell Inglis
6 July 1997 - 5 February 1998

It was a sunny day in July
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OBITUARIES

Alec Wardrope died on 22 January in Stirling Royal Infirmary aged 84. Suffering deteriorating health, Alec had been in Falls of Dochart Retirement Home since July.

Born in Callander, where his father was a surfaceman on the Callander Railway, his first job was in the fishmongers shop there. He then served his apprenticeship in painting and decorating. He met and married his wife, Katie, when she was working at Leny House, Callander, thereafter Alec set off to New Zealand to seek a job and family home. However, war broke out and he was called up in the New Zealand Army and did not return to Scotland until the end of the war. He took up a position at Portnellan, Crianlarich, working for Lady Glencoats, before moving to the firm of Bickerton, Killin, to return to his trade of painting and decorating. The family later moved through to Glasgow where Alec worked for a transport firm and their daughter, Anna, took to a nursing career.

After retiring in Glasgow for a number of years they eventually returned to Crianlarich and lived at 4, Strathmore Terrace.

Alec used to enjoy many days fishing in this area and was extremely keen on the sport. He often enjoyed trips further afield on his motor bike and walks into the hills.

He leaves his wife Katie, daughter Anna and two grandsons.

Dr. Eric Cooper, affectionately known as "The Doc" passed away in Nottingham on 24 January 1998 at the age of 84. A keen angler, Eric first came to Killin with his wife Betty in the early fifties to fish for salmon. For a time he owned a "right" on Loch Tay with a mooring in Morenish Bay where the old winch and evidence of the shed can still be seen. A regular visitor who rarely missed the opening of the salmon season, Eric became a

popular figure in the village where he made many friends. He was only too pleased to pass on the benefit of his considerable knowledge of the Loch to newcomers. No opening was complete without Eric's stories of "the good old days", when two ghillies rowed the boat and everyone met at an appointed place to have lunch. The hampers were opened and a fire lit to cook the steaks and sausages. Bottles of wine cooled in the Loch and a dram or two washed down the leisurely meal. The time spent fishing was secondary to the enjoyable social aspect of a day on the Loch. He recalled the first outboard motor, introduced by a factor from Chequers Estate, and the vast difference this made to a day fishing. Bags of fresh caught salmon were packaged and sent south from Killin Station daily and he often reminisced on this and other changes in the village over the years. Tales of characters who came to fish and of the colourful local ghillies, were a joy to listen to and taken together traced the salmon fishing lore through the years. Our memories of him will now join his stories and pass gracefully into salmon tales to be exchanged over the years to come, whenever 15 January looms.

G Butler & A Stewart

Anne Brown of Tombreck, was born in Edinburgh in 1912, grew up in Perth and Islay, and worked as a District Nurse in the Glasgow area. She married Jimmy in 1947 and came to the Lochside. They had two sons, Drew and Tober.

Annie, as she was known, was always hard working, religious and truly hospitable, enjoying feeding a roomful of people at a clipping or making visitors feel welcome. In her youth she was a dancer and never lost her love of music, listening with her eyes closed, her hands and feet following the rhythm. She was also an avid reader, her favourite book being the Bible which she read daily. During her last

years she found reading increasingly difficult, but talked more telling stories from her youth. She also had a very sharp sense of humour which she never lost.

She will be missed by neighbours who knew her and the many people from around the world who stayed on the farm over the years.

Derick Christie - Any death is a time of sadness, but more so when the person had much more life to live. Derick was 34 when he passed away during the night of February 24th at Crieff Cottage Hospital.

There will be hard times ahead for Rosie, his widow and Seona and Emma his two beautiful young daughters, John and Seona, his parents, and his younger brothers Peter and Johnny all trying to come to terms with Derick's untimely death.

Since leaving school Derick always shared his time working on Lochdochart Estate with other ventures. After marrying Rosie they found success together in running a pig farm at Inverhaggernie with up to date equipment and dedication. Their pigs often commanded the highest prices at Perth Market. Eventually modern pressures made things difficult. The pigs had to go and Derick returned to his love of lorries and worked his way into the competitive market of haulage, moving a lot of timber in the next few years. Allied to this, his latest venture was to set up a saw-mill at Lochdochart even though he now knew he had cancer, which was to be his final adversary. Suffice to say Derick lived a lot in his short life and enriched many other lives on the way with his cheery outlook and ability to smile in the face of adversity. He was a model to us all and will be sadly missed by his friends and acquaintances.

Killin B. B. win a Co-op Grant.



Great news for the Killin Boys Brigade who applied to the Co-op Community Dividend Scheme for a grant - they asked for a modest £200 and said why they wanted it. It appears that they must have impressed the Co-op Committee for they gave them instead a grant of £400.

At a small ceremony held in the Aberfeldy Co-op on 10th February, Norman Campbell. Chairman of the Perthshire Divisional Co-op Committee and Tom Paterson a Committee member, presented the cheque to Yvonne MacPherson, Elizabeth Woods and 8 boys from the local B.B. Congratulations to Yvonne and Elizabeth for making the initial application.

Nursery Admissions

Please note -

To allow for the allocation of places in early May this year, all applications must be made before the 31st March, 1998.

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Highland Dancing

It is time again to report on the recent success of three of our local Highland dancers. On 14 December, Margaret, Siobhan and Alison all travelled to Grandtully Village Hall to sit their Bronze medal test, the examiner was Miss Anne Wilson from Grangemouth. They did very well with results as follows: Margaret MacLennan - Commended, Siobhan Anderson - Highly Commended. Alison Woods - Highly Commended.

Hopefully, we will have more results in the summer and perhaps see some of our class members taking part in their first competitions. Thanks again to all parents and friends for supporting the class. It was good to see so many at our Christmas party.

Aileen - contact no. 01301 - 704283.

Killin Football Club

Since the last report, Killin's success has continued and as at 17 February we are top of the League Division 2 with 26 points from 16 games (Perthshire still only awards 2 points for a win) The record reads - played 16, won 11, drawn 4, lost 1.

Recent results are:-

Balmoral 1 v Killin 1.

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Killin Breadalbane Angling Club

The salmon season started as usual on 15 January and although our hardy members were out on the river, it was not until February that the first fish was landed by Norman Inglis, closely followed by Duncan Twigg. Other members have now caught their first salmon of '98 with the heaviest to date, a prime nineteen pound specimen by our Norman.

Pollution and indiscriminate dumping of rubbish, cause much damage to the environment for all kinds of water life, from the bottom to the top of the river and loch food chain. Dumping has taken place along the north bank of the Dochart opposite Inchbuie, and waste cooking oil has been left at the top of the loch near Pier Road.

Gyrodactylus safaris, a name which strikes fear into the heart of every angler, is a parasite which infects the skin and fins of salmon, trout and other fresh water fish. It has wiped out whole stocks of fish in twenty rivers in Norway. The remedy is to poison the whole system and let nature restart the colonisation from the bottom, then give her a helping hand with new fish. This does not guarantee success, as tests have proved that this bug can last for several days in damp clothes and bags. Therefore everyone must be on their guard, and follow the example of our regular German friends who disinfect all tackle before starting out. Pamphlets are available from most fisheries and the Tay Board Offices in Perth will advise on all precautions. The trout season will have opened by the time you read this and from the early indications the mild weather has helped them recover from the rigours of spawning, and a plentiful supply in the food chain will get them up to keepable weight. Be careful to put back any under sized or under nourished fish, and all under ten inches. Tight Lines and I hope to see more members attending the competitions this year.

*A J M Stewart
Club President*

Tunnellers, Tango-Dancers and Team Members

During the winter months, members of the Killin Heritage Society have been cataloguing all their archive material and are now seeking your help to fill some gaps. As the title indicates, we are particularly keen to hear from tunnellers, tango-dancers and team members! We particularly welcome photographs, as well as verbal and written memories, relating to the building of the hydro scheme in the Glen Lyon / Glen Lochay area. We would like to hear from any of you who worked on the scheme, in whatever capacity. The area took on a completely different appearance, due to the huge influx of workers and some of you may still be in contact with those who later moved on to work elsewhere. Around the same time, it seems the Friday night dances were very popular and some of the temporary residents, pretty nifty on their feet! How many young ladies of the 1950's can remember being taught the tango by one such gentleman? We have one vivid account, but the 'young' lady concerned (a former village post-mistress!), wishes to remain anonymous. Or have you other, even more exciting tales to tell?

Over the years the village has had, and indeed still has, many clubs and groups

and we are interested in photographs, documents and stories relating to all of these. Many changes have taken place this century, with work on the land. We have some marvellous photographs from the late 1800's and the early 1900's but would welcome more information from the 1920's right up to the present day.

It is important to record the ordinary, everyday happenings of the countryside; so do not put something aside because you think we would not be interested. That photograph of you as a child playing with your friends, at school, with the new car, at a wedding, participating in the Highland Games, and so on, might supply the very piece of information we are looking for. Instead of just reminiscing with your friends over a cup of coffee, write down, or record on tape, all those stories, that will give future generations a true picture of life in and around Killin. We shall be happy to make copies of any photographs, documents etc., should you wish to keep the originals.

If you can help, please contact Dr. Mairi MacColl, Judy Forster, Gillean Ford or Allan Walker.

S.W.R.I.

Mrs Liz Lambert welcomed members and visitors to the February meeting. Mrs Claire Hunter from Strathyre (who had received a Winston Churchill Award to study embroidery in South West China) gave us an excellent talk and film show about her stay in China and brought along some truly beautiful examples of the various types of embroideries she saw on her travels

Mrs E. Murphy and Mrs K. Riddell were hostesses for the evening. Mrs Kate Winton astonished everyone with her entertainment for the evening. We tried to guess the flavours of various (11) types of potato crisps with some very amusing answers.

Competitions: Chinese Article 1. Janet Lewis. 2. Helen Stewart. 3. Jan Willison.
Embroidered Article: 1. Janet Lewis. 2. B. MacGregor. 3. Mrs Lincoln.

The meeting held on 5 March, 1998 took the form of a demonstration by Mrs Aitken and Mrs Davidson on how to prepare and serve various (17) kinds of exotic fruits. Members later had the opportunity of tasting, with differing opinions as to the enjoyment of the experience.

Nominations for next year's committee were asked for and encouraged by an amusing skit performed and sung by those of the present committee who possessed good singing voices. Fruitful results are expected.

The Hostesses for the evening were Mrs K. Winton and Mrs S. Chisholm who warmly thanked the demonstrators and provided an excellent cup of tea.

Killin Mothers and Toddlers

During April the toddlers will meet in the Nursery - except on the first Friday of each month when we will use the Church Hall. Recently most of our children have progressed on to the Playgroup so we are extending a big hand of friendship to all those new mums hiding out there!

Our Cake Stall in November was a great success. We would like to say a special thanks to all those who baked for us and to those who bought from us. The total final sum realised was £117.81. Our Christmas Hamper was on display in the paper shop window and was won by Trish Grant. We are especially grateful to Mr and Mrs Rough for their window space. Guess the Weight: our Christmas competition cake was on display in Webster's shop - baked by Sarah Donaldson, and weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and the winner was Henry Forster. We would like to say thank you to Mr and Mrs Webster and all their staff for displaying the cake and handling the money for us.

The toddlers would like to thank all the people of Killin for supporting them in the above fund raising events.

Julie Rhys, Secretary

Killin Youth Club - The Story so Far



Prior to its re-formation in April 1997, the Youth Club had been defunct for some 6 to 7 years but under its present leadership has continued to flourish and at our regular Tuesday evening meeting in the McLaren Hall (7pm - 9.30 pm) we attract some 20 - 30 young people who participate in the activities on offer. The present success is due in part to Stirling Council's Community Services involvement, offering financial support and back up through the Community Services Officer, Theresa Robertson, who visits regularly.

We regularly hold "Sports Showdowns" with Lochearnhead and Crianlarich Youth Clubs and the most recent involvements have been football and shinty.

We are shortly to visit Ibrox Stadium to see Scotland play Denmark in a World Cup friendly warm up football match, and tickets can be obtained from any committee member.

The Club is open to any S1 - S6 pupil and we look forward to seeing anyone at our regular Tuesday Evening Meetings.

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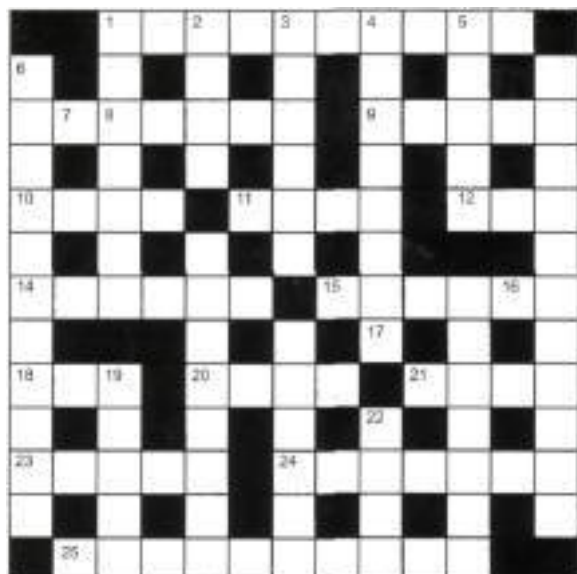
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Crossword By Scorpio

ACROSS

DOWN



1. "The only pretty ring time"? (10)
 8. Loose woman loses head and gets horn (7)
 9. A caper in the Atlantic (5)
 10. Phosphorus strike for an early form of transport (4)
 11. Smooth metal (4)
 12. Essentially yours (3)
 14. Polar head gear? (3-3)
 15. Can a pulse be found in Helen Tilbury (6)
 18. The leaders of Greece and Persia make space (3)
 20. Unrestricted competition (4)
 21. This chap is some beauty (4)
 23. Tup's Eastern mix-up leads to disturbance (5)
 24. Pasta dumplings have initially got no chic (7)
 25. Second class finished joint for suitor's position (6,4)

1. Banger caused Sue's Aga to break down (7)
 2. Ready to expire in the east (4)
 3. Character of environment (6)
 4. Coach the "in" crowd for a run round the track (5,3)
 5. Measure of rhythm (5)
 6. Forest in porter is setting forth (8,3)
 7. Vision training for youngsters? (6,5)
 13. Cat roved and frolicked (8)
 16. This English claret is very sweet (7)
 17. Border in world extremes gets stuck (6)
 19. Slippery slope (5)
 22. Boy gets nothing anon (4)

Solution to Last Crossword

Across: 1. Assuring 5. Brains 9. Causeway
 10. Pastel 12. Gaelic 13. Moose 16. Impair
 17. Longview 20. Evidence 21. Warder 23.
 Tagus 25. Asides 28. Origin 29. Vehicles
 30. Eleven 31. Asserted.

Down: 1. Arcs 2. Shun 3. Reexamine 4.
 Nearly 6. Realm 7. In two minds 8.
 Silverware 11. Scion 14. Minestrone 15.
 Springtime 18. Grapevine 19, 22 Ocean liners
 24. Spine 26. Slot 27. Used.

Church Services at Easter

Church of Scotland - Killin

Sunday April 5 (Palm Sunday)
 10 am "Why Jesus?"

Thursday April 9
 (Maundy Thursday)
 7 pm "Love on its knees"

Good Friday - Service in the Episcopal
 Church at 7 pm

Sunday April 12
 (Easter Day - Communion)
 10 am "He is risen"

Roman Catholic Church

Easter Service will be held at 9.30 am in
 the Episcopal Church in Killin, all other
 services will be held in St. Joseph's
 Callander.

St. Fillan's Episcopal Church

Good Friday 10 April: Ecumenical
 Service: All denominations are welcome.

Easter Sunday 12 April: Eucharist -
 9.30 am

Bishop Michael Henley will conduct a
 Eucharist Service at 9.30 am on 19 April.

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