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# KILLIN NEWS

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## Out To Graze - Or Just Gone Fishin'?



The Production Committee of the Killin News recently laid on a surprise Retiral Bash for Sinclair Aitken, who retired having been Editor of the paper since its conception. After seven years of dedication we thought he deserved the front page! Sinclair's wife May connived to get him to the Old Mill Restaurant under the pretext that it was Molly McRobbie's birthday party. Molly, incidentally, had just come out of hospital after a knee operation but somehow May managed to convince Sinclair that she was still having a party! A great night was had by all and the surprised look on Sinclair's face will remain with us all for a long time. Many thanks to Mary, Dickie and staff for a lovely dinner and for being in cahoots with us. Fortunately, Sinclair will not disappear completely from the Killin News, he will remain on the Committee and continue to write for the paper, (the article facing is testimony to that) but he will now have a bit more time for other interests too.

We take this opportunity to wish Molly McRobbie a very happy birthday and speedy recovery from her operation and to thank her for unwittingly supplying us with a rouse!

## Water, Water Everywhere - But Boil Before You Drink!

On 29 April there was a meeting of the Area Committee of the Customers Council, the watchdog and regulatory body concerned with water and sewerage. The meeting was held in Dunblane and its purpose was (in their own words) to "establish a dialogue with community and consumer groups". About 40 people were assembled in the hall under the chairmanship of Gerry Fisher, all of whom were

either members of the Customers Council itself or East of Scotland Water - with the exception of about 7 or 8 members of the public. Of these, three represented Killin Community Council and the Killin News (Charlie Grant, John McPherson and myself). Before any dialogue began we were given a very lavish presentation by one of East of Scotland Water's staff on water and sewerage services, with a video

of the actual work taking place. It was an impressive account of the vast sums of money that have to be spent to bring the (in some cases ancient) water and sewerage services up to modern standards.

Following this presentation the Chairman asked if there were any questions. First to "start the dialogue" was Killin when reference was made to the now notorious "Boil Water" incident in September of last year. We expressed our surprise that after £900,000 had been spent on the new computerised filtration plant, some rather heavy rain had caused some possible contamination of our water supply. Had the research and design that had preceded the building of the plant been adequate? Had it taken into account spells of heavy rain - which is not unknown in Killin!? Would it happen again? And so on! The water people were also criticised for a rather inadequate reaction at the time of the "Boil Water" notice, in the unacceptable way in which they delivered fresh water to certain establishments, mainly hotels, and ignored vulnerable points such as Sheltered Housing and families with young children. They were also criticised for not responding to this newspaper's request for an article about the incident - indeed there was no acknowledgement of the letter!

In response to the considerable questions of the Killin people, there were genuine apologies given, and "clear" guarantees that such an incident would not occur again as steps were now being taken to improve the filtration plant's handling of excessive rainfall.

The Killin representatives made sure that East of Scotland Water and the Customers Council recognise the existence of our village, and we suspect that everything will be done to improve the water system and repair relationships.

*Sinclair Aitken*

## On Yer Bike!

The National Cycle Network is coming! Tony Grant, the Scottish Regional Manager of Sustrans the SUSTainable TRANSport charity, recently gave an audio-visual presentation in the Lesser McLaren Hall.



will be set up in or around Killin from 1 to 15 August for approximately 15 international students. 10 Sustrans supporters and as many local volunteers as possible. No previous experience is necessary, young or old, for a day or a fortnight - any assistance will be appreciated.

It is envisaged, that once the route is completed, between 5,000 to 10,000 cyclists per year will attempt the whole route and many more will complete parts of it. Just imagine - 10,000 extra tourists coming to Killin, all requiring food, drink and accommodation. Most will be carrying as little as possible - some will be simple travellers with tent and gas stove and others will want the best food and accommodation on offer! So what are you waiting for - get out there and help build this path so they can blaze a trail to the doors of Killin.

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## Gift To Killin Parish Church



The presentation of a fine garden seat was made to the Church by Ann Smith as a memorial to the late Janet Ann McIntyre. The photo shows Janet's old friend Agnes Colmar sitting on the new seat outside the Church enjoying the early Spring sunshine.

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# Killin / Kenmore & The Koh-i-Noor

The Koh-i-Noor (also spelled Koh-i-Nur which means mountain of light) is a famous diamond dating back to the 14th century. It originally weighed an incredible 793 carats and was pinched by the Maharajah of the Punjab by force from the Afghans. It was acquired by the "Brits" in Queen Victoria's time when the Punjab was also taken over. The Koh-i-Noor became the "Jewel in the Crown" and is now 108.9 carats having been reduced to fit the Queen Mother's state crown. The Punjab has been in the news recently with the Queen's visit to Amritsar. What has all this to do with Killin and Kenmore - not a lot, but there is a curious connection with the last Maharajah of the Kingdom of the Punjab - one Duleep Singh.

In 1843 at the age of five, he was proclaimed Maharajah, this was in itself quite a feat as his father had 46 wives and the old man's death precipitated a murderous scramble for the succession. However, I digress! The British feeling slightly guilty about annexing the Punjab and acquiring the Koh-i-Noor adopted the young Prince and brought him to England. He was granted a sizeable pension, some £50,000 per year and he married Bamba Muller the daughter of a German missionary. Duleep became a crack shot and here we get nearer to Killin and Kenmore. He lived on his estate at Elvenden in Suffolk but had the estate of Grandtully near Aberfeldy and

transformed it into a first class grouse property. A multi-faceted character divorced from his roots and living in Britain, he later turned against the British and called Queen Victoria "Mrs Fagin" as she would not return the Koh-i-Noor. He died an embittered old man in 1893 was succeeded by his son Prince Victor Duleep Singh who was born in 1866. Both Duleep and his son Victor are chronicled in the exploits of Victorian and Edwardian shooting parties.

There is much, much more to the




story but what about Killin and Kenmore? Seeing the media interest in the Duleep Singh - Koh-i-Noor saga, I remembered having seen amongst the McDiarmid/ McNaughton and other Perthshire names in the old Killin graveyard the unusual Duleep Singh name. On checking I found that a Mr Cawood, secretary to Duleep Singh had died at Auchlyne and been buried at Killin. David Bowser, a mine of information, told me that the Maharajah had been a shooting tenant there and also much background on the Maharajah's history including the Grandtully connection.

I remembered seeing a stone in Kenmore churchyard and hastening down there discovered a recumbent stone "To the memory of the infant son of the Maharajah Duleep Singh late ruler of the Sikh nation, Punjab, India and the Maharani his wife. Born 4th of August 1865 died fifth of August 1865". If this child had lived he would have been the legitimate heir to the Maharajah - Prince Victor not being born until 1866.

Since the Queen's visit to Amritsar, the press has had quite a lot of space devoted to the extraordinary story of the last Maharajah and the Koh-i-Noor diamond and there has been much speculation upon rightful heirs. Killin and Kenmore have had a little share, however tenuous, in an amazing story.

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We got married first and then lived together (How quaint can you be?). We thought "fast food" was when you gobbled your tea. a "Big Mac" was an oversized raincoat and "crumpet" we had for supper. We existed before house-husbands, computer dating, dual careers and when a "meaningful relationship" meant getting along with your cousin, and "sheltered accommodation" was where you waited for the bus.

We were before care centres, group homes and disposable nappies. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yoghurt and young men wearing earrings. For us, "time-sharing" meant togetherness, a "chip" was what you put vinegar on. "hardware" meant nuts and bolts and "software" wasn't a word.

Before 1940 "Made in Japan" meant junk, the term "making out" referred to how you did in your exams, "stud" was something that fastened a collar to a shirt and "going all the way" meant staying on the bus until it reached the depot. Pizzas, McDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of. In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, "grass" was mown, "Coke" was kept in the coalhouse, a "joint" was a piece of meat you had on Sundays and "pot" was something you cooked in. "Rock music" was a grandmother's lullaby. "Eldorado" was an ice-cream, a "gay" person was the life and soul of the party and nothing more, while "aids" just meant beauty treatment or help for someone in trouble.

We who were born before 1940 must indeed be a hardy bunch when you think of the ways in which the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder we are so confused and there is such a generation gap today.... but, by the Grace of God we have survived! Alleluia!

*Ackn't to St John's Church Magazine*

## Clackmannan, Falkirk & Stirling Local Authorities (CFSLA)

The CFSLA Payroll Lottery will provide equipment valued at over £5,000 to the following groups:-

- Healthy Hearts will receive a Defibrillator to help the safety of their 150 plus members and encourage them to lead a healthy lifestyle.
- Forth Valley Sports Association for people with disabilities will be provided with Boccia equipment (similar to bowls but made of leather) to encourage their 300 handicapped members to take part in a spoil.
- Women's Aid Stirling and Bannockburn Playgroup will receive play equipment.
- Young Reds will receive sports equipment.

The generosity of the employees and former employees of the CFSLA plus Fire, Police and Assessors services since the scheme started in 1993 has resulted in over £220,000 of equipment and donations being given to over 200 local, national and international charities and community organisations. This excludes the equipment donated to the committee from the councils and some local companies such as Clydesdale Bank. Scottish Amicable etc., who have donated surplus equipment such as desks, chairs, computers, storage materials etc.

Any organisation who wants more information on who to apply for assistance or who wants to donate equipment should contact; The Secretary, Unit 20, The Trade Centre, Bruce Street, Alloa FK10 1RX or telephone 01786 443540.

## McLaren Community Leisure Centre

It seems that for ages now we have been telling you about developments concerning the new McLaren Community Leisure Centre - it is no longer just a story - it is due to open early this summer and an official opening by Princess Anne will be held on 18 August.

The facilities include a 20m swimming pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, steam room. Sunbeds, climbing wall, four rink indoor carpet bowls hall, state of the art fitness suite, two squash courts, sports hall and external floodlit all weather park. Supporting these facilities are a meeting room, cafeteria and bar offering a wide variety of drinks and food. There will be organised programmes of aerobics, fitness testing, aquafit and coaching in many sports.

The £30 million plus Centre is much needed in the area due to the lack of wet weather facilities and the aim is to cater for local and outlying populations as well as day visitors and tourists. You can pay as you use the facilities or alternatively take out one of the wide range of membership packages.

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# Killin PTA Litter Day

(Printed Verbatim!)

I went on the litter picking day on Saturday 25 April. We were split into groups and went different ways. We went to pick up litter and I went with Mrs Frost, Linda Somerville and my mum Julia Bates. We went up the Serger way, down the old railway line to the bridge, down round the head of the Loch and back up the old railway line. The weather was quite sunny but I could still see lots of clouds. Most places were really quite "littery". I think we got 30 big black bin bags FULL of litter. The most commonest thing I found was Doritos crisps and sweetie wrappers. The most unusual thing I found was an alluminium saucepan lid and some bolt clippers. We were sponsored by Cocoa Coala. I thought the day was a success but I was annoyed why people can't put litter in the bin. Sometimes the wind blows the litter out the bins. Couldn't the bins be like small wheelie bins? It was a good day though (apart from the litter)!!

*Gordon Bates P7 Age 11*

On Saturday we went on a litter clean up me my Mum Andrew and other friends from school. We got about six bags of rubbish. We had to wear white bags as a thing that people could tell what we were doing and we also needed to wear rubber gloves from the ambulance station. We went all around Killin looking for litter.

*Siobhan Anderson P4 Age 8*

"Gold medal" goes to Beer Cans - we found loads. Own up! Who is it that walks along the railway line everyday eating "Fruitellas"? We found hundreds of wrappers! We also found



some rather strange things including a bike wheel, a pair of bolt cutters, a pan lid and we almost managed to build a car with all the car bits. Many of the pieces of litter seemed to have blown from the bins. Why don't the bins have lids? If you weren't there, you missed the best Saturday for ages!!

*Linda Somerville Age 13*

At the clean up we all got gloves and we found lots of litter. We found a lot of cans and wet plastik bags and it was along walk to the bin and on the way we saw more litter. I hope nobody drops litter now!

*Zander Martin P4 Age 8*

I think now bigger bins should be put up and a little car thing that sucks up litter for Jake. Then a litter group like green team for children.

*Colin Woods P4 Age 9*

## Editorial note

Whilst on the subject of litter, it has been brought to our attention that litter louts are not just a problem within the village and immediate area.

Lochan Lairig Cheile (the wee loch beside Glenoglehead Cottages) is constantly plagued with beer cans, bottles, broken glass and litter of every description. We were disgusted to learn of soiled disposable nappies just tossed away and other items which you certainly wouldn't want to pick up -even with rubber gloves on. When Rosie Third walks with her wee girl Lauren along the path around the Lochan she always takes a couple of bin bags with her to pick up the rubbish - she does an admirable job but she cannot single handedly clean up such a large area. We certainly cannot imagine that local people would dump rubbish there. It would appear to be visitors out admiring the countryside and yet, strangely, destroying it at the same time.

Can anyone suggest a possible remedy to this litter problem and others, or should Lauren Third. Gordon Bates, Siobhan Anderson, Zander Martin, Colin Woods, Linda Somerville and all their friends just grow up thinking that it must be perfectly acceptable to dump your garbage at someone else's back door - someone will pick it up?! We are waiting for YOUR response....





# If You Go Down In The Woods Today



"You're sure of a big surprise." So the song says. And there have been a few surprises lately. I'm not thinking of the couple nude bathing up the Lawers road one hot summer day - nor the American hunter who was shot by mistake for a white-tailed deer after an unscheduled visit to the "restroom" (incidentally, the use of white toilet paper in some hunting areas is forbidden for this very reason)! I'm thinking of more naturalist than naturalist surprises.

A few weeks ago I saw an otter chasing two mallards just by the Bridge of Lochay Hotel. They weren't just being taken along for a swift drink either - the otter definitely had them on the menu. Strange lunch for an otter.

At this time of year we try to have a blitz with the live traps for mink etc. The traps are set near to the riverside and one in particular was doing well with three mink in three days. The next day brought a surprise - a very large and very docile male polecat ferret. The next days brought three females - much smaller but more vicious (as one would expect). Polecat ferrets are a cross between white ferrets and wild polecats which they resemble in looks. It is likely that they were a cross, the male had been used to people and had probably been left behind by a fly ferreter when he refused to come out of the rabbit hole. Wild polecats are extending their range from Wales but have not yet reached Scotland - as far as we know!

Other hybrids can cause surprises. Sika deer were introduced to southern England from Japan and have spread as far north as Sutherland. One was recently shot locally. They are similar to red deer, with an uglier face and a curious whistling call. The stags will interbreed with red hinds (the reverse has not been noted) and so the pure red deer could die out. Certain estates are being asked to send the tips of tongues cut from culled animals for DNA testing to keep a check on this problem.

Similarly the domestic cat has interbred with the Scottish Wildcat to such an extent in some areas that the true wildcat is extinct. Perthshire is one of its last areas.

This is one problem when species are introduced. Another is the pest proportions which a new introduction can reach in a new habitat. Examples are rabbits in Australia, grey squirrels and mink here. Mink have been accidentally introduced as they escaped from mink farms and cause devastation amongst native wildlife - especially birds. Chinese muntjac deer are becoming pests in England.

A great deal of thought must be given and research done before new species are introduced or native species re-introduced. The latest ideas are European beavers to open up reedbeds and the wolf - an interesting effect on sheep farming don't you think?

Has anyone seen the big black cat around here lately? Did it exist? Did it come as a result of a big black bottle?! Remember there are always surprises but maybe we have a little while to go before we find a family of bears having their picnic.

Tim Frost

In response to  
Emma Paterson's poem  
in Issue No. 43 of the Killin News:-

## Midnight Sun

*I jealous that I hae tae write  
Tae emphaseese ma dochter's plight:  
An orange licht across the glen,  
Will it come on? Ye niver ken.*

*When I an' ma dear wife are beddit  
Am' snorin' loud - tae dae us credit!  
The licht comes shinin' thrae the windae  
An' wauks me up; I wish it didnae.*

*Amang the trees abune the road,  
Anither lantern shed its load  
O' licht o' orange o'er the glen  
E'en in the morn at ten tae ten!*

*O, wid some Pow'r the giftie gie them  
To see their lights as ither see them  
An' recognizee that licht pollution  
Is, mibby, nae the richt solution.*

*And a post script just before the Killin  
News goes to print:-*

*I maun express ma thanks tae him  
Across the glen wha's doused his glim.  
I still wauk early i' the mornin';  
I doot its jist the guid wife's snorin'.*

*Yet, tae be fair, its mibby me  
That is tae blame - I hae tae pee!!  
D S Bowser, Auchline*

## And from The Killin News Team:-

*We're really glad the licht went oot  
Communications were doon - nae doot  
Oor paper helped tae save the day  
Stoppin' tempers aboot tae fray.*

*Oor sympathy tae the Capt'n went  
His dochter tae, fir nichts bad spent.  
Across the glen oor thanks are pourin'  
We've fair been amused wi' Judy's snorin'!*

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# Fancy Dress Dance

The "Teuchter Fling" held on 11 April in the McLaren Hall raised an extremely impressive - £1030 to be donated to the Helena Inglis Memorial Fund, Intensive Care Unit, Sick Children's Hospital, Edinburgh.

The first prize was won by Sonia Grant and the second by Fiona Inglis. Many thanks to everyone who helped with this outstanding effort.

*Pamela Farquharson*



## Caption Competition

What are Gangster William Stitt, Viking Findlay McAskill or Pirate Eric McAllister saying? £5 prize for the best caption. Send your name, address and suggestions to: Killin News, c/o Kilchurn, Killin - to be received before 30 June 1998. The winning suggestion will be printed in the next issue of the Killin News - remember we are a family paper!!

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## Evenin' All!

Killin welcomes a new Constable to replace Dave Murray who has retired. Alex McGregor, who joined the force in 1979, has been stationed at Alloa, Tillicoultry, Callander, Dunblane and Bannockburn. For the last three years he has been the Community Constable in Bannockburn.

Originally from St. Ninians in Stirling, Alex has lived in Tullibody

for the past 18 years. Alex and his partner Pam were engaged last year and a date is still to be set for the wedding. Pam presently works as a Senior Clerical Officer in Police Headquarters in Stirling, but will be vacating this post due to excessive travelling when they take up occupancy of the Police House on 13 May. They have a Springer Spaniel named "Ben".

Alex's interests are rugby (now socially) and played for many years with Hillfoots and Central Scotland Police Rugby Clubs where he was a second row forward. He also plays the occasional game of golf and has been involved in the Scouting movement. Pam enjoys most sports and is a keen badminton player.

We wish Alex and Pam all the best in Killin.



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### "Now Wash Your Hands"

Bacteria and viruses are topical: E. coli, meningitis. HIV. Hepatitis A. B. C... are all regularly featured in the popular press. Micro-organisms are a part of our environment. Most of them are entirely harmless or are beneficial (variegation in tulips is caused by infection and where would the Scotch whisky industry be without yeast?). There is no need to aim for a germ-free environment, in fact, if we kill harmless bacteria we may give an advantage to more dangerous ones by removing the competition.

Bacterial resistance to antibiotics has been blamed on over prescribing by doctors. While this is true to some extent there is also an expectation of cure which will need to change, for example: there is good evidence that most sore throats, earache and sinusitis will improve without antibiotics and only need to be treated with pain killers and time.

There is another area where we can all make a difference. Many cleaning products now contain antibacterial chemicals which kill or inhibit the growth of bacteria. These are sold on the basis that they make our surroundings safer. There is no evidence that the addition of antibacterials to household products wards off infection. They are no better at cleaning than the standard methods such as soap and water or bleach. Using them may lead to a false sense of security so that we neglect basic hygiene rules such as using different knives and chopping boards for raw and cooked foods. They may promote bacterial resistance, so that when we do need some form of antibacterial cleaner, for example in helping to look after someone with reduced immunity, we will find they don't work. Finally, for a product with no particular advantages, they are expensive. Stick to soap! (Ref. Levy, Stuart Scientific American March, 1998.

Dr D Syme

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## St Fillan's Scottish Episcopal Church, Killin.

The Episcopal Church in Scotland is undergoing something of a revival at the moment; congregations are growing, several new churches have been opened within the last eighteen months and in not a few of the older ones you have to go early to find a seat!

When my predecessor, John Symon, indicated that he would like to retire last summer, I was asked to become St Fillan's new Priest-in-charge. I had been a member of the team-ministry which looked after three Episcopal churches in the Blairgowrie area. I received permission from Bishop Michael Henley (The Bishop of St Andrews, Dunblane and Dunkeld) to continue to live in Blairgowrie at the moment.

I began my work in Killin in September last year and have taken the 9.30 Eucharist each Sunday (a mild winter meant that only one Sunday in January was "snowed off"). St Fillan's has a really enthusiastic congregation, which is growing steadily. I spend one or two days each week in and around the village, and I am always happy to visit anyone who is unwell, either at home or in hospital. With its very strong Eucharistic tradition, great accent is placed on Home Communion, if anyone is housebound through illness or other misfortune, and anyone who has to go into hospital is similarly offered Communion.

St Fillan's is such a beautiful church with an interesting history that we have decided to put it on the Internet. Material obtained from the Church Archivist has been incorporated with coloured pictures of outside and inside the church, and we should be "live" within the next week or two. We have decided to put the church under the heading of "Killin", as many different entries already exist under this heading. You can obtain information about holidays in the area under the numerous hotels, the Youth Hostel, the golf course, fishing, walks and much more, and we hope that the addition of the church will bring it to the attention of visitors.

If you are not familiar with the church it is well worth a visit. You will be astonished at the beauty inside, the calm, peaceful and reverent atmosphere: new leaflets are available at the back of the church with a selection of prayers which will help in many of life's difficult moments.

*Bobby Sommerville*

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Central Scotland Police have released crime figures for Callander Local Command Unit which covers stations at Callander, Aberfoyle, Killin, Lochearnhead and Crianlarich. The figures show an overall reduction in reported crime for the year 1997-98.

Of particular interest is a marked reduction in crimes of dishonesty and housebreaking. Various police initiatives carried out during the past year have proved effective. Theft from shops showed a 182% increase, but fortunately the detection rate remains high at 87.5%. It is hoped that the Callander Community CCTV project which is receiving excellent support from many local businesses will prove to be a deterrent and help shop staff and police deal more effectively with this problem.

Callander Local Command Unit would like to thank members of the community for their support in the past year as there is little doubt that these improvements could not have been achieved without you - the public - reporting suspicious incidents to the police at the time and taking heed of the crime prevention advice which has been circulated through community newspapers and other sources during the past year.

*Ian Donaldson*

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## The Scottish Crannog Centre



The Scottish Crannog Centre at Kenmore re-opened for the season on 1 April after a quiet but productive winter. The replica Iron Age loch-dwelling, which has been based on evidence obtained from underwater excavations of the 2,500 year old "Oakbank Crannog" off Fearnan, has been made into a cosy home just as it would have been in the past. Judging from the masses of plant material found in the original site, the ancient loch-dwellers used bracken to cover their floors and to fill gaps in their woven hazel walls to stop the wind whistling through. So far there is no evidence of daub or plaster so the people may have hung blankets and animal skins over the walls as further draft-proofing. These measures inside the new Crannog helped to re-assure hundreds of visitors who sought refuge there during the recent frosty Easter holidays, as did the log fire burning in the central hearth and servings of hot nettle tea to further warm the soul. The local Mallard Duck community approved as well, as two have since made nests and laid eggs in our Waterborne haven.

A feature being added to the Crannog is wattle fencing around the platform's perimeter so that would be loch-dwellers may walk around outside the Crannog and view the remains of some of the original crannogs in the east end of the loch (two are visible as islands, and two are completely submerged). Remnants of woven hazel panels were discovered at "Oakbank Crannog" which indicated that the loch-dwellers there were coppicing the wood to ensure a good supply. Unfortunately, few woodlands in Scotland coppice hazel today, so our wood has been acquired from a long way away.

There is more to see in the temporary on-shore exhibition with new information panels and video. We also hope to be able to display a few of the ancient artefacts recovered from the underwater excavations off Fearnan. This summer we hope to explore some of the crannogs near Killin to assess the potential for further work there. One of the best known crannogs is Eilean Puttychan or Eilean Sputachan (Island of the Little Spout) which has become a peninsula due



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to extensive silting. While there are 16th Century references to occupation of the island, it may have had much earlier origins, as we do not yet have radiocarbon dates for each of the 18 crannogs in Loch Tay. Why not come down to Kenmore for a familiarisation visit?

*Barrie Andrian / Colin Scott*

### Local Firm Goes Further Afield

A & B Services, Killin are venturing abroad - having started with refurbishment of heavyweight and



specialist forest machinery, the local firm has now also moved into design. The machine shown with A & B staff is the first A & B design to be sent to Southern Ireland while other forest machinery has been sent to India and two smaller Alp Skylines to Africa. I just missed an export to Kenya but caught the pictured giant before it went off on a low loader.

A & B Services now employ seven men, two part time book-keepers and also a forest harvester near Fort William. One does not usually associate Killin with world wide trade - well done Gordon Aitken, Steve Bennet and staff.

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Since its start, the "wee log cabin" has seen more than 200 trainees come on a full or part-time basis and nearly as many go out with well-earned certificates (this reflects the fact that some people attend for informal training only, not that they couldn't achieve a qualification!).

We are fortunate to have such a facility on our doorstep which offers this new flexible approach to distance learning, when transport to the new Stirling Centre or the College itself is not easy.

*Lesley Kettle*



*Picture taken at the opening listed left to right are: David Shearer (Community Councillor in Callander), Gerry Power (Manager), Lesley Kettle (Administrator), Ken Campbell (District Councillor in Stirling) and Dr Graham Clark (Principal).*



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## Updated Community Bus



Councillor K Campbell and Keith Gowanlock (Transport Co-ordination Department) joined with local people and members of the Killin Community Bus committee in welcoming the new vehicle on 24 April.

Alex Mercer volunteered his services in testing the hydraulic lift and a short trial run was made as far as the golf course. Jimmy Gauld paid tribute to Stirling Council for a generous grant and went on to thank Killin Initiative, numerous organisations and private donations for supporting the bus financially. Jimmy voiced his appreciation for help and advice given by Jim Cushley and the Lix Toll staff and to the committee of Charlie Grant, Babs Gordon and Jill Higgins. Councillor Campbell and Keith Gowanlock mentioned that Killin was unusual in the way it had pushed for and provided local transport and congratulated villagers on their determination and vigour.

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## Did The Earth Move For You?

At around 8.20 one March evening, a low rumble was heard and felt at Kirkton Farm, Crianlarich. What was it? Shortly afterwards a freight train trundled past on route to Fort William. Had it been just the train or something else - an avalanche perhaps? Two days later the radio reported a road closed in Argyll due to a landslide caused by an earthquake. Could it have been an earthquake we felt in Crianlarich the previous Thursday?

Typing "Earthquake" into the search mode on the Internet threw up some 750,000 entries - a daunting prospect, however, the first entry was for the British Geological Survey. Going into the home page and clicking on "Monthly Catalogue of Events" gave all the answers. Two earthquakes on 5 March which were four minutes apart around 8.20pm. They registered 1.9 and 1.7 on the Richter scale and were centred on Meall Clachan 2.5km west of Killin!

John Wyllie

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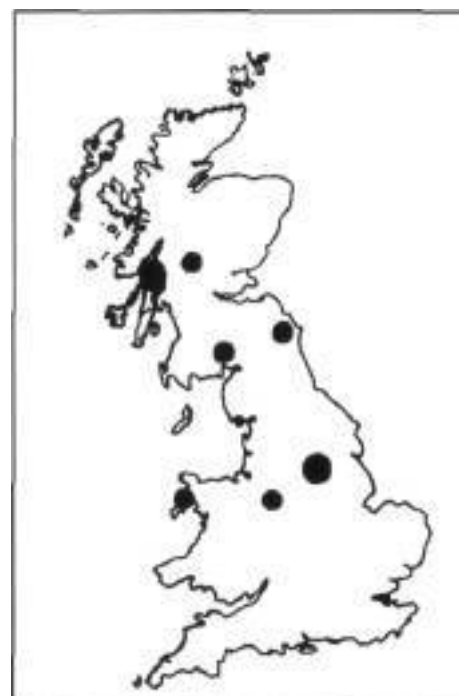
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## BUS TIMETABLE

Free copies of the new bus time tables are available from the Post Office, Library, Tourist Information Office and the Youth Hostel.

The time tables in booklet form should be an exciting read on a wet afternoon.



Roger and Muriel Bedwell, formerly of Fairview House, Killin, returned to the village to receive a gift from the Killin and District Tourist Association. Committee member Paddy McKinnon, on behalf of the Association, presented Roger with a wooden clock as a thank you for all the work he did for tourism in the area whilst Chairman of the Association.

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## OBITUARIES

Rosie Christie of Lochdochart (nee Douglas), born 27 February 1964, died 13 March, 1998.

Born in Bellshill Maternity in Lanarkshire, Rosie spent her early childhood in Airdrie. The family moved to Islay in 1972 where Rosie stayed until she attended college in Paisley. Rosie worked as a receptionist in an office in Hillington, Glasgow for a number of years and it was during this time she met her late husband. Derick, at a girls weekend in Crianlarich. Rosie moved to Crianlarich in 1989 where she was readily accepted into the community and married Derek the following year.

As well as producing two lovely daughters, Seona and Emma, whom she loved dearly, Rosie enjoyed her life on Inverhaggernie Farm - helping and supporting Derek in his various business ventures. Rosie took pleasure in being part of the Crianlarich Community and was involved in establishing and running Crianlarich Playgroup - in her final year of involvement Rosie was secretary. Rosie participated in a variety of fundraising initiatives for the playgroup such as: climbing Ben More, dressing as a Bumble Bee at the village Halloween party and picking up litter from the roadside. She was a fabulous baker and regularly contributed, and received prizes for, her efforts at the Crianlarich Flower Show. In addition, she always encouraged Seona and Emma to put forward their contributions.

On a more personal level Rosie was a shy woman who found it much easier to give than receive. She was a woman who possessed a great desire to help others in any way possible and was always appreciative of consideration afforded to

her by others - although at times found others' generosity difficult to accept or even understand. However, in recent years, due to her illness, she was often unable to accept all the help and support that all those who cared for her so much wanted to provide. She was a well-loved and highly thought of young woman and will be sadly missed by all her family and friends - and especially by Seona and Emma who survive her and for whom she wanted so much.

Rosie may have died but her memory will live on forever in our minds and in our hearts. We hope that her long and personal struggle is over and she is now at peace.

*Janet Best & Di Douglas*

Mary Sibbald was born at Corrycharmaig over 91 years ago. She was educated at Glenlochay and Killin Schools, went to college in Glasgow to train as a secretary, married Alex and eventually came to Mansewood in Lochearnhead which she ran as a boarding house. She retired to Colonsay, Craignavie Road over 20 years ago when she cared for her two brothers (the late Donnie and Peter).

Mary always took a great interest in village life both in Lochearnhead and in Killin. She was a very active member of the Church, Guild, WRI and An Comunn Gaidhealach. Due to illness she spent her last few years in the Falls of Dochart Residential Home being cared for by Hillary and her staff.

Our thoughts are with Alison, David and Christian and Mary's many friends in Killin and Lochearnhead.

Last, but certainly not least - good luck to Kay on her sponsored walk of the "West Highland Way" and let's hope she gets good weather and no blisters!

Molly McRobbie would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, visits from far and near, cards, flowers and gifts during her stay in hospital and at home. These were all greatly appreciated. Thank you all very much.

Thanks to everyone for your letters, cards, flowers, phone calls and visits received following the tragic deaths of Derick and Rosie Christie. Your many visits to Derick in hospital in Crieff kept him cheerful and also your visits to comfort Rosie in Stirling. Thank you for your kindness and support received by us all during this unbelievably tragic saga.

Your generous donations at Strathfillan Church after Derick's funeral amounted to £750 which has been sent to MacMillan Cancer Care.

*John and Seona Christie  
Peter and Johnnie and their families,  
Seona and Emma*

*Lochdochart, Crianlarich.*

Mary and Pat Sandeman would like to take this opportunity to thank the very many kind people who sent lovely flowers, cards and messages recently - all very comforting and much appreciated. Mary hopes to be in circulation again soon.

Loch Tay Highland Lodges would like to thank the Killin community for supporting their recent first ceilidh night. It was a successful evening and the next ceilidh will be held on Saturday 23 May with another top band playing live at the event.

A certain someone on the Killin News Committee who will remain nameless, decided late one evening to paint the inside window ledges of his conveniently situated cottage in the Main Street. The fumes from the paint were strong so he left the hopper window open overnight. When he arose next morning he found that an extremely considerate "friend" returning a video tape to him didn't want to disturb him late at night and so "posted" the video through the open window and it was now well and truly welded to the sill! Does anyone know how to do flower arranging round a video tape?!

## THANK YOU

Fiona & Willie Inglis would like to thank everyone who contributed to the memorial fund for their beloved grand-daughter Helena.

Thanks to the staff and pupils of Killin Primary School for raising the sum of £228.60 at their baking stall during the week before the Easter break; this was a lovely gesture which we greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank Pamela (Orinoco) and her team for the fantastic success of the Fancy Dress Dance which raised an incredible £1030. Grateful thanks also to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets in the raffle.

Catriona's friends in Edinburgh are organising a number of fund raising events. We don't yet know what the final total will be but we will keep you informed in a later edition.

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### WEDDING

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coming to Killin on holiday for the  
past 15 years and enjoyed themselves  
so much that when they decided to tie  
the knot they opted for a quiet date in  
Killin without telling anyone. On the  
day they were attended by Maureen  
and Jimmy Gauld with Chrissie  
Fenton officiating.

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Photos from the local wedding of Isobel, only daughter of Hazel & Jock Guild, to Mr Iain Downie on 25 April 1998. The marriage was conducted at St. Fillan's Scottish Episcopal Church, Killin by the Rev. Bobby Somerville and a reception was held thereafter in the Killin Hotel. The happy couple will set up home in Glasgow.



Photo D. Mardon



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## Forthcoming Events

### May

- 22 Mull Theatre: "Dr Sullivan & Mrs Gilbert in the McLaren Hall. Killin  
23 Cor Meibon BRO ALED Male Voice Choir in the McLaren Hall  
23 Killin Show Ploughing Match. 1.30 pm at Daldravaig Farm,  
by kind permission of Judge Stroyan  
23 Sponsored Cycle around Loch Tay in aid of Cancer Research  
25 Loch Tay Highland Lodges, Indoor School. Hog Roast & Ceilidh at 8.00 pm  
30 Killin Golf Club. Mixed Open

### June

- Killin Golf Club. Ladies Open  
19.20 Killin Traditional Music and Dance Festival. Events throughout the village  
&21 19.20 Craft Fayre. Demonstrations and stalls.  
&21 21 Killin Gun Club Shoot at 1 pm  
28 Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band, Killin 1 pm  
July 3 Killin Show Sheep Shearing Competition; 6 pm at Kenknock Farm Glen  
Lochay, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs J Cameron.  
5 National Blackface Sheep Shearing Competition, Lochearnhead.  
10 Cheese & Wine in the McLaren Hall 8 - 10 pm in aid of Cancer Research  
19 Killin Gun Club Shoot at 1 pm  
19 Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band. Killin 1 pm  
24 The Mcalmans in the McLaren Hall.  
25 Lochearnhead Highland Games  
25 "Highland Queen Dance" in the McLaren Hall  
20 Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band. Killin 1 pm  
20 Boreland Gardens, Glen Lochay open 2 - 5.30 pm - Cream Teas  
29 Killin Parish Church Coffee Morning, McLaren Hall  
29 Killin Highland Games

### August

- 15 Killin Agricultural Show. Anyone wishing to have a trade stand please  
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## Mervyn's Weather



After a fairly reasonable March with slightly above normal temperatures and the usual mixture of snowfalls, rain and a few dry days. April came in a sullen mood with east winds. Traditionally April borrows three days from March, reputedly in order to annihilate the ewe hogs returning from wintering in more equable climes. However in 1998 the "borrowing days" have stretched into weeks. On the 3rd, several hours wet snow on low ground was a blizzard higher up and coming as it did from the south east told a miserable tale for those with early lambs in east Perthshire and Angus.

There followed several days of almost incessant heavy, cold, rain which turned pastures already luxuriant due to the mild winter into quagmires. Subsequent to this the wind shifted into the north east and produced bitterly cold, near gale conditions churning up the remaining grass until on the 18th came a "pet day" brilliant sunshine and no wind! The rest of the month has been unremarkable but still wet and under frost conditions "squelching" our hopes that May will produce something better! House martins reported west of Loch Tay about 11th and Swallow (1) at Ardtalnaig 22nd. Still no sign of Cuckoo.

*Mervyn Browne,  
Ardalnaig,  
28 April 1998.*

## Cheese & Wine Evening

A Cheese and Wine Evening will be held from 8-10 pm in the McLaren Hall on Friday 10 July 1998. Proceeds in aid of Cancer Research and the Community Bus. Tickets price £3.50 can be obtained from Committee Members. Donations for the Tombola would be appreciated.

### Boreland Gardens

On 26 July between 2.00 and 5.30 pm, Boreland Gardens will be open for Cream Teas under the Scotland's Garden Scheme. Open Day in aid of Cancer Research.

## Killin Community Bus

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Killin Community Bus will take place in The Lesser McLaren Hall Killin on Wednesday 20 May at 7.00 pm. We hope it will be well attended.

Mrs B E Gordon (Hon. Secretary)

## Gun Club

The Killin Gun Club shoot was held on March 29. when 26 guns turned out on a cold drizzly day.

### Down The Line

Class A: (1) D Robertson 71, (2) G Ross 66, (3) D Lewis 65, (4=) J Sincliar & I Menzies 61.

Class B: (1) J Sinclair 56, (2) G Mullen 52, (3) R Mills 51. (4=) F Frost, S Argo & E Paterson 49.

Class C: (1) M Frost 50, (2) I Downie 47, (3) K Campbell 43.

### Sporting

Class A: (1) J Sinclair. (2=) G Ross & A Donaldson 63, (4) D Robertson 60.

Class B: (1) M Howson 72, (2) B Staveley 57. (3) E Paterson 56, (4=) J McKay & S Argo 54.

Class C: (1) I Downie 63, (2) K Campbell 59, (3) M Frost 57.

High Gun: D Robertson 131.

Shoot Dates for 1998: 21 June, 19 July, 9 August (Open Sporting), 6 September (Open Down The Line), 11 October and 8 November.

G Coyne (Secretary)

## Killin Carpet Bowlers

Members held their annual dinner and presentation at Killin Hotel on 4 April. After a good dinner and conviviality, the President Jock Guild thanked members for their support. Mention was made of the recent victory over the Green Bowlers for the sixth successive year. The presentations were made by Jock and Hazel as follows:-  
*Rink before Christmas*: C Grant, J Willison, R Grant.  
*Rink after Christmas*: B Rew, D Livingstone, J Guild.  
*Knock-out Trophy*: J Ogilvie, B Rew, H Guild.  
*Handicap Shield*: C McLarty, A Walker, N Forsyth.  
*Points*: J Guild.  
*Triples*: N McKenzie, A Walker, A Webster.  
*Singles*: (for the second year running) C McLarty.  
*Doubles*: C McLarty, N McKenzie.

A surprise item was the presentation of a special birthday card designed by Tony Davis to Dougie Livingstone (30+ - we can keep a secret!). Members presented a bouquet of flowers to Hazel for organising the teas and manning the kitchen on the 'open' days.

Looking forward to next season and a big thank you to the President and to Hazel for their work throughout the year.

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## Killin Drama Club

Killin Drama Club again gave us entertaining performances on 27 and 28 March with the comedy thriller "A Tomb With A View" by Norman Robbins. A very wordy play, congratulations go to all members of the cast who had so many lines to learn! The play involves the inheritance of the Tomb family and the lengths the members of their family and others will go to, to get their hands on all that lovely money.

Many well known faces gave us some excellent performances with Colin McRae being bombastic and overbearing, Lesley Kettle cuttingly acerbic, Lesley Syme madly morbid and Charlie Methven wimpish in the extreme. Sue Dearne was efficiently scheming and Rick Wells (his first part on the stage) cut an amazing figure in that toga!! Gordon Hibbert, Glenda Mardon, Rebecca Cameron and Samantha Quigley all added to the exceptional performances. Congratulations to all involved in this worthwhile production and in particular to Tony Blythe, the Producer.

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## Killin Golf Club

The Golf Club opened its clubhouse for the 1998 season on Saturday 28 March and welcomed its new Stewards, Ian and Patricia Dick. They took over the Stewardship when Gordon and Maggie Hibbert, our previous incumbents, decided to move to pastures new. We thank Gordon and Maggie for the good work they did for us and wish them all the best for the future. Ian and Patricia, (or Tricia, as she prefers to be called), hail from St. Fillans and have started off very well - members should give their home cooking a try.

On the golfing front, preparations for the Ladies, Gents and Senior competitions are all under way and with the start of the good weather we look forward to welcoming visitors to our beautiful course.

New members are always welcome in all categories and application forms are available from the Stewards or the Secretary at the clubhouse.

*J Greaves*

## Killin & District Sport & Leisure Club

A Public Meeting was held on 1 April 1998 in the Lesser McLaren Hall at 7.30pm. The meeting was convened to discuss the future of the Killin & District Sport & Leisure Club. Around 40 members of the public were in attendance. Following an active discussion about the future of the club a new management committee was agreed. It was strongly felt that the club should continue and retain as much independence as possible.

The new management committee is as follows:

Chairperson: Mrs Linda Frost,  
Vice Chairperson: Mr David Osler.  
Treasurer: Mr Bill Douglas.  
Secretary: Ms Fiona Buchanan  
& Mrs Yvonne McPherson

## SWRI

The Annual Meeting of the Killin SWRI was held on 5 April 1998 and reports were given by the Treasurer and Secretary of the last year's business. The new President was named as Mrs Kate Winton.

A demonstration was given by Mrs Ann Shuttleworth who showed how to arrange flowers for large functions and public buildings etc.

The winner of the Points Cup was Mrs Ellen Stewart, and Mrs Naismith won "Best Trier". The hostesses for the evening were Mrs Jane Brown and Mrs A McNee.

## Killin Bowling Club

A Bric-A-Brac Sale to raise funds for much needed improvements to the Bowling Green will be held in the Lesser McLaren Hall on Wednesday 22 July from 2 - 4pm.

Articles for the sale (but no books or footwear, please) may be brought to the Lesser Hall between 7 and 8 pm on Tuesday 21 July or given to the undernoted at any time before 22 July by arrangement:

Mrs J Higgins, The Cedars,  
Telephone 01567 820679  
Mrs M MacDonald, Aldourie,  
Telephone 01567 820534  
Miss H MacDonald, 12 Ballechroisk Court, Telephone 01567 820582

## Boy's Brigade

An Open Night was held on 3 April when about 50 people attended. A good time was had by all and a big thank you to all who have helped during the past year. The Inspecting Officer was Dr. Mhari MacColl.

### Junior Section

#### Perfect Attendance

1 Year: Colin Woods, Ian Campbell, Alisdair Brown

2 Years: Robert Brown, James Stewart, Alexander MacPherson

3 Years: Peter Campbell

#### Best Group: Auchlyne

Gold Awards: Darren Kennedy, Peter Campbell, James Kennedy, James Stewart, Robert Brown

### Company Section

#### Perfect Attendance

2 Years: Gregor MacKenzie

3 Years: Michael Webb

6 Years: Timothy MacColl

Best Drilled Boy: Michael Webb

Best Squad No. 1: Cameron Frost

## Killin Badminton Club



*Junior Singles Cup Winner: - Mark Donnelly*



*Gents Singles Champion:- David Riddell  
Ladies Singles Champion:- Fiona Tickner*



# "The Other Killin Football Club!"

## Killin Football Club



The Killin Football Club are in Division 3 of the 5 Division Calgary Soccer League - that is Calgary, Alberta - CANADA! Record so far? They have been in Division 3 for the past three years. Last year they played 54 games, won 44, tied 4 and lost 6. They won League title 2 years in a row.

The Founder of the team and Player/Manager is Neil Hamilton - son of John Hamilton (Hammy), formerly from Killin, SCOTLAND! "Hammy" is equipment manager in charge of the "cool box" (for the beers). Neil is third from the left in the front row of the photo.

Killin's success continues and, although they have only played three league games since 17 February, they have won two and drawn one.

League results: Comrie 0 v Killin 5, Guildtown 0 v Killin 2, Killin 2 v Aberfeldy 2.

In various Cup competitions Killin have only lost once against Letham United who are a First Division side. On Tuesday 28 April they play Ballinluig at home in the semi-final of the Perthshire Cup and two days later they travel to Pitlochry to contest the final of the Atholl Cup against Vale of Atholl.

Cup Games: Stanley 2 v Killin 5, Killin 4 v Stanley 3, Letham 5 v Killin 3, Aberfeldy 0 v Killin 4. Vale of Atholl 0 v Killin 1.

Top goal scorer is David Feaks with a tally of 21. with David Riddell second on 12.

### Church Services at Easter

*Killin Parish Church:*  
10 am each Sunday

*Roman Catholic Services-*  
*arc* held in the Episcopal Church each  
Sunday at 2.00 pm

*Episcopal Church:*  
Communion 9.30 am every Sunday  
except the third Sunday of the month,  
service is at 10 am

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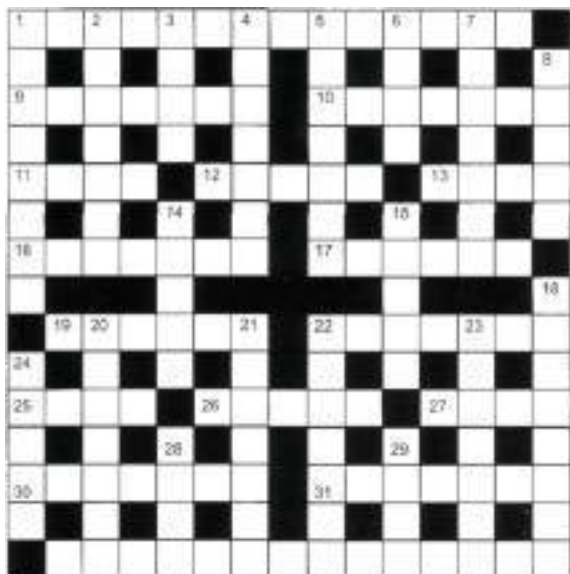
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# Crossword By Scorpio



## Solution to Last Crossword

Across: 1. Springtime 8. Trumpet 9. Antic  
10. Pram 11. Iron 12. Ego 14. Ice-cap 15.  
Lentil 18. Gap 20. Open 21. Beau 23.  
Upset 24. Gnocchi 25. Bended knee  
Down: 1. Sausage 2. Ripe 3. Nature 4.  
Train set 5. Metre 6. Stepping out 7. School  
pupil 13. Cavorted 16. Treacle 17. Wedged  
19. Piste 22. Soon

## NEXT ISSUE

Articles and advertisements for the next issue of the Killin News are required by Tuesday 30 June. This paper will be distributed towards the end of July. Events happening late July, August and September will be published in this issue. We are waiting for your mail/call.

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## ACROSS

- 1 How the Parisians might describe the winners of the World Cup perhaps. (5,2,2,5)
- 9 First man in space spun in lunar entry - or Saturn rocket which took him there. (7)
- 10, 11 Track down to St. Pancreas? Not yet. (7,4)
- 12, 13 Snails set off without tarnish. (9)
- 16 Country fenced in by nomadic eland and other antelopes. (6)
- 17 Attitude assumed sometime ago? (6)
- 19, 25 Scots Expeditionary Force? Not exactly camouflaged, that's for sure. (6,4)
22. Retrain manoeuvre for this type of country. (7)
- 25 See 19.
- 26 Endlessly insure and move crumbling buildings. (5)
- 27 Even characters planted in Acers in bloom. Commonly to copy illegally. (4)
30. Fine weather to continue, it seems. (3,4)
31. Vibrating sounds a lot more shaken. (7)
32. Assemble centre products ready for assembly. (14)

## DOWN

- 1 Palm coin and transpose to murmur. (8)
- 2 Indispensable quality and you might even fill up with it over there on the way to the World Cup. (7)
- 3 Give out when the clock changes. (4)
- 4 Choose new editor - chosen she is. (7)
- 5 No model vet chair arranged for the public records. (7)
- 6, 7 Driver's behaviour or perhaps just traffic wardens (4,7)
- 8, 18 A gory way to describe near relations if ones own. (6,3,5)
- 14 Present abode within long-bladed spear thrown by Impi. (5)
- 15 Odds on Noah's craft - gallant chap. (5)
- 18 See 8.
- 20 Interpret Emma's words holding back current measure (7)
21. Particle resulting from one turn or another. (7)
- 22 Wee bairn, half measure perhaps. (4,3)
- 23 Up and down place between trips. (7)
- 24 Part of ship's upper deck sounding like squalor. (5)
- 28 Temporal opt out of optical refo cussing. (4)
29. Last of pub route via Malibu - Nash perhaps. (4)

## Killin News Retiral

Julia Thornton has announced her decision to retire from the post of Treasurer for the Killin News, a position she has held since the conception of the paper - seven years ago. Julia has done a marvellous job over the years, but unfortunately has other commitments making demands on her time. We are very sorry to loose her but fortunately our own Kay Riddell will be stepping into Julia's shoes.

Any correspondence you would normally pop through Julia and Allan's most convenient letter box in Main Street would you please now pass on to Kay at the Library or to our address: Kilchurn, Killin.

The Killin News Production Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Julia for all her years of dedicated work.

## Editorial Policy

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