

KILLIN NEWS

KILLIN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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Festival Weekend is over for another year and Killin is once again - Our Village

Comments from the various establishments hosting "Fringe" events were very favourable. Ralph Mercer of the Killin Hotel said they had an excellent weekend, figures were up on last year, the Hotel was full and there was no trouble. John Shuttleworth of The Coach House Hotel also had a good weekend and a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon session of Glasgow TMSA (Traditional Music and Song Association of Scotland) Chorus At the Bridge of Lochay Hotel, Margaret Ireland remarked on the popularity of the story teller of myths and legends. David McLeod, Manager of the Tighnabruaich Hotel commented that the camera erected at the entrance to the Park was a great idea. John Mallinson, Chairman of the Killin Traditional Music & Dance Festival and Killin Initiative pointed out that the camera was cofunded by the police and the Festival He said that relationship Committee. between the police, hoteliers, festival organisers and the public had been excellent and attributed the absence of any bad behaviour to the pre-booking of the camp site, the visual although relaxed police presence and the observation camera. John applauded the dedicated work of Alex Stewart and was in no doubt that Killin Festival was now a well established part of the folk circuit. hoped that local hoteliers, financially the main beneficiaries, would become more involved in the work of organising the event.

Julie & Mitch in Costcutters also had a hectic weekend with figures up on last year even though they experienced some minor pilfering. People were obviously spending money in the village, the Bank of Scotland Auto Teller bore testimony to that with queues as far back as the gate at one point!

Points of criticism of the concerts were: "Deafening - the McLaren Hall acoustics don't need any amplification"; "It was



much too hot in the Hall"; "The music was better on Sunday night compared with Saturday" (or vice versa depending on personal taste); "If Tich Frier tunes his guitar strings one more time, I'll string him up!". The general opinion was that there should have been a reduction for children's concert tickets, the Pitlochry Festival Theatre admit under 18's at half price and that is for a comfy seat - not one of those infamous McLaren Hall wooden "seats" which everyone was trying to avoid! For some reason, Programmes

were not available until the day before the Festival started!

For me the highlights of the weekend were Ian Bruce on Saturday night (his singing - not his leather trousers - well maybe both!) and in total contrast, the fabulous ladies of the Killin Cancer Research Committee and the bar-b-q which they had very enterprisingly converted into a griddle for pancakes. The ladies raised £300.

LF



There was no trouble during Festival Weekend - except one Festival goer, a bit the worse for wear, decided to relieve himself in Sheila's lovely toilets. As he had not been a patron he was promptly assisted to exit the establishment!

Killin Community Council Annual General Meeting

There were six Committee Member, four members of the public and two representatives from Central Region Police Force present at the meeting which was held on 9 June in Killin Primary School.

The Treasurer presented a Financial Statement to those present and this was agreed. Three members of the Community Council attended a meeting with the East of Scotland Water gave Authority and a report. Representatives of the Water Authority will attend the next meeting of the Community Council in August. The CC had put in a request for toilets to be built in Breadalbane Park, the Chairman stated that Stirling Council had no plans to build any more public toilets.

Some scrub had been cut down at Dochart Bridge but more would have to be removed as the new growth was worse than ever. Inspector Rose, Central Region Police, stated that for the police to be able to help it had to be shown that it was dangerous to road users. Road signs for the Right of Way on the Bridge were too far out and situated too high and thereby not visible to road users.

There had been no CCTV installed as there was no apparent interest from the community. There would be the annual costs to be considered and therefore it was not at present a viable venture.

The Chairman stated that there was a shortage of public benches in the village. Over the years they had been gathered by the Council for storage throughout the winter and then not returned. Enquiries are to be made about this. It was reported that the litter bins in lay-bys had been removed and not replaced. Enquiries to be made about this also.

The Chairman reported that there seemed to be a problem with parking at the entrance to the one-way system at Lyons Road. This made it difficult at times to negotiate the narrow road. There was also the possibility that the

emergency services would not be able to access it.

Ideas for the Millennium were put forward. It was suggested that the clock above the old Horwoods Garage (now the National Trust Shop) be repaired and maintained. This was considered a good idea but what about erecting a village clock.

The office bearers will remain the same with the exception of Fiona Stewart who informed the Committee that she was not able to continue as Secretary. As no one was available at the meeting a new Secretary was to be found.

Fiona Stewart



The Millennium

CELECT

The Community Council have already had a few suggestions to mark the Millennium with something of lasting tangible value. Have you any ideas? It's time to start thinking NOW!

Any suggestions, ideas or brainwaves can be sent to Bill Rew, Convenor of the Council or if given to the Killin News or Killin Initiative Group they will be passed on.

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Strathfillan Community Council

The last meeting was held on 3 June at Crianlarich Village Hall and the AGM was held before the full meeting. The Chairman, John Riley, spoke of an exciting year with many aspirations becoming achievable through the Corrum Trust. It was time to reconsider the role of the Community Council due to the that many of the previous objectives had been taken over by the Trust. Whilst policy was largely unaffected, objectives needed to be reconsidered, to do this a small group should be formed to initiate ideas for the Trust to carry forward.

The normal meeting then followed. The East of Scotland Water had been working in Tyndrum to improve the sewage there. The Community Council had lobbied hard for this and was pleased to see it eventually come to fruition. The only gripe was that although as requested, to avoid traffic chaos, the work was stopped over Easter, this wasn't the case over the Whitsun holiday and the inevitable chaos ensued.

John Riley and Moira Robertson attended the Community Council conference on 18 June in Stirling. The Community Council were unhappy with the new Fire Station in Crianlarich and considered it an eyesore and inappropriate for the village. Would any one else have received planning permission for a similar building?

David Hopper. Waste and Recycling Manager, asked the Community Council to identify a site for three wheelie bins for glass re-cycling in Crianlarich. Hopefully this will mean the end of the ugly skip.

The next meeting will be in Tyndrum Village Hall at 7.30 pm on 5 August.

Moira Robertson



Andy's A Dab-A-Dab-A-Doo With A Sponge!

Andy Manzie, aged 16 from Lochearnhead, won the top award in the design competition for this year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe Poster. Andy received £250 and his school, The Royal Blind School in Newington, Edinburgh received £750.

Andy fought off competition from over 4.000 budding artists, a brilliant achievement made even more remarkable when you consider that Andy is classified as "totally blind"! Andy is full of admiration for his art teacher, Mrs Simpson, whose encouragement and sense of humour make him look forward to her classes. It is sad that we cannot do justice to Andy's poster and re-produce it here in colour - and even more disappointing that Andy himself cannot see the colours - how do you describe colour? - there are tangerine. "Starburst" orange, flame red, shocking pink, custard yellow, ocean blue, petrol blue, midnight blue - absolutely stunning.



Andy has enjoyed his recent "celebrity status" because he likes meeting people.

He is very positive and will not allow his lack of sight to hold him back in any way. He is hoping to do a Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and is studying and taking exams for the next two years to get qualifications in a whole variety of subjects. He does not intend at the moment to make art his career, he might like to be a DJ or an actor or perhaps teach or become involved in the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

We spoke to Andy when he was home at the weekend, he asked if the Killin News had ever considered producing a copy in Braille. We had to ashamedly admit that it had not occurred to us but he had given us food for thought - we will be researching that Andy and will keep you posted. Raising the profile of disability is the only way to make people sit up and take notice and Andy is a marvellous ambassador. His Mum, Michelle (who works in Killin Doctor's Surgery) said, "We are very proud of Andy and his enthusiasm for life is a lesson for us all" - we couldn't agree more!

Killin Floral Awards & Hanging Baskets

This year the Floral Awards scheme and the Hanging Baskets competition have been taken over by a village committee, with initial financial support from the Killin & District Tourist Association. The Tourist Association has felt for some time that these projects should be more community based and. although there will be some changes to the way the schemes are organised and distribution of prizes, it is hoped that villagers will continue their enthusiastic support as in past years. No formal entries are required as all the competitions are open. The Prize Giving will be held at the Killin Agricultural Show on 15 August.

This year there will be 34 baskets hanging on lamp posts along the Main Street. Willie Inglis. Christopher McLarty and Norman Inglis have all done a splendid job of planting up the baskets and will look alter them until they are in situ. Thereafter, Norman. Marion McRae. John Farmer and Claire Ramsey will oversee most of the catering, but it would be a great help if everyone would keep an eye on baskets situated near their premises. especially if we have a dry summer.

The many colourful displays around the village give immense pleasure to local

residents and visitors throughout the summer months. Thanks go to all the businesses and individuals who have sponsored baskets, donated plants, supplied polythene and assisted in any way, and a special thanks to A & B Services for the extra brackets.

The categories for the domestic competitions are:

- · Hanging Baskets
- Window Boxes
- Tubs
- The Tidiest Garden Viewed From The Road

Entrants are reminded that small is often beautiful, so don't think you have to have a huge display to be in with a chance of winning.

In the Children's' Section, prizes and trophies will be awarded in two categories:

- The Tallest Sunflower Plant
- The Largest Open Flower

The category for the commercial competition is:

• The Best Floral Frontage

Good luck to all entrants.

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The Killin File

Dr McColl

Dr McColl has lived in Killin for 61 years. She was an assistant GP to her father from 1956 to 1965 and then a single-handed GP from 1965 until 1981. She retired from practice in 1989.

Who was the biggest influence on your career?

My primary school teacher when I came to Killin, Miss Alexa McIntyre, who taught me that learning could be fun.

Where is your favourite place in Killin? The head of the loch on a sunny winter day, with the hills covered in snow and not a tourist in sight!

If you didn't live in Killin, where would you like to live?

Further west, anywhere there are hills. 1 couldn't bear to live in a city.

What was/is your favourite journey? Going to Africa. Once to Rhodesia and one to Kenya and Tanzania. It's so vast it cuts you down to size, it was fascinating.

What have you not done that you would like to do?

Visit Peru or somewhere in South America. Peru's too high. I'm not sure I should risk it at my age.

What are the main changes you've seen in Killin over the years?

I don't think it is as cohesive as it used to be. It was a place where everybody knew everybody else and where social activity was much more communal. Things that were once part of the village are no longer here - at one time we had two shoe shops in the village! Agriculture used to be a much more important part of the village economy. One of the things that always fascinates me about Killin is where the money comes from, if we ever needed a piece of equipment, there was never any difficulty raising the money! On the positive side the quality and standard of housing is much better these days.

What is you favourite piece of music? I like classical anything with the violin. If I had to choose it would be the Beethoven Violin Concerto.

What is your favourite book? O dear! It would depend on my mood, my taste is so diverse.



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What advice would you give a young person?

I wouldn't dare to give advice except perhaps two things:

Don't take drugs

When you start drinking, watch your consumption!

DB

This is a new series of articles we will be running regularly in the Killin News. Dr. Mairi agreed to be our first "guinea pig", if there is someone you would like us to profile, let us know. We hope you enjoyed it

The Nearly New Sale will be held in the McLaren Hall on

- 3 August from 2-4 pm
- 4 August from 10 am 4 pm
- 5 August from 10 am 2 pm

The Hall will be open on Monday 3 August from 10 am - 12 noon to receive goods. Teas and coffees will also be served.

Local organisations benefit from this event, so take a look at clothes you haven't worn or goods you haven't used for the last few years and we will be most grateful to receive them.

By The Way

Kay Riddell, Librarian in the Killin Library and Treasurer of Killin News amongst many other roles, recently took on the daunting task of walking the West Highland Way - all 96 MILES of it.

"I started my walk on Sunday 31 May at Milngavie (the official start of the West Highland Way). On the first few days I got soaked, sunburnt and eaten alive by midges. My poor knees complained bitterly about all the weight they had to carry (and I'm not talking about my rucksack!). But in spite of all that, the comradeship from all the people (from many countries) along the Way was fantastic.

Special thanks to Bernadette Marno for the messages of encouragement left on the signs along the Way at Glen Falloch "Only eight miles to Tyndrum for a sticky toffee pudding!", and for the much needed mineral water left in her garden. Her final notice "Just 50 miles to go" - cheered me up no end!

Thanks also to Helen MacGregor for

waiting at her sisters' house in Bridge of Orchy with tea and sandwiches at the ready, like an oasis in the desert. The use of an inside toilet was especially welcome as the midges had bitten every other part of me and I couldn't spare any more blood!

The sponsorship definitely helped to keep me going when my body cried "no more" but looking back 1 wouldn't have missed it for the world. I will never forget the feeling of elation when I finally reached Fort William (the official end of the Way).

Thanks to Ellen and Jock for collecting what was left of me and returning the bits in time for a wedding dance, funny, I didn't have much energy left for dancing!

Finally I am delighted to say that £600 has been raised for Helena's Memorial Fund. Thanks to all my sponsors".

Kay

Congratulations Kay, hope the blisters and the bites have gone.







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Killin Entertainment Double

We were privileged to have two nights of first class entertainment in the McLaren Hall on 22 and 23 May.

On the 22nd, Mull Theatre Company. the smallest professional company in Britain, brought to the village. "Dr Sullivan and Mr Gilbert", a play by Christopher Webber. The company was founded about 30 years ago on Mull by two actors who called on business and never left! Their visit to Killin was part of a nationwide tour which included the Eden Court in Inverness and the Citizen's Theatre in Glasgow.

I said privileged and indeed we were, a thoroughly professional performance delighted the audience. Based on the characters of Gilbert & Sullivan, who in the play continued their old rivalry beyond the grave. We had singing and acting from a multi-talented group taking place at the front of the hall, not on stage. There was an immediacy of rapport with the audience, and as one of the characters sang. "My name is John Wellington Wells, a dealer in magic and spells" - we were indeed spellbound.

Thanks and congratulations to Killin Drama Group who initiated and funded the visit and organised this extremely successful evening.

And now for something completely different: - Cor Meibion Bro Aled

On 23 May we had a visiting group of high talent, in this case Bro Aled Male Voice Choir, a Welsh male voice choir from Llansannen who were en route to Portree and Inverness. Welsh choirs have a sound that is all their own. We were treated to a mixture of traditional Welsh. Scottish and English songs. A tenor and a female soloist added to the programme. For some reason there seemed to be a number of milkmen in the choir, the tenor being one who had retired. The choir finished with the Welsh National Anthem and although we leapt to our feet to sing a rendition of Flower of Scotland, I must admit that our own song did not bear comparison.

Willie Allan said they were good, and he should know. This visit was organised by the Killin Initiative who also organise the Folk Festival and the Highland Games. Two Americans who had been to both nights entertainment asked me if Killin always had such great performances. "All the time". I said!

The Killin Drama Group and the Killin Initiative are to be commended for bringing two such first class groups to the village.

AW

Cycle Run

The Cancer Research Committee would like to thank the cyclists and back up team for taking part in the sponsored Cycle Run round Loch Tay. The magnificent sum of £2674.30 was raised. Well done to all who took part.





Thumbs Up For Secondary School



Back Row (from left to right) are Alister Webber, Ryan Douglas & Louise Christie Front Row are Samantha Higginbotham, Euan MacKenzie, Gordon Bates & Mary Tickner

Once again we have the departure of "ageing" children from Killin Primary School to the "big school". Most of them will go to the McLaren High School in Callander although Alister and Gordon will be starting up at Breadalbane Academy in Aberfeldy. We asked them individually to comment on the move.

Alister: "I'm looking forward to going to Aberfeldy, but I will miss the others who are going to Callander. I am interested in music and I am learning to play the chanter. I like sports and running."

Ryan: "I feel quite confident about going to McLaren High. We all went down for an induction day to the school and it was great. I like science and technical stuff but I love football. I don't mind the bus journey, I will probably be able to have an extra snooze on the bus. Maybe when I leave school I will think about joining the Army."

Louise: "I am really excited about going to Callander and maybe just a wee bit scared. The induction day was brilliant, Mr Thompson took us for Rugby and we had a tour of the school. I absolutely love football and hope to get in the high school I am really looking forward to doing Home Economics, we don't get that in Primary. I like to help my mum and dad in the shop and with the snacks and we do B&B so I would like to do catering when I leave school. The day we start the new school. Princess Anne is coming to open the new leisure centre and we will all be there."

Samantha: "I am really looking forward to going to Callander. The subjects I like are English and Computer Studies. I don't

know what I would like to do when I leave school but 1 might like to go to college - but not university."

Euan: "I'm looking forward to going to Callander although 1 don't fancy the bus ride every day. If there was a Secondary School in Killin I would much rather go to that. I will miss Alister and will really, really miss Gordon. Gordon has promised me that when we are 18, (not the next World Cup, but the next one again!) he will phone me to go for a pint! I like languages, we have been learning French in Killin".

Editor: "Oh - I didn't realise they taught languages in Primary School"

Euan, as quick as a flash - "Oui!" would like to take up other languages in Callander. I play football for the junior team in Killin and hope to be in a school team in Callander as I would like eventually to become a professional football player and maybe someday play for Celtic.

Gordon: "I am really excited about going to Breadalbane Academy but I am also slightly worried. I will really miss my friends from Killin, if there was a high school in Killin I would much rather go to it. I don't really know yet what I want to do when I leave school but I enjoy technical work and maths and I love computer studies, we will get more computing at Breadalbane,"

Mary: "I am a wee bit scared about going to the high school but I am also looking forward to it, especially the bus journey. Even if there was another school in Killin. I think I would still prefer to go to Callander because I would have to walk to school in Killin but 1 can get the bus to Callander. I like computing and we will get more computer work in Callander. I'm not sure what I would like to do when I leave school -I might like to be a nurse."

Killin & District Children McLaren High School Awards

1st Year

Merit Certificates: Linzi Stewart, Clair McCarron, Sarah Murphy. Gillian Smith, Linda Somerville, James Grant, Michael Webb, Michelle Young.

Perfect Attendance: Michelle Young.

3rd Year

Merit Certificates: Laura Hilditch, Jamie Callan, Ross Mallinson, Gillian Best in School for Year: Ferguson, Gregor MacKenzie, Ross McAllister, Craig McCreevy, Duncan Somerville.

Perfect Attendance: Laura Hilditch.

4th Year

Merit Certificates: Louise Webb, Janet Kennedy, Alison Cairns.

Special Achievement Awards 1st Year: Girls Individual Sports Champion - Gillian Smith 3rd Year: Boys Individual Sports Champion - Mark Donnelly

Scottish Mathematical Challenge

1st Year: Michael Webb - Bronze Certificate

2nd Year: Timothy MacColl - Bronze

Certificate: Rory Syme - Silver

Certificate

3rd Year: Gillian Ferguson & Gregor

MacKenzie - Gold Awards

- Gregor MacKenzie

Business School - Young Enterprise Certificate: - Eilidh Kettle

Prize for Chemistry in 5th Year: -Ross Hilditch

Prize for Modern Studies in 6th Year: -Kirsty Kennedy

War Memorial Prize: - Janet Kennedy

Sir Campbell Fraser Cup & Prize for Head Boy: - David Riddell

Wanton Vandalism!

There have been two incidents both annoying, stupid and incomprehensible over the past couple of weeks. Howe of Finlarig went to considerable time and expense to plant a few hundred Alder trees near the head of the Loch, in an attempt to stem the river erosion. After a visit of a bus load of so called "fishermen", some thirty or so of the trees had their supporting stakes torn from the ground, some were used as rod supports and the remainder presumably went for firewood! The protective plastic tree tubes were then tossed into the field. This no doubt was the brainless work of those also responsible for lighting camp fires against the trunks of the mature trees, thereby killing the existing trees which Mr Howe was attempting to replace!

Elsewhere in our area, another couple of totally senseless and inconceivable acts of vandalism have been brought to our attention. A gate and fence posts were removed from a field (fortunately no livestock in it at the time), and a stile was demolished. The remains were

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found in nearby camp fires which had been used by fishermen to "keep the midges away!" We have also been told that a private pier in Lochearnhead had some of the planks removed by "fishermen" lighting fires.

On a lesser not. but equally as stupid, not to mention dangerous - two glass bottles were deliberately smashed in the centre of the bowling green by person(s) unknown.

These acts are not solely the problem of the Killin Bowlers and Mr Howe, they are Killin's problem and we ALL must do what we can to avoid repetition. Please keep your eyes and ears open to such possible vandalism and report any suspicious acts to the local police. If all else fails - perhaps invoking a Gaelic curse on the culprits might help!

AW

Emma Paterson's poem "Midnight Sun" would appear to have turned us all into aspiring Rabbie Burns's or do we mean budding McGonagles! The latest contribution is from Rachel Hunter.

From The Land Of The Midnight Sun

A ditty frae across the water Tae Captain Bowser and his dochter; That orange glow that lichts yer beds -Be thankful that it isnae red!

The Hydro gi'ed us pow'r tae see An' we gi'ed ye the light tae pee An' saved yer penny! Sae noo the light's a wee bit dimmer It's just as weel, it's nearly simmer.

Although we canna hear the trickle (Whether wee or mibby muckle)
There's ither noises frae Auchlyne on darker nights

That gi'es usfowks some awfie flichts; Groanin', belchin' aye in turn Like boulders rumblin doon a burn We thocht it was the red stags roarin' But noo we ken, it's Judy snorin'.

(Tha' if ye had nae telt us that We micht ha'e blamed oor Aunty Pat).

R. Dychle

Killin Highland Games

The Killin Highland Games and associated events, are promising to be popular and entertaining for both villagers and visitors. Overseas enquiries are on the increase and there will be a truly international flavour in both competitors and holiday makers.

The Traditional Highland Queen Dance starts off the activities on Saturday 25 July in the McLaren Hall from 10 pm until 2 am. Neil Maceachern's Scottish Dance Band will have you whirling round the hall to your favourite tunes. During the evening the Highland Queen and her Attendant Maid will be chosen to officiate on Games Day, not an easy task so come along and enjoy the evening.

The Killin Highland Games on Wednesday 29 July promise to be one of the best yet. Once again we are having the International Strongmen including the Russian Gladiator "Dynamite" who has been on the TV Gladiators series, and one of the worlds strongest women. Shannon Hartnett. Two years running now world records have been broken, so keep your fingers crossed for this year. There will be children's races - the obstacle race is new - so come on kids let's see how well you can do! Open Hill Race gets bigger each year and there will also be the amateur tests of strength for all to try their luck. Peter Anderson will be with us again to pass on his tips at the Angling Corner, and Piping and Dancing Competitions will be on through out the afternoon. We have the usual funfair, side shows and stalls, everything for a great day The Parade leaves the Dochart Bridge at 1 pm, why not fall in behind our Chieftain Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor and Lady MacGregor as we walk to the Games Field.

The Marquee Dance on Wednesday evening, 29 July with "Kingdom" will be the perfect way to end another enjoyable Highland Games.

If you want to help on the day (willing helpers always needed) contact Charlie Grant or myself, Fiona Stewart (Highland Games Secretary).

Forthcoming Events

July

- 20-24 Big Fun Country Circus, Breadalbane Park, Killin
- 24 The Mcalmans, McLaren Hall. Killin
- 25 Lochearnhead Highland Games
- 25 Highland Queen Dance, McLaren Hall, Killin
- 26 Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band, Killin @ 1pm
- 26 Boreland Gardens, Glen Lochay, Cream Teas 2 - 5.30 pm
- Killin Parish Church Coffee
 Morning, McLaren Hall, Killin
 10 am 12 noon
- 29 Killin Highland Games

August

- 1 Killin Golf Club Mens' Open
- 3-29 Exhibition of British Etchings 1890- 1940, MH Gauld Antiques, Killin
- 3/4/5 Nearly New Sale, McLaren Hall, Killin
- 5/6/7 Arts & Crafts Exhibition
- 9 Killin Gun Club Open 50 Sporting Shoot
- Marquee Dance,Breadalbane Park
- 15 Killin Agricultural Show
- 23 Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band, Killin @ 1 pm

September

- 6 Killin Gun Club Open 50 DTL @ 130 pm
- 6 Sheep Dog Trials, Acharn Farm @ 2 pm
- 9 Central Freestyle Karate Club @ 7 pm in the McLaren Hall, Killin
- 16 Killin Golf Club,Ladies Senior Open

October

- 11 Killin Gun Club, Shoot @ 1 pm
- 24 Killin News,Fund Raising Fork Supper,McLaren Hall ALL Welcome
- 31 Hallowe'en Dance, McLaren Hall,Killin

Country Dancing - Wednesdays from 8 July until 26 August, 8 pm in the McLaren Hall. Killin

Open Stableford Competition -Saturdays from 4 April until the end of season, Killin Golf Club

Spit Roast & Ceilidh - Regularly throughout the summer months, Loch Tay Highland Lodges

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Glen Dochart Adult Education Group



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An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held in the Church Hall on Friday 7 August at 8 pm. Anyone with any interest in seeing the group continue or any ideas for future classes please come along.

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Mervyn's Weather



"Chilly for June", is a much used phrase put forward jokingly in any month of the year, but not necessarily relevant. Although June is often described as "blazing", "glorious" or "sun steeped", very often the reverse can be the case, as experienced in the Junes of '97 and '98 when the odd warm sunny "hot day" was obliterated by a majority of dull, cold and windy spells.

Apart from the odd exceptional summer (1984 jumps to mind), when fine conditions began in mid-April, and apart from minor unsettled interludes continued through till September. June at best provides a mixture of good, bad and indeed very often too good weather resulting in the rest of the summer being mediocre. One would hope then that once the present cool unstable conditions run out of steam, the general picture as in 1997 will improve and we will enjoy warmth and sunshine for the remainder of the summer.

Meanwhile the normal parade of wild flowers follows on despite inclement conditions. The glory of the bluebells vanishes all too soon but they are followed almost immediately by the sweet smelling wild geranium, meadow pea or forests of foxglove which have an increasing tendency to produce white flowers as opposed to the normal purple. Later on in July and August of course there is the glory of Calluna and so it goes on. until before we know it we are witnessing the first of the Autumn colours.

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Judy's Celery & Apple Soup was a sell-out at the Cancer Research tent in Breadalbane Park on the Saturday of the Festival Weekend. Due to demand, we have printed it below. If anyone would like any other recipes or would like to share with our readers their special recipes, please send them in. I wonder if Bunty's pancake recipe is sacred - the first ingredient must be a bar-b-q?!

Ingredients:

2 ozs marg., 2 large onions. 3 large cooking apples (peeled & chopped). 3 eating apples (cored & chopped, but skin left on). 6 chopped celery sticks, 1-2 cloves of garlic (chopped). 3 rounded tspns curry powder. 2 and a half pints

chicken or vegetable stock, 1 tblspn lemon juice, 1 rounded tspn sugar, salt& pepper.

Instructions:

Melt the margarine in a large saucepan, add the chopped onion and cook until soft. Add the apples, celery, garlic and curry powder and cook for a few minutes. Add stock and lemon juice then simmer for about 45 minutes. Remove from heat and allow to cool, then puree or process it.

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The Killin WRI took on the task recently to provide sustenance for 140 hill walkers/cyclists. Each year this group from a firm of printers from south of the border gather together to raise money for "Save the Children". This year they came to the Killin area and the ladies of the WRI laid on a splendid buffet for them.

Annual Ploughing Match

This year the competition was held at Daldravaig Farm by kind permission of Judge Stroyan. The judge for the Match was B. Gairns from Comrie and the placings were:

12 inch plough
1 st Charlie Methven,
Wester Auchleskine Farm, Balquhidder
2nd Robert Waugh,
Easter Croftintygan, Lawers
Fearing 1st Charlie Methven
Finish 1st Charlie Methven
Ins & Outs 1 st Robert Waugh

10 inch plough lst Stuart Christie, Auchline, by Killin

2nd Johnny Willison, Killin
3rd Finlay MacAskill, Tullich Farm,
Glen Lochay
Fearing 1st Gilbert Christie,
Auchline, by Killin
Finish 1st Gilbert Christie
Ins & Outs 1st Johnny Willison
Unluckiest Competitor Fraser Wilson.

Overall champion and winner of the Alistair Hunter Cup was Charlie Methven.

Killin Tiddlers Toddlers

We would like to remind everyone about our summer arrangements and to welcome and encourage new members or holidaymakers.

During the school holidays, we will meet at the slightly more civilised time of 10 am in the Nursery (behind the Killin Primary School). Depending on the weather we may go to the park or elsewhere close by for a mini outing.

From Friday 21 August, normal times will resume - 9.30 to 11.30 am in the Church Hall except on the first Friday in the month, when we meet in the Nursery.

Don't forget that Saturday 15 August is the Killin Agricultural Show and the more buggies we have decorated the better!

Julie Rhys, Secretary

Editor's Note:

For those readers unfamiliar with ploughing competitions (myself included), a brief explanation. Twelve and ten inch ploughs refers to the size of the plough blade. The aim is to make the furrows straight, uniform and as neat as possible. "Fearing" is judged by the straightness at the start of ploughing. "Finish" is the same at the end of the ploughed furrow. "Ins and Outs" are as suggested putting in and taking out of the plough. The "Unluckiest Competitor" is the one who drew the short straw on the piece of land used in the competition, in Fraser Wilson's case, the ground was uneven, rocky and difficult to plough. So there we have it, a simplistic summation of ploughing competitions. Perhaps next year, now that we all know a little of what it is all about, we can turn out in droves to cheer and encourage the entrants - I hear the "crack" is excellent!

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As we go to press, it is with much regret that we have to inform you of the sad death of Danny Kyle, only 2 weeks after the Killin Festival. Danny was the Festival Director and worked hard to get the Festival "off the ground" at its conception 4 years ago. and has helped ensure its continuance ever since. Danny (58) initiated the launch of the very successful Bute Festival, as well as the new Continental Ceilidh in Lanark and had also been heavily involved in the Glasgow Celtic Connections Festival.

"Wee Danny", an extremely familiar face on the Folk Scene had been ill for some time and those who saw him in Killin during the Festival couldn't fail to have noticed how ill he was, but to his credit put on a brave very face. Danny will be sorely missed and our condolences go to his family.

Paraig McNeil! -A Highland Gentleman





THE 4t TRADITIONAL MUSIC

Killin's 4th Traditional Music & Dance Festival got off to a slow start on the Friday night. However, as the evening progressed it improved, and the "entooziasim" of the Canniffe family livened up proceedings. The evening was rounded off by "Three Tenors & a Fiver" alias "Beware Of The Dog". The Saturday evening concert was marred by having to queue, despite having tickets, for over half an hour before being allowed into the hall! Although "Old Blind Dogs" brought the evening to a close, Ian Bruce, for us, stole the show with his excellent and varied programme.

The outstanding performances at the final concert on the Sunday night were given by Colum Sands and Deaf Shepherd. It seemed a pity that the best concert was kept to the Sunday evening when many people had already returned home.

The weather played an outstanding part in making the "Fringe" such a success and it was great to see so many talented people making music outside in the park, the pubs and in the street. People were able to polish up their dance steps. take part in singing competitions or merely sit back and enjoy Paraig McNeill's storytelling (looking every inch the Highland Gentleman) or cowboy Eddie Winship and pardner Jim Gillen with their entertaining Tales From The Trails. Brian McNeill's words, music and slides production Back O' The North Wind was also heralded a great success.

Criticisms aside, the weekend was brilliant, and we are sure everyone is looking forward to next year and hoping it will be as enjoyable as 1998's - we certainly are!

FI&JF

An impromptu performance by visitor, Doug, who did a splendid job of entertaining people in the park with his own music. It was such a same that no one thought to decorate the Mackays Open Lorry - it was dull, boring and pretty sad looking.





Queuing up outside the McLaren Hall!



How! - Eddie & Jim certainly did know how.'

7 KILLIN AND DANCE FESTIVAL



The variety of instruments was excellent outside the Coach House.



Piper lamenting the end of the 1998 Festival?

Some well known locals enjoying the sunshine? - soup? - or something stronger in that cup!? Anyway, why is he not working at below?!













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New District Nurse

Many of you are no doubt aware of a new face among the District Nursing Staff in the village. May we introduce you to Deirdre Melia, District Nurse and Midwife, to give her full title. Her previous posting was in Cowie.

Deirdre and her husband Paul have three children. Claire (6). Luke (4) and Adele who is just 18 month old. Paul is a Group Manager for a catering company, his work involves a lot of travelling around and he finds Killin to be a convenient base.

In between the demands of three children. Deirdre's interests include hillwalking and music. She is also about to begin a course leading to qualification as a Health Visitor. When she first came to the area, she was struck by how friendly everyone was. and the family's intention is to settle in the village.

The Killin News wish her success and happiness in her new job amongst us.



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Caption Competition

We had several suggested captions for the Fancy Dress Photos (Issue 44) - most of which were totally unprintable but enjoyed immensely by the Committee - shame we can't share them with you. However here are the printable ones:-

Viking Finlay MacAskill, "When they said rape, seed and pillage, I thought they said rape seed and silage!" and "Have I got the Kirk Douglas or Tony Curtis look?"

Gangster William Stitt. 'No, No, I'm Al Capone's twin brother - William Stitt Cap On." and

'No, the button isn't straining on this jacket - I have a machine gun up my "sleeve?" and "I have my mouth open like this to hold this moustache on!"

And our favourite and winning caption is Pirate Eric McAllister saying "ARIBA, ARIBA, Underlay, Underlay!"

The winner wishes to stay anonymous and has donated the £5 back to the Killin News (because his wife said he had to!).

Thanks to William, Eric and Finlay for being such good sports.

Which Is The Greater Threat?

As many local people have noticed, there is a great increase in rabbit numbers. This is causing problems to farmers and gardeners alike, all over Scotland and England. One of the reasons is thought to be that many groups of rabbits are now immune to the Myxomatosis virus. In some ways this may be a good thing as surely nothing can be as cruel as the slow and horrible death which this causes. You may not like the idea of shooting or snaring rabbits, but it is quick and reduces the suffering involved. A new rabbit disease has appeared in Southern England, accidentally imported from the Far East. This is a viral haemorrhagic disease and is thought to have come in with imported pet rabbits. Death appears to come quickly with no apparent sign that anything is amiss. Will this spread and do what "Myxy" has done in the past? Will there be any effects on other animals, wild or domestic? Will it enter the food chain and affect humans? As yet we do not know but any reduction in the rabbit population will directly and swiftly affect other animals and birds which feed on the rabbit. Just as the present rise in numbers has most likely been the reason for the increase in buzzard numbers. Whatever the outcome it would be a sad day if the rabbit died out altogether; it was the saviour of many families during the war years when other meat was scarce,

Once again, the monster of "unlimited access to the countryside" is rearing its ugly head. There are proposals for National Parks not far from here. No one wants to stop people enjoying our hills and glens but where is all the money going to come from for compulsory purchase of thousands of acres? We only have to look at Ben Lawers as we come by the Toll to see the damage that feet can do and who will pay for the upkeep and repair - you the taxpayer - or the walkers paying tolls at footpaths?

It is a proven fact that a walk advertised in a guide book turns a narrow sheep track into an erosion threat which can be seen near the gate to the Morenish Hill Road and this was "advertised" as a good way to Meall nan Tarmachan. Though the National Trust have bought the Lawers side of the ridge to the watershed it is Boreland Estate whose land the walkers use for access most of the time.

At least one nest of Ptarmigan has already been deserted because the poor bird did



not realise that a footpath was about to be formed there.

Hopefully we will not get into the mess that the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales have become with so much traffic by car and foot that they are seriously considering a total ban on vehicular access and stringent measures on the land because the areas have been over accessed. What a jolt for the tourist industry and locals who rely on it. Let's think first!

Like the rabbit, it would be sad to see all walkers "wiped out" as they can provide a bit of light relief at times. Like the chap up Glen Lochy walking along wearing only his boots and his Labrador along side, tail wagging!

There is a hillphone service in place in this areas from August to October for you to check for access during stalking season.

Tim Frost

Editorial Note:

Would anyone like to answer Tim's question "Which is the greater threat?" - rabbits, hillwalkers or perhaps something completely different? Send in your comments whether in agreement or in opposition.

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Wild Week -Summit Sweep

1 would like to thank everyone that sponsored me to climb Ben Lawers, (I'm ashamed to say my first Munro), for "The Wild Week-Summit Sweep", organised by The John Muir Trust. I managed to raise £150 towards the Trust as well as having a wonderful day on the hill in glorious weather. The only rubbish I could find were two sweet papers, two cans and a banana skin - well done to The National Trust. I would also like to thank Kay Riddell for putting on a display in the library about the John Muir Trust, during that week.

The Trust is dedicated to conserving wild places for nature and people. By acquiring and sensitively managing key wild areas, the Trust sets out to show that damage inflicted on the wild over the centuries can be repaired; the land can be conserved on a sustainable basis for the human, animal and plant communities which share it; and the great spiritual qualities of wilderness, of tranquillity and solitude, can be preserved as a legacy for those to come.

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During the previous year, the Bus travelled on 6.000 miles over 47 journeys. and higher mileage is needed to improve the financial position and to build up reserves, said Chairman James Gauld. Charges were voted to rise from 15p per mile to I2p per kilometre (plus fuel cost) - still a good bargain, according to Treasurer Jill Higgins, who quoted around £5 per passenger for a return trip to Glasgow.

Measures in hand to strengthen management of the Bus were announced:

 Membership of the Community Transport Association for Users of Minibuses - shared experience should make it easier to meet future legislation.

- Suitable roadside breakdown cover is being sought.
- All drivers of the Bus are to receive the same level of training through MIDAS.
- Management of the Bus may be changed to Limited Company status, for legal purposes to safeguard the personal status of the elected representatives as well as charitable status of the elected representatives. Other benefits might include charitable status and reduced tax liability.
- The register of drivers authorised to drive the Bus is being updated. In congratulating all those who drive and have driven the Bus, the Chairman invited further volunteers to come forward - there is no limit on numbers.

During the meeting Charles Grant, for Killin Initiative, handed over a cheque for £1,000 towards the new bus. The Chairman warmly thanked the Initiative

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The Green Scene

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Helen Cole

and others for their generosity and praised the renovations which had already been carried out.

James Gauld, Charles Grant, Barbara Gordon and Jill Higgins were re-elected respectively as Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Bus Management Committee.

IL

Post Script

Sometime after the AGM described above, at a small ceremony outside the Killin Co-Op, a further £400 was handed over to the Bus Committee. This was a Community Dividend Award presented by Pat McNaughton on behalf of the Scottish Co-op Perthshire Division.

Come Up And See My Etchings ?!

An exhibition of 150 etchings will take place in The Killin Gallery from 3 - 29 August. It is believed that this will be the largest display ever in Scotland. Etchings by Cecil Alden, alphabetically right through to Ander Zorn can be seen - and most importantly - bought. The prices fetched are expected to range from £40 to well in excess of £1,000. Prior to the exhibition, Radio Heartland are planning to interview Jimmy Gauld about this new FIRST for Scotland. We wish Maureen and Jimmy all the very best with this venture.

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From Killin, 11 pupils took up the challenge (others did take part but have not yet returned their money). The pupils were: Claire McCarron. Linda Somerville. Michelle Young, Timothy McColl, Rory Syme, Jamie Callan, Laura Hilditch. Craig McCreavy.

The money raised will go towards this excellent facility which opens in early July, and from August pupils from McLaren High School will enjoy using the centre as a part of their physical education classes. Well done all!

Linda Somerville

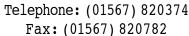
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Emma Lewis would like to thank everyone for the cards and lovely presents she received on her 21 st birthday. Thanks also to those who helped make the party such a success.

Emma Lewis, Riverview

Lochdochart Estate would like to thank all those who visited, helped, bought plants and had tea at the Scotland's Garden Scheme Open Day. The sum of £483.80 was raised and 40% of this goes to the Crianlarich Village Hall. Many thanks to you all.

Dorothy & Jack McKay would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to the many kind friends in Killin and nearby villages, for their enquiries, cards, flowers and visits during Dorothy's recent illness - all very comforting and rather overwhelming. Thank you all.

Jenny, Liz and Roger Lambert would like to thank everyone in Killin who kindly donated sponsor money to Jenny for her London Marathon run. Despite a sprained ankle, she finished in under five hours. Your generosity helped to bring the total she raised for Breakthrough Breast Cancer to over £300. Many thanks.

Help For Killin Carers

The Princess Royal Trust Stirling Carers Centre holds an advice and information session for Carers in the Church Hall on the first Thursday of every month between 11 am and 1 pm. Please phone the Centre for an appointment or just drop in. The Carers Centre provides a wide range of advice, information and support to people who are looking after friends and relatives at home. Anyone who is registered with the Carers Centre receives a regular newsletter and lots of other information. To register is free, all you have to do is put your name on the Centres' mailing list. Why not make contact to find out what the Carers Centre can do for you. The Centre is located in the Norman MacEwan Centre, 41 Cameronian Street. Stirling. Telephone - 01786 447003. and in the Killin Church Hall on the first Thursday of every month.

Since then it has been the case of keeping up with developments, and responding to the needs of a rather unique geographical situation. One of the best developments in dentistry has been the new computer based intra-oral cameras. These are about the size of a pen, go inside the mouth and take pictures of teeth, allowing for patient increased understanding. Dentistry should now be all about prevention, but I have found that unless a patient can understand a problem, then it is difficult to prevent it, and seeing really is believing. We bought two of these cameras about two years ago. and it is difficult to know how we would work without them. The monitor in the ceiling above my chair doubles up as a TV, which, along with headphones, provides a distraction during treatment.

down six walls and building five!

The next development was to bring in our own crown and bridge technician, and Nigel Millar who trained and worked in Harley Street, has now been working from his laboratory in the back of the practice for almost one year. Some practices do have their own denture technician, but there are only a handful in Britain with their own crown laboratories. the rest operate by post and this reduces the quality of work achievable. Nothing beats having a dedicated technician, but the main benefit to a rural community is one day dentistry; i.e. a denture can be repaired while you wait, and a crown and even a denture can be made in a single day.

This theme of one visit dentistry is very important in a rural setting, especially for routine treatment such as a visit to our hygienist, to achieve this end we are just now installing a new hygienist surgery so that she can work along side us. And we have also just installed a large X-ray machine, that takes views of the full head and jaws for orthodontics and advanced treatments, this avoids extra referrals to the hospitals as is the normal in most practices. Probably the most exciting development in dentistry is "air abrasion" which could at last replace the drill and the need for injections, the instrument works like a tiny air brush, removing old fillings and decay with an incredibly fine jet of abrasive particles. Lasers came and never worked, but these show so much promise that our unit should be here within the next few weeks.

One other factor in dentistry that is very different in rural areas than in a city, is out of hours emergencies. In the past emergencies were hit or miss, and if you could not contact the dentist you went to the hospital. But we are now using a pager with excellent cover in this area, and so we are now always contactable. The pager number is left on our answerphone after hours (01887 820441).

1 keep on saying to Christa, my wife, that we are almost finished, but then there is the new waiting room in the summer!!

Addendum from the Killin News Team: We wondered if the Patron Saint of Dentistry could be any other than our own Saint Fillan! We take this opportunity to congratulate Bruce. Christa and his dentistry team on the recent re-furbishment and improvements.

Wedding

Saturday June 6 was the wedding day of local girl Bindi Webster to Graeme Pease from Largs. Bindi is the daughter of Stewart and Pat Webster, Craignavie



The marriage was conducted in St. Fillan's Scottish Episcopal Church, Killin by the Rev. Bobby Sommerville. The reception was held in Killin Hotel and a party ensued thereafter in the McLaren Now the celebrations have subsided, the happy couple have settled down in their new home in Saltcoats.



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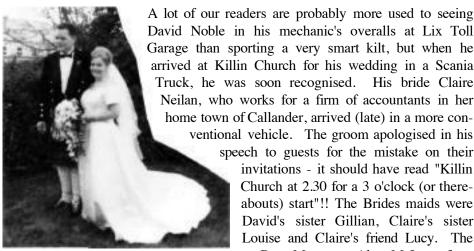
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A lot of our readers are probably more used to seeing David Noble in his mechanic's overalls at Lix Toll Garage than sporting a very smart kilt, but when he arrived at Killin Church for his wedding in a Scania Truck, he was soon recognised. His bride Claire Neilan, who works for a firm of accountants in her home town of Callander, arrived (late) in a more conventional vehicle. The groom apologised in his

> invitations - it should have read "Killin Church at 2.30 for a 3 o'clock (or thereabouts) start"!! The Brides maids were David's sister Gillian, Claire's sister Louise and Claire's friend Lucy. The

A reception for 145 guests was held in the McLaren Hall and by all accounts is was a wonderful day. even the sun shone. The young couple have set up home at

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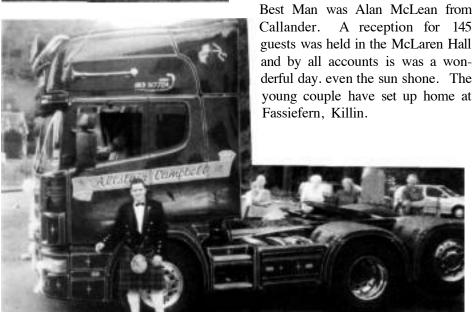


Ryan Riddell is pleased to announce his safe arrival in Killin. No doubt Mum and Dad, Mhari and Paul Riddell and his sister Siobhan will testify to that! Ryan is the first grandson of Kay & Ian Riddell and Lorraine & Howard Pease - he is also the first birth to be announced in the Killin News. Let us know of your latest family additions.

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild Craft Group are holding their Coffee Morning in the McLaren Hall on Wednesday 29 July from 10 am - 12 noon.

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The Killin News

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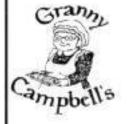
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John McDougall Stewart passed away on 19 June after a short illness. Born in Crawfordsburn County Down on 20 July 1922, he came with the family to Findcastle Farm Strath Tummel in 1928, and was educated in Pitlochry. His father then moved to Tombreck Farm on Loch Tayside, and at the outbreak of the Second World War. Iain, as he was known, volunteered for the RAF. Training took place near Winnipeg in Canada, and he was posted to 207 Squadron Bomber Command based near Hull. Iain was the navigator and he was fortunate to be with one of the few crews who came through the War without the loss of any of its members. On being demobed, he went to agricultural college, and then into farm management and in 1958 joined the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries in Inverness. His progress within the department culminated with him being appointed the senior inspector in Edinburgh from which he retired in 1987. During his time in Inverness he was responsible for the maintenance of the Highland Pony Stud at Beechwood. and for the purchase of the livestock for the schemes for the crofting co.munities. Iain was well known in farming circles, regularly attending shows and sales across the country, and his judge of livestock was acknowledged by all who knew him. His funeral at Falkirk was attended by many of his former colleagues and by three of the bomber crew whom he flew with, who had travelled from Nottingham. survived by his wife Agnes, three sons, four grandchildren and his sister Lillian.

Killin Playgroup

Killin Playgroup have had a very successful year with a finishing role of 19 children. Playleader, Sheena Chisholm has had her hands full but as always has done a great job. Sheena will return refreshed on Friday 21 August.

Eight Playgroup children will be starting primary school after the holidays - a big step, but one they are all looking forward to. Good luck to Oliver. Donald, Lianne, Mhairi, Luke, Conran and Jack who are all going to Killin Primary and best wishes to Catherine who will be starting primary school in Stirling.

The AGM of the Killin Playgroup will be held on Wednesday 5 August at 8 pm in the Church Hall.

Susan McRobbie (Secretary)

Mrs Catriona Ingram who was District Nurse in Killin from 1968 to 1976 died recently. Her husband, the Rev. Alex Ingram, who predeceased her some years ago, was Minister in Strathfillan for part of that time. They were both much involved in the lives of the community. Catriona was a caring and competent nurse who was always approachable and cheerful. She will be remembered with affection by those who knew her professionally and personally.

LETTERS



Dear Editor

Co-Op Music For Schools Vouchers The pupils and staff of Killin Primary School would like to thank everyone who handed in the above coupons.

Khartals, Metal Shaker, Glockenspiel, large and small Handbells, 9 Triangles, Burma Bell, Maracas, Mini Afuche, a Sounds Different Pack and a Sounds Wooden Pack each containing six percussion instruments have all been added to our now healthy looking music department. This is only through the kind gestures of the parents and Killin News readers.

We would also like to thank the people who were considerate enough to hand in Tesco Computers for Schools and Jacob's vouchers.

These voucher promotions are very much appreciated in schools and hopefully next year we will see their return. Many thanks.

Maureen Inglis Headteacher, Killin Primary School

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I read with interest your article on Duleep Singh and his association with Grandtully Estate. My connection with Grandtully Estate is that my grandfather was gamekeeper on Grandtully Estate from 1901 to 1946 and my father followed in his footsteps from 1925 to 1976

Duleep Singh was reputed to be the 4th best shot in Britain and it was on Grandtully Moor where he achieved a sporting record on 12 August 1871 when shooting over dogs he brought down 440 grouse to his own gun.

This information is compiled from newspaper cutting c1900, further information can be obtained by H E G Wetherby, London.

John Stewart Dreadnought Place, Killin.

Dear Editor

We had a visit from a Mr Peach of Winchester the other day and he told me of a two seater, three wheeled, steam driven motor car which came out of Crianlarich and was known as the Crianlarich Express. It was apparently sold about 40 years ago either to, or by, an Editor of the 'Autocar". I wonder if any of your readers remember it or have any photographs of it and where is it now? Any information will be very interesting to us all.

J A Gauld, The Killin Gallery

Dear Editor

Where are all the Red Squirrels?

My friends have sighted some in Glen Lochay, Loch Tayside, Pier Road and Ardeonaig Road. I had one which jumped in front of me on the Dochart Bridge on Tuesday afternoon. I was frightened it would get killed by oncoming traffic. Happily it jumped back over the bridge and on to the island.

Aileen Smith Rothney, Manse Road, Killin. A word of thanks from a group of "walking" visitors who have so much enjoyed their two 5 day holidays in Killin, back in 1995 and in May again this year. We had great delight in having as our base Glebe Cottage which was kindly lent by Willie and Gina Angus, so we felt like locals walking round for fresh rolls and papers every morning! Our neighbours, May and Sinclair Aitken, greeted us every day to find out where we had been and gather our Impressions, and made us feel very welcome (and me, a MacDonald in a Campbell stronghold!).

I believe in exploring the immediate neighbourhood of where we are staying. We walked on the hillside overlooking Killin as far a Lochan Breaclaich and also the lower level circle walk starting along the old railway line. We had several forays into Glen Lochay and over into Glen Lyon, as well as way up to Batavaime (how do you pronounce that?), we walked the triangle at the start of the Glen and spent a fascinating day on the slopes by Duncroisk. Wewere accompanied by the Local Countryside Rangers who helped conjure up life in the past as we looked around the amazing ruined sheilings and hunted for cup and rings - which we previously thought had something to do with a packed lunch!

No, we did NOT climb Ben Lawers - we are a Club of over 60's - many over 70's and some over 80's from the city streets of Auld Reekie, although we have done the interesting Ben Lawer's Nature Trail and spent ages studying the excellent displays in the National Trust Centre. We drove over to Bridge of Balgie and marvelled at the views as we travelled the circle back to Killin via Glen Lyon and Glen Lochay. We also climbed up the Kyber Pass of Scotland by the Nature Trail and back to Lochearnhead via the old railway, and we walked over to Glen Dochart from Balquhidder. With the assistance of the leaflet called "Walks around Killin" we walked through the Auchmore Estate, a tunnel of green and wild flowers, then back along the head of the Loch.

The weather? Killin is neither east nor west so it gets its own unique weather, we Here well equipped, in good spirits and made the most of what we got. We are a cheery hunch and found Killin people a pleasure to meet and this added immensely to our holiday. So, THANK YOU

Killin Folk, we think you live in a beautiful place and congratulate you on this

splendid community newspaper to keep you well informed as well as entertained. How do you find time for housework as well as the garden? Our combined good wishes to you all.

Pat Donald and "The Good Companions Walking Club", EDINBURGH.

Editorial Note:

It is lovely to hear from visitors who have enjoyed visiting our area so much. It made me wonder just how many of us appreciate what is on our own doorstep? We holiday in Spain, Austria and further afield to Canada and America - when was the last time YOU drove the Glen Lyon circuit or walked up Sron a Chlachain? Do we take it for granted or are we are ail too busy doing housework and gardening!?

Dear Editor

Litter Louts

Dropping litter is illegal - penalty £25. Why can't it be implemented - pity the poor motorist who dare park on a double yellow line - no quibble about fining them! Get a "Litter Warden" on duty, warn the public with large notices, then fine them. That would either lead to a cleaner village or swell the coffers of the Council.

I have recently discovered that apparently there are only two litter wardens who go round the District at the moment. However, there is a "Working Party Enforcement Law" meeting to be held within the next two weeks and they are hopeful of some development. For more information, speak to Mr Ryan at Stirling Council on 01786 472753.

Mrs Margaret Wilson, Tigh Muileann, Killin

Dear Editor

In reply to your request for suggestion for a solution to litter louts and other antisocial offenders (Issue 44 Killin News), may I suggest "The Whipping Post" and "The Stocks" for which I will gladly give free eggs!

> Sid Haydock Duncroisk Cottage, Glen Lochay

Dear Editor

We always leave St Fillan's Church with joy in our hearts on a Sunday morning but what a bonus to leave feeling so uplifted on the night of Saturday 21 June as well. Six young musicians from the Mendelssohn on Mull Trust had been invited to perform at a concert hosted by the Church.

The Trust's administrator, Marilyn Jeffcoat, outlined a brief history of the Trust and explained its' objectives. It was founded in 1988 by the celebrated violinist Leonard Friedman. Each year a group of accomplished young professional musicians spend a week on the island of Mull working with, learning from and being inspired by more experienced musicians to enhance their musical skills in a sympathetic environment.

The concert opened with Mozart: String Quintet in C. The audience were spell-bound by the freshness and vivacity of the musicians and their mastery of a complex and demanding composition. During the interval, the artistic director, Angus Ramsay, enlightened the audience on the art of violin. He made particular reference to his own obviously cherished violin, constructed in part from Sycamore from the Island of Mull - a beautiful and unique instrument. In the second half of the concert we were delighted with Dvorak: String Sextet in A.

We hope this may be the start of a tradition of visits to Killin. A collection in excess of £250 was raised from the rapturous audience and donated to the Trust. This was more than just a concert, it was an uplifting experience which imparted a sense of fellowship and we hope there will be more treats in store.

Helen Mackey, Tor-na-Coille, Killin

Art & Craft Exhibition Killin & District

There will be an exhibition of art and crafts in the Lesser McLaren Hall, Killin from 5 - 8 August.

Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th 10 am to 9 pm

Saturday 8th 10 am to 6 pm

Angling News

As most of the fishing fraternity will know, there is a move by the minister responsible, Lord Sewel, to initiate proceedings to revoke the Protection Order presently in place on the River Tay System. This would withdraw the requirement of owners or occupiers of fishing to make a degree of provision for access to anglers, and the necessity to have that access in writing by way of a permit. In effect there would be a return to a free for all, no restriction on bag limits, conservation of stocks, and access would be uncontrolled, by that I mean no obligation to use designated routes to prevent damage to crops or boundaries and disturbance of livestock. In the area controlled by the Killin Breadalbane Club, there have been Angling agreements with riparian owners for some time, long before the inception of Protection Orders. These were updated for the application process for the Tay System and Douglas Allan and myself represented the Club on the Committee. We travelled to Birnam for meeting in all weather and were only too happy to be part of the process designed to give more access to anglers but with control. I hope

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many letters have been received in Edinburgh to cause a rethink or at least a Public Enquiry.

On the trout front, early returns were mixed, but the first cups have been won. The Pairs Cup went to Iain Downie & Angus MacLennan, and Iain retained the Peter Ross Cup. The salmon anglers enjoyed good sport during the brief spell when the river rose in the fate spring but the king of fish was not to be caught easily and many escaped to carry on up The Vale of Leven Anglers stream. enjoyed their annual visit and my thanks to all our members who assisted on the day. Remember the angling corner at the Highland Games on 29 July requires helpers for the various competitions and at the Killin Show in August there will be another casting corner with members competing for the Club's Casting Trophy.

A.J.M. Stewart, President (KBAC

Karate

On Saturday 13 June, twenty gathered at Loch Awe Village Hall for a karate weekend organised by Kenny Gray. The age range was from 8 to nearly 40! The course catered for all standards of karate from white belted beginners to black belted experts and included a variety of other "art" forms such as kickboxing.

The training was tough and continuous including cross country running, obstacle courses and outdoor training on the sands at Loch Awe Castle. The weather supported the event with ample sunshine and a cool breeze to disperse the perspiration and midges. On the Saturday evening, the older participants were able to take advantage of a boat cruise, barbecue and a few drinks (too many!!). There were a few minor injuries included headaches and gastrointestinal upset. These though were mainly the result of the cruise!

Four members of the Killin Karate Club, Rowan Forrest & Claire Hanning from Crianlarich and Colin McGregor & John Smith from Killin received their black belts (1st Dan). Julia Bates (a few days away from the Big Four-Oh!) and Gemma Grant, both from Killin, received their brown belts. Gordon Bates, Julia's son, received his blue belt and Paul Elston also from Killin his orange belt.

Kenny Gray is to be congratulated on organising the weekend. Karate is a great way to keep fit and build self-confidence. The Killin Club is very sociable and no one is too old or too young, so why not come and give it a try! The Central Freestyle Karate Club meets every Wednesday in the McLaren Hall at 7 pm. If anyone wishes to come then please just turn up on the night. The Club will be closing during the summer months but will start training again on 9 September. For more details or enquiries, Kenny Gray can be contacted on 01838 200386.

Killin Gun Club

Killin Gun Club shoot results for Sunday 10 May when 31 guns turned out to our charity shoot. Funds were raised in aid of the Killin Ambulance Service and a cheque for £200 will be handed over in due course. Many thanks to our sponsors on the day.

Down The Line

Class (A): 1. D Robertson 74. 2. D Clark 74. 3. D Lewis 68

Class (B): 1. R Mills 67, 2. F Frost 66, 3. Jas. Sinclair 62

Class (C): 1. M Frost 54, 2. (equal) J Donaldson & T Frost 45 Sporting

Class (A): 1. H Montgomery 72, 2. (equal) D Robertson & J Sinclair 69

Class (B): 1. G Mitchell 63, 2. M Howson 63, 3. D Stewart 63

Class (C): 1. F Frost 66, 2. R Mills 60, 3. J Donaldson 57

High Gun D Robertson 143, Bolting Fox D Robertson 27, Continuation Pairs D Clark. Continuation Singles S Argo.

The Annual Inter Club Shoot was heid on Sunday 31 May. Clubs turning up were Fortingall, Blair Atholl, Strathyre, Killin. Meggernie. Black Mount, Glen Falloch. Killin turned out the winners with a score of 222 birds out of a possible 300. Strathyre were runners up on 220.

High Gun E McAllister. Continuation P D Cramb.

The Killin Boys' Brigade turned out on Wednesday 3 June for their wee shoot. Winner of the Lix Toll Trophy was Cameron Frost. Many thanks to Jim Cushley of Lix Toll Garage for the sponsorship for the Brigade.

G D Coyne (Secretary KGC)

Killin Golf Club

The results of the Seniors' Open on 13 May were Best Net Score for the Kiltyrie Trophy = R Campbell (Inveraray). Best Scratch Score for a £40 voucher = G Smith (Killin). Killin Members Only Best Net Scores for the Lix Toll Trophy = G Smith and for the MacTaggart Trophy = W MacPherson.

G Smith also won a bottle of Bunnahabhain Malt Whisky for Nearest Pin

Mixed Open 1998

- John & Kathleen Blyth (Killin) -McRobert Thistle Cup & £60 Voucher
- 2. Jim Macallum & Mrs Wotherspoon (Killin) £40 Voucher

Best Killin Net = John & Kathleen Blyth for the Bill Mitchell Salver.

Best Killin Net (outside major prizes) = Donny Nicolson & Sheena Chisholm (Killin) for a £20 Voucher.

Sweep (Handicap- 12 balls per couple = D&EFrame (Killin)

Ladies Open 1998

Silver Scratch:

- 1. M McQueen (Kelburn) 2. F Robertson (Killin) 3. H Dalgleish (Pitlochry) *Bronze Scratch:*
- 1. L Lauder (Pitlochry) 2. A Leitch (Dollar) 3. J Rough (Killin) *Bronze Handicap:*
- 1. L Stevens (Killin) 2. A Sinclair (Dunkeld) 3. J Henderson (Killin) Craigdochart Cup: M McQueen (Kelburn)

Killin Cup: A Morford (Dunkeld)

Bridge of Lochay Salver (best local handicap score): J Rough (Killin)

Longest Drive:

Silver = F Robertson (Killin) Bronze = A Leitch (Dollar)

Hole In One = M McQueen (Kelburn)



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Killin Football Club

After winning the Perthshire Division 3 Championship last year, Killin have finished one of their most successful seasons in their history.

In the Second Division of the league their record reads, played 26, won 16, drawn 6, lost 4, goals for 71, against 33, which was good enough to earn third equal with Breadalbane on a total of 38 points. Winners of the league were Stanley with 42 points, followed by Auchterarder with 39.

The team also proved successful in the various Cup competitions, winning a place in four finals. Wins were achieved in the Atholl Cup (4-1 against Vale of Atholl), North Perthshire Cup (5-2 against Vale Of Atholl) and North Tayside League Cup (2-1 against Methven). In the Birkes Cup, Stanley won 4-3 after extra time.

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At the end of season disco trophies were awarded to David Feaks (top goal scorer), Ewan Cameron (Player of the Year), Gareth Killen (Young Player of the Year) and Peter Paterson (Committee Player of the Year).

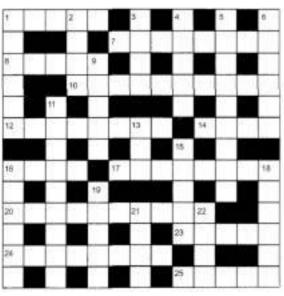
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We wish to remind readers that we cannot print letters which bear no signature, name or address.

Editor



Crossword By Crustacean



Solution to Last Crossword

Across: 1. Creme de la creme 10. & 11. Channel 9. Missile Link 12. & 13. Stainless 16. Iceland 17. Expose 19. & 25. Tartan Army 22. Terrain 30. Set 26. Ruins 27. Crib 31. Tremolo 32. fair Preconstructed

2. Down: 1. Complain Essence 3. Emit 4. Elected 5. Archive 6. & 7. Road manners 8, & 18, Flesh and blood 14. Earth 15. Spark 22. 21. Neutron Ammeter Tiny tot 23. Airport 24. Waist 28. Laic 29. Beau

NEXT ISSUE

Articles and advertisements for the next issue of the Killin News are required by Monday 31 August 1998. This paper will be distributed mid September. Events happening mid/late September, October and November will be published in this issue. We are waiting for your mail/call.

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ACROSS

- /. Centra! objectives recently in Europe (5 letters)
- 7. - - unless limited by such as he (8)
- Could disturb the neighbours (5)
- 10. Go on! Have a go! Show some! (10)
- 12. Stanza in debt backwards (8)
- 14. Two roads collide in poor visibility (4)
- 16. Some of us are content to live in temporary accommodation (4)
- 17. Wait for it! It's a virtue (8)
- 20. It's supposed to relieve stress (10)
- 23. Smart, neat, agile ---? (5)
- 24. Wrap up completely (8)
- 25. Needs become seriously concentrated (5)

DOWN

- 1. Slightly dangerous "look"! (6)
- A result nobody wants (4)
- 3. Sore feet at the Garden Party (4)
- *Almost briefly get the beat (5)*
- Sums up what we didn't like at school(9)
- Eager in a hard enterprise (6)

- 13. A bit longer a period of time (3)
- 16. Middle Eastern celebratory food (6)
- 18. In a frenzy means you need more
- 19. *Jumps on the ice!* (5)
- 21. Characteristic kind of writing (4)
- 22. Some of its neat and put on ice (4)

- 5.
- 9. Some of us don't even try to get in (5)
- 11. A mit for use in the kitchen (9)
- 15. Almost a climber's option (5)
- protein (6)

Apology

We would like to apologise to anyone who sent in articles which were not printed in this edition, we love to receive them and hope you will not be put off from sending in more.

As you can see this is a "bumper" issue - 24 pages - the biggest yet, but still not big enough to accommodate everything. More paper means more money - which we don't have, so come along and support our "Fork Supper", send us your advertising and please note that all donations are most gratefully received.

Editor

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