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The Killin Show

Since I became Editor of the Killin News I have discovered that there is a bit more to it than sitting at my computer all day - you have to get out and meet people. So, I must confess to

you that although we have lived here for 10 years - Saturday 15 August 1998 was my first Killin Show! So whereas for most of you it must seem pretty run of the mill - see it through my eyes as a first timer from non-farming stock!

"charmer" Allan Walker came along - "A free kiss (ladies only) with every Killin Video sold". Soon they were queuing up in droves (well it is an Agricultural Show!) for that chance in a lifetime - to buy a Killin Video of course!



The float parade and competition were fabulous. The Tiddlers & Toddlers who won the competition were Killin Young Farmers in their home made tractors (push chairs). The Playgroup was a marching pipe band all done up in their tartans, they were awarded second place. The Brownies float theme was the Beano comic which won them third place, and the Drama Club came in last (because they are the grown-ups - well some of them!) as a deck of playing cards. Glenda Mardon, always a larger than **life** character (Oh yes she is!) absolutely stole the "Show" with her

Queen of Hearts outfit from Drama Club wardrobe - I asked Lesley Syme where she got her super multi-coloured Joker outfit from - "My own wardrobe of course, except the umbrella which came from the £ Shop!" was the reply! It was loads of fun. Preparing for the day with costumes and floats had so obviously been much more fun than winning the competition.

In the Heritage Tent, Judy Forster and Allan Chisholm were struggling to sell more Killin Videos until our own

We mustn't forget the farming side of the Show and the photo below left depicts some local "worthies" eyeing up the ewes - no we are NOT running a caption competition for this one!

More highlights of the Killin Show are continued in the middle pages.



**Killin & District
Telephone Book
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Remember and fill out your form for inclusion in the new telephone book. Entries must be received by the end of September 1998. Information from previous books will NOT be used so you must make a conscious effort to be included. Proceeds in aid of Killin News Funds - many thanks for supporting us.



Killin Community Council Annual General Meeting

A meeting was held on 11 August and NO members of the public were present.

Following a meeting in Dunblane when Killin's problem with East of Scotland Water was aired, it was expected that they would send a representative to the Community Council meeting to explain and discuss Killin's water contamination incident. No one attended - even though the secretary wrote and gave them the date of the meeting. Also, no reply to that communication has ever been received! It was decided to ask them once again to attend the next meeting to give a fuller explanation of the incident other than "heavy rainfall".

The police have begun to take an interest in the trees and shrubs obscuring road signs. One side of the Bridge has been improved. Chairman is to ring the safety manager of the Road Department to have the other side attended to.

A children's circus came to Breadalbane Park instead of the expected fairground presented by Stirling Arts Council. This council was not notified and no money has been received for the use of the Park. No clearing up of rubbish took place and the

Games Committee had to clear up before the Highland Games could take place

Pat Christie brought up the matter of the Auchlyne Road being washed away by the river. The Secretary will write to Ken Campbell. Killin's Councillor, for help.

Members of the public and Council members should come up with ideas for the Millennium Fund Project.

Would everyone please note that in future all Community Council Notices of forthcoming meetings will be posted only on the noticeboard at the main entrance to Breadalbane Park.

Charities Resource Committee

The Charities Resource Committee has recently been established to assist community groups in all areas of Forth Valley with their equipment needs. A stock of equipment is being compiled which groups can borrow (usually free) including bingo machine, disco unit, tables, chairs, stalls etc (or for a fee) marquees, badge making machine, printed T Shirts, key rings etc. Anyone interested in finding out more about the equipment available or about equipment donated to community groups by the CFSLA Payroll Lottery Committee is encouraged to contact Stephen on 01259 211052.

Strathfillan Community Council

There was a meeting of the Strathfillan Community Council on 5 August '98 in Tyndrum Village Hall, when it was considered that it was very important for Community Councils in the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park area to be involved in consultations concerning the Park. John Riley will take this forward.

John Riley was delighted to be nominated for a Provost Civic Award for his services to the community. The presentation will be on 30 October at Stirling Castle.

An article in the Green Diary quoted that Anne McGuire MP would like to see surplus road fuel tax being spent on more cycle paths and improved road and rail structures. A view with which we all agreed!

Bill Paulin is to retire as Editor of the "By The Way" magazine. A public meeting is to be held for those interested in helping to ensure the continuance of this publication, which Bill did such an excellent job of getting up and running.

The Traffic Police and Traffic Commission were in Tyndrum one Saturday in July when they witnessed first hand the chaos caused when two buses stopped outside the Invervey Hotel. Hopefully, this will speed along the campaign to have the bus stop moved.

Dr Carol Craig was elected as the Strathfillan representative on the Association of Scottish Community Councils.

An article in the Scottish Voluntary Association Link magazine outlined information about the Lotteries Charities Board Community Involvement programme. There is no limit for applications and grants can be applied for towards play areas, improved community buildings, computers for voluntary organisations, transport and many other projects.

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Killin Primary School 1998 Primary 1

It's hard to believe that another year has gone and those "babes" who started last year have now moved on to Primary 2! This year's influx look ready to take on the world with their teacher Mrs. Bastock. We tried to interview them to see how they felt about starting school, but unfortunately the most we could get out of them was "My daddy has a boat!". Perhaps all the parents had them geared up to being quiet in class - now a month into the new term, we could probably fill this paper with all they have to say about school!

Back Row from left to right:- Lianne Kennedy, Shane McPherson, Jack McRobbie, Oliver Dowling & Primary 1 Teacher Mrs Cill Bastock.

From Row from left to right:- Conran Young, Donald Taylor, Mhairi Calder, Luke



"The Highlands are a devastated countryside" Frank Fraser-Darling

The major issues confronting the Highlands are not land access or rabbits, but are land ownership, land management and the sustainability of rural communities.

The system of land ownership in Scotland is anachronistic. Four thousand people, which is less than 1% of the population, own 80% of the private land in Scotland. Land is sold on the open market with no consideration given to the potential impact on local communities and no restrictions or obligations are placed on those who buy. There has been a move towards large-scale land ownership, with the emphasis on production (sheep and cattle) irrespective of their true economic viability or impact on the rural economy. Within our local area, for example, four families principally own 78,000 acres. Agriculture in Scotland receives an annual public subsidy of £480 million - approximately £100 per person.

The health of any environment depends on its biological diversity. The countryside may still look beautiful but it is far from healthy. Overgrazing from sheep and deer have resulted in a degraded upland environment with few signs of natural regeneration. It has turned high summer pastureland into mat grass and lower level fertile ground into bracken fields.

The separation of forestry from agriculture has meant that there is little incentive for tenant farmers to integrate the two. Consequently forestry has been used as a tax break and our hills are choked with Sitka Spruce plantations that are ecological

disasters. The main eyesore from Lix Toll is not the pathway up Ben Lawers but the extensive Sitka plantations, clear felling scars and bracken overgrowth.


The Highlands need not be as they are. Contrast Scotland with Norway and it is clear that we could have a vibrant rural economy. Angus McHattie of the Scottish Crofters Union wrote, upon returning from Norway. "In Norway the valley I looked down upon contained an autonomous village of 20 small farms, with their own crops, power supply, school etc., - a prosperous and happy place with a good trade surplus and a population with a healthy age structure." Compare this view with that from Meall Ghaordie.

Private landlords individually are not to blame. It is a system that perpetuates feudalism and dislocates those who own the land from those who work it and live on it that is at fault. Rural life is in danger but the danger comes from unsustainable and uneconomic land management. To blame "townies" is absurd. Many "townies" are as environmentally aware and concerned about the viability of rural Scotland as are self termed "country folk".

The land of Scotland means more than economic worth. It has a spiritual and emotional value that is deeply ingrained. Most Scots consider access to it a birthright. As James Hunter states in "The Other Side of Sorrow", "For if it is accepted that access to our mountains is in the gift of landlords, no matter how benevolent, it follows that

these same landlords may one day deny such access. No such denial ever could, or should, seem reasonable to Highlanders".

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Tale of a Pony Tail!

Roger Lambert recently had his pony tail cut off in order to raise money for charity. Not only did Roger allow Jane Brown Ambulance Technician and hairdresser to chop off his most familiar characteristic but he went the whole hog and had his head totally shaved too.

Roger raised in excess of £500 which will be donated to Cancer Research and the McMillan Nurses. Quite an achievement Roger.



The Phantom Highland Games Day?!

The Killin Highland Games Committee would like to take this opportunity to explain what seemed to be a mix up over the date of the Games, but what was actually the result of circumstances beyond our control.

We were obliged to complete and place advertising for the Games in overseas and non-Scottish publications by the middle of November 1997. The date agreed was the first Wednesday following the Callander Highland Games, to ensure a top class field of World Strongmen. Early in February we were informed by the Strongmen organisers that the date of the Callander Games had changed to 25 & 26 July. They suggested, and it was agreed by the Committee to change the date of the Killin Highland Games from Wednesday 5 August to Wednesday 29 July. Steps were taken to correct the date in the numerous publications, contact was made with the Tourist Board to inform them, the local "What's On" guide was re-printed, a page was taken on the Internet. but unfortunately some advertisers retained both dates whilst others failed to change it.

The result was an influx of disappointed visitors arriving on the 5th expecting to see the Highland Games. We are sorry about this but "sods law" seems to have been at work! For the record, the 1999 Killin Highland Games will be held on Wednesday 4 August, we have been assured by an organiser of the Callander Highland Games that their dates are definitely 31 July and 1 August 1999!

*Fiona Stewart
Killin Highland Games Secretary*

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5th Killin Highland Games

In spite of a rather poor summer for weather (and tourists!), the Highland Games on 29 July managed to attract a pretty sizeable crowd. Even though the Tourist Board publicity information gave the wrong date, the tourists did appear so the Games were once again a success.

The Games are of course very much an event for the visitors, who are attracted by the idea of attending a Scottish Highland Games and seeing the world famous strong men - this year somewhat improved in appearance by having among them an attractive blond strong woman. As far as the local people are concerned the actual strong men events, ably introduced and described by David Webster once again, are a bit "old hat" for the locals who have now seen them with minor changes some four or five times; but visitors lining Breadalbane Park seemed to love it all.

The Games were opened this year (shield and sword bashing!) by a local landowner. Mr Don Howe of Finlarig. The intended Chieftain. Sir Gregor



MacGregor of MacGregor, Bart, was unable to attend because of illness and the Games Committee were grateful to Mr Howe for stepping in. We also thought it was good to have a local man doing the needful.

Apart from the strong men events; the items which pleased both visitors and locals were the Piping Competitions and the absolutely first class Highland Dancing. What was perhaps lacking were events involving locals, and one would hope that in future this could be improved upon. Locals do take part in the traditional hill race and we should

note that this year the record was broken, timed at 21 minutes and 2 second, by a visitor. Graham Bartlet. The children's races planned for the morning had to be cancelled because of surface water.

We are happy to thank Charlie Grant, his committee and all his additional helpers for organising once again a successful Highland Games. Charlie himself would also like to thank his many financial sponsors who helped to make the Games financially secure.

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Killin Floral Awards

1998 has seen some changes in (the running of the Floral Awards and there will be further developments in 1999. As you will know, if you read previous articles in the Killin News and the leaflets which were distributed around the village, all the competitions were open. Hence, the short lists for judge Ian Ramsay turned out to be rather long lists!

Due to the change over to a village Committee and the need to "stand on its own feet", it was unanimously decided not to award prize money this year. It was also decided to award only a first prize in each category, the trophies to be held by the winners for one year.

There has been a considerable increase in the number of homes and commercial properties with window boxes, hanging baskets, tubs, floral displays and lovely flowering gardens. All of this contributes to the general appearance of the village and gives added pleasure to residents and visitors alike. If you have not done so already, take time to have a walk round the village and see for yourself the effort put in.

The 1998 Domestic Class winners are as follows: *Window Boxes* - 6 Dochart Road; *Hanging Baskets* - Pathways. Manse Road; *Tubs* - The Cedars. Main Street. *Tidiest Garden Viewed From The Road* (all year round) - Winner, Rowanbank, Dochart Road; Commended. The Cedars. Main Street; 7 Ballechroisk; 9 Ballechroisk; Machany. Main Street; 3 Stewart Street; 6 Dochart Road.

In the 1998 Commercial Class, the winner of The Best Floral Frontage Display was Invermay House.

The judging of the Children's' Section has been delayed to allow for further growth of the Sunflowers. Our wonderful weather this "summer" has somewhat hampered their development! Judging will hopefully take place in early September.

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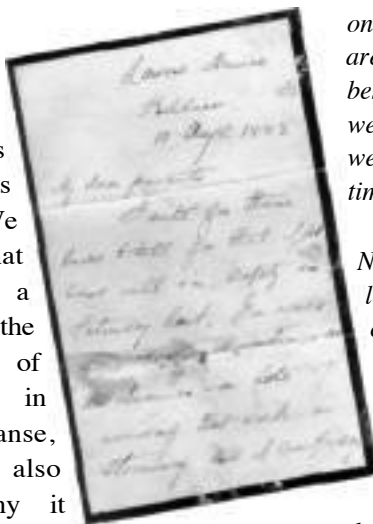
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A Letter from the Past

This little piece of local history turned up unexpectedly behind a fireplace when John Sinclair and Duncan Anderson were renovating the Lawers Manse recently for the new owner, Mr. Slaney. Duncan thinks it had probably been left on top of the fireplace, fell down the back and was never posted. It has now seen the light of day once more after 116 years.

Perhaps some reader could enlighten us more as to its origins. We believe that there was a minister by the name of Morrison in Lawers Manse, this might also explain why it appears to be

written in a black edged condolences card. Duncan remarked on the fact that he made good time to get from Oban to Lawers overnight - could this have been by train or steamer, there couldn't have been many cars in Killin in 1882!



Printed below is the full letter as best as we could make it out and a reproduction of the front page.

Lawers Manse
Killin
10 August 1882

My Dear Parents

I write you these lines to tell you that I got home well and in safety on Saturday last. You would have heard I believe that the steamer was late of arriving that week in Stornoway and it was Friday evening before we arrived in Oban and so I got home on Saturday morning. The weather is exceedingly good here since I came and they are busy with the hay in these days. It is nearly cut with us and the weather is the best that has been this year. Mary is well and she will very likely go home in a few weeks as she will not very likely come back here anymore. She may not go for a few weeks yet perhaps about the end of this month. I cannot tell exactly however the time.

Now Angus, I was sorry you left Stornoway that day without seeing me before you left. ????? for to look ????? about the slate and the lime. I hope you sent the cart for the lime which Murdoch McKenzie was speaking about. You should have the lime at hand so you will not have to get everything again. I hope you will get the slates soon too.

Write me soon and let me know how is poor father. Is he better or worse since I came away or is he just the same way? With kindest regards to you all. May the Lord bless you in Christ with all spiritual blessings.

Yours affectionately
W. Morrison

Please note

At the time of going to print, 5 September, we feel we must point out that the Killin Show was on 15 August - why are the notices still up on the main road at Lix Toll?

Jenny Lambert



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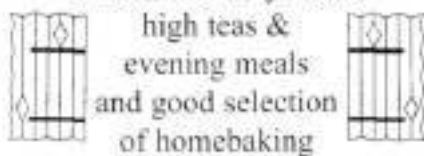
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The Trossachs

The Trossachs! Have you ever considered why they are famous - what do they consist of? We all know it is an area of land in Perthshire/Stirlingshire, but how much do we really know?

One group of people which has long been associated with The Trossachs is Clan Gregor and their most famous leader was Rob Roy MacGregor. Was he a hero or a villain? It has been suggested that he may have been no more than a cattle thief - others suggest he was possibly a murderer. Some of the stories told by tour guides lead visitors to believe these suggestions are true and certainly serve to whet the appetite and imagination of the tourists. But what about the country in which he was born, lived and worked for a large part of his life and in which he died - The Trossachs. One member of The Clan Gregor Society who has done a great deal of research into this subject is Jimmie Macgregor MBE, the well-known broadcaster and TV personality. If you want to find out more about The Trossachs and Rob Roy, Jimmie will be at the Logie Lecture Theatre, University of Stirling on Friday evening 2 October.

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The Killin "People" File

In the last issue we named this new series of articles the "Killin File" and featured Dr. McColl - on reflection, this was probably not a good title for a doctor! This time we have put Willie Allan on the spot and the only killin' done was our interviewer David Blaney, killing himself laughing at Willie's anecdotes!

Mr Willie Allan

Willie Allan has lived in Killin since 1932. He ran the local paper shop and hairdressers. He passed his driving test when aged 64 and took up golf when he was 70 - he is now 87 years young.

Why did you move to Killin?

For work. I was given a job by Mr & Miss Campbell as a hairdresser. Great people. I lived in digs in Fern Cottage, sharing a bed with Bob McConnell! He was a weaver from Aberfeldy and worked for Wallaces Mills.

Favourite place around Killin?

Loch Tay - anywhere on it in a boat.

Favourite journey?

To Tenerife in 1977. My wife really enjoyed it.



Where else would you like to live?

No where else!

What changes have you seen in Killin?

The housing and roads have improved, as has the quality of life in general. When I first came here there were hardly any baths - especially in the smaller houses! Killin used to be more agricultural and people used to grow their own vegetables. The Glens have become de-populated - I used to know 80 people in Glen Lochay. We used to have weekly dances in Glen Dochart school.

What is your favourite music?

I love the Scottish ballads.

What is your favourite book?

Non fiction, lately a few of Shakespeare's works, either Merchant of Venice or Romeo & Juliet. Lovely words.

What are your hobbies?

Fishing, golf and singing. My late friend Alistair Robertson and I would golf if we couldn't fish. Latterly we weren't really fit for the fishing. My son sold my boat when I went on holiday!

Advice to youngsters?

How can you advise young people? Get a good education and keep away from drugs.

Unfulfilled ambitions?

1. Visit Southern Ireland
2. Go through the Chunnel
3. Go up Sron a Chlachain - one last time! I was last up it when I was 66.

Music at your funeral?

Nothing sad. I've had a wonderful life. Something like "All things bright and beautiful". I have been a choir member for 64 years.

Snippet from Willie's Repertoire

A certain gentleman in the village who will remain nameless for obvious reasons, was a likeable rogue but a bit too fond of a dram - or two. To get drink money, he once sold his wife's hens and he also sold a barrow to the man who already owned it!

Waiting for High Tide?



"The wife loves boats - but is scared of the water!"

So many of you remarked on how much you enjoyed Allan Chisholm's cartoon in the last issue of the Killin News that we asked him once again to do one for us. There is of course a story behind this one too.

You may at times have remarked on the strange places that tourists to the area chose to stop for their picnic lunch especially when there are so many lovely, quiet areas. I often marvel at those stopped in the lay-by just up hill from Lix Toll with their wee fold away tables and flasks of tea out admiring the view as lorries and coaches go thundering down hill at an incredible rate of knots. Well, during the summer a family of tourists were spotted with their picnic lunch all spread out in a canoe with all the family "aboard" enjoying it and the outdoors - not so remarkable until you understand that it was one of Kate & Trevor's for hire canoes and it was "berthed" outside their shop in the Main Street!

Many thanks to Allan for being our resident Killin News Cartoonist.



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Despite a damp and drizzly day, the opening of the grouse season (The Glorious 12th) got off to a good start, particularly at Auchlyne, Glen Dochart. The Bowser party, in excess of 20 (if you count the dogs!) were photographed, just before they moved off onto the hill, by our "ace reporters" Allan and Sinclair. The result in grouse (birds not drams) was about twenty-four. Such a great day was had by all that it inspired Emma (far right in photo) to pen some more poetry for us. You could say she has "killed two birds with one poem!".



The Glorious Twelfth

*The Glorious Twelfth and it's pouring
down rain*

*D'Ye think that we'll ever get
sunshine again?*

*But wait, what's that out there, all
shining and bright?*

Oh no, it's that horrible orange street light.

*But hark to the shooting which is why
we're all here*

*The covers of grouse won't be that big I fear
But we'll set out for the hill with one
thing in mind*

*And you never can tell what our
good dogs will find.*

*Two "Gentlemen" Photographers came up
front Killin*

*To ask us politely if we'd be will in'
To pose for a photo for the next Killin News
So we all rushed inside hastily polishing our
shoes.*

*All tidied and polished, we gathered outside
The tall ones behind so no one could hide
The camera clicked and the dogs
sat quite still*

The into the Rovers and off to the hill.

*It's the 16th today and it's still pouring rain
Three days on the hill were not all in vain
We found some good covers with birds
fit and stout*

*Now, all I would like is that street
light put out!!*

Emma Paterson

Police News

The last weekend in August seemed to bring the car thieves out. A local family had their car stolen in the middle of the night from a garage in their driveway on Craignavie Road, Killin. The car was later found damaged near Port Glasgow in Renfrewshire.

The previous week there was an attempted theft of a landrover from a local garage, and it is believed that the same persons are responsible for the theft of a car and a van locally. There have also been a number of break-ins to motor vehicles both locally and in the surrounding areas.

Don't let living in the countryside lull you into a false sense of security - yes, it can happen to you. As more initiatives are undertaken within towns and cities, it would appear that criminals are moving out into the "sticks" to commit crime. Local officers aided by others from Callander are taking measures to prevent further car crime, and urge all members of the community to be more vigilant in their security measures. Lock up your cars, sheds, garages and outbuildings. Don't make it easy for the thief.

The A84 (Stirling to Lochearnhead stretch) is now reportedly the most dangerous road in Scotland. Numerous accidents have occurred this summer, including a motor cyclist who was killed at Ardchullarie bend. It is not the road that is at fault but the drivers. Impatience behind slow moving cars, caravans, coaches and trucks leads to frustration, and the inevitable mistake is made. Please treat this road and road users with respect.

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Les Accidents!

On 23 August 1998 there were three road accidents in Glen Ogle - all on the same day. Happens all the time I hear you say! The accidents happened at different times of the day and the type of car involved in each one was a Peugeot Saloon, same model and same colour!

Could the French surreptitiously be planning a blockade of Glen Ogle - or is Ian Donaldson starring in an episode from the X Files?

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Concert Review

A "Romantic Italian Evening" was presented as part of the series of concerts in the "Tin Church" in aid of the Mendelssohn on Mull Festival.

We were treated to an immensely entertaining evening of music for guitar and violin, played with great skill by Philip Thorne and Angus Ramsay.

The players also supplied background information about the works and their composers. They had selected a programme of nineteenth century Italian and Viennese music of great variety, the evening sped by in a welter of themes and variations, waltzes and polonaises. The atmosphere of the small church proved ideal for these chamber works, especially in the second half of the evening, when the September gloaming softened the light. After our travels in time and place, the encore, Peter Maxwell Davis's "Farewell to Stromness" brought us nearer to home.

Dave Syme

A Buzz For The Green Team

During the holidays some members of the Green Team were lucky enough to see the goings-on inside a bee hive. Chris McLarty kindly agreed to open up one of his hives for us, and after donning protective gear, everyone had a turn to see inside. Chris also laid on a swarm for us which was clinging to the fence post near the hives as we arrived! Fortunately, it was a nice warm day so the bees didn't get too cross and we only had two stings. One was to a Ranger - so it didn't really count - but sorry Monty for the other!

Having seen how the bees organise themselves for real, the Green Team have made a display about it for the window at Lynedoch, so you can all find out what goes on.

Later in the summer the Green Team met up with the Out of School Care at Ben Lawers. As well as enjoying the blaeberreries, everyone learned about how plants grow from seeds and how they are suited to living in different places. There are some budding young actors in Killin!

Green Team meeting continue every other Thursday evening at 6 pm in the Killin Primary School garden. All are welcome.

Helen Cole

Dancing In The Rain



We all know that when it rains the frogs come out to play. Never truer than one wet and miserable "summer" Sunday when I opened my front door on Main Street (not daring to venture out!) to watch the pipe band go marching passed. They were followed by a troupe of French Students who had decided to have a fun holiday despite the inclement Scottish weather and danced alone behind them!

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Killin News In Braille

We are delighted to report to you that Andy Manzie from Lochearnhead (Issue 45) has now received his first copy of the Killin News in Braille form. Andy phoned to tell us how much he enjoyed the independence of being able to read and comment to his family on articles in the paper whereas before they would read to him bits they thought he would be interested in.

After a little research with assistance from Pauline in the Stirling Council Resource Centre, we discovered that the Royal National Institute for the Blind in Glasgow will insert a Killin News floppy disk into their computer and translate it into Braille - this is a simplified version of what actually happens but we are sure you get the idea. They are prepared to do this for Andy for every issue of the Killin News.

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Italian Tour Operators Focus On Breadalbane

The local Tourist Board hopes that more European accents will be in evidence around Breadalbane next year - thanks to a recent fact-finding visit to the area by 22 Italian tour operators.

The visit was hosted by Argyll, the Isles, Loch Lomond, Stirling & Trossachs Tourist Board in conjunction with the Scottish Tourist Board and British Tourist Authority. The Italian operators stayed in Killin at the Morenish Lodge Hotel and Dall Lodge Country House Hotel and visited attractions such as the Rob Roy & Trossachs Visitor

Centre in Callander, the Trossachs Woollen Mill at Kilmahog and the Breadalbane Folklore Centre and Falls of Dochart in Killin.

Editorial Note: We received the above mail shot from the Tourist Board. It will be a wonderful boost to local businesses dependent on tourism if this "fact-finding visit" pays off. The local restaurants will be brushing up on the recipes for Spaghetti Bolognaise, putting in large orders for Valpolicella and Gladys will have to practise singing "Just one Cornetto"!



Pictured here is HRH, The Princess Royal who recently officially opened the McLaren Leisure Centre in Callander, being welcomed by Mr Roddy Ross and members of the Protocol Party.

For the past few years we have religiously printed in the Killin News the numerous press releases concerning the new Centre. Disappointingly, we were NOT notified of Princess Anne's visit, neither were we sent any information after the fact, despite our requests.

Fortunately for our readers, we managed through an undercover source to obtain this photo.

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Everyone Most Welcome

The "Bonniest Baby Competition" struggled a bit to get entries, but eventually Mums were persuaded to enter their wee tykes -I mean darlings.

It was judged by Chrissie Fenton and must have been the most difficult job of the day. The winner was 10 and a half month old Liam Hinks, the only son of Norman & Margie.



Could this be the youngest member of the Green Team?

Exhausted after all that tractoring is wee Ishbel Hayes, daughter of Pat and Helen (Cole).



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Lesley & Dave relaxing with Lesley's wardrobe!



Putting on a splendid display of Highland Dancing are local lasses Lindsay Marno, Rachel Lincoln, Siobhan Anderson, Lisa Hancock and Kirsty Sommerville. Eilidh Taylor (not pictured) did an excellent solo performance.



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Other events were a dog agility display by Auchinlay Agility Group and also several dog competitions. Julia Thornton's dog Drum won the Gun Dog Section, Elizabeth Woods' dog Rhu came second, Margie Hinks was third with Oscar and a Weiramaraner pup named Casper was fourth.

Peter Matvjasek was there with Syd his 5 year old "apprentice". Syd incidentally is a Clydesdale Horse who is being trained with Peter's other Clydesdales to pull felled timber out the traditional way. Village children enjoyed being put up on Syd's back and being able to pet the gentle giant.

There was still loads to see, sheep shearing, Landrover pulling to name a few, but the beer tent was calling and although it had not been a hot day it had stayed dry and was thirsty work!

Editor



Local girls Hayley and Dawn enjoying all the fun of the fair with mum Katrina.



Elizabeth Woods won the Baking Cup and also the best entry in the baking section with her chocolate cake (how about the recipe Elizabeth?).

Pictured below with one of her lovely prize winning Highland Coos is Judy Bowser.



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New Temporary Doctor For Killin

We are pleased to welcome into our midst Dr. Maria Lutz. Dr. Lutz has been a qualified doctor for 3 years and will be with us for the next year whilst she completes her General Practice training.

After training in Munich she came to Glasgow in 1995. She worked in Kilmarnock and Paisley, specialised in Paediatric Medicine and then did a spell in Accident and Emergency.

Maria was born in Germany in a little farming village very similar to Killin. Her parents are farmers and she has one sister and two brothers. She is the only doctor in the family. For now she is staying in Perth and travelling each day to Killin. Her hobbies are hillwalking, travelling, concerts and the theatre.



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70 Wild Miles Triathlon

We are pleased to report that Duncan MacDonald of Killin not only completed the "70 Wild Miles Triathlon" on 6 June in a highly commendable time but in doing so he also succeeded in raising £700 in sponsorship money for Cancer Research.

The event consisted of cycling from Glencoe Ski-Centre to Taynult, canoeing the length of Loch Etive and finally running back up Glen Etive.

Duncan would like to thank Lesley Kettle for assisting in collecting sponsorship money. Alan Hewitt for use of the turbo trainer and Rosie who supplied back-up on the day. Many thanks also to all those who so generously gave to this worthy cause. Duncan is looking forward to next years' event and continued support.

Highland Cross

The Highland Cross, an annual sponsored event which raises money for Scottish Highland Charities was held this year on 20 June. It is a team event in which all three members of each team start with a 20 mile run from Kintail on the west coast of Scotland, then the runners must then get on their bikes and cycle the remaining 30 miles to Beaulieu on the east coast. The team members representing Killin were Duncan MacDonald, Morag McLeod (formerly of the Bank of Scotland in Killin) and Jason Smith of Aberfeldy.

Duncan would like to thank all who sponsored him to the tune of £300, which combined with the rest of the Killin team sponsorship raised a total of £600.

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2 Eggs

Pinch of Salt

Three quarters of a teaspoon of Baking Soda

Three quarters of a cup of milk

2 tablespoons Caster Sugar

Knife of Syrup

1 and a half teaspoons Cream of Tartar

Knob of butter or 1 dessertspoon of oil

Mix all the dry ingredients together, add syrup and rub in. Lastly add eggs and milk. Beat thoroughly. Cook on a fairly hot griddle or mark 4 of an electric cooker. A lot depends on the heat of your own cooker - or bar-b-q!

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Retiral

Alexander MacLeod (better known as, Randy) retired on 9 August after nearly 15 years as Head Greenkeeper of the Killin Golf Club. He is pictured here receiving a presentation cheque from Alt' Muller, Greens Convenor, in the company of Duncan Clark. President and other current and past Committee members of the Killin Golf Club.

Sandy was born in Falkirk in 1933 and moved to Killin at the age of five and has lived at Mansefield House in Manse Road for the past forty years. Before he started work at the Golf Club as a Tractor Man in 1974, he was with the Public Works Department. Civil Engineering Section. At that time George Smith was the Greens Convenor and much of the Golf Course equipment which was in use then is still in use today thanks to the way Sandy lovingly used his engineering skills. He recalled the days when he first used a scythe to keep the rough down, this has now been replaced by a Flymo. He worked alone on the Course until 1990 when he was joined by John Chisholm whom he will now leave in charge, secure in the knowledge that all his efforts have not been in vain.



Sandy will remain a familiar face at the Golf Course and in the village. He now has more time on his hands and intends to pursue his favourite hobbies of golfing and fishing. Members of the Killin Golf Club would like to thank Sandy for all his years of devoted service and join with us all to wish him a long and very happy retirement.

John Greaves

Left

Sandy and John pictured with the Golf Club's David Brown Tractor - still going after many years!

Autumn / Winter Music in St Fillan's Church

Following on from the tremendous success of the first concert, which was given by the Mendelssohn on Mull Ensemble, in St. Fillan's Church, plans have now been made to run a classical music concert (usually on the lighter side), each month during the autumn and winter. A varied programme has been arranged to be given by young musicians, aided by one or two more senior performers.

The dates will be announced by poster in local shop windows and hotels and each concert will feature different instruments. At least one will include piano and the concert in December will be a light-hearted pre-Christmas party. In January, weather permitting, the concert will follow along the lines of the famous New Years' Day concert in Vienna with music by the Strauss family. The actual date will be announced later.

All concerts will start at 7.30 pm and will last about two hours. As before, entry will be by ticket because space is limited to around one hundred. Tickets are FREE and will be available from the Tourist Office and the Tarmachan Teashop. During the interval at each concert, there will be a collection, the proceeds from which will be divided between Mendelssohn on Mull Festival and funds for the maintenance of the church.

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Killin Fire Station urgently needs new members to maintain its service to the community. Some of our existing crew have had changes in their work commitments which have affected their ability to attend. At this time we have eight fire-fighters - we need a minimum crew of four to attend a shout, a full crew being six. During the working day, we are struggling to get four crew members to attend. This begs the question - have you ever thought about becoming a fire fighter yourself?

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The next recruitment course is around 14 October 1998 so if you feel you would like to have a go, give me a call as soon as possible. Telephone Killin Fire Station on 01567 820989 on Thursdays between 7 and 9 pm or phone me at home anytime on 01567 820693.

Iain Campbell

Earl Haig Fund Scottish Poppy Appeal

Last year Killin raised £576.11, a great effort from a small rural community which gives so freely to so many causes and a credit to our collectors who gave their time. The Scottish Appeal raised in total over £1,105,000.00 - a truly magnificent sum.

This year Remembrance Sunday is 8 November and we shall be collecting from 2 November. Our usual parade and prayers at the War Memorial will be held after Sunday Service. May we see you there so that we can remember together the sacrifice given by so many for our benefit.

We all frequently pass the War Memorial, how many know the names of those carved in stone who fell giving us today's freedom. On Remembrance Sunday spare a thought for those who had the same aspirations as ourselves but whose lives were cut short, many were mere boys and girls.

There are still many who need our support who were crippled by the two World Wars and the many conflicts since, so please give generously for their support.

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Glen Dochart Adult Education Group

At an Extraordinary General Meeting held on 7 August in the Church Hall, Susan McRobbie (Chair) warmly welcomed those present which sadly amounted to ten in all. and outlined the Group-achievements to date. She then explained that the present Committee was standing down after nearly three years, and made an ardent appeal, along with Julie Rhys (Secretary), for new post-holders, otherwise the Group must fold. Gentle persuasion resulted in a new Committee being formed as those present felt that the Group was an asset to our community which was well worth nurturing. The new Committee are: Helen Cole (Chair). Morag Lithgow (Secretary). Eileen McCarron (Treasurer), Jane Calder Margie Hinks and Penny Driver (Members).

Plans are well in hand for a new computer course starting on 15 September 1998 (Word Processing Follow-on - contact Julie Rhys on 01567 820753 for more details).

Requests for other courses are very welcome. The Group has a healthy purse at the moment, so please help us to spend it wisely for your benefit. Talk to any Committee Member and look our for our posters in the Library. Post Office. J R News etc. The Glen Dochart Adult Education Group is yours, so please Use It - or - Lose It! Let's hear your ideas.

Morag Lithgow, Secretary

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The course will commence on Tuesday 22 September 1998. To book a place on this free course please telephone: Lynne Murray on 01877 331157. Although this issue of the Killin News will not be out until mid September. Lynne will still be pleased to received your call, even at weekends.

New Equipment for Killin Ambulance

We were invited to attend the Ambulance Station on 11 August to see some new equipment which had been provided by the local Nursing Association. Dr Mairi McColl was in attendance to represent the Killin Nursing Association and on hand to demonstrate were Technicians Jane Brown and Marina Hilditch.

We were shown the new vacuum mattress with head immobiliser. These will be used for the transportation of injured people, to help keep them stable and comfortable during the long journey to hospital. Beds of polystyrene are in the

mattress and it conforms to the contours of the patients body, it can then be pumped up with air to allow for even more comfort. The head restraint is not a standard piece of equipment for the Ambulance Service either, most having to use a rolled up blanket to do the job, A Paediatric Immobiliser was also on display. This is a fairly unique piece of equipment, in fact it is the only one of its kind in the Scottish Ambulance Service. It is basically a comfortable board with head restraints and straps which is suitable for children up to the age of about 9 when they would then be able to use the



*Marina and June demonstrating the head restraint to Dr Mairi and **Bunty** MacGregor.*

adult version. It will keep the child secure in a comfortable but immobile state until arrival at hospital.

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MacGregors Gather In Killin

The Annual Gathering weekend of The Clan Gregor Society was held on 8 & 9 August based in the Bridge of Lochay Hotel. Killin.

The AGM was followed in the evening by an excellent dinner and a wealth of folk tales told by Paraig MacNeil. On the Sunday morning, members gathered for the Clan Gregor "Roadshow". The chosen themes were "Place Names in Killin & District" by Dr Gregor Hutcheson and "The Genealogy of MacGregor Families in West Perthshire" by Dr Richard McGregor. Sunday afternoon saw a fitting end to The Clan Gregor Gathering when members and visitors attended Balquhider Church for the annual Clan Gregor Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration beside Rob Roy's Grave. Piper Duncan McKinnon of Killin led the congregation down the hill to the graveside to the strains of "The Highland Cradle Song".

A delicious afternoon tea was provided by the ladies of the Balquhider WRI in the new Village Hall, for which we were all most grateful. We would also like to extend our thanks to Duncan McKinnon and the management and staff of the Bridge of Loch AYHotel for their welcome and excellent service over the weekend.

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Mervyn's Weather



Looking back over notes for my Killin News article in the Autumn of 1997, it is interesting to quote. "Having enjoyed three good summers one wonders what 1998 will produce? The more good years we enjoy, the higher the likelihood of a stinker!" Alas how true this has proved to be! Since the second half of May when anticyclonic conditions prevailed, the summer has consisted of an unremitting procession of low pressure areas panning near or over us. relieved only occasionally by short-lived weak wedges of high pressure, giving at most a day or two of relatively better conditions. Having said that, it is surprising that the magical figure of 70 degrees has been achieved 12 times this season, albeit mostly in May.

Now in late August, conditions are unmistakably Autumnal with mention of ground frosts, although latterly weak ridges have shown up more frequently. Could it be possible that one of these could mature into a full blown anticyclone and give us an "Indian Summer"? Wishful thinking perhaps, but not without precedent.

The advent of wrapped silage has eased the problem of winter feed for farms in areas of high rainfall. Those of us who still attempt to make hay either regret having cut early in the season or are biting our nails in frustration hoping our restraint will pay off- time will tell!!

Mervyn K Browne
Ardtalnaig 24 August 1998.



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electors whose names are included will be able to vote in the three elections scheduled for 6 May (Scottish Parliament and local government) and 10 June (European Parliament) next year.

Advice to individuals or groups on eligibility, residency, overseas electors, service electors, absent voting etc.. is available by telephoning 01786 443508, Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm.

WEDDING DAY SMILES

Brian Hibbert and Samantha Quigley of Braeval, Ardchyle, were married at the Drummond Arms Hotel, St. Fillans, on Saturday 29 August. The Rev. J. Leckie of Crieff officiated and in his own particular style entertained the congregation.

Readers with golf club connections will remember Brian and Sam helped there until last year. Sam now works as a beauty therapist at the Crieff Hydro Hotel and Brian is engaged as a CCTV specialist by a Perth based communication company. The wedding was attended by guests from throughout Britain. *Good luck to the happy couple!*



It is always nice to think of wedding photos being taken outside in the sunshine surrounded by mature trees and greenery. Unfortunately, as we are all well aware, it hasn't been much of a summer this year but Linda Cushley and Philip Kane didn't let the rain on 25th July dampen any of their wedding day plans. Their marriage which was conducted by Father Jim McCruden, and wedding reception were both held at Crieff Hydro with 170 family and friends plus 220 more in the evening, by all accounts, an absolutely fabulous time was had by everyone.

Linda's friends since she attended McLaren High School in Callander, twins Laura and Lynda Gillespie and her younger sister Elizabeth were Bridesmaids and Sara Kane was flower girl. Philip's brother Stephen was Best Man. The brides parents, Jim and Frances Cushley are well known to us all as the owners of Lix Toll Garage. Linda, Elizabeth and Frances had a great time making all the arrangements for the wedding and even took a short break in Majorca just prior to the wedding to relax and unwind in the sunshine.

After their honeymoon in Cyprus the young couple will take up residence in their new home in Chapelhall, Lanarkshire where Linda will commute to her job as a teacher in Edinburgh and Philip will finish his University degree in computer electronics.



Golden Wedding Celebration

Doug and Nan Reid, 19 Ballechroisk, celebrated fifty years of marriage on 4 August 1998.

During the war Doug served as a Leading Signaller in the Royal Navy and thereafter joined the Police serving in the Ayrshire Constabulary. Originally from Aberdeenshire. Doug met Nan in

Glasgow where they married in 1948 and married life began with various postings around the county. Both were keen competitors in local games, with Doug entering the heavy events while Nan showed her prowess on the sprint track. Nan also worked for a time in a heavy engineering plant in Ayrshire. When Doug retired as a Sergeant, the family

moved to Glasgow and ran a garage and cafe business. Nan joined the Scottish Youth Hostel Association and was posted to Killin in 1974/75, whilst Doug went into Industrial Security. They moved to Edinburgh in 1982 and from there to Abernethy and then their final retirement brought them back to Killin. Doug has always been a keen golfer and is a regular competitor in the Seniors Section of the Killin Golf Club. Their daughter Fiona, works in Costcutters and is married to Alex Stewart. They also have a son, Doug, who is serving in the Metropolitan Police and is married to Lesley. Each of their family have presented them with a grandson and a grand-daughter, all of whom, according to Doug and Nan, keep them on their toes!



The Killin News joins with their family and friends to wish them congratulations, many more happy years together, and a very happy holiday in Australia where they are going to visit relatives.

LETTERS



Dear Editor

You ask, "Which is the greater threat; rabbits or hill walkers?".

*Why rabbits? Why not dogs or cats - whose population in Killin seems to have exploded in the last five years? Rabbits I can cope with. I sometimes think the wild ones are more tame than those in the neighbouring enclosures which flank three sides of my garden. Oh, yes, they eat the flowers sometimes - but mostly they eat weeds and they do it QUIETLY. Not so the dogs. I cannot go into my own garden without being barked at from three corners out of four - day or night. Yes, I've tried making friends with them - all to no avail. Peaceful enjoyment of one's premises is a legal phrase, but an idle one it seems. Dogs are hostile, menacing, nerve-racking and totally anti-social. All our woodland walks have been spoiled by the creatures whose filthy deposits make it necessary to carry several changes of clothing and a set of scrubbing brushes. Killin Main Street used to have notices proclaiming a penalty of £100 for each dog offence. Was anyone ever fined? Paradoxically, the notices on the opposite side of the street stipulate £50 for the same offence. I dearly wanted to post a sticker saying, "save £50 - have your dog c**p on this side of the road!".*

What greater threat can there be than a threat to the peaceful enjoyment of Killin? On an otherwise still summer's evening or winter's night, how depressing and plebeian it is to hear dogs barking. Give me rabbits or hill walkers every time - at least they're quiet.

Alan E Jenner, Ge Leith, Killin

Dear Editor

In response to some points made in the Killin News (Issue 45) article "Which is the Greater Threat?", I feel that other opinions and facts should be made known. It suggested an unreasonable dominance of "unlimited access to the countryside". In recent years Scottish Natural Heritage set up the Access Forum to bring together public agencies and representative bodies for land management and open air recreation. The Access Forum is to promote greater understanding of countryside access issues and to promote improved arrangements for access. It is also concerned with minimising the impact of access on land management and conservation.

An agreement (The Concordat) was reached by all parties, which included the National Farmers Union of Scotland, The Scottish Landowners' Federation, Association of Deer Management Groups, Ramblers Association, Scottish Sports Council, The Mountaineering Council of Scotland etc. The Concordat demonstrated the common responsibility on all who use and visit the hills, because of the urgent need for co-operation and tolerance between the different users of hill land. Having said that, we all know that some few people do behave irresponsibly, but in the main people

do wish to behave properly, often going astray only through ignorance or negligence.

A second point I wish to turn to is the proposals for National Parks. In the UK, National Parks are for the most part not owned by "the Nation". The term "National Park" applies to an area of outstanding natural beauty which is considered to be worth preserving and thus becomes protected by extra planning constraints. If the area where my house is becomes within a National Park in Scotland, then it will still be my house, and no taxpayers' money will be required for its compulsory purchase.

Thirdly, on the point of footpath erosion near the gate to the Morenish Hill Road, the National Trust for Scotland, who own this land, have arranged part financing by the EC European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund for footpath conservation higher up Meall Tarmachan, and work is presently being carried out by Northern Conservation. Maybe footpath restoration will eventually become desirable at the point mentioned in the article; in such a circumstance the walker will then help to "foot" the bill even though the walker helped to buy Meall Tarmachan in the first place by voluntary donations. The walker

OBITUARIES

Gavin Munro. My colleagues and I at Killin Roads Depot mourn the sudden death of our friend and workmate Gavin Munro. Gavin aged 33, worked with us for about 10 years and was a valued member of our team. His ability at work and his personal demeanour have left us with a void which will be difficult to fill. We are all suffering a sense of loss which I am sure is felt throughout the village.

S Inglis, Killin Roads Depot

THANK YOU

Gladys Crompton would like to express her grateful thanks to all who helped her through her recent illness. Thanks for kind thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers, letters and pastoral visits.

Len Fenton wishes to thank all relatives and friends for their good wishes, cards, flowers and gifts received during his recent stay in hospital and after he returned home.

The Killin News thanks most sincerely, the person who does not wish to be named, for the donation of £100. This is a super boost to our funds and is much appreciated. Thank you.

pays VAT on outdoor gear etc - money which goes into the Exchequer and comes out again as part finance for projects such as footpath maintenance.

Finally, I must disagree that the Boreland Estate is used by walkers most of the time for access to Meall Tarmachan. I don't know for sure, but I would think most walkers use the Hydro Road just beyond the National Trust for Scotland Information Centre, then the path referred to and thus to the summit. The Boreland Estate does not own any of this. My evidence is that footpath erosion is little on the Boreland Estate and mostly on National Trust for Scotland land. It is the Hydro roads up there, as well as estate roads elsewhere, that take most of the extra wear, as well as make intrusive and unsightly erosion on more remote hills.

The hillphone sen-ice (up-dated by 8 am daily) covers six areas of Scotland and indicates where stalking is taking place that day. The service is supported by the Access Forum. For Glen Dochart and Glen Lochay, which includes Boreland Estate, the phone number is 01567 820886.

*John TH Allen
Tay Cottage, Morenish, by Killin.*

W R I

Thursday 1 October heralds the start of a new session for the Killin branch of the WRI. The meeting will be held at 7.30pm in the McLaren Lesser Hall and Mrs Patricia Gaskell will be giving a demonstration on the decorating of goose eggs. Having seen the beautiful results of her work, we know that the evening will prove to be a fascinating, informative and most enjoyable one. The competitions will be 1. A Toffee Apple 2. A Halloween Hat. A warm welcome is extended to everyone so do please come and join us.

Sheep Shearing - Glen Lochay

The Killin and District Agricultural Society held it's sheep shearing competition on 3 July at Kenknock Farm in Glen Lochy by kind permission of Mr & Mrs John Cameron.

The results were -

Machine Sheiling Open 1 Hamish Mitchell 2. Tom McKellar 3 E Cameron

Hand Section: 1 Dick Steven 2 Tom

McKellar 3. Gordon Stewart

Local Machine: 1 Rob Webster 2 Willie Taylor 3. Fraser Wilson

Local Hand Section: 1 Dick Stevens 2

Gordon Stewart 3. Jimmy McDonald

Ladies: Una Cameron Aileen Steven

Stock Judging: J McKenzie Rob Webster

Neil Forsyth/Gordon Stewart

Youngest: Willie Taylor

Good to see Dick Steven holding his own against the young up-comers in the Hand Section.

Killin Football Club

Following two successful years. Killin Football Club have played only one game out of a scheduled five at the start of this season. In recent years, the club has been forced to rely more and more on players from outside the immediate local vicinity. Last season there were only three players from Killin who played on a regular basis with the remainder of the team coming from Callander. Doune and Stirling. Unfortunately, most of these players have decided not to return this year and efforts to attract new faces have proved fruitless. The club have therefore been left with no alternative but to inform the League that they will not be fulfilling their fixtures this year.

It is very sad that there will be no football in Killin this year, but the committee are hopeful that this is only a temporary situation and that Killin will be back next season.

Killin & Ardeonaig Church Guild

On October 15th members will be able to hear the experiences of Miss H Clark when she visited India as Area Co-ordinator with Christian Aid.

A very warm welcome will be given to any new comer to the district who would like to join us in the Church Hall on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm.

Killin Drama Club

Killin Drama Club and friends are busy planning their "Killin Hall of Varieties Show" for the 14 November production. It's still not too late for anyone to join in the show, so if you've got an act that might be suitable, or know someone local who has, contact any member of the Drama Club for details. Plans include performances by a Magician, a juggling act and a star of the Desert Song, and a chorus of members and friends will take us all down memory lane to the Old Bull and Bush. Profits from the evening will be donated to the McLaren Hall Committee, towards the purchase of new chairs for the hall!

Gordon Hibbert



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Angler's Corner

The battle to prevent the revocation of the River Tay Protection Order is reaching, what we hope is the final stage. My personal thanks to those hard working members who have visited all the riparian owners in our area and re-negotiated the agreements for access. Thanks also to the riparian owners who have co-operated so fully with us in our fight to retain control of the fishing and, we hope, prevented Lord Sewel the Scottish Office Minister from signing the document to revoke the order. The battle is not yet won, but the Liaison Committee have high hopes that there will be a successful outcome in the not too distant future. Failure would mean a return to no control of access and the result would be a continuing confrontation with all who think they should have the right to go and fish where and when they like, and have no regard for land use of property never mind the stocks offish.

On the fishing front, there has been some good sport with the run of grilse this summer, and the odd salmon has fallen to the club members. Reports of a big run of salmon heading up the River have been consolidated with catches further up the Dochart. Trout have been in better condition during this year and the quality of the catches shows the policy of control of numbers taken and size is working. The competition on Lochan na Lairig saw Jack Scougall triumph with five solid hill loch brownies.

The Highland Games day angling corner was poorly attended this year, but thanks to those members who assisted Peter Anderson, and I am sure enjoyed his friendly banter and stories. Killin Show was the venue for the club's casting competition, but again there were only

Corner

four competitors and the outcome was a narrow win for yours truly. The members who assisted with the casting tips are due my thanks, I am certain they enjoyed introducing the many youngsters to the handling of fishing rods. Thanks also to those who gave donations for prizes, I hope the parents managed to get the children to eat their dinners when they got them home!

Our annual outing to the Vale of Leven Angling Club at Loch Lomond on 22 August was well attended. This year very favourable conditions were enjoyed and a salmon was caught by one of our regular visitors from London, Terry. This was the only game fish caught, and won the bottle of malt and the sweep. Malcolm McLarty caught the heaviest pike of the day.

The Club AGM will be held in Fishers Hotel on Friday 6 November at 7.30 pm with the presentation of prizes followed by a buffet supper. It is hoped we will have a large turn out of members and any one else who is interested is very welcome.

Alex Stewart

Killin Golf Club

On Saturday 1 August, summer finally came to Killin when on a glorious day. 106 entrants competed in the Gents Open Golf Tournament.

Handicap (0-14)

1. S Dalziel, Vale of Leven, Nett 61
2. P Murphy, Perth Merchants, Nett 64 Count Back
3. H Wallace, Pitreavie, Nett 64 Handicap (15-28)

1. A Muller, Killin, Nett 59 plus the Melia Quaich
2. K Boothby, Killin, Nett 65 Count Back
3. D Smith, Killin, Nett 65

Scratch

1. G Craig, Pitreavie, Gross 69 plus trophy
2. B Halbert, Callander, Gross 70
3. E Lindsay, Blairgowrie, Gross 71

A great day was had by all and our thanks go to Ian, Tricia and their helpers for a lovely buffet which was a sight to see. Douglas McRobbie and Ann Smith presented the prizes.

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Killin Gun Club

For those who are not familiar with the Gun Club events. I have given a brief resume of what happens at a shoot. Perhaps if people understand better what is going on they might like to come along. Spectators are always most welcome on the day of a shoot.

DTL is Down The Line. Five gun stand in a line 16 yards behind the trap. Each gun, starting with number one, will call for a "bird" to shoot at. If it is broken, it will be scored 3 points for a first barrel and 2 points for a second barrel kill. If missed the score is 0. Each gun will take its turn until all five have shot and given number of "birds". The "birds" of course are clay pigeons - not the feathered variety!

The idea behind the "Sporting" section is to simulate the flight of game or wild birds such as pheasant or grouse. This discipline is shot by one gun on a stand at a time until that gun has finished his number of birds.

The shoot results for 2\ June when 30 guns turned out were:

DTL:

Class A. 1. E McAllister-68 2.(equal) S Christie. P Cramb. G Coyne - 55.

Class B. 1.E Paterson - 54 2. R Mills - 53 3. Jas. Sinclair - 4"

Class C. 1. M Frost - 53 2. K Campbell - 42 3. Cameron Frost - 41

Sporting:

Class A. 1. B Hodsdon - 60 3.(equal) D Robertson. J Sinclair - 57

Class B. 1. G Mitchell - 66 2. S Argo - 54 3. J McKay - 45

Class C. 1 M Frost-51 2. F Frost-48 3. T Frost - 33

High Gun - E McAllister 122. High Pheasant Trophy. Batty Rose Bowl & McKay Trophy - G Mitchell. 27. 140 & 93 respectively. Non Trophy Winner - S Argo 99

On a very wet 19 July. 27 guns turned out and the results were:

DTL:

Class A. 1. G Coyne - 74 2.(equal) D Clark. H Campbell - 72 4. S Christie - 69

Class B. 1. R Mills - 65 2. Jas. Sinclair - 64 3. S Argo - 62

Class C. 1.E McLellan - 67 2. M Frost - 52 3. Calum Frost - 49

Sporting:

Class A. D Clark-63 2. E McAllister-60 4.(equal) D Robertson. I Menzies - 54

Class B. T Devlin-57 2. F Frost - 48 3. M Frost - 45

Class C. 1. E Paterson - 57 2. K Campbell - 45 3.(equal) G Mullen. Cameron Frost - 42

Challenge Cup - G Coyne 74. High Gun - E McAllister 126 Class C - Kenneth Campbell - 90

The Open 50 bird sporting held on 9 August was attended by 74 guns on a dull but dry day. Many thanks to our sponsors. MAP (Multi-Architectural Practice) of Edinburgh. The results were:

High Pheasants: 1. E Barns 2. S Cummings

Driven Grouse: 1. H Johnston 2. J McPhilip

Woodcock: 1. J McPhilip 2. S Orr

Walked up grouse: 1. J McPhilip 2. B McBain

Duck. Teal: 1. S Cummings 2. P D Cramb

High Gun: Open: S Cumming. 48 birds

Club Member. Slee Trophy: F Frost. 38 birds

Club Local. Scott Trophy: G Coyne. 35 birds

Ladies: E Barns. 45 birds

Booby: D Halliwell, Continuation 5 pair:

S Orr Continuation 5 singles mixed: S

Cummings.

Killin & District Sports & Leisure Club

Now that the above club has been saved from the clutches of Stirling Council, we would like to take this opportunity to appeal for help in order to develop the Club.

At present we have good facilities for football, bowling and tennis. The football and bowling Clubs are well established but would always welcome any new members. The tennis dub however is lacking in members, perhaps because we do not provide adequate opportunities for coaching or training. This is where you could help!

If you have any sporting/teaching qualifications or would like to attain any, we can help. We are looking for enthusiastic people who would be willing to donate a little of their time to help with the development of our club. If you are interested in rugby, netball, basketball, hockey, shinty, cricket or any other outdoor pursuit then please contact any committee member or myself as we would appreciate all the help we can get in order to provide a better Sports & Leisure Club.

We would like to ask you to take a little time to fill out our questionnaire in order to help us identify the sporting needs of the community. Once completed please could you hand it in to myself at the Doctors Surgery or to Kay at the library. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Fiona Buchanan

Killin Playgroup

Following our Annual General Meeting on 5 August the following committee were appointed: Elaine Turner (Chairperson). Susan McRobbie (Secretary), Sheila Aitken (Treasurer). Julie Rhys. Sheena MacAskill. Kay Dowling, Lorraine Pritchard and Pamela Farquharson (Committee Members).

The group meets every Friday morning 9.30 am - 12.30 pm in the Killin Nursery for 3 to 5 year olds. New members are always welcome and you may contact any of the above for more information.

Susan McRobbie, Secretary (01567) 820374

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Crossword By Scorpio



ACROSS

1. Ablutions trough in the ship for pencil ends? (5)
4. Cause of spectacular falls (5)
10. Everyone returns to a portion (5)
11. Complete blank (7)
12. Soil stain, but sought by those who are lost (4,4)
13. The Power of rejecting in brave toil (4)
15. Used to dull mental alertness (6)
17. He carries loads in sidecar terrain vehicle (6)
19. Thoroughly dislike the altered heat (4)
20. Is the reversed ideal end to innocence a part of the States? (8)
23. Being educated, the student deserved his keep (7)
24. Did the trunk hunt among the upset roots for a head and some limbs? (5)
25. Can be common and one of five (5)
26. Sounds as if! did a lot of gardening in part of America (5)

DOWN:

2. Claw (5)
3. Comfortable places for wet feet? (4,4)
5. The right one can lead initially to perfect and true happiness (4)
6. Poseidon and Neptune had one (7)
7. Initially soup opposes stew (4,3,4)
8. Direction in ache leads to noisy breathing (5)
9. Reach the stage of understanding (3,2,6)
14. Singled out for attention (8)
16. Not in the upper class, but making money (2,5)
18. Afraid of blows (5)
21. Direction found in Bognor, the town! (5)
22. At home, over the poles, for locals (4)

Solution to Last Crossword

Across:

1. Goals 7. Defender 8. Noise
10. Enterprise 12. Reversed
14. Mist 16. Tent 17. Patience
20. Relaxation 23. Nifty
24. Envelope 25. Dense

Down:

1. Gander 2. Lose
3. Fete 4. Tempo 5. Additions
6. Ardent 9. Entry 11. Oven
- Glove 13. Era 15. Piton
16. Turkey 18. Enzyme
19. Axels 21. Type 22. Nice

NEXT ISSUE

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

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As we go to press, it is with great sadness that we have to announce the death of David Main on Monday 7 September 1998. David has been an active member of the Killin News Production Team since the summer of 1996. He will be sorely missed by us and all his friends in Killin.

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Pulling The Wool

Sheep shearing could soon be a thing of the past. Scientists have discovered that the injection of a protein can make sheep shed their fleeces like an overcoat. Extensive trials have concluded that, by increasing levels of a naturally occurring protein, flocks can lose their coats simultaneously. A net is fitted to the animal to catch the fleece.

Some farmers need to be convinced before they swap shears for syringes. One farmer commented, "The weather plays an important part in the shearing process. If the weather suddenly turns, farmers don't shear, but if they have given the sheep a protein injection then it's too late. The wool will drop off and the sheep will get very cold." Perhaps they could breed sheep with zips. It would be kinder.

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