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Killin News Fork Supper

The Killin News Team, hosted a Fork Supper in the McLaren Hall on Saturday 24th October. More than 120 guests packed the hall and armed with knives as well as forks, got stuck in to a feast of dishes, Paprika Chicken, Beef in Red Wine, Fish Pie, Chicken Stroganoff, Spinach Parcels, Hungarian Goulash, Brunswick Stew. Quiches and salad galore (to mention just a few!). Even more armoury was required in the form of spoons for Strawberry Pavlova, Chocolate Roulade, Creme Caramel, Fresh Fruit Salad, Meringues which resembled Ben Lawers in winter, Sherry Trifle and Killin Show award winning luxury Chocolate Cake.



The kitchen was a hive of activity interspersed with the occasional screech of "More Rice Kevin!" or "More spoons Morag!" Every Killin News Committee Member was present with spouses, family and friends all "press ganged" in, to help in every way.

To whet the appetite, the £5 entry ticket included a free glass of wine, so needless to say, in most cases, this was the first port of call. Halfway down the hall, the queues could be compared with those at Harrods January Sale - and this was only the Tombola, which was an immense success due to the generosity of numerous businesses and individuals in Killin and

work ourselves, thereby saving in the long term on printing costs. We are delighted to report that the sum of £800 was raised. The Killin News Committee extends its grateful thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket, those who donated prizes, both backstage and front of house and all who assisted.

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as far afield as Perth, Stirling and Callander. To avoid a stampede, it was decided to call one table at a time for the main course, via the bar where the guests socialised over yet another glass of wine.

Two highlights of the evening were the Special Prize Draw which was £30 of vouchers donated by Marks and Spencer, Stirling and was won by Beryl McLean. The other was the auction of Elizabeth Woods' Chocolate Cake and our impromptu auctioneer for the evening was the incredible Charlie Grant. The bidding started at £5 - £10 - £15 - £20. . . , then guests began to resemble statues, terrified to blink in case it was taken as a bid, and besides, they still needed their money for a few more glasses of wine! However, the temptation was too much for Colin McRae and he walked away with a bargain at £40!

This event was held to raise funds for new computer equipment which will enable us to do more of the Killin News compilation

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National Park or National Car Park

Will Killin be involved in the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park? The answer is a definite, possibly, maybe?!

The Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) role is to advise the government on the proposal to set up the National Park. To assist the SNH in the consultation process, the Scottish Community Education Council (SCEC), an independent and unbiased body, have been asked to run a number of public meetings. On 3 November, some 30 members of the public attended one of these meetings held in Crianlarich Village Hall. Local landowners and the farming community were all well represented as were the local Community Councils.

It was evident from the official presentation that the main aims of the National Park are to protect and conserve scenic heritage and provide recreational opportunities but not to create a museum. No decisions have as yet been made and no proposals are cast in stone but consultations are taking place on several key issues. Where should the boundaries be? How should the Park be run and by whom? What is the official role of a National Park?

Opinions voiced were that the need for a Park had resulted from pressure from urban dwellers wishing to visit the area, rather than from inhabitants of the proposed Park. Concerns voiced by some major landowners were the problems of car parking, traffic control and visitor land access management. It was strongly felt that local people (those actually living in the proposed Park area) should be constantly involved. John MacPherson who represented Killin Community Council stated that at least 51% of the governing body should be local. He also raised his concern that extra "unmanaged" visitor pressure could result in areas immediately outwith the park boundary, this begs the question is it better to be in the park than just outside it? Other debated points were; the source of funding, planning control, property values and Council taxes.

SCEC and SNH assured all present that all though this phase of consultation will end on 30 November, dialogue will continue with the Communities and consultation will continue for a considerable period.

If you wish to help shape one of Scotland's first National Parks, get in touch with your Community Council to voice your concerns and comments, or alternatively contact

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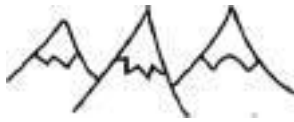
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New Year Dance



The Lodge Breadalbane St. Fillans will be holding the traditional New Year Dance in the McLaren Hall on Friday 1 January 1999. Entry will be by ticket only, which will be on sale from the beginning of December from:- Douglas McRobbie, William Stitt, Alex Stewart, Walter Anderson and David Graham, and cost £4 for adults and £2 for concession and under 16's. Music will once again be provided by the Tommy Walker Band and there will also be the usual raffle. Numbers are limited, so make sure you get your tickets in plenty of time to avoid disappointment.



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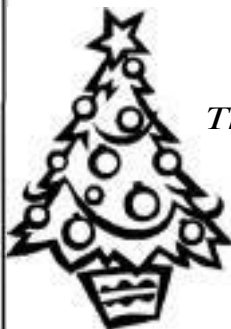
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A fully updated (to October 1998) edition of the local Telephone Directory has now been produced by Killin News. Literally "hot off the press", our photo shows the guys at our printers, Stirling Reprographics, collating the pages.

The directory, which has always been a valued reference, broadly follows the familiar pattern of previous issues, but has been expanded to increase its cover and make it even more useful.



There are a number of new ideas :

- Lochearnhead numbers are now included.
- 'Yellow pages' feature our business community more prominently, with a centre section listing local businesses and an outer section of business advertisements.
- Mobile, fax and e-mail numbers, reflecting the increasing use of modern means of communication within the area.
- A simple street plan of Killin (we had many requests for this).

We are glad to have this opportunity to compliment the Morrisons, who were responsible for earlier editions of the Directory, and to thank them for generously agreeing that Killin News might continue the project.

Copies, price £2, are available from:

J R News, Killin Library, Killin News Committee members

No Sun - No Flowers !

Well, not until it was too late! Yes, we all noticed the sudden glow of yellow sunflowers in full bloom around the



village, but that was after the children's section of the Killin Floral Awards had been judged. The wonderful summer meant that the sunflower plants grew very slowly, so an extra month was allowed for the competition. Mid September and still no flowers, or sign of any sun - so the shields were awarded for the two tallest plants. Kirsty MacPherson obviously has the greenest fingers, as her sunflower grew to over 3 metres tall (10 feet for our older generation - no Allan, you can't have it in cubits!). John McRae came in second with just short of 2.5 metres (8 feet).

Well done to all the other children who grew sunflower plants. Over 20 youngsters entered initially, but unfortunately some seeds did not come into contact with the soil! Better luck next year, when the Floral Award committee plan to germinate them for you and give you all a plant instead.

In the meantime, we hope that those of you who had flowers on your plants have saved all the seeds to feed to the birds this winter

Gillean Ford

Killin Heritage Society Seeks New Members

The Society, which presents a number of talks and lectures throughout the winter, usually illustrated, had the first speaker of the season in early October. Rachel Clough gave an interesting talk about Kilmartin Glen in Mid Argyll. This area is unusually rich in historic and prehistoric sites. Over five thousand years of human occupation are covered by the Glen itself, 150 prehistoric sites lie with 6 miles of the village of Kilmartin. Standing stones, mysterious markings on the rocks, burial cairns and much more were described accompanied by some very good illustrations.

Social evenings and outings are part of the Society's programme. Recently members visited the Transport Museum in Glasgow and the museum of Religious Art. New members are welcome. The next speaker will be Mrs E K Roy on 4 December, the subject. Alloa Tower Restoration. Meetings are held in the McLaren Lesser Hall at 8 pm.

If you wish to join or are interested, come along and join us or speak to the Chairman Mr Stan Mudd. telephone number 820 363.



Road Carnage

Since April, accidents have occurred at an alarming rate along the length of the A85/A85 Stirling to Tyndrum trunk road, particularly along the full length of the highway from Blair Drummond, where a local farmer was killed in a collision between his tractor and a car, to the serious collision in Glen Ogle between a police training vehicle and a mini-bus carrying elderly American tourists. In particular fatalities involving motor cyclists have reached alarming proportions this summer.

The Rural Stirling Outreach Network, as partners with Stirling Council on the Rural Stirling Transport Working Group, has organised a petition to be circulated throughout the local communities along this trunk route. The petition seeks to draw attention to the dreadful carnage which has occurred this year. Completed petitions will be passed to the Scottish Office Development Department (Roads Section) which has responsibility for safety initiatives on trunk roads.

We applaud the efforts of Central Scotland Police to control speeding in the built-up areas, but we look to the Scottish Office for additional measures to

highlight to car drivers and other road users, the likelihood of accidents in this area and to bring the catalogue of carnage to their attention.

Previous measures taken two years ago (without prior local consultation), such as bollards on bends, have not resulted in fewer accidents. We would hope for other initiatives to attract the attention of road users, for example, large notice boards detailing accident statistics for the previous six months which would have greater visual impact. New actions must be taken as a matter of urgency. We hope that local people will be consulted on the types of safety measures to be implemented.

For further information, please contact Duncan Scott, Chairman, Rural Outreach Network on 01567 830330 or fax 01567 830434.

Editorial Note: The Killin News has also been trying to alert you to the dangers of this stretch of road. We highlighted the lay-bys in Glen Ogle, unfenced sheep, the multitude of white bollards and the excerpt from the Vancouver Sun which encouraged tourists to come and try

rallying on our quaint road! In this issue there is also Liz Lambert's poem. It is now up to you to lobby the Scottish Office to have something done about this road. Maybe then we won't be delayed from going about our business whilst Ambulance technicians wipe up the mess and Lix Toll recover yet another vehicle! Or more to the point, we could stop thinking that each time we get behind the wheel and drive this road, it might be our last - because there will be more accidents, until something drastic is done - hopefully it won't be you on the receiving end, but it will be some poor soul!

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The Killin "People" File

John Willison has lived his life in and around Killin. His great grandfather first took the tenancy of Kenknock Farm in 1850 and then Acharn a few year later. He and his brother Douglas worked Acharn Farm until 1982. when John became semi-retired. At its peak. Acharn farm covered 7000 acres with 1700 ewes, 50 cattle and employed 5 men.

John has been active in most areas of Killin life, he was the first Chairman of the Killin Young Farmers (disbanded in the late 1960's due to the lack of young farmers!), a member of Killin Mountain Rescue Team from the early 1950's until his knees and chest gave out. and a keen curler and bowler.

He met his wife Jan when she came here on holiday and married her in 1958. They have 1 son. 3 daughters and a dog called Max.

Interviewer's Note: To get a real sense of John's answers, each should be prefaced by the words "Oh Hell now..." and end with "Damn fine"!

Favourite place around Killin?

Anywhere in Glen Dochart or Glen Lochay. I love the view from Acharn hill and round.

What have been the major changes in the Killin area?

In both Glens there has been a massive decline in the number of people, there used to be shepherds in every house. The decline began after the war and has continued.

There has been an increase in the number of trees, mainly spruce, which have ruined the views and lead to reduced grazing by stock. It has also led to a decline in birds. When we had Acharn. every year there would be lots of nesting curlews and peewits, now there are hardly any. There are also fewer crops grown, each farm used to grow its own, I can't think of a farm around here that grows cereal crops for animal feed. The climate has also changed. It is much wetter and the winters milder, I remember my first lambing year. 1947, coldest I've ever known!

If you had to live somewhere else, where would it be?

Further west - anywhere as long as it was not an island.

Favourite journey?

When I was a child we went from Killin to Arisaig by train, I've never forgotten it. I've never been abroad, never really fancied it!

Where would you like to visit?

The Outer Hebrides, south Skye, north west of Poolewe, and Shetland.

Favourite book?

I really enjoyed "A Herd of Red Deer" by Frank Fraser Darling

Favourite music?

Scottish fiddle music.

Any regrets?

I never learned to play an instrument. My father was a fiddler and my uncle Campbell was a piper and judge of piping.

Any unfulfilled ambitions?

My day for ambitions is long past!

Any advice to the young?

Who am I to give advice to young folk?!

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Thanks to the group of young volunteers who cleaned up the last mess and the older folk who tidy up on a continuing basis.

Neil J MacKenzie



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The main duty of the Committee is to satisfy itself as to the state and administration of the prison and, in particular, the treatment of convicted and remand prisoners. The work of a Visiting Committee can be complex, at times highly sensitive, and not a little time consuming. It can also be very rewarding.

Members of the Committee receive no payment but travelling expenses are paid, and in some circumstances, loss of earnings can be re-imbursed.

As part of its commitment to Social Inclusion, Stirling Council is inviting applications to fill appointments on Prison Visiting Committees. A Prison Visiting Appointment Panel will select and interview candidates and the final nominations will be approved by Stirling Council.

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McLaren Hall - The Beginning

In the early thirties, Mr Archibald McLaren, a retired farmer who lived at Dall Lodge, Killin, desired that a town hall should be provided for the inhabitants of Killin and surrounding district. At the time, Tralee (now Killin Crafts and Grant's Laundry) was the building used as the village hall.

Following the death of Mr McLaren in June 1933, the sum of £9000 was bequeathed to the executors of his estate for the sole purpose of building a town hall - £7000 was used for the erection of the building and £2000 was entrusted to an endowment fund from which any income had to be used for the upkeep of the building. He expressed a wish that the building be called "The McLaren Town Hall", and that his executors should appoint eight trustees to manage the same.

His deed of trust stated, "The Trustees shall hold the McLaren Town Hall in all times coming for the benefit of the inhabitants of Killin and the surrounding district". The constitution can be viewed in the Killin Library. The eight Trustees were: James Davidson McRae, Auctioneer - John George Skelton, Factor of Dall Lodge - James McRae MA, Schoolhouse - George Munro Hood, Bridge of Lochay Hotel - Rev. Donald Thomson BD - Eric Wilson, Woollen Mills - Douglas Willison, Farmer and Alexander Henderson.

At Martinmas 1934, the McLaren Hall was opened to the people of Killin and District.

Sixty-four years on, after having served the village through good times and bad,

there is no doubt that the McLaren Hall is in need of refurbishment. Many of you will remember the entertaining events held in the Hall, from dances and ceilidhs to beetle drives and coffee mornings. The McLaren Hall was indeed the envy of many villages and towns in Perthshire.

The present Trustees (William Stitt Snr, builder - Graham Wilson, Woollen Mills - Gilbert Christie, Farmer - John Willison, Retired Farmer - David Syme. GP - Christopher McLarty, Caretaker, Colin McRae, Master Butcher and Elizabeth Woods), together with Committee Members, have a "Vision for the Millennium". A five year plan unveiled at the recent AGM includes a total revamp of the heating system, modernised kitchen, new toilets, new chairs and an overhaul of the balcony along with many other improvements. It is a huge undertaking which will involve Grant Aid and many Fund Raising Events. Already this year, over £5000 has been spent on the external maintenance of the building, with new windows to the caretaker's house, upgrading of the drainage system, along with general builderwork. The spring of 1999 will see a total repaint of the exterior which will complete the external programme.

It is hoped that the people of Killin and District will continue to support the present Trustees and Committee Members in the every day running of the Hall - remember, the McLaren Hall belongs to every one of us.

Colin McRae

Killin Business in Tourism Award Final

Inversay House in Killin, operated by Mrs Gillian Ford, has beaten off stiff competition to be shortlisted as finalist in the Best B&B/Guest House category of the Simply the Best Tourism Awards 1998.

This award scheme - which is open to over 2,700 tourism business throughout the Argyll, the Isles. Loch Lomond. Stirling & Trossachs area - is sponsored by Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd and the Area Tourist Board.

The objective of the scheme is to encourage high quality products and service throughout the local tourist industry and the awards are based on nominations from visitors, followed by a careful judging process.

Tourist Board Chairman. Cllr Billy Petrie, said: "This year we received a record number of nominations - over 1,200 - from visitors who were keen to award those businesses where they receive great service. The judges have a difficult time ahead to select the winners from such a high calibre shortlist."

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COMMENT

Following on from the success of the Killin News Fork Supper, several members of the Killin News Committee attended the AGM of the McLaren Hall Committee on 29 October 1998 in the Lesser McLaren Hall. Like any well planned military operation, we went "tooled up" ready for a battle over the extremely poor facilities which masquerade as a kitchen and which we had to endure on our fund raising night. To our surprise and delight, we were immediately disarmed when we discovered that everyone present was on the same side, fighting for the same thing - an improved and modernised McLaren Hall.

The relatively new McLaren Hall Committee have been working hard in an attempt to improve the fabric of the building. But neither Rome nor the Millennium Dome was built in a day and unfortunately Killin does not have £64 million to spend! They have achieved a great deal - the external maintenance programme should be completed by the spring new chairs (hooray!) are imminent and we shall all get to try them

out at the next Cancer Research Coffee Morning on 28 November 1998 when a selection will be on display for villagers to make comment on. The Committee are to be congratulated on turning the financial situation of the Hall round from a loss to a small profit. But, with an antiquated heating system, floor boards so thin they cannot be sanded any more, toilets which require total refurbishment, balcony & stairs needing attention - they are the first to admit that it will be a long haul, but at the end of the day Killin will have reputedly the best village hall in Perthshire.

Incidentally, we recently attended a meeting of the Killin Community Council and a question put forward by them to Killin residents is what can Killin do to mark the end of the Millennium. How about our own Millennium Dome in the form of a fully refurbished McLaren Hall - one thing is certain, the McLaren Hall will be standing and used to full capacity in years to come when the Millennium Dome is no longer!

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Killin Community Council

A meeting was held of the Killin Community Council on 13 October. In addition to the committee there were five members of the public, two of whom represented the Killin News. Also in attendance was Mr Sandy McCredie of East of Scotland Water who had been invited to answer questions and listen to grievances about the contamination of Killin's water in September 1997. The £900,000 treatment works had only opened in November 1996 but unforeseen problems, due to heavy rainfall (!) resulted in the "boil water" incident. Mr McCredie unreservedly apologised for this, gave a detailed explanation on how the contamination had occurred and assured Killin that new measures being undertaken which should be completed by May 1999, will ensure that this situation does not happen again.

On a slightly different vein, Mr. McCredie voiced his opinion on the

proposed new development at the old mart and stated that ESW had advised the Planning Committee that houses should not be built within 200 metres of the sludge work due to foul smells.

Pat Christie was advised that although the Community Council had alerted Stirling Council to the problem of the Auchlyne Road being washed away, no action had as yet been taken and no response had been received following the letter written to K. Campbell, the Community Councillor.

It was agreed to display notices advertising future Community Council meetings in the Post Office as well as the public noticeboard.

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Millennium Project

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Prize Winning Christmas Competitions

The Bank of Scotland in Killin has kindly offered to sponsor three Prize Winning Christmas competitions in the Killin News.

Section One

The first section is open to ALL children of Primary School Age and younger. We want you to draw and colour in a picture (paint, crayon or pencil) with the theme Of Christmas or Winter Time in Killin. The artists of the best TWO pictures will each receive £10. Pictures must be accompanied by your name, address and age. Winning pictures will be printed in the next issue of the Killin News. So come on Mums & Dads. Grannies & Granddads, and teachers - get the children motivated and send us in the pictures or hand them to any Killin News Committee Member *before* Hogmanay.



Section Two

The second section is open to all young adults who are at secondary school. Again all entries must be accompanied by your name, address and age and must be received by us *before* Hogmanay. The title of this section is; "*Hold The Front Page*".

You can use your computer (if Santa was really good to you!) or draw and layout on a piece of paper a front page for the Killin News. You write the articles, insert the photos or drawings, choose the subjects and contents - it's all yours - but remember we will be printing the best front page we receive so keep it "Village Readable"! The prize in this category is £20 to the winner judged to have produced the best front page.

Section Three

The third competition is open to all adults (who have left school - ah those were the days!). Ten general knowledge questions for you below. All entries must be received by us *before* Hogmanay and must be accompanied by your name and address - (age not a requirement!) and the first correct entry pulled from the bag will win £20.

1. Which River flows through Killiecrankie?
2. What is the Gaelic name for Edinburgh?
3. Who was British Prime Minister from 1963 - 64?
4. In which foreign city was Rudyard Kipling born?
5. Darwin, Australia was devastated by Cyclone Tracy on which date?
6. Who wrote the Scottish song "Roamin' in the Gloamin'?"
7. Which famous actor did Audrey Hepburn star with in "Love in the Afternoon"?
8. The acronym DOS in computer-speak means what?
9. What is the currency of Iceland?
10. What does the Beaufort Scale measure?



Hope these keep you all occupied over the Festive Season. Have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year from all of the Killin News Team.

Three Generations On Schiehallion

On Sunday 6 September, in thick mist, on the summit of Schiehallion, three generations of the Morrison family from Pier Road were part of a group of fifteen friends and fellow climbers of son Gordon who had just completed the full quota of Munros. John and Nobel (Granny and Granpa), son Gordon (the climber), and his younger brother Douglas with two of his children, Stuart and Shona, made up a family group whose age range spanned 10-77 years. Gordon's achievement was marked by the traditional dram and toast as we huddled round the summit cairn. For the two senior members of the group,

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Within the morning service, which always turns an ordinary Sunday into something more special, a new elder was ordained. *Linda Frost* joins the Kirk Session from a background of having explored the eldership at a couple of meetings for all elders led by the minister.

Long service certificates were also presented to a number of people who have been faithful in the work of the church for a long time. All of these are notable and individuals are to be commended on their vision and staying power. Certainly the Church here in Killin are glad to have such folk in their midst.

Willie Allan

Citation: As an elder for 43 years and a member of the choir for over 60 years.

David Bowser

Citation: As an elder for 43 years

Gilbert Christie

Citation: As an elder for 23 years and as Clerk to the Congregational Board for over 25 years

Gladys Farquharson

Citation: As leader of the Sunday School for over 23 years

John Laurie

Citation: As an elder for 50 years

Jack Rough

Citation; As an elder for 34 years

Mr & Mrs N Inglis

Citation: As Beadles for over 30 years

Phil Simpson

Council Takes To The Country

Stirling Council has unveiled its plans to help revitalise the rural areas. It has produced the first draft "Rural Strategy" which spells out a three-year programme on issues such as public transport, rural exclusion, child care, economic development, housing and community care. About 90% of the Stirling Council area is classified rural, supporting 23,000 people. More people are moving into the rural areas than are moving out.

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- Lack of further education opportunities
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- A poor public transport system
- Lack of affordable housing
- Lower levels of service delivery

Stirling Council has already built up an impressive record in rural areas, such as the Stirling Mushroom Farm, the Trossachs Trail Programme, progressing the new £15 million Balforn High School, the £3.5 million McLaren Leisure Centre, 60 more nursery places, business workshop units at Lagrannoch, rates relief for village shops, care and repair service for elderly residents, revitalising community councils and setting up area forums.

Key proposals include:

- Extra money for rural schools
- Link officers supporting isolated rural schools
- Development of information technology in local libraries
- Establishment of a new Local Office in Aberfoyle
- Setting up joint health and social care services
- Encouraging rural credit unions
- Creating 50 new homes and rehabilitating 10 more empty properties

- Setting up adult learning centres at McLaren and Balforn High Schools
- Increasing the number of school boards by 10%
- Pupil Councils in every rural school
- Assisting agricultural diversification
- Expanding out of school care to 1 in 4 neighbourhoods by 2001
- Helping to fund new and better transport services
- Modernising village halls.

Contact *Don Monteith*
for more information:
01786 443362



Editorial Note:

We note that the McLaren Hall Management Committee received a Standard Grant of £1,500 from Stirling Council, very generous - but perhaps in the light of the £millions being spent in Callander they could be "arm wrestled" out of a substantial amount more towards modernisation of the Hall?



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Panto Season Approaching!

Yes, it's that time of year again, when the sight of an approaching drama club member usually means that they want to beg, borrow or steal something for use in the show. Faithful friends from previous years are busily trying to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear as the costumes (over 60 of them) start to take shape for this year's production - SINBAD THE SAILOR by Paul Reakes.

To follow the success of last year's show will not be an easy task - an outstanding dame with even more outstanding attributes will be remembered for some time (as will the dances including a Gavotte, a Spice Girl routine and a Maypole dance), but rest assured that the production team have more than a few surprises up their sleeves. Colourful costumes and magnificent "Eastern" sets will be the backdrop for songs, comedy routines and of course, belly dancing.

A beautiful Princess Yasmin is whisked away on a magic carpet by the evil magician Vazar to the Valley of the Skulls, but don't worry, Sinbad and friends will set sail in the Golden Hawk on a rescue mission ... no prizes for guessing the outcome, but watch out for the Giant Roc Bird!

The show takes place on 14, 15 and 16 January 1999, but please note that this year the Thursday performance is a matinee for school parties and ticket holders only. Tickets will be on sale at the usual venues prior to Christmas for those looking for a gift idea.

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Scottish Licensed Trade Award

We are pleased to report that John Shuttleworth, and partners of the Coach House Hotel, has come joint second in the 1998 Scottish Licensed Trade News Awards, in the category of Independent Pub Caterer. Our photo shows John (with the beard), his wife and sons, and the helpers who contributed to their success. The Shuttleworth family have not been in Killin very long, so it is good to see them doing so well. Congratulations to them on settling in so quickly and for winning the award.



Autumn Antics For The Green Team

Who needs time-lapse photography when the Green Team and Killin Out of School Care are about? When they met up at Ben Lawers they looked at how flowers grow from seeds, which involved miming the whole process from seed, through flowering, to producing new seeds. The different ways flowers have of spreading their seeds was graphically demonstrated using props from the £ Shop!

Later in the autumn we looked more closely at how various plants make sure that their seeds are spread out. Poor Andrew needed to wash his clothes after being sprayed by several puff balls (alias Green Team members)! We have also been finding out about where animals live and how pollution can be passed through the food chain.

As the nights draw in, the Green Team continue to meet once a month (except December) at Lynedoch. Activities planned for the winter include TV appearances for the members, looking at how glaciers are formed and a look at whales and dolphins.

We are very pleased that some pupils from Crianlarich Primary School have been travelling down to join in the activities over the last few months and would be pleased to welcome any new pupils from Killin Primary. Ask Mrs Frost for details of dates.

Helen Cole

Clifton Coffee House

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*Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas
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Remembrance Service



On Sunday 8th November, a Remembrance Service was held at the Killin War Memorial. The service was presented by the Rev. John Lincoln of the local Parish Church and Professor J. Somerville of the Scottish Episcopal Church. A wreath was laid by Mrs Judy Baron of Auchlune

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A Good Bag For The Day

One day, towards the end of September, about midway into our stag stalking season, we planned to stalk Beinn nan Oighreag (pronounced Ben nan-awe-rick and means Hill of the Cloud Berry). The light wind was south east in the glen, deer tend to like these slopes in such conditions and it was likely that we would be able to spy them there as it is sheltered.

The day began very misty with no hills visible at all, so the start was delayed. During the course of the morning, the mist began to burn off to reveal hills up to about 1,000 feet so we decided to set off. The stalking guest that day was a well known wildlife artist who appreciated immensely this scene of rising mist.

The day cleared to a bright warmth as we made the pleasant climb to about 2,500 feet. It was here we ate our "piece", with the lovely panorama of Glen Lyon spread out below us. Beyond the march (boundary) on Meggernie ground, we watched and listened to several stags roaring to each other and chivvying their hinds to keep them grouped together. It made an excellent floorshow. Two ptarmigan, always trusting and almost tame birds, approached us from the rocks and took off over us toward Meall Ghaordaidh (Meal Girday).

After lunch, we continued up and along the old march fence, the metal posts still standing after years in the wind, snow and mist. We wondered about the men who had carried them up there and

led them into the rocks. A brightly clad figure came towards us, a walker on his way up from Glen Lyon, so we walked along together exchanging deer talk until we parted - he to return to Glen Lyon and us to head down to stalk round a group of deer to approach them downwind.

At about 3,000 feet, several dotterel took off and passed overhead. These rare migrants still nest on some of our hills, their ghostly cry echoed as they went. We had only dropped down by about 100 feet when a red admiral butterfly passed by. At this point we had to wait whilst the deer crossed an open corrie, when they began grazing amongst rocks on the other side, we could then make our way across the corrie making use of what cover there was. But the cloud began to draw in again and the deer had been swallowed up in the mist, not to be seen again that day.

One of my best remembered days was when an eagle took a hare almost at my feet, the hare struggled so much that the eagle lost hold and dropped it. It fell about ten feet, then in true "Bugs Bunny" fashion, got up and bounded off!

Good days out on the hill are not just a hunt and kill but a chance to gain more awareness and spend time in quiet surroundings alongside nature's full time inhabitants.

Tim Frost

Killin Heritage Society/ National Trust for Scotland

Some 20 Heritage society members who man the Trust's Moirlannaich property throughout the summer were entertained at Cruachan Coffee Shop on 1 October.

Alex Lindsay, Central Tayside & Fife Regional Director for the Trust, welcomed the volunteers and reported on the position regionally.

Visitor numbers, although down overall (10% nationally), were up at the Ben Lawers Visitor Centre where the displays have been rejuvenated. Moirlannaich had 877 visitors, an increase which will be augmented now that a notice has been erected at the foot of Glen Lochay. The Rangers office has been moved to Lynedoch and full use is being made of the building. A room may be available for meetings other than Trust business.

Public Relations Officer, Isla McLeod, gave an illustrated lecture portraying other regional features including Barry Mill and the Angus Fair at the House of Durn. Heritage members drew Mr. Lindsay's attention to the condition of the path at the side of the house, the damp that is still gaining access at the "Hingin lum" of the rank growth on the site of the Snowberry Patch.

A very good tea was served by Maureen Campbell at Cruachan Coffee Shop. Heritage members wish to thank Yvonne McPherson for her help and support over the season.

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Elephants Visit Killin!

Sandy Graham and Iain McGregor found two "beasts" in Killin and took them to the National Trust for Scotland Rangers at Lynedoch. The hungry monsters entertained both members of the Green Team and a group of volunteers who were staying. They were then released back to the wild amongst a large patch of willowherb.

The fierce looking, greeny-brown caterpillars are the larvae of one of Britain's largest insects, the Elephant Hawkmoth. Although they grow up to nearly 9 cm and are aggressive looking, the large eye-spot and hook are just for show and the caterpillars are completely harmless. These features are to frighten predators, so when disturbed the snout shrinks back into the eye-spot region which then swells up and the head sways menacingly from side to side.

The caterpillars feed on willowherb, bedstraws and fuchsia, so are often found around parks and in gardens. They overwinter in soil and the moth which emerges is a beautiful bronzy-green and pink.

Elephant Hawkmoths were until recently only found as far north as the south and west of Scotland. However, their numbers have increased in the past 5 years and they have been recorded as far north as Lairg.

Anna Griffith
Seasonal Ranger Naturalist

Poetry

Emma Paterson and David Bowser's poetic soap opera has inspired, it would appear, half the village, to become budding poet laureates! Unfortunately, for reasons of space ONLY, we are unable to print them all in this issue - but don't despair we will hold them for future issues. We hope you enjoy the two in this issue.

The Daily Drive To Work

*Pulling out of Ardchyle
Not a car in sight,
Suddenly, behind me,
Someone at the speed of light.*

*Experience informs me
That this one will not wait,
Will he slow politely?
No - he'll accelerate.*

*This means he'll overtake me
As I'm nearing the hill's brow;
Having finished his manoeuvre,
He'll be holding me up now.*

*As he chugs up Glen Ogle
I inhale his toxic fumes,
His species almost always drive
Battered old saloons.*

*Bx now, of course, I cannot pass,
Oncoming cars approach
Whilst our speed's reduced to 33
Behind a Highland Coach.*

*The coach parks in a lay-by
(One just up from a bend)
I calculate just 16 miles
Before my journey's end.*

*Heading down Glen Ogle,
The road ahead looks clear,
But glancing in my mirror,
I see a lorry crowds my rear.*

*He follows as I overtake,
Keeping inches from my boot,
I slow my speed to 50,
At which the lorry hoots!*

*He hasn't seen the road works,
The traffic lights are red,
The lorry's brakes squeal frantically,
I sit in helpless dread.*

*Luckily, his brakes hold out,
I live to tell the tale
And do 40 through Lochearnhead
A whiter shade of pale.*

*The lorry hurtles past me
But slows up on the hill....
Does all this sound familiar?
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*Why not delay your date with fate
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Railway Echoes

*There is something missing in Killin
Something that would seem a sin
So bad to think she did refrain
That lusty little village train.*

*She took us part to school and back
Of fun on board there was no lack,
One carriage and an engine, she
would puff and toot in time for tea.*

*Up and down the line she 'd go
Taking people to and fro
Till it was ruled without compunction
No more journeys to the junction.*

*A blow to village life was this
The parting and the farewell kiss
Then with a last reluctant roar
The village train was heard no more.*

*If time stood still the years have flown
The railway track is overgrown
Yet still between those hillsides snug
Are echoes of the village pug.*

This verse was composed by Norma Macarthur (George Bickerton's sister). She was born in Edinburgh in 1940 and brought up in Killin. She became a nurse and emigrated to Canada in 1963 and Australia before returning to Scotland in 1976.

She now lives in Edinburgh. One of verses in a little book called Rhyme & Reason (many memories of Killin area).

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New Faces on the Killin Education Scene



George Weir is the new teacher of Primary 5/6 in the Killin Primary School. George is a highly experienced primary teacher who taught for 16 years, in a promoted post, in Birmingham. He was very pleased to come to Killin, certainly a smaller school but, as he says, much more enjoyable. He is pleased with the strong parental interest shown by the mums and dads as to what's going on in the school, and the children actually listen to him and want to learn. After Birmingham, he and his wife Helen (see below), are pleased to be in a part of the world they like very much - and for George it's a homecoming as he hails from Stirling.

George Weir, new teacher Primary School (above) and Helen Weir the new head of Killin Nursery with her children (below).



Helen Weir is also happy to be away from busy Birmingham. Before becoming Head of Killin Nursery, she had long experience as Head of an inner city nursery in Birmingham - she admitted to finding Killin much more enjoyable. She is also a trained Primary Teacher and comes from Yorkshire. She runs the Killin Nursery with three staff and seven part-time session workers.

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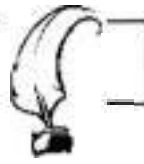
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LETTERS



Dear Editor

Editorial Impartiality ?

In the last two issues of the Killin News, there have been comments, when reporting some of the village events, which, in my opinion have created a change in the previous stand of impartiality for which the publication has been known. There are many outside influences which need to be taken into account when planning events, particularly the Festival and the Highland Games. The main objective of these activities is to regenerate interest in visitors to come to the area, attend these events, and hopefully discover or rediscover the other facilities and activities which are available, and to come back as part of a planned break. This has been achieved in some part, and the spending power of our visitors has bettered the economy of the village. Over the days when the events take place, there are the obvious outlets which gain immediately and later the wider benefit come in offseason reinvestment.

To comment constructively requires investigation of the facts as to why decisions are taken. The committees which voluntarily spend their time in organising the two mentioned events have gained considerable experience over five years, and their decisions are made to gain the best possible results. The timing of the days when they take place depends on where other similar attractions are being held, and the type of activities or who will be appearing and when, are influenced by what or who is available. The support of the local community is essential to the success of each venture, but the final financial outcome is the responsibility of the elected members of the Initiative.

The power of the broadsheets and that of the popular press can play a major part in influencing the public, but papers such as the Killin News should be, as it states in its Editorial Policy, an informative, accurate, information journal. The knowledgeable local community are capable of making up their own minds as to whether the events are worth while.

AJM Stewart, 2 Dochart Road. Killin.

Editorial Comment: *To prove our "Editorial Impartiality" this letter has been printed totally unedited.. If we were made aware of exactly where our impartiality is questioned, we could respond appropriately.*

Dear Editor

Curling Club

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr John Willison for his co-operation in arranging to receive the Curling Stones won by my late father. Captain Henry James Knight, in 1903 and for passing them on to the Killin District Curling Association for posterity.

The inscription on the respective handles is interesting and states "Presented by John Stroyan Esq. MP, Killin District Curling Association. H J Knight 1903". My late mother who became a war widow in March 1918. cherished the curling stones and upon her death, they passed to me as the only remaining son. Because of my own advancing years and on account of our long standing roots in Killin, I felt it only right that the curling stones should return "home".

My two elder brothers and I were all born in the Killin Hotel, which was run by my parents. In those days the salmon fishing was a very important part of the business with large daily catches being dispatched by the evening train to all parts of the country. Following my father's death, my mother lived for many years at Tignduin. My father served in the Black Watch and was killed on 21 March 1918 while serving in the 6th Battalion - his name features on the Killin War Memorial.

I was delighted to read through your paper that the Curling Club has been active these past years and utilising some rinks little used for many years. I wish to take this opportunity of wishing the Club every success in the future.

Harry H Knight, Major (Retd),
Weybridge, Surrey.

Dear Editor

I would sincerely like it to be known that the young cats roving around at Manse Road are not my responsibility, although I have looked after their mother for over 2 years when she was left to wander as a stray. I am getting on in years and very disabled and I am finding it very difficult to cope with all these cats. There are four kittens and they all follow the mother over to my house, I have phoned the RSPCA several times to see if they can help - but no luck. I would like the woman to whom the mother cat really belongs, to do her best to have the cat neutered, thereby stopping the spread of even more kittens. I have tried everything to get this seen to but no one wants to know.

I am very fond of animals and would be relieved and happy to know that someone would really do something about the matter. Please, please, someone, somewhere try to help. Thank you.

Kathy Dynowski,
Manse Road, Killin.

Dear Editor

I would like to let everyone know that the final amount raised by my sponsored haircut was nearly £700. This sum was divided into halves, one to Cancer Research Scotland and the other to MacMillan Nurses. Letters of acknowledgement have been received from the two organisations with grateful thanks to all concerned.

The treatment is going extremely well despite the uncomfortable side effects and the most recent x-ray indicates that the tumour is shrinking fast. I would like to thank everyone for their magnificent support, good wishes and encouragement. It has meant a lot and has helped me greatly in getting over this iniquitous disease. Thank you Killin.

Roger E Lambert.
Ardchyle Farm, by Killin.

Dear Editor

With reference to the People File about Dr Mairi, I would like to point out my views of village life.

As one gets older you think back on your childhood days, of our poor little school and it is sad to see all the "worthies" passing on. Where has all the caring and helping of one another gone? Everyone seems so full of themselves now-a-days.

One person who has always been high in my estimation was her father - Dr Duncan MacColl - he was a wonderful person, always so caring and friendly to everyone. Dr Mairi followed in his footsteps in more than one way. I remember the night her dear father passed away, I had to take a patient down to the surgery at 11 pm as he had fallen and split his head. Dr Mairi attended to him although it was Christmas time, she performed her duty by stitching his head. Nothing was an effort for her, day or night, she was always there for you. She is a credit to our village and we should all be proud to have had two such wonderful people in our village.

L. MacKenzie,
1 Stewart Road, Killin

Dear Editor

The question of "Access" has loomed large in the last two issues of your excellent newspaper. In an effort to avoid conflict, the West Rannoch Deer Management Group has produced a leaflet, a copy of which is enclosed with this issue of the Killin News. Additional copies can be obtained from me.

On behalf of the Group, I would like to thank you and all others involved for your help and co-operation in publicising our Leaflet.

D S Bowser,
Auchlyne, Killin FK21 8RG

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West Rannoch Deer
Management Group
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Dear Editor

I refer to the letter from Alan E Jenner which appeared in the last edition of the Killin News.

As occupier of one of "the neighbouring enclosures which flank three side of my garden" at Ge Leith and also owner of a pet rabbit and a dog, I must assume that I am one of those accused of spoiling Mr Jenner's peaceful enjoyment of his premises.

I cannot deny that our Border Collie is allowed to roam our garden four or five times daily for spells of up to ten minutes and that she may bark two or three times during each outing. Occasionally she encounters another neighbour's dog and they "chat" for a few minutes under the garden fence after which one or the other dog is called away.

Since I have received no previous complaints, I assumed, wrongly, it would appear in the opinion of Mr Jenner, that this was an acceptable part of life in a friendly neighbourhood. But each of us is entitled to our opinion and to the pursuit of our pleasures, and however coarse or common a dog's bark appears to Mr Jenner, my family enjoy having a dog in the house. Until it is proved to me that my dog can be considered a nuisance. I do not intend to change either my or my dog's routine.

Is it me?

Is it my dog?

Who really is being antisocial?

Bill Douglas,
Tigh-na-Lagan,
Manse Road,
Killin.

Dear Editor

I feel as a responsible dog owner, who has lived in this beautiful area, for some 12 years, that I must reply to the very sad letter from Mr. Jenner, published in your last issue.

I regularly walk and run many of the local woodland walks, and have to dispute the assertion made that it is necessary to "carry several changes of clothes etc". Nothing disgusts me more than seeing filth left on pavements, but I have to say this is very rarely the case in and around Killin.

I have found that in the main most of the local dogs are well behaved, not only to humans, but also to each other. Of course from time to time dogs bark, in exactly the same way that humans play loud music, or roar through the town late at night. I ask you which is the worst evil.

My own dog is always under control, and quietly goes about "his patch", occasionally getting excited when cats and rabbits invade his space. You cannot fault this. Dogs also give close comfort and companionship to humans of all ages, in addition to acting as burglar alarms to warn of intruders. Perhaps Mr Jenner hasn't discovered this.

Finally, as I live only a few yards from Mr. Jenner (although not bordering his property) perhaps he could confirm which dogs continually bark, because I can't hear them. Indeed dogs around here are seen and not heard!

Alistair D Barclay,
Hillview,
Manse Road,
Killin.

Dear Editor

"Send In The Clowns" - and there must be several of them abiding in Killin. Why some people must destroy beautiful hanging baskets and window boxes which are provided to make Killin the beautiful "heilan" village it undoubtedly is - is beyond my comprehension. Acts of vandalism in the area where all live and work together appal me as well as many other people, both young and old.

Jean Henderson,
Fingal Road, Killin

Angling Corner

During the past year, problems have plagued the Tay anglers and riparian owners alike. In addition to the threat to revoke the protection order they have endured theft and wanton damage by so called "fishermen". Land owners have been abused and threatened when they have tried to move on some of the idiots who give our sport a bad name. Even in the face of this adversity we must strive to improve facilities because to give in to those who have no respect for property, land or live stock, or understanding of decent behaviour will result in the natural brown trout being decimated to the point of vanishing, and salmon, already under threat, will no longer return to spawn in our waters.

Another season has come to a close for the Killin Club. The trout returns have been encouraging, both in the quality of the fish caught and from the way in which the members and visitors have returned fish having enjoyed their sport. The numbers were slightly down with 45 salmon for an average of 10 pounds, and 19 grilse for an average of 4 and a quarter pounds. Large numbers of salmon were spotted ascending the Falls thereby increasing the number being caught in the upper reaches. Captain David Bowser reported a salmon of 40 pounds being taken on the Bovain Pool in the closing days of the season, which was returned to the river. This act is to be applauded as the temptation to kill then have a cast made would be too much for most anglers. Playing and landing a fish of this size is a lifetime dream.

The Club Champion is Ian Downie, who also took the heaviest fish, heaviest basket, handicap trophy and shared the "Pairs Cup" with Angus MacLennan. Jack Scougall won the "Awa Cup" and Alec Stewart won the "Casting Trophy". Norman Inglis had the heaviest salmon and won the trophy for the best six salmon.

Looking ahead to 1999, it is hoped that the status quo will remain with the protection order. New members will be welcomed and encouraged and more participants in competitions would be appreciated.

Have a good Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you on 15 January.

A J M Stewart

Highland Dancing

Twelve pupils sat their Highland Dancing medal tests on 27 March in Grandtully Village Hall, the examiner being Linda Napier from Arbroath. For some, this was their first test and all did very well. The results were as follows:

Introductory One - Highly Commended: Lindsay Sharp, Jennifer McKellar, Emily MacMillan. Commended: Seona Christie, Lottie Cameron.

Beginners Fling - Highly Commended: Lisa Hancock.

Commended: Kirsty Somerville, Rachel Lincoln.

Bronze Bar - Highly Commended: Alison Woods.

Silver - Highly Commended: Lyndsey Marno, Amy Carson, Claire Johnston.

Siobhan and Lisa once again enjoyed dancing at the ceilidh in Ardeonaig at the end of May. while Kirsty, Rachel, Siobhan, Lisa and Lyndsey all escaped the rain to give an energetic display at the Killin Show.

The classes are held in Crianlarich Village Hall every Tuesday with the first class from 5.30 - 6.30 pm and the second class from 6.30 - 7.30. More information from Aileen Fisher on 01301 704283.

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Its Poem time again, Judy phoned me to say,
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Woolly hats, thermal socks, for the cat a furry mouse.
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Digital watches, gold chains and rings for your lugs!

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Measuring jugs, serviettes and teddies that say "I love you"
Baby wipes, hair clips, trendy make-up bags,
Lipstick, perfume, after-shave for the lads.

Party hats, party straws, party favours as well,
Talcum powder, ear buds, and extra firm hair gel.
Hair brushes, make-up brushes, brushes for paint,
To buy all these things, expensive it ain't.

I'm sure you know all this cos you've been in the shop
So I can wind up this rhyme and come to a stop
But, not before we extend the invitation
To come to the shop for a small sensation!!!

I'm talking of course of the usual glass of wine
To thank you for your custom - and it's Christmas time
So Christmas week pop in for your wine,
And we wish all our customers a happy 1999.

Killin & District Art & Craft Club

Over 500 people visited this year's Art & Craft Exhibition. The door collection amounted to £386, Craft Sales £274 and Art Sales £1170. This allowed the Group, after expenses, to donate £100 each to Cancer Research. The Community Bus and the Nursing Association. We also donated £50 each to the Brownies, the Boys' Brigade and the Killin News.

Once again we have to thank the people of Killin for their continuing support and generosity.

The next Art & Craft Exhibition will be held during the first week in August 2000. In addition to the announcements in the January and July editions of the Killin News of Exhibition year, an invitation is extended, now, to anyone interested in exhibiting or taking part in other activities connected with the Group. to contact the Secretary on 01567 820 404 or the President on 01567 820 514.

We appeal particularly to those who are talented crafts people as, despite much encouragement, the number of exhibitors is dwindling.

E. Lumsden, Secretary.

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Killin SWRI

The November meeting was opened by the president Mrs K Winton who introduced the speaker for the evening who was Mrs Neil Trotter of the "Big Issue" magazine. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs E Murphy and Miss M Aitken assisted by the committee.

Guests were invited from Balquhider, Strathfillan and Dull & District.

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Local Businesses Sponsor Riding Competition

On Saturday 26 September 1998, the first horse show at Loch Tay Highland Lodges took place. Twelve classes were sponsored by many local businesses:- A C Fraser, Ben Lawers Hotel. Stitt Brothers, Costcutters. Lix Toll, Capercaillie Restaurant. The Riding Club extends their grateful thanks for this support.

The results were:

Dressage Classes:

Preliminary 18: 1. Pamela Grossick on Lucinda 2. Kate Goan on May Fly High 3. Nicole Cromb on Justus.
Novice 21: 1. Pamela Grossick on Lucinda 2. Hollie Alexander on Muffin 3. Nicole Cromb on May Fly High.
Elementary 54: 1. Pamela Grossick on Lucinda 2. Nicole Cromb on Justus.

Sidesaddle Classes

Juniors: 1. Karen Simpson on Clint 2. Hollie Alexander on Tootsie 3. Laura Mitchell on Mickey
Seniors: 1. Angela Graman on Justus 2.

Pamela Grossick on Lucinda 3. Nicole Cromb on Justus

Show Classes

Show Pony: 1. Hollie Alexander on Tootsie 2. Gillian Smith on Clint 3. Olivia Bax on Muffin
Show Horse: 1. Pamela Grossick on Lucinda 2. Karen Simpson on Donnerstag 3. Bella Malim on Rock

Adventure Ride

Seniors: 1. Kate Goan on Paddy Juniors: 1. Erin & Gillian Smith 2. Jamie Callen & Katie Scott 3. Hollie Alexander & Karen Simpson

Show Jumping

Novice: 1. Jade Allison on Mirko 2. Sarah Thomson on Mirko 3. Karen Simpson on Mirko Intermediate: 1. Gillian Smith on Clint 2. Sarah Thomson on Mirko 3. Penny Lambert on Thomas
Open: 1. Bella Malim on Rock 2. Penny Lambert on Thomas 3. Fiona Tarns on Roan Diamond.

Carpet Bowlers Annual General Meeting

The AGM took place on 28 September in the Lesser McLaren Hall. The retiring President, Jock Guild, thanked members for their support over the last two years and reported on the present position of the club. He stressed the need for new members and welcomed the start of the new season.

The Office Holders and Committee Members were elected as follows.

President - Douglas Livingstone.
Vice President - John Willison.
Treasurer - Christopher McLarty.
Secretary - Lester Mitchell. Match
Secretary - Hazel Guild. Hall
Representative - Charles Grant.
Committee Members - Jock Guild & Allan Walker.

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Golf Club Prize Winners 1998

Gents

Flag Competition - Trevor Taylor. Arrochar Trophy - Jim Macallum. Captains Putter - Ian Donaldson. Fred France Trophy - Adrian Wilbert. George Smith Trophy - P Ferries. J S Maclean Trophy - S. Aitchison & David Hirshall. Grouse Trophy - Steve Bergin & Dickie Lewis. G Ferguson Trophy - Sinclair Aitken and Ian McLaggan. Foursomes - Ian Donaldson & Peter Ferries. Fourball - Steve Bergin & Ian Donaldson. Dr. Wilson Trophy - Jim Macallum. Jack Noble Trophy - Lawrence Brown. Medal Play-off - S Aitchison. Monthly Medal Glass Winners - April: Bill MacPherson - May: Peter Ferries - June: Jim Atkinson - July: Stuart Aitchison - August: Colin MacLellan - September: Jim Ferguson. Club Champion - John Chisholm Runner-up - Neil Morgan

Ladies

McKay Cup - Fiona Ramsay. Silver Medal - Sheena Chisholm. Bronze Medal - Liz Stevens. Chrissie France Cup - Sheena Chisholm. May Wilson Trophy - Sheena Chisholm & Audrey Weaver. SLGA Brooch - Sheena Chisholm. Cancer Relief - Fiona Ramsay. Red Cross Shield



Golf Champions 1998 - Gents: John Chisholm, Ladies: Fiona Ramsay

(Eclectic Scratch) - Fiona Famsay. Eclectic Handicap - Liz Stevens. Captains Prize - Iris Donaldson. Flag Competition - Rachel Hunter. Coronation Fours - Audrey Weaver & Ann Smith. RSSPCC - Chrissie Fenton / May Graham / Ann Smith. Ladies Pendant - Ann Smith. Birdie Tree - Fiona Ramsay. Club Champion - Fiona Ramsay Runner-up - Chrissie Fenton

Mixed

Lochay Trophy - Audrey Weaver & John Guild. Dr Stevenson Trophy - Sheena Chisholm & Sinclair Aitken.

Seniors

Ivor Noble Quaich - John Greaves. Super Senior Trophy - Dave Thornton. Senior Trophy - Bill MacPherson. John Hall - George Smith. Medal Play-Off - George Spittal. Eclectic - Alf Muller.

Juniors

Club Champion Dochart Trophy - Angus Duncan. Runner-up - Kenneth Campbell. Category One Bert Lancy Trophy - Kenneth Campbell. Runner-up - Angus Duncan. Category Three Anniversary Trophy - Lorraine Marno. Runner-up - Lyndsey Marno. Junior Trophy - Robert Brown. Most Improved Golfer - Robert Brown. Attendance Prize - Kenneth Campbell. Angus Duncan. Lyndsey Marno, Lorraine Marno. Robert Brown. James Stewart, Ryan Douglas.

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St. Fillan's Episcopal Church

A second musical evening in St. Fillan's Church was held on 4 September. An audience of some 50 - 60 people enjoyed a "Romantic Italian Evening" played by Angus Ramsay and Philip Thorne on the violin and guitar. This excellent performance included some technically difficult Paganini. Further concerts are planned over the winter - watch out for posters throughout the village.

Gun Club

The shoot results for the Open 50 DTL - Sunday 6 September were:

Trap (a): 1. G A Webster 73,
2 equal. D Robertson & D McRobbie 70.
Trap(b): 1. D McRobbie 75.
2. J Sinclair 75. 3. E McAllister 74.
High Gun Open - D McRobbie 145.
High Gun Club - E McAllister 143.
Continuation 5 bird & 10 bird - D Tilden.
Team Shoot - 1. Killin 135. 2. Strathyre 132.

Many thanks to D McRobbie. electrician for sponsoring the above shoot.

The shoot results for Sunday 11 October which was to celebrate the 70 year Anniversary of the Killin Gun Club which was founded in 1938.

DTL

Class (A) 1. E McAllister 71. 2. G Coyne & R Cairns 63. Class (B) I. James Sinclair 55. 2. T Devlin 55. 3. R Mills 44 Class (C) 1. J Ward 53. 2. K Campbell 52. 3. R McAllister 51.

Sporting

Class (A) 1. G Ross 69. 2. H Paterson 63. 3. H Campbell 60. Class (B) 1. S Christie 60. 2 equal. M Howson & J Miller 51. Class (C) 1. G Mullen 39. 2 equal. K Campbell. T Frost & R McAllister 36.

5 Pair Double Rise DTL shot with side by side guns instead of over - tinders. Also using black clays as done in the early days of Clay Pigeon Shooting. The winners are: 1. G Mitchell 23. 2. J Ward 20. 3 equal. J Miller & R McAllister 19.

The High Gun Anniversary Trophy and the High Gun October Club Trophy were both won by Eric McAllister on 141 and 128 respectively. Continuation - T Devlin.

*George Coyne,
Secretary, Killin Gun Club*

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NEWEST RESIDENTS

Let us introduce you all to Bryony Clare Semple, the beautiful baby daughter of Scot and Lisa, Auchmore Lodge, Killin. Bryony made her debut at Stirling Royal Infirmary on Wednesday 14 October at 7.01 am and weighed in at a healthy 6 pounds and 4 ounces. The proud grandparents are Bob & Jenny Semple of Drumfinn and Molly Dibley of Ballechroisk Terrace, Killin.

We would like to draw our readers' attention to the advert below the photo for Scot-Electrical Services. For one reason or another, Bryony's parents "*missed the boat*" for inclusion in our

new telephone book. Jot down their number - this will help to keep the book "current"!



This extremely handsome young man sporting a kilt is Robert Lafferty (*above*), the son of Karen and Bobby, Lyon Cottages, Killin.

The Lafferty family recently moved into the village from Tyndrum and on 4 October. Robert's second birthday, he was christened in Killin Parish Church by the Rev. J Lincoln. Family and friends from near and far attended, and Robert's cousins Heather, Morag and Fiona (all three of whom won medals at the Mod with the Falkirk Junior Gaelic Choir), sang in the Church. We welcome Bobby. Karen and wee Robert to Killin.

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The Kelly family, Ballechroisk Court, are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Megan Jane (*below*) on 16 October 1998, weighing in at 6 pounds 11 ounces. Fiona and Megan are both well and send their thanks for the many gifts and kind wishes received.





David Main

David Main of Drumbuie, Manse Road, Killin, died quite suddenly in Aberfeldy Cottage Hospital on 7 September, aged 63.

David was born in Mombassa in Kenya and was a scholar in Morrisons Academy in Crieff and thereafter in Glasgow University. He finished University as a qualified civil engineer and was involved in many constructions - roads in Kenya, Nairobi Dam, Nairobi Airport and a small dam in Glen Lyon.

A keen sportsman. David was interested in tennis, squash, golf, bowling, sailing and watersports. He gained his Civil Pilot's License in Kenya and did quite a bit of flying in his free time. He was a keen computer buff and studied through the Open University for computing. He loved crosswords, both doing them and making them up. He enjoyed music, was a great reader and very interested in the solar system and weather

conditions. He was involved in many organisations in Killin - Vice Chairman of the Killin & District Sports and Leisure Club since it was formed and only retired from that position this year. He was a very active and enthusiastic member of the Killin Bowling Club, Treasurer of the Killin Heritage Association and an active committee member of the Killin News. He was also a member and regular attender of the Killin Parish Church.

As a young man, whilst his parents were abroad, David was lovingly cared for during holidays etc., by his aunt and cousins. He came home in 1988 after the deaths of his mother, father and uncle Norman, and settled in his parents' home at Drumbuie.

David was a very quiet, private person, with a wonderful sense of humour. Highly respected by all who knew him both at home and abroad. He will be sadly missed by his cousins, neighbours and friends. He was laid to rest beside his parents and uncle at a private service on 22 October.

Addendum: David was an active member of this paper since 1996 and compiled the crossword under the pseudonym of "Safarian". The origins of the name apparently come from the First World War when the "Tommys" translated everything from English into French and "*Ca Ne Fait Rien*" became corrupted to "*San Fairy an*" which basically means - "It doesn't really matter" - "*It adds up to nothing!*" Only a well travelled man like David could

think this up as his pen name for the crossword! He will be greatly missed by us all.

Alastair Anderson

Alastair Anderson (Alec as he was known to his friends in Killin) was born on Arran where his father was a policeman at Whiting Bay. At the age of ten his family moved to Rothesay on the Island of Bute. He came to Killin in 1937 as an agent for the Prudential Assurance Company, a role he continued until his retirement in 1974. Although the very nature of his work kept him in constant contact with people, he was a private person and very much a family man. He never lost his love for the Islands, returning almost annually on holiday.

During the war years he served as a signal operator in the Royal Navy on convoy protection duty in the North Atlantic. He also served the local community as a Special Constable.

Alec was a keen golfer and was secretary to the Killin Golf Club for a number of years. Much of his retirement was spent walking in the countryside and indulging in his hobby of painting. He was always ready to offer advice when asked and his humourous nature and funny stories always made him welcome wherever he went.

Alec is survived by his wife Margaret, son Alastair and daughter Sheila.

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Callum McLarty

Callum McLarty, aged 77, died on 29 October after a long illness.

Born on Mull in 1921, he was the youngest of nine children. As a youngster he attended Ardchyle School in Glen Dochart, walking from Heather Cottage in Glen Ogle each day. When he left school he worked on a farm for a short time and then went on to serve in the RAF in North Africa. His brother Jimmy emigrated to Australia and it was then that Callum took over his job as postman in 1950, a job he held for 36 years.

Callum married Jean in 1957 and they had four boys and one girl. Their children provided them with six grandchildren. His hobbies included fishing, curling and bee keeping as well as bowling and gardening. Latterly though far from well, he liked to get out in the car with Jean and meet people. He will be missed around the village.

A G M of St. Fillan's Episcopal Church

The AGM of the Church was held on 22 October 1998. Amongst other matters, the retiral of Dr. Weaver as Vestry Chairman was accepted with regret and a previous Chairman paid tribute to Dr. Weaver's 18 years in office. During his long service, the church has prospered financially and in other ways including attendances.

Apart from the hard and often tedious work, Tony has many other roles in the community including Treasurer to St. Fillan's, a task he will continue. Because of circumstances peculiar to Killin, the Chairman has by custom been a lay person, but constitutionally this role will now be undertaken by the Rev. Prof. R S Somerville.

In thanking Dr. Weaver for his dedicated service, we also wish the incoming Chairman the best of luck.

THANK YOU

The Killin News wishes to thank the Killin & District Art & Craft Club for their very kind donation. Thanks also to all those individuals who have helped boost our fund raising with their generosity.

Frances Smith would like to thank everyone for their lovely gifts and cards on the occasion of her 40th birthday, also to everyone who came to the party and made it such an enjoyable evening.

Duncan MacNee would like to thank everyone who sent get well cards and good wishes during his recent illness.

Bridge of Lochay Hotel Raffle

At a meeting of the Killin Music Festival Committee in February, the Hoteliers were asked to individually raise funds for the 1999 Festival. As a result, The Bridge of Lochay Hotel donated a Three Night Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Break for two people. Over the summer months, raffle tickets were sold within the Hotel only, at £1 each, and on the day of the draw, 19 September, a total of £558 had been raised and handed over to the Music Festival. The winner was Christine Scott from East Kilbride, who had visited the Hotel during the summer.

Killin Doctors' Surgery Christmas & New Year Opening Times

Christmas

Friday 25 December	Closed
Saturday 26 December	Closed
Monday 28 December	9 am - 3 pm (urgent only)

New Year

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Crossword By Crustacean



ACROSS:

1. Independence? Maybe the choice will be yours (10)
8. Edible noise (7)
9. Tippler or someone who dips occasionally (5)
10. Tie her up - with a painter? (4)
11. Part or all of the examination (4)
12. Card game for insomniacs! (3)
14. Cuddle **up** at home with the French (6)
15. Thinks himself an expert (5)
18. It's part of motor ownership responsibility (3)
20. Tidy cattle (4)
21. Final seasoning (4)
23. Go **out with** start of summer is to live (5)
24. Hire and fire **to** something more useful! 71
25. American **snow job**, putting out fires (10)

DOWN:

1. Sounds like music to move us! It's harsh (7)
2. Cost of travel and start of expedition creates anxiety (4)
3. Naval bore lives again (6)
4. We (the French) are about loud and pimply (8)
5. There's no pun in this opening (5)
6. Indivisible! (5,6)
7. They can't all be winners! (11)
13. Seafood (8)
16. I'd angle at making transactions (7)
17. Useful old club **with** some loft (6)
19. On a motor bike or in a court (5)
22. Some rant in opposition (4)

Solution to Last Crossword

Across: 1. stubs 4. spate 10. allot nothing 12. landmark 13. veto opiate 17. carter 19. hate Virginia 23. learned 24. torso sense 26 Idaho

Down: 2. talon 3. bath mats 5. path 6. trident 7. call for help 8. snore 9. age of reason 14. targeted 16. in trade 18. windy 21. north 22. inns.

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Whilst every effort was made to ensure all entries in our recent publication of the Killin & District Telephone Book were correct, a mistake has been spotted on the back page. Apologies to Father McCruden of the Roman Catholic Church, his telephone number is 01877 330 702. Please amend your book accordingly.

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Christmas Day, Friday 25 December Service at 9.30 am

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