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with four pages of FULL Colour is delivered free  
through every door in  
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## Killin Receives Four Commendations In The Calor Gas Scottish Community of the Year 1999 Awards

We are delighted to report that Killin was short listed to one of fifteen communities from the 250 who entered the above competition. The entry which documented Killin as the caring, active and vibrant community it is, was prepared by Linda FitzGerald on behalf of Killin Community Council, with assistance from Suzanne Player. A copy of the application is on display in the Killin Library.

Killin's Commendations were for four categories of village life; Environment, Older People, Young People and Community Life.

The awards were organised by the Association of Scottish Community Councils and the Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland, and were sponsored by Calor Gas.



Linda FitzGerald and John Mallinson receive Killin's Awards from Frank McAveety, Deputy Minister for Local Government. Gavin Tomlinson of Calor Gas in the background.

## Diamond Wedding



On November 2nd, Frank and Hilda Thompsell, celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary (60 years), a party was held to mark the occasion at the Old Mill Restaurant a few days earlier.

Frank and Hilda used to tour Scotland many years ago, and it was then they decided that when they retired, they would make Scotland their home. Their daughter, Janice married Sandy Chisholm and moved to Crianlarich, so Frank and Hilda retired to Killin in 1974.



Presentation of the McLarty Shield.  
See full story overleaf in  
"Angling Corner".

# The Angling



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The Killin Breadalbane Angling Club's AGM was held on Friday 5 November. The President, Alex Stewart welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. The President spoke about the Tay Protection Order and illegal fishing which is the main concern keeping Club bailiffs and wardens busy - everyone should attend the training session on 28 November.

The season produced 60 salmon averaging 10.27 pounds and 9 grilse averaging 4.22 pounds. The trout competitions saw good catches and quality had improved. The hill lochs produced good sport, and it was emphasised that Lochan nan Cat is not under the Club's jurisdiction, only East Loch Tay Angling Association members fish there by agreement with the riparian owner. The constitution and rules are available in booklet form and members should have a copy as no excuse will be tolerated for not abiding by them. Members must have their cards and ID when fishing and make sure any guests with them have a permit.

The Treasurer's report was given by the President in the absence of Angus Inglis who was enjoying a sea fishing break in Florida. The Club's finances are in a very healthy position. He could foresee no need to increase the annual dues as the balance would meet any expected expenditure in the next financial year, and the subscriptions for 2000 will cover any annual outlays and contributions. The accounts were adopted unanimously.

The following members were elected to office for 2000. President - Jack Scougall, Vice President Kevin O'Reilly, Secretary - Dave Murray, Treasurer - Angus Inglis, Competition Secretary - Donald McLarty, Committee

Members I Downie, D McRobbie, N Cairns, T Mantle, S Gillies, D Twigg and N Inglis. The new President thanked the members for honouring him and hope to fulfil the challenge in leading the Club into the new Millennium. Jack then proposed Alex Stewart as the Club's Honorary President and this was agreed.

Mrs Jean McLarty then presented the prizes for:-

Salmon section; Winner of the Donnie MacKenzie Cup for the best six fish, 73 pounds and the Capercaillie Shield for the heavies salmon, 18 pounds was David McLarty. Trout Section; Club Champion - Angus MacLennan. The Worthington Challenge Cup, Peter Ross Competition - Alex Stewart, The Pairs Cup Angus and Kyle MacLennan, The George Memorial Cup, Casting Competition - Alex Stewart, The 'Awa' Trophy - Ian Downie. The Killin Breadalbane Angling Club Cup, for the Heavies Basket - Angus and Kyle MacLennan, The Bob MacGregor Cup for the Heaviest Fish - John Scougall.

Donald McLarty presented the Club with the Callum McLarty Shield on behalf of his mother Jean and the family in memory of his father who was a very keen angler and did everything he could to encourage young members. It is their wish that this shield be presented annually to the junior angling champion, and he was pleased to announce that the first recipient was David Stewart. The President thanked Mrs McLarty and her family for the new shield and for presenting the prizes. Everyone was then invited to enjoy the buffet supper and social crack.

Alex Stewart

## Tuesday Club

Every Tuesday afternoon between 2 pm and 3.30 pm, the village's Senior Citizens meet under the auspices of the "Tuesday Club" in the Church Hall.

Invited speakers, demonstrations, slide shows and video presentations ensure something of interest for everyone. Tea & biscuits are served and there is an opportunity for a chat with other villagers. The "Club" is non-denominational and regardless of whether you have lived in the village all your life, 10 years or 10 minutes - a warm welcome is guaranteed to you all. This is an ideal opportunity to socialise and keep up to date with village affairs, events and discussions.

Membership costs £1 and attendance costs 30p each Tuesday. For more information please phone Mairi Stewart on Killin 01567 820606 or just turn up at the Church Hall on Tuesday afternoons at 2pm.

## Coffee Morning

The Killin Branch of the Cancer Research Campaign are holding their Annual Christmas Coffee Morning in the Lesser McLaren Hall on Saturday 27th November, 1999 between 10 am and 12 noon. Please come along and support this worthwhile cause.

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## Community Animateur Post to

In the last issue of the Killin News we reported that the contract for the Community Animateur post would end in November. We are very pleased to inform you now that shortly after delivery of the Killin News, Stirling Council Community Support made the decision that this should be extended until December 2000.

Suzanne Player is delighted that she will have the opportunity to continue her support work with the community of Killin - both with ongoing projects and with new ones which develop. The only difference with the job from December will be that Suzanne will cover a wider area and offer support to the communities of Strathfillan, Lochearnhead, Balquhidder and Strathyre in addition to Killin. As many issues are the same for all these communities. Suzanne hopes that this might provide an opportunity to bring people together to look at joint solutions to problems affecting the whole area.

If anyone would like to speak with Suzanne about her work or how she might be of assistance to them or their group she can be contacted on: 01567 820154 or through the Community Support office in Callander 01877 331766.

## Invitation

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There will also be a unique Millennium Issue containing articles which depict how lifestyles and priorities in our scattered communities vary and differ. This issue will be delivered free with your usual copy of the Killin News around Easter time. A Stirling Council grant of £5,000 has been received for this venture.

In the photo are members of the Community Newspaper Forum, representatives of Stirling Council and visitors from various Dundee Community Newspapers at a meeting hosted by Stirling Council in the Lesser Albert Hall in Stirling.



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# Killin Community Council Information

A meeting of Killin Community Council on 12 October was attended by Peter Hutchison (Scottish Natural Heritage), Colin White, Steven Cooper & Ian Fraser (Stirling Council Representatives), Suzanne Player (Community Animator), Linda FitzGerald (Killin News), ten members of the public and five Killin Community Councillors.

## Scotland's First National Park

Peter Hutchison had just happened to be passing through Killin, and popped in to give a brief up date on the National Park. He explained that SNH are acting as advisors to the Scottish Parliament. The Park boundaries will be decided by the Scottish Parliament by next summer and the Park will be operational by April 2001. Legislation will be developed and in place by November 1999.

Allan Walker asked if Killin were to be included within the Park boundaries would the west end of Loch Tay be incorporated also? Linda FitzGerald asked if boundaries are officially set with which the people of Killin do not agree, will there be any route available for an appeal to have them changed? Peter Hutchison replied to both of these questions that he didn't know, but these were important comments to the boundary discussions which will be taking place.

John MacPherson suggested that the community of Killin should host a public meeting and invite representatives of other areas, who, like Killin, are situated on the periphery of the suggested Park boundaries, i.e. Crianlarich, Tyndrum, Lochearnhead and Callander. This Public Meeting will take place in early December 1999 to allow time for the villages to make representation to the Scottish Parliament on whether they want to be included or excluded from the Park, prior to boundaries being officially agreed. Peter Hutchison assured Killin that SNH would be delighted to attend this meeting.

## Lollipop

It was suggested that the Killin Primary School should launch a petition to highlight the problems faced by the children in crossing the busy Main Street to get to school. It was also suggested that parents should write letters to Stirling Council to urge them to appoint a Lollipop Person before a child is knocked down, or worse, on this road.

## What's In A Name?

Who decided that the new housing at the Old Mart should be called Craiglyon Mews? It was strongly felt that the name "The Old Mart" should be retained as a reminder of an important part of village history. The Community Council will pursue this with Stirling Council Planning Department.

## Relocation of A&B Services & Proposed New Car Park

Ian Fraser, Colin White and Steven Cooper (SC) unveiled drawings of the proposed new car park on the scrub land on the left as you approach the Council Yard (just across from Stitt Bros.) This new car park will have 4 coach parking spaces and coach turning area, 13 car spaces, 2 disabled car parking spaces, landscaping with shrubs - but NO public toilets. They explained that public toilets sited at the car park or in Breadalbane Park would cost in the region of £90,000 and that the amount of money they have available for toilets was only between £15 - £20,000. They propose to approach the McLaren Hall Trustees to ascertain if it would be possible to have an extension built on to the hall which could be used for this purpose.

This plan also detailed the proposed relocation of A&B Services. The area of ground from the boundary of Stitt Bros Yard back to the boundary fence of Stirling Council Roads Department (at the moment car parking and toilets) will become the property of A&B Services. It was pointed out that this would restrict access onto the old railway line. Stirling Council's representatives indicated that the existing access at the Sewage Works would still allow access but perhaps if villagers felt strongly enough, a lane might be created between Stitt's and A&B Services properties.

The Stirling Council Representatives were asked what would become of A&B's present premises if the move goes ahead. They answered that as it is private land, it would be up to the owners what they chose to do with it. Currently the area is zoned for industrial use and could continue to be used for this purpose. They suggested that if planning was sought for change of use to accommodate housing, it would most likely be viewed favourably. Suzanne Player mentioned that the Health and Social Care survey, which is taking place in the village at present, had highlighted a need for a community resource building. Suzanne had received suggestions from interested villagers that perhaps the land could be used for this.

The three representatives of Stirling Council asked the Community Council to give its backing to these two proposals as a single venture - ie the new Car Park was not a viable project without relocation of A&B, and vice versa. They insisted that contracts had to be signed by the end of December (the financial year) to ensure financial assistance from the European Commission. It was agreed to accept the plans without assurances of public toilets, this issue could be pursued separately

*A detailed drawing of the proposed car park and workshop has been kindly given to the Killin News by Colin Whyte (SC), courtesy of Alan Harrison Associates, Chartered Architects. It is important, should you wish to constructively comment on this plan (illustrated on the facing page), that you attend the meetings of YOUR Community Council on the second Tuesday of every second month. The next one being on 14 December 1999.*

## We might not be able to "Skip to the Loo" ! - however.....

After what seems like years of pushing to have a community skip for unwanted items of household rubbish, Killin's patience has at last been rewarded. Steven Cooper (SC) delighted the village by announcing that a large civic community skip will be placed in the Stirling Council Roads Department yard, approximately once a month. It will be supervised by a council employee and therefore will only be accessible during normal working hours. He stressed that Killin Community Council must bear some responsibility for items being disposed of in this skip, and the first time its use is abused, the licence will be revoked and it will be removed - never to return again. So people of Killin - it's down to you to ensure that only items from houses are disposed of in it - NO commercial waste - NO trade waste - definitely NO car batteries. If you witness any misuse - please report it immediately to your Community Council or the local police.

## More Village Parking Problems

The issue of parking in the Main Street was raised and difficulties encountered when attempting to access Main Street from the driveways of residences. Line of sight is severely restricted even though cars are parked in officially designated spaces. Colin McRae said that parking is actually restricted to 20 minutes in these spaces. The Community Council will inform the local police that this restriction needs to be enforced.

## Road Repairs

Pat Christie said that the Auchlyne Road had been repaired. The repair would appear not to be up to standard as the new barriers have already collapsed into the Ri\cr Dochart. John MacPherson mentioned that he had received a complaint about a one mile stretch of road which was falling into the river at Glenlochay. The Community Council will write to Stirling Council to highlight these problems.

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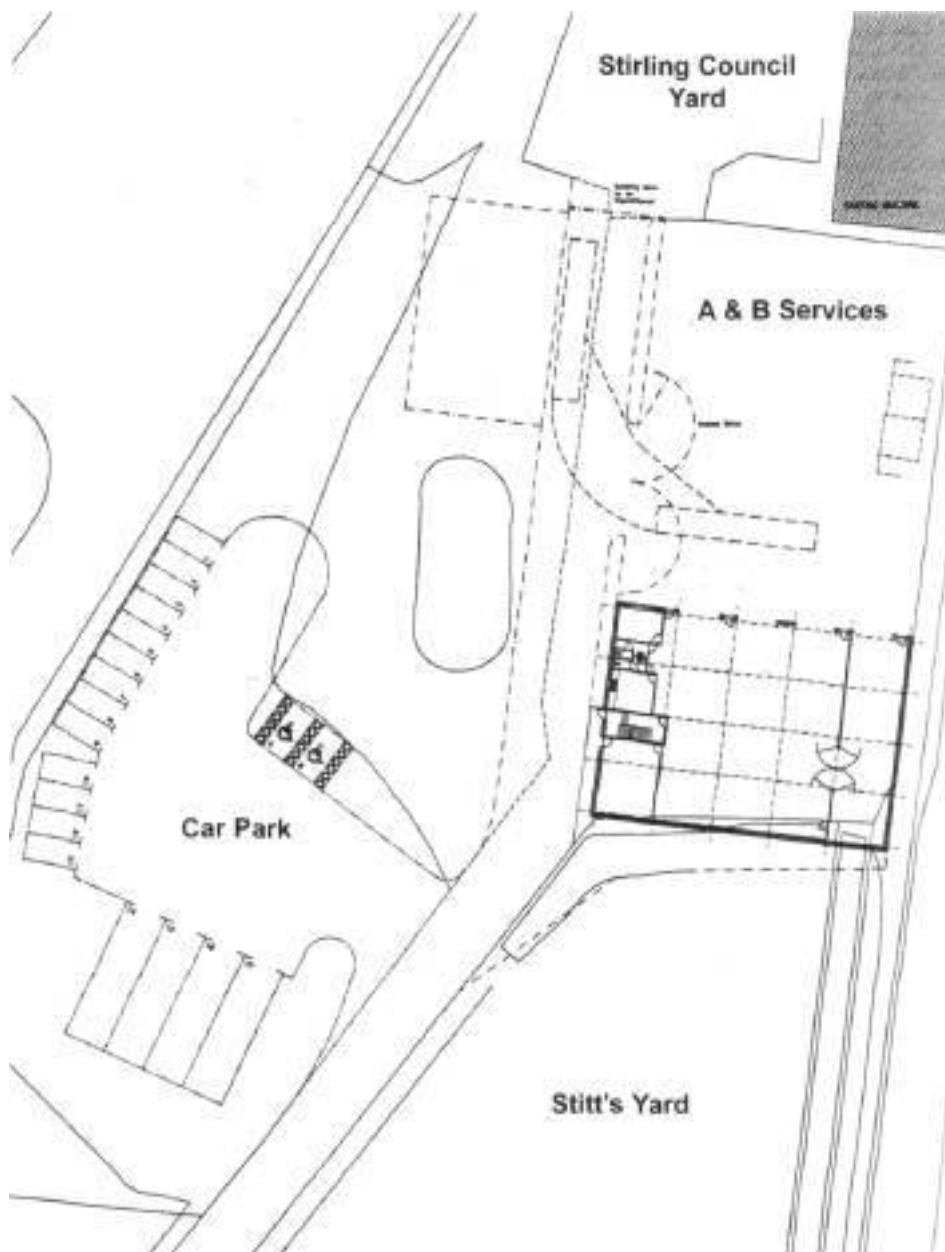
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## The Millennium Committee



The Committee's efforts in getting funds have achieved success and progress has been excellent in forward planning. Some other grant applications are still awaiting decisions.

The magnificent sum of £5,000 has been received from Stirling Council Millennium Fund for the Time Capsule & Cairn. This project is at an advanced stage with the design for the carved inserts awaited, and the final preparation for the content packs being put together. The Killin School have been asked to design four plaques which will be placed in the cobbled walkway. The school is also working hard on their contribution for the Time Capsule contents. Our thanks go to Maureen Inglis for her enthusiasm and co-operation.

We are also delighted to report that the Video Project has received £3,800 of matched funding for equipment. The video work party is busy covering village activities - make sure if they have not been in touch with any organisation that they are aware of what is going on. It is anticipated that upon completion, the video will be around one and a half hours long.

The Clearing of the Railway Walkway will soon reach planning conclusion and volunteers are requested to assist. This

project has been given a superb boost with £300 kindly donated from the Killin Initiative - many thanks.

Fingal's Grave clearing is moving towards finalisation of the land acquisition and plans are being drawn up for the layout.

The Church Windows will be designed shortly for approval and discussion.

Finally, the Hogmanay Fireworks display is at final preparation stage. The order has been placed, and with assistance from Richard Shand plans are being drawn up to construct the necessary staging and framework to set off the fireworks. The site is up stream from the Dochart Bridge and will utilise the rock face to form the back drop. Viewing will be from the Gray Street area, with the bridge being kept clear for safety reasons, and the gaps in the wall will be blocked off for the same reason. The display will start at midnight and last for approximately 25 minutes.

The Millennium Committee requests your full co-operation in making this a memorable and safe occasion, and would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Colin McRae, Chairman.*

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## Changes in the Church

Professor Reverend Bobby Sommerville, who has been the priest in charge of St. Fillan's Episcopal Church for the past two years, has resigned from the post and been appointed to two churches in Tayport. We wish him success in his new job, and we offer thanks for his work for Killin. We are delighted that Reverend L Fagerson, who is the Chaplain at Rannoch School, has agreed to take over the responsibility of St. Fillan's when he retires from his current duties next summer. Until then, he is going to hold a communion service here on one Sunday every month. Details of services will be given on the notice board outside the church.

*Dr. Alistair Inglis*

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## The "People" File

Mervyn Browne was born in Clogham, Glenfinn, County Donegal in Ireland and spent most of his early years at school in Tyrone. He was sent by his parents to finish his schooling at Glenalmond, Perthshire, and has been in love with Scotland ever since. On leaving the Black Watch Regiment, his first job was at Murlaggan. Balquhidder, with Jimmy Ferguson. He eventually ended up working as Manager at Ardtalnaig, South Loch Tay, where he has remained ever since.

Since he retired, Mervyn has been busier than ever. He is on the Heather Trust Management Committee, he is the agent in Scotland for Man Friday Helicopters who organise bracken spraying, he broadcasts every Sunday for Radio Heartland and for the past 42 years he has recorded the weather conditions for the Meteorological Office. He also finds the time to write a column for the *Killin News*, "Mervyn's Weather".



On 26 October 1999 Mervyn took some well earned time off to take up an invitation to Buckingham Palace where he was presented with the MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire), by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. This was in recognition of his work in Conservation and Services to the Community. Accompanying him were his daughter Deirdre and his two grandchildren Fiona and Ryan.

*If not Loch Tay, where else would you like to live?*

Anywhere near hills and glens with a farming lifestyle.

*Over the years, what changes have you witnessed around this area?*

A complete change in the way of life within the country community. Previously, everything was done by hand - now we are all governed by machinery.

*Where is your favourite place around Killin?*

Ardtalnaig - where I live.

*Do you have a favourite journey?*

The walk into Braeriach in the Cairngorms.

*What hobbies do you have?*

Living!!

*What type of music do you most enjoy?*

Scottish and Irish music, also music from the shows such as Annie Get Your Gun and Oklahoma.

*Any favourite reading material?*

Henry Williamson is my favourite author, he has such a great insight into natural history. "Jock of the Bushveldt" by Sir Percy Fitzpatrick is my favourite book.

*Do you have any unfulfilled ambitions?*

I would love to visit Altiplano in Bolivia, the Drakenberg Mountains in South Africa and Nepal.

*To conclude - what about the weather?*

If there's enough ice to carry a mouse in October, there won't be sufficient to carry a duck all winter!

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Lost dogs are becoming a regular event in the village and as we have no facility to keep any that are found, it would be most helpful if owners would notify the police as soon as they discover that their dog is missing. This will save the animal being transported to the dog pound at Throsk and also save the owners a trip to reclaim the dog and pay the necessary fees - £2 per day and £23 for processing.

With Christmas and Millennium Festivities getting ever closer, can we remind owners of premises, commercial and domestic, to ensure that if they are going to be away over this period that they notify the police of any changes to keyholders. This will ensure that if the Millennium Bug does exist and alarms or other problems arise, then we can deal with them with the least inconvenience to others.

A final message regarding security over the Festive Season. Please ensure you lock all outbuildings and store all garden tools securely. If you are going to be away from home try and set timer switches on lights or arrange with a friend/neighbour to switch on lights, close and open curtains, also cancel any deliveries of papers. You can even have any mail retained at the Post Office until you return just by notifying them.

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If you would like to join in, please phone Mairi Stewart on Killin 01567 820606 to make your reservation in advance.

## Killin News Across The Globe

In the last issue we advised you of a competition which we will run throughout the Millennium Year. Send us a photo of someone holding a Killin News anywhere in the world - let us see how far flung the Killin News can be?

We were delighted when our first lot of photos popped through our letterbox.

This photo was taken in Washington D.C., in the USA. In the photo, a couple from Dundee who were visiting American friends with - excuse my ignorance but could it be - President Lincoln? - reading over their shoulders!

Send your photos to the Editor at Dalerb, Craignavie Road, Killin FK21 8SH.



## The Clachaig

Falls of Dochart, Killin, Perthshire

### The Clachaig Christmas Fayre Menu

*Home Made Soup of the Day served with French Bread  
Chef's own Pate with Salad Garni & Oatcakes  
Prawn Marie Rose Cocktail with Salad & Brown Bread  
Breaded Button Mushrooms with Salad & Creamy Garlic Dip*  
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*Traditional Roast Turkey Dinner with all the Festive Trimmings  
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Rich Beef Bourguignonne on a Bed of Rice  
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## Mervyn's Weather



Without fuss or frost, the leaves are quietly assuming their autumn

hues. As early as the beginning of August, when a dry, though markedly cool, spell occurred, some trees, mainly birch, beech, and some species of saugh or willow began prematurely to show fading of their greenery. Then, during the rains and humidity of September this procedure appeared to go on hold, and only now, in mid October, is normality returning. Of recent years, the lack of early frosts has produced a situation whereby some trees seem to shed their leaves almost without the normal colour change. Probably this was accentuated by rain and gales thereby making the period of maximum "splendour of autumn" comparatively short.

The cause of the recent run of mild autumns and winters has been alleged to be global warming, and while this phenomenon is obviously fact, it is difficult to assess whether indeed it is presently having a noticeable effect on our climate. In the past there have been epochs of various extremes of climate, hot summers, cold winters, even "mini ice ages", lasting for sufficiently lengthy periods to affect plant, animal and insect life, so that one cannot yet categorically assume that our present regime is due to any specific cause or causes. It seems somewhat ironic that our springs still seem to show their normal reluctance to "put their cards on the table" so to speak, and are frustratingly reluctant to progress steadily forward! Unlike "a week in politics", weather seems to require many years to establish a pattern!

Mervyn K. Browne, Ardtalnaig



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This was organised through SSAFA (Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmens' Families Association) Forces Help. SSAFA/Forces Help is a voluntary charitable organisation which helps service and ex-service men and women and their families. The local SSAFA representatives, Bill and Alice MacPherson are in the photo with Tony. (Telephone SSAFA on Killin 01567 820751).



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## Seasons Greetings from Jim Cushley and Staff



## Killin Initiative Annual General Meeting

It may be useful to start with to remind readers that the Killin Initiative Committee took over from the earlier Traders' Association, some four years ago. Its main function as described in its constitution is "to organise events, promote and assist projects which will provide benefit and attraction to the village of Killin and to educate the public in the culture and heritage of the area". Since the Committee now has an Internet Web Site, the address of which is, [www.geocities.com/Heartland/Trail/1813](http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Trail/1813) / - to "bring Killin to the people and the people to Killin", it clearly functions to improve the economy and attraction of the area.

Alex Stewart chaired the AGM at which about six members of the public were present. In his report he pointed out that while The Games had two bad years, the 1999 event was much more successful, and alongside the Music Festival's successful year, made it possible to contribute some £2,000 to local enterprises and activities. It might also be noted that over the four years of its existence it has ploughed some £6,000 back into the Community - quite an achievement.

There followed a report from the Highland Games convenor, Charlie Grant who underlined the considerable success this year of the Games. Partly due to internet publicity, but also the remarkably good weather!

The report on the Music Festival similarly spoke of a highly successful event with artists of outstanding quality and reputation. We note that Brewery Sponsorship continues to be much appreciated and it looks as if it will continue.

The next item for discussion was the presentation to the meeting of a revised Constitution which was unanimously approved.

Finally, elections were held for office bearers and Committee members for the coming year. These were: Chairman- A Stewart, Vice Chairman - C Grant, Secretary - T Bolton. Treasurer - D Fettes, Committee Members - J Mallinson, D McRobbie, J Reilly, T Grant, D Syme, J Shuttleworth, F Stewart, A Aitken.

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## The Frost Report Winter Preparations

As I write this, Autumn has definitely arrived. The leaves are flooding from the trees although there hasn't really been a frost. The stag season is reaching an end, and as for thousands of Autumns past the glens are echoing to the roars of stags in rut. They hope that the roar will scare away other stags from their harem of hinds (females) but sometimes this does not happen and they come to blows locking their antlers in battle. The other day I spent an interesting half hour watching two evenly matched stags fighting. One sustained a wound on the face from the horns of his adversary. Eventually, they appeared to come to some sort of decision; only to find that, whilst they had been busy, several young stags had nicked off with the hinds and none were left for the victor. They paced side by side for a further quarter of an hour before going their own ways, probably thinking about their females and saying "I'll never understand women!".

When gralloching deer (taking out stomach etc) on the hill, new health and safety regulations demand the use of surgical gloves. It's a bit of a hassle, but the gloves are useful afterwards to put over the end of a horn to mark the position of the stag for the ghillie to bring up the hill vehicle - they shine nice and white on the horizon. I'll leave to your imagination what one guest thought they were like.

While spying for deer you can often hear the skeins of greylag and pinkfeet geese flying over from their Arctic breeding grounds to Scottish estuaries or to England.

It is the time of year for other migrants too, and this year I have seen more fieldfares than ever before. They usually visit us for a few days on their way from Scandinavia, to fill up with berries and bugs, but this year they have been here for two weeks. They have been busy on all parts of the hill in flocks of 20 to 200 digging out grubs. Maybe it's the mild weather or maybe it's the new parliament which has made Scotland more attractive. They are providing an extra meal or two for peregrines. He plucks his kill and so leaves a kind of trademark.

Another autumn activity I saw while spying was a red squirrel gather in extra food for winter. He was scampering around the hazels, gather one or two in his mouth then running down to bury them. It is thought that hazels are the main reason for the continuing success of the red squirrel in some areas. He will be helping himself by forgetting a few nuts and letting them grow. If we once more practised hazel coppicing, we could help them.

The hedgehogs are desperately trying to build up their body weight ready for hibernation by eating slugs and worms etc.,

(if you want to help any that you have in your garden, give them cat or dog food - not milk as they cannot digest it.). In 1974 hedgehogs were introduced to Lewis and Benbecula to control slugs; now it is the hedgehogs which are the plague, plundering the eggs of ground-nesting birds. The RSPB and Scottish Natural Heritage are trying to find a means of control. They think that the hedgehogs have reached plague proportions because there are no foxes - I rest my case! Maybe we could export some out there?

At home the field mice are seeking winter quarters. My wife was getting food for the hens and scooped up a mouse from the corn bin - he happily sat on the bowl of food, washing his face, till the corn was put down. The other morning I was gathering up my gear for the hill of the pegs in the shed where it had been left to dry the night before. When I tried to put my telescope in its case, it didn't fit, I found that overnight a mouse had crawled down the strap and "set up nest" in the bottom of the case.

As we approach this new millennium with all its high tech, its comforting to know that the rhythms of real life have not changed for years. I leave you with a comment from Arthur Carter in the Countryman magazine:- "Internet! We've been ferreting rabbits inter net for years!"

*Tim Frost*

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## Sporting Appointment Rural Stirling Council



Nick Rennie has recently been appointed Sports Development Assistant for the Rural Stirling area.

Nick graduated from the BA Sport in the Community Degree at the University of Strathclyde. He has spent the last couple of years broadening his horizons overseas in Australia and New Zealand.

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## Killin and Ardeonaig Parish Church

### Session House Development

The grandly named Session House is that corrugated iron affair attached to the side and back of the church. It is easy to see how the building might have been a step forward for the church when it was built in the late 1800's. At the end of this century it is also easy to see that the time for change may have been with us for a few years in order to meet the needs of the church today, let alone in the new Millennium.

### The Problem

Our thinking has been focused by the immediate needs of the children in the church. We have a thriving Sunday School who do not have anywhere very suitable to meet. The McLaren Hall is a fine facility, well suited to the range of things it accommodates. We are pleased to be able to use it for the Sunday School but it is not ideal. It also involves crossing the road and takes the children away from the community of the church, bringing them back in to take part in different things that are happening is not easy and involves another road crossing. There is the Church Hall but it is too far

away for Sunday School.

### The Solution

We are proposing to demolish the existing Session House and build a small suite of rooms that are suitable for children in Sunday School. It is envisaged that the development will also be a facility for the village. A small kitchen and comfortable furnishings will be included to provide for a broad range of uses.

### Progress So Far

Plans are being drawn up, discussions are taking place with the planning department and funds are being gathered. The costs are beyond the means of our own congregation and will be the subject of a fundraising effort during the coming year.

In embarking on this project, albeit rooted in the church's own needs, we do see it as a contribution to the community facilities of the village. To that end please do talk about it, look forward to the end result, plan to use it and please support us in principle (and more!) as we go through the fundraising exercise.

Phil Simpson

## New Years Night Dance

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When the Drama Club was awarded Lottery funding four years ago, they undertook to help promote the McLaren Hall as a venue for entertainment to suit all tastes, and the musical Evening was planned to fulfil this obligation and to raise funds for the Orchestra and the Drama Club.

Those who did attend, witnessed a performance of the highest calibre by the Orchestra which included several local youngsters, and their work included pieces from the Dam Busters March and the blockbuster film Titanic. A solo performance by fiddler Ruaridh Campbell was compared by many with the best Folk Festival performances of the summer. The duet Pie Jesu by Arlene and Marie Therese accompanied by Lydia was for me the highlight of the evening. With the benefit of hindsight, the evening's performance was too long.... but at least those who paid the £5 entry fee were given superb value for money.

Promoting such an evening is expensive, with piano hire and other costs to be counted, and we had hoped that there would be a small surplus of funds to boost the Drama Club coffers, but sadly this wasn't to be. All profits from the evening will be forwarded to the McLaren High School Orchestra and we will also be send a £4 donation from a kind local lady who left the Hall saying, "It was well worth double the money!".

Gordon Hibbert.

## The Green Team

### Green Goings-on

The Green Team has had a busy summer looking at various bits of nature and our environment. Towards the end of the summer the programme of events included a couple of outings.

Some of the older members attended the Scottish Wildlife and Countryside Fare held at Vane Farm near Kinross. There were displays and activities put on by all Scotland's conservation organisations but the highlight of the day was a meeting with Dominic Wood of the BBC's Animal Magic Show. This and his magical show (and the numbers of kisses he put on his autograph for Maria) provided the topic of conversation for the entire journey home.

Closer to home, and thanks to Tommy Gibson, we were able to visit Lochay Power Station to learn about how electricity is generated from water. We saw the three huge turbines that are turned by the water piped from the surrounding hills. Not surprisingly, there is apparently

enough rain in the area for them all to run for most of the winter. Only one was running when we arrived, but a second one switched into action while we were there, presumably as people settled down for their evenings viewing (it wasn't long until Eastenders started). We were also grateful to Alasdair from Ritchies who came along to tell us about the work being carried out to mend the tunnels that carry the water.

Our own efforts at generating electricity were less successful! The water pressure from our garden hose was not enough to get the 500 revolutions per minute required to turn the dynamo, although it was enough to get us all pretty wet!

Green Team meetings continue on an almost monthly basis over the winter (November 18th, January 20th, February 17th and March 16th) at Lynedoch from 3.30pm - 5pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

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**Marvin Elliot**, a very talented sculptor who has a studio on the island of Arran, was recently commissioned by Clive and Pamela Booth at Loch Tay Highland Lodges to design and work two large wood carvings. Two 150 year old pieces of beech - both part of the same tree - weighing 6 tonnes and 5 tonnes respectively, were subjected to Marvin's chosen tool of the trade - a chainsaw - which he wields with great flare, as an artist would his paintbrush! The tree has a special history, it was originally planted for Queen Victoria in 1850 at Bolfracks Estate near Aberfeldy, where it stood until it blew down two years ago.

Both carvings overlook the large outdoor riding arena. One depicts a lady dressage rider in full dress with her Red Setter sitting faithfully beside her and was commissioned to honour the Millennium. The other has four superb horse's heads carved out at each corner with a seat moulded out of the centre. This one was carved in memory of Clive and Pamela's much loved Cleveland Bay mare "Sweepstone Samantha" - the dam of Pamela's own successful dressage horse, Mr Fox, with whom she regularly competes. Samantha died tragically in April this year after giving birth to a beautiful colt foal,



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*Jo Alexander*



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This is not the basis of a new rumour: Falkirk College wishes to maintain its presence in the rural area, as long as there is a demand for its services.... So, it's over to you!

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Lesley Kettle

## Killin WRI

Mrs K Winton welcomed members to the new session. A hair and beauty demonstration was given by ladies from Crieff Hydro Hair & Beauty Salon.

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Favourite Brooch: 1. Mrs M Graham 2. Mrs E Holmes 3. Mrs M Macdonald

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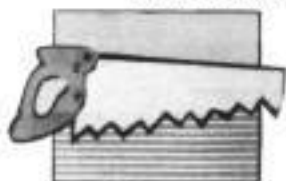
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The aim of the research is to look at access to a wide range of services, and to identify how access could be improved. There is also a specific desire to look at better ways of matching the needs of people with chronic health problems to the range of services that exist - and how these services can best be co-ordinated.

They will be putting together a Community Profile for the area which describes the existing services, documents any locally identified needs, and highlights gaps in provision. They have already run a number of focus groups in Killin, Lochearnhead and Strathfillan, met with the Tiddlers and Toddlers, and the Killin Lunch Club to gather local views on the issues. They are now conducting a round of interviews with service providers.

One of the big ideas being flagged up at the focus group held in Killin, was the need to look at creating a multipurpose centre - a healthy living centre - which would provide accommodation for a range of clinical and care services as well as other social, community and public services.

If anyone would like to have their voice heard as part of this research, they should contact Suzanne Player on Killin 820154.

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## Rural Stirling Outreach Network

The Rural Stirling Outreach Network is a voluntary organisation with charitable status. It has been going now for about three years and was initially an offshoot of the Stirling Voluntary Organisation. The RSON Project Manager and Administrative Assistant organise rural events for voluntary, statutory and other organisations who require assistance. They co-ordinate volunteers, advise on fund-raising and funding bodies to suit specific needs.

The main aim of the RSON is to create a network of local rural volunteers. The Community Information Officer for Killin, is Margaret Fenna and she will be pleased to give any assistance and information to anyone who is interested in joining the team. Two Officers are required for each village and they will be known as "Ronnies". The RSON has a Mobile Information Unit which will bring information out to the rural communities and will be manned by the Ronnie's for about two hours each month. Also in Killin there will be a notice board attached to the bus stop outside the Post Office with all current transport information.

The RSON is fortunate to be funded by the European Regional Development Fund. Rural Community Transport Initiative. Unemployed Voluntary Action Fund. Stirling Council Transport Co-ordination Department, Lloyds/TSB Foundation Scotland and Forth Valley Health Board.

*Editorial: Not wishing to detract from this article, I have attended a seminar run by RSON and they do an excellent job - however, I couldn't help but laugh as I typed paragraph two and I had to share it with you all. What an unfortunate name to give to the two Community Information Officers - "The Two Ronnie's"! Well its goodnight from Margaret and its goodnight from me!*

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Songs

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Friday 31 December 6 - 9 pm

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Friday 31 December 9.30 pm onwards

## Millennium Celebration

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Tickets are £10 each and only a very limited number are still available.

**All the above events have been organised on behalf of the Killin Community Bus Company and for the enjoyment of the people of Killin and District by way of a Millennium Celebration.**

For Tickets contact Charlie Grant on Killin 01567 820342 as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. This "one-off" event for the Millennium is extremely popular and there is a limit to how many the McLaren Hall can hold! Tickets will be available to those outwith the local community from mid November.



In the last issue of the Killin News we reported that local man Dochy McDonald had this year raised £830 by taking part in the 70 Wild Miles Triathlon. This took his personal total raised over the 5 years he had participated to £3,170. We are now pleased to report that the total donated to Cancer Research from the 70 Wild Miles is an astounding £35,000 - not bad at all for one days work!!

## Killin Gun Club

Killin Gun Club 50 Bird Open Sporting Shoot results was held on Sunday 8 August. A very good turn out of 81 guns on a lovely warm day (nice to think back on now we are in the depths of winter!). This Shoot was sponsored by MAP of Edinburgh. Continuations were sponsored by the Old Mill Restaurant and Ian Wilkie of Tyndrum. Many thanks to our sponsors on the success of the day.

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# Youth Shows The Killin Golf Club The Way!

Before listing the various prize winners for the year, let us first celebrate the towering performance of two of the Club's younger members. They will both take us into the Millennium Year as Killin Golf Club Ladies and Gents Champions. Fiona Ramsay, now at her somewhat "mature" golfing age of 19(!) is for the second year running the Ladies' Club Champion. Also, at the ripe old age of 15(!), the youngest EVER Gents' Club Champion is Kenny Campbell from Cruachan Farm. Do I hear people say they are too young? If you think so, then you are welcome to take them on! Congratulations to Fiona and Kenny on their superb performances.

Earlier in the year, the Junior Section was disbanded due to lack of support. Perhaps the success of our two young champions will encourage youngsters in the village to ask for the section to be revived.

## Gent's Competition Winners for 1999

Club Champion - K Campbell, Runner Up - I Donaldson, *George Smith Trophy* - R Lewis, *Fred France Trophy* - G Smith, *Captains Putter* - J McLennan, *Arrochar* - M McParland, *Grouse Shotgun Foursome* - G Smith & J Macallum, *J S McLean Trophy* - D Webster & T Bolton, *Jack Noble Stableford* - J R Guild, *3 Club Challenge* - L Brown, *Ford Golfer of the Year* - G Ramsay, *G M Classic Stableford* - I Ramsay, *Flag Competition* - K Campbell, *Medal Final* - B Ford, *Dr. Wilson* - R Lewis. *Gents' Foursomes* - T Bolton & M McParland, *Gents' Fourball Betterball* - J Chisholm & J Greaves, *Medal (Glass): April* - K Campbell, *May* - not played, *June* - K Campbell, *July* - D Webster, *August* - S Bergin, *September* - B Ford.

## Ladies' Competition Winners for 1999

Club Champion - Fiona Ramsay, Runner Up - Audrey Weaver, *Silver Medal* - Sheena Chisholm, *Bronze Medal* - Lyn Bartlett, *McKay Cup* - Audrey Weaver, *Chrissie France* - Jan Rough, *May Wilson* - Lyn Bartlett & Sheena Chisholm, *SLGA Brooch* - Rachel Hunter, *Cancer Relief* - Jan Rough, *Eclectic (Scr)* - Fiona Ramsay, *Eclectic (H'Cap)* - Audrey Weaver, *Captains Prize* - Lyn Bartlett, *Flag* - Lyn Bartlett, *Coronation 4 s* - Liz Stevens & Fay Greaves, *RSSPCC* - Mairi MacColl, Sheena Chisholm & Maureen Gauld, *Pendant* - Jan Rough, *Daily Mail* - Jan Rough & Audrey Weaver. *Birdie Tree* - Fiona Ramsay.

## Seniors' Competition Winners for 1999

*Super Senior Trophy* - W Rew, *Senior Trophy* - G Smith, *John Hall* - A Muller. *Medal Play Off* - G Smith, *Eclectic Trophy* - G Smith, *Ivor Noble Quaich* - W Rew, *MacTaggart Trophy* - J Macallum.

## Mixed Competition Winners for 1999

*Lochay Trophy* - J Guild & J Rough, *Dr Stevenson Trophy* - A Cloud & J Rough. *Mixed Fours (03.07.99)* - G Smith & L Stevens, *Save the Children Foursome* - W Norton & J Henderson, *Closing Mixed Foursomes Anderton Trophy* - J Rough & T Bolton.

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## LETTERS

Dear Editor

*I would like to bring to the attention of the residents of our area, a planning application to widen the use of Loch Tay Highland Lodges Equestrian Centre. Below is a copy of my letter of objection dated 19 October 1999.*

*Planning & Development Dept  
Perth & Kinross Council  
2 High Street,  
PERTH,  
PH1 5PH*

Dear Sirs

*I wish to object in the strongest terms to the application by Mr Booth for a change of use of the existing indoor equestrian arena to Class II (Assembly & Leisure). I find it very difficult to understand how the applicant can even imagine that Class II consent would be given consideration beyond its specific present use for equestrianism.*

*I understand Class II to cover "Assembly & Leisure", and within this category I understand the following to be included: use as a dance hall, concert hall or cinema, bingo or karaoke hall, or discotheque; a gymnasium or indoor sports arena, but not including motor vehicle or firearms use.*

*It would be insensitive to allow what seems to be an under-used equestrian arena to become such a place in rural highland Perthshire. This is a place where people come for peace and tranquillity, for both residential and holiday use.*

*In summer 1998 noise emanating from*

*music played after the hours of darkness during "hog roast" events caused me to reflect on how inappropriate loud music is in this tranquil area. Music was clearly audible at my house which is almost a half a mile distant in a straight line. In 1999 no further similar events were organised. We thought they had ceased for ever. Not so it seems. Official sanction is now being sought and I object on the grounds of noise disturbance and road traffic.*

*When considering this application you should also bear in mind several additional factors. The community of Killin, which is just over the boundary in Stirling Council area, organises very successful musical and other events during the year, these are sited in and around the McLaren Hall at the centre of the village. The McLaren Hall is dedicated to the purpose of concerts and the like. I claim that there is no "imperative reason of overriding public interest" (Highland area local plan 1999) for this development (Policy 13c Environment and Nature Conservation section of Highland area local plan 1999 ~ still to be ratified). Another assembly and leisure centre is simply not needed in the area as a whole.*

*Another point to consider under the local area plan is whether the development "meets a new market or extends the season" - Policy 30a. There is no new market. Additionally will it "only generate traffic appropriate to its location?" (Policy 30c). Clearly it will generate much more traffic in the evening and night, which cannot be appropriate. How would Tayside Police deal with such events so distant from their normal bases at Pitlochry or similarly distant offices?*

*Finally, under the local area plan 1999 (still to be ratified), Policy 47d says the proposal should "not detrimentally affect the amenity of the countryside". In my view the proposal would seriously affect that amenity which visitors and residents here crave in this busy modern world - the tranquillity of the countryside.*

*I hope you will consider these points in your deliberations.*

*John T H Allen,  
Tay Cottage,  
Morenish,  
Killin.*

# LETTERS

## Open Letter To Killin

The sad news of the death of my dear friend Willie Allan brought back fond memories of the five happy years my late wife and I spent in Killin from 1953 to 1958.

Willie, Dr Kennedy, Gwyn Saunders and myself formed a small Concert party and travelled throughout Perthshire performing for all sorts of causes. I can still hear the golden quality of Willie's voice and remember with admiration his Christian sense of right and justice.

It was he and big Alastair Mackinnon who proposed me to membership of my Mother Lodge Breadalbane St Fillans, of which Willie was a dedicated and fervent Master and Office-bearer. His example and guidance to me in the Craft of Freemasonry was an inspiration for which I shall ever be grateful

Like so many others, my life has been enhanced and enriched for having known him. How I would love to hear him sing the song I dedicated to him many years ago - "The Shores of Loch Tay", the last verse of which has a poignant meaning now for all his many friends.

*"Though I may wander  
o'er land and o'er sea  
No place is dearer  
than my homeland to me,  
And when life has ended,  
I hope and I pray  
That God calls me home  
to the shores of Loch Tay."*

His presence will always be felt and his voice heard around Killin and the shores of his beloved Loch Tay.

Goodbye Willie - and thank you.

George J Clavey, Stornoway.

## J.R.NEWS

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Dear Editor

### Recycling & MacMillan Cancer Relief

Recycling does not "cost" - it pays! I noticed in the September issue of the **Killin News** that recycling "costs a great deal of money", as reported to you by a representative of Stirling Council during the August meeting of the Killin Community Council. I feel that this statement is misleading. There is a tremendous benefit to all of us if we make the effort to get involved with recycling, particularly so with aluminium, but also paper and glass.

Many of you will have heard of the superb work being done every day by members of MacMillan Cancer Relief in their quest to ease the suffering of individuals and families who are trying to cope with the crisis of cancer in their lives. You may have experienced first hand the help they give which varies according to particular needs - direct nursing care, - special equipment - even financial help in some situations. To finance this, the charity relies heavily on the unstinting effort of many volunteers throughout the country and also in the Loch Tay area. One activity which has generated thousands of pounds for them over the past three years is the collection of aluminium cans, foils etc., which are sold to companies to make new cans. The cost of using this recycled aluminium is a fraction of the cost of extraction. Recycling reduces the need for space in the rapidly disappearing sites available for landfill. The environmental benefits are obvious.

Numerous village establishments (hotels, bars, caravan sites) have generously agreed to save used aluminium cans. I'm sure they all feel a sense of accomplishment from having reduced some of the waste in our society and at the same time having helped people during a difficult time. Many thanks to them - well done!

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Patty Hope, Ardeonaig

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Dear Editor

I think it is ludicrous that a street light should not be replaced for possibly five months — the interval during which Stirling Council deem in their wisdom to be appropriate for their periodic visits to check them in Killin!

The street light in Ballechroisk Terrace has not worked for at least six weeks. I was informed that "It costs £10 to change a bulb in Stirling" - how much more in Killin?

The cost should not be the issue, we pay the same Council Tax as those who live in the towns, but we do not receive the same service — why?

Mrs Alice MacPherson  
9 Ballechroisk Terrace, Killin.

## A Bit Stuck !?

Can any of you help out a lady in Lochearnhead? She is looking for your unwanted glass jars to enable her to sell jars of home made jams at various local sales of work. Small jars i.e. mint cranberry sauce size would be ideal. To have them uplifted, please phone Jane Campbell on 01567 830 207.

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Christmas Greetings to all friends in Killin from Joris and his sister Anouk who holiday here every year from their home in Belgium. A special Merry Christmas to Iain and Merlyn Donaldson and Gregor in Glen Lochay.

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## Obituaries

Mrs Joy Lydia Cameron passed away peacefully in the Western Infirmary Glasgow on 17 October 1999. Joy was born in 1922 in Jersey in the Channel Islands. She was evacuated to Falkirk during the Second World War. She joined the Land Army and was posted to Dalmally where she met her husband Angus Cameron. When Angus died 22 years ago she settled in Killin where she spent the rest of her life.

She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

## Behind the scenes.....

Rehearsals for this season's Panto are well under way, and we're pleased to welcome Tam Bolton, Susan McRobbie, Jane Brown and Alex Tigwell to our cast along with Timothy MacColl, Zander Martin, Alexander MacPherson. Also, Rachel Lincoln, Kirsty Somerville. Gareth & Stephen Tigwell, who will join us as junior members.

As the production date approaches for our January Pantomime, sightings of Ratlings around the McLaren Hall will become more frequent, but residents can rest assured that the Pied Piper will soon take them off to the River Lochay, never to be seen again.

A big thank you is due to all our helpers in the village who have produced costumes and props for the past years. Without your help these 'large scale' productions would never be possible....but be warned, we're looking for helpers for this year. Volunteers, (yes, I do believe in fairy tales), please phone Secretary Glenda Mardon on Killin 01567 820248.

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# Killin Heritage Society - Routes to your Roots!

Killin Heritage Society's winter programme began on Friday, 1st October, with Mrs. Elma Lindsay. Local History Officer for Stirling Council, who gave a most informative, interesting and highly entertaining talk. Researching the family history is something many of us think about but relatively few of us ever actually do anything. Mrs. Lindsay's passion for discovering her own "roots" is inspiring and enabled her to talk authoritatively, enthusiastically and amusingly about the different "routes" to be followed, and the surprises you sometimes find along the way!

As she spoke, it became very obvious that we should never throw anything away, no matter how vaguely associated with the family we might think it is. Even if you are not particularly interested, someone else might be in the future. In this respect, it was disappointing that none of the younger generations (under 45's!) were present at the meeting. Mrs. Lindsay showed examples of wills and certificates of birth and death and explained how these not only give us names but also

provide a social history of the times. All family documents - certificates of births, marriages or deaths; photographs; letters; diaries; bibles; property deeds - prove useful in your search for your ancestors. Census Schedules! 1841-1891), Old Parish Registers, the International Genealogical Index, newspapers, gravestones, local directories and other local history material can help build up a picture of how your ancestors lived.

The Central Reference Library in Stirling has census schedules and old parish registers, available on microfilm, for much of this area. The IGI (International Genealogy Index) is available on microfiche in Stirling, Bridge of Allan and Dunblane libraries. When you have gathered as much information as you can locally, the next step is to visit the General Register Office for Scotland, in New Register House, Edinburgh, and the National Archives of Scotland.

As local history officer, Mrs. Lindsay is always pleased to help or advise as

required, but cannot undertake intensive family searches on your behalf. She can be contacted at the Smith Art Gallery and Museum, (01786 471917) or at Stirling Library Headquarters, (01786 432394).

## Lady Evelyn's Embroidery Exhibition

Another "route" to your roots is via samplers and at Blair Castle, from October 1st to 3rd, there were some wonderful examples of these on display. Blair Castle has quite a collection of samplers, all recently restored and remounted, as part of the textile conservation project that is underway at the castle. Even for those not normally interested in embroidery this was an exhibition not to be missed.

Lady Evelyn Stewart Murray, the third daughter of the 7th Duke and Duchess of Atholl was from an early age especially keen on embroidery. She spent most of her life living in Belgium and collected exquisite pieces of embroidery and lace of exhibition standard. She became skilled in many forms of embroidery but particularly enjoyed fine white embroidery, producing pieces of work, which are unbelievably perfect in every minute detail. Her most famous piece is the British Arms, which took her seven years to work. When Blair Castle opened for the first time in 1936 she sent home both her collection and her own work. Since then some pieces have been on show in the castle, including the British Arms. Much of her collection is so fine that magnifying glasses were thoughtfully provided so that each piece could be seen in detail. This was only the second time that the whole collection had been on display but already, there are two more special exhibitions planned for 2000, from 21 to 24 April and 6 to 8 October.

GF

## Church Services

Sunday 19 December

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# Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their get well wishes following my recent accident and stay in hospital. I would also like to extend my appreciation to all those who offered their kind assistance and support to Irene, Graeme and Fiona during this time.

*Ian Ramsay, Crianlarich.*

*The Killin News Team joins with the whole village/area to wish Ian a speedy recovery. For those of you who are unaware of the circumstances, Ian is one of our local policemen and member of the Killin Mountain Rescue Team. A few years ago he was on the search/rescue helicopter which crashed on Ben More. Recently he was involved in a terrible road traffic accident at Ardchullarie (between Callander and Strathyre). We are sure we speak for everyone when we say we were all shocked to hear of his accident and his second trip in a helicopter as he had to be air lifted to hospital. We are all delighted to hear he is now recovering at home. Our very best wishes are extended to Ian, his wife Irene and their family.*

The Killin Parent Teacher Association would like to thank everyone who supported the Scholastic Book Fair held recently in the Killin Primary School. The PTA donated the commission received to the School, which enabled the teachers to purchase books to the value of £215. The next Book Fair will be held in the school in March 2000.

*Marion McRae, (Secretary PTA)*



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Many thanks to Hillary, Annette and all the staff at the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home for a very happy T Day for Alzheimer's (Scotland). This was well supported by friends, relatives and many of our great wee village school children. The sum of £20 was raised.

*Jean Henderson.*

My family in Killin and Dunkeld and myself would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers and phone calls following the sudden death of my Mum on 11th September. She enjoyed coming to Killin and made many friends here. I would also like to thank all my neighbours for their support. Thank you all.

*Jessie McLeod*

I would like to thank all who sent cards and letters wishing me a speedy recovery during my recent stay in hospital.

*Honor Leighton*

The Killin News Team would like to thank all our advertisers for their business during the past year - without which our paper would cease to exist. We value you custom and look forward to another year of serving you in 2000. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a merry Festive Season and an extremely profitable Y2K.

We would also like to thank all article writers and benefactors for their contributions over the past year, and we wish all our readers, local and global, all the very best for the New Year and a very happy Christmas.

See you all in the new Millennium.

The family of the Late Joy Lydia Cameron would like to thank everyone for their kindness during their sad loss. The beautiful floral tributes, many phone calls and cards were appreciated.

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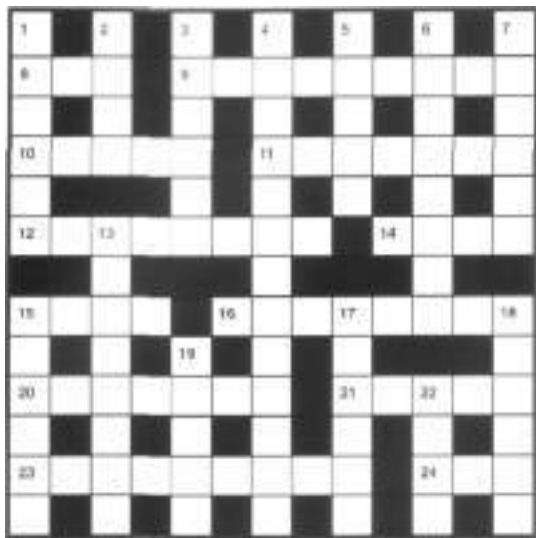
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## Christmas Prize Crossword By Scorpio

### Across:

8. Endangered arboreal species (3)
9. Virtuous applause (4,5)
10. Some Roman Gods enjoy tropical fruit (5)
11. Melted or fell (7)
12. Millennium? (4,4)
14. A singular and often novel occasion (4)
15. Circular dance (4)
16. Digital time bomb (4-3-1)
20. Kid's paradise (3,4)
21. Gasp at nothing for family entertainment (5)
23. Seasonal appeal (4,5)
24. Girl's night (3)

### Down:

1. Agree to get your hair done(6)
2. So be it (4)
3. Ice Houses (6)
4. Peers seasonal frolics (5-1-7)
5. Harsh, caustic, bitter (5)
6. Seep down and cover everything (4,4)
7. Protect the young (6)
13. Vaccine trail by night (5,3)
15. Happen! (6)
17. Oriental Pearl set aside (6)
18. Norwegian coinage (6)
19. The mating game (5)
22. Seasonal date from negative Spanish article (4)

The senders of the first two correct solutions picked from the hat will each receive £25, generously donated by the Bank of Scotland, Killin. Entries should be sent to: Killin News Prize Crossword, Dalerb. Craignavie Road, Killin FK21 8SH and should arrive no later than 6th January 2000.

The Killin News would like to thank the Bank of Scotland, Killin for sponsoring the Christmas Competitions over the past 9 years.

### Solution to Last Crossword

Across: 8. Doc 9. Announced 10. Ernie 11. Inflate 12. Sensuous 14. Obit 15. Rice 16. Occident 20. Pea-soup 21. Score 23. Ascendent 24. Roe.

Down: 1. Address 2. Scan 3. Gateau 4. Antique copper 5. Huffy 6. Scramble 7. Advert 13. No chance 15. Repeat 17. In situ 18. Thebes 19. Corny 22. Okra.

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## Something To Celebrate



Local girl Catriona Inglis married Colin Lynch on 26 August 1999. The wedding and reception were held in Cameron House Hotel on Loch Lomond and the weather stayed nice and dry to allow them to have some wonderful photos taken in the hotel grounds. Catriona is the only daughter of Fiona and Willie Inglis at Fimbush. Colin is the Managing Director of Eco European in East Kilbride and Catriona is an Administrator of Edinburgh Fund Managers. The couple have set up home in Menstrie.



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### Apologises

The Killin News team apologise if your article has not appeared in this issue. Even though this is a bumper 32 pages long - it is still not long enough to include everything. In particular we would like to apologise to the McLaren Hall Management Committee, whose report will definitely be in the January Issue.



Married in Killin Parish Church on 23 October 1999 - another local girl - another Catriona no less - Catriona Chisholm. Catriona's groom is Brian Andrew McLean and they are now living and working in Glasgow. The wedding reception was held in the Crieff Hydro Hotel. Catriona is the only daughter of Sheena and Allan Chisholm of Kilvaxter Cottage, Killin.

Married on Saturday 25 September by the Killin Registrar were Miss Karen Woosnam to Mr Arran Evans. Their reception and dance was held in the Bridge of Lochay Hotel. The bride and groom visited Killin for a holiday in the summer and enjoyed it so much they decided to get married here, they both hail from Mid Glamorgan in south Wales. The Best Man was our local postie. Gregor Macaulay from Glen Lochay.



### A Family Occasion

Archie Angus Stroyan (pictured here) was baptised by his uncle, the Reverend Jock Stroyan at St Fillan's Episcopal Church, Killin on 29th August. Archie aged 5 months is the son of Mark and Bunch Stroyan of Boreland and he has a sister. Clemmie aged 2 and a half.

Incidentally, Archie's father was also baptised at St. Fillan's in 1970!