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Blue Peter Appeal For New Life



On 5 February 2000 the girls in Primary 5 and 6 of Killin Primary School held a Bring and Buy For New Life as part of the BBC's 38th Blue Peter Appeal. This truly commendable venture raised £443.56 on a Saturday morning in the Church Hal). The girls organised the whole event by themselves, getting home baking donations, bric-a-brac, books even baking muffins by themselves. They bought a cuddly toy gorilla for the "Guess the Gorilla's Birthday" competition, donated their own sweets for the "Guess the Number of Sweeties in the Jar?", ran a raffle and a Bring & Buy stall, organised flyers and posters and all worked incredibly hard and obviously had a great time doing it too.

Blue Peter originally started this Appeal to raise £500,000. Children throughout the UK have been inspired and as a result, the Appeal gained so much momentum that they increased this to £1 Million and at the last count they have managed to raise £1,670,652.00. Fifty Six hospitals across the UK will be receiving vital, life saving equipment for their neonatal units and literally thousands of babies will benefit.

*Kirsty Somerville and Louise Storar
having great fun on the bakery stall!*

Congratulations and well done
the girls of Killin Primary 5 & 6.

*Camilla, Garreth and Steven Tigwell
with the superb cake baked by their
Mum, Alex, for a raffle
prize.*

*Kathleen McRae and Lisa
Christie were excellent
'pressure' sales staff for
Competition Table.*



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Community Council

A meeting of the Killin Community Council was held on Tuesday 8 February in Killin Primary School. Present were John MacPherson (Acting Chairman), Bill Douglas, Bill Rew, Charlie Grant and four members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new Millennium.

Waste bins had been removed from the Old Station, the McLaren Hall and the Killin Cemetery car parks. This matter will be taken up with Stirling Council with a request for the bins to be replaced.

The damaged wall at Fassiefern was discussed once again but still nothing further to report.

Work on the extended car park in Craignavie Road will commence February 2000.

A discussion took place concerning the Killin Hotel signs and it was decided to neither approve nor disapprove of the planning application. A comment was however added about the size of the sign in front of the Church.

The waste skip for unwanted items of household rubbish will be sited in the County Yard on the 1st of every month for two or three days. It must be noted that toxic or industrial waste is NOT permitted in it. This means NO commercial business waste - NO trade waste - and definitely NO car batteries. The first occasion of the skip being misused will result in it being removed, never to return. If you witness someone illegally dumping in it, please report it immediately to your Community Council or the local police.

The proposed relocation of A&B Services will not now be happening. NO new car park - NO funding - No toilets - NO new premises for Gordon and Steve. John MacPherson will write to the Chief Executive of Stirling Council to express concern at the handling and cost of this whole pointless exercise. He will also try to obtain some answers to the delays and lack of information.

Before the meeting closed John MacPherson expressed his thanks on behalf of the Killin Community Council to Bill Rew for his time as Chairman.

The next Community Council meeting will be on Tuesday April 11th at 7.30 pm

The Angling



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The new salmon season was greeted with the usual enthusiasts out on the club water, but to date the first elusive new century salmon has evaded capture. Kelts were seen and there were two reports, from reliable sources, of 'having and offer', in fishing terms this means a fish took a brief fancy to a bait, resulting in a pull on the line. Please be courteous towards the new members of the salmon section and show them the ropes.

The new trout season will open on 15th March, for the loch and rivers, but the hill lochs, which take a little longer to recover from the winter weather and will hopefully start to produce from the middle of May. Members and visitors are strongly advised not to fish these areas until then. There has been an increase in available affiliate vacancies, so if committee members and wardens see new faces on the water, introduce yourselves besides just asking for their ID and permits. Please remember to display the car parking ticket, clearly visible on the inside of the vehicle.

The pike anglers have been enjoying good sport with reports of some fine specimens being caught, and it is encouraging to see another branch of the sport being well supported. All participants of pike fishing are advised that Dr David Summers of the Tay Board

will co-ordinate selective pike netting during April, in order to determine population, size, distribution and what they are feeding on. Some will be culled for analysis, but these will be from the smaller 'Jack Pike' and not the larger specimens.

The wardens and bailiffs training day on 27th February was well attended by Killin Members, and they are now equipped with their note books and report forms, which we hope will remain blank. However if any angler steps out of line they will be dealt with under the terms of the act and the powers with which those holding current warden or bailiff cards act. Authority to act includes involving the Police if individuals refuse to comply with the rules, and can include the confiscation of equipment and impounding of vehicles. It has been known for club members on the Tay to be banned from membership for deliberately infringing their club rules. Only those who attend the training days will be issued with the new cards which give them authority.

The next issue of the Club Newsletter will be out by the end of April, so all contributions should be handed in by the middle of April. *Alex Stewart*

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Safari Supper



*The proof of the pudding, as they say, is in the drinking!
Some of the explorers NOT risking life and limb on Safari!*

On a beautiful moonlit February evening, 48 people from Killin and surrounding area embarked on a journey into the unknown! They had succumbed to the pressure sales from the Millennium Committee to venture out on a "Safari Supper". Eight houses had agreed to host six people for each course, at their own expense, for the purpose of raising funds for the millennium projects.

Nervous laughter was heard coming from the Main Street as guests and hosts alike waited for the 7 o'clock start. Doorbells rang, gifts were exchanged, and drams were poured as the aperitifs were consumed and not a lion or tiger in sight! After enjoying starters fit for kings, it was on with your coats and move onto the next venue. As one lot of intrepid safari travellers cheerily set off, it was a mad excited dash for the hosts to clear the table ready for the next lot coming in for their gourmet, banquet style main course. This performance was repeated for dessert, until many glasses of (complimentary) wine later, guests and hosts alike, gathered in the MacNab lounge of the Clachaig Hotel for coffee and mints (courtesy of the Clachaig's owners), and of course, a few more drams. The chauffeur extraordinaire (and Killin News photographer for the evening) Mr Alex Stewart poured - sorry, collected people from their tables and deposited them home.

This was a truly fabulous night of jovial chat, new introductions, excellent food and exceptional value for money at only £10 a ticket! The event was so successful that another is already planned to take place on Saturday 18th November. Due to the popularity of this one, we would suggest you reserve your place on the Safari as soon as possible.

The sum of £468 was raised for the Millennium projects.



*Some of the helpers 'press ganged' into the kitchen.
Rhiannon Shanto, Kathleen McRae, Siobhan Anderson & John
McRae show that 'hands that do dishes' can have a good time too!*

Forth Valley Health Board Killin Health Event - 23rd March 2000

The Health Promotion Department is planning a health event in Killin on Thursday 23rd March in the McLaren Halls and would like to invite you along to join in the fun.

There will be displays and information on various health issues as well as other topics such as benefits and small business advice. The day is planned to be as interactive as possible and is aimed at all ages. There will be exercise and food taster sessions that you can actively take part in.

This day will also give you the opportunity to let us know what activities or issues the department should be tackling in your area.

The event will run over two time slots: 1 pm - 4 pm and 6 pm - 9 pm.

Also, in conjunction with your local doctor's surgery we are having a community consultation session between 8 pm and 9 pm to discuss the possibility of having a Community Resource Centre in the area (see article page 7). So if you would like to share your views on this issue please come along and join in the discussion.

Look out for the posters nearer the time that will give you more detailed information as to what is happening and when. We look forward to seeing you.

Anne Marie Gillen
(Senior Health Promotion Officer)
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Killin's 6th Traditional Music & Dance Festival 16-18 June 2000

The 2000 event promises to be everything that has come to be expected of Killin. The main concerts will have many new faces, some you most likely will not have heard of but will remember for their superb performances and some guests will be making a welcome return.

Workshops will include, harmonica and harp, and new tales and songs from David Campbell and Norman Chalmers. The younger generation are not forgotten either, with their special story sessions and a modelling workshop. Judy Cook will be visiting for the first time from America and her two ballad sessions are not to be missed. Heather Innes will be joining us for the Sunday Service, and those who remember her last visit to Killin when she launched her new CD will know that they are in for a real treat. Add two new Ceilidh Dance Bands, the TMSA competitions, and not forgetting the hugely popular Chorus Cup and the Open Stage, you have another great weekend to look forward to. The early flyers are in circulation and the booking flyers will be available by the end of March. Help is needed for all the many jobs during the weekend, especially the campsite, so get in touch and give a few hours to help make the 2000 event another great success story.

Alex Stewart



Squ-Eak

The first public meeting of the newly formed Environmental Action Killin (EAK) was well attended at the National Trust for Scotland's office at Lynedoch on 24th February, with Richard Barron, Stirling Council Access Officer giving a presentation of all aspects and pitfalls (!) of footpath and conservation projects. EAK are grateful for the initial funding of £300 received from the Killin Millennium Committee. This money was originally donated by the Killin Initiative to help support the footpath projects which EAK has now assumed responsibility for.

Membership of EAK is now available at Lynedoch. You can join in support of EAK and you won't be forced into hard labour, so call in and let David Mardon take your £5 fee. EAK's aim is to create and improve the paths around Killin to encourage greater use by all, be it for a leisurely family stroll or the daily walk by responsible dog walkers. Some of the paths will be suitable for cycles, wheelchairs or prams.

We've mentioned our "Environment", we know it's Killin, now for the 'Action!'. This will be on **Sunday 26 March at 10 am** when we will make a start on improving the old railway line by cutting back the vegetation from the iron bridge beyond the Station Yard (Stitt's) down towards the head of the loch. Come along for all or part of the day. Wear gardening clothes, bring gloves and tools if possible (i.e. loppers, secateurs, spades etc). Youngsters over the age of 9 are very welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult (one adult to six children).

So remember:- Sunday 26th March from 10 am - 4 pm at the Station Yard

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On Saturday 5th February, the ladies of the Killin WRI hosted a luncheon in the Lesser McLaren Hall to raise funds for CHAS (Children's Hospice). Home made soups and selections of freshly made sandwiches were served to the hundreds of people who supported this event. The event raised £620.

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Tourism Into 2000

The new millennium got off to a good start with the village very busy and people still looking for accommodation on December 31st. Despite the negative opinion of some, tourism does play a vital part in the economy and prosperity of this area and the hope is that this will continue well into the new century. However, it will not happen by itself. Businesses and individuals must be prepared to invest in their product and increase marketing efforts if the Killin area wants to keep its slice of the cake. The aim should be to increase the size of that slice, and it is the hope that in 2000, businesses, individuals and the community can work together and demonstrate a commitment to achieving that end. Naturally, everyone must respect the right of the individual to choose which events and functions on the calendar they wish to support but a more consolidated effort to help promote the whole area to the public would be encouraging. The Area Tourist Board, along with the Killin and District Tourist Association, Killin Initiative and the Highland Games Committee, work hard to promote the area and attract visitors all year round. However, there are many that reap the rewards, both directly and indirectly, large and small, without helping to sow the seeds.

After a slow start in 1999, tourism picked up by the end of July with many businesses reporting a very busy August and good levels of accommodation bookings for the autumn. Local survey results indicate, once again, that those businesses who invested in improving the quality of the product offered, and who have increased their marketing efforts, suffered less from the overall drop in visitor numbers. The majority of the visitors continues to be from the UK, whilst the numbers of foreign visitors decreased slightly, possibly influenced by the strong pound and the high fuel costs. More visitors appear to be booking in advance to ensure they have the accommodation they want, rather than

using the Tourist Information Centres or just turning up at the door. In all areas of the accommodation sector, higher levels of competition are now being experienced and visitors are looking for visible quality and really good value for money.

However, tourism does not just relate to accommodation providers. In the Killin and District Tourist Association area only eight out of fifty members are non-accommodation businesses, with only one of that eight in Killin. At a quick count there are at least another twenty-five businesses in the immediate vicinity of Killin that benefit in some way financial D) from tourism. Plus there are numerous accommodation providers who are not members but who welcome the tourists through their doors. The majority of these non-members are content to allow others to bear the cost of marketing the area and attracting the visitors and then are some of the first to complain when the visitors don't come. If all these people were to 'come on board', in some form - even just as a 'friend', what a difference it would make to the marketing and promotional capabilities for the area in the year 2000 and beyond.

Who knows what sort of year 2000 will be for tourism in Scotland? Hopefully, the further development of the Sustrans cycle route through this area will bring more visitors in the long term, whilst the Folk Festival and Highland Games are events now well established on the local calendar. However, we want people to stay longer in the area and to this end the Tourist Association is producing a new, larger leaflet for the Killin and Loch Tay area and plans are afoot for other new leaflets, all aimed at encouraging people to stay longer. It is hoped to have new signposting around the village, guiding visitors to points of interest and eventually to install information boards.

Visitors come to Killin for the peace and

quiet of the area, the magnificent scenery and the easy access to so many places of interest from this central location. There are aspects of the local tourist industry that still need to be greatly improved but let us hope that in 2000 more visitors can be persuaded to come and stay longer. *GF*

Millennium Newspaper

The Community Newspaper Forum which is made up of approximately 30 community newspapers in the Stirling Council area is now in the final throws of putting together our areas' Millennium Newspaper. The 20,000 copies of this newspaper (compare this with 900 of Killin News!) will reflect life throughout the urban and rural areas of Stirling district. A copy will be delivered free with the Killin News May Issue.

In addition to the newspaper, there will be folders located in every Library and community, which will contain a recent issue of each of the 30 community newspapers. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to see how your newspaper and village life compares with others. Publications such as the **Ben Ledi View** (Callander), **The Villagers** (Balquhider, Lochearnhead Strathyre, & St Fillans), **The Castleviews** and **The Riversider** (both Stirling), **Fintry Focus**, **Croftamie Claivers** and the **Blairdrummond Grapevine**, (all wonderful names for newspapers!), are just a few of those which will be featured. If you thought the Killin News was the **only** community newspaper - you were wrong!

Linda FitzGerald
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New Resource Centre For Killin

An extremely well attended meeting, discussion and workshop on the concept of a new Resource Centre for Killin was held in the Lesser McLaren Hall on Wednesday 16 February. The meeting was organised by the Killin Medical Practice and Stirling Council Community Support, hosted by Elaine Turner (GP) and Colin Roxburgh (Small Town & Rural Development Group) with assistance from Suzanne Player (Community Animator). Representatives from local groups, organisations and service providers who had responded to a questionnaire and expressed an interest in a room to provide services or hold an activity, had been invited to attend this interesting and varied afternoon. The prospect of this new venture was exciting and everyone was filled with hope and enthusiasm in anticipation of a solution to the need for indoor space within Killin.

Everyone agreed that the Killin Library, a centre of activity for all villagers has vastly outgrown its premises. The old days of silence and books are well gone - now in addition to the books there are videos, CDs, tapes, newspapers, council papers, minutes of meetings, old photographs, maps, access to fax machine, photocopier, the Internet and computer tuition. How Kay and her colleagues manage in such a confined space is beyond comprehension! High time to "move with the times" - and the books to new premises. The space currently occupied by the Library forms part of the Killin Primary School building and is being sought after by the Killin Out Of School Care, Killin Pre-School Group and the Killin Playgroup -- to mention but a few who are queuing up to occupy the space.

Funding is not available to cover the cost of a new library on its own but there are to date over 30 groups and organisations looking for space to create or enhance their presence in Killin. The options include making better use of existing buildings, extending existing premises or securing funding for a new build. The preferred option at this meeting was to extend the McLaren Hall premises to allow space for a new library as well as office accommodation, reception area.

clinical treatment rooms, access to evening classes, computer equipment, meeting rooms and mini conference centre was discussed. This facility could

accommodate the services of Alzheimers Scotland, Community Alcohol Team, Stirling Voluntary Association, Chiropody, Dental Services, Family Planning Clinics, Social Work, Stirling Council Housing Department, Community Support, Physiotherapy Services, Stirling Enterprise, Opticians, The Benefits Agency, Day Care Centre, etc. Clackmannan College, Strathyre Learning Centre and Stirling University all expressed an interest in running courses in this new Centre. Also local groups such as the Killin Heritage Society, Killin News, Glen Dochart Adult Education Group, Killin Arts & Crafts could all use space and perhaps an Internet Cafe could be established for the young adults. It should be noted that Killin has at present in excess of 50 local groups.

This could all be accomplished without adversely affecting any of the current usage of the McLaren Hall. Quite the contrary, it is planned that funding should be sought to renovate, improve and modernise the existing building in addition to erecting a substantial extension. There is a possibility of including a garden area, spacious car parking already exists, disabled access is good. Formal permissions have yet to be sought from the McLaren Hall Trustees, although a favourable and positive response is anticipated. This major new

venture could be just what Killin needs and has the potential of being a wonderful asset to the abundance of local groups as well as becoming the focus and hub of village activity.

A public meeting is planned to take place on **23 March** in conjunction with the Health Promotion Day, to inform and gauge the response of the people of Killin and District to this project. Come along and take an interest in this exciting new venture and enable it to happen in our village. A large turnout is expected and it would be wonderful if some of our young adults in the village would attend this meeting also - the village is your future - so come along and have a say in your future. The meeting starts at **8 pm** and will be in the **main McLaren Hall**.

Killin Library News

Computer Training Open Morning
Monday 3rd April between 10 - 1

A Representative from Clackmannan College will be available to give advice and help. A cup of tea or coffee will be provided. Please come along and have a go on the new public computer. Courses are suitable for all abilities.



George Hogg Trust



The Trustees of the George Hogg Trust presented Arnold Young with a limited edition Caithness Glass paperweight in appreciation of 28 years service to the Trust. Rev. J Lincoln made the presentation to Mr Young at the recent AGM.

Community Animator Position

Suzanne Player. Community Animator is on maternity leave until August. During this time her work will be carried out by Sue Wylie in Killin and Theresa Robertson in Crianlarich. Please contact them through the Killin Library or on Killin 01567 820154 or through the Callander Office on 01877 331766. We hope Sue and Theresa enjoy filling in for Suzanne and wish them success.

Stop Press: He have heard through the "grapevine" that Suzanne has a baby boy - we will report more with hopefully a photo in the next issue of the Killin News. Congratulations Suzanne from all in Killin.

The Time Capsule Cairn

I am sorry about the delay in getting the information packs delivered to all household, clubs and businesses, but these should now be in everyone's hands. Please let me know if you have been missed out.

Progress is being made with Killin Primary School pupils and staff who are working with our sculptress Gillian Forbes to design the four plaques which will form inserts in the walkway round the cairn. If your children start using terms such as "etching - roughing - blasting" or other out of character words, then they will no doubt be referring to their work on the designs. This is an interesting project for the school, and I am sure the enthusiastic staff will enjoy doing this as much as the pupils.

Weather permitting, it is hoped to start work on the foundations in April and thereafter the structure will be built up to 12 metres above ground level. Now is the time to gather the stones and you can put these behind Colin McRae's shed at the side of the parking area. These can be any suitable size for handling and flatish on one side. Have a look at the stone work on the pillars at the entrance to the McLaren Hall car park and Breadalbane Park entrance and you will get an idea of what is required. We also need roundish stones for the walkway. The Millennium Committee are pleased with the response to this community project so make sure you all donate a few stones as quite a number are required.

At the next public meeting, the shrub and heather garden surrounding the cairn will be discussed, so any ideas you may have will be considered then.

Alex Stewart. Project Leader.

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Curling Club Burns Supper

The Haggis was piped in by Colin McRae so good that it did two trips around the room. The Address to the Haggis was so well disguised that everyone was asking who it could be? The funny nose and moustache were effective but eventually the whisper went around - it was Douglas Willison who was making a comeback as it had been 20 years since his last performance.

The guest speaker, Alan Brown had just returned from the same event at the Northward Country Club in Dallas, Texas, where the language barrier was even more testing as the Americans translated "sgian dubh" into 'ski and do' but were still confused in view of the hot weather they were enjoying. He made us laugh when describing how they had used a 'William Wallace double handed Braveheart type sword' which had been so blunt thankfully - that it poked the Haggis rather than stabbed it!

Alan gave a detailed talk on Burns. Interestingly, Burns hated pomposity and would have been against our making an

annual celebration in his name into a formal or stuffy occasion. He was a man who didn't take himself seriously, who held onto his humble beginnings and was the first to be amazed at his own success. He held unpopular views of the time - one of which was his approval of the French Revolution. If he knew now how often his 'Auld Lang Syne' was used, or that his words were sung to open the Scottish Parliament - he would have been surprised.

We were then entertained by Davy Thornton on his fiddle with 'Thrice Welcome' and Alan Brown and his wife May sang to the guitar. The 'Toast Tae The Lassies' was made by Mine Host - Jimmy Riley, who asked the age old question on behalf of men. "How can you understand women?!" - 300 years on and modern man is still in the dark! References were made to a wife "nursing her wrath tae keep it warm" and to the lack of logic in a woman's thinking! But Jimmy did finish - gallantly (?) - by saying the lassies are "Great to play against and even better to play with!". The Reply by Pat Christie was in rhyme. She also admitted to being an 'original' in the Killin Ladies Curling Team some 30 years ago.

The entertainment began in earnest. Colin McRae and Charlie Methven sang about the Killin Highland Games

(including a line about Eilidh wearing a sporran inside out!), followed by Mary Masterson, Jimmy Riley, Chrissie Fenton and Davy Thornton. Jim and Frances Cushley sang "The Lass of Ballochmyle" and were joined by Mary and Davy for "The Crooked Bawbee". Charlie Methven brought the house down with a word perfect performance, complete with wonderful animation, of "Tarn O'Shanter" (his prompter who was by his side was unused). A rendition of "Auld Lang Syne" to a new tune was different and more followed from Pat. Gilbert and Davy. Colin and Charlie's sketch based on village rumour, gossip and intrigue was very funny and probably slanderous - if only they had named names!

Johnny Willison had his work cut out with a very long list for his 'Vote of Thanks', not least of all for our very effective MC, Margaret Taylor the Vice Chair of the Curling Club.

Frances Gaskell

Editorial Note: Frances Gaskell, a native of England (specifically Yorkshire) moved to Scotland in 1998 and attended her first Burns' Supper last year which we featured in Issue No. 49. Frances is living at Ardochallarie, and is hopeful to move to Killin in the near future. Many thanks to her for writing this entertaining article for the second year running.

Senior Citizens' Burns' Supper

This year, it nearly didn't happen! Apparently the Youth Club who usually lay on this feast for the senior citizens found themselves unable to this time. Maybe it was shortage of money?! However, the Killin Initiative Committee came up with the 'readies' and organised the evening's food, drink and entertainment.

In spite of it all being at rather short notice, all the participants managed their tasks well - so "the night drove on wi' songs and clatter and aye the ale was growing better". The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was the Stalwart, Jim Sutherland who led us through the traditional phases, starting with "The Selkirk Grace". This of course quickly followed by Colin McRae on the pipes leading in The Haggis, which was splendidly addressed and stabbed (?) by Alan Cloud. And so the meal commenced.

The evening's superb entertainment was provided by Sheena Chisholm on the piano, Mary Masterson sang (amongst other songs this writer's favourite) "Dumbarton's Drums". Jim also contributed to his MC duties by himself giving a song, but not before he had delivered a thoughtful and entertaining "Immortal Memory" after which, glasses were raised to the Bard. The "Address to the Lassies" was amusingly made by Tarn Bolton and Jean Henderson (at very short notice) replied most effectively. Further music was provided by Paul Easton on the accordion and Tarn Bolton on guitar.

It is fair to say that the Senior Citizens enjoyed the evening and were waited on



Alan Cloud Addressing the Haggis

by members of the Youth Club. The organisation of the evening was carried out on behalf of the Initiative Committee by Tarn Bolton, Alex Stewart, Charlie Grant, Douglas McRobbie and others. Thanks are expressed to all of them and to everyone who helped to make the evening so enjoyable.



Mervyn's Weather



February 2000.

in a human context, could be described, weatherwise, as having been manic-depressive, indulging in wild mood swings ranging from continuous heavy rain and stormy winds to colder polar conditions with biting north-westerly blasts and 'wintry' showers, through to the odd - very odd - bright brisk sunny days. No matter how unsettled and violent February proves it almost invariably produces at least one brilliant day, a hint - like the Biblical rainbow - that there are better things to come! In the case of February 2000, Saturday 19th would probably qualify for this honour.

Although the past month has not clocked up quite so many instances of official gales, as did January, the general pattern of constant and at times heavy, rain has continued unabated. Though strangely enough, despite a total of 28 inches of rain over the winter period, i.e. 1st December to end of February (over half the annual average for Ardtalnaig), Loch Tay, though remaining at high winter level throughout - so far - has not overflowed at the vulnerable points on the south side road, the Fish Farm at Acharn and at Fatman's Bay. However, on several occasions a matter of inches was decisive.

At one time March vied with possibly June for the honour of being the driest month. During recent year, however, it seems to have lost this asset and indeed has been one of the wettest. However, in view of the aforementioned wet winter, perhaps someone's law will take effect and March - the month of many weathers - will revert to more civilized behaviour!

Mervyn K Browne, Ardtalnaig
29th February, 2000

Ardeonaig & District WRI

Rosemary Simpson welcomed members of Killin WRI. Jane Calder gave a very interesting account of her work with street kids in Kenya. Joan MacKenzie gave the Vote of Thanks. The Bring & Buy Sale raised £70 which was given to Jane for her work at Budd ariko.

Competitions: Savoury Filo Pies: 1st A Armstrong. 2nd F Taylor.

Photo of Child at Play: 1st R Simpson. 2nd K Riddell. 3rd J Anderson.

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The Centre will be holding another Aqua Disco on Saturday 25th March from 6 - 8 pm for 8 - 13 year olds. The cost will be £2 for members and £3 for non members. Refreshments will be available on poolside. £1.50 for burger, chips and a slush drink. This event has proved extremely popular in the past. Please arrive early as numbers will be limited.

On Sunday 26 March the centre car park will be the venue for another car boot sale. The sale will run from 2 - 4 pm but stall holders may set up from 1.30 pm. If it is raining, the sale will go ahead in the sports hall. The cost is £5 per car and places should be pre-booked by phoning reception on 01877 330000. We look forward to welcoming both bargain hunters and vendors.

The centre has started a new Step Aerobic class on Wednesday mornings from 10 - 11 am. Hopefully the timing of this class will suit those of you who have time to spare during the day but find it harder to get to our evening classes.

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Killin News Across The Globe



OK Boo Boo, The Picnic Baskets Are Over Here!

Donna and Michael Charnaski (above) are so engrossed in reading the Killin News that they are oblivious to the fact that Yogi Bear and Boo Boo are hiding behind the sign! They were on a skiing trip in Montana, USA and snowmobiled round Yellowstone National Park. Donna and Mike vacationed in Killin in 1999 and are now avid Killin News readers.



We are grateful to Mary Hunter for this photo of Colin and Margaret Kennedy (above) who now live in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Colin was formerly the Blacksmith at Riverview, Killin and has always enjoyed keeping up to date with village life through the Killin News. The photo was taken whilst they were on vacation in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, USA.

As we go to print, it is with regret we have to inform you of Colin's death. Our sympathy goes to Margaret who still wished for this photo to be shown.



What can we say about this one - the Pyramid tells its own story - no prize for guessing where this is! John and Kath Leadbeater (above) from Kilberry Inn, by Tarbert, Argyll on a well earned holiday in Egypt with the Killin News for reading material - well it's much more interesting than all that hieroglyphics stuff!



Our next port of call is south west France where Elspeth O'Neill (above) is captivated by the Christmas Issue of the Killin News. The photo was sent in by Aileen Smith, Manse Road, Killin who informs us that Elspeth is the granddaughter of Mr J F Gentle who was the dentist in Killin for many years. Strange name for a dentist! Incidentally there is a photo of Mr Gentle in "Killin In Old Photographs" available from the library.



Eye. Eye. looks like the Killin News even takes priority over the latest London fiasco - sorry attraction! Jan Willison, Dalchenna, Killin (left) with her granddaughter Holley out and about on the Thames.

Send your photo of someone holding a Killin News in some far flung part of the world - anywhere from Ardeonaig to Argentina, to: The Editor, Dalerb, Killin. FK21 SSH. We will run this competition until the end of 2000 - so keep those photos coming!



Rural Networking Lunches

SVA's Networking Lunch has been growing in popularity over the last few months. For only £1. there is a buffet lunch and a presentation. The Networking Lunches give an opportunity to meet and exchange information with people from other organisations, as well as a chance to meet SVA staff.

The next Lunch will be held at the McIntock Hall in Balforn on 13th April. The Lunches run from 12.30 to 1.30 pm. These two lunches will feature brief presentations by Eric Thomson of Rural Stirling Outreach Network. Vivien Campbell of the Volunteer Centre and Drew Yule of SVA. If you are interested in coming along, please contact Drew at SVA on 01786 469916 as soon as possible, especially if you have problems with transport or require creche facilities.

Rural Surgeries

Drew Yule, Rural Development Worker with SVA will be available to deal with enquiries regarding funding, constitutional or other issues relating to voluntary and charitable organisations and groups at the following times and places:

Aberfoyle Hall. Tuesday 9 April 1 - 4pm

**Killin Library,
Wednesday 19 April
10 am - 1pm**

Others to be arranged at Strathblane, Buchlyvie, Fintry and Kippen.

Scuba Diving Only For Those With Bottle!

We entered the water just east of the bridge over the River Lochay at Killin. The plan was to take a dip in the river as a stepping stone to Dave regaining his water confidence. We are not talking swimming here - scuba diving is our pursuit! Diving in fresh water is not nearly as interesting as in the sea. but it does often reveal some very surprising 'treasures'.

Allan waded in first, eager to get wet. He'd only been down seconds when he reappeared waving a Sabatier butcher's knife above his head. Upon inspection it had the name "Mr John Wm Gauld" neatly etched into the blade as if someone had been very proud of this bottle to get the marble out. instrument. How it came to be in the bottom of the river was quite a mystery? The next find was even more intriguing, whilst I checked Dave's equipment. Allan went back in. We were just about to join him when he broke the surface crying. "You're not going to believe this!". He had found a First World War German Naval Luger. the handle had rotted away over the years and it was very rusty and broken up, but it was unmistakable. Now, the history of that arriving in the river would make an interesting story.

Once all three of us were in the water we set off on what we had planned to be a long drift dive down river, just allowing the flow to carry us on and out into Loch Tay - or so we thought. Part of the way along we noticed a few odd shards of old pottery and glass. Years ago. in the days before Council Binmen. it was common practice for hotels to dispose of their own rubbish. One way of doing this was to bag bottles, old crockery etc.. and take it in a boat into the middle of the nearest loch and tip it in. We had happened upon one of these tips.

Brown glass Bovril pots (c.1890-1920) - little ink pots of various colours, shapes and sizes once sealed with cork stoppers - Dutch square gin bottles - ginger beer bottles from "The Crieff Aerated Water Company Ltd." - bottles from "Harley Watt" of Crieff-Pure Fresh Cream jars from Wigtownshire Creamery Co.. Stranraer, made in Port Glasgow and decorated with sepia pictures of a little milkmaid. The list goes on. One of the more collectable bottles was a Codd from W & A Robertson of Aberfeldy. A 'Codd' is an aerated bottle corked by a marble in the neck. These became rare because children often broke the empty



An hour and a half after entering the water we emerged laden with 'treasure' and laid it all out on the bank, what a sight. To our amazement we had even collected lids and bottles that matched. It was only afterwards that we realised just how cold we had become.

Once cleaned up. the booty was added to our growing collection of old bottles and jars gathered from all over Scotland.

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Man - I Feel Like a Woman

Shania Twain has nothing on these Killin ladies. Every Thursday morning at 10.30, a migration of women can be seen making their way down the Main Street to the Lesser McLaren Hall for this exercise class. Richard and Judy on morning TV have been abandoned in favour of "Grapevine - step forward, step back - 1, 2, 3, 4"! Anyone peeping in the windows could be forgiven for thinking that the Lesser Hall was some sort of strip club, with layers being peeled from hot sweaty bodies within the first few minutes! I know - I am one of these sweaty bods! Above the beat of the music and stomps of the feet can be heard the gales of laughter as we watch Kate with help from Margaret, practising how to tie knots - with her arms! Judy and May do an excellent display of scissor exercises with their legs - more like pinking shears actually!

Many thanks to Suzanne Player (Community Animator) who spearheaded this class for the benefit of villagers - Killin really needed a class like this to help us keep fit. Incidentally, it is not just for women, everyone is welcome. Karin Anne Smith-Gorman from Callander does an excellent job as our exercise tutor. She is so full of life and enthusiasm (not to mention insults!) that you just can't help but enjoy the exercise (did I really say enjoy?!). It is such a tonic - and by the end of the class you have such a buzz that you feel like you have had a few gins too - and not a lemon in sight!

So, what are you doing on Thursday mornings? Don some comfortable clothes and join us at 10.30 am, it only costs £1 and 10p for your cup of tea.



Killin News Launches Its Own 'Talking' Newspaper'

For some time now the Killin News team has been considering the idea of producing a taped version of the paper for those members of the community who, for a variety of reasons, experience difficulty in reading a written text. Richard Shand, of Tay Vision Leisure Marketing, has very generously agreed to produce the tapes and to sponsor the first set, which will be launched to coincide with this edition. Local readers have been recruited to record the articles and copies of the tape will be available on loan from the Doctors' Surgery and the Killin Library, whilst

other copies will be placed in Kirk Care, the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home and Killin Primary School.

As with any new project, it is difficult to gauge the demand for this service, but we feel that it is one that we should provide for the community, and are delighted that Tay Vision Leisure Marketing are supporting us in this venture.

We are hoping some local businesses in the village might agree to sponsor the cost of future tapes. If you are in a position to help us, please contact the Killin News.

Millennium Video Update

As anyone who has attended any village event over the last months will have noticed, filming for the Millennium Video is well in hand. Someone with the video camera has been popping up to record anything that happens, whether major or minor. The project, which was started by Jane Calder, is designed to provide archive footage of life in a Scottish village at the turn of the millennium. It is both an acknowledgement and recognition of the work that goes into village events and a tribute to all those who give so much time to making sure they happen.

Originally the plan was to cover the year 1999 but the acquisition of new digital equipment in the middle of that year led to a decision to cover instead the year from the Killin Show 1999 to the Highland Games in 2000. The variety of activities and events in Killin makes this a demanding commitment but the hope is that the record will encourage the community to value and preserve the activities and, most importantly, involve more young people in them. The team, now led by Iain Campbell since Jane left for Tanzania, includes a number of people who are being helped with camera and editing work by a professional editor. If you know of anything which you think should be covered, or if you for any reason do not wish to be filmed, please tell either Iain or whoever has the camera. Apart from what will go into the archives, it is planned to have a 60-90 minute tape available in the village before Christmas. Condensing so much into one tape will not be easy and deciding what has to be left out is an unenviable task, but remember, even if you are not on the final tape, you may still be in the archives for future generations, so when you see the camera, smile!



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Charity Shield Football Match

Buchanan Arms Ladies versus Killin All Stars

In spite of the weather, the match did take place on a bitter cold and windswept Killin Football pitch on 29 January. Although well publicised, the expected crowds didn't really materialise and the small number of spectators who came to watch sheltered, shivering in the sleet under the nearby trees.

But the players braved the elements and the ladies team looked particularly smart in their colourful strips. Both teams played well and surprisingly the few cases of hypothermia were among the

Killin All Stars! The result?. 3 - 2 to Killin well, they were the blokes after all and bound to win!! But, a return match is promised in the spring.

The event was organised by the Tign na Bruiaich Hotel to raise money for charity by means of raffles, football cards etc. Due to the lack of spectators because of the bad weather, most of the money was raised in the evening at a ceilidh, proceeds from which will be donated to Killin Mountain Rescue and Killin Primary School.

An anonymous spokesperson for The Killin All Stars provided the names of the players - with comments; Paul Elston (ball the wrong shape), Scot Grant (Captain). Ali Campbell (hypothermia sufferer). Colin Taylor (goal keeper and manager). Ali Bongo (hacker?). Malcolm Kelly (blind). Stuart Kelly. Peanut. Norman Finlay, Craig Stuart and an "own-goal" scorer who wished to remain anonymous.

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Killin Floral Awards

The Killin Floral Awards are open competitions and cover all properties within the village boundaries. Categories for 2000 are as follows:

Commercial - The Best Overall Floral Frontage Display.

Domestic- Hanging Baskets containing at least 3 varieties of flowering or foliage plants.

Tubs - planting as for hanging baskets.

Window Boxes - an overall mass of colour. No limit on plant varieties.

"The Tidiest Garden viewed from the Road" - will be judged this year on the following criteria; Best Overall Display of Colour in Summer, must be a combination of summer bedding plants and perennials, shrubs, roses etc.

Short lists, which become increasingly longer each year, are drawn up for each category during several weeks in the summer and then handed over 10 a totally independent judge by the end of July. Even the committee does not know the exact date the final judging takes place.

Details of the Childrens' competitions will appear in the next edition of the Killin News and will also be distributed through the school.

The committee intends to germinate the seeds, as it did last year, and then give plants to the children to grow on. Children wishing to enter the competition should give their names to Kay, in the Library by the end of April.

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Killin Golf Club

Annual General Meeting

22 January 2000

After the usual formalities of an AGM. Jack Rough delivered his Captain's Address to the assembled members. He began by stressing some of the successes of the Club in the past year. For the first time, Killin Gents won the Highland League against Comrie, Dunkeld, Muthill and St Fillans. He also reminded members that the Ladies and Gents Club Champions. Fiona Ramsay and Kenny Campbell were the youngest members in their sections.

On the financial side, it was pleasing to know that the large cash outflow in 1998 has been halted in 1999 by means of prudent financial control. The Club must now look for opportunities for increased income where possible. The Captain also thanked all members who gave their time and effort to run the Club House during the period when there was no Steward and thanked those who ran the major open competitions. Thanks were also extended to Colin Scott (Secretary) and to Donald Slacker (Treasurer) for their work during what was a somewhat difficult year.

The Secretary's report covered various detailed aspects of the Clubs activities and expressed concern that too few members appear willing to assist in the running of the Club, leaving too much to be done by too few.

The land at Finlarig which was purchased in 1996 remains under a seasonal grazing let until such time as it becomes possible to develop it. Meantime it is good to know that the rental covers not only the Bank of Scotland interest on the loan but also the repayment of the capital sum.

Donald MacIver presented the Treasurer's Report and emphasised the very tight control on expenditure which pleased the members, especially the considerable reduction in both course and club house running costs. Thanks were extended to Elizabeth Hancock for up-to-date and accurate book-keeping.

The Office Bearers for 2000 are; Douglas McRobbie (Captain). Colin Scott (Secretary), Donald MacIver (Treasurer) and Katy McRae (Lady Captain).

Kevin O'Connor is the new Steward. Kevin's professional background from 1973 to 1993 was in the British Army. For the past six years he has run his own successful business "Golfing Scotland"

and he has a sound knowledge of catering. Whilst based in London, he acted as a Match Secretary to 300 military golfers and organised outings, matches and acted as Handicap Secretary. When he was based in the Falkland Islands, he was, in addition to his normal military duties, responsible for all aspects of Mount Pleasant Golf Club from the course itself, to general catering and bar duties. He also has the rare distinction of being Falkland Island Open Champion. He is a professional golf club maker and we welcome him to Killin Golf Club.

The newly appointed Green Keeper is Justin Lochrie. He is now at work and some of you will already have seen evidence of his organisation and hard work. He has of course done the necessary training at Elmwood College, with great success. He worked for seven years at one of Edinburgh's top courses. Morton Hall, preparing the course for various prestigious open tournaments. He then did a stint (escaping from the big city) at Stromness Golf Club in the Orkneys. We welcome Justin to Killin.



Justin Lochrie (above)
Killin Golf Clubs new Green Keeper

Killin Drama Club Wins Trophy

The Scottish Community Drama Association held its Festival of One Act Plays in Fintry Hall on 3rd and 4th March and Killin Drama Club entered a play for the first time. Six plays took part over the weekend and much to their delight, Killin Drama Club were awarded 'Runner-up' and the 'Proctor Trophy'. This means they will go on to compete in the Eastern Divisional Finals at the Churchill Theatre. Edinburgh on Thursday 30th March. Their play was called "Green Favours" by Frank Vickery, was produced by Lesley Syme and performed by Glenda Mardon and Gordon Hibbert. It was set in an allotment shed and the Adjudicator praised the Club for their fine set. She felt the actors worked well together and used the stage well. The winning play was "A Dead Liberty" performed by Fintry Drama Club.

At the same Festival, Lesley Kettle produced a play called 'All For Mairi's Wedding' for Riverside Drama Club in Stirling and won the 'John M S McCabe Trophy' for production best depicting Scottish Life and character.

We wish Killin Drama Club all the best for their debut in the Divisional Finals in Edinburgh.

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Small World!

Some readers may remember that Mervyn Browne who was the Killin News people file victim in the Christmas Issue mentioned that his favourite book was "Jock of the Bushveldt" by Sir Percy Fitzpatrick. The Killin News "well read" Committee were mystified, never having heard of this book. Even more mystified when Bunny Ireland recently returned from a visit to South Africa with this photo!



To Be, Or Not To Be - In The National Park?

A Public Meeting was held in the McLaren Hall on 29th February to ascertain whether Killin wished to be inside or outside the new Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park area. The proposed boundary at present misses Killin although it includes Lix Toll. The Killin Community Council's special effort of personally delivering invitational leaflets to every household in Killin ensured that everyone was aware of this meeting and ensured the large attendance of around 80 people.

The first of the invited speakers, Mr W John Christie, landowner, farmer and Laird of Lochdochart explained that farming was in a continual process of change. The basics remain the same but sheep numbers on the hills are in decline, Farmers, when they can, are diversifying into other ways of making a living. He suggested that the new National Park would perhaps create more permanent jobs and thereby enhance the area.

Mr Stewart Ogg of Forth Valley Enterprise then took the floor to present details of the economy of the Park. He suggested that it would most likely be beneficial to the community and raise its profile, if it was included within the Park boundary. Recent figures indicate that the general public spend more on leisure and recreation nowadays than they do on food. He was keen that if Killin was to be included in the Park then the community should be more involved in the Park process and emphasised that this was a lesson which should have been learned from the experience of the National Parks in England.

The third speaker was Mr James Fraser, Chief Executive of Argyll, The Isles, Loch Lomond, Stirling & Trossachs Tourist Board. From a tourism perspective he said that the benefits of

being within the Park were many. More cash is available for conservation projects which would further enhance Killin and surrounding area. He stated that 100% funding was available for projects within the Park environs, such as footpaths, dykeing, visitor centres - which is not the case if you are as Killin is at the moment on the proposed boundaries, just outside the Park. He believed that more tourists would come here, in preference to places like London, if it was designated within Scotland's First National Park.

Mr Frank Bracewell who is a member of the National Park Interim Committee was the last speaker. He highlighted some of the "pit falls" in the "Consultation on the National Parks (Scotland) Bill" and suggested that people must write in with the views to: **Marcus Houston, The Scottish Executive, Rural Affairs Department, Countryside and Natural Heritage Unit. 1 - J South. Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ (E-Mail to: npb@scotland.gov.uk)** or lobby Sarah Boyak MSP. Minister for Transport and the Environment. The bill dictates that 50% of those to be consulted about the Park will be Local Authorities and 50% will be appointed by the Secretary for State for Scotland. These figures compared with suggestions that it should be made up of 1/3rd local people, 1/3rd Local Authorities and 1/3rd appointed by the Secretary for State, show that there will be no emphasis on local people in the Constitution.

During the question and answer session which followed, several issues were raised concerning the Bill which states that people who have a business interest in the area, are by law de-barred from serving on the National Park Council. It was suggested that this was nonsense in an area largely dependent on tourism and

it was stressed once again that people should write to the above to voice their protests.

The panel of invited speakers did their best to answer questions from the floor, but as so much concerning the Park is not yet official, in a lot of cases there were no 'cut and dry' answers. It was therefore assumed that there would be no adverse affects on shooting and leisure pursuits and that conservation of wildlife habitat would benefit from being within the Park. Hopes were that there would be a unification of planning and that one 'official body' would oversee applications and not have the Park divided between the three Local Authorities' various planning rules. Concerns about damage to farm equipment by Park users were not allayed as again there were no set rules as yet.

Although questions remain unanswered and concerns unabated, when the vote was taken, the majority of those present wished for Killin to be within the Park boundary. It was suggested that the boundary should follow the extremities of Stirling Council area and include Glen Lochay. and the head of the Loch.

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Pied Piper Panto



The fifth panto in recent years was presented by the Killin Drama Club in January. The "Pied Piper" was a most welcome evening of live entertainment during the dark days of winter.

This year a number of the "old" hands in the Drama Club have moved on for the time being and there were a lot of new faces. Not an easy task to find cast, backstage and technical help, front of house and other support; the Drama Club is to be congratulated on their achievement.

Having said this, I found the panto a bit lacking in pace with some cast talking to the back of the stage at times. Another problem was positioning where one had a row of people at right angles to the audience and this caused a bit of inaudibility, (either that or it was just me getting deaf!).

Overall, it was a lot of fun with some vignettes - the wall papering scene with Glenda and Myrica Mardon was like something from Laurel & Hardy. A little bird told me that the wallpaper had to be specially rolled up in order to keep the scene moving.

Tam Bolton was a weighty Burgomaster looking very much like Henry VIII. Old Mother Hubbard was just Glenda at her flamboyant best.

The chorus was great fun and performed their double duties as "ratlings" and crowd very well. Where did Timothy McColl learn his juggling skills and cheekily confident stage manner?

With cast and support members I reckoned about 70 people had worked very hard to produce the first panto of the New Century - thank you all.

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Village Floral Displays

Hanging baskets will once again be in position along the Main Street. It is hoped that all those businesses and individuals who have sponsored these so generously in the past will continue to do so and be happy to extend that sponsorship to cover other areas of planting around the village. Sponsorship is the Floral Association's only form of income and it hopes to increase the numbers of sponsors this year by welcoming new businesses and individuals to its current list of supporters.

Experiments with different planting will take place again this year as the Association gradually develops a plan suitable for the variable weather conditions experienced by the plants. Wind whistling down the Main Street is the greatest problem as it causes rapid drying out of baskets and bums the leaves.

Watering the baskets will be made much easier from now on thanks to a generous donation of £500 from Killin Initiative. This money has been put towards the purchase of a brand new mobile watering unit. However, the committee is keen to recruit additional helpers who would be willing to join the watering rota for one or two weeks between mid June and mid September. The watering could be done in either the afternoon or evening and would not be required every day of the week. If you would be willing to help with the watering, or in any other way, please contact either Marion McRae (820719) or Gillean Ford (820492). There must be more of you out there who would be willing to give just an hour or two of your time, that is all we are looking for, to help the Association.

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A meeting was held of the Strathfillan Community Council on 2nd February.

John Riley officially registered interest in some forestry land for sale in Tyndrum. This could be purchased for inclusion in the Tyndrum Woodland Project.

John Riley felt that the Community Council should support the decision to use the schoolhouse for childcare and doctor's satellite surgery. He stated that the Community Council has been elected to represent the general public and need not consult with them on all decisions, Community Council meetings are open to all and the general public is invited to take part in debate at these meetings.

John Riley will write to express concern about the structure of the National Park Board, i.e. 50% Government appointees and 50% local members.

John Riley still represents Strathfillan Community Council on the Stirling Assembly as Acting Chair. Although Duncan Scott is now back, he has asked John to continue this role for the time being. John also represented the Stirling Assembly on a trip to the Dome which he found interesting, awe-inspiring and uplifting. He mentioned in particular that the children who performed "Stirling, Our Town Story" were a credit to the organisers and the area, as were the Stirling School's Pipe Band.

Strathfillan Community Council

An invitation had been received for a representative to attend the McLaren Community Leisure Centre inaugural Advisory Group meeting.

Stirling Council's Community and Economic Development Committee decided to contribute £25,000 to the Tourist Information Centre in Tyndrum. provided an agreement was reached on promotional and information displays as they relate to Stirling.

The Community Council received a copy of the Publicity and Consultation Report on Clackmannanshire and Stirling Structure Plan and agreed the summary of Strathfillan Community Council's comments. They will be in touch again in the spring, when the Community Council will have an opportunity to address any outstanding concerns directly to the Scottish Parliament.

Both the Post Office and the Federation of Sub Postmaster see retention of small post offices and the post bus routes as a vital strand of social inclusion. They are urging groups and individuals to write to MSPs, Local Councillors and any other agencies in a bid to ensure these valuable community assets survive.

There was a near miss in Station Brae, Crianlarich between a resident, her two small children and a 1st Engineering van.

To try to decide on the best methods to slow the traffic down on this

road, the Community Council will try to arrange a meeting between the Youth Hostel, Stirling Council Education Services, Railtrack, 1st Engineering, Central Scotland Accident Prevention Police and local residents.

A letter had been received by the Community Council regarding the state of the road at Upper Station, Tyndrum. The damage is believed to have been caused by heavy traffic and wide tracked vehicles accessing the construction site for the Vodafone and Orange masts. The Community Council will write to Railtrack (who own the road), Vodafone and Orange.

The need for planning permission to erect signs was discussed. The Tourist Information Centre in Tyndrum has five signs, and it is believed they only have permission for one. This seems like an overkill, and one of the signs is positioned so that it blocks the view of some householders in Mansfield. The Little Chef has an extremely large sign which is unsightly to the residents also.

Future Strathfillan Community Council meetings will be smoke free, the next one being on 5th April in Tyndrum Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

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The "People" File

The latest 'victim' of the People File is Jim Cushley (of undisclosed age!) owner of Lix Toll Garage. Killin. Jim, in my opinion, missed his calling, he should have been a comedian instead of a garage owner - he was a real gin & tonic to interview! When asked where he came from, he replied "The Stork!!"-from that point onwards, the interview sheet blotched with tears of laughter.

Jim was one of six children brought up in Salsburgh in Lanarkshire by his mum and his dad who was a coal miner. He met his wife Frances at a dance. He and his pal (who also fancied her!) tossed a coin to see who would take her home and Jim won. Unfortunately he was driving a minibus full of people that night so the pal got to take her home after all - but love prevailed and Jim got a date for the next night and, that was that enter Mrs Cushley.

If you weren't in the garage business, what do you think you would be doing?
That's a hard one - probably coaches.

Do you have plans for any further improvements or extensions to Lix Toll?
We always want to improve. Lix Toll is at the moment, in my opinion, the right size for peak efficiency and security of employment. If I wanted to expand operations, it would have to be a new innovation. \ bet the staff are thinking. "Oh God! What Now?!"

You are the biggest employer in the area, do you feel the weight of that responsibility?

Yes, most definitely. When you have so many people dependent on you for their livelihood, it is a big weight to carry.

Have you ever considered living abroad?
Never really thought about it. I suppose if I had to live somewhere else it would be Austria as it is very much like Scotland - only less rain!

Jim and Frances have two daughters, Linda who was just 1ft when they moved to Killin and Elizabeth who was born here. Elizabeth is a beauty therapist in Edinburgh and Linda is a school teacher, now married to Philip and expecting a baby in August - who knows - perhaps the long awaited heir to the Cushley empire?

Jim and Frances will have been at Lix Toll for 25 years on 17 November 2000. Previously they lived in Cleland, near Motherwell where they had a coach business and two newsagents and toy shops for 10 years. He first visited Killin when he was 23 and had a business called "Snack Foods Company" which enabled him to travel around the Killin and district selling crisps etc. He loved the area, and when years later he saw a tiny advert in a newspaper for a garage for sale at Lix



Toll. - he bought it from Ian Campbell. They didn't specialise in used Landrovers at that time, that was a later innovation by Jim when he saw the niche in the market. Lix Toll Garage is now the largest employer in this area, employing 20 people in full time, permanent jobs.

What's your least favourite garage job?

Paperwork, it is so time consuming and stops me from spending more time in the garage. I would love to have time to play around on a digger for a week and just tidy up and sort things that need doing.

Are you a "night by the fire" or an "out clubbing" type man?

No Clubs -just Suie on a Saturday night and Coronation Street on TV. I'm not a great book reader. We had a great night out recently at the Killin Safari Supper and we always enjoy the Lix Toll Dance.

Where is your favourite holiday place?

Austria. [would perhaps like to go to Canada (again Scotland without the rain!) but in the past 25 years I have never taken more than two weeks off from the garage at a time and long distance travel requires more time.

What is your favourite food and drink?

I eat just about anything. I am partial to

beef on the bone and I do enjoy a 'wee' brandy. {Editor -I can vouch for that.}

What are your hobbies?

Skiing first, then walking. I like music and have attempted to play every musical instrument you can think of with no success.

What advice do you have for the young?

How many pages do you have?! There are so many opportunities for young people now. Talents the young require nowadays are perseverance, vision and determination. Know your target and go for it. It might not be easy, but stick with it. don't give up too easily. No matter what you choose to do. be it scientist or road sweeper, take a pride in what you do and do it well. Job satisfaction should be your main priority and this will come in any job if you have confidence to see it through.

\$6Million Question - do you plan to retire?

Difficult to retire when you have people working for you who have been there for 25 - 30 years. When I look at some of my friends and business acquaintances, they don't retire, they just do less - but they have heirs to take up the slack. My preferred option would be to reduce my day to day work rather than retire. I enjoy being busy and would devote my attention to any job or task allocated to me.

My philosophy has always been. "No matter what you do in life, aim to do it well".

Editor



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Killin Heritage Society

The winter meetings of the Heritage Society covered an interesting variety of topics. In December the Society welcomed Paul Matthews, Curator of Glasgow Botanic Gardens, as the speaker. The audience was treated to a marvellous slide show detailing the history of the Gardens from the first site in 1817 right up to the present day. Initially, the Gardens were formed to provide a source of plant material for use in the teaching of medicine and botany at the University of Glasgow and as the plant collection grew it moved to a new site in the Kelvinside area where it is situated today. The Kibble Palace, a huge glass structure erected in 1873, was eventually planted up as a winter garden with collections of plants from warmer climates. In 1891 the Corporation of Glasgow took ownership of the gardens and many of the original buildings still remain in use today. The main range of glasshouses contains the large collections of orchids, ferns and begonias in which the Gardens specialise.

In January the Society welcomed both the Rev. John Lincoln and John Farmer as the speakers. Over the years John Lincoln has made many violins and repaired hundreds. Members of the audience were amazed at some of the tiny tools used to produce the fine finishes required for building these instruments. He ended by giving us a few tunes on one of his violins.

John Farmer had set up two lathes and demonstrated the art of wood turning. From a blank piece of wood he produced a beautiful cheese platter which he generously allowed the Society to auction at the end of the meeting to raise some funds. On the other lathe he demonstrated a completely different technique by turning a delicate stem vase. This was a

highly entertaining and informative evening, if a little dusty at times for those sitting nearest the machines!

At the AGM in February, the speaker was David Mardon our local NTS property manager. David showed some wonderful slides of Norway concentrating on the flowers and plants that would once have grown in abundance on our own Ben Lawers and the surrounding mountains. Some stunning slides gave a vivid picture of the rather bleak landscape that covers much of Norway.

In March the Society welcomed Janet McBain. Curator of the Scottish Film Archive, as its speaker. The large audience were entertained by some wonderful "moving pictures", the earliest being a film from 1899 showing the Gordon Highlanders marching to board ship. In the early 1900's Picture Booths travelled the countryside pulled by traction engines that also provided the power for the projectors. There was always a private showing for the local aristocracy and we saw "Lord and Lady Overtouns' visit to Macindoe's Show".

Other reels showed:

Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht Shamrock III being launched at Denny's shipyard in 1903 - he contested the Americas Cup five times - losing each time - but was regarded as the cheeriest loser!

Wishaw Co-op Gala Day in 1909 - the earliest known film of such an event. Hundreds of children, accompanied by very few adults, trooped past the camera in a seemingly endless crocodile, to board a specially chartered train for Saltcoats.

Bennie's Rail Plane of c1931 - his plan was to build such a rail link between Glasgow and Edinburgh to reduce (he journey to 45 minutes. Scotrail still have not managed to do that!

Da makkin o' a keshie - was an amateur film shot in Shetland in 1932 and showed the wonderful skill of making a keshie (basket) from straw and then carrying the peats home in it.

The highlight, however, of this first half of the evening had to be the "Inspection of Paisley Fire Brigade by Provost and Councillors, 1933". What at the time was meant to be the recording of a serious event had our audience in fits of laughter as the daring Firemaster Girdwood demonstrated his 'balancing stunts' at the top of an 85 foot ladder. The "rescue" from a burning building was equally hilarious as one poor soul was lowered like a sack

of potatoes with a rope tied round his middle whilst another appeared to have the rope round his neck and his hands tied behind his back. The latter looked more like someone being hung than rescued!

The second part of the evening saw a number of early documentary films. The first "Strathgryre to Broadford by Train and Boat" was made c1930 and gave us glimpses of Killin Station. Loch Tay Station, the Steamer on Loch Tay arriving at Killin Pier and at Ardeonaig Pier, Killin Junction and onwards to Tyndrum and then the west coast.

"St. Kilda - Britain's Loneliest Isle" was made in the 1920's when there were only 26 people left on the island. The film was of the first boat to reach them for 9 months and it was loaded with much needed provisions as well as a group of tourists. We followed their journey up the west coast from Glasgow to Oban. on to the inner islands and then out into the Atlantic for St. Kilda. It was interesting to note that all the subtitles continually referred to the inhabitants of St. Kilda as "the natives" - almost as if they were regarded as some breed apart from the "townie tourists" who were visiting them. "Youth Goes Hostelling" was made c 1953 and produced to promote the Scottish Youth Hostel Association. It would appear from the film that in order to go hostelling it was compulsory for both boys and girls to wear a kilt! The film visited the Falls of Leny. Monachyle Hostel, the Falls of Dochart and then the remainder of the film was based in Killin Youth Hostel, showing aspects of hostel life.

The final film was "Perthshire Panorama" made in 1959 for the Perthshire Tourist Board and destined to be shown in cinemas throughout the UK and abroad. Although rather pink in colour due to deterioration of the film it was an excellent example of the early promotional film used to attract visitors to the area. The countryside, towns and villages appeared almost deserted compared to today but the scenery was shown in all its splendour and films such as this must have played a huge role in bringing tourism to the region.

The Scottish Film and Television Archive has over 20,000 'cans' of film, only 8,000 of which have actually been opened and viewed. What treasures await the eye?

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The Frost Report

Change Is Forever

Do you remember the Australians who were stranded in the snowdrift on their way to Glen Lyon for the nightlife? A similar thing happened on the last day of the hind stalking in blizzard conditions by Lochan na Lairige. The bedraggled driver was watching the snow pile up round his stranded car. He told me that he was having difficulty turning round to return to Glen Lyon so was trying to carry on through the deepening snow. He couldn't turn round because he couldn't reverse to the passing place.

Let us hope that few of the people who invade us from the urban areas are as ignorant as this of our area, especially the ones who will be shaping our future. At the moment political decisions are being made without due consultation with those whom they affect. In 1995 £28.3 million from fishing and £9.7 million from hunting, shooting and stalking was the estimated direct income in Scotland. Add to this approximately 2950 full time jobs and indirect income and it can be seen how heavily our rural infrastructure relies on present land use. Like the puppy for Christmas we must remember that change is for ever, not

just for the present political climate.

The drafts for the proposed 'Right to Roam' legislation appear to ignore the protection of wildlife and endangered species. What protection will be given to SSSI's? Will landowners be able to create 'No Go' areas as organisations like the RSPB can? (One ex-local seems to think so :-Walking on the hills round here on a recent return visit he disturbed deer and said to his companion "We had better leave these animals in peace or we will be in that ***** Killin News again.")

Who will pay for the erosion on and around the hill tracks?

The island of Rhum is a controlled area where unique and world renowned research on red deer has been carried out for many years. Recently some interesting information about stabilising population may be curtailed by SNH. The people in power need to look closely at what is good about our present heritage. Some things and people are still vital - if only to rescue the townies who can't reverse. *Tim Frost*

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The people of Killin don't have much by way of Leisure facilities- it would be tragic if we lost our Sports Club and Leisure Pavilion. This facility is used by the youth of the village as well as the older generation and visitors.

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Killin Surgery News

We have two new members of staff to introduce this month. Diana Twigg is enjoying her new post as part-time receptionist. She is well known to many of you and is contributing greatly to our friendly reception team. Liz Lambert is our new part-time practice nurse and is looking forward to extending the services currently provided. Our new computer system is not proving such a welcome addition at present, due to numerous teething problems with both hardware and software. We hope it will be worth it in the long run and apologise for the current difficulties!

We can now offer a nurse's clinic from 9 -11.30 am, Monday to Thursday, with appointments. At present, 10 minute appointments can be made with Liz for routine blood tests, urine tests, blood pressure checks and ECG recordings if there is no need to see a doctor. New patients will be offered a longer appointment to check their medical history and record basic clinical information. We are reviewing the records of all patients with heart disease and will be setting up a review clinic to ensure we keep up to date with their treatment and progress. We hope to develop our health promotion services in conjunction with Liz and the community nursing staff to offer support for stopping smoking, healthy eating and general health checks. We see this as an exciting opportunity and hope that you will take advantage of Liz's services.

Dr Elaine Turner has been involved in negotiations with the Health Board and Scottish Office for the past two years, to try to change the terms of the inducement scheme for rural doctors which regulates our income, to enable her to job share. She has been unable to find any one willing to job share with her under the current terms of the scheme and has now reluctantly decided to resign as a partner, due to lack of progress in improving the scheme (she can explain the details if you are interested!). She hopes to continue to work with us part time, through a scheme for doctors with domestic commitments, in a similar way to previous doctors who have worked with us when in training. We will shortly be holding interviews for a replacement partner in the practice and look forward to having a further doctor on our team.



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Sheena Chisholm

Spring Is Sprung

Do we detect the first signs of spring? The lengthening of the day, skeens of geese heading for colder climes, the aerobatic lapwings darting through the sky, the Oyster Catchers calling, new growth on plants and trees - or the banshee scream of the greater spotted Motorcyle!

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Stirling Council News

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With a budget in credit and a bank balance of more than £6 million Stirling Council fears that all its hard work will be unravelled by the government's dismal funding of 2000.

The cost of phoning Stirling Council is now cheaper for rural residents. The new low cost, local phone number is 0845 274 3322. This is a great boost to Killin and surrounding area as it now means calls to Stirling Council will be charged at the local rate, as if you were calling another Killin number.

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Obituaries

Herbert Douglas Mutch Reid (Dougie) 1923 - 2000, passed away on 6th of February in Stirling Royal Infirmary after a short illness.

Dougie was born in Monymusk, Aberdeenshire on 17th November 1923, the youngest of nine (eight boys and one girl). His father died before he was born, but the family continued to work the farm between them. In 1939 before the War started, when he was sixteen, he joined the Royal Navy and saw action in the Special Services Unit.

At the beginning of 1947 he met his wife, Nan, at the dancing, and on 4th August 1948, the couple married at St Christopher Church in Glasgow. Dougie followed the family tradition by joining the Police Force and served in the Ayrshire Constabulary. He was stationed at Cumnock for two years. Glengarnock for 3 years and then Irvine where he remained for 13 years, and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. In 1965 he was moved to Saltcoats as the Station Sergeant and served there until he retired.

Colin J Kennedy died on 23rd February 2000 after a short but courageous battle with cancer at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Colin was a native of Killin, born in River View in 1936. Upon leaving school he worked with his father, a blacksmith in Killin and district for several years. Much of his beautiful wrought iron work, gates, railings etc., can still be seen throughout the village and surrounding area. He was a member of the Killin JAC, Killin Fire Brigade and the Masonic Lodge Breadalbane St Fillans No. 815. Colin emigrated to Canada with his family in 1967 and worked in the construction industry for 25 years.

He leaves behind his wife Margaret and son Colin. He will be sadly missed.

David Robertson. Master Butcher, died at Belhaven, Dunbar on 13th January 2000 after a long illness. He was 84.

He left Dunning at the age of 16 to be a butcher with W McNee in Killin. He often talked about McNee's, his life at Burnbank and the happy days he spent in Killin playing football etc. He loved McNee's and the many friends he had in Killin.

He is survived by his wife Christina.

During his time in Irvine. Dougie was Clerk to the Board of Management of St Andrew's Church, and oversaw the raising of funds for the building of the new church. When he retired from the Police Force he followed a career in Industrial Security and eventually formed his own company.

In January 1975 Nan and Dougie first moved to Killin where Nan ran the Youth Hostel and he travelled daily to work. In 1981, to enable Dougie to be closer to his office, they moved to Broxburn. In 1989, the business was sold and the family bought a pub in Abernethy. Perthshire.

In 1994, he decided to retire, and Nan and Dougie moved back to Killin, where he enjoyed his golf with the Senior Members. He was the Treasurer of Killin Initiative for two years and was involved with the Folk Festival and Highland Games.

Dougie is survived by his wife Nan, son Douglas and daughter Fiona, four grandchildren, his sister and two brothers.

Edna Mitchell (Nee Hogg) died on 19th November 1999 in Stirling Royal Infirmary and was buried in Killin. Born at Auchmore during the Earl of Breadalbane's time in 1920, she had often remarked that Auchmore House (now demolished) had "a window for every day of the year!". She married William Mitchell and lived at Fassiefern during the 1940's and they were the first tenants in 16 Fingal Road when the houses were new. Edna's interests, apart from her family, were the Dramatic Society and Country Dancing. She is survived by her three sons. Ernest, Lester and Derek.

Killin Tiddlers and Toddlers

We welcome babies as well as toddlers to come along (up to the age of three) as it gives mum (or dad) a chance to meet the others in the group. We meet every Friday in the Church Hall. Ballechroisk from 9:30am till 11:30am. except for the first Friday of each month when we meet in the nursery. A wide range of activities and plenty of toys, jigsaws, books, play tents, trampoline and baby toys ensures that all ages are kept amused. A warm welcome and a cup of coffee or tea are extended to all parents.

The very successful 40/60 sale on November 6th raised over £700, with £365 for toddlers and £148 going back to those who sold items at the sale.

We would like to thank Kay Riddell at the library who sold all the tickets for the Christmas hamper (won by May Aitken) and thanks also to all who have supported us over the past year.

We enjoyed a super Christmas Party run by the playgroup and look forward to 2000 being as successful and enjoyable.

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Thank You

I have now had a few months to reflect since the death of my mother Edna Mitchell and having read copies of the Killin News on my visits to Fingal Road over the years I knew it to be the right publication to convey the following message.

Like so many others I left home on leaving school and as my life has developed away from Killin I have at times wondered what kept my mother living in the village for all of her 79 years. However as the years go on and your own family grows up, a sense of needing to put down roots and have a settled environment does develop. Perhaps a sense of belonging to a community, of which a village like Killin must be an ideal example, is why my mother felt comfortable and secure in living all her life in the village?

Certainly such a sense of comfort and security became apparent to me on the day of my mother's funeral. Upon entering the church, with memories of such as Sunday School lessons, rather than being in some faceless building made me feel secure. Then to realise that we were not alone but had been joined by those who had known my Mother and our family over the years added to that sense of comfort and security. As we left the church and before moving on to the cemetery, my eldest brother and I had a chance to meet all those at the service. I was heartened to see so many familiar faces, despite it being 25 years since I left the village, and was struck by the feeling of "community" amongst the wide range of ages of those there.

Accordingly, on behalf of all our family I would like to say a heartfelt "Thank you" to everyone for their kind thoughts and support.

Derek Mitchell. 5 Highgrove. Battle, East Sussex.

Colin McRae and the Millennium Committee would like to thank all the hosts, participants and helpers of the Safari Supper for making this event such a success.

The next Safari Supper will be on Saturday, 18th November.

In the words of Sir Winston Churchill. "So much was owed, by so many, to so few".

Thank you all.

It is my pleasure once again to say how much my friends and I enjoyed this years Panto. "The Pied Piper". The class of 2000 in sheer exuberance and youthful high spirits performed marvellously. The elements of a good Panto were all there and there really were some moments of pure magic. The costumes and set are always wonderful, but for me the choice of songs, which the audience could join in with, made a wonderful evening. We appreciate all the hard work! Many thanks.

Jean Henderson. Fingal Road. Killin.

The Killin Boys Brigade Association would like to say a big thank you to everyone who had generously donated money during the recent appeal for funds. To date we have raised the magnificent sum of over £260. Thank you all.

Nan, Douglas. Fiona and the family wish to thank everyone for their messages of sympathy and flowers received during their recent sad bereavement, and to all who paid their last respects at the Church and Crematorium for their kind words and support. Special thanks to the local Doctors and Nursing Staff for their care and attention, and to the Rev. John Lincoln for his comforting services.

Ballechroisk Court, Killin.

Mrs E McAusland, Ard Bruach. Lochearnhead. would like to thank the Bank of Scotland and the Killin News for the £25 for winning the Christmas Crossword. It was a very pleasant surprise.

Thank you.

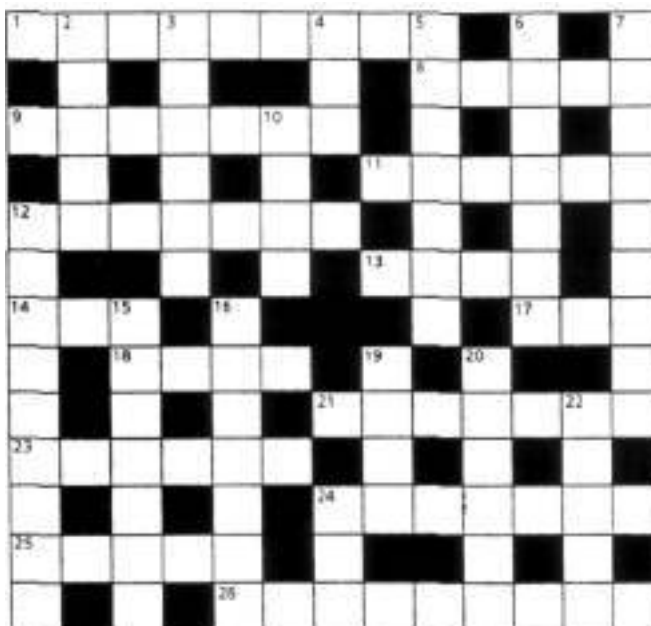
Crossword By Scorpio

Clues Across:

1. Useful for studying what is over the heads of others (9)
8. Arise to an Irish Funeral (5)
9. Little Desmond is unable to harmonise (7)
11. Extremely unpleasant (6)
12. Greek measurement for the sportsground (7)
13. Create unrest (4)
14. Abyssinian prince or simply a headland (3)
17. Ogle - sounds like forever (3)
18. Select the right golf aid to obtain the arborial member of course (4)
21. Completely surround (7)
23. Search for the queen as a sports person (6)
24. Places to visit for heydays or holidays (7)
25. Gino is ever trying to escape from the hubbub (5)
26. The speciality of one of the residents of Baker Street London (9)

Clues Down:

2. Oriental aperture joined in happening (5)
3. Needs to be deciphered in order to be understood (2,4)
4. This is a short month (3)
5. Lug on timpani for tymponum (7)
6. 100 on alert for a drinking spree (7)
7. Try, try and continue to do so (9)
10. Lady of habit with love for a grammatical name (4)
12. No room for doubt here (4,5)
15. Is the substitute not allowed to sit? (5,2)
16. Moved further away (7)
19. Proposals are made on one of them (4)
20. Nobody at home. Are they on strike? (3,3)
22. Language of the Bantu people (5)
24. Half a carrot can go off (3)



Solution to Last Crossword

Across:

6. stepson
7. offal
9. CND
10. unhealthy
12. imploration
15. detrimental
17. convinced
19. pot
21. means
22. thinned.

Down:

1. stone
2. spy
3. down
4. a full team
5. fashion
8. hen-run
11. improving
13. lemons
14. demoted
16. money
18. echo
20. gnu



LETTERS



Dear Editor

The Annual General Meeting of the Tay Liaison Committee was held in Aberfeldy on Tuesday 8th February. The Committee was re-formed in response to the proposal of Lord Sewel and the Scottish Office to revoke the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries (Scotland) Act, 1976. This legislation serves to control freshwater fishing in the whole of the River Tay system, making water widely available to the public and, at the same time, giving protection to the environment, the fish and to the riparian owner. Under the Act, which is criminal law, the angler is required to follow locally applied rules and carry a written authority to fish; such permits are widely available for a moderate charge. If revocation had been allowed to proceed, there would have been no effective control, anyone would have been free to fish anywhere. There is no doubt that this would have been disastrous, so we were all relieved greatly when, after a great deal of hard work and considerable expense to the angling clubs, the Secretary of State allowed the legislation to remain in place.

The AGM was poorly attended in spite of extensive publicity. Most of those who were present were voluntary, unpaid members of the Liaison Committee who had travelled from as far afield as Glasgow and Dundee for the meeting. Sadly, riparian owners, who gain most from the Protection Order, were very few in number.

The report presented to the meeting was the result of many hours of effort by committee members. In particular, I would like to draw attention to the most important work of Alex Stewart from Killin who was responsible for gathering and analysing statistics that were demanded by the Scottish Office and which were a central part of the document. The next year will be spent in developing all aspects of the work on the committee to the benefit of owners, fish, environment, fishermen and the public.

I hope that this letter may encourage everyone concerned to support the Tay Liaison Committee, which is striving for the good of the community

Dr Alistair Inglis, Baile Mhuilinn, Lawers.

Dear Editor

On Saturday 4 March, I was transported to Fintry to watch the Scottish Community Drama Association Festival of One Act Plays which were performed by three separate Drama Groups.

One of the plays entitled 'Green Favours', was performed by Killin Drama Club. The audience was treated to a succession of laughs by the two sole characters in this play, 'Valerie' played by Glenda Mardon and 'Tom' by Gordon Hibbert. Both were excellent in their roles and received lavish praise from the eminent adjudicator. Lesley Syme was the skilful producer with able assistance from Stage Manager Rory Syme.

The third play presented by the Riverside Drama Club of Stirling, was entitled 'All for Mairi's Wedding'. This play was produced by Killin's own Lesley Kettle. Another excellent performance.

A thoroughly entertaining evening was had by all. What a wealth of talent we have in the village. Well done.

John Greaves, Kiltyrie Farmhouse, by Killin.

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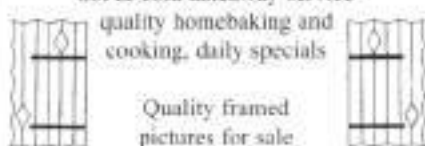
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The Killin News Committee will be present and it would be lovely if members of the public would attend also. A hot cup of tea/coffee will be ready before the meeting starts at 7.45 pm. Please come along and meet the people who put your paper together and give us your views on how we can improve our service.

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30 April 2000

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