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# KILLIN NEWS

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## Fancy Dress Dance & Easter Ceilidh

Having been advertised on nearly every lamp post in the village and with the super billboard up on top of the entrance to the McLaren Hall, it's not surprising that there was a great turnout on the night. Visitors revelled in the atmosphere as mostly villagers in fancy dress paraded round the Hall. Obviously, a great deal of creative energy went into the outfits!

The winner of the first prize was "The Gang from Kinnell" with the Loch Ness Monster – Nessie Dowling – a.k.a. Kay and Anthony and nephews Lee and Mark Thompson. It got a great cheer as "it" entered the Hall! Second prize went to Gordon & Sheila Aitken and Jim & Elizabeth Woods as The Flintstones, complete with the Flintstone Mobile & Dino!



A wooden eagle sculptured by Duncan Gillies of Taynuilt was auctioned on the night and sold to Jim Galloway of Ardvorlich Lodge for £145. Pamela would like to thank Gordon Aitken for donating the eagle and Eric McAllister and Douglas McRobbie for donating the prize money. She has three more kind sponsors for next years' dance, Gordon Aitken, Jim Woods and William Stitt, so get your thinking caps on now and help make next year's dance another great success.

£922 was raised for Cancer Research.



*The Ugly Sisters - really were sisters!  
Margaret Steele & Morag MacKenzie*

*Always on hand for an emergency -  
Doctors Receptionist and Fire  
Fighter - Robin (Fiona Buchanan).  
Batman (Michael McLaren) was in  
his tights, saving Gotham City!*

*Barney Rubble (Jim Woods), Wilma  
Flintstone (Sheila Aitken), Betty Rubble  
(Elizabeth Woods), & Fred Flintstone  
(Gordon Aitken) with Dino - where were  
Pebbles & Bam Bam?*







# Killin News Across The Globe



This Killin News ventured from Killin to Tasmania to Nepal! Jillian Meldrum (McLean) trekking through Nepal's stunning mountains - the roof of the world. 🐾

Not quite "Killin News Across The Globe", but Kathleen & John Blyth (Killin 1961-90) on holiday in Perth Australia. They just happened to be staying at the same hotel as Annie Allan's youngest son Bill who was on Bank of Scotland business - Bank of Scotland really does mean a 'Friend For Life'! 🐾



This photo was from Mrs Campbell, Machany. Her grandson Frant Fraser from Scone is teaching English in Wakayama High School, Japan. 🐾



Muriel & Roger Bedwell with 'Killin News' on the Appalachian Trail in Tennessee. November 1999 at approx. 6,000 ft. up! 🐾



🐾 Fred 'Castro' Richardson with the skyline of Havana, Cuba behind. Gregor Macaulay of Glen Lochay gave Fred his Killin News to take on his fishing holiday in April. A fishing friend for many years, Fred still prefers cooler Killin out on Loch Tay for Salmon with Gregor. Incidentally, the same Killin News is now on its way to Murmansk, inside the Arctic Circle. Watch out for the next issue of Killin News.

## G'Day From Downunder!

Beryl McLean and Kathleen Blyth are reading the Killin News in Beryl's son Iain's garden in Sydney, Australia. 🐾



# Killin Welcomes the 21st Century

## The Killin Web Site

In the early Summer of 1999, Iain Campbell and Gregor MacKenzie, residents of Killin, decided to do what others had dreamt of – create an internet site dedicated to the scenic and historic village of Killin. Their reason for doing this was because many people had talked of, and even attempted to create Killin sites, but without much success. Iain and Gregor considered that an ‘independent local site’ created by ‘independent locals’ could operate in an unbiased light and that this was the road to follow. Thus the Killin Web Site was conceived. An uncomplicated name was essential, therefore the domain name [killin.co.uk](http://killin.co.uk) was purchased and since that day last summer, Iain and Gregor have been working every spare minute to get the site up and running.

When interviewed about the site Gregor said, “We informed everyone in the village of the proposed new site but unfortunately did not receive a large response. Perhaps now we are open, people will see the quality for themselves, and more will come forward. Iain and I viewed other web sites, and critically evaluated them, before deciding on topics to create and develop on the Killin Web Site. After photographing what seems like most of Killin, typing up endless files, conferring, set-backs, expensive phone bills, many (very) late nights, and lots of tweaking and alterations, the site is now ready to be released.”



Gregor and Iain

The new Killin Web Site [www.killin.co.uk](http://www.killin.co.uk) will open promptly at 6 pm on Saturday 20 May 2000. Either Iain or Gregor will be online in the ‘Chatterbox’ from 7 pm. Everyone is invited to join them there and express their views on the site and offer constructive criticism. Remember, literally hundreds of hours have gone into creating this site, they have a lot of ideas still to pursue and things might not be exactly as they would wish – so please be gentle.

## Killin Primary School Newspaper

The next issue of the Killin News will have an 8 page centre fold produced by the children in the final class of Killin Primary School, before they leave to go up to the big school. The children will design the paper themselves (aided by the headmistress, teachers and the Killin News), they will decide on content, take photos, do interviews, and have an outing to Stirling to the printers, to see it coming ‘hot off the press’. The pupils will also experience their newspaper going ‘Online’ on the new Killin Web Site, with assistance from Iain and Gregor, and will narrate their paper onto tape with help from Richard at Tay Vision Leisure Marketing. The children will also help with the delivery – I’m sure I hear a sigh of relief from Allan Walker, especially when you consider that this will most likely increase the Killin News to a hefty 40 pages! Already the sixteen children have had their first Committee meeting to discuss content and have democratically appointed their Editor. This is an exciting project not only for the children but for the Killin News too.

The Killin News has definitely arrived in the 21st Century – we are now ‘online’, as they say in the upper echelons of computing. This issue in its entirety, including adverts (at no extra charge to our advertisers), has been launched on the new Killin Web Site. Now, not only will you be able to scroll down and view each page, you will also be able to see our photos in full colour! Will that put us out of a job, I hear you ask? – We hope not! We firmly maintain that there is nothing better than curling up in the comfort of your armchair and physically thumbing through the pages of your favourite magazine or newspaper. Unlike the ‘Courier’, you don’t need arms six feet wide, and you don’t get your fingers all covered in newsprint, to read the Killin News. So why bother? – Tourists planning to visit our area from all over the UK, and the farthest corners of the world, will be able to have a flavour of Killin village life, through the new Killin Web Site and the online version of Killin News. Our advertisers will benefit from the global promotion.

The comfort and familiarity of things remaining unchanged is homely, but time does not stand still. Yes, being online will give us more work, take up more time and money, but the Killin News Team are not Luddites, this is the age of technology, and we fully embrace it. The Killin News exists, not just because it is our hobby, but to raise awareness of, and benefit, the village of Killin and surrounding area. We think that currently the Word Wide Web is the best way to do this. To view the Killin Web Site and the Killin News Online from your computer could not be simpler – at the address box type [www.killin.co.uk](http://www.killin.co.uk) and hit the enter key.

The Killin News Team would like to thank Gregor MacKenzie and Iain Campbell for inviting us to participate in the super new Killin Web Site.

## Millennium Newspaper

The Community Newspaper Forum has now ‘put to bed’ this area’s very first Millennium Newspaper. Almost 30 Community Newspapers groups from all over the Stirling Council area, including the Killin News, have been involved in putting this special commemorative edition together. It may well be that it was delivered with this copy of the Killin News – if not, then it won’t be far away. 20,000 copies of it will be delivered FREE throughout the area. Special thanks to Stirling Council’s Pauline Roberts and Ian McCourt for their invaluable assistance in compiling this special issue.



## No Title....Yet !

The previous issue of the Killin News brought to your attention the birth of a possible new venture to improve and enhance the community facilities in and around Killin:- increased library space, room for Killin Out Of School Care, a computer suite for individual and class use, office space, a business and counselling room, clinical room for physiotherapy, dentist, chiropody etc, day care for the elderly.....the list goes on.

The project grew out of two happenings coming together at the right time. The first was the independent consultancy commissioned by our Killin GPs which discovered again and again that there are a lot of organisations and service providers out there which we normally travel to, which would come to us if only they could rent the right type of space for the right amount of time. The second factor was a relatively new, high profile "New Opportunities" Lottery Fund offering substantial monies for viable projects of this nature called the Healthy Living Centre fund.

The public meeting, held on 23rd March attracted eighteen ladies and four men. Discussion was positive, and resulted in nine volunteers for a community-led Steering Group coming forward. Elaine Turner (Killin GP) and Sue Wyllie (temporary Community Animateur)

thereafter made contact with several community groups, who had been unable to attend the meeting, to spread the invitation to join the Steering Group.

The first Steering Group meeting took place on Thursday 27th March. Thirteen people attended: Elaine Turner, Jane Brown, Yvonne MacPherson, Phil Simpson, John MacPherson, Helen Weir, Irene Graham (Strathfillan Community Council), Theresa Robertson, Michael MacLaren, John Mallinson, Linda FitzGerald, Laurie Hopkin (Lochearnhead Community Council) and Sue Wyllie. Apologies were received from a further six: David Syme, Mary Anderson, Carol Kelly, Fiona Buchanan, Mhairi Riddell and Donald Third.

The energy and immense enthusiasm of this group was reflected in the discussions. Sometimes exciting – sometimes frustrating, because at present everything and nothing is possible. The task now begins of tying down facts, figures and people to ascertain what is really feasible and sustainable. To date, the venture has no agreed title: it has been called a community centre, resource centre, healthy living centre project. It must be noted that it might result in one of many options – it could be one community resource centre or it could be co-ordinated use and/or improvements to

a wide range of existing community buildings. Already, there are plans to extend facilities at the Nurses' Clinic in Killin to cover Day Care for the elderly and improved Clinical rooms.

The Steering Group's first agreed actions are to arrange a meeting with the Trustees of the McLaren Hall and likewise with Stirling Council Library Services. They plan to make contact with our local teenagers to seek their views and involvement in the venture, and to approach several organisations for contributions to fund this feasibility stage. Their next meeting is on 17th May.

*Sue Wyllie*

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# The Killin Dump!

The much worked for and warmly welcomed rubbish skip arrived as promised for the first few days of March. Regrettably, things started going awry from the moment it arrived. It was dropped off in the bottom public car park instead of being deposited where it could be supervised at all times and locked up at night. Result? Overflow of refrigerator, bath and loads of rubbish before and after the skip had been collected. Result? No skip was delivered in April or May nor will be any other month, until a supervised, lockable site can be found.

This is a tale of two Council Departments. The Waste and Recycling Department are committed to providing a skip, and thought that the Killin Roads Depot would be ideal. But the Roads Department are concerned about lack of space in the Depot and security.

Waste and Recycling are still actively looking for a suitable site within the Killin area or for funds to fence one. There is funding available from the Stirling Landfill Tax Trust, but it cannot be used to provide services which Stirling Council should be providing anyway. Also, any application for funding has to be "Community led" – Stirling Council cannot access this money on our behalf.

Possibly by working with the Council to seek to improve our recycling facilities we could combine ideas, get extra resources and really improve local facilities. If this sort of thinking interests you, contact Sue Wyllie (temporary Community Animator; answerphone 01567 820154). A meeting is planned for the evening of Thursday 25th May at Kippen Environment Centre (where they have a "tasteful" recycling pavilion and community composting). This meeting could provide food for thought and action.

In the meantime, the message from Stirling Council's Waste and Recycling Officer is please do not jeopardise the skip situation being resolved by dumping rubbish in the car park. If you need a "Special Uplift" of large or bulky household waste it will cost you £10.00 per visit – not per item. This service is also provided free for pensioners and the unemployed. Contact Clarence on freephone 0800 232323 or Stirling Council Technical Services.

Sue Wyllie



The disgraceful dumping of household waste when there obviously was no skip to put it in. Note the burst car battery leaking acid in the centre of the photo. This was the one item which Stirling Council and Killin Community Council, through the pages of the Killin News, stressed must not be dumped. Apart from jeopardising the skip situation, it is also very dangerous – especially in this area where people, children and dogs are often walking.



**The photo shows the sight which greets our visitors to Killin!**

*Ed's Comment:*

*The local police have asked the Killin News to bring to your attention that rubbish **must not** be dumped in the car park when there is no skip. **Shame on you if you do.** However, the people of Killin should not shoulder all the guilt. Stirling Council must get their act together, liaise with departments and have a suitable/usable skip brought to Killin on a regular basis. Killin has been declared a Conservation Area, it may well form a part of the new National Park, it is a major tourist attraction – it cannot afford to have rubbish lying around the car park. And apart from all that, we, the people who live here don't want to live in a dump! **Shame on you, Stirling Council – especially after a 10% increase in Council Tax!***

*As a PS to this, news from Stirling Council concerning the "Free uplift for Pensioners and Unemployed", – it's the old story - there no such thing as a free lunch! - this service is only available if **all** residents in the property are pensioners or **all** residents are unemployed! Also, increased charges apply to "Special Uplifts" of garden refuse and other ancillary items.*



This photo begs the question, "Is it because there is no money in recycling green glass that the bottle bank is full and overflowing – or did everyone just drink too much at Easter?!"

## Strathfillan Community Council

The meeting of the Strathfillan Community Council also opened with a discussion about the proposed new Resource Centre for Killin and surrounding area. (Article on page 4)

A letter was sent to Sylvia Jackson MSP emphasising the importance of retaining the Post Offices in the area.

Stirling Council Planning Department had turned down an application for outline planning for a house at Upper Station Tyndrum. The reason given is that this area lies outside the village envelope. John Riley followed this up with a letter to state that maybe there had been an error in placing an area with a railway station and two houses outside the village envelope.

John Riley attended the Stirling Assembly with Moira Robertson. He emphasised how informative these meeting are at which everyone can have their say. Well worth attending by any member of the public.

The Community Council expressed grave concerns about mobile phone masts and lack of planning control and will take this matter further.

Concerns were expressed about the proposed move of Maternity and Gynaecological services from Stirling to Falkirk.

Volunteers Week is 1 – 7 June. This is a chance to say thank you to volunteers, recruit new volunteers and get publicity in the local press or radio. Contact Sheilah Greig, Volunteer Development Scotland 01786 479593.

A letter was received from Tony Kelly, Housing Management Co-ordinator. A Sensitive Allocation Policy is to be established. The aim is to list 2-apartment properties which are near shops etc and are in demand by the over 60's. It is vital that there continue to be 2-apartment properties available for applicants under 60. Strathmore Terrace will not be on the list because they are the only 2-apartment houses in Strathfillan.

The next meeting of the Community Council with is also the Annual General Meeting is Wednesday 7th June in Crianlarich Hall at 7.30 pm.

### Killin News Stretches Out West

News has reached us that we have some friends of the Killin News in the West at Dalmally. **Welcome.** Please feel free to participate in the Killin News and send us any items of interest.

Editor

### Jock of the Bushveldt

Readers will remember the saga which originated when we printed the "People File" on Mervyn Browne. Mervyn mentioned his liking for the book "Jock of the Bushveldt" by Sir Percy FitzPatrick. We also featured Bunny Ireland's photo of a house called "Jock of the Bushveldt" in South Africa. Ever avid to leave no stone unturned, we can reveal that Jock was a dog of many adventures in a South Africa that has gone forever – big game – hunting – outspanning. A copy of the book "Jock of the Bushveldt" was brought to us recently by a Killin News reader from England who has a holiday home in Killin. In the photo is the infamous "Jock".

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## Sheep Worrying Incident

This photo shows the idyllic picture we all like to see in the spring when the sheep and lambs are basking in the sunshine. However, this is not always the case and an example of the worst kind of incident that can happen to sheep, occurred in Killin on the morning of Wednesday 26th April.

There is often a flock of sheep kept in the field opposite the Cemetery and occasionally both locals and visitors are seen walking there. On most occasions the sheep are at one side of the field and the dogs at the other and invariably on a lead, just as they should be around sheep. On this occasion the two dogs were not under the control of their owner and those watching witnessed the frightening sight of two large dogs hurtling around in the midst of the sheep whilst the owner was at the far side of the field. The dogs, both very dark in colour, one of a distinct Alsatian or Alsatian cross breed and the other more like a Labrador, raced amongst the terrified animals for some time, and were seen to bring at least two sheep to the ground.

The Police were called, and in the meantime, others went out to try and stop the incident from becoming any worse, including a local man, Mr Wilson, who jumped into the River Lochay to save a drowning sheep. However, the owner and dogs disappeared from the scene very rapidly without any form of apology. Word travels quickly in a village such as Killin and there is a strong suspicion that this was a local person.

All dog owners should keep their animals on a lead when they are anywhere near sheep. It would not be the first time that a farmer has shot a dog seen loose amongst livestock. No one wants to see that happen but if owners can not behave responsibly, then, they must expect the worst for their pet.

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## Silence of the Lambs II



In 1996, I wrote an article for the Killin News entitled "Silence of the Lambs!". The recent escapade of a local man jumping into the River Lochay to rescue a drowning sheep which had been chased and traumatised by loose dogs, brought it all back to mind.

Saturday 29 April was a beautiful day - the sun was shining and people were wearing shorts and tee shirts in the Main Street. We decided to have an outing to Crarae Gardens near Inveraray. On route, just outside Tyndrum at the side of the main road, a sheep bleating for its dead lamb - hit by a passing car, the poor wee thing was lying in the verge. Hardened Editor of the Killin News I maybe, but I couldn't bear to impose the sadness of that photo upon you.

Just outside of Inveraray is a well fenced field of sheep with lambs - the lambs were wearing bright orange reflective jackets. Very cute, cosy and cared for. I couldn't help but think that perhaps if the Tyndrum lamb had been wearing one of these, it might not have got run over - but I digress.

I have great difficulty in finding logic in this sheep scenario. Sheep cost so much to keep and fetch so little at market that some farmers have resorted to killing them and burying the carcasses. Gamekeepers are required to shoot foxes, and less scrupulous estates also shoot or poison birds of prey to stop them from taking the new lambs. A man risks his own life to save a sheep and the dogs most likely will be shot. And yet some farmers allow new lambs to wander around on a main trunk road - there is something not right here.

### European Democracy !

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Excerpt from Agricola in "The Villagers" (Community Newspaper for Balquhidder, Lochearnhead, Strathyre and St. Fillans).

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# Computer Open Day



**Ian shows the ideal situation  
to enhance your computer skills.**

A Computer Training Open Morning was held in the Killin Library on 3rd April. A representative from Clackmannan College was on hand to give advice and assistance. Several local people keen to learn or improve their computer skills turned up for this very informative, friendly and informal class. It must be said however, that with only one computer in the little corner of the library and with people attempting to literally squeeze past for books and videos, it was extremely cramped and not particularly conducive to learning.

Perhaps if the Killin Library can be relocated in the proposed new Resource Centre, the extra space could house more computers and facilitate more adult learning classes. When you consider the current environmental climate of encouraging people to use public transport (which is not exactly feasible in Killin) and the fact that Scotland has the most expensive petrol in the world, it makes sense for villagers to become more familiar with computing. E-Commerce – Shopping on Line – surfing the net – Internet Café – all this is could be possible without leaving the village. Also, with the upsurge of Call Centres, creating jobs in Stornoway and similar remote situations, wouldn't it be wonderful, if when the children leave school, they could have jobs here. There is such a wealth of talent leaving the village to look for work or further education elsewhere. Distance learning is not an unattainable dream – it can happen. A new Resource Centre would not be the panacea for all ills but it would go a long way to improve quality of life, especially for the young, in this rural area.

## Career Development ... Your Next Step

The Adult Learning Information and Guidance Service (ALIGS) is an initiative within Forth Valley, which is designed to give you access to information and guidance on a wide range of employment, learning and training opportunities. ALIGS is managed by Careers Central on behalf of nine partners. The service is free of charge and open to all. Using it couldn't be easier! Information on courses, training and personal development is available – Telephone 01786 446150. Information can also be obtained at 38 ALIGS sites – your nearest site is Callander Library.

One to one careers guidance interviews can be arranged at any time in Stirling Careers Office (tel: 01786 462036). An impartial, confidential guidance interview will allow you to explore career ideas, discuss options and entry requirements. Help with application forms, CV preparation and interview techniques is also available. Please phone for further details. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please note that it may be possible to arrange a careers guidance interview at a more convenient location.

ALIGS can also be accessed through its website at [www.aligs.co.uk](http://www.aligs.co.uk)

## SWRI

Mrs Kate Winton introduced Mr Burt from Fearnan to the March meeting. Mr Burt gave an interesting talk and demonstration on pottery making. Some members even tried their hand at pot throwing! Babs Gordon proposed the vote of thanks.

### Competitions:

Favourite Piece of Pottery: 1. May Graham, 2. Ellen Stewart, 3. Chrissie Fenton  
Marmalade: 1. Bunty McGregor, 2. Jan Willison 3. Monica Naismith

Mrs Kate Winton also welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting. On this the last meeting of the session, we had a talk about the work of the Samaritans.

The competition points cup was won by Ellen Stewart with Monica Naismith as runner-up. The bell for the best limerick was won by Fiona Inglis. The new committee was elected with Kate Winton re-elected as President.

### Competitions

Easter Card: 1. May Graham, 2. Monica Naismith, 3. Ellen Stewart  
Empire Biscuits: 1. Ellen Stewart, 2. Monica Naismith 3. May Graham.

M Hunter

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# Killin Community Bus Update & Fork Supper

Thanks to everyone who supported our recent Fork Supper. We raised approximately £625.

At the Killin Community Council meeting I said that the new bus would be red and here soon. Unfortunately this was mistaken identity with the supplier, the new bus will be **GREEN** and it is due to be delivered to us around the end of May.

The Committee are arranging (subject to confirmation) for Ian Donaldson to attend a three day Mini Bus Drivers Awareness Scheme training course in early June. Ian will use his acquired knowledge to instruct the registered community bus drivers.

The Annual General Meeting of the Killin Community Bus Company will be held on Wednesday 24 May in the McLaren Hall at 7.30 pm. A large turnout is essential as a stronger committee must be formed. The Scottish Office has given us £30,000 toward this bus. It is now up to us to prove that the bus is required and essential. In other words – This is YOUR bus – USE IT, OR LOSE IT!

J A Gauld



Robert and Stuart Grant were great helpers (and jokers!) on the salad table at the Fork Supper. It was a superb evening with some wonderful dishes such as Sweet & Sour Chicken, Vegetarian Lasagne, Beef Cassarole and Italian Chicken. The deserts were also to die for - Lemon Mousse, Chocolate Cake and the Sherry Trifle - definitely had Sherry in it! All this washed down with a couple of glasses of wine and lots of blethers in good company.

When is the next one???

## Daffodil Tea

The afternoon of 15th March was bright and sunny - just perfect for having tea in the glass-sided dining room at Firbush Point Field Centre with its glorious views up and down Loch Tay. Many people around Killin took the chance to do just that by attending a Daffodil Tea for the Killin Nursing Association in memory of Simon Twigg, who died in March last year. The tea was arranged by Rosie MacDonald and Fiona Inglis and raised an impressive £630.

For the benefit of the same cause, eight other intrepid ladies (Diana Twigg, Margaret Campbell, Terry Dodd, Dani Grant, Morag McAllister, Frances McLaggan, Kay Riddell and Liz Stevens) have been training for a sponsored walk. They hope to complete 95 miles of the West Highland Way from Milngavie to Fort William during a week in May - before the midges emerge! Sponsorship forms are in the Killin Library and throughout the village.

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organising the Daffodil Tea

## Total Madness!

On 27th March someone committed a cruel and despicable deed to an old three-legged cat "Arthur" who belonged to Georgie and Alistair Mackenzie in Monemore. "Arthur" was found by staff at the Tighnabruaich Hotel near the steps. He had been SHOT at close range by an air gun or pistol. He did not die at once, his claws had traces of tarmac in them where he had dragged himself along, he must have been in agony for hours. He was eventually put out of his misery by the vet. How anyone could be so cruel to an animal is beyond belief.

If you have any information on this "insanity", please get in touch with the local police or the Killin News.



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## The Angling

The first Salmon off the Club Water fell to Davy Murray, so our records will show he had the privilege of landing the Millennium Salmon. Grant Tigwell, our newest salmon member, did not only land his first ever salmon, but proceeded to get a second a few days later. It is interesting to note that there have been reports of salmon being caught well up stream on the River Dochart, which can only be good for both anglers and future stocks. The West end of Loch Tay continues to produce catches and many fish have been seen, so with the next high water they should be spreading through the upper system.

The cold snap will keep the trout inactive, so patience hopefully will bring better conditions in the late spring and into the summer. The hill lochs of Breaclaich and Geadas have been closed to anglers due to work which is being carried out to the dam wall, and the danger of exposed peat banks, and contractor's vehicles. This is a safety

measure and all members and visitors are requested to abide by this until the work has been completed. Notices will be posted once the water level is back to normal. As a result of this measure, some competitions will be switched to Lochan na Lairige, but notices will be displayed in the newsagents as usual.

Thanks are due to the dedicated band who repaired and painted the club boats, but more work needs to be done at the end of the season so all members are asked to give some time to keep this valuable asset up to scratch.

The competitions are about to get underway and good support from members makes these very enjoyable so get in touch with Donald McLarty and put your names down.

Alex Stewart



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On Thursday 16 March 2000, Jim Cushley owner of Lix Toll Garage Ltd, Killin was presented with an "Investors In People" award, sponsored by Forth Valley and Scottish Enterprises. The award has four basic principles; Commitment, Planning, Action and Review. Lix Toll Garage demonstrated how these principles are attained by the business through the people who work within it.

At a presentation function held in the Old Mill Restaurant, Killin, Jim Cushley, Director of the company, emphasised that communication enhanced the relationship between staff and management, and that by developing staff skills an increased standard of workmanship was ensured, thereby improving the overall business, and in their particular case, improving the image of the garage industry as a whole.

Lix Toll Garage employs 20 full time, permanent staff and is the largest employer in the area. Although trade is augmented in the summer time through tourism, none of these jobs is dependent upon the tourist industry. Lix Toll's specialist niche in the market place in used Landrovers and spare parts, together with its local customer base, ensures all year round secure employment.

Upon presenting the award, John MacPherson, Acting Chairman of the Killin Community Council spoke of Jim's

# Lix Toll Garage Win Award



Photo courtesy of Richard Shand  
Tay Vision Leisure Marketing

commitment to his staff and this rural community. John went on to humorously highlight some of his personal observations of the garage over the years: Jim is usually busy in his office with his infamous "Jim's Jottings!"; Billy Noble has an office although he is never in it!; John Hunter alias "Smokey" as he is always trying to burn down the garage: "Kiddy on a Tractor" alias Ian Noble: "Bandage Man" alias James Sinclair: "Good Gear" alias Malcolm McLarty the genius with a Mecano set who knows 5 reverse gears but only 1 forward!; "Rubber Man" Lester, we think for his expertise with tyres!; "Painter John" – don't linger around or you will get a coating! This banter portrayed the homely atmosphere of the garage and the great sense of humour of its "family" of staff.

Also present at the event were representatives from the Killin area business community - industrialists, builders, hoteliers, farmers, police, National Farmers Union, teachers, Fire Service, Highland Games, Community Bus, Killin Initiative, Killin Community Council and Killin News.

The "Investors In People" award marks the significant achievement of Jim Cushley and the staff at Lix Toll Garage.

## Church News

The summer assistant for the minister this year will be Susan Redford who is training at International Christian College in Glasgow to be a Pastoral Assistant. Susan will be with us in July, August and part of September.

Progress with the proposed development of the Session House is currently in the hands of the planning department who are reluctant to see the demise of this corrugated iron building! As the church is a listed building this is an issue, but a way forward is likely to emerge shortly and the project will become a bit more 'real'. The motivation for effectively creating a new building here is to provide somewhere suitable for the Sunday School to meet. However, the comfortable facility will be available for booking by other groups who want somewhere informal to meet and we are therefore thinking of the new development as the church's community rooms.

Phil Simpson

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## Killin Carpet Bowlers



The Bowlers held their Annual Dinner at the Killin Hotel on 8th April. Club President Dougie Livingstone presented the cups, ably assisted by his wife Kate. The results were as follows:

League Before Christmas: C Grant, B Rew, S Aitken, A McHenry

League After Christmas: C Grant, B Rew, C Higgins, S Aitken

Knockout Trophy: H Guild and J McHenry

Points Cup: D Livingstone

Handicap Shield: J Sinclair and S Aitken

Pairs Championship: J Sinclair and J Ogilvie

Singles Champion: H Guild

A good night for the Club and a good season for Hazel.

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The Charities Resources Committee lend equipment to local community groups or charities usually for FREE if they become affiliated members. The equipment includes a minibus, generator, charity stalls, TV and Video combi, Bingo machine, Disco unit, PA systems etc. The group also like to work with other organisations on a variety of projects and can provide a full bar service for that special event. Groups can also make use of a regular newsletter, "Lottery Lolly" which goes to all local authority staff including police and fire services to promote their activities.

If you have surplus office equipment or furniture then the Charities Resources Committee can arrange to uplift it from you and they donate it to a community group in the Stirling, Falkirk or Clackmannanshire Council area.

For more information please phone Stephen Nisbet on 012590 211052.

Forth Valley Area Scouts have a 50 feet x 30 feet marquee that they hire out (with an erection team) so if you are planning an event this year, why not book the marquee and help the Scouts raise funds. Adults are needed in all areas to join the erection teams and to help the scout groups locally, at district and area level. So if you feel you can help – even on a few occasions per year or wish to book the marquee, please contact Sandy Jack on 01383 880222.



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## An Evening With Killin Drama Club

Yet again the Killin Drama Club continues to surprise and delight. In April in the McLaren Hall we were greeted with tables candlelit, giving a totally different ambience.

Liz Stevens introduced a number of comedy sketches performed by some fourteen members of the Club. The sketches ranged from comical interpretations in the styles of Dickens, Shakespeare and Burns to a long suffering Santa and send ups of medical dramas and psychiatry.

The middle of the show, on a more serious note, was a performance of "Green Favours" with Gordon Hibbert and Glenda Mardon. Readers will remember that the Club was awarded



Runner Up and the Proctor Trophy at Fintry Hall in March at the Scottish Community Drama Association Festival with this play and went on to perform it in Edinburgh.

The play had a slightly bitter sweet quality despite the laughs, and it was interesting to see Gordon and Glenda in more serious mode.

All in all a good evening with the clinking of wine glasses, the twinkle of the table lights and the sparkle of the performers. AW



## Childhood Haunts Re-visited

Barry Courtney, a recent visitor to Killin, was delighted to be photographed outside his childhood home, the Toll Cottage, Bridge of Lochay. Barry lived in Killin from 1954 until 1957. His father Alex, was employed as a cost clerk by James Miller & Partners, one of the contractors for the construction of Lubreoch Dam.

In 1980 Barry went to live in Australia and has been back to Killin on a couple of fleeting visits since then. He had no personal contact in the village until last year when he wrote to the Secretary of Killin Heritage Society after

reading her letter in the Scots Magazine, asking for information from those who had worked on the 'Scheme'.

Whilst living in Killin, Barry was particularly friendly with Tom Brown, whose father was a project manager on the 'Scheme', and he lived in Tigh na Bruiach on the Main Street. There are only two 'local' names that Barry remembers. Grant MacDonald, who he thinks lived in Lyon Road and Mary MacColl who lived near the school. He would be interested to hear where any of these three are today and can be contacted via Gillean Ford. (820492)



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# People File

Annie and Duncan McNee are two well known Killin characters. The usual sighting is of Duncan sitting in his car waiting patiently while Annie chatters with someone at the kerb side. Occasionally you can catch a glimpse of Duncan driving Annie to one of her many jobs around the village. Annie at present works at the Surgery, the bank, Kirkcare, Killin Hotel and with Dr Mairi.

Duncan was born in Burnbank, Killin. His father was a tailor to trade and worked in P. R. Stewart, which is now Fishers Hotel. He worked for the Hydro for 24 years.

Annie is from Stornoway. She left Stornoway, aged 18 and ended up working in the Lochearnhead Hotel where she met Duncan. At that time Duncan was working with Jack McRae the Butcher driving his van. They married in 1965 and stayed for 13 years with Duncan's mother in 2 Monemore. In 1979 Duncan, then working for the Hydro, was offered the house in Ballachroisk Terrace where they now live. They have two children, Joanna and James. Annie is a fluent Gaelic speaker and one of the village's best bakers - not for nothing is she known as Pancake Annie!

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

Nowhere else, they both replied! Annie indicated that she might be tempted back to Stornoway but all in all she is happy where she is.

***What are the main changes you have seen in Killin?***

More houses but not enough work. There used to be more work, but now a lot of the children are having to move away, many more than did so about 20 years ago. All in all it is still a good place for children. People come here and complain that there is nothing to do, but they just need to look around, there is just so much, the wildlife, the peace and space.

***Where do you like to go on holiday?***

The Western Isles (They both replied)

***Where would you like to go if you could?***

I'd love to go to Australia said Duncan, and I'd love to go back to Southern Ireland said Annie (with Duncan, she added).

***Where is your favourite place in Killin?***

Both of them agreed that it was walking down the river to the head of the loch and on a clear day watching Loch Tay.

***Whom do you admire the most in Killin?***

They both admired Alister McKinnon who is dead now. He did a lot for people

on the quiet, said Duncan. Billy Stitt also, he does a lot for people in his own way, and Bunty McGregor for her great work on behalf of cancer research.

***Is there anything Killin needs?***

They both replied that they thought it was doing OK at present.

***What does the future hold for the pair of you?***

"I'm booting on", says Duncan, "but I'd love to see my grandchildren into their teens and twenties". "And", said Annie, "I'll retire from working when they finally screw the lid on my box - until then I'll just keep on going!"

*Interview by David Blaney*

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I'd like to win an image overhaul because.....(this is Mairi's suggestion)

**"We're such a motley crew  
One of us is 6'5" another 5'2"  
We can't do much about our height  
But to be dressed the same  
Would make us all a lovely sight."**

The prize was a total make-over for the staff, hairstyles, makeup and new uniforms. When it came to choosing the uniform colours, Sheila Webster said "We all decided what we wanted. We stuck with the green for the aprons as it suits the shop. We chose yellow to show that we are all little rays of sunshine!"



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## Killin News Poetic (!) Comments

*You all look lovely in green and yellow  
And isn't Bob such a handsome fellow  
His rivals now are Darren and Gregor  
But maturity wins whatever the weather.*

*Competition in the poetry line  
Has me quivering – it's better than mine.  
Next time I'm in the shop, will Mairi  
To my car, the shopping carry?*

*New hairdos sported by Rhona and Kate  
Guys queueing up, hoping for a date!  
In matching outfits they ALL look fine  
Killin's "little rays of sunshine!"*

**Killin News Team**

## The Braes Are Alive With The Sound of Music

The Balquhiddy programme of classical concerts this summer maintains its established high standards by presenting some of the country's leading performers in this popular Sunday evening concert series. Soloists, ensembles, duets and actors will perform in the picturesque setting of the historic Balquhiddy Church.

The series starts on 25th June with Hector Scott leading the Chrysanth Trio in a programme of chamber music. This is followed by the ever popular singers from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama on 2nd July. Newcomers, the Farnie Ensemble, a string quintet, play on Sunday 11th July and the Athenaeum Brass Ensemble returns on 16th July. Also new to the series is Airs and Phrases, featuring flute, harp, poetry and readings on 23rd July.

The Telemann Ensemble returns on 30th July with harpsichord and strings, followed by a song recital by Catherine Baker, soprano, on 6th August.

The series closes with a piano recital by Murray McLachlan who has a nationwide reputation as a performing and recording artist. Concerts run from 7 – 9 pm, admission is by programme purchased at the door, price £6, concessions £5. Season tickets are available at £36 for eight or £18 for four concerts.

This concert series depends upon support from our nearest rural communities and the summer visitors. We should do all we can to ensure it continues to enjoy the encouragement it deserves. Leaflets will be available at information centres, hotels and B&B establishments throughout the area.

# Time Capsule Cairn

Work has started on the site, with the excavation being completed by an enthusiastic band ably assisted by a JCB and dumper. Many thanks to all who helped.

Remember the stones asked for will be needed NOW, so if there are any unwanted about they can be used for bottoming the path around the cairn. They can now be put in the excavated area next to the grass – but NOT on the grass. The good stones suitable for the

cairn itself are being left at Colin McRae's car park behind the butcher's shop. Many are needed, so get busy, the more the better. The project will continue to develop over the weeks so there should always be some progress, and eventually the structure will rise from the foundations and take shape. The Committee will always be needing help as the work proceeds so keep a look out for notices as to when the next working party is required.

I have had some phone calls about missed information packs, and by the end of April hopefully these will have been delivered, and every household, business and club will have been supplied.

*Alex Stewart, Project Leader*



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The entire Killin News team and helpers give freely of their time and effort – not to mention their homes, telephones and cars. Donation boxes are in JR News, the Post Office and the Killin Library. If you enjoy the paper, please support us.



## Killin Mountain Rescue Team

In 1966, Andy Comrie, a keen hillwalker and then Police Sergeant in Killin, saw the need for a mountain rescue service in the Killin area. With local farmers and gamekeepers recruited as Special Constables, they formed the Killin Police Mountain Rescue Team. This was the early fore-runner of the Killin Mountain Rescue Team which was reformed in 1975 by Sergeant Harry Lawrie BEM and Inspector Bill Rose (who was then a Constable), together with over 40 local volunteers.

The Killin Mountain Rescue Team together with the Ochill MRT and the Lomond MRT, cover the entire Central Scotland Police area and occasionally beyond. They are all affiliated to the Mountain Rescue Committee for Scotland and are made up entirely of volunteers. Killin villagers John Sinclair and Ian McGregor, both founder members of the KPMRT, have been involved in rescue work on the mountains for over 30 years.

In 1987 tragedy struck the Killin MRT. They were involved in a rescue in the Crianlarich area when the RAF Wessex helicopter assisting crashed on Ben More. Sadly Harry Lawrie was killed in the accident but, thankfully, Constable

Ian Ramsay and the aircrew survived and recovered from their injuries. This devastating blow to their morale only succeeded in strengthening their commitment to mountain rescue.

Thanks to the combined Mountain Rescue Teams we can all confidently take to the hills in the sure knowledge that if some unfortunate accident were to befall us, they would come to our rescue.



Nowadays, the Mountain Rescue Teams are very well equipped with the most up to date rescue equipment. The photo shows the Killin Mountain Rescue Team with Mr Brian Monteith a visiting MSP, and the latest acquisition to their kit - the new Killin Mountain Rescue Team vehicle.



Inspector Bill Rose and Willie Stitt inside the new Killin Mountain Rescue vehicle.

## Killin Community Council

A meeting of the Killin Community Council was held on Tuesday 11 April in the Lesser McLaren Hall. Present were John MacPherson (acting Chairman), Colin McRae, Pat Christie, Charlie Grant, John Mallinson, Bill Douglas and Bill Rew. Also in attendance were Iain Campbell (Killin Web Site), Linda FitzGerald (Killin News), Sue Wyllie (Community Animator), Jimmy Gauld (Community Bus).

A letter of resignation from the Community Council from Fiona Davidson was read out and she was thanked in her absence for her time as Secretary. John Mallinson agreed to take over as Secretary until the Annual General Meeting.

It would appear that at long last the Fassiefern wall problem has been resolved. Although the wall is not yet repaired, Sue Wyllie will pursue this with Stirling Council.

It was agreed to accept Stirling Council's proposals that properties at 11 and 12 Monemore should be allocated only to those over 60 living within Killin and District.

Stirling Council have stated that they do not want the skip in the County Yard – see full article on page 5.

A letter has been sent to the Chief Executive of Stirling Council to voice concerns over their handling of A & B Services' now cancelled move to the old Station Car Park.

Stirling Council's discussions with the McLaren Hall regarding proposed new toilets have now ceased. Apparently they are now in talks with Sports & Leisure Committee re the Pavilion. It was agreed that the Killin Community Council should be involved in these talks.

An invitation to include the Killin Community Council details on the new

Killin Web Site had been received. It was agreed that John Mallinson should view the site first and report back with recommendations.

Pat Christie highlighted concerns over the proposed relocation of Stirling Infirmary's Maternity Unit to Falkirk. Elaine Turner indicated that it was essential for Killin and district to be involved in the debate. It was agreed that the Community Council would write to Forth Valley Health Board to express the concerns of Killin and surrounding area.

Elaine Turner and Sue Wyllie explained the possibility of Killin having a new Resource Centre. (Article on this subject on page 4). The Community Council agreed that John Mallinson would represent them on the Steering Group for this proposed new venture.

The next Killin Community Council meeting will be on Tuesday evening 13th June in the Killin Primary School.



## New Tyndrum Tourist Information Centre

The official opening of the new TIC at Tyndrum took place on the 28th March. Television cameras rolled, press photographers darted hither and thither, plant containers were lined up like a guard of honour and curious onlookers gathered on the pavement as the obligatory piper tuned up. A steady stream of cars filled the car park, disgorging smartly dressed occupants, whilst other, larger limousine type vehicles deposited their passengers at the front door. Maybe it was the thought of a free lunch and a drive out on a glorious day that brought so many unknown faces into our midst! Handshakes and pleasantries completed, everyone moved inside to where the formalities would take place.

There is no doubt that the new Tyndrum Tourist Information Centre is spacious, light and airy, but the double storey height of the interior must make the task of changing a light bulb a tricky manoeuvre for the staff! The first thing that catches your eye on entering is a splendid display of old photographs donated by Derek Wilkie and family, then a 3D landscape of the area followed by the colourful information boards. Then, as your eyes scan the rest of the interior, you begin to wonder if you have entered a book shop by mistake. Despite the shelves stocked with all manner of maps and information leaflets the overwhelming feature is the amount of books for sale, a fairly high percentage of which are bargain offers.

The generosity of Ian Cleaver in giving the land has to be admired, but all things being equal, a new TIC might have perhaps been better sited on the opposite side of the road. It would have been an easy stopping off point for those visitors entering the area from the north rather than for those leaving for the north! However, time, and sales, will tell.

The building was officially opened by Alasdair Morrison, MSP, Deputy Minister for Tourism, who assured us all, yet again, of how the Scottish Parliament realises the huge importance of tourism to Scotland. One has to question the sincerity of this oft-repeated phrase, when there is still no Minister solely for Tourism. Maybe that should be the 'target' the Scottish Executive sets for itself instead of setting 'targets' for the tourism industry that will be very difficult, if not impossible, to meet. No matter how hard we all try to market our business, our area, our country, you can not make people visit anywhere if they do not want to. Hopefully the new Tourist Information Centre will encourage visitors to stay in this area.

Once the speeches were over, the red velvet curtain was drawn aside and the Perspex plaque revealed. Those waiting outside were probably disappointed that there was no Royalty present and those inside were probably disappointed that the plaque was not copper or bronze. However, we can only hope that the TIC staff have a busy and successful year ahead of them due to all the visitors that will be seeking information on Argyll, the Isles, Loch Lomond, Stirling and the Trossachs.

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## Summer Sports Activities

Every Wednesday for 6 weeks between 11 am – 1 pm, starting on 5th July, there will be sports coaching and activities for children aged 9 – 14 at the club facilities. There will be a small charge of £1 per session per child or £5 for a block of 6 weeks. Please book in advance to Kay Riddell (Killin Library) to avoid disappointment, as there are limited places available.

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## Stirling Council Community Animateurs

Whilst Suzanne Player is on maternity leave, her work is being continued by Sue Wyllie of Killin (20 hours per week) and Theresa Robertson of Crianlarich (10 hours per week). Killin has been the focus of the work, but our area also covers Strathfillan, Lochearnhead, Balquhider and Strathyre. We are here to assist community groups, especially if you feel that you've hit a bit of a brick wall or rocky patch, and need some outside help with form-filling, fund-finding - a few phonecalls or whatever will help you back on the road that you've probably been ably travelling along to date. Likewise, if you have new ideas for your community and would like some assistance, please seek us out. Messages left on the answerphone/fax (tel: 01567 820154) and envelopes left in Killin Library will find us; or speak to us directly. Sue & Theresa

*Ed - The Killin News is always ready to have a "kick" at Stirling Council when they have done something wrong - however, we are also there to give praise when praise is due.*

*The Community Animateur appointments in this area have been one of Stirling Council's real success stories. The fact is that Killin, and the other villages covered by this post, form a small percentage of the Stirling Council overall population, and are geographically situated on the extremities of Stirling Council's area. So many times in the past we have heard the expression, "Och, there's no point in asking for ..... we will never get it". That has now changed to "Well, if we don't ask - then we will never get it!" . We might not always get exactly what we want, but at least now we know we are being listened to, acknowledged and empowered.*

*Long may this post continue - and dare we suggest, be strengthened, when you consider that it covers an area of approx. 240 square miles!*



## Mervyn's Weather



After February 2000 experienced a long spell of heavy rainfall and strong winds (28 inches over the winter period and reports of 5 feet of rain over a somewhat longer stretch in Glen Dochart) it was hoped that March might reinstate a more acceptable pattern. In the event, March and indeed most of April have, generally speaking, and apart from a few falls from grace, behaved reasonably well and attempted to emulate traditional springtime conditions so beloved of poets and indeed those of us who wrest a living from land and livestock.

However, as these notes are being written, almost inevitably that spell of "adverse weather conditions" has arrived. Various known in parts of England as "The Blackthorn Winter", in Ulster as "The Cuckoo Storm" and in NE Scotland as "The Gab O' May". Few years pass without this spell of conditions varying from a few days of wintry showers and chill winds through the presently occurring continuous cold rain and easterly winds to a full blown blizzard.

Having had, up until about 24th April, quite reasonable lambing weather we are experiencing what are probably the worst conditions for livestock outside, and in particular young lambs. The Blackface breed is very resilient but for a lamb to be launched into the world of sodden ground, sodden and very chilled air and a mother whose fleece is likewise sodden takes some getting use to !! The less sheep are disturbed in these conditions the better, for as a rule the Blackface ewe - with a few exceptions - can choose a bielly sheltered spot in which to lamb and is best left there until the lamb gains strength and hopefully conditions improve. Hikers with dogs - please note.

Mervyn K Browne  
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## Royal Bank of Scotland Business Clinic

In March, a very successful Business Clinic was held at the Dall Lodge Country House Hotel, Killin by the Royal Bank of Scotland in conjunction with Stirling Enterprise. The latest business topics were discussed and up to date systems demonstrated. The interest shown clearly emphasised that small businesses are looking for assistance such as that on offer from the Royal Bank of Scotland Business Banking. Advice on how to make companies and traders more profitable and competitive in this electronic age, coupled with sound backup by the advisory service of Stirling Enterprise was most valuable. This clinic went a long way to reconfirm the vital part played by The Royal Bank of Scotland to facilitate rural banking.

In the photograph (from left to right) are:- Graham Lambie – IT Centre Manager, Norman Jack – Area Manager, Bob Taylor – Business Manager Royal Bank Of Scotland, Colin Ironside – Rural Facilitator STEP, Billy MacLeod – Business Development Manager Royal Bank of Scotland, Martin Cousins - STEP



## Killin Initiative

The financial assistance given to EAK for clearing the old railway line and to the Floral Committee has been put to good use. If you have taken a walk along the line you will find work has started in tidying up the bushes and trees to make the Sunday afternoon stroll more pleasant. Also the super new watering system has been purchased to make it easier to keep the flower baskets well watered and in pristine condition.

Alex Stewart, Chairman

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Our January meeting featured Jacqui Hazzard, a locally practising medical herbalist, who addressed the topic of the "sunshine herb", St. John's Wort and its multiple uses. We had our April meeting in Aberfeldy when Ann Heirs discussed "Scented Leaf Geraniums" and organised a herb swap.

Our next meeting will be on 24th May at Ballinluig Hall from 10 am – 12 noon. A presentation by Body Shop Perth will be given. The herb of the month for May is Aloe Vera. All are welcome to attend. For more information phone Patty Hope at Killin 820408 or Cath MacGregor at 01887 830805.

## The Squ-EAK !



**EAK** has now cleared the vegetation from the old railway line between the Mart and the head of the loch.

### Cycle Week 17 – 25 June

The 20th is "Bike to Work Day" – let's see all those bicycles out of the shed and put to use!

The 21st is the Opening Day of the National Cycleway. To celebrate this, all part of the cycle route will be used throughout the whole of the UK. In this area, cyclists will be setting off from Pitlochry and Stirling, - destination – Killin. They should arrive here around 4.30 pm. EAK is planning to participate in the Opening Day on Wednesday 21 June, by cycling the new SusTrans track from Glen Ogle to Killin. Gathering will be at the car park opposite the War Memorial at 6.00 pm - or for the less ambitious at the crashed aircraft memorial at the top of Glen

Ogle. How profound that both locations are in memory of our fighting forces. But don't worry, the only thing you will be fighting for will be your breath! It is intended to partake of some refreshment when we get back to Killin.

**All** cyclists are most welcome to join in – kids, mums, dads, grandparents.

If you have a project that you think EAK could get involved in, please let Elaine Turner or Helen Cole know. Perhaps, even if farmers or landowners have work – EAK are available for hire, to help us raise funds.



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# The Boys Brigade Parents Evening

On Friday 31 March the Boys Brigade held their annual Parents Night including a prizegiving in the Killin School. The Rev. John Lincoln was Guest of Honour.

After carrying out the official inspection, Mr Lincoln joined the audience of families and friends to enjoy the various displays of marching and gymnastics performed by the boys. More light-hearted entertainment was provided in the form of a variety of sketches in which members of the audience were "invited" to join in. Special mention must go to Elizabeth Woods and Geoff Martin for their performances in the "Radio" sketch.

The well attended evening ably demonstrated the efforts of the Captain

Chris McLarty, Officers Roddy Macdonald, Margaret Fenna, Helen Douglas, Assistant Linda Frost and, of course, the boys.

To complete an enjoyable night, refreshments were provided by the BB Parents and Friends Association.

The prizewinners were:-

## Junior Section

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**3 Years:** Colin Woods, Ian Campbell.

Gold Badges were attained by Colin

Woods, Alisdar Brown, Ian Campbell, Stewart Lawrence, Alexander Martin, Alastair Gibson.

## Company Section

**Best Squad** – No 2 – Squad Leader Gregor Mackenzie

## **Perfect Attendance:**

**1 Year:** Robert Brown, Alexander Macpherson, Kyren Young.

**4 Years:** Gregor Mackenzie, James Stewart.

**5 Years:** Peter Campbell.

**8 Years:** Timothy MacColl.

**Best Drilled Boy** (Judged by Rev Lincoln) – Ryan Douglas.

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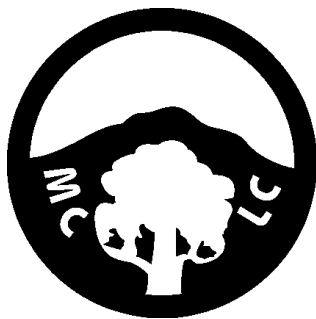
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If anyone would like to try this sport for the first time, the following dates are Club Shoots and would be suitable for beginners. Tuition will also be available on a beginners trap. June 18th, July 16th, October 8th, November 5th. All are welcome.

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The Killin Show has been presented with a wonderful new Trophy in memory of the late Colin Kennedy who was the Blacksmith in Killin before he emigrated to Canada.

Colin's wife Margaret and son Colin presented the trophy to the Show at Dalchenna in the presence of John and Jan Willison, Pat Christie (President), Stuart Christie (Chairman) and Helen Taylor (Secretary).

Readers will remember Margaret and Colin were featured in the Killin News Across The Globe in the March Issue of the paper.

The Killin Show would like to express sincere thanks to the family for this kind gesture. It has still to be decided which section will be presented with the trophy.

Left to right in the photo are Stuart and Pat being presented with the Kennedy Trophy from Colin.

## Police News

In 1999 we had 44 thefts, 11 incidents of disorder and 2 drugs offences within the Killin area. On the roads within the area, there were 56 accidents with 7 serious injuries and 9 slight injuries. Within Strathyre, Lochearnhead, Killin, Crianlarich and Tyndrum there were 54 persons detected for speeding offences. Along with the persons reported, a further 347 persons were warned of driving in excess of the speed limit.

If any householder or business within the Killin area requires advice on security, then officers from Killin or the Crime Prevention Department can attend and carry out a survey with any recommendations for improvements.

At this time of year, the attention of many of us is focused in the garden. Please remember the security of your house can be compromised by leaving items lying out. This can be prevented by placing garden tools back in the shed and chaining ladders to fences or ronepipes.

If any person has information regarding any incident in the local area (or outside) this can be given in strict confidence either by telephoning the local station

(01567 820 222), Police Headquarters Crime Management Unit (01786 456 800), or Crimestoppers (0800 555111), whereby the information you provide can be passed to the relevant officer or department. You do not have to give your name for your information to be acted upon, although it can sometimes be of great assistance if no other witnesses are known.

Things to note when seeing anything suspicious are: Registration Number of vehicles along with colour and model, description of persons (age, height, hair style and colour, distinctive clothing), time and date seen. If possible notify the Police at the time.

Calls to Killin Office are diverted to Callander when the local Officer is not on duty or away from the office. Between 9 am and 9 pm Monday to Friday these should be answered at Callander by the civilian clerks. At other times, the call may be diverted to Police Headquarters at Stirling, who will contact the nearest available Officer by radio to attend to any calls. So, if you hear "your call is being diverted", please hold on and your call will be answered.



### **Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band**

The Band will be visiting Killin again this year on four occasions – see Killin News Events List P30 for dates. These occasions do **not** include 11th July.

The Killin and District Tourist Association would like to thank the Killin Hotel for generously agreeing to provide refreshments for Band members on each of their visits. For the 2000 season, they will start and finish their visit by playing outside the Killin Hotel. They will also, as usual, play at the entrance to the Breadalbane Park, up the Main Street, and at the Folklore Centre.

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Bindi (nee Webster) and Graeme Pease are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Megan Anne Lorraine (*Below*).

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Suzanne Player is delighted to introduce you all to her new son, Robbie (*above*). Mum and baby are both very well and are settled in and enjoying life in Killin.

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# Healthy Living Day

Forth Valley Health Board held a "Healthy Living Day" in Killin on 23rd March. This was a real interactive event with Yoga, Aerobics, Jumping Beans (toddlers exercise class) etc. Stirling Enterprise and various health groups took part.

There was a "wishing tree" for people to write on what they would "wish" for Killin - top of the list was a swimming pool and a new resource/community centre. The organisers and participants are to be congratulated for their efforts, they all worked extremely hard on what was a very long, but hugely successful day.



Jan Willison having a complementary aromatherapy session from Moira Robertson who lives in Crianlarich.



Dr. Elaine Turner hosted the Doctors' Surgery stand.

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## LETTERS



Dear Editor

After my retiral from business in 1982, my wife and I were fortunate enough to spend many summers in Killin. During these years we made many friends, principally through the church. Alas too many have passed on, but we have happy memories of such friends as James Anderson, Willie Allan, Isa McIntyre, Andrew Duncan, Janet the organist, and many more.

We are always delighted to receive our copies of the Killin News from our special friend, Cecilia Woodward, and congratulate the dedicated group for their hard work in producing an ever-growing magazine, with ever more interesting articles.

Having just received the January and March copies, I hope you will forgive me if I offer a wee bit of criticism concerning the front page of the Millennium copy. The writer of the caption above the

photograph showing the scenes of revelry has joined the legions who misquote Robert Burns in his writing of Auld Lang Syne. Nowhere did he ever write "for the sake of Auld Lang Syne", which unfortunately is heard far too often. I do hope you will take this in the friendly spirit in which it is offered.

More power to your elbow to produce your excellent magazine. Florence joins me in sending you, and all our friends in your lovely village, our sincerest good wishes.

Sandy Green

"Tarmachan", Kilconquhar, Fife.

**Ed – Sorry Mr Green, I am the guilty party! My old English teacher, Miss Muriel Irving, who I believe was also a founder member of the Burns Mother Club in Greenock, would be very disappointed in me!**

## Thank You

**Suzanne Player** would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for cards, gifts and good wishes after the birth of Robbie in February. Mother and son are both doing very well. Thank you.

Suzanne

### Killin Sports & Leisure Club

A big thank you to everyone who baked, donated and helped out at our coffee morning. The magnificent sum of £550 was raised. Thanks to all who came and supported us.

Kay Riddell

**Morag MacNee** would like to thank most sincerely all who donated and supported us during 1999. She would also like to express her appreciation to the incredible team of helpers who not only do all the hard work but also provide the fun at each fund raising event. Below are details of a letter Morag recently received from The Lothian University Hospital NHS Trust.

### "RHSC Leukaemia & Cancer Research Fund

*What a fantastic surprise! I just can't believe how you raise so much money from all the people of Killin & District; they are so incredibly generous. The work that you and your colleagues have done to raise this money is very warmly appreciated.*

*As you know, your donation will be used to provide care, help, research and support for children and their families with cancer treated here in Edinburgh. We very much appreciate all the support you have given us over the years and remain completely indebted to you for all this hard work.*

*With many thanks, best wishes and kind regards.*

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# LETTERS



Dear Editor

May I take this opportunity to respond to the article "Tourism Into 2000" by Gillean Ford in the last issue of the Killin News.

Firstly, I openly applaud the efforts of the Killin Tourist Association in respect of the floral displays and pipe bands etc. Also the Killin Initiative, Highland Games etc., and I am more than willing to co-operate in helping these efforts. Well done everyone.

With regard to the Stirling and Trossachs Tourist Board, let us look back in history. The STTB was formed from the Central Scotland Tourist Association (CSTA) some 15(?) years ago and at its conception every shop in the village was a member through the Killin Tourist Association and James Fraser was its first recruit. Soon after the Tourist Information Centre was installed at Morenish Place. Sometime later I corresponded with Mr Fraser and in his last letter he stated that he had asked Mr Wyles to come and see us to help sort out our differences, next time he was in Killin. Well, some 10 years on – he's never appeared! We presume he's never been here, hence our reason for cancelling our membership for the shop.

When the flat came on stream, we rejoined for the accommodation register, and that has not been a bed of roses either. Two years ago one of our regulars phoned to ask why we were no longer in the Stirling & Trossachs Tourist Board accommodation list. Three phone calls to Stirling from my family in the south, resulted in two getting the short break brochure and only one getting the full list. Therefore, we must assume that 66% of those who ask are not getting the full list. Not very nice.

I fully agree with quality control and I believe in inspection. But, does it really cost £80 for 20 minutes work? Total membership now costs over £180 per annum and is fast becoming uneconomic. In the present commercial climate, prices cannot be increased, but Council rates have just gone up by 10%, Stirling & Trossachs Tourist Board membership by over twice the rate of inflation every year for the past few years. The Scottish Parliament has just changed the Unified Business Trade Scheme whereby Scottish commercial rate payers will pay

substantially higher rates over the next five years than comparable English properties. The past and present governments have succeeded in giving us the highest fuel prices in the world. Tourist numbers keep dropping and yet we all wonder why? The next economy to be made will have to be for £180.

Two years ago we staged our first exhibition of etchings. Stirling Enterprise were very supportive and gave us guidance on marketing etc. Local and National Press gave us good coverage. Perthshire Tourist Board Tourist Information Centres were very helpful, but not so Dumbarton Road in Stirling – there I was met by rudeness. A few days after the exhibition, I phoned purporting to be an art dealer from London wishing to fly up from Heathrow and asked whether I should fly to Glasgow or Edinburgh and was told there was no difference. I asked how long it would take and was told 2 – 3 hours. I asked how far it was and was, to be told well over 70 miles. The crowning glory was when she asked if I thought it was worth the effort! Who needs these "friends" when they don't know nor care where Killin is.

I notice from the Stirling & Trossachs Tourist Board reports that Killin Tourist Information Centre had sales of some £57,000 last year. I am sure that local businesses would be delighted if this was shared amongst them. It appears to me to be unfair for shops to pay an annual membership to the Stirling & Trossachs Tourist Board to enable them to use this money to buy goods to compete directly against them!

I also notice that £650,000 has just been spent on the new Tourist Information Centre at Tyndrum. For this sort of money should we not have expected a much bigger building which would accommodate B&B's and a restaurant as well as a craft shop so they could compete with everyone? When we see what some large hotels in the area are being sold for, perhaps they should have bought a hotel, and competed with everyone and still had change left over! But alas I can hear the howls of anguish from the B&B's if this was to happen.

As the author of the Killin News article states, Tourist Board membership is dropping. Consider perhaps that they are voting with their feet!

J A Gauld, Lawers View, Killin.

Dear Editor

As a regular visitor to Killin over the past 20 years, I was interested to read your People File article about Lix Toll Garage and Jim Cushley (of undisclosed age!!). On my very first trip to the area from Yorkshire, I misjudged garage closing times in Callander and journeyed up Glen Ogle on diesel fumes! Aware I had insufficient fuel to reach my destination at Cruachan, I dared to rouse the people at Lix Toll at 11 pm!! They graciously, albeit unsmilingly, opened the pumps. Thus began a long affair with your local garage! We are always treated promptly, efficiently and at very competitive rates.

My daughter also continues to visit the area and her financial status has necessitated owning some "very sick" cars. Lix Toll has repeatedly rescued her. In March this year, she ventured north. Her car had been garaged 48 hours previously to try to resolve a bad cough. The start of the trip revealed it was still unwell, despite all its alleged attention. Two garage stops en route found it still coughing and spluttering. Somehow, she reached Killin.. Enter friend Syd Haydock who insisted she visit Lix Toll. Five minutes and one nut later and the problem was solved! Fuel consumption halved on the route home and "Ruby" is still fit and well. Thank you Lix Toll.

I would like to add what a joy Killin is to us Bradfordians! Quite apart from your area's natural beauty, you manage to cater for holiday makers but retain your own identity. You have hosted myself, family and friends and have always shown us such kindness and hospitality. May I also acknowledge our wonderful hosts the Campbells at Cruachan. Thank you Killin for helping me retain my sanity!!

Pauline Hirst – and her Bradford Pals

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# Obituaries

## **Catherine Stewart Burton.**

Catherine, the youngest of a family of four was born at Little Port in St Fillans on 12th March 1906.

Her parents John and Mary Buchanan moved to Auchreoch, Tyndrum, during the first world war. When she was young she bred and showed Cairn Terriers with some success and helped her parents at Auchreoch. She married Walter Burton, Auchtertyre, and moved to Cononish where she lived for 34 years. She then moved to Dalrigh House in Tyndrum.

After her husband's death in 1969 she carried out a successful B&B business for many years. In her later years at Dalrigh she survived a very serious car crash in 1988. She otherwise kept good health until two years ago when she moved to the Pinewood Nursing Home where she died on 28th March 2000.

She leaves behind a son, John (a well known Swaledale sheep breeder), two grandsons, Ian and David with their wives Emma, Lisa and great grand children, children of David and Lisa and the latest new addition a great grandson born in the week of her funeral.

**Violet Graham** 1924 – 2000. Violet died suddenly at the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home where she had lived since 1997. Although not originally from Killin, she spent a lot of her life in the village living at both Maragowan and Monemore.

She was married twice, firstly to Alex Riddell and then to Alec Graham.

Violet had four of a family, Sandy, Norman, Ian and Marie and was sister to Lily McKenzie and Walter Muir.

**Elizabeth Cameron** (nee Simpson) late of Myrtle Grove Killin was born in Fortingall in 1900 and died 1st November 1999.

Mrs Cameron spent all her married life in Glendochart before coming to Killin in 1970. She was pre-deceased in 1962 by her husband, Duncan, who was the Gamekeeper at Lochdochart Estate.

Her family wish to thank all those who attended her funeral in Kirkcaldy in November and her interment in Killin Cemetery on 19th April. She is sadly missed.

## **Raymond Joseph Michie Allardyce**

1946 – 2000. Raymond (known as Tay) was born in Crieff and educated at Morrisons Academy. He later graduated from Aberdeen University in mediaeval and modern history. He then taught in Germany for three years. Soon after he return to Scotland, he met and married Cary Freeland in 1976 while he was a history teacher at St. Modan's in Stirling. Ray was soon appointed head of history at Balfour High School and began to attend Stirling University part time, where he obtained a Master's Degree in Education.

In 1980 Ray was appointed as history teacher to the European School in Culham and the family moved from Dunblane to Abingdon in Oxfordshire. In 1985 he moved to the European School in Varese in Northern Italy where he was still teaching until October of last year when he became ill with cancer.

Ray was a keen sportsman when a younger man, and maintained a keen interest particularly in athletics, cricket and rugby. He was fluent in German, French and Italian and enjoyed music and cooking in his spare time.

He is survived by his wife and four children, Sarah, Timothy, Lisbeth and Luke.

**Isa McIntyre.** Isa, who died in March in Kirk Care, was born in 1906 in Ireland. She came to Killin at the age of three following the death of her father and lived all her working life in Killin apart from a few years as an assistant matron at a girls' school in Stirling.

Isa had a number of jobs, ranging from the Bank of Scotland to local shops, and also undertook some book keeping. Her life was characterised by a wide range of support to local organisations - Sunday School teacher for about fifty years and Church choir member. One of the first members of the Tuesday Club and Lunch Club and first tenant of Church care. When younger, she was keen on golf and badminton, and took an active part in the Brownies as Tawny Owl helping Miss Nelson.

An interesting fact is that Isa was a member of the Killin Gaelic Choir that won the Lorn Shield in the 1928 Mod. This award is made to Rural Choirs where 50% have to be Gaelic speakers.

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## **Stirling Council Housing Policy**

Stirling Council is exploring ways of making it easier for people to find rented accommodation. They want to introduce a common housing list giving prospective tenants a chance to register for a house with a range of housing providers, simply by filling in one form.

A Council seminar looking at the issues involved in setting up such a register found widespread support for the idea from local voluntary groups and housing associations. It would mean applicants would be on the waiting list of a range of housing providers such as the Forth Housing Association or the Rural Stirling Housing Association, as well as the Council housing list.

The aim of this register would be to improve access to housing, make services more accessible and improve the quality of information available about special housing. The Council is initially exploring ways of setting up a register for older people with special needs, with a view to expanding the scheme in the future.

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### Crossword By Scorpio

#### Across

1. Prevent pit working and show resolve (9)
8. Run this to creat havoc (5)
9. Anger ends with a medium for painting (7)
11. Attacked by a talon (6)
12. Advertise clothing and where to find it (7)
13. Part of the car with equipment (4)
14. Initially a place to hang good paintings (1.1.1.)
17. Dark viscous mixture (3)
18. Friends that hit back (4)
21. Outcome of industrial unrest (7)
23. Nurses have the right to create fashions (6)
24. A goat by the lean-to (7)
25. Protective garment sounds like a fish (5)
26. Sounds an expensive dish but may only be a thin shiny coat (4.5)

#### Down

2. I turn up before the finish to put things right (5)
3. Previously cheeky and now clever (6)
4. The girl is in disarray (3)
5. A rare lie upset a prior occasion (7)
6. Plant which flourishes in moist soil (7)
7. Left by an out of control car (4.5)
10. In trouble Peter is keen to take a chance (4)
12. Hero, saint or even a giant (1.5.3)
15. Seams to become visible (7)
16. Failing to be discovered (7)
19. Nocturnal creatures turn up to inflict a wound (4)
20. Part of a flower sounds like a lethal weapon (6)
22. Cast out (5)
24. A bore (3)

# Killin News



## Editorial Policy

The Killin News is a free community newspaper produced and distributed every two months by volunteers to households and business in Killin and District. The aim of those involved is to produce an informative, accurate and entertaining journal for those who live, work and visit in this area. Letters and articles published in the newspaper do not necessarily reflect the views of the Production Committee and the Editors reserve the right to shorten, edit, or not publish, any particular article or letter. Contributions will only be published if accompanied by a contact name and address.

Should you wish to make a donation or have any suggestions on how to improve the Killin News, please feel free to get in touch with the Editor or any member of the Production Committee.

The deadline for copy and advertising for the next issue of the Killin News is:

**18 June 2000**

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## Annual General Meeting

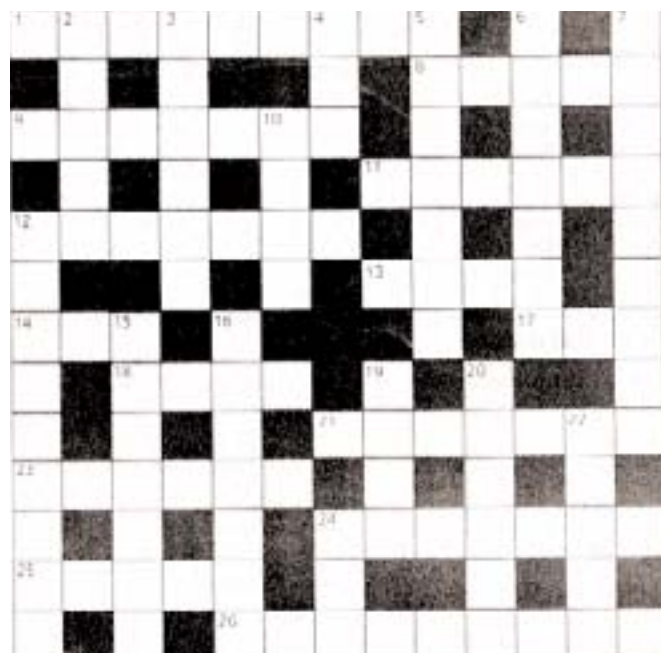
The Killin News Annual General Meeting was held in the Lesser McLaren Hall at the end of March 2000. It was encouraging to see some members of the public present, and to hear their views on the paper. The Committee was elected almost as it was previously with only one exception. Kay Riddell resigned as Treasurer and her position of office was taken by Margaret MacIver. Kay was thanked for doing a super job as Treasurer and she will remain on the Committee as an active member of the Production Team.

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## Diary Dates of Forthcoming Events

May	20	Ploughing Match at Daldravaig Farm in Glen Lochay at 2 pm.
	27	Killin Golf Club – Mixed Open
June	3	Killin Golf Club – Ladies' Open
	4	Lochdochart Gardens Open 12 noon till 4 pm
	17	Annual Soup Kitchen - Killin Cancer Research Committee – Marquee inside Breadalbane Park gates.
16/17 & 18		Killin Traditional Music & Dance Festival
	18	Killin Gun Club Shoot at 1 pm
	25	Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band starting at the Killin Hotel at 2 pm
	30	Sheep Shearing Competition at Kenknock Farm in Glen Lochay at 6 pm
July	2	National Blackface Sheep Shearing Competition at Lochearnhead
	16	Killin Gun Club Shoot at 1 pm
	22	Lochearnhead Highland Games
	23	Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band starting at the Killin Hotel at 2 pm
	23	Boreland Gardens Open in Glen Lochay 2 – 5.30 pm – teas served by Killin Cancer Research Committee
	26	Church Craft Groups Coffee Morning in aid of Church Funds, McLaren Hall 10 am - 12 noon
	29	Highland Queen Dance in the McLaren Hall, Killin.
	30	& 1st August – Nearly New Sale, McLaren Hall 10 am – 4 pm. The Hall will be open on the preceding Sunday afternoon to receive goods. Income to various local charities.
August	2	Killin Highland Games
	2	Marquee Dance in Breadalbane Park
2 / 3/4 & 5		Arts & Crafts exhibition and sale 10 am – 9 pm (6pm on the 5th)
	5	Killin Golf Club Mens' Open
	6	Killin Gun Club Open 50 Sporting Shoot
	6	Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band starting at the Killin Hotel at 2 pm
	16	Lochearnhead Fete
	18	Marquee Dance and Ceilidh, Breadalbane Park
	19	Killin Agricultural Show
	27	Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band starting at Killin Hotel at 2 pm
Sept.	3	Killin Gun Club Open 50 DTL at 1.30 pm
	13	Killin Golf Club Ladies' Senior Open
	22	Cheese & Wine Evening McLaren Hall 8 – 10 pm
Oct.	6	Killin Heritage Society – A musical presentation by Quern on the life of Robert Service.
	8	Killin Gun Club Shoot at 1 pm
Nov.	5	Killin Gun Club Shoot at 11am

## Church Services

### Killin & Ardeonaig Parish Church

10 am each Sunday

On the first Sunday of every month there will be a service held in Morenish Chapel.

This summer series will continue until the end of October  
and will be taken by different people each month.

All are welcome to attend.

Sunday 11th June at 7 pm there will be an evening service.

Sunday 18th June during the Killin Music Festival,  
Heather Innes will be taking part in the morning service at 10 am

### Episcopal Church

Please check Church notice board for details as new Minister arrives in June.

### Roman Catholic

Services are held in the Episcopal Church each Sunday at 2.30 pm

## Solution to Last Crossword

Across: 1. periscope 8. awake 9. descant 11. odious 12. stadium 13. fuss 14. ras 17. eye 18. tree 21. enclose 23. hunter 24. resorts 25. noise 26. detection  
Down: 2. event 3. in code 4. Oct 5. eardrum 6. carouse 7. persevere 10. noun 12. sure thing 15. stand in 16. receded 19. knee 20. all out 22. sotho 24. rot

## The 6th KILLIN Traditional Music & Dance Festival

The programme is now complete, and arrangements are being finalised for the support structure. The booking flyers are now available so get your seats reserved for another weekend of music, song and dance. By popular demand, Chuck Warren will be telling more stories from his Indian Tribe's folklore, David Campbell and Norman Chalmers will provide songs, myths and legends. Appalachian Clog Dancers will throng the McLaren Hall and Linda Garden will host a modelling workshop for the youngsters. Add ballads, harp, banjo and harmonica workshops, Heather Innes joining the congregation for the Sunday Service. Throw in a few sessions, stir in the competitions, season with the Open Stage and top it all off with top class Concerts and Ceilidh Dances, and there you have all the ingredients for another hugely successful Killin Festival.

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Kevin O'Connor,  
the new Steward at Killin Golf Club



Killin Lady Golfers Opening Day were presented with a handsome teak seat by Bob Pitman in memory of his late wife Edith. Bob and his wife enjoyed a long association with Killin Golf Club.



A lovely retirement party was recently held in the Kirk Care in honour of Irene Hall. Irene had been the Cleaner in Kirk Care for 14 years, since the complex opened. Irene and her husband Hector hail from Inverness-shire and moved to the White House, Auchmore some 31 years ago for Hector's job. They then moved into Killin just over 16 years ago. Irene has done an excellent job at the Kirk Care and has now handed over to Annie McNee.



On Easter Sunday more than twenty children of all ages attended a Sunday School Easter Party. While eating hot cross buns, rolling and searching for eggs and making cards, they learned a little more about the Easter story. Any child wishing to join Sunday School will be made very welcome – term time Sundays at 10 am.

Many thanks are due to the group of parents who are leading Sunday School and making it possible to continue.  
*Phil Simpson*

### Killin Floral Association

Alex Stewart, Chairman of Killin Initiative, and Floral Association committee members Gillean Ford, Marion MacRae, Colin Higgins and Ian MacGregor, with the new mobile watering unit. The Association with the help of a £500 donation has purchased the unit from the Killin Initiative. The new unit will make watering the hanging baskets much easier and the Association welcome offers from members of the community to join the watering rota. If you would like to join a growing list of volunteers and commit just one week of your time, between mid June and mid September, please contact Marion on Killin 820719.

Those wishing to take part in the Children's Sunflower Growing Competition for 2000, should give their name to Kay in the Library. Plants will be given to the children in June.

Committee members are going to grow various other plants during the summer with a view to introducing a new competition for the children in 2001.





# The Killin Hotel & Riverview Bistro

The *Riverview Bistro* at Killin Hotel was one year old on May 1st and has many reasons to celebrate. The venue has proved most popular with locals and tourists who appreciate the relaxed surrounding and excellent food. The first year has achieved AA recommendation and listings in several food guides including Peter Irvine's "Scotland the best!". The AA described the *Bistro* as, "*a great find, an oasis of delightful food*".

Everyone said it would be a hard task to recover from the Hotel's past reputations, but our efforts have been suitably rewarded and we would like to say thanks to all the local customers who visit the *Bistro*. The menu caters for all tastes with a large selection of traditional dishes and succulent steaks, all freshly cooked, served with seasonal fresh vegetables or salad. The restaurants philosophy is to buy only the best produce and present it well, at the same time keeping prices as low as possible – we do want you to come back.



Riverview Bistro



Tartan Room

Although winter is traditionally a quiet period we have been very busy attending to many local functions. Most welcome was the return of the Lix Toll Annual Dance in the newly refurbished Tartan Room - a night to remember!! This year the Tartan Room has bookings for several large weddings and conferences.

Many bedrooms are fully refurbished to a very high standard, including the Honeymoon Suite



Bedroom

The Killin Hotel during the past year provided 7,450 nights accommodation!!! This year we look set to provide a venue for even more happy residents. We have introduced a new room charging policy, with a standard double room available at £19 per person. Premier rooms are £26 per person (bed and breakfast). Excellent value for money when you consider the facilities, Public Bar, Games Room, *Bistro Restaurant*, Residents' Conservatory, beautiful views, River bank gardens, all rooms with en-suite, colour TVs, Credit Card, fax and office facilities available. All this for £19 pp provides the tourist with exactly what they are after and deserve, value for money, our policy throughout.

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