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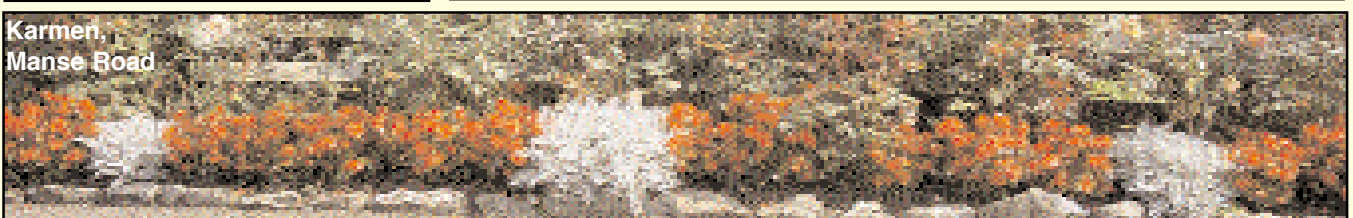
Craiglea
Main
Street



Individual Flowers
6 Dochart Road



Police House
Crianlarich



Karmen,
Manse Road

Killin Agricultural Show



A Collage of Photos
From The Show.
Show Results On P4



Killin International Highland Games

Despite the showers, the 7th Killin Highland Games on 2nd August attracted a good crowd. Following the procession from the Dochart Bridge to Breadalbane Park, the Games were officially opened by the Chieftain, Brigadier Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor, Bart. Throughout the afternoon, the spectators were treated to some fine displays of piping and highland dancing in the respective competitions. Unfortunately the dancing had to be transferred to the McLaren Hall as the rain had made the platform too dangerous to use. The weather also resulted in the cancellation of the children's mini Highland Games which had been due to take place in the morning.



Above L-R: Games Chairman Charlie Grant, Queen Donna Cairns, Attendant Jenny Martin, Chieftain of the Games Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor Bart & Announcer David P Webster.



This year's Games had the added attraction of being a qualifying heat for the World Series Grand Prix Highland Games and seven men and three women battled for points, hoping to gain a place in the final in Rio de Janeiro in October. The overall winners were Australian Matt Sanford, and Californian Shannon Hartnett who is the World Womens Champion.

The World Strongmen again exhibited some impressive shows of strength although the rain-soaked ground made the arm over arm vehicle pull impossible, and it became a vehicle push competition.

Keeping the crown informed was the task of field announcer David P Webster OBE, present Secretary General of the Federation of International Strength Athletes. In addition to his knowledgeable commentary, he also displayed his usual sparkling wit. Musical interludes were provided by Vale of Atholl Pipe Band who also led the opening procession. Outside the arena, other attractions

included a fairground, side shows and stalls, and the Angling Corner with expert Peter Anderson. On the preceding Saturday, the Highland Show Queen Dance took place in the McLaren Hall where Donna Cairns and Jenny Martin were elected Show Queen and Attendant respectively.

Congratulations to the Committee on providing a splendid day's entertainment, despite the weather and we look forward to next year's games.

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Community Services



Killin Library young readers were presented with their certificates and medals after participating in the nationally run Reading Relay Scheme. The children had to read a total of 6 books over the school holiday period, and most of the 25 children registered on the scheme at Killin have now finished their 6 books.



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Millennium Committee Update

The summer months are almost gone and your Millennium Committee has been steadily persevering with the projects in hand. Although some of you may think very little has been done, let me assure you, every committee member has been constantly attending to their allotted task.

The Fingal's Grave party (P19) are progressing, along with the McLaren Hall Clock team. These projects will probably be the last to show any outward signs of progress, due to the complexity of the arrangements. The Time Capsule/Cairn will begin to take shape in the coming weeks. **Remember to complete your packs by 16th October 2000 for inclusion in the Time Capsule.** Killin is unique in Perthshire in having this project. Don't waste it. A social evening in the McLaren Hall in December, will be held to display the capsule.

We are planning another Safari Supper on Saturday 18th November 2000. Please

buy a ticket and join in the fun. We would like to make this night a celebration of the Millennium.

To mark our efforts in all of your projects, we will be having a firework display on Sunday 31st December 2000, again at the Dochart Bridge. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy, and of course any help offered for the night will be gladly accepted. Funding for this celebration will be difficult this year, since we have already received grants for this purpose. However, due to the success of last years display, we are confident we can raise funds from the village. If any club/organisation or individual would like to give a donation to this project, please come along and speak to me.

Lastly, if you have any questions about any of the projects, please speak to either myself or the Committee Member leading the particular project.

Colin J McRae, Chairman

Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band

For the last sixteen years the Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band has been a regular sight in the village of Killin during the summer months. Popular with residents and tourists alike, the visits are funded by the Killin and District Tourist Association, with refreshments for the Band being generously sponsored in 2000 by the Killin Hotel. This new venue for the start and finish of the visits has proved to be very successful.

Begun in 1973 as a chanter/piping class in the Bowmar (Bowhouse Estate & Mar Estate) Community Centre, Alloa, under the auspices of Gordon Simpson, the first pipe major, by 1975 there were enough learners to form a band. Based in the Community Centre, as the band grew so did the noise (a pipe band can not practise quietly!), and the complaints from other users, resulted in a move to the Park Primary School. This became the home of the band for the next twenty years until 1997 when practise facilities were offered at Clackmannan College. Many family groups of father and son or daughter, or brother and sister, or grandfather and grandson or granddaughter, played with the band and some still do. Today, the band has a healthy membership, from young to old, including fourteen learners.

Over the years the band has played at many functions and events throughout central Scotland and has made several overseas trips. Since the first trip to Germany in 1984 there have been other visits to that country, as well as to France and Spain. Their most recent trip was to Cairo in Egypt, in October 1999. There they played in front of the wife of the President of Egypt, numerous high ranking army officials, ambassadors and half the Egyptian government, at the gala opening of a £multi-million golf course and leisure complex, on the outskirts of the Egyptian capital.

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Clipping Results from 30th June held at Kenknock Farm by kind permission of John Cameron

Machine: H Mitchell

Hand: T McKellar

Machine Local: M Armstrong

Hand Local: D Stevens

Youngest: S Main

Oldest: D Willison

Stock Judging 1st Equal: D Willison,
R Webster, A Buchan

Judges were Timothy Bruges, Dunkeld
& Kenny Taylor, Dall Farm, Ardeonaig

Killin Agricultural Show Results

Commercial Cattle

Champion: Robert Waugh,
Croftintygan - **"Colin Kennedy
Memorial Cup"**

Reserve Champion: P McDiarmid &
Co., Shenlarich

Best Calf by Native Bull: P McDiarmid
& Co., Shenlarich

Best Calf by Lim. Bull: Robert Waugh,
Croftintygan

Best Calf any other breed: K Taylor &
Sons, Dall Farm.

Highland Cattle

Champion: J Bowser, Auchlyne

Reserve Champion: J Bowser,
Auchlyne

Sheep Results

Champion: C D Ormiston, Burnside

Reserve Champion: B & I McLarty,
Ardeveich

Wool Results

Matress Fleece: F MacAskill, Tullich

Fine Fleece: F MacAskill, Tullich

Naturally Coloured: J Veitch, The
Hosh, Crieff

Horticultural, Homecraft & Handicrafts

Handicraft Cup: E Lumsden

Homecraft Cup: A & E Sword

Baking Cup: Bunty MacGregor

Produce Cup: May Graham

Veg. & Flower Cup: L Fenton

Floral Art Cup: Anne Shuttleworth

Girls Cup: Kirsty Somerville

Boys Cup: Colin Woods

WRI Salver: Ardeonaig

The Landrover Pull was won by Lix
Toll Garage

The Bonny Baby Competition was won
by Ewan Laing

The Fancy Dress Competition was won
by the Tiddlers & Toddlers and the
runners up were the Killin Drama Club.

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Killin Police Good News & Bad News

First the bad news! We're sorry to report that Constable Alex McGregor, who has been here only a few years, has left us. Alex, in the short period he was here, had come to be liked and appreciated by the local people, and in different circumstances might have stayed on. However, Pamela, his wife, is not in good health, and with a young baby to look after she will be better off, when Alex is working, having her parents close at hand in Alloa. However, we've not seen the back of Alex – correction – we will still see Alex from time to time, because he is now stationed in Callander!

Now for the "Good News" – Alex and Pamela have been replaced by Constable Steven Lapsley and his new wife, Jennifer. Jennifer is the new receptionist at the Killin Doctor's Surgery. Steven, aged 24, with 4 years in the Police Force stationed mainly in Falkirk, has now moved into the Police house and is looking forward to serving in Killin. Steven recently finished 12 weeks familiarisation with the area, i.e. Callander, Lochearnhead, Balquhider, Killin, Crianlarich and Tyndrum. He comes across as a strong and efficient member of the Force. He also plays a good game of golf – and if you don't believe me – ask Constable Ian Donaldson who used to fancy himself on the golf course!

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Right: Caught in the act! - Of opening the moving-in boxes. Jennifer and Steven Lapsley, on their first day in their new home, the Killin Police house.

The Angling



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The season is nearing it's close on the river and Loch Tay, so the trout are best left to spawn. However, sport can still be found on the Hill Loch. It is great to report that Richard McPherson caught his first wild brown trout on the fly, unfortunately, it was undersize and was put back. Still leading in the Championship and the heaviest bag is Angus McLennan, and Dave McLarty in the heaviest fish category. The outing to Inverawe was well supported, and the following caught their first Rainbow Trout. Myself, who actually won the cup (blush!), Richard McPherson, Dave McLarty and David Stewart, all were fine fish, the smallest was 3 ½ pounds.

It is very satisfying to me as Competition Secretary, that the newer members have come good and persevered with the fly. They have not been put off, or resorted to not coming with the more experienced anglers, they are now well and truly 'hooked' themselves.

Thirteen members attended the trip to Loch Lomond on 12th August. The day was overcast with showers, and fish were seen moving. However, only some perch were taken, and Duncan Twigg won the day with two small pike. The ghillie's prize went to Paul Shannon. The Vale of Leven Club entertained us with the usual bar-b-q, and afterwards a buffet in the Club – a great day for everyone.

At the Killin Highland Games, the prizes for the various disciplines of the casting competition, were won by Grant Tigwell and Alex Stewart. Thanks to all who supported the Angling Corner, the tips and advice from Peter Anderson fair made the day. The Club Casting competition at the Killin Show was won by Ian Downie.

May I remind everyone that the Annual General Meeting, social and prize giving will be in the Killin Hotel on Friday 3rd November at 8 pm. All are welcome, and it is hoped that there will be a good turn out of members.

Donald McLarty, Competition Secretary



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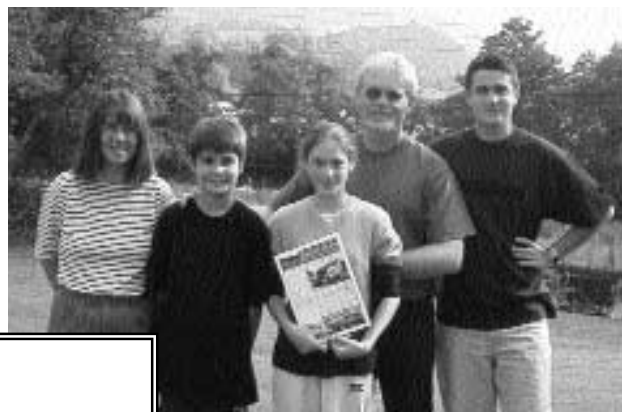
Siobhan Riddell, daughter of Paul & Mhari, 4 Monemore, Killin is photoed with her uncle Euan - and the Killin News - whilst on 'vacation' at Niagra Falls, U S A.



Andrea Simpson, who now lives in Stenhousemuir, sent us this photo of herself and her daughter Brenda. Brenda lives in the USA and the photo was taken whilst they were on holiday in Las Vegas. Brenda's dad, Douglas, was a native of Killin. Andrea mentioned in her letter how much she enjoys reading the Killin News.



May Graham (right) in Tenerife doing a 'Shirley Valentine'. The lady on the left is Alex McGregor's Mother In Law, Ena McIntyre from Alloa, whose daughter lives in Tenerife.



The Killin family, in Killin, with their copy of the Killin News!

Graham and Helen Killin, with children Sam, Lorna and Adam. The photo was taken whilst they were on holiday in Killin in July. The Killin family, from St Albans, are regular visitors to Killin.

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Shocker! – Gasp! – Horror! On Killin Bowling Green

July 9th was the date of the outdoor leg of the Green Bowlers versus the Carpet Bowlers.

The normally decorous cut and thrust was however enlivened by the appearance of a male streaker! Yes, this is Killin – and Yes, he was starkers! He leapt over the boundary hedge (fortunately the brambles had just been cut back the day before!), dodged an oncoming bowl, executed a smart ‘U’ turn and vanished into a waiting car.

Suspicion that this might be a diversionary ruse by the Carpet Bowlers, was dispelled by Jock Guild, who assured the writer that if it had been their work, the streaker would have been female. From those of the Green Bowling ladies who noticed, the following comments were overheard, “Well, he wasn’t a local man”. When asked if he was young or old – “I wasn’t actually looking at his face, but what he was wearing certainly didn’t need ironed!”

The Killin News Editor was there, complete with camera, and much to her personal annoyance, missed ‘the show’ – and didn’t get a photo for the paper either!



Sorry Ladies - Membership Is Full !!



Who won? Some say that we won, and some say that they won. The Green Bowlers won on shots, and the Carpet Bowlers won on games. As the foreman said to the Irishman pointing to a pile of shovels, “take your pick!”. At the end of the day, everyone won, as it was a super day, with great company.

There is no truth in the rumour that the streaker was Sean Connery!

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Killin Community Council

A meeting of the Killin Community Council was held on Tuesday 8th August.

The Chairman, John MacPherson opened the meeting by introducing Mr Pearson from Rural Stirling Housing Association (RSHA). Mr Pearson explained that the Association had been established for 10 years and its basic remit was to provide a supply of rented accommodation within the Stirling Area. In all the RSHA have built 221 houses throughout the area, its main partners being Scottish Homes and Stirling Council.

Due to Government Initiative, The New Housing Partnership, £11 million was being made available for rented accommodation over the next three years. RSHA was considered the best vehicle within Stirling area to provide this. Consequently, its output is likely to double over this period, with developments in Callander, Kippen, Tyndrum and Doune. The last development within the current plan will be Killin.

Providing a site can be agreed, and RSHA is currently preparing a feasibility study for a site at Fingal Road, a further 16/17 houses would be available in Killin. Ogilvy, the contractor, may build additional private houses on the same site. The accommodation would be a combination of amenity on bedroom and family sized three or four bedroom properties. There were questions on access and schooling from the Council and members of the public.

The waiting list for Killin housing was stated as currently 43 for rented accommodation and 16 for shared ownership housing. Allocation procedures are based on a points system with final allocation being determined by the greatest housing need. Generally, 85% - 100% of RSHA housing meets local needs.

The **Killin**
Web Site

It was agreed that copies of the Killin Community Council minutes will be made available to the Killin Web Site for publication on the Internet.

Speeding

John MacPherson had discussed the problem of cars speeding around the Ballechroisk area with the local police. The police have made assurances that car speeds will be monitored.

National Park

At the various meetings attended by John MacPherson over the last two months, he had been given the impression that it was unlikely that Killin would be part of the new National Park. Cllr. Ffynch disagreed and indicated that there was still a strong feeling that Killin should be included.

A letter had been received from Callander Community Council asking for support of Alistair Thornley, of Port of Monteith, as Chairman of the Association of Community Council of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park Area. Killin Community Council have informed Callander that they will not support his candidature, but instead will lend their support to the candidature of John Riley, of Strathfillan Community Council.

Road Repairs

The roads at Bovain Road, Main Street, Clachaig and the South Loch Tay Road are in urgent need of repair, also the footpath adjoining Morenish Place was overgrown. Mr. Doig from the Roads Department promised to investigate, but stated that money was short at present.

Fassiefern Wall

Stirling Council have re-iterated that they will bear 50% of the cost of repair – the issue now needs to be resolved by the residents themselves.

New SusTrans Cycle Way

Concerns were expressed at the pot-holes which have already developed, and also for the safety at the cross-over at the top of Glen Ogle. The Community Council will inform the Roads Department of these concerns.

Water Shortage !

Charlie Grant expressed surprise at the letter from East of Scotland Water which had been posted throughout the village, indicating water shortages in Killin, particularly in view of the significant investment already made.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th October at 7.30 pm in the Lesser Hall.

Community Council Elections

The election of members to the Killin Community Council will take place during October/November 2000.

Nomination Packs are available from the Community Resource Centre, Stirling Council, 13, Corn Exchange Road, Stirling FK8 2HX. Anyone interested in standing for election and who has not received a Pack should request one. Candidates must be over the age of 18 and be on the Electoral Register as living within the community council boundary.

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1950 - Villagers' Loyal Welcome for the Queen

In the light of the Queen Mothers' recent 100th birthday celebrations, this information was unearthed regarding her visit to Killin when she was Queen.

Rose Garden

Petals by the garden bower
Where roses grow and sweetly flower
Roses, roses everywhere
With pleasant perfume fills the air.

White and cream pinks and reds
Peach and yellow floppy heads
Ablaze with colour, softly shades
It never slips away though fades.

Summer sunshine, Autumn gold
Rose gardens beauty to behold
To walk with you the pathway through
A lovely rosy cosy view.

Norma A Macarthur

Norma is the little girl with the hood up in the 1950 photo of the Queen's visit to Killin, she is standing just behind her left shoulder. Norma grew up in Killin and has many happy memories of Killin and her family. She is George Bickerton's sister, and now lives in Edinburgh and is a published poetess.



The Queen arrives to lunch at Killin Hotel on Wednesday, while on her way from Balmoral to inaugurate the new hydro-electric scheme at Loch Sloy. At the hotel, Her Majesty was greeted by the proprietor, Mr Alfred Morris, and, before leaving, she signed his personal autograph book, which contains many Royal names. Killin was last visited by Royalty 108 year ago, when Queen Victoria was in the district.

Rousing send-off by Killin school children as the Queen drives past after lunching in the Killin Hotel. Her Majesty graciously acknowledged the cheers of the young villagers. AW



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Bus Services to Expire

Several local bus service contracts in the Killin and Strathfillan areas are due to expire at the end of March 2001. These contracts are for:

Evening service to McLaren Leisure Centre (Cunningham of Tyndrum)
All Postbus services
Killin - Callander service on non-school days (Harlequin Coaches)
Tyndrum - Crianlarich - Killin - Callander - Stirling, Saturday service (operated by First Edinburgh)

Contracts in the Callander area are also affected. Stirling Council's Transport Co-ordination Centre are carrying out a review of these services before putting new contracts out to tender in November. The Council want to hear your opinion on how well the bus services meet your needs as well as any suggestion you have for improvements. You can help by filling out the questionnaire inside your Killin News and either sending it in to the Council or hand it to your local Rural Stirling Outreach Network Volunteer.

The Old Mart Housing Development

Right: A new traditionally built home from Lynfern Developments.

Below: The new modern style kitchen, an option which can be installed.



Building at the old mart is progressing with six houses now occupied and the final two roadside houses nearing completion. Although the outside is of traditional appearance with stonework and slate roofs, inside each property is different having been styled to individual requirements. Whereas one house is fitted with a traditional oak kitchen, the next one to be occupied will have the most modern free standing units with stainless steel tops.



Purchasers have also elected for an open plan layout with combined kitchen and dining area and a large walk-through to the lounge. Upstairs one bedroom has been replaced by a studio again with a very open plan look. The studio has been wired to cope with modern technology – computer, fax, telephone and satellite t.v. Further features include laminate flooring and the woodwork has been washed with a greeny/blue colour then rubbed with lime. Such treatment highlights the grain of the wood and is certainly something different from paint or varnish.

This property is the first to be built from foundations upwards in the year 2000 in Killin and a date stone was put in place on the Queen Mother's 100th birthday to commemorate the fact. Under the stone is a £5 commemorative coin.

The next stage in the development after completion of these last two roadside houses is to make up the roads and pavements and run the services for the second phase of building in the rear of the old mart.

The properties are being built to a high specification and will surely be an asset to the village. Anyone looking for a new property incorporating their own ideas would be well advised to have a word with Richard Craig of Lynfern Developments Ltd who are the builders.

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Killin Floral Association

The committee of the Floral Association would like to take this opportunity to thank all the businesses and individuals who so generously sponsored the hanging baskets this year. Plans are in hand to extend the number of baskets next year and to introduce other areas of display around the village. Due to their rather exposed position along the Main Street, the choice of plants for the baskets is not quite as straightforward as some may think. This lack of shelter limits the types of plant that can be used to best effect. Discussions are already taking place with regard to the planting for 2001, and some committee members have attended nursery plant trials to gather expert advice, as well as studying other communities with floral displays.

Special thanks must also go to all those who volunteered to join the watering rota, and once again, to Killin Initiative, who helped with funds to purchase the mobile watering unit. The latter has proved to be a great success and the extra pairs of hands have made the whole task so much easier.

Sadly, this summer saw two episodes of totally mindless vandalism to one of the baskets – the rather sad looking one at the entrance to the lane that leads to Ballechroisk from the Main Street. Both incidents were reported to the police. It is very sad and disheartening, not only for all the volunteers who help with the scheme, but also for the whole community, to see such behaviour in the village. In both incidents the basket had been forcibly pulled from its bracket and obviously kicked along the ground, and probably jumped on the second time because it was totally destroyed.

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Competition For Stirling Observer as P7 Press Hits The Streets!

The P7 Press landed on our local doormats mid July, and the response thereafter was very impressive. Everyone who commented said they enjoyed it immensely. Congratulations came from even further afield – Stirling Council, Editors of other community newspapers, school teachers – all thought it was excellent.



Dr. Sylvia Jackson MSP joined the children at Stirling Reprographics in Stirling to see the paper come 'hot off the press'. Sylvia said, "The children have done a great job and their newspaper looks fantastic, their hard work and that of all involved has to be congratulated. It was wonderful to see them so enthusiastic about this project and I'm sure that it will be repeated in the future".

Will it be repeated next year? Time will tell, but we certainly hope so.



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Killin Floral Awards

Congratulations to all those in the village who put in such tremendous effort to brighten up their house and garden with floral displays, of whatever kind. What a pleasure it is for other residents, and visitors, to see the results of all the hard work. There are some splendid displays of colour, particularly in Ballechroisk, Fingal Road, Stewart Road, Manse Road and Dochart Road.

Each year the short lists for the awards become longer and this year, instead of one judge for all the competitions, four were asked to carry out the task. There was one judge for the garden competition, one for the commercial and two for the window boxes, hanging baskets and tubs.

Six gardens were eventually nominated for the garden competition. There were many others that came very near but failed on the overall criteria for 2000 of 'all year round planting combined with a display of summer bedding'. As a very high percentage of gardens around the village have all year round planting – a mixture of perennials, shrubs, trees, heathers etc. – the inclusion of some annuals to give added colour would have opened up the competition even wider.

The winner of the gardens section was Mrs. Campbell, Leodhas, 7 Ballechroisk. Highly commended were: Mr & Mrs N Inglis, 18 Monemore, Mr & Mrs L Fenton, 17 Monemore and Mr & Mrs D McNicoll, Karmen, Manse Road.

In the domestic sections covering window boxes/hay racks, containers and hanging baskets, there was initially, an extremely long list! It is very encouraging to see so many houses around the village that have some form of display. Ten houses were eventually short-listed for the container section, eight for the hanging baskets and five for the window boxes/hay racks.

The winner for window boxes/hay racks was Mr & Mrs B Smith, 4 Dochart Road. Highly commended in this section were: Mr & Mrs K FitzGerald, Dalerb, Craignavie Road, Mr & Mrs A Chisholm, Kilvaxter Cottage, Manse Road and Mr & Mrs N. Inglis, 18 Monemore.

The winner for containers was: Mr & Mrs A Graham, Craiglea, Main Street. Highly commended for containers were: Mr & Mrs I Hunter, 6 Dochart Road, Mr & Mrs W Inglis, Coltrian, Ballechroisk Terrace, and Mr & Mrs C Higgins, The Cedars, Main Street.

The winner for hanging baskets was Mr & Mrs W Inglis, Coltrian, Ballechroisk Terrace. Highly commended hanging baskets were: Mrs Campbell, Leodhas, 7 Ballechroisk, Mr & Mrs A. Graham, Craiglea, Main Street and Mr & Mrs I McGregor, 3 Dochart Road.

There were four establishments short-listed in the commercial section. It is good to see an increase in the number of commercial properties making an effort to create some form of floral display at the front of their establishment. This not only enhances the appearance of the business, but also helps to brighten up the village.

The winner of the commercial section was Invertay House Guest House. Highly commended in this section was Shutters Restaurant. Commended were: Maragowan Caravan Park and Dall Lodge Hotel.

Millennium Edition Telephone Directory

Early in 2001, Killin News will produce a fully updated version of the local telephone directory, intended to be even more useful and comprehensive than before.

It will list both personal and business numbers, not only in Killin but also in Crianlarich, Tyndrum, Bridge of Orchy and Lochearnhead. Fax, E-mail and mobile numbers are also welcome and, as before, the Directory will include 'essential and useful' numbers.

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Art & Craft Exhibition

The Killin & District Art and Craft Exhibition was first held in 1974 when a group of people interested in arts and crafts decided to organise a show in order to raise money for local charities. It has since been held every other year in the McLaren Hall in the first week of August and each year has become a bit more sophisticated. Anyone in the area is encouraged to exhibit handiwork of any kind and the show is always well worth a visit.

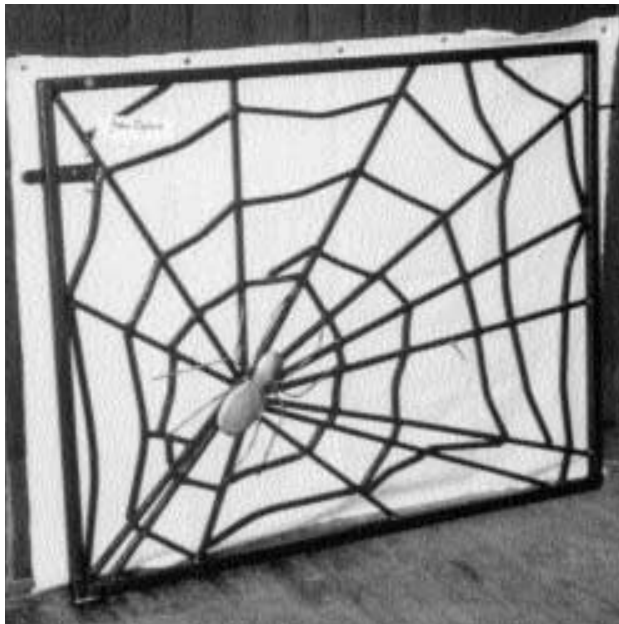


Above: Painting of the Falls by Syd Davidson.

Eleven artists exhibited 52 paintings and there were 21 exhibitors in the craft section. Craft items ranged from an ironwork gate to decorated eggs with wonderful quilts, wood turning, wood and horn carving, china and glass painting and all types of needlework. The committee of five ladies and two men put in a lot of work setting up the exhibition and running it and will perhaps now have time to start working on things for the next show in two years time. **MM**

This year there were 459 signatures in the visitors book and, allowing for people who didn't sign and those who signed for families, that means over 500 visitors enjoyed seeing the many beautiful things produced by local people.

Below: Spider Gate by John Ogilvie.



Highland Perthshire Herb Group

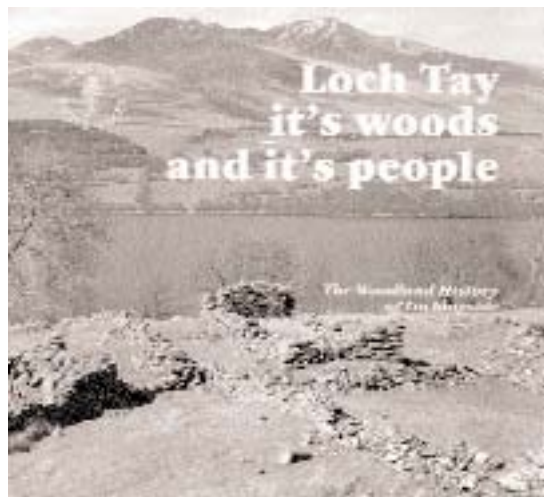
Taking advantage of the longest day, we held our June evening meeting at Garden Cottage Herb Nursery at Acharn. Ann Heirs took us on a guided tour of her own herb garden, which is set out in the form of a Celtic Cross and comprises of culinary, medicinal, scented and household varieties of herbs.

July 26th we travelled to the gardens of Kinnaird House for a members only morning of great pleasure. Proprietor, Mrs Constance Ward, has made tremendous progress in fulfilling her dream of re-creating this old high-walled garden. It consists of a lovely orchard, herbaceous borders, and a herb border of multiple use, particularly to supply the kitchens with produce, salad and seasoning crops for guests, used by the resident chef, Trevor Brooks. He and the resident gardener, Derek Hurst, were available for questions and helpful comments on usage and gardening techniques.

August gave us an added extra, with a minibus trip to Inverness and the Black Isle for viewing and shopping at two specialised herb nurseries – Brin School Fields near Farr and Poyntzfield Herb Nursery by Dingwall.

On October 18th we will present the next years syllabus. Hopefully the next season will prove to be as successful and interesting as our inaugural year. Anyone interested in joining the group or who would like further information, phone Patty Hope on Killin 820 408 or Cath McGregor on 01887 830 805.

Loch Tay, It's Woods And It's People



The importance of the ancient woodlands and trees of Loch Tay is being highlighted by Aberfeldy based Scottish Native Woods (SNW), with the recent publication of its new booklet, "Loch Tay, its Woods and its People".

The 24 page colour booklet is the result of a two year research project, funded by SNW and undertaken by SNW's Highland Perthshire Native Woodland's Project Manager, Mairi Stewart. The purpose of this booklet is to tell the story of Loch Tay's native woods and their link with its people, particularly from the 17th to the 19th centuries; a time of great change in the Highlands, not just for the woods, but also for the people. It has been written for anyone who has an interest in the area.

The booklet is on sale at several local outlets and proceeds will go to SNW and Highland Perthshire Native Woodlands. The production of the booklet was made possible by funding from the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund and Millennium Forest for Scotland Trust. SNW are also grateful for local financial support from Dewars Whisky, and also the Aberfeldy branches of Bank of Scotland and The Royal Bank of Scotland.

HPNW offers free advice on native woodland management and can be contacted on 01887 820501. SNW is a charity dedicated to the restoration of Scotland's native woodlands. Founded in 1988, it has established five area initiatives including HPNW.

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News From The Crannog

The new Visitor Centre was officially opened by local MSP John Swinney on 12th July.

In praising the innovative work of the Trust, he also emphasised one of the major obstacles confronting organisations such as ours in endeavouring to attract visitors – the prohibitive cost of fuel. This continues to be a very major problem nation wide and must be addressed without delay by the Government in order to reverse the decline in not only tourism, but also rural economy in general.

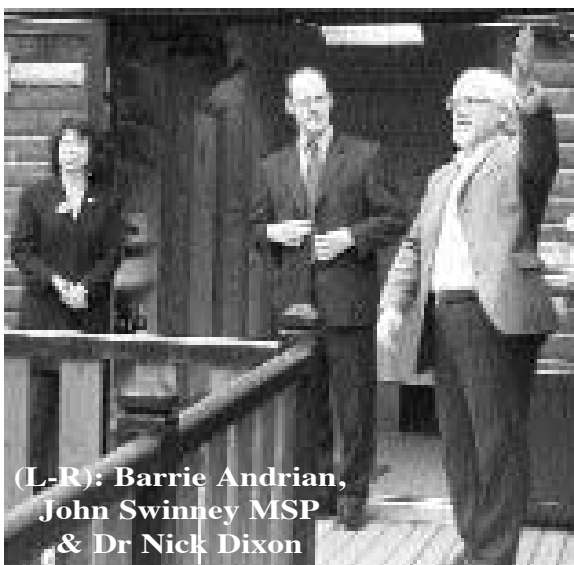
The month of August has seen the complete re-survey of all eighteen crannog sites in Loch Tay. Last undertaken some 21 years ago by the Trust's Chairman, Dr Nick Dixon. The latest underwater survey has been led by Nick accompanied by his wife Barrie Andrian, Managing Director of the Crannog Centre, Graham Cavers and Muriel Masson, students at Edinburgh University's Department of Archaeology.

The intervening years have brought about many improvements in both survey equipment and dating technology. A number of exciting finds have been made on various crannog sites, and it is hoped that the results of these will be available for publication in the near future which will throw further light on the people who inhabited the crannogs, all those years ago.

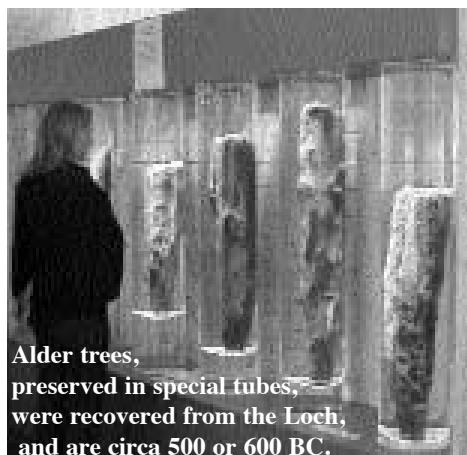
Bucking the seemingly general tourism trend throughout Scotland, the Crannog Centre has so far had a bumper year with regard to visitor numbers.

Amongst the August visitors was a spin off from the Edinburgh Festival with the arrival of The Zulus. Following their tour of the Crannog and Exhibition Centre, they delighted locals and tourists alike with an impromptu busking session.

Readers can keep abreast of the Scottish Crannog Centre activities on our Website at www.crannog.co.uk



(L-R): Barrie Andrian,
John Swinney MSP
& Dr Nick Dixon



Alder trees,
preserved in special tubes,
were recovered from the Loch,
and are circa 500 or 600 BC.

Colin Scott

Killin Keepfitters

Want to keep fit? Come along to the Keepfit class on Thursday mornings at 10.30 in the McLaren Hall. Or to the Yoga class on Wednesday evenings in Killin School from 7.30 to 9.00. Both these classes have been arranged by the newly formed Killin Keepfitters, which is a group aiming to encourage local people to take part in activities to improve health and fitness. Men and women, young and old - all are welcome.

The Killin Keepfitters would also be interested to hear from anyone interested in either an evening keepfit class, or a gentle exercise class on Thursday mornings. And, for all those shy men who don't like to exercise with the ladies, how about a class for men? If there is enough demand for any of these classes, we will do our utmost to get them going - ably assisted by Suzanne Player, our Community Animator, Nick Rennie, Stirling Council Sports Development and anyone else we can persuade to help. So please let us know c/o Tel. Killin 820 154.

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“By The Way”

Strathfillan Community Council



A meeting of Strathfillan Community Council took place on 2nd August 2000. Ian McCourt, Community Support, gave a short talk on Community Learning, and explained how they were trying to draw the community and agencies together, to find out what is going on now and to get the community involved in it's own planning.

Cllr. Ffinch was given a list of items relating to roads that needed attention at the last meeting, and although, when he talked to Mr McDonald - Balfour Beattie, they agreed that these things needed attention they could not give a time scale. PC Donaldson was shown the list but the majority of the items were not police matters. He was asked about the police presence in the area not being very conspicuous, and said that he was responsible for Crianlarich/Tyndrum

area, and was here most days he was on duty. He also said he would try to help with the bollards by the hotel and the collection of cars parked at the Tyndrum exit of Crianlarich.

John Riley, Chair, reported on the agreed make-up of the National Park Board and everyone was pleased that 20% is to be locally elected people. The Strathfillan Community Development Trust received £45,000 from the National Lottery to employ a Development Manager and to cover other administration expenses.

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Moira Robertson, secretary, received a letter from Sylvia Jackson MSP detailing the Governments' firm intention to ensure people who wish to collect their cash at post offices, will continue to be able to be so, before and after the change in 2003.

The Children's Hospice Association (CHAS) wants your fax, laser and inkjet cartridges from your office printers. CHAS recycles them and receives a cash donation for each one. Phone 0845 1302010 to arrange a free uplift of six or more. Moira attended a Community Waste Forum meeting, which highlighted the environmental damage caused by production of waste. Moira is also a member of the steering group on the Future of Council Housing.

The proposed new development in Tyndrum was discussed. John Riley declared an interest and vacated the Chair, which was taken by Jock Henderson. After much discussion it was agreed that it could be of benefit to the community, and it was voted to recommend that the planning panel approve the outline planning.

Moira Robertson, Strathfillan Correspondent for Killin News

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£4 Million Development For Tyndrum

A public meeting was held in Tyndrum Village Hall on 25th July 2000, at which Mr. Ian Cleaver (Highland Heritage Coaches & Highland Hotels) gave a verbal presentation and answered questions on his proposed new £4 million development for Tyndrum. The meeting was chaired by John Riley and facilitated by Helen Munro, Stirling Council. Also present were David Meeks - Architect, John Skinner, Iain Jeffrey and Claire Watts from Stirling Council's Planning Office, David Jorgensen - East of Scotland Water. The packed meeting was extremely well attended with over 50 members of the public.

The complex will include a travel lodge, an interpretation centre, a restaurant and up to eleven retail outlets. Ian Cleaver envisages that this will enable the young people of the area to have a greater choice of employment. The complex would be built in two phases, with all, except the travel lodge, being the first phase. His application was for outline planning permission, which only gave the intention of what the area would be used for – no details of construction, design or size of buildings. If granted, outline planning consent would be for 3 years, and within that period, detailed planning permission would need to be sought. Even if Tyndrum is included within the National Park boundaries, outline planning permission could not be overturned.

A sewage moratorium is in place, which affects Crianlarich and Tyndrum for the next 3-5 years. David Jorgensen said that perhaps if development were to go ahead, it could bring upgrading the water/sewage forward in capital planning. John Skinner said that if there were no likelihood of water/sewage improvements within the next three years, then planning permission would most likely be refused.

The community insisted that they would like to be consulted on the development of the project. If all the proposed units are occupied, and the hotels stay open all year, then a minimum of 35 new houses would be required. Both the Community Council and the Strathfillan Community Development Trust would like to be

involved in the new regeneration strategy. The villagers would like to ensure that the Planning Department is fully aware of their vision for Strathfillan.

The public were assured that all written objections would be taken into account. Concerns were raised about the possibility of the Travel Lodge adversely affecting the B&B trade. Ian Cleaver said, "All our eggs are in one basket – tourism. We should diversify. I hope that the development will remain open all year, and I have said that not one brick will be laid until all the retail units are let."

*Moir Robertson
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Alison Cairns and Blackjack, with whom she won overall champion for horse in hand at Campbeltown Show.

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Some folk have said they'd like
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 So in these few lines of verse,
 I'll give you my views,
 The Spring is nigh, the grass is green
 and all the birds are singing,
 But all along our lovely Glen,
 the lay-bys - they are mingling!

Most lay-bys up and down the Glen
 each have a wheelie bin,
 But folk don't seem to comprehend
 they're there t'put the litter in,
 Below the lay-bys, out of sight,
 among the grass so green,
 To list the things discarded there
 would really be obscene.

There's bedding, bottles, bits of bread
 and other nasty trash,
 And even, if one dared to look,
 maybe a bag of cash,
 There're cartons, clothes, empty cans
 and sanitary nasties,
 Bits of cars and bicycles
 and even half chewed pasties.

There's gloves and buckets,
 Big Mac packets, batteries & plastic,
 I could go on with the list of things,
 it's really quite fantastic,
 There're fridges, cookers, garden refuse
 and even blown out tyres,
 If all the rubbish were gathered up
 one could have some real good fires.

I wish I knew what the answer was
 to never ending litter,
 To use our Glen as a refuse heap,
 it really makes me bitter,
 Why can't folk take their rubbish home
 and put it in a skip?

And then, maybe, our lovely Glen
 wouldn't end up like a tip.

But once we're in the National Park,
 our problems will be over,
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Crofting 2000



In June primary 3 and primary 4 of Killin Primary School visited Moirlannich Museum in Glen Lochay to take part in some crofting activities. The clothes were borrowed from the Educational Resource Centre.

Message That Spans The Last Century

Working below the floor of his home at Lyon Cottages, Bobby Lafferty and Duncan Anderson discovered an old bottle with a message written inside. No – it was not a guide to buried treasure, but best wishes from 1898!

Probably from the men who were working on the cottages at that time. As far as can be made out, the wording written in pencil is:-

"This day the 23rd February 1898, we drunk to the health of Mr Campbell's property. Yours truly, Robert Forbes, J D ? (may be Forbes), H Campbell, D McLachlan, D Campbell Piper Finlarig, Sir D Whyte, Arch. McDiarmid, The Rev. Forbes commonly called Jaffet."



Extraordinary getting this message of over 100 years ago. We examined the note carefully in case there was a post script, wondering if it was as difficult to get a plumber in those days!! (only joking Duncan).

However, we send Killin News best wishes to the Lafferty's in their new house, and the recent addition to their family.

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"Some talk of Alexander, and some of Hercules, and others of Lysander, and such great men as these". However, in these parts, in this the millennium year - and certainly in the past, the talk has been of Fingal.

Just over a hundred years ago, the Killin village Elders decided to re-erect a fallen standing stone in the field behind the school, and had their photograph taken to record the event (above). The stone from time immemorial had been known to have an association with Fingal.

Since that time, the land about the stone has become boggy and overgrown. The Millennium Committee thought it would be a good thing, to open out and create access to this ancient landmark. This, at a time when interest in Celtic history and myth, is on a high and being re-assessed. Who was this Fingal? All societies have their myths and legends. History of Gods and Heroes, where folk memory is shrouded in the mist of time. The Saxons had Beowulf, a story certainly brought to England from the continent. The Celts who migrated to the British Isles, including Ireland, had their own pantheon of Gods and folk heroes. Among the legendary heroes, was one Fingal, who led a band of warriors called The Fionn. Amongst their number Ossian the Bard, as well as Diarmid from whom Clan Campbell claim descent.

Fingal, in a Highland context, is particularly associated with Glen Lyon, and to a lesser degree with Killin and Glen Dochart. In Ireland, Finn McCummail or McCool had roving bands of warriors called the Fianna (sounds familiar). In the 1700's when the Scots were not particularly popular in England (think Bonnie Prince Charlie's adventures), James McPherson collected

many of the Fingalian legends, and published a book. This caused a stir, but was denounced as invention by, amongst others, Samuel Johnson. However, this, as with other Celtic lore, is being re-assessed.

What we have is a bit like Arthurian legend, from a culture that was submerged and suppressed, folk tales of times past emerged. Legend has it that Fingal built twelve castles in Glen Lyon - led a band of warriors - was killed in Glen Dochart over a woman, and his exploits were re-told in Gaelic oral tradition. Who ever Fingal was, his name comes up in many place names - Fingals Cave - Ossians Cave - Ossians Grave in the Sma' Glen - Fingals Stone in Killin. Killin has as much a claim to Fingal as anywhere.

A sub-committee of the Millennium Committee, with two ad hoc members, was set up to take the matter further, that is to restore the area in the vicinity of the stone to create public access. This followed on from Judge Stroyan's interest, and his kind offer to donate Fingals Stone and the land near at hand to the Millennium Committee.

To date contact has been made, and visits paid by representatives of Stirling Council, and legal advice has been taken. What is proposed is modest - create a dry pathway to the stone, fence the area, and clear the immediate surround. This hopefully will link in context with the Millennium Cairn, and the cleared pathway on the old railway line. The work and legal costs will amount to a considerable sum, but enlarging Killin's accessible points of interest will be well worth while.

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Community Resource Centre Getting Nearer All The Time

Since the last report in July's edition of the Killin News, progress has been steady, with two meetings held in July and August. The main focus of discussion has been around the status of the Steering Group, and preparation of a brief for consultants to carry out a feasibility study for the development of the multi-use community resource centre in Killin.

We are at an exciting stage with the Steering Group about to become formally constituted at its next meeting on 11th September. Office bearers will be elected at the October meeting. This will allow the group to raise funds for the feasibility study, with a variety of organisations being approached for assistance.

Some of the questions the resultant report will answer are: is this really possible in Killin; what will it cost to build and to run; where will the money come from; how will the centre be managed. It will also provide the facts and figures that will be the evidence of need for the centre in this rural north west area of Stirling district and be the basis of funding applications.

The Steering Group have agreed the brief and have sent it out to three consultants to tender for the work. The successful consultant will be selected during September, and we hope that the work will begin in October and be completed by February 2001.

Minutes of the Steering Group meetings are available in the Killin Library and the Mobile Library.

*Suzanne Player
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Bishop Welcomes New Minister

Killin Episcopal Church has a new minister. The Rev. Ladd Fagerson was welcomed to the Church on Sunday 30th July, at a service of induction led by the Bishop of St. Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, the Rt. Rev. Michael Henley, supported by the Dean, Rev. Randall McAlister. Also, Canon Roger Devonshire, other local clergy, and members of churches in the area attended. The service was followed by a gathering of the congregation of friends and well-wishers. The Bishop congratulated the congregation on keeping the Church going by holding lay services during the inter-regnum.

Rev. Ladd Fagerson has recently retired from his position of Chaplain of Rannoch School. He, and his wife Thea, are well known in the area and have retired to Fortingall. A service of Holy Communion will be held in the Church every Sunday at 11.15 am, and all will be welcome to come along and join us.

The new organ had been installed shortly before the occasion. It was played by our regular organist, Mr Leonard Humphreys, and the Church was filled with joyful music appropriate for the celebration.

Dr. Alistair Inglis

(Photo L-R): Rev. Randall McAlister, Rev. Ladd Fagerson, Bishop & Canon Roger Devonshire.



The Frost Report Only The Technology Has Changed - Yet!

When we were visiting my son in Sutherland this summer we had a surprise visitor on the first morning. My son was away working and there was a knock on the door. Upon opening it, we found the health visitor, name badge gleaming, with a big smile and a video. "It's the Queen mother's birthday service this morning, it's on TV, and I wondered if you would video it for me, as no one else is in." she said. The rest of the houses were empty, all three of them were out.

Those of you who read the Lillian Beckwith books will know stories of folk, anything from hens to letters for people, but this was a new slant on 'neighbourliness'. We smiled as she left and both said, "Well, nothing much has changed has it?"

Much of the way of life, and many of the people, are just the same as when we lived in Sutherland some 30 years ago. It is wonderful to mention a name and someone will say, "I'm his niece you know", or, "Oh yes, he's still living in the Strath". We went to see the school my wife set up in 1970. Situated up a 12 mile track, the road was much the same - a few less potholes - but the deer were all in the same places. The trees were taller round the school, and a computer was now installed, so they have changed a bit. The school closed this year as the last child is now at secondary - it is never expected to open again. In fact the local shop is not expected to open again, nor the petrol station, or the Post Office, in fact to get a gallon of petrol you need to drive 35 miles.

Just to end with a quick seasonal warning about 'toad in the hole'. No, I'm not starting up a cookery column (!), but I put on my boots yesterday one of them felt too small. On investigation, a large toad had been hiding in there. After removing him from the boot, the speed he disappeared at made me think that perhaps my boots need some 'odour eaters' after all!

Tim Frost

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Diary Dates of Forthcoming Events

Sept.	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.

Episcopal Church - Please check Church notice board.

Roman Catholic - Services are held in the Episcopal Church Sundays at 2.30 pm



Mervyn's Weather

Weatherwise, Killin Show just made it!
Saturday 19th August produced an early



morning deluge, sufficient to reduce the main entry to the showground, where vehicular traffic converged, into a mini-morass. Then, apart from a light shower about 2 pm, the skies withheld their bounty until about 4 pm when Ben Lawers disappeared behind an ominous curtain of rain which moved relentlessly towards Killin – at this point I went home!

The Summer Season of 2000 has been somewhat like an unreliable acquaintance; one could never be 100% sure of fine weather holding. Even during the 'good' spell in mid July, thundery conditions were never far away. Since then, while there have been odd brilliant days, most of the time it has been hit and miss weather, some places remaining dry for the whole 24 hours while others, 'just down the road', have had deluges; very frustrating for saving hay, which can be just about ready to bale when the heavens open!

One hears people saying, "what a wonderful Summer". A lot depends presumably on the activities in which one is engaged. Many of the younger generation remembering

a summer such as this, which has produced warm sunny days marred only by perhaps one heavy shower daily, will look back with nostalgia and say how wonderful summers were in their youth – "not a drop of rain for weeks, glorious sunshine". It is only when one has been engaged over many years in the study of the sometimes boring statistics of weather recording that one realises that human memory tends to be inaccurate, perhaps at times erring towards what one would like to remember rather than the cold and possibly less acceptable facts.

*Mervyn K Browne,
Ardtnaig, 27 August 2000.*

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Killin Initiative

This year has been rather like catching a tiger by the tail – you never know which way it will turn and you have to be wary not to let go! There have been problems, one being the loss of two major sponsors of the Folk Festival which occurred too late to be resolved. The organising committee did what they could to save costs and carried on. Lesley Syme, Chairperson, had a rough time, but kept smiling in spite of the financial loss, and steered the committee through the storm.

The Highland Games however, seemed to fare better, with the prediction of a small profit. The crowd numbers were up on previous years and this was reflected in the gate takings. The World Grand Prix, the final of which is in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, in October, did not bring any records, indeed some of the athletes did not appear for one reason or another. Charlie Grant and Davy Fettes are leaving the committee and the search is on for replacements.

Investment was made in equipment, principally for the Highland Games. The dancing platform has been shared with the Show committee, and the gazebo's and tables have already brought in some welcome funds from donations. When the final figures are added up, there will be little left in the reserves. The outgoing committee will be faced with hard recommendation to put before the Annual General Meeting. The future cannot be foreseen and all decisions made this year were made in good faith. Circumstances beyond our control combined to create financial difficulties. There is no point in continually speculating on the reasons, instead we look forward to better days, and with the backing of the village, a solution will be found.

On a brighter note, the Initiative Web Site has been well received and visitor numbers are increasing daily. With links to other local business sites, we hope the end result will be more bookings from visitors. Check out www.killin-initiative.co.uk. If you wish a link or more information, please get in touch.

Thanks to local business for their support for the Festival and also to Initiative members and committees. Final reports will be presented at the AGM when decisions will have to be made on what happens next.

Alex Stewart, Chairman

Ministers To Decide On Structure Plan

Some of you may remember, if you cast your minds back to July of last year, that Killin, Lochearnhead, Crianlarich, Tyndrum, Strathyre, Balquhider and some areas of Callander, missed out on receiving a questionnaire concerning the Stirling & Clackmannanshire Councils Structure Plan. This neglect had come about due to an administrative “cock-up” by the firm contracted to deliver the questionnaires. In addition, there was no copy of the Draft Structure Plan available to the public in the Killin Library or anywhere else in this area. Stirling Council did attempt to resolve the situation by holding an impromptu meeting in Killin during which it became apparent that the delivery company had also failed in their second attempt to deliver the questionnaires.

We have now (a year on), received a Press Release from Stirling Council to update us on progress.

“It has taken three years to put together, involved hundreds of people, dozens of communities – and it’s now to be

scrutinised by government ministers. The 60-page Stirling and Clackmannanshire Structure Plan is off to the Scottish Executive where Ministers will have the final say. However, a decision from the Scottish Executive is not expected until the following year.

Between now and December 8, representations from communities and organisations who still have concerns about the Plan can be made to the Minister for Transport and the Environment, Sarah Boyack.

The Plan is a framework for the development of Stirling over the next 17 years. It estimates the need for 4,000 new homes focusing on Callander, Balfroun, Doune, West and East Stirling; new land for jobs in businesses and shopping, and transport developments.

Gillie Thomson, chair of Stirling Council’s Environmental Committee, said, “The demand for housing continues to grow and this is reflected in house prices. Future projections show

that this is not going to change and we therefore need to plan for good quality new housing to meet the full range of housing needs.” Stirling Council has already made a number of amendments to the Plan, especially relating to Bannockburn and the Eastern Villages, as the result of a wide-ranging consultation.

Councillor Thomson said, “Stirling is one of the fastest growing areas in Scotland and the pressure this places on housing and public services is considerable. People have to live somewhere and this Structure Plan strikes a very real balance between new population demands, the integrity and individuality of existing communities and the need to protect and sustain our environment.”

The Structure Plan can be viewed in local libraries and council offices where forms are available for people to make objections. The Plan can also be viewed on the Council’s web site at www.stirling.gov.uk/splan/index.htm.”

Stirling Council Urges Rethink On Hospital Changes

Stirling Council is urging a rethink over plans to move all hospital maternity and children’s services from Stirling to Falkirk. In their first official response to the plans, Councillors want Forth Valley Health Board to see whether maternity units could remain at both hospitals. They also want the Board to look again at whether Falkirk Royal Infirmary is the best place to centralise maternity, paediatrics and gynaecology services.

The Council’s response to the Health Board’s consultation came as the results of a Citizen’s Panel poll on the hospital changes were announced. The results showed that 74% of those polled opposed moving maternity and children’s services to Falkirk. However, 95% agreed with plans to provide ‘walk-in, walk-out’ day care units at both hospitals, and 71% favoured a new surgical centre at Stirling. A total of 1,260 questionnaires went out and 896 were returned.

Stirling Council leader Corrie McChord said, “As public opinion is so strongly against moving maternity services from Stirling, the proposal cannot be regarded as meeting the Trust’s declared aim of using public acceptability as a criterion of success.”

Forth Valley Acute Hospitals NHS Trust plans to improve hospital care by centralising some services at Stirling and others at Falkirk. Stirling Royal Infirmary would be the focus of inpatient surgery while maternity and children’s services would move to Falkirk. If approved the plans would involve £31 Million of new investment in the Forth Valley. Councillor McChord said, “While we recognise the need for improvements in the way health care is provided across the Forth Valley area, we are asking the Board to review the evidence favouring a centralisation of maternity care at Falkirk.”

The Council’s own research concluded that Stirling and Clackmannanshire had greater extremes of deprivation than Falkirk and that population growth predictions showed that by the time the Trust’s rebuilding programme had finished in 2006, more children would be born in Stirling and Clackmannanshire than in Falkirk.

The relocation would also mean over an hour’s travelling time for 17,000 rural Stirling residents. For 1,200 people in rural villages it would result in a 2 ½ hour return trip to Falkirk. Councillor McChord said, “..... we believe the plan to move all maternity services to Falkirk has not been thought through properly.”

Badminton Club

The Annual General meeting of the Killin Badminton Club will be on Monday 2nd October at 8 pm.

Badminton will be on every Monday from 9th October 7 pm – 10 pm. New members are needed so please come along. You’re never too old to give it a go!
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Schiehallion

I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me for the clean up of the railway line and surrounding area. I made £200 – which has been divided between the Schiehallion Appeal Fund and EAK (Environmental Action Killin). I managed to collect two large black bin bags of rubbish, which was mostly fish and chip papers and bottles. I would also like to thank everyone who helped and supported me on the Games and Show days, with the John Muir Trust stand. I made about £130 in the collection tins, and sold a lot of John Muir Trust products, as well as giving out a lot of leaflets and information.

As regards Schiehallion, the last survey in 1996 showed that 22,160 people walked up it in one year. It has now been decided that the East Ridge path will be developed as the main path up the mountain. This, in time, should help the main path to regenerate.

Margaret Fenna

Killin Heritage Society Winter Programme

The Society welcomes new members and visitors to all its meetings. For an annual subscription of only £5 (Juniors £1) it provides an interesting and varied programme of talks, mostly illustrated, throughout the winter months.

The programme begins with a special evening of entertainment on **Friday, 6th October at 7.30 pm**, in the McLaren Hall. This is an ambitious venture for the Society, which is bringing Quern, a group of artists from Edinburgh, to perform an evening of music and poetry based on the **'Life and Times of Robert Service'**. Some of you may have seen the television documentary earlier this year about Robert Service, who is one of Scotland's famous poets, and who spent much of his life in the Yukon during the Gold Rush era. Although you may not know his name you will no doubt have heard of 'dangerous Dan McGrew and the name of the girl who stole his poke was the girl that's known as Loo'. This promises to be a highly amusing and entertaining evening, with entry by ticket, priced at £2. Tickets are available from members of the committee and J R News.

The speaker on Friday, 3rd November will be Kevin Duffy, RSPB Red Kite Project Officer, who will talk on the Re-introduction of Red Kites and Sea Eagles to Scotland. To be lucky enough to see these magnificent birds in the wild is a special experience and this is an opportunity to find out more about two species which are now well established in several areas of Scotland. Sadly, the recent death of a young Golden Eagle, the result of poisoning, almost on our own 'doorstep', brings home the fragility of the existence of all birds of prey.

On Friday, 1st December the speaker will be Prof. J H Dickson, FLS, FRSE, from Glasgow University. He will bring us up to date on the Tyrolean Ice Man. Over the past few years many of you will have seen television documentaries about the discovery of the Tyrolean Ice Man, his body preserved for thousands of years in the glacier ice high on a mountain pass between Austria and Italy. Prof. Dickson has been involved in much of the research carried out on the plant life preserved with the body and that work continues today, several years after the initial find.

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Ambulance Update

John McPherson, Acting Chairman of the Killin Community Council has been in correspondence with the Scottish Ambulance Service to highlight the concerns of villagers in Killin, Strathfillan and Lochearnhead about the 'rumoured' closure of the Killin Ambulance Station.

Mr A Wemyss, Divisional Officer for Forth Valley responded thus: *"Firstly, can I state categorically, that I know of no plan that exists at this time, either locally within East Central Division, or at a National level, to close or relocate stations, or alter staffing levels, in any way with specific regard to rural North Stirlingshire"*

We must assume he means Perthshire!

"Secondly, can I also state that should any such plan come into existence, it would not be taken forward without full, thorough, and open consultation. This would be sought with our own staff, and other partners such as Killin Community Council, local GP's, the Police, Fire Service and many others who I am sure would have a valuable contribution to make to any debate on this issue."

Finally, what I can tell you, is that the Scottish Ambulance Service is undertaking a major review of it's entire operation. Some of this review is already underway, while the Operations Review (looking at the Accident and Non-Emergency Service) commences this August, and will be completed in eighteen months time."

It may be that there will be implications for specific areas of the country in terms of station locations, staffing levels etc., but the purpose of the review, is to ensure these implications are entirely evidence based."

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LETTERS



Dear Editor

Thank you for your letter of 26th July addressed to Sarah Boyack, MSP, Minister for Transport and the Environment about the articles reported in the Killin News on Eagles and Goldeneye.



The Minister shares the concerns of the village community about the abhorrent and illegal poisoning of birds of prey, such as the golden eagle. Like all wild birds resident in the UK, the golden eagle is afforded statutory protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. It is also listed in Annex 1 of the EC Birds Directive (79/409). In general terms, it is an offence to kill, take, or damage birds nests and eggs. Any specific instances of illegal shooting or poisoning, is a matter for the police in the first instance, and thereafter, for the courts to determine what penalties should be imposed on any person who may be charged. The current penalty for this type of crime is a fine not exceeding £5,000 for each and every offence.

Scottish Ministers are mindful of the increase in criminal activity involving wildlife. You may be aware that Sarah Boyack announced on 14 June, as part of a package of measures to further protect Scotland's natural environment, that the Scottish Executive proposes to introduce new provisions to tackle wildlife crime.

You also draw attention to the article about disturbance to breeding goldeneye in Loch Tay. This species of duck is also protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. However, its current listing under Schedule II, Part I of the Act, means that it is a species which may be legally killed, or taken outside the close season (i.e. between 21 February and 31 August), provided that there are no restrictions imposed on the killing or taking of such a species with an area, or any part of it, in which the species is located.

The Scottish Executive is fully supportive of your Community's concerns to protect such species and would condemn action taken by any person who would deliberately disturb any wild bird, its nest or eggs, or disrupt it during the breeding season. If you have any evidence of illegal activity relating to the disturbance to the birds or their nesting sites, I would suggest that you contact the local police. Each Scottish force has a Wildlife Liaison Officer who is knowledgeable about wildlife crime-related issues and should be able to offer advice. You may also wish to contact your local authority about any by-laws which might exist in relation to the use of boats and the speed limits imposed on Loch Tay.

Mrs Anna H Thomson
Wildlife and Habitats Unit
Scottish Executive

Dear Editor

As very regular visitors to Killin, we would like to comment on the containers full of lovely colourful flowers, which stretch from the Shutters Restaurant down to the Co-op in the village.

There is a particularly lovely display just below Gaulds Antique Shop and whilst we were there we saw many visitors photographing them. The flowers really do cheer up the village - so compliments to whoever is responsible for them!!

Last weekend we were lucky enough to be in Killin when Boreland Gardens were open for the afternoon, the weather was perfect and we enjoyed a delicious cream tea served by lots of willing helpers - so thank you again.

Judith & Ian Hall,
Bradford, West Yorkshire

Ed - We think the floral display you mention is that of Sandy and May Graham, who were the winners for 'Containers' in the Killin Floral Awards.

Dear Editor

You may wonder why you have received a letter from Gloucestershire, but I am a keen reader of the Killin News. My copy reaches me due to the kindness of Miss Aileen Smith, who sends it to my sister who lives in the South West of France, and who in turn then sends it on to me.

My main reason for writing is to say how interested I was to read of the visit to Killin of the vintage Trojan car belonging to Mr John Amor from Essex. If possible, I would like to contact Mr Amor. Mr Gentle was my grandfather, and I well remember both the Trojan and Swift motor cars which were mentioned in the article. It is possible that I can correct some inaccuracies and perhaps add to the history of the Trojan.

My brother and sister both share similar memories to me of happy, carefree holidays in Killin, staying with my grandparents when our main means of transport around the area was, after the second world war, the Swift driven by my grandfather in his own inimitable style. The excitement being increased by the knowledge that this model possessed brakes only on the rear wheels.

I would be grateful if you could let me have Mr Amor's address, as I would be pleased to hear how the old car is going, and fill in any of the missing links in his knowledge of the vehicle's past.

With best wishes for the continued success of the Killin News.

R J Parry, Stroud.

Ed - Address is on its way to you courtesy of Mr Rick Wells, Fairview House, Killin.

Dear Editor

What a delight it is to come into Killin and see all the beautiful flowers, in gardens, hanging baskets and tubs. A glorious display of colour!

Ronnie and I would like to say "thank you" to everyone responsible. I am sure we are not the only people to appreciate all the hard work that has gone into making Killin so attractive.

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Millennium Video Update

The editing of the millennium video is now about halfway through. It is a monumental task choosing which bits to include as the team has shot over forty hours of material so far. There can't be many folk in the village who haven't been filmed at some point!

The programme should provide a rich tapestry of the millennium year in Killin from the 1999 Killin Agricultural Show to the 2000 Highland Games and bear witness to the very lively community spirit that exists here. It will also be a valuable record of village life at the turn of the century.

When I was asked to get involved in working with the Video Group, none of us realised just how much work would be involved, (Jane Calder has a bit to answer for!) but everyone in the team has given 110%. Iain has done an excellent job with the camera, as has Gregor, who is also proving to be an exceptional editor. Margaret has organised the interviews and also logged every shot on countless tapes - a tedious but essential job. With Suzanne Player, Yvonne has been looking after the finances and she has also brought in new ideas about things to film and the packaging of the final video. I only hope I can do justice to everyone's hard work. We are aiming - fingers crossed - to have the video ready for Christmas so put it on your Christmas list!

Frances Bowyer

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Tay Liaison News

The committee has been hard at work getting new agreements signed with Riparian Owners who have not been within any club's schemes. This means more access throughout the system for anglers, within the law, for trout and other freshwater species.

Unfortunately, some anglers have been caught without permits. Thanks are due to the Wardens who go out and check permits.

The Freshwater Species Survey has been completed in the site chosen, and we await the published results. The TLC will respond to these and I would like to thank Group Captain Dowling for his co-operation, and members of the Killin Breadalbane Club for their assistance.

There will be a booklet, listing where to fish, and for what species, published before the end of the year. It will show all permit outlets and areas covered, and it will have contact numbers for booking in advance. New rules are also under consideration for 2001, and will be circulated to clubs for comment. It is to be remembered that all who sit on TLC, do so to represent the views of the area which they come from. We are governed by the terms of the Act, and therefore, all members of clubs within the Tay System, and those who visit to fish, must comply with the rules. There will always be differing views within the clubs, but when the decisions are made, they are for the overall benefit of all anglers, and the Riparian Owners, without whose co-operation there would be no access to the waters. TLC was set up to oversee the working of the Tay Protection Order and those involved try to represent all sections of fishing for freshwater species within the huge catchment area, both anglers and Riparian Owners.

Alex Stewart
Recorder to the TLC

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Junior Section

The junior evenings started on April 28th and have been well attended throughout the season. Within the first few weeks several of the juniors got promoted, and there have been several promotions since.

Professional coaching is being given by Mark Pirie from Crieff Golf Club. This was initially funded by the Golf Foundation, and Perth and Kinross County Golf Union, for the first four Fridays of the summer holidays, but will continue until the end of the junior evenings thanks to Tighnabruich Hotel.

In June, 11 of the juniors played a friendly match against St. Fillans at St. Fillans. A great night, even though we did not win many matches. A return match took place at home in August where we won a few more matches, we

Killin Golf Club

called upon three of the beginners to make up the numbers, as a few of the juniors were away, and they performed brilliantly. With 38 juniors playing, and several parents and siblings in support, the clubhouse was buzzing with activity – a very successful evening.

I have been very fortunate with the number of people who regularly turn out on a Friday evening to help. As you can imagine, several adults are required, either to walk round the course with the category 3 and 4 juniors, or to help with the beginners. If you can spare the occasional Friday evening to help out, please leave a message for me at the Golf Club or speak to me when you see me.

Liz Stevens, Junior Convenor.

Ladies Open

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Bronze Scratch: 1. J Rough, Killin 90 2. A Weaver, Killin 91 3. D Wildeblood, Pitlochry 91

Handicap: 1. H Dalglish, King James 66 2. D Cordiner, Bearsden 67 3. K Barclay, Carrickvale 68

Handicap: 1. L Stevens, Killin 67 2. D Middleton, Carrickvale 67 3. A Tweedie, Callander 67

Craigdochart Cup (Best Scratch Score) – Morag McQueen 72

Killin Cup (Best Handicap Score) – D Wildeblood

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Ben Lawers Historic Landscape Project

This multi-disciplinary project is being led by the National Trust for Scotland (NTS), with the fieldwork being co-ordinated by Glasgow University Archaeology Department.

The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS), have been conducting an archaeological survey (in partnership with the NTS and with grant aid from the European Union) of the north side of Loch Tay. The survey extends from the summits of Ben Lawers and Meal nan Tarmachan, down to the loch shore, and beyond the boundaries of the Trust estate, due to the co-operation of all the landowners and tenants who have allowed access to their land.

The survey involves walking the area, visiting known archaeological sites, and looking for previously unrecognised sites, writing up and mapping using satellite-based GPS (Global Positioning System) equipment. Archaeological sites include, not only prehistoric monuments, but also the remains of our more recent past.

Until now, there have been few prehistoric monuments recorded on north Loch Tay side but recent excavations by Glasgow University have identified prehistoric burials near Balnasuim. To these have been added two Bronze Age burial mounds, both near Kiltyrie, but the biggest surprise has been the number of cup-marked rocks found. These are boulders whose upper surfaces are decorated with groups of shallow pecked cups, sometimes encircled with shallow rings. These are difficult monuments to date, but are likely to belong to the Neolithic period (roughly 4000 - 2000 BC). A few of these were already known in the survey area, but so far about twenty new sites have been discovered, resulting in the examination of the surface of every large boulder on the hillside! One richly decorated example, discovered in May high on the side of Ben Lawers, is one of the finest in Perthshire.

Efforts have been concentrated on mapping shieling huts, and the ruins of farmsteads dating back

over the last two and a half centuries. By using the detailed survey made of farms around the loch in 1769, OS maps of the 1860's, and the present remains of farm and field boundaries, there is a tremendous opportunity to explore the way the farming landscape has changed and developed.

Until the early 19th century, livestock were taken to high pastures during the summer months and part of each community would move with the animals. The turf and stone foundations of their bothies, outhouses, and animal pens, are scattered across the slopes of Tarmachan and Ben Lawers. Excavations suggest that some of these buildings date from medieval times but were constructed on sites first occupied seven or eight thousand years ago. A systematic search of the mountainsides for these ruins is being made, and the RCAHMS team has been staggered by the quantity of the remains and expects the number of structures to be about 1,200. The hope is that the current survey will be useful as a land management tool for landowners, as it will be to the NTS. It will also provide a firm foundation for archaeologists and historians who wish to explore the development of the Ben Lawers landscape in more detail.

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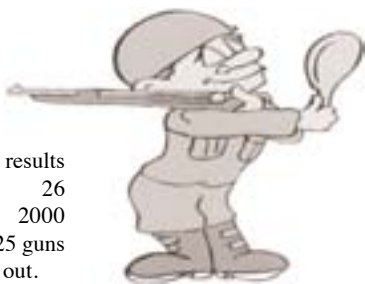
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Shoot results
from 26
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when 25 guns
turned out.

Down The Line

Class (A): 1. G Coyne - 74 2. E McAllister - 72
3. J Sinclair - 71

Class (B): 1. G Mitchell - 66 2. R Mills - 59
3. J Morris - 55

Class (C): 1. T Frost - 57 2. Cal Frost - 55 3.
Cam Frost - 47

Sporting

Class (A): 1. E McAllister - 75 2. G Ross - 71
3 (equal). H Campbell & G Coyne - 66

Class (B): 1. J Ward - 69 2 (equal). S Christie
& J McKay - 60

Class (C): 1. K Miller - 60 2 (equal). T Frost &
K Haimes - 57

High Gun McGregor Cup was won by E
McAllister - 147

Continuation was G Ross.

On 7th May 2000, 27 guns turned out at the shoot
on a good sunny day. The results were as below.

Down The Line

Class (A): 1. G Coyne - 71 2. H Campbell - 70
3. R Cairns - 67

Class (B): 1. J Morris - 68 2. B Donaldson - 67
3. J Miller - 57

Class (C): 1. C Johnston - 47 2. K Haimes - 32

Sporting

Class (A): 1. H Campbell - 68 2. R Cairns - 63
3 (equal). A Gowans & P Cramb - 63

Class (B): 1. B Donaldson - 54 2 (equal). J
McKay & J Ward - 51

Class (C): 1. K Haimes - 50 2. R Mills - 48 3
(equal). S Argo & T Frost - 46

High Gun - H Campbell 138

Bolting Fox - H Campbell

Continuation - J Sinclair

On 16th July, 27 guns turned out on a lovely
sunny day.

25 Down The Line

Class A: 1. D Robertson - 74, 2. G Ross & R
Cairns - 71 (equal)

Class B: 1. J Morris - 66, 2. B Donaldson - 62,
3. J Miller - 61.

Class C: 1. Cal. Frost - 63, 2. K Haimes - 49

Sporting

Class A: 1. F Frost - 72, 2. D Pirie - 72, 3. J
Sinclair - 69

Class B: 1. S Christie - 69, 2. Jas. Sinclair & J
McKay - 66 (equal)

Class C: 1. Cal. Frost - 57, 2. K Haimes - 54

High Gun: F Frost - 141

DTL Cup: D Robertson - 74

Continuation: E McAllister

The Gun Club hosted an Inter Club shoot on
Sunday 23 July. Teams taking part were:
Strathyre, Glen Falloch, Killin, Fortingall and
Blair Atholl.

The results were:- 1. Fortingall - 178, 2. Killin -
165, 3. Blair Atholl - 159, 4. Strathyre - 144, 5.
Glen Falloch - 116.

High Gun: A Riddell 39 x 50

Continuation: J Sinclair

The Boys Brigade turned out to a shoot
sponsored by Lix Toll Garage. J Morris gave a
talk on safety with guns, and Clay Pigeon traps.

Killin Gun Club

I have been typing up the Killin Gun Club results for the Killin News for a number of years now, and I decided that it was high-time I found out for myself what is involved at a shoot. On 16th July, backed up by my 'game for a laugh' friend Frances, we went along to take part in this predominantly male dominated sport. Lady Luck went with us as it turned out to be one of the most glorious sunny days of the summer.

We lounged around on the grass trying to look as if we understood what was going on and hoped to catch a tan into the bargain, (well I was - Frances, just back from a holiday in Zanzibar and was already bronzed with a tan "to die for!"). Fortunately, George Coyne, Secretary Killin Gun Club, spotted us, came over to welcome us, and put us at ease. George pointed us in the direction of the cabin for tea and scrummy bacon rolls, whilst he went off to arrange for some members to give us tuition. "Take your time", we said, "we're comfortable here." - not wishing to hasten our embarrassment of missing every clay! You see, clays to us 'girlies', are things we go to Harvey Nick's and Fraser's for - not a field near the Dochart!

All too soon, John Sinclair and John Morris appeared with George - time to have a go! They took us over to the edge of the field where they had set up a trap. They probably thought it was safer for everyone else involved if we were on the side! "Who wants to go first?" asked John. Frances drew the short straw. After a couple of misses - I don't know what was louder - the sound of the clay being smashed to bits or Frances screaming "I hit it, I hit it!". By this time we had been joined by Hamish Campbell and Jack MacKay who coached me whilst Frances demolished the clays. Then it was my turn. Having benefited from the extra tuition, I shouted, "Pull", the first clay target out of the trap disintegrated into smithereens as I blasted it out of the sky. Words cannot describe the elation I felt then, or when I hit the next two clays in succession. But, as with so many things in life, my success was short lived - no staying power! My arm got an attack of something resembling the DTs, and shook uncontrollably trying to hold the weight of the barrel. However, we had a most enjoyable afternoon and the feeling of achievement was wonderful.

The guys could not have been more welcoming or encouraging - we can recommend it to anyone male or female who would like to have a go. Phone George Coyne if you would like any information of the next shoot, Killin 820 487. **Ed**



The winner of the Lix Toll Trophy was Robert Brown. Second was James Stewart and third was A McPherson.

The shoot results for Sunday 18 June when 16 guns turned out were:

Down The Line

Class A: 1. E McAllister - 72, 2. D Robertson - 69, 3. H Campbell - 68

Class B: 1. R Mills - 54, 2. E Paterson - 49

Sporting

Class A: 1. G Ross - 57, 2. G Coyne & E
McAllister - 57 (equal)

Class B: 1. S Christie - 57, 2. J Morris & J Ward
- 39 (equal)

Class C: 1. E Paterson - 33 2. K Haimes - 24

High Gun: E McAllister - 129

Batty Trophy: E McAllister - 150

McKay Trophy: G Coyne - 84

Quaich: A Gowans

High Pheasant: G Coyne

Sweep D/R: S Christie

George Coyne, Secretary - Killin Gun Club

GKN Driveline 2000 Scottish Hill Rally

Local guest house owner Rick Wells, accompanied by his navigator and service crew of three, participated in the Rally on 7th & 8th July. Rick drives a purpose built Land Rover, with full roll over cage for rallying, powered by a 3.9 fuel injected V8 Rover engine and Auto Gear Box. With 18 years off road trialing, racing, and hill rallying experience, he currently works part time as an instructor at Highland Off Road based in Dunkeld. The rally covered around 280 miles, 110 of which were off road. Only 26 out of 52 finished the rally. Rick's team were 18th overall, and 3rd in the class for engines between 3600 and 4000cc. **GF**

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Hospital Proposal Public Consultation Meeting

At a public meeting in the McLaren Hall on 16th August, Dr. John Reid, Medical Director of Forth Valley Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, detailed proposed changes, to the way acute services will be provided in the Forth Valley Health Board area. An interested audience of about 100 people from Killin, Strathfillan, Lochearnhead and Strathyre were present together with other members of the Trust, Dr. Sylvia Jackson MSP, and Councillor Tony Ffinch. The meeting was chaired by John Riley of Strathfillan Community Council.

The essence of Dr. Reids' presentation, was that the proposals aim to improve services by reducing waiting times and using more 'walk-in/walk-out' day surgery. All maternity, gynaecology and children's in-patient services, would be provided at Falkirk, and all general surgery, specialist vascular services, urology, oral surgery, ENT, orthopaedics and ophthalmology would be provided at Stirling. Other services would be available at both centres as at present. It was stressed that this was not a cost cutting exercise, but a means of providing larger centres with more specialised services, and that final decisions would depend on the analysis of the public response during the consultation period.

Questions were invited from the public, and not surprisingly, most of these reflected the anxiety of people in this area about maternity facilities being moved even further away, particularly in the light of rumours concerning the closure of the local ambulance service and the reduction of local midwifery services. Lack of transport was a major concern, and it was pointed out forcefully that 10 extra miles during labour was a **long** way. Day surgery required transport there and back which would either have to wait the whole day or make two journeys. Falkirk, whatever the social needs it had which caused it to be chosen rather than Stirling, did not lack public transport. Dr. Reid said the problem of access was a genuine concern and for day surgery more effort would be made to suit times to individual people and their locations. There would be close liaison with the ambulance services. If the Perth maternity services were closed, this might affect the closure at Stirling but a national group was investigating national maternity needs.

After the questions the Chairman asked whether people thought the move to Falkirk was a good idea. No-one did, but many hands went up when he asked who thought it bad. Dr. Sylvia Jackson MSP, said she and Anne McGuire MP, would be compiling a report representing the feelings they had observed at the many meetings on the subject, which they had attended. Councillor Ffinch said that Stirling Council also had concerns about the proposals. People were encouraged to fill in questionnaires and make their opinions known before the end of the public consultation period on 8th September. It was not known how long after that date the decision would be taken.

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The 'Scheme' Reunion

The reunion, hosted by Killin Heritage Society, was organised to coincide with the Society's display at the Killin Agricultural Show, which covered the construction of the Hydro Electric scheme in Glen Lochay and Glen Lyon. The shrieks of laughter that issued from the tent during the day, as memories flooded back and stories were told, almost out did the noise from the beer tent! Many had travelled from all over the UK for the occasion and several of those viewing the display suddenly realised they were standing next to someone they had not seen for over forty years. Others had never been back to the area since they left in the 1950's.

In the evening, an informal dinner was held in the Killin Hotel and locals joined those who had travelled from much further afield. The evening was filled with stories and reminiscences, which were much enjoyed by everyone.

A tour of Glen Lochay and Glen Lyon was organised for the Sunday morning with suitable photo calls along the route. At every stop, and each time a bit of the countryside jogged the memory, the stories continued, conjuring up a picture of very hard work and long hours accompanied by a wonderful social life - and some hilarious escapades!

The reunion was voted a great success by all those involved.

Photo-call during the tour on the Sunday morning - overlooking Lubreoch Dam. (left to right are: Alex & Jean Anderson, Sally Watson, Tom



Hammond, Judy Forster, Peter Edwards, Bill Boggon, Gwyn & Pat Saunders).

A booklet about the 'Scheme', "Tunnellers & Tango Dancers" by Gillean Ford is on sale at the Killin Library

Killin Playgroup

The Killin Playgroup held their Annual General Meeting on 8th August 2000. The new committee was elected:
Chairperson: Julie Rhys
Secretary: Lorraine Pritchard
Treasurer: Frances Taylor
Members: Judy Holden, Kay Dowling, Dee Melia

We are looking forward to another successful year and if you would like any information about the group, please contact the Secretary or Chairperson.

We will hold another, hopefully successful 40/60 sale, on Saturday 4th November, to raise funds for our Christmas Party. We would be grateful if you could collect any 0 - 5 years old children's clothing and toys.

We would like to say a bit thank you to those who have taken part in our ongoing Cascade Coffee Mornings and hope to give you a final total of funds raised soon.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the Playgroup in the last year, and don't forget, you can look us up on the Killin Website at: www.killin.co.uk

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The family of the late **Gladys Farquharson** would like to thank most sincerely, all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and support, and for all letters, cards and flowers received in their recent sad bereavement. Many thanks to all who paid their respects in Church and at the graveside. Sincere thanks also to our local doctors and to the staff of Stirling Royal Infirmary and Strathcarron Hospice for the loving care Gladys received.

The Farquharson Family

I would like to say a big thank you to my family and friends who have helped me to 'keep going' over the past few weeks. Your support has been invaluable to myself and the boys.

Lucy Paulin

Audrey Leighton of Lochearnhead would like to convey her grateful thanks to all friends for their kind thoughts, cards and letters following her recent bereavement.

The following paragraph is the last from the Eulogy written by her Daughter and Son in New Zealand and Australia respectively, to be read at the funeral.

"It is time to close, thank you for listening, and from the bottom of our hearts, a very big thank you to each and everyone of you, for the help, support, love and caring you have given Mum and Dad over the years. It has meant so much to us both, whilst living so far away. God bless you all."

Morag McNea would like to thank all who attended a private bar-b-q in Killin and raised £250 for the 'Oncology Department' RHSC Edinburgh.

We would like to thank everyone for the much appreciated gifts and cards received on the birth of our daughter Hazel Jane.

We would also like to thank our friends and neighbours for their help and support after she "gave us a fright" and was re-admitted to hospital.

Most of all, we would like to especially thank Jane Brown, and the Killin Ambulance Station, without whom, it may not have turned out so well. Thank you so very much.

Karen, Bobby and Robert Lafferty

John Guild, Monemore, Killin, would like to thank everyone who sent him cards and good wishes during his recent stay in hospital. John would also like to thank all the medical staff who cared for him so well.

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Obituaries

Gladys Farquharson. July 1st marked the sad loss of Gladys Farquharson (nee Hendry) who died in Strathcarron Hospice after a long illness borne with great courage.

Gladys Hendry MA came to Killin in 1943 from Dundee, after graduating from St. Andrews, to teach in Killin School. She was a lady of boundless energy and enthusiasm, both for her career and many village activities. A keen sports woman, she had played hockey for the University. She played badminton and golf in Killin, but still found time to be a Girl Guide Officer, Youth Club Leader and Youth Hosteller. In 1948 she married Hall Farquharson and they had four sons, Graham, John, George and Peter. After raising her family, Gladys returned to teaching, and continued her career with the same enthusiasm. More and more activities occupied her spare time; Sunday School, Women's Guild, Heritage Society, Cancer Research and of course the Church, where she became an Elder after Hall's death. Following her retirement in 1985, she spent the summer months selling ice cream from her wee van at Monemore, and also became deeply involved in Aberfeldy Tuesday Club, helping a group of people with special needs.

Gladys will be remembered as a very special lady, loyal and always willing to help someone in need – even if just with her cheery smile. She will be sorely missed by her sons, grandchildren, great grandchild, the rest of her family, and all her friends.

Graham Moore



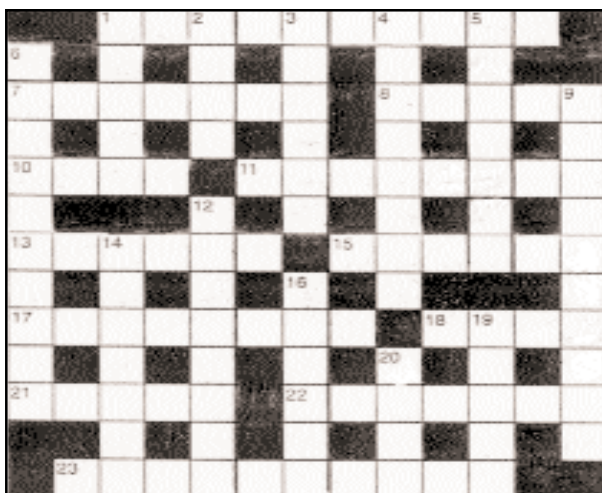
On March 4th 2000, **Angus Grossert**, died. He was the dearly beloved husband of the late Anne, cherished Dad of Carole, Heather and Robert, dear father-in-law of Ian and Alex, much loved Grandad of Lesley, Alison, Jill, Ewen and Philip, Great-grandad of Shane, and dear son of the late Jim & Mary Grossert of Boreland

Angus was in the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders during the War and spent time in the Far East. He completed his National Service in the Midlands, where he met his wife Anne who was in the ATS. They married and made their home in Manchester. Heather, Robert and Carole spent every summer with their Grandparents in Killin. Angus & Anne's ashes were interred at Killin Cemetery on 16th June.

Lily McKenzie. Lily died on 4th August 2000 after a long period of ill health, aged 73.

Lily came to Killin when she was eight years old from Falkirk. She eventually married the late Donny McKenzie and had a family consisting of Donald, Alastair (Addy), and Valerie. Lily's brother is Walter Muir who lives in Killin.

Donald would like to thank Nurses, Doctors, and staff at Strathcarron Hospice. At the funeral a total of £220 was collected and donated to the Doctors Surgery.



Across:

1. She toppled and made no runs (6,4)
7. Spoil (7)
8. Covered in solid onys (3,2)
10. Take 1,000 from a punctuation mark and become unconscious (4)
11. Maturity boundary got Gail and time upset (3,5)
13. Man from Italy at end of day is a gipsy (6)
15. Works for Universities Central Council on Administration initially (2,1,1,1,1)
17. When Fred wore a mini, he was unfit (8)
18. A space can be found in the Far

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Crossword By Scorpio

East (4)

21. Strong winds (5)
22. Two females about 50 create an awkward situation (7)
23. Angry blows are a hazard to flying (5,5)

Down:

1. Palindromic lady (5)
2. Sounds godly, but is only lazy (4)
3. Supplied by sugar (6)
4. Used for preening the feathers (3-5)
5. Confined to a particular area (7)
6. Understanding the mixture of dice 'n rings (10)
9. Fairly close (3,3,4)
12. Having faith in someone can make a tent rust (8)
14. Adding a beginner with hesitation can change a hand warmer into a neck warmer (7)
16. Pasture (6)
18. One of the legendary founders of a city (5)
20. A hundred with endless territory founded a Scottish tribe (4)

Solution To Last Crossword

Across: 1. discord 8. studio 9. amounts 10. Natal 11. in storage 14. whorl 17. China 18. Tudii 20. loitering 23. camel 24. stretch 25. denote 26. sets off.
Down: 2. immune 3. count 4. rotor 5. stoneware 6. edition 7. worldly 12. oscillate 13. alibi 15. precede 16. adamant 19. unicef 21. tithe 22. reeds

Look What The Stork Brought !



Bobby and Karen Lafferty, Lyon Cottages, Killin, would like to introduce to you their daughter, Hazel Jane, born on Thursday 13th July and weighed 5 pounds 15 ounces. A wee sister for Robert.



This is the smiling face of Conor David Burton from Tyndrum. Conor was born on 5th April at the Vale of Leven Hospital weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces. A son for David and Lisa, and a baby brother for Jessica and Carys.

Colin and Patsy MacLellan from Tyndrum, would like to announce the arrival of their second daughter Claire, born 30th April at the Vale of Leven Maternity Unit, at 3.45 pm. All are well, and Chloe is delighted to have a baby sister.



The marriage took place in Killin of Vanessa Taylor and Ian Spencer on Friday 25 August at Killin Registry Office, and was conducted by our local Registrar, Elizabeth Woods. The wedding party arrived in dramatic fashion in a 1962 blue Volkswagen Beetle which looked as if it had just left the factory days before.

Vanessa and Ian are both from Birmingham, but now live in Killin. Many who frequent 'Shutters Restaurant' will know Vanessa well, for she's a smiling, welcoming waitress – especially to the group of elderly (ancient?) locals who have morning coffee there nearly every day! SA



Three Killin Girls Graduate

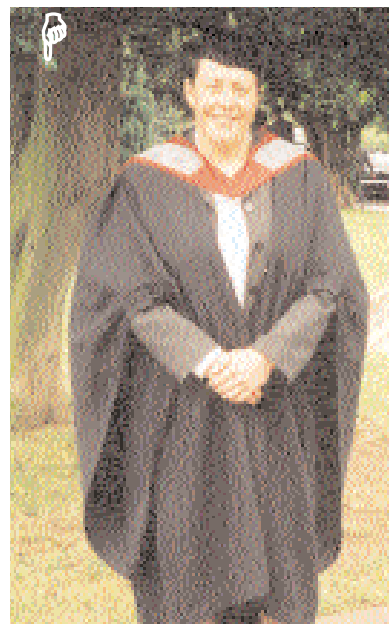
All three girls were educated at Killin Primary School and went on to McLaren High in Callander.

Cindy Forster, daughter of Henry and Gill Forster, Springburn, graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with a B.Sc.(Hons.) in Physiotherapy. Cindy, who recently celebrated her 21st birthday is now working at the Victoria Hospital in Glasgow.

Dr. Emma Forster, pictured with her partner Gordon and her Mum Judy Forster, graduated from Napier University in Edinburgh having gained her Ph.D.



Laura Willison, daughter of Jan and John Willison, Dalchenna, graduated with a B.Sc.(Hons.) from Staffordshire University, Stoke on Trent.



All parents are understandably, extremely proud of their daughters, and the girls have shown the benefits of a local education. Well done all of you.

Killin & Crianlarich Primary Schools Primary 1 Class of 2000

Killin Primary
with their teacher
Mrs Frost are:
(L-R),
Devon Raw,
Calum Wyllie,
Ishbel Taylor,
Harry McRobbie,
Constance James
& Katie Holden.



Crianlarich Primary,
all very rosy in red are:
(L-R standing), Euan
Palmer, Lynsey Armstrong,
Lee Riley & Sam Ronald.
(L-R sitting), Callum
Christie, Lucie Ronald
& Pamela Watson.

Teacher Mrs Mann said,
"The children are excited
to have started school
and are enjoying the new
experience".



On 1st July 2000 at Killin & Ardeonaig Parish Church, the marriage took place between Margo, eldest daughter of Jan and John Willison, Dalchenna, Killin and Mr. Patrik Andell, son of Jan and Mona Andell of Linkoping, Sweden. The marriage was conducted by the Rev. John Lincoln.

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