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## West Highland Way

We reported in Issue 57 of the Killin News about the superb undertaking by some Killin ladies and their friends to walk the West Highland Way to raise money for charity. In May this year, the team coached by veteran hill walker Dochy MacDonald, walked the Way from Milngavie to Fort William. This was done over seven days and covered 95 miles in all. Everyone completed the walk and apart from blisters and aching muscles, they were none the worse – apart from one of our favourite librarians, Kay, who completed the walk and then ended up resident at Stirling Royal Hospital with a thrombosis in her leg.



The 'girls' walked to raise money for the Killin Nursing Association, the MacMillan Cancer Relief Fund and also in memory of Simon Twigg who died from cancer last year. We are delighted to inform you that they raised the fabulous sum of £6,600. This money has been divided, with £3,000 going to the MacMillan Cancer Relief Fund and £3,600 to the Killin Nursing Association.

*West Highland Way Walkers are L-R: Margaret Campbell, Diana Twigg, Frances McLaggan, Dochy MacDonald, Morag McAlister, Liz Stevens. Not in the photo: Dani Grant, Kay Riddell & Terry Dodd.*



## Oh Yea, Oh Yea, Oh Yes!



The 'Community Reporter' and the Millennium Commemorative Collection were officially launched on 21 September at the Albert Halls in Stirling.

The Collection comprises one copy of each community newspaper throughout the Stirling Council area, including the P7 Press and of course the Killin News. The packs will be held in the various libraries and schools throughout the district.



Representatives from the 26 newspapers involved were present at the Launch including a large contingent from the Killin News.

Participation in this venture has successfully forged strong links between local community newspapers and Stirling Council. It enabled the Killin News to learn new ideas from some, and to teach and encourage others. Thanks from all involved are extended to Pauline Roberts at Stirling Council without whom the project would not have 'got off the ground'.

*From L-R back row: Allan Goldie -Town Crier, Gordon Jeye - Director of Education, Rhona MacLeod - BBC Presenter, Allan Gillies - Head of Libraries, Cllr. John Paterson, Helen Munro - Director of Community Services. Front: Cathy Traynor - Editor 'Castle Views' & Chairperson Community Reporter, and Linda FitzGerald - Editor 'Killin News' & Secretary Community Reporter.*

# Killin Floral Awards

Once again the childrens' sunflower competition produced a wide variety of results. It was obvious that some poor plants had never heard the words of affection and encouragement that they needed to make them even think about growing, whilst others shot off skywards at great speed. Others put all their energy into producing the most enormous leaves and a feast for the caterpillars.



Daniel Holden

Daniel Holden beat every one else with his plant that grew to a height of 272cm. However, as you can see from the photo, the non-competition attempts of the rest of the Holden family completely dwarfed Daniel's plant and demonstrated just what the wonderful climate in Killin can produce. The Gibson family and Naomi McLaren were runners up. In the Growth Section, Hazel Wyllie's flower put in some last minute growth to beat of close competition from Laura Aitken and Jack McRobbie.

The pumpkin plants really struggled to survive with only those belonging to Calum Wyllie and Harry McRobbie making any real attempt to grow. Harry was declared the winner with a plant that trailed across the ground for 134cm and managed to produce the beginnings of a pumpkin, albeit a very small one! **GF**



Hazel Wyllie



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## Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park

At a recent meeting regarding proposals for the National Park, it was intimated by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) that they had appointed Mr Alex Downie, Consultant, to meet with interested parties and report back to SNH with the views put to him. This is to enable SNH to report back to the Scottish Parliament with all the views expressed.

In light of the above Mr Downie intends to hold, during November and December, local surgeries in various locations, including Killin. It is expected that these surgeries would be spread over two days, involving visual displays, and the opportunity, if desired, to discuss any matter relating to the proposed National Park, on a one to one basis with a member of Mr Downie's team. Mr Downie also intends holding a public meeting in the area during January 2001 before finalising his report.

At the time of going to press, dates for these surgeries and meetings have not been finalised. Once known, notices will be posted in the usual places throughout the Community. Any person requiring more information about these meetings should contact me on Killin 01567 820 205.

*John MacPherson*

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## Tilly, Times or Citizen ... Breaking News

A staple dimension of life in Killin is the local newsagents shop. Where would we be without our daily dose of scandal in the Sun, the uplifting humour of Tom Shield's Diary in the Herald, or even the extra copies of the Killin News? Fortunately, Jan & Jack have chosen well for their successor - the new owner of JR News - now called **News First** - is Joanne Airey. Joanne and her fiance Andy have lived in Killin for just over a year now. Both hail originally from Glasgow, and were brought to Killin through their love of walking, initially around the Kenmore area. Previously Joanne was Marketing Manager for Highland Heritage at Dalmally. We all wish Joanne well in her new business venture, and are delighted to learn that the usual 'old' faces will still be around to give us cheek - as well as our papers (only joking Alda, May & Kate)!!



Never appeared on page three before (so they say!),  
from left to right are: May Graham, Ann Airey (Joanne's Mum),  
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## Strathfillan Community Development Trust

We said goodbye to Jen Marshall in June. We thanked her for all her hard work and wished her well in her new career.

On 23rd October we appointed Sue Wyllie as our new Development Manager. Sue is well known to the Trust and has led our Housing Group since its formation. It was her endeavours that enabled us to buy and refurbish the four houses in Crianlarich. She has been our Housing Officer, but by the time this is printed we should have a new local person in place

We are also very excited to at last have our own office. It is in the grounds of the Invervey Hotel, and was once the Tourist Information Centre. Sue is hoping to be resident on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 am -2.15 pm, and on Wednesdays all day. Members of the Trust can feel free to contact her at any time, Tel: Tyndrum. 400 545 and Fax: Tyndrum 400 595.

Now an up-date on other recent developments. If you take a walk in Tyndrum Community Woodlands you'll see there has been a lot of activities; new pathways, interpretation boards, and sculptures. There have been two artists in

residence. Gilbert Ward has done the stone sculptures and Jeremy Cunningham works with wood and has been involving the local school children. Nicole Robertson a P5 pupil at Crianlarich Primary School wrote:

### "The School Clock

**The sculptor brought in 12 wedge shaped pieces of wood and told us we were making a clock. First we made paper birds and animals, then he sawed them out of wood. Then he stuck them on (at his home). Then we made trees out of paper and stuck them on ourselves. We made the wood into 12 months (I did February). Then he took all of it home and put it together on another round piece of wood. It is in the wee ones classroom. It still needs the hands and the workings. The End."**

Self-build has finally got under way. Community Self-Build Scotland held their launch on the 11 October in Tyndrum, and all those that were interested were invited to a meeting on the 18 October, to start the exciting, yet totally committing journey to owning their own house. The scheme is targeted at those who would be unable to buy a house on the open market; these houses will be affordable mainly because the self-builder will be putting in hours of hard work, (known as sweat equity) combined with Rural Home Ownership Grants. The participants will undergo a training programme, which includes management and building skills. This is the pilot scheme and there are others planned for Killin and Crianlarich.

Members please remember to come to the AGM on Wednesday 29 November at 7.30 pm in Crianlarich Village Hall.

*Moira Robertson  
Strathfillan Correspondent KillinNews.*

## The World's Biggest Coffee Morning/Evening.

The 10th Birthday of this fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Relief was held in the village hall at Crianlarich on 29 September, and the magnificent sum of £1120.63 was raised. Paul Riddley, warden of the Youth Hostel raised £222 of this with a sponsored run. Elma Scott & friends would like to thank all who donated or attended.

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## The Life of Robert Service

The new season of Heritage Society meetings got off to a splendid start, in October, with a performance by The Quern on the 'Life of Robert Service'. This was an ambitious financial project for the Society, but the large audience was rewarded with a most entertaining and enlightening evening.

Wallace Lockhart was the raconteur, his researches into Robert Service having taken him from Ayrshire to the Yukon. Connie Park delighted us with her singing, as did Roy Benson, a distinguished tenor. Fiddles, flute, accordion, mandolin, guitar and other instruments contribute to the sound of Quern, all under the direction of accompanist Amy Donaldson.

It was not long before feet were tapping and voices were singing along to the familiar tunes from the early years of the last century, as a music hall atmosphere filled the room. Quern also include music from places and events with which Robert Service is associated and the audience were delighted with authentic pieces such as "Off to the Yukon" and "Arctic Brotherhood". This was interspersed with narrative about his life and the evocative words of his poems, written whilst on his wanderings around the Yukon, during the First World War, on his travels through eastern Europe and his retirement in France.

It would be fair to say that the members of the audience were both entertained and educated during the performance. Quern has an extensive repertoire, frequently playing the music of other lands with strong fiddle connections and the Heritage Society hopes to arrange a return visit in the future. *GF*

## Flu Clinic Fun

Killin Medical Practice held its first ever flu clinic and coffee morning on Wednesday 18 October in the McLaren Hall. The clinic was operated by the surgery, and the WRI ladies organised the coffee morning. The response was overwhelming. We had three doctors and three nurse all vaccinating, and all the WRI ladies providing coffee and delicious home baking. It was a great social occasion, and there was also a raffle. In total, £287.83 was raised which will be donated to the MacMillan Cancer Relief Fund. We would all like to thank everyone who made this event possible and such a success - especially the ladies of the WRI.



Margaret Martin gets 'needled' by Dr Syme!

## New Support Service for Women in Rural Areas

Stirling Women's Aid is establishing a new outreach service for women, children, and young people who have experienced domestic abuse. Domestic abuse is the emotional, physical, or sexual abuse of a woman by someone with whom she is, or has been in a relationship. The aim of the new outreach service is to ensure that women who are living with abuse in rural areas have opportunities to access support and information services, and get practical help if they need it. The project is part funded by the Scottish Executive, and Comic Relief.

If you, or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse you can contact Stirling Women's Aid for information, support, and or practical help. Women's Aid is a women only organisation offering a confidential service. Telephone: 01786 470897 Monday - Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm.



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# Killin Community Council

A meeting of the Killin Community Council took place on Tuesday 10 October 2000.

John MacPherson, Chairman, announced that the contract to prepare, surface and fence the new civic amenity site had been won by Stitt Bros, Killin. The work was due to start week beginning 2 October.

The meeting with Forth Valley Health Board and the Forth Valley Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, regarding proposed changes was regarded as useful and successful. It was accepted that it was impossible to please everyone, however, our concerns were made clear regarding maternity and paediatric services being moved to Falkirk.

Councillor Ffinch indicated that Stirling Council had expressed concerns over the validity of some of the statistics that provided the basis for the proposals. The Council had put forward a whole package of statistics to back the case for maternity and paediatrics remaining at Stirling.

## Water, Water Everywhere!?

A letter was written to East of Scotland Water expressing concerns over the recent water shortages, particularly after the substantial investment in the Killin

water system. A reply from R Graves, Customer Services Manager, indicated that an investigation would be carried out as soon as possible.

The problem may have been compounded by water leaking from Craignavie through a pipeline under Graham Wilson's house. Whether it was a contributing factor or not has still to be determined. However, it is clear from his letter to the Community Council that his complaint was not listened to sympathetically by Stirling Council until after our MSP intervened at Mr Wilson's request. Stirling Council, which seems to have the ultimate responsibility to repair this particular leak, took over 5 months to take action and appears to have caused Mr Wilson a considerable amount of frustration and concern over the period.

## Christmas Lights

John Mallinson indicated that he had contacted Stirling Council and had collected several small sets of Christmas lights, which would be excellent for this year's Christmas celebrations. It was commented that the newly acquired lights may preclude the need for a Christmas Lighting Grant from Stirling Council - however this will be reviewed.

## Killin Ambulance Service

Further to local and Community Council concerns and comments on this issue raised at the previous meeting, a letter had been received from Sylvia Jackson MSP expressing her support.

## Council Car Park Rubbish

Stirling Council is now providing a weekly pick-up to help reduce the unsightly build up of rubbish. It was agreed that whilst this new service could not totally eradicate the build up completely, it was an excellent addition to the services provided by the Council.

## SusTrans Cycle Way

A letter had been written expressing our concern about the safety of the A85 crossover point for bicycles at Glen Ogle, also funding for repair of the south Loch Tay road. Cllr. Ffinch will raise the matter with Stirling Council.

## Community Planning Seminar

The above seminar was attended by John MacPherson representing Killin Community Council. John indicated that it was useful to understand the planning system and its complexities. One problem raised was the timing and frequency of Community Council meetings. Being once every two months, they were insufficient to allow complete interface with Stirling Council planning procedures. It was accepted that there was little that could be done about this unless there was a proposal for change. No proposal was put forward.

## Highland Area Bus Services

John Mallinson expressed his concern over rumours of a reduction or withdrawal of subsidies that currently allow Post Buses to carry passengers. Cllr. Ffinch confirmed that these subsidies might be taken away if nothing is done. It was agreed that some effort needed to be directed to ensure continuation of the Post Bus Service.

## Breadalbane Park

Cllr. Ffinch indicated that it is Stirling Council's contention that the park belongs to them. His comment only serves to emphasise that this issue needs early resolution by the newly elected Community Council members.

## Local Ambulance Man Retires

The colleagues of recently retired ambulance man, John Stewart, have asked the Community Council to consider organising a village collection to commemorate John's 25 years of service. It was agreed that John MacPherson and Bill Douglas would take appropriate action to raise funds, as a thank you for his considerable contribution.

Suzanne Player raised a request from the organisers of the Killin Web Site for assistance from the Killin Community Council to back an application for funding for a Web Video Camera costing around £2,000. It was agreed that this project deserved support but that it should be left to the new Community Council members to make a final decision.

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## Ardeonaig Hotel & Restaurant

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Several improvements are planned, and the new team intends to build upon the relaxing and comfortable atmosphere of the Ardeonaig. Mandy Exley said, "Some hotel rooms are being upgraded and the exterior of the building is being improved in a number of ways. Most importantly we will continue to support the local activities of fishing, golf and stalking, and we will provide a first rate service to our customers".

The new menu will include the best cuisine using fresh local produce and also feature some exciting new ideas. The first chance to sample Grant's work will be at Hogmanay, when the Ardeonaig Hotel & Restaurant will be open to celebrate the new century with wonderful food and some very special entertainment.

Good luck is sent to the new owners of the Ardeonaig Hotel & Restaurant (*see their colour advert on the back page*).

## Killin Man Receives Heart Transplant

Tony Whitehead and his wife Sue, sat and talked to us about the surgical operation Tony had undergone some three months ago, which gave him a new heart. He looked well and spoke with enthusiasm about our superb National Health Service which had done this for him.

Six years ago Tony was taken into the Western General Hospital in Edinburgh, and told he needed a new heart. Six years later, he was flown down to Newcastle where they "had a heart" which would be just right for him. The operation took seven hours, but he was on his feet again after just three days. Although he is doing very well, he has to attend the hospital frequently to check on the 'rejection situation'. He will be on medication indefinitely – but this is a small price to pay. We wish Tony and Sue all the very best for the future. **SA**



## Killin Medical Practice

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## “By The Way”

A meeting of Strathfillan Community Council was held in Crianlarich Village Hall on 4th October.

The Rev. Andy Campbell, Interim Moderator, was invited to discuss the closure of Strathfillan Church, and the lack of public consultation. Out of a population of 373, only 61 were members of the church. There were 4 buildings, [including the manse] to maintain, and the number of churches in the parish (including Dalmally) was too much for one minister. The church could no longer afford the upkeep of all these buildings, and the cost of repairing the Strathfillan church had been estimated at £250,000. The decision to close the church was made by the Kirk session, who are all local people. Rev. Campbell finished by re-iterating that the church is not a building, people are the church, a church without walls. The local village halls could be used for services.

Crianlarich has been having trouble getting its bins emptied on the scheduled day; sometimes it has been up to 3 days later. It is believed that the size of the lorry is the main cause; it is not adequate in summer when there are tourists in the area. Cllr. Ffinch is to take it up and liaise with Roy Howard who has been pursuing the matter.

If a certain firm gets the contract for road maintenance, they are considering leasing the land opposite Crianlarich Station, Glenfalloch Road to use as a depot for storing their vehicles. It could mean 20 jobs, of which 6 would be local.

Moira Robertson/Suzanne Player are trying to set up a local focus group to involve the council tenants in Strathfillan, Killin, Lochearnhead and Balquhidder. It will consider whether any improvements could be made to the service, and the future of council housing. It is hoped to deliver flyers to all council tenants in the next few weeks.

There are changes being introduced to the way the Housing benefit and Council Tax benefit is processed. The main changes are that specific forms to prove your National Insurance Number and identity have to be provided. All items must be original, but they do not want benefit books to be posted. Also a visiting officer is to be appointed to do home checks, which will be unannounced.

Is there any prospect of a cycle track in Crianlarich? In the short term, the answer is no, but it could form part of the Trailways project by the SCDT. It will be put as an aspiration in the new regeneration strategy.

*Moira Robertson,  
Strathfillan Correspondent  
for Killin News*

## Invitation

*The Killin Tuesday Club for people aged 55+, has extended an invitation to members of Strathfillan community to join their Club which meets every Tuesday afternoon over the winter months.*

*Mairi Stewart has visited Crianlarich and met with several local people who have expressed an interest in taking part in this weekly social gathering. There is an extensive programme of visitors, as well as opportunities for meeting new people and perhaps catching up with others not seen for a while.*

*Funding applications are being made to cover the cost of transport for people to get to Killin and home again. We hope that by the beginning of December the outcome of these will be known, and be able to use the Killin Community Bus on a regular Tuesday run.*

*If you are interested or would like to find out more please telephone Suzanne Player on 01567 820 154.*

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## Lix Toll Across The Globe ! ?

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goes to show that it is not just the Killin News that travels the globe - Lix Toll Garage, Killin does too! Could this column replace the regular Killin News Across The Globe?!



## Stirling's Biodiversity Action.

Biodiversity is the variety of life around us. It is all living things from trees to flowering plants, from birds to butterflies, from the common place to the greatly endangered. It is the multitude of all living things on earth and the places where they live. There is an alarming downward trend in the abundance of many plants and animals found in the UK. Biodiversity is a prime indicator of environmental quality, so if it is declining then it is likely that our health and wealth will suffer in the long run.

We need to improve the quality of the low biodiversity areas (most of Scotland) as well as expand the high biodiversity areas (nature reserves, semi-natural habitats). Biodiversity Action Plans (BAPs) will provide the advice on how to start doing this. These plans will be written by working groups, that consist of local experts and interested members of the public who have volunteered to join.

Our recently launched Biodiversity Audit has identified the species and habitats of local and national concern we find in Stirling and what their present status is. This gives us an idea of what species and habitats the first Biodiversity Action Plans need to be written for.

The writing of an action plan is not the end of the biodiversity process but the beginning. We intend the plans to be of practical help to those people on the ground wanting to do something. It is down to all of us to change our habits to include biodiversity in our lives and not to exclude it as we have done in the modern age.

To see a copy of the audit visit your nearest library, summary copies of the Audit are available from there or Community Centers or on request from this office. For more information call Jonathan Willet on 01786 442768 or email on: willetj@stirling.gov.uk

## Police News

### Keep it Safe!

Seasons greeting from your local Police Officers. Central Scotland Police are pleased to serve you and make this festive time as safe as possible. We do however, as always, rely on members of the public to help us out by being vigilant and taking a few steps to protect their own property.

If you see anything suspicious, no matter how trivial, let us know. We would rather be called out on a 'good intent' call than perhaps miss the chance to apprehend a thief.

As usual, the new bikes will be out in force after Christmas. Remember we have stamps at the Police Office to postcode your bike.

Two expensive 4 x 4's were stolen recently from Callander and Lochearnhead. On both occasions, keys were left in the vehicle. Always lock your car and don't leave anything tempting in view.

On a road safety theme, you know how difficult driving conditions can be at this time of the year – **ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT !** – the penalty for not wearing one is up to £30 from 1 November 2000.

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## Community Resource Centre Support from all Sides

Enthusiasm and commitment for the development of a Resource Centre in Killin has continuously been shown from local people and is now being matched by outside agencies. The Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland, Scottish Enterprise Forth Valley and Forth Valley Health Board have all offered funds for the feasibility stage. This is clear evidence of their support for a project which has grown out of what local people have said they need. Stirling Council are providing administrative assistance and the group are hopeful that they will also bring financial backing through a community grant.

It is important at this stage to write again of the background and process that has to be gone through to get from the Health & Social Care Study which showed the need for such premises, to actually getting some sort of building on the ground.

Colin Roxburgh of the Small Town & Rural Development Group was commissioned by the local GPs to look into the health and social care needs in this area - to document gaps in services and identify solutions with help from local people who took part in focus groups in the area.

The resultant report not only identified gaps, but also showed that organisations which provide the missing services are keen to work from a base in this area. Several local groups also felt that they would benefit from alternative premises.

With evidence of need, and of the desire by service providers to fulfil that need, this was an opportunity too exciting to miss. It was vitally important that the report did not gather dust but was used to improve facilities. A Steering Group of interested local people was formed in March 2000 to progress this.

The most obvious answer has been to look at a multi use resource centre which could house all the services in one place. It was clear that professional help would be required to look at the feasibility of such a centre. We need to know where it could be; who would use it; what it would look like; how much it would cost to run and where the money would come from to build and run such a place.

The Steering Group has now asked Colin Roxburgh to continue the work he began last year. He will assist the Steering Group through the process of producing a feasibility study, business plan and completed funding applications as well working with an architect to produce plans for the centre. However, it should be noted that if it becomes clear that this project is not feasible or an alternative way to improve services is identified, the work will not continue.

It has been agreed to call the group KLS (Killin, Lochearnhead, Strathfillan) Resource Centre Steering Group to reflect the fact that the centre would provide services for all these communities.

If anyone has any questions or points they would like to discuss, please contact either myself or any of the Steering Group. Minutes of all meetings are available in Killin Library and the Mobile Library.

The members of the group are: Donald Third (Chair), Margaret MacIver (Treasurer), Sue Wyllie, Elaine Turner (Joint Secretary), Mairi Riddell, Helen Weir, Catriona Oldham, Irene Graham, John Mallinson, Yvonne MacPherson, Jane Brown, John MacPherson

*Suzanne Player*  
*Community Animateur*  
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# There's no one about, is there?

How often did we hear that phrase during the summer months of 2000? It was eerie to walk up the Main Street, in Killin, on a Tuesday afternoon in late July and see only one car parked and not one person on the pavement. We can take solace only from the fact that this was the picture over most of Scotland, and much of the UK, during the 'holiday season'.

It has been a strange year for tourism with some businesses maintaining results of previous years, some having a widely varying season, whilst others struggled to survive. Very few businesses will have exceeded their figures from the previous year. If they have, you can be fairly sure that it is either a relatively new venture just starting to build up trade, or an establishment, under new ownership, which had possibly been so bad - it could only get better! Or, perhaps, if we may suggest, a brand new Tourist Information Centre that is on the coach party itinerary, or doorstep!

As usual the figures published by the Scottish Tourist Board appear to bear little or no resemblance to what is happening in the real world. One has to question just where they gather their information. Perhaps they only ask those businesses that they know do well and therefore can always produce good figures! There can be little doubt that the continued influx of tourists to Edinburgh and Glasgow colours the picture. The STB's obsession with marketing short breaks, combined with the cheap flights from the south to both destinations, must give many the impression that this is all Scotland really has to offer. The national weather forecasts are no help either when, during a good summer such as this year, they continually give a false picture of what is really going on. It is only when the visitor ventures into our beautiful countryside that they begin to appreciate Scotland in a wider sense.

The poor exchange rate and the high cost of fuel in the UK have severely damaged the European market. That will take some time to recover and despite huge amounts of money being used at the present time to 'target' for example, the German market, this will not bring them to our shores if they can go elsewhere on a better exchange rate. The fuel protest, the motives of which, in principal, a large percentage of the population supported, was a disaster for many types of businesses, particularly in rural areas. Thousands of pounds of tourism business were lost as visitors went home early or cancelled because of the fuel shortage. In a reasonable year this could have been made up but not in a poor year like this one.

There is no doubt that quality and good value for money are high priorities for the majority of visitors. Unfortunately, many in the tourist industry have yet to learn what that means, particularly with regard to food, service and friendliness, and the tourists as well as the media continue to pick up on that point. A smile costs nothing. A meal cooked from fresh ingredients costs less than the mass produced 'freezer to microwave' food that you see in hotel bars and restaurants all over the country. A few minutes of friendliness to a visitor is often worth an extra nights stay or a repeat visit to you!

This summer has demonstrated how important tourism is to Scotland and to Killin. Sadly the reputation of a

community is too often, only as good as the worst establishment in it! Until all those who make their living in some way from tourism acknowledge that fact and make a determined effort to work together to provide a quality service, across the board, it will be an uphill struggle. For too long Scotland has marketed itself cheaply and not valued the qualities that it has to offer. It has the potential to be on a par for tourism with a country such as Switzerland, a quality destination offering quality service at all levels and charging appropriately for it.

There is something sadly wrong with Scotland's approach to tourism when banners at the Standard Life Loch Lomond 2000 golf competition, televised around the world, invite you to **visit Ireland!** *GF*

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We live in a global society dominated by absolute selfishness and predatorial competition. The drive for profit, particularly by large global organisations is endangering all life on earth. It's damaging rural economies, farms, post offices, shops, banks and health, the atmosphere and the weather. This scenario was highlighted on Friday, 20 October 2000 in the 'Daily Mail' and 'Herald' with articles 'Earth will be used up in 75 years' and 'Why the Earth is Not Big Enough' which warned of declining natural resources due to over consumption.

I believe most thinking people are aware of this situation, but feel helpless to precipitate a change. It is unlikely to be changed by governments or large corporations because they are primarily responsible for its creation. It can be

changed from the roots upwards, like a tree, by geographic communities who, after all, comprise voters and taxpayers getting together and influencing factors affecting their lives. Communities, area wide, and ultimately throughout Scotland and the planet could work together, utilise communication technology and create a community orientated society.

A successful entrepreneur in Strathfillan referred to such a society as communism but, in fact, it could be better described as community-ism. Communism and capitalism are generally ruled from the centre by fear and money respectively whereas, community-ism is ruled from the outside or grass roots by love.

About 18 months ago I was one of the speakers at an event hosted by Stirling Council whose guests from over 40

countries, were the International Association for Community Development (IACD). I gave a speech about the success of the Strathfillan Community Development Trust which, evolved from our regeneration strategy. Afterwards both Carol Kelly – the secretary of the 'Trust' and I were independently questioned by a professor of sociology from Israel. He particularly wanted to know what motivated us, why did we spend all this time and effort on voluntary work for our community. We both thought deeply and gave him the answer 'Love'. He told us that the principles we were using were similar to those originally utilised by the Kibbutz who had in recent years lost their way due to privatisation.

Last weekend the Trust and our community hosted the annual meeting of 'Reforestation Scotland' from Friday night to Sunday lunchtime. During my introductory speech as a member of the panel on the Saturday night I related this theme of community-ism and asked the meeting, "How can you change a society?" I repeated the question a number of times to give it emphasis and then suggested that the easiest way of changing a society is to (re)-educate the children: Our society is deeply perplexed by many negative tendencies particularly with regard to young and impressionable people. We vainly endeavour to resolve these problems, such as, substance abuse, vandalism, theft, violence and bullying by increasing rules and laws to control and punish the perpetrators. However, before we can resolve such problems we need a better understanding of their root cause – which is possibly that they have little influence over factors affecting their lives and feel helpless.

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## Housing Development Plan for Killin

Plans for a further 30 houses to be built in Killin were revealed at a public meeting on the 5th September, chaired by John McPherson, Acting Chairman of the Killin Community Council. Clair Watts, of the Planning and Policy Services, Stirling Council, was the primary speaker.

The location of the site is to the north west of the village, off Fingal Rd. The area is roughly beyond the back garden walls of the Main Street properties, from the Bank House, Fishers Hotel and Rowancroft. Developers would comprise a partnership of Scottish Homes, Stirling Housing Association and the builder Ogilvie Homes. The objective is to increase the supply of reasonably priced housing. A mixture of private and council housing with a few self-build homes would accomplish this. Harry Smith, Development Officer for Community Self Build Scotland, spoke briefly about people being encouraged to build their own homes with advice and training opportunities (similar to the proposed set up for Crianlarich and that presently underway in Tyndrum – see Strathfillan Community Development Trust article on Page 4). There are grants available tied to certain criteria, the houses being in two different kit forms.

For further information contact Clair Watts, Stirling Planning Department .01786 442 522 or Harry Smith, Community Self Build, CSBS, Glasgow 19 Blairtummock Road. Glasgow G33 4AN, Tel: 0141 776 1999.

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## Killin Millennium Video

The news on the editing of the Millennium Video is mixed. We have had terrible problems with the computer equipment, involving returning it twice to the suppliers. Apart from causing Iain Campbell sleepless nights, and threatening to send him grey over a very short time, this has meant that Fran, our editor, has often been unable to edit at all during the time she had allocated to the project. A lot of the work was lost and had to be redone and the equipment was not available for Gregor to carry on with editing when Fran was not here. The good news is that everything seems to be working properly now and Fran still thinks we can complete it by Christmas. In the light of experience, however, we are not promising anything.

Further news will be made available in the usual places in the village when we know for sure.

**Margaret McIver**



## Mervyn's Weather

In the dissemination of knowledge, it is a far cry from the era of athletic man running many miles with a note stuck in a cleft stick, Town Criers, or even the crystal radio sets of the 1920's and 30's, to the modern media, radio, TV and internet. We now receive the latest news virtually as it occurs, visually and with the accompanying verbiage. The devastating eruption of the island of Krakatoa in the late 19th century had spread its subsequent dust cloud, which caused dramatic sunsets round the world, probably before most people knew the cause of the phenomena.

With present day efficiency, each weather occurrence, be it flood, snowfall or damaging gales, is available to the eyes and ears of everyone immediately. So indeed are discussions regarding change of climate, the content of which centres around 'Global Warming'.

When one considers the invisible air pollution released even in small cities, such as Perth or Stirling, and then multiply this by all the main centres of population throughout the world, the result must be horrendous. The other side of the coin however, is that there are huge areas of sea and land where little or no pollution occurs. In the Russian steppes or the Gobi desert, the odd sandstorm and possibly some methane gas emitted from the occasional Bactrian camel or yak constitute the only pollution. Likewise other empty quarters of this planet such as the Sahara and Australian deserts. Indeed the empty spaces could be said to be diluting pollution.



Other factors involved in climate and weather 'hiccups' would include the various fluctuations in the temperature of the seas and oceans, El Nino and submarine volcanic activity. Other components could be said to be sun spot activity. These gigantic eruptions of gases, often hundreds – even thousands – of square miles in size occurring, it would appear, every eleven years or so on the surface of the sun. They send out streams of particle dust across the ninety two million miles or so of space between their source and earth and home-in on the magnetic poles causing the phenomena of Aurora Borealis and Aurora Australis. Could this be contributing to the 'holes' in the ozone layer?

Coming back to Earth, so to speak, September just past was less wet than that of 1999 with only 164 mm rainfall as compared with 209 mm. October 2000, with 11 days to go, is fast catching up on the same month in 1999 rainfall wise, and the price of fuel is up yet again.

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# Killin Across T

**Below Left:** Many of us know this 'weel kent' face and it is great to see him looking so handsome in his kilt 'across the pond'. Rory Chisholm, native of Killin and son of Allan (Killin News Cartoonist) and Sheena (Killin Primary School teacher), shows that the Killin News is even more interesting than the Golden Gate Bridge, in San Francisco, USA.



**Right:** Whilst the Editor of the Killin News was busy putting together Issue 58, her brother Alan and his girlfriend Wendy were also keeping busy, cutting the fronds from palm trees in the garden of the FitzGerald Florida Hoose (well, they have to pay for their keep somehow!). In the 90 degree heat, and during the essential breaks for water (more likely beer breaks!), they also found time to read the Community Reporter, the P7 Press and the Killin News before passing them on to our Florida neighbours.

Incidentally, Alan is wearing the hat, not for protection from the sun, but in case any large spiders should fall on him from the tree – I didn't bother to tell him about the snakes!! *Ed*



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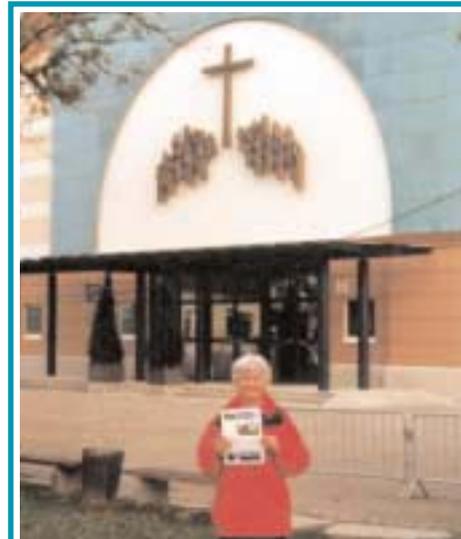
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**Above:** Moira Chapman, a regular visitor to Killin, pictured in September outside the magnificent theatre in Oberammagau just before the other 4,499 members of the audience (each performance!) arrived for the Passion Play. This event takes place only every ten years so this is a fairly unique photo for the Killin News.

# News The Globe



**Above:** This chap concentrating on his Killin News whilst in the pool is Josh Henderson from Tyntrum. Josh was on holiday in Woodstock, Ontario in Canada visiting his Aunt Lynne and Uncle John Henderson who emigrated from Glen Lochay 10 years ago. The Killin News is sent regularly to them and they look forward to catching up on all the local news.

**Below:** This photo came to us from Margaret Campbell (one of the crazy 'girls' who walked the West Highland Way!). Margaret was in Japan visiting her nephew, Grant Fraser. The derelict building in the background is in fact the 'A Bomb Dome' in Hiroshima. The building was one of the few left standing after the atomic bomb was dropped on the fateful day in August 1945. It has been left untouched since 1945 as a permanent memorial, and forms part of the Peace Park in central Hiroshima.



Margaret's mother is Mrs Liza Campbell, Machany, Killin.

Margaret said in her letter to us, "I heard a rumour that this particular feature (Killin News Across The Globe) was being stopped at the end of the year. I hope not, as I believe it's a popular item within the paper. It's certainly the first thing I look at – it's interesting to see where the Killin News has got to over the previous three months. Thanks"

**Ed:** If the photos keep coming – we will keep printing them!



**Left & Below:** Ian, a friend of our local postie, Gregor Macaulay from Glen Lochay, sent us these photos. He was reading the Killin News on a fishing trip at Kitza Camp on the Kola Peninsular of Russia in May of this year. Ian remarked that we could probably tell from his face that it's a bit cold there, with a wind chill of minus 5 degrees C! Apparently the Russian's don't like anyone taking photos at Murmansk Airport, so instead Ian has included an additional photo of the Port of Murmansk – quite topical really, in view of the recent submarine tragedy.



**Below:** Another photo from Russia – this time it is Moscow. Alan McGregor works in Moscow as a financial consultant and is seen here reading the Killin News with the Kremlin in the background. Alan is the youngest son of May and Ian McGregor of Dochart Road, Killin.





# The Angling

## Salmon Trophy Winners

The 'Heaviest Combined Weight' for six fish was won by Richard MacPherson with fish weighing 60 pounds. Runner up was Ian Downie whose total was 59 and a half pounds.

The 'Heaviest Single Fish' was won, with a 24 pound salmon, by Norman Inglis. The runner up with one of 19 pounds was Ian Downie.

## Trout Trophy Winners

Club Champion – Angus MacLellan; Pairs Cup – Angus & Kyle MacLellan; Peter Ross Cup – Ian Downie; Handicap Cup – Duncan Twigg; Awa Cup – Donald McLarty; Heaviest Bag – Angus MacLellan; Heaviest Trout – David McLarty; Casting Competition – Ian Downie; Sea Outing – Calum McLarty Jnr; Junior Champion – David Stewart.

There was a very good response to the competitions this season with good catches weighed in. The total number of trout caught was 128, made up of 82 from Loch Tay and 46 from Lochan nan Laraig. Thanks to all who supported these competitions.

On 21 October a team of four (Donald McLarty, Ian Downie, Grant Tigwell & Angus MacLellan) took part in the inter club competition at Haylie fishery near Largs. The Killin team came fifth with a total weight of 12 pounds 8 ounces for 5 trout.

*Donald McLarty  
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Whatever you want to say about your pet, any funny, or sad stories, write or E-Mail it to "Pet's Place" at the Killin News.

I am Gill Hunt, and I moved with my family to the Killin area over a year ago. I have been keeping and rescuing animals since I was eight years old. I have worked with Wildlife and also done a course on the care of animals at College - I am happy to say I passed and got my certificate. I want to share with you some of the things I have learned and would love to hear your experiences.

Of course the golden rule of taking on any animal is that you **MUST** discuss it with your parents. With Christmas coming soon, you must also remember that unlike a toy, a pet is for life. The next important rule is **NEVER** buy on impulse. Always, plan for your animal first. When you think you know what you want, it is vital that you first find out all you can about it. Buy a book, or go to the library, if you have access to the internet there is a lot of information about animals on there. You may well read something that will tell you that this is, after all, not the pet for you. On the other hand you may learn that you have indeed made the right choice. Next talk to friends who already have the pet of your choice. Find out all the good points and - very important all the bad things.

You next need to decide what you are going to put your pet in, and where this housing is going to go - parents will definitely have something to say about this. You must be very honest with yourself and decide if you have the time, each and every day, to take your pet

out for play and exercise. You will need to check for food and water every day and clean out soiled bedding several times a week. If a caged animal is not kept clean it will smell and you will not be popular with mum and dad. If you continue to not clean out the cage then your pet will become stressed, sick and die - imagine being shut in your bedroom with a loo you could never flush - yuk! Most important there is the big cost of setting up and keeping your animal. The ongoing costs of food and bedding, worming and de-fleaing, yearly vaccination costs and of course the vet bill.

Finally when you go to get your pet, try to take someone with you who knows about the creature you are buying. Once you have your pet home and settled it in to its new surroundings check it often, but don't handle it for 24 hours - everything will be strange, and it will need time to adjust. After that spend time to get to know your pet - don't rush it, and eventually you will have a special friend to spend many wonderful hours with.

*Gill Hunt*

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# LETTERS



Dear Editor

## **By The Way**

For some time I have been very impressed by the quality of the community newspaper – it gets better and better. Not only that, there is now a website which captures the richness of life in Killin with the same high quality of photos as in the newspaper as well as good editing and inspired sponsorship links. I thought the photograph of the Primary School children at the Falls of Dochart was a very impressive introduction. You have set a standard for us all to follow. Killin News or Scotsman? No contest, the Killin News is by the community for the community. Many congratulations to everyone concerned in these ventures.

I am not surprised that so many people are returning to visit Killin – we had some very positive feedback in the summer from people who were able to take advantage of the Library and enjoy the diverse community life that is so evident in the newspaper and items like Rogue's Gallery on the website.

Yours with admiration,

Keith Yates  
Chief Executive – Stirling Council

**Well, praise indeed from Stirling Council's top man, no less! We all work hard at the Killin News, as volunteers in the purest sense, and receiving this letter was such a boost to morale.**

**Editor**

Dear Editor,

During the summer of 2000, we were the lucky people who lived in Burnbank Cottage, Killin. Our home is in the United States in a village about the same size as Killin and we were interested in living in a comparable, rural site in Scotland. We now wish to thank the residents of Killin for a wonderful experience.

We arrived with no place to live and very little knowledge of the area. Having rented the cottage we settled down to enjoy our stay. People could not have been more welcoming and we feel fortunate to have established some lasting friendships. You answered our endless questions, shared your history and crafts, and made suggestions to make our daily living and our touring the best it could be. We have discovered that there are more similarities between Yellville, Arkansas, and Killin, Scotland, than there are differences. We felt that we had a second home. Now, we have become unofficial ambassadors recommending that people visit Scotland and Killin in particular.

Having returned home, we find that we miss people the most, but also miss your fresh fish on Thursday, your excellent library, the super produce, and the ability to walk to the village and visit daily just to name a few things. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for making our visit so special and to wish you all the best in the up-coming holiday season.

Ron & Sue Wallace



Dear Editor

Texas is known as "The Friendship State", and Texans are known for being friendly. However, we now know who wrote the book on friendship – the people of Killin.

We have been truly blessed to have spent three weeks in one of the most beautiful places in the world - Killin. For a couple of Texans wanting to escape the heat of summer, the weather was wonderful. Yet, the best part of all is knowing that we have some friends in Killin who will always have a special place in our hearts – friends who made our leaving even more difficult than we anticipated. The saving factor is that we know you will be there when we return – note "when", not if!

Special thanks to the minister and members of St Fillan's Episcopal Church. Worshipping there with our newly found friends was the very best! Thanks to Rev. Ladd & Thea Fagerson, Allan & Julia, and Tony & Audrey.

Finally, we look forward to our subscription to the Killin News as a means of keeping in touch until we meet again. May God bless you all.

**Morris & Sandy Gregory**

Dear Editor,

This is just a note to say "Hi", and to let you know that we have just been reading the September edition of the Killin News. We would like to congratulate you all on a wonderful magazine. To those of you on the Production committee who remember us from our days in Killin - a very big hello - keep up the good work.

**Bobby & Helen Caldwell,  
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## 70 Wild Miles Glencoe

The main reason for doing this event is to raise money for Scottish Cancer Research.

This year, on behalf of the event organiser John Allen, and myself, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all who sponsored me so generously. The sum raised totalled £1030, this in a year when so much fund raising was taking place, was truly amazing. My participation in this event, for the past six years, takes my personal total to £4200 – but I am not finished yet! I will be back next year.

The event is a triathlon consisting of cycling from Glencoe ski-centre via Tyndrum to Taynuilt Pier, approximately 47 miles. This is followed by a 10 mile kayak of the length of Loch Etive, and a 13 mile run up Glen Etive to conclude.

Starting numbers this year were 65 soloists, with 55 completing the course, and 31 teams with 27 completing all three stages. This year's event was particularly marked by very tricky conditions during the kayak section, which unfortunately resulted in a high number of retirals. The safety boats were as efficient as usual and everyone was safely brought ashore.

For the record, my total time was 6 hours 43 minutes, and I finished in 29th position. An enjoyable day in spite of the conditions.

*Duncan (Dochy) MacDonald*

## History Group

The Strathfillan History Group had their first talk of the year on Friday 13 October. Guest Speaker, John Holland, spoke about the natural history of Strathfillan. An excellent talk and slide show which completely changed our view on the area in which we live.

The next Speaker will be John Burton Of Cononish, on Friday 10 November at 7.30pm. The cost is £1.50 which includes refreshments.

The full Strathfillan History Group winter programme for Crianlarich Village Hall is:-

8 December - John Christie Lochdochart.  
12 January - James Fisher Clyde Steam Boats.  
9 February - The Paterson Diaries.  
9 March - Photo workshop of Strathfillan pictorial history.

*John Champion*

## Killin Keepfitters

As is only fitting, The Killin Keepfitters are going from strength to strength. We now have three different classes in hand. Our original class on Thursdays at 10.30 am continues and we are delighted to learn that we have been given an award from the Co-op Community Dividend towards the costs of running this. A Tuesday evening aerobics class started on 17 October with 31 people attending - including two men (other men please take note!). Since the Keepfitters took over the running of the Yoga class - when the Adult Education authorities decided to drop it - the numbers attending the Wednesday class have doubled. Anybody interested in any of the classes is welcome to come along.

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## Millennium Projects Update

All projects are now in hand and are progressing favourably.

Remember and complete your entry for the Time Capsule. For those who have not yet done so – there is still time!

A Firework Display at the Falls of Dochart will again take place on Hogmanay from 11.30 pm to 12.15 am. Remember your small (and large!) change, and a hip flask!

Your Committee have worked very hard to achieve the tasks allotted to them by you. Please don't let them down – come along and support the many events taking place.

On behalf of all Committee members, I wish you all a very happy Christmas and the best of health in the New Year.

*Colin J McRae, Chairman*

## KILLIN CARPET BOWLERS

At Killin Carpet Bowler's recent Annual General Meeting, retiring President Dougie Livingstone thanked all members for their support over the last two years and appealed for new members.

The following Office Bearers were elected: President - John Ogilvie, Vice President - Chris McLarty, Secretary - Jean Williamson, Match Secretary - Hazel Guild, Hall Representative - Charlie Grant, Treasurer - Lester Mitchell. The Committee is made up of Bill Rew, Jock Guild, Dougie Livingstone and Ella Holmes.

The Carpet Bowlers had a resounding victory over the Green Bowlers at the October skirmish in the McLaren Hall, although the occasion was not as sensational as the earlier confrontation on the Bowling Green, which was enlivened by a streaker. Why not come along on a Monday night to the Lesser McLaren Hall at 7.30pm – we can't promise a streaker every time, but we do guarantee you will have a great time. Subs are £15 a year and £1 a night. Added delights: this is a mixed activity.

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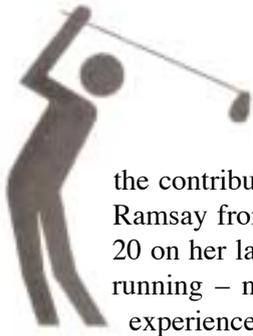
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# Killin Golf Club

## Prize Giving Night

Before we list all the prizes that have been won in the various section of the Club, let us celebrate the contribution of our young golfers. It is at the risk of becoming repetitive that we have to note that Fiona Ramsay from Crianlarich is, for the third time (!), Ladies Champion. Admittedly, she is getting on in years – 20 on her last birthday! And, to add to the youth saga, guess who the Gents Champion is for the second year running – none other than Kenny Campbell from Cruachan. Well done both of you. Some of our “more experienced” players, will need to look to their laurels.

SA

### Junior Section Winners 2000

Category 2 - 9 holes (usually 18 holes): Michael Webb 43, Daniel Holden 47, Michael McPartland 48, Robert Grant 48.

Category 3 - 9 holes: Colin Woods 53, Ryan Douglas 55, Kyle Davidson 55

Category 4 - 6 holes: Jamie McGregor 41, Thomas Orrock 42, James Stewart 49

Beginners - 3 holes: Lottie Cameron 25, Adam Mitchell 27, Zander Martin 28, Donald McAskill 28, Ian Hancock 30

Beginners Putting - 18 holes: Adam Mitchell 44, Zander Martin 46, Monty Ogilvie 46, Roissin McLarty 60

Best Eclectic: For the non-golfing readers this is where each week the score for each hole is recorded, if a lower score is attained the lower score is kept. At the end of the season the lowest score attained on each hole is totalled.

Category 2: Scott Hunter 37, Michael McPartland 40, Robert Brown 41

Category 3: Colin Woods 43, Ryan Douglas 46, Tristan Blumli 50

Category 4: Thomas Orrock 34, James Stewart 36, Grant Sharp 38

This has been my first year as Junior Convenor and I have been well assisted by many regular helpers who have given up their Friday evenings, thank you we are really grateful.

The junior evenings will continue in 2001 after Easter. We have to restrict the evenings to members only for insurance reasons, these can be paid at the clubhouse when it opens in the Spring. We are hoping to add three definite fixtures to the calendar; the matches against St. Fillans will both be held in the school holidays, and the adult and junior competition that will be held towards the end of August – all these are aimed at players in category 1 to 4. Keep practising and study the rules and etiquette, and I will see you all next year.

*Liz Stevens*

### Ladies Prize Winners 2000

Championship Cup - Fiona Ramsay

Chrissie France Cup - Maureen Gauld

May Wilson Cup - Chrissie Fenton & Audrey Weaver

Mackay Cup - Rachel Hunter

Silver Medal - Chrissie Fenton

Bronze Medal - Jan Rough

Flag Competition Brooch - Jan Rough

SLGA Brooch - Fiona Ramsay

Cancer Relief Spoon - Jan Rough

RSPCC - Liz Stevens, Jean Henderson & Fiona Ramsay

LGU Pendant - Katie McRae

Eclectic (Scratch) - Fiona Ramsay

Eclectic (Handicap) - Marie MacColl

Captain's Prize - Fiona Ramsay

Birdie Tree - Fiona Ramsay

Coronation Foursome - Sheena Chisholm & Elizabeth Ingram

Dail Mail Foursome - Fiona Ramsay & Jan Rough

### Gents' Prize Winners 2000

Flag Competition - M MacParland

Arrocher Trophy - K Campbell

Captains Putter - A Smith

Fred France Competition - K Campbell

George Smith Trophy - D Lewis

J S McLean Trophy - D Hirshall & L Brown

Grouse Trophy - J R Guild = H Campbell

G Ferguson Trophy - G Smith & B McKay

Foursomes - D McRobbie & G Ferguson

Four Ball - C & T Taylor

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Jack Noble Trophy - D McIver

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Lochay Trophy - Liz Stevens & V Trojan

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### Senior Section Winners 2000

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Ivor Noble Trophy - G Smith

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*We all enjoyed Emma Paterson's poetic comments in the last issue of the Killin News – in response we have received the poem below. Killin is fortunate to have so many budding Lady Carolina Nairnes in its midst !*

Oh Emma dear, I sadly fear  
Your views are all too true,  
But National Park  
and Government Funding  
Will not remove the POOH!

The brainless twit, both he and she  
Feel free to use our spaces,  
Midnight's the time,  
there is no light  
The lay-bys empty too.

The wardens have no chance at all,  
They'll never see their faces,  
They're on their way across the Glens  
These dreadful hardened cases.

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25 December - Worship at St. Angus, Lochearnhead Holy Communion at 10.30 am  
31 December - Not finalised at time of printing.  
7 January - St. Fillans Episcopal Church at 11.15 am  
Check the Church Noticeboard and porch window for any changes.

### Church Of Scotland, Killin

Christmas Eve Sunday 24 December  
Morning service at 10 am with a Christmas contribution by the Sunday School  
Christmas Eve Service at 11 pm  
New Year's Eve, Sunday 31 December Morning service as usual at 10 am

### Roman Catholic Church Services

These had yet to be confirmed at time of going to print.  
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Telephone: Suzanne Player on 01567 820154 to arrange a session.

## Highland Perthshire Herb Group



The Highland Perthshire Herb Group (HPHG) gathered for the start of the new season at Fortingall Hall on October 18th. We celebrated our first year anniversary of the formation of the group, with an excellent turnout of 31 people. Cath McGregor (Chairwoman) gave a brief reprise of the years activities and went on to highlight the up and coming syllabus. Thereafter, there was much chance to discuss the personal experiences and fruits of our own gardens, and the multiple areas of usage from our harvesting. A thoroughly herbal tea party was enjoyed by all. Our next meeting will be a presentation by medical herbalist, Jacqui Hazzard on "Winter Remedies" 15 November, just in time to help cope with the seasonal miseries. All prospective members are welcome to join us at Grandtully Hall at 10 am. Enquires to Patty Hope at 01567 820408 or Cath McGregor at 01887 830805.

### Syllabus 2000-1

Nov. 15 - Winter Remedies, Jacqui Hazzard, Grandtully Hall, 10-12 noon.  
 Dec.13 - Christmas Gifts & Goodies, Lesser Hall, Aberfeldy, 7 - 9 pm.  
 Jan. 24 - Aromatherapy - Elizabeth Jenkins, Craighuil, Aberfeldy, 10-12 noon  
 Feb.20 - Cooking with Herbs, Keiran Grant (Farleyer chef), Aberfeldy, 10-12 noon  
 March 21 - Acupuncture & Chinese Herbal Medicine, Lou Radford, Killin 7 - 9pm  
 April 18 - Herb Gardening, Jekka McVicar (Video), Aberfeldy, 7 - 9 pm  
 May 23 - (arrangements to be advised)  
 June 13 - Visit to The Crannog at Kenmore, 7 - 9 pm  
 July 11 - Visit to The Wildflower Garden, Pitlochry, 10-12 noon.



## Surprise Party

We went to a party,  
 Judy, Morag and Kay  
 At the Herb Group - it was their first birthday  
 We went all unknowing and had quite a surprise,  
 Such a wealth of ideas, using herbs, met our eyes!

Potpourri and balm; smoked salmon with dill;  
 Nibbles with nutmeg, chives, fennel, chervil.  
 So, smelling and touching and tasting our way,  
 We sampled the colourful range on display.

Welcomed most warmly, we circled the floor  
 Chatting and listening and learning the lore.  
 We looked at the syllabus, liked what's in store  
 So we joined on the spot & look forward to more!

*Morag Lithgow*

## The Green Team

The Green Team is run jointly by National Trust for Scotland rangers and Mrs Frost from Killin Primary School. It is for anyone aged between 5 & 11 who is interested in the world about them and how it works. It happens every two weeks in the summer (from April to the end of September) and once a month in the winter. We have lots of fun using a variety of activities and games to learn about plants, animals and the environment. In the summer we are outside, unless the weather is really bad, but during the winter we stay indoors at Lynedoch.

Speaking of winter, earlier this year we looked at how animals cope with winter in different ways. I've always thought that hibernation seemed like a good idea! Other events included a keen fisherman demonstrating the

art of tying flies to us. These mimic the beasties which provide food for fish either under the water or as they emerge from it and some of which we found for ourselves in the river. Thanks Colin. During May, we all stayed up late and went bat watching at a local house where there is a large roost. Once the bats started emerging we used a bat detector so that we could actually hear the ultrasonic sounds that they make. Again, thanks to Gina and Willie for letting us take over the garden for an evening.

Over the last few years the children have been collecting seeds from native trees locally and growing them on. These seedlings were destined for the area where the swings used to be in Breadalbane Park for the enjoyment of humans and wildlife, but

it seems that this may not now be possible. If you could provide a home for any of these trees or have any suggestions for siting them please let me know. We will provide labour and materials as well as the seedlings themselves.

*Helen Cole.*

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## Killin Gun Club

The 50 Bird Open Sporting shoot, which was held on Sunday 6 August, was kindly sponsored by Mrs E Paterson of Auchlyne. On a lovely warm day, 67 guns turned out.

The results were:

Stand (A) High Pheasant: 1. B Bolton, 2. R Quenby  
Stand (B) Sitting Pigeon: 1. R Eddie, 2. R Paterson  
Stand (C) Duck: 1. Edith Barnes, 2. D Russell

Stand (D) Walked Up Grouse: 1. J McPhilip, 2. G Sewell  
Stand (E) Duck & Teal: 1. H Johnston, 2. Edith Barnes

High Gun Open – Edith Barnes 45 x 50 birds

High Gun Killin Postal – G Coyne 36 x 50 birds

High Gun Killin Club – G Coyne 36 x 50 birds

Ladies High Gun – I Dernie 27 x 50 birds

Continuation Walk Up – B Williamson

Continuation Tower – B Williamson

Re-Entry – C Munnery

Consolation Prize – T Frost

Shoot results from the Open 50 Down The Line, held on Sunday 3 September, when 27 guns turned out on a beautiful day.

25 DTL Trap (A): 1. H Campbell 75, 2. G A Webster 74, Equal 3. D Robertson & J Sinclair 73

25 DTL Trap (B): 1. G Coyne 75, Equal 2. G A Webster, R Mills & L Johnstone 74

High Gun Open: G A Webster 148

High Gun Club: D Robertson 146

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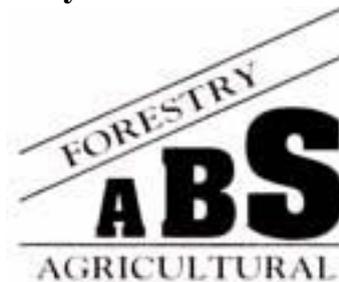


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# The Frost Report

## A Mixed Bag

It was very gratifying to watch the gold medal being won by Richard Faulds at the Olympics for double trap clay pigeon shooting, also the silver by Ian Peel for Olympic trap. For once cricket, football and tennis took a back seat bringing out shooting expertise as something both enjoyable and rewarding. Shooting could

not wish for two better ambassadors for the sport. It is to be hoped that this will not be our last ever in these medals as proposed government legislation could close the door on any new young people taking up the sport. At the next Commonwealth Games to be held in Britain pistol shooting is to be part of the agenda although pistols have been banned here. Our own team will only be able to practise abroad until the opening of the games.

As this is the time of our annual squirrel alert, asking everyone using our smaller roads to take extra care as the red squirrels begin to be busy on the ground gathering and storing winter supplies, the following article from "The Countryman's Weekly" about the grey squirrel seems appropriate. **"We all know that people in grey squirrel 'country' need to take care that the greys do not steal food from bird tables. But one poor bird table owner in Wales was horrified to see that at least one of the local greys had learnt how to catch and eat the bluetits! That is what is known as adapting to new opportunities!"** This is probably not new behaviour but is relatively unknown behaviour in this area:-

We usually call the robin the gardener's friend but now some of us can benefit (?) from a new free scarifying service. Both Boreland and Ardchullarie have been visited by the phantom scarifiers. Large areas of lawn were found well scraped and ruffled, eventually the culprit was caught red-beaked. Rooks had been busy looking for food, presumably wireworms as these seemed very plentiful at the time in these areas.

Plans to reintroduce the European Beaver to Scotland seem to be well on. With the recent advances in DNA techniques will we soon be seeing Tyrannosaurus on the hills again? If so it is to be hoped that warning reminders are posted in bars before closing time! Perhaps sabre toothed tigers could help out a bit with the increasing deer population - but they might prove a bit of a problem in the National Park.

The only monsters posing a threat on our hills recently have been the monster storms. Recent "monsoons" swelled burns very rapidly causing Boreland to have to call upon the help of the Mountain Rescue team. Both Tim and Alastair would like to thank them once again.

*Tim Frost*

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Miss Angela Neilson from Callander then gave a very interesting talk and demonstrated Reflexology and Aromatherapy techniques. Miss Neilson was thanked by Mrs B MacGregor.

Tea was served and the competition results were:

Favourite Scarf: 1. Mrs B MacGregor, 2. Mrs J Willison, 3. Mrs B McLean  
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# Thank You

I would like to say a big thank you to all the people who sent cards, good wishes and offers of help when I had my heart transplant operation. You have no idea how much it meant to me at the time.

Sue and I would also like to thank Carole & David, Kevin & Pat, Pauline & Gordon & Malky, for looking after The Shieling for us, and also John Hewitt for his kind help in running us around before, during and throughout this very difficult time. Thank you all for looking after our dogs, and a special thank you to Aimee McLeod for giving Sammy extra cuddles. I would especially like to thank my wife, Sue, my "constantly available nurse". I am deeply proud of the help she gave me, in so many ways.

*Tony Whitehead, The Shieling, Killin.*

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all friends and neighbours, who visited my brother Hamish MacGregor while he was at home in Lochearnhead at the start of his illness, and when he was admitted into the Stirling Royal Infirmary. He was later transferred to Ward 1 at Bannockburn where he was very well cared for until his death on Tuesday 27 October 2000.

I would also like to thank all the nurses from Killin and also the Comrie doctors for their attendance. I would especially like to thank Social Worker Janice Aitken and the Home Helps Eileen and Karen, whose help and kindness we could have managed without. Eileen was also a great friend to Hamish and he so looked forward to her arrival every day and we appreciate all she did for him whilst he was at home.

*The Macaulay Family*

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*Aileen Smith*, formerly of Rothney, Manse Road, Killin, would like to thank all her friends in Killin for the many 'new home' cards, and she hopes you will all be able to visit her before long. She is now well settled in to her new home in Perth, and now that she has pictures hung on the wall and a new fireplace in the lounge, it has started to look and feel more like home.

We would like to thank most sincerely, the people of Killin and surrounding area, and of course regular visitors, for all the support we have received over the past seven years. As customers you have been most loyal. This has been greatly appreciated and the friendships we have made are valued indeed.

We have been fortunate in having the services of excellent staff during these years. Their loyalty, their sharing attitude and their humour, have all contributed to a friendly team spirit, the enjoyment of which has been a real pleasure.

It is believed that this newsagents and fishing tackle shop has been established for around 50 years, and it is good to know that it is to continue as such..

The new owner, Joanne Airey, is someone whom we are certain will do everything possible to provide a friendly and efficient service to meet your requirements. We know that you will wish to make her welcome.

*Jack & Jan Rough*

*The Killin News team would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Jan & Jack for supporting the Killin News over the years - not just through advertising, but also by selling our extra copies for us, and taking donations on our behalf. As a totally non-profit making, voluntary body, we have really appreciated this assistance from them, and their staff. Our good wishes are sent to Jan & Jack, and also to Joanne the new owner.*

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The "girls" who took part in the West Highland Way sponsored walk, would like to thank everyone who contributed to this fund raising event.

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(here in Killin anyway!).**

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**9 December, Car Boot Sale in  
the McLaren Hall Car Park  
13 January Coffee Morning**

### Solution To Last Crossword

**Across:** 1. maiden over 7. indulge 8. lid on 10. coma 11. age limit 13. romany 15. in UCCA 17. infirmed 18. area 21. gales 22. dilemma 23. cross winds

**Down:** 1. madam 2. idle 3. energy 4. oil gland 5. endemic 6. discerning 9. not far away 12. entrusts 14. muffler 16. meadow 19. Remus 20. clan

# Killin News



## Editorial Policy

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

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

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

**Friday, 5 January 2001**

This will be distributed towards the end of January.

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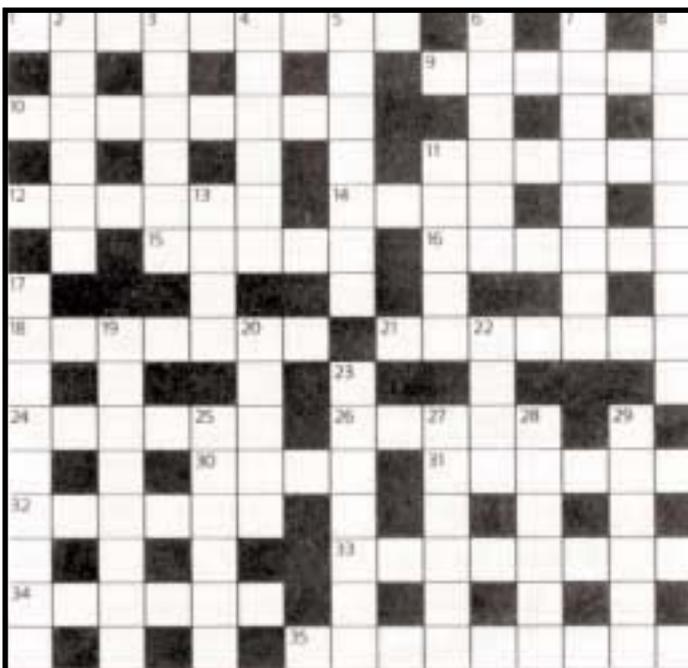
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## Christmas Prize Crossword by Scorpio

### Clues Across

1. Swaggering fellow (9)
9. Spread out in all directions (6)
10. Was present at (8)
11. Thrill gained from a beginner in tin for example (6)
12. Tart is upset by painter (6)
14. Ring the chaps to find out about a future event (4)
15. Royalty makes a game of this (5)
16. Cherish as a bird does her young (6)
18. Give and receive at Christmas (7)
21. Do not allow to occur (7)
24. Tolerate (6)
26. Quietly everyone enjoys the fruit (5)
30. Return of sound waves (4)
31. She is known in most places, but is very common in Australia (6)
32. Once known for marmalade and jute -- now cake (6)
33. Said reel was made to become accomplished (8)
34. Irregular (6)
35. Building housing cultural or charitable projects (9)

The senders of the first two correct solutions picked from the hat will each receive **£25** courtesy of the Killin News. Entries to be sent to Killin News Prize Crossword, Dalerb, Craignavie Road, Killin. FK218SH, should arrive **no later than Friday 5 January 2001**

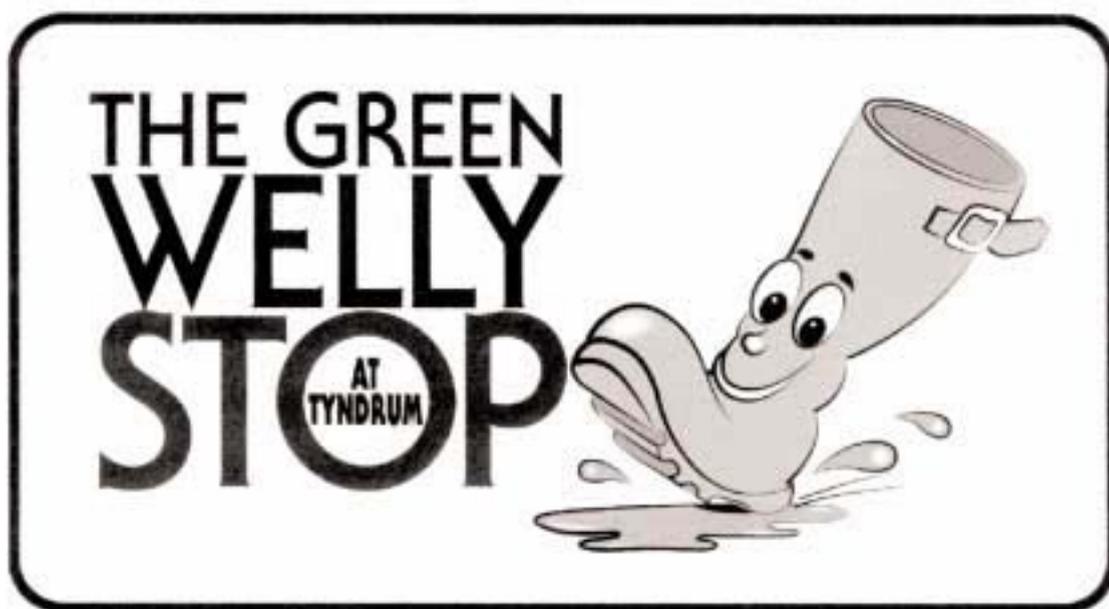


### Clues Down

2. Coming later for the sweet course (6)
3. Acid for vinegar (6)
4. Compose (6)
5. The characteristics of Santa's famous helper (3,4)
6. Use rod to find water (6)
7. Digit suffering from gout? (5,3)
8. Eastern males in temporary home make for flatted dwelling places (9)
13. Used to encase 7 down (4)
17. Magnificence (9)
19. Cause to be at risk (8)
20. Riviera resort embraces east for family member (5)
22. Create art by use of acid (4)
23. Handy pocket for kilted Scots (7)
25. Covered with stiff marsh grass (6)
27. Not on the level (6)
28. Fine paid to the landlord on the death of a tenant (6)
29. Although (6)

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**A Merry Christmas  
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to all our friends and customers.**





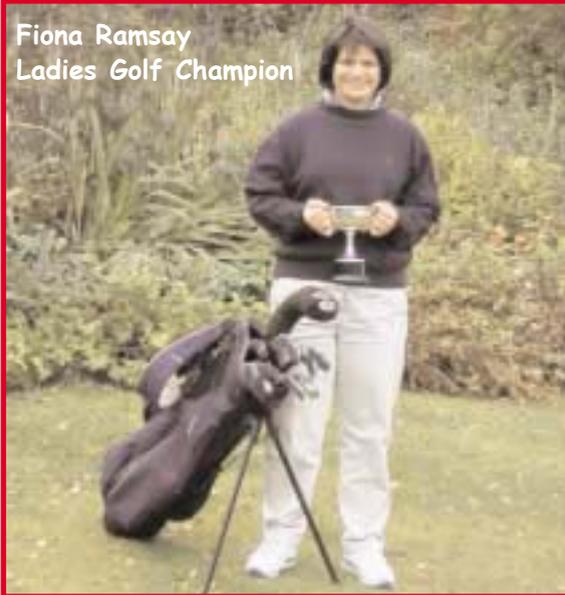
## For These Are Our Mountains

The National Trust for Scotland recently launched an appeal that reaches for the highest peaks while keeping its feet firmly on the ground. The Sole Trading Appeal aims to raise £400,000 annually to support vital work in repairing and maintaining upland footpaths throughout Scotland. The launch was held at Ben Lawers, one of Scotland's most popular peaks, and at the heart of a network of upland paths that take a considerable pounding from walkers from all parts of Scotland.

In the photo, Cameron McNeish, gave the Appeal a send off by making the first contribution, received by Roger Smith, Convenor of the Trust's Countryside and Nature Conservancy Committee. Roger then proposed a toast to the hills of Scotland and to the success of the Sole Trading Appeal, accompanied by a lone piper, Duncan McKinnon of Killin.



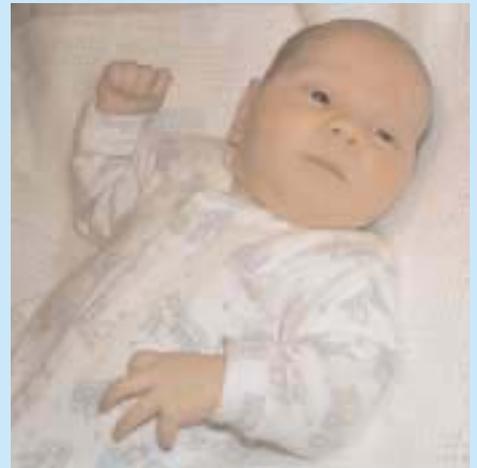
Fiona Ramsay  
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### Look What The Stork Brought !



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## Hogmanay Celebrations

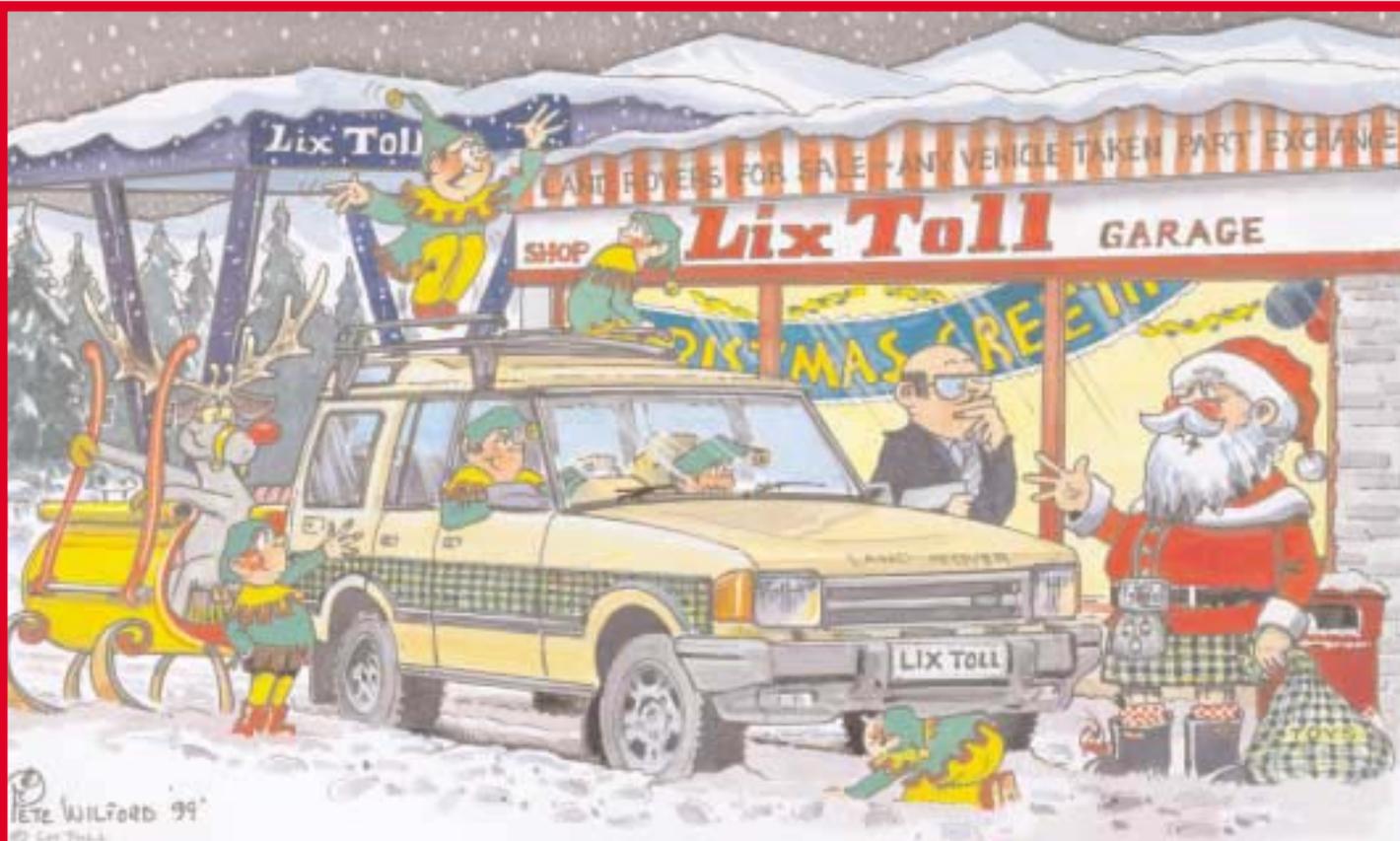
To celebrate the first year of the new century, and welcome 2001, we have planned a very special Hogmanay celebration.

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