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Killin Is Closed

Hopefully by the time you read this, the threat of Foot & Mouth Disease will be a distant memory. As much as we all feel sorrow for farmers in the south, we breathe a sigh of relief each day that Killin has not been affected. But, Killin is suffering from the effects of Foot & Mouth Disease in more ways than many may realise.

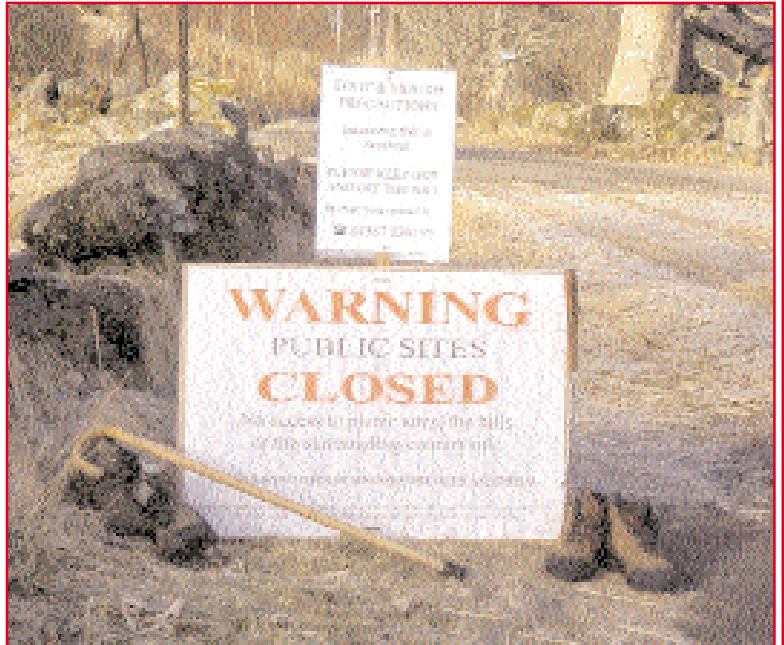
Hotels, Bed & Breakfasts, Guest Houses, Killin Outdoor Shop, Tarmachan Teashop, Killin Laundry, McRae Butchers, News First, Abernethy Trust at Ardeonaig - all are reeling from the effects brought by the threat of Foot & Mouth. Reports of business being down in some cases as much as 90% - no business can sustain that amount of loss and survive.

Hopefully, Easter weekend will see the arrival of visitors to help ease some of the financial burden being experienced. Hoteliers in the village have through the winter incurred major capital expense in renovation and decoration, and sadly cancellations are being reported for bookings as far distant as August and September.

Killin has lots to offer the tourist. We are a friendly and welcoming village, ideally situated for many of the attractions and places of interest, that are open to the public. Let us all be positive, and tell prospective visitors that there is no reason to stop visiting Scotland, as long as they are sensible and responsible in their approach.

As we go to print, Ross Finnie, Rural Development Minister, said he expects the blanket bans on access to the countryside to disappear soon. One major landowner in Wester Ross has already started to welcome walkers to his 3,000 acre estate. Let's hope that Killin and surrounding areas will soon follow suit.

See associated local articles in the middle pages. *Ed*



Not an inviting sight at the road to Glen Lochay. No need for the walking boots, stick or dog lead.



In the midst of this wonderful scenery, boats remain tied up at the River Lochay as Foot & Mouth disrupts angling.

Killin News Celebrates 10 Years



This may look like a wedding - but it is only a marriage of minds. Sinclair Aitken, Founder Editor and Linda FitzGerald, Editor, cut the cake together to mark the occasion of the Killin News 10th Birthday in March.

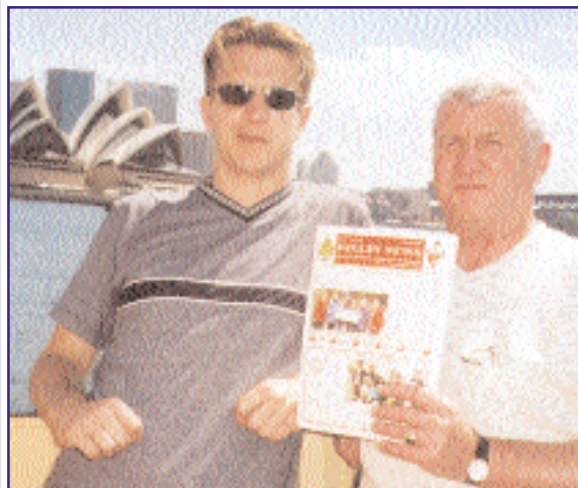


Killin News Across The Globe



Jill and Charlie Sleigh of Murlaganmore, Glen Lochay sent us this fabulous photo taken on their Antarctic Expedition in February 2001. Jill said the experience of being as far south as the Seventh Continent was awesome. Thousands of penguins, glaciers, glaciers and even more glaciers, killer whales, humpback whales, ice flows, many different seabirds including the wandering albatross - and did she mention glaciers!

Unfortunately, they couldn't persuade the penguins to read the Killin News - they had some formal occasion to dash off to as they were all wearing their dinner jackets!



The difficulty with taking photos is that you always end up being the one not in the picture! However, Maisie Chant (insert photo), caught on film her husband Edwin and their son Garry, catching up with Killin News. Maisie and Edwin formerly of Myrtle Grove, Killin now residing in Livingstone, were on holiday in Australia visiting Garry. Edwin is the nephew of Duncan MacNee, Ballechroisk Terrace, Killin.

The Sydney Opera House is in the background - well everything pales into the background when you are engrossed in Killin News!



Surprise, Surprise !

And Cilla Black is Nowhere to be Seen!

Congratulations to Mairi and Iain Hunter on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary (40 years). Mairi and Iain were married in Killin Church (facing page) on 22 March 1961.

On the left is a more up to date photo of the couple enjoying their lovely garden in Dochart Road, Killin.

Best wishes are sent to you from all in Killin and your family.





Killin Village Gardens Open For Charity

Aproximately 10 gardens in Killin will be open to visitors on Sunday 22 July 2001 between 12 noon and 6 pm, in aid of the British Red Cross. There will be a joint admission ticket (with map) on sale locally, a week or so in advance of the opening. Refreshments, home baking and a small plant stall will be provided at the Lesser McLaren Hall on the day. The Community Bus will run a shuttle service between the more far-flung gardens, but most are within easy walking distance. All of them will be worth a visit! If you would like to support this event in any way, particularly by gifting plants or home baking, please contact:-

Gill Forster, Springburn,
Craignavie Road, Killin Tel: 820371

Betty Hogg, Bruach Bheag,
Manse Road, Killin Tel: 820749

Margaret MacGregor, Tigh Breagh,
Craignavie Road, Killin Tel: 820336

Helen McNeill, Sandyford,
Craignavie Road, Killin Tel: 820514

Willing weeders also welcome!!



The **Killin News** continues to be delivered **FREE** through every door in Killin and surrounding areas, and also more recently in Crianlarich and Tyndrum and their surrounding areas too. Extra copies are available at a token cost of 50p from the Post Office and News First in Killin, and Brodies shop in Tyndrum, and to these businesses we would like to extend our grateful thanks for this complimentary service.

Although we have become bigger and glossier, with occasionally pages in full colour (some have likened us with "Hello" magazine!), we still remain, essentially a **FREE** paper. We do not receive funding from any official body, and if any of you wonder how we can remain **FREE**, it is mainly due to our advertisers. Local business supports the Killin News and our advertisers have shown great dedication and stayed with us through thick and thin – even when we occasionally get their ads wrong – our sincere thanks to them one and all.

Another contributing factor to remaining **FREE** is that we are **all** volunteers – in the very truest sense of that word. If you feel you would like to help us in any way, or have ideas on how the paper could be improved, please get in touch. None of us are getting any younger and we could do with some fit people to help with deliveries.

We also receive generous donations from all corners of the world, and it is here that we come to the crux of this article. The Killin News wishes to remain **FREE** – we feel our advertisers pay enough for their ads, and we have no intention of raising prices. **However, we mail around 80 copies worldwide, and it is to you that we appeal for £££ \$\$\$ donations. These costs are crippling us, and if you wish to still receive your FREE copy in the mail – please send us a donation.**

We appreciate there is a limit to how many good causes people will give money to, but the Killin News is in the business of highlighting needs – if you need to raise money for whatever good cause, the Killin News will draw attention to that need. I said in the Killin Millennium Video that "Killin is not a gossipy village" (a phrase which has caused some hilarity!), but I believe that keeping folk informed through the pages of a local newspaper helps to avoid the malice which can sometimes arise from gossip.

The Killin News has just celebrated its 10th Birthday. Some of us have been involved with the paper from day one, and although it is hard work, we all enjoy doing it. We know through comments in the street and from letters, that you all enjoy the paper, so let's continue into the next decade with a local newspaper which is well respected and the envy of villages and towns throughout the world.

Linda FitzGerald - Editor



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The Squ-EAK !

With the nights drawn in and sub-zero temperatures, we have been indoors planning our next season's activities! Below are details of the different projects we have been working on over the winter. We are saving Andrew's talk on home brewing – and free tastings – for later in the year!

Paths for All!

Our first priority in setting up our group was to help improve the local path network through practical work. We have held discussions with the local Tourist Association, Stirling Council and the Heritage Society on developing paths. 'Paths for All' is a national alliance that encourages local communities to develop local path networks, to define routes and to work out access arrangements with local landowners.

We have invited Richard Barron, the local Access Officer, to consult with the local community to help develop our local network. He has already been involved in similar projects in Callander, Balfron and Denny. Richard will be available, with very large scale maps, in Killin Library for every one to have their say about paths in the Killin area. He would like to know where people currently walk, where they would like to have routes, views on sign posts and interpretation boards, and any problems on footpaths eg broken stiles, poor drainage, road safety etc. By consulting as widely as possible we can then identify priorities for the area. EAK will then be involved in applying for grants to improve paths and to carry out practical work.

If you would like to have your say on any aspect of footpaths please come along to the library on Tuesday 24 April or Friday 27 April between 3-7pm and let Richard know your views.

Practical Work

We applied successfully to Stirling Council for an Environmental Improvement Grant for funding to pay for the materials for a boardwalk. This will replace the railway sleepers on the path on Mr Howe's land from the River Lochay to the head of Loch Tay. Depending on restrictions imposed as a result of Foot & Mouth Disease, our first practical session is planned for Sunday, 8 April to work on this, subject to the river level. We will meet in the old railway yard car park at 10am or you can join us later at the site (till 4pm). We are fully insured through the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers. Please wear old clothes and wellies. Tools will be provided but bring your own refreshments. We hope to continue with practical work on the first Sunday of every month through the summer. Look out for posters advertising the details.

Saving money and energy!

Rosie Third has joined our group and is keen to promote energy saving ideas – good for the environment and your pocket. She is organising an information day with stands, leaflets and a couple of speakers on Saturday, 28 April in the Lesser McLaren Hall. Come and have a coffee and find out how to drive your car more efficiently, free advice on home insulation and energy saving, information on wind, water and solar power and ideas for recycling and reducing waste.

Elaine Turner
Tel: 01567 820266



THE OLD MILL RESTAURANT

Hello,

Allow us to introduce ourselves. We are Harry and Jacky from Perth. Along with help from Duane our son, who is training to be a chef at Perth College, and Jemma who helps mum in the restaurant, we are also very lucky to have retained three of our existing staff - Helen, James and Sarah.

Our main aim is to make everyone feel at ease and welcome in the restaurant and to cater for snacks, lunches, dinners and any special dietary requirements.

We are planning many improvements such as a conservatory so that customers can admire the spectacular scenery, a disabled loo and a children's area.

As we plan to open for eleven months of the year we hope that locals will take advantage of Harry's wonderful culinary skills (he has won two awards of excellence).

Also, look out for advertisements for ceilidhs and theme nights when booking would be advisable.

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Opening of the McLaren Learning Centre

Mike Cantlay, Chairman of Scottish Enterprise Forth Valley, officially opened the McLaren Learning Centre on Wednesday 17th January 2001. Killin was well represented at the opening by Kay Riddell, Bill Douglas & John McPherson – Community Council, and Elaine Turner, Sue Wyllie and Donald Third, from the Resource Centre Steering Group all in attendance to view the superb facilities on offer.

The Centre's development is the result of a partnership between The Stirling Centre for Further Education, Stirling Council, Scottish Enterprise Forth Valley, McLaren Leisure Centre, Callander 2000 and the Rural Business Network Organisations.

The McLaren Learning Centre provides the people of the Highland Stirling area with access to information, advice and excellent learning facilities.

Situated in the campus of the McLaren High School and the Community Support offices and next to the McLaren Leisure Centre, local people will be able to use the facilities and resources to improve their skills and knowledge or just to have fun learning.

The McLaren Learning Centre is open four nights and one morning during the week, and one morning at the weekend.

For further information please phone Ian McCourt, Senior Community Worker, on 01877 331766



From L to R: Mike Cantlay – Chairman Scottish Enterprise Forth Valley
Gordon Jeyes – Director of Education and
Linda McKay – Principal of Falkirk College



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**The new Killin Millennium Memories Video
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Killin Initiative

Through hard work and local co-operation, the Killin Initiative have managed to collect sufficient funds to enable forward planning to take place, for both the Highland Games and the Festival. This does not mean that the Initiative and sub-committees can sit back and relax, as more financial support and volunteers are required to make a success of these projects. So think of how you can assist and get in touch with any committee member. Also, we need a Festival Shop, so any suggestions or offers will be gratefully received.

Everything depends on when the Foot & Mouth epidemic is over, but we are being both positive that it will, and also responsible, that if it is not, then we will take further advice on both events. The Festival dates are 15 to 17 June and the following artistes have been engaged. Dougie McLean, Providence, MacAlias, and by popular request a return of Donald Black and Malcolm Jones. Others are being negotiated with, and will appear on the web site when a deal is struck. The form of the weekend will be similar to previous years with some new ideas hopefully being included. Although the committee has had to wait till now to go ahead, enquiries are coming in and beds are being booked. The booking flyers should be available by the time you are reading this.

Turning now to the Killin Highland Games, these will be held on 1 August, and a new committee needs to be formed. If you can help with any part, then please get in touch with Fiona Stewart.

Your assistance is needed to make the Games and the Festival happen, they are both prestigious events on the calendar, so come along and get involved.

*Alex Stewart
Chairman*

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Fingal The Deposed Leader

At the risk of being thought weird (and it is far too late to start worrying about that) I should like to say something regarding the proposals for Fingal's Stone. If antiquities are to be honoured and preserved, it is as well that they should first be understood.

I have spent a lot of time with this stone over the years, alone or with other dowsers and 'Earth Energy Workers'. We have consistently felt that the stone was 'unhappy' - indeed I have seen a tax inspector hugging it with tears in his eyes. Miracles still happen at ancient places!

This feeling was explained when, a few years ago, I read a piece by Allan Walker in the Killin News in which he mentioned that the stone had been moved to its present place from a higher position. A group of us checked this out by dowsing, and concluded that the stone belonged on top of the little hill, just to the south where a larch tree now grows. This is a fine position with a commanding view down Loch Tay, far more appropriate for the most famous warrior leader of the Gael. This hill, incidentally, looks suspiciously like an old hill fort, like the castles attributed to Fingal in Glen Lyon, and may therefore be worthy of recognition in its own right.

Earth energies are, I know, still widely regarded as 'New Age' twaddle. This is far from being the case and there has been a great deal of solid research done in recent years verifying their existence. Ancient sites such as standing, or cup-and-ring marked stones, old churches and graveyards, are part of an elaborate and sophisticated ancient technology, which enhances and maintains the health of the land and its people.

The fact that this stone is dedicated to

New Local Telephone Directory

The new Killin & District Telephone Book for 2001 is hot off the press. Priced at £2 - same as in 1998 - it has more detail and up to the minute information. It encompasses Killin, Lochearnhead, Crianlarich, Tyndrum and Bridge of Orchy. What a great idea for a housewarming or visiting gift.

This project was undertaken by the Killin News to raise funds. Sincere thanks are extended to Ian Lithgow (and his long suffering wife, Morag) for the immense amount of work done to produce this book. Ian has been burning the midnight oil for several months on this venture, and we are sure he will be glad to claim his life back!

The Killin & District Telephone Book is available from the Post Office and News First in Killin, and Brodies shop in Tyndrum - our thanks to them for volunteering to sell the books on our behalf.

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& Bridge of Orchy
01838



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Fingal, a name associated with major sites throughout the highlands and islands, makes it clear that despite its small size, it was regarded as having major importance. It should not be languishing in a damp hollow with, mysteriously, a row of electric pylons exactly aligned on it. Electricity grids have been found to snatch and divert earth energies.

I would be glad to have other dowsers check my conclusions, but I am convinced that it would be of major benefit to the whole area, as well as far more appropriate and aesthetically satisfying, if Fingal's Stone were restored to its proper place of honour and power.

With work soon to commence on the Fingal's Stone project, perhaps the situation may still be negotiable?

*Lindsey Campbell
Stag Cottage, Glen Lochay*

Fingal Stone Project

Plans for setting up a Trust are going ahead. Money raised for the creation and maintenance of the site will be banked in the name of the project.

As part of the negotiations to take over the land, marking and mapping of the boundaries will be carried out. The next step will be to fence the area. Talks are continuing with Stirling Council representatives, and with the builders taking over the adjacent site, to plan a pedestrian walkway from the new houses to the Main Street.

Fund-raising plans are now underway and new ideas would be very welcome. If you have any suggestions, drop a note in to Kay at the Killin Library and she will pass it on. Age, young or old, is not barrier!

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Strathfillan - "By The Way"

Councillor Ffinch had been involved with the Community Self-Build housing in Tyndrum. He had tried to get the Occupancy Control Planning Condition clause

lifted, which states that owners must sell in perpetuity, to a person who lives, works or has family connections in the area. He was unsuccessful, but will keep trying, as this could jeopardise the success of the project.

John Riley is now Chairman of the Stirling Assembly, these are always interesting meetings and open to the public. Well worth attending. The next meeting is on Saturday 28 April, in the Council Chambers, Viewforth, Stirling from 10am till 1pm. Discussion should be about "Roads, Transport and Accountability", although there is a possibility this may be changed to discuss difficulties being encountered due to the Foot & Mouth Disease crisis.

David Hopper, Cleansing Department of Stirling Council asked if Strathfillan would like a textile recycling bank sited adjacent to the recycling banks. We have asked for one, and also made enquiries about a can-recycling bank in Criarlach and all recycling banks for Tyndrum.

There was a public meeting held by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) on 24 January in Criarlach village hall. Points of view were recorded on flip charts, but no vote was taken because it was decided that more knowledge regarding the powers, make up of the Boards and the financing needed. At the Community Council meeting it was agreed to write a letter to SNH expressing our view that the whole of Strathfillan should be included in the National Park, provided our terms and conditions for inclusion are met. These terms relate to the area, the powers, the representation and the financing.

Stirling Area Waste Forum had a meeting to discuss the National Waste Strategy: Scotland, which is in for consultation at the moment. The Cleansing Department was to try to get out to all Community Councils to explain the document. However, Stirling Council had decided that they would use the Area Forums for this purpose instead.

The new extension to the layby at Upper Station Road, Tyndrum, to accommodate the buses was welcomed, and we hope that a shelter will also be erected soon.

*Moir Robertson,
Strathfillan Correspondent*



Drugs Helpline Launched

The Stirling Family Support Service have launched a telephone helpline, aimed at supporting families and friends of drug users. The Service provides information about drugs and their effects, as well as information about local and national services.

Launching the Service, Stirling Provost, Tommy Brookes said, "For every person who takes drugs, there are at least another 2 - 3 people directly affected, whether they be friends, partners, parents, children, brothers or sisters. Drugs can be bought almost anywhere, not only in the urban areas, but also in the rural towns and villages. They are a fact of modern life and no one can claim that they will never be affected. Any one of us may one day need the help and advice of this service."

The main work of the Service is the Helpline. Open every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 2 - 5 pm and 6 - 9 pm. The phone number is 0845 2710172.

The Service also carries out promotional events aimed at raising the awareness of drugs and their impact on families and friends.

The Service is currently recruiting volunteers for the new training programme which starts in March. No experience is required as full training is provided. Although we recruit from a wide range of backgrounds and ages, we are keen to recruit more men into the project.

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Saint John To The Rescue



A new Landrover, donated by The
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was presented to Killin Mountain Rescue Team on 15 February, by
Andrew Cameron, the Chief Constable of Central Scotland Police.

William Stitt, who accepted the vehicle on behalf of the team members, said, "This new Land Rover forms an integral part of our rescue equipment. It will help reduce the time to get to an incident. We can now carry a nine-man team direct to where ever they're needed. This is a huge step forward for us."



(From L-R standing) are: Inspector Bill Rose, Chief Constable Andrew Cameron, John Sinclair KMRT (founder member), Prior of Scotland Colonel James Stirling, Teddy Inglis KMRT. Kneeling are: Mark Luti KMRT, Ian McGregor KMRT (founder member), Killin Police Constable Steven Lapsley KMRT, William Stitt KMRT (team leader), members of the Perth & Kinross Order of St John with Chairman Ken Murdoch, far right. Just out off the photo at the back are Austen Leask KMRT, and Police Constable Ian Ramsay KMRT.

The Chief Constable praised the efforts of the highly-experienced volunteers in the Killin Mountain Rescue Team, who put their own lives on the line every time they take to the hills to save others.

Chairman of the Perth & Kinross Order of St John, Ken Murdoch said, "Vehicles presented by the Order are owned by the teams, but carry the name and badge of St John. This increases the awareness of the work of the Order in Scotland".

Additional Land Rovers are to be presented in the near future to rescue teams in Arrochar, Skye and Torridon and Kinlochewe. Teams in Braemar, Cairngorm, Dundonnell and Kintail will also benefit as there are Land Rovers on order for them.

Who/What are the Order of St John?

The Order descends from an ancient Christian order of chivalry. It is a charity which operates throughout the UK and worldwide.

The earliest first aid lectures by the St John Ambulance Association were given in Scotland in 1877. In 1882 the St Andrew's Ambulance Association was founded and had some representation in England. In 1908 it was agreed that St Andrew would cease first aid training south of the border and St John north of it.

In the 1940's some members felt there was scope for the Order to undertake a variety of public services in Scotland, other than first aid training. The Scottish Priory was formed in 1947 and has met a wide diversity of needs ever since. Today, the Priory provides, amongst other things, a palliative care clinic and unit, and sheltered, and nursing residential accommodation. The Priory has supported mountain rescue in Scotland in various ways over many years.



Variorum

New Houses In Tyndrum

The new occupants of the 15 new houses at Mansefield, Tyndrum are in the process of moving in. Most, if not all the tenants are local or have local connections. The houses are very nice, good size rooms with the walls painted and decent size back gardens. There are individual driveways and parking for one car. Extra parking for visitors is provided. The turf has not yet been laid due to the cold and wet conditions. We wish the new residents a long and happy tenancy.

Local Aerobics Instructors

Joanne Airey from Killin and Nickie Pye from Balquhidder are undertaking the training to become qualified aerobics instructors. They will run the Killin Keepfitters classes and also start up a more gentle exercise class for those of us who can't keep up! The training does take quite a time and we would expect Joanne and Nickie to be qualified by the end of the year.

Free Courses for Adults

If you feel you would benefit from some assistance to brush up on reading, spelling, writing or maths, for work, home, everyday life or just to keep up with the kids, please contact Linda in the Community Support Office in Callander 01877 331766

Killin Community Council

Your Killin Community Councillors are: -

John MacPherson – Chairman,
Pat Christie – Vice-Chairman,
Fiona Kennedy - Joint Secretary,
Mairi Hunter - Joint Secretary,
Bill Douglas – Treasurer, Charlie Grant - Planning Correspondent,
Emma Paterson - Planning Correspondent, John Stewart - Parks Convenor, Dougie Livingstone, Alda Noble, Kay Riddell & Kenny Taylor.

Killin & District Agricultural Society

Ploughing Match

Daldravig
Saturday 19 May 2001 at 2 pm

(Kind permission of Judge Stroyan)
New Competitors are most welcome

Killin Agricultural Show 18 August 2001

Please could we have a few more
entries for this years
Fancy Dress Float Competition.

We would like to thank
all the local groups who take part
and support us every year,
we really do appreciate you.

The Stirling Assembly

We occasionally hear references within this area to a group called "The Stirling Assembly". Local Tyndrum man, John Riley is the Chairman of the Stirling Assembly Steering Group. When he addressed a meeting of the Assembly recently, one of the points he made was about 'accountability' – of Service Agencies, Local Councils and Councillors. Below is an extract from his speech.

"The Assembly is committed to encouraging, enabling and empowering people in the area to have influence over issues affecting their lives.

Auction Sale

The annual auction sale was held in Crianlarich village hall on Friday 23 February to raise funds for the hall. It raised £1250. The hall committee would like to thank everyone who helped, and those who attended and parted with their cash.

That they should have more control over policies, is a recurring theme. At present this is not apparent in our society, resulting in disillusionment, and reduced morale epitomised by low election participation.

There has been strong feeling expressed in several Assembly meetings, that those who serve our society must be elected rather than selected. The shift of power from directly elected Councils to 'selected' service agencies is most unpopular and regarded as undemocratic. If service agency boundaries could be designed to include groups of local Councils, then some type of directly elected accountability could be established.

Certainly the Stirling Alliance and the Stirling Assembly are positive vehicles for service agencies to demonstrate their commitment to democratic processes, but they need to progress much further to convince people/communities of their democratic validity."

This short excerpt is intended to generate interest by giving an insight into the Assembly's aims. The next meeting is on 28 April at the Council Chambers, Viewforth, Stirling from 10am to 1pm, when the topic will be "Roads, Transport and Accountability". Members of the public are invited, and encouraged to attend.

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The Frost Report

A Little Frost

In the last Killin News I was hoping for a little more frost to kill the heather beetle. Well, we have certainly had a little frost, and some snow thrown in, whether or not it has killed the beetle only time will tell.

There was another little Frost on the hills too as you can see from the picture. The smallest gamekeeper Frost (aged three and a half) is feeding a wild stag with sugar beet pellets. Rudolph is a completely wild stag who is just there with his mates strictly for the beet. When feeding wild stags over many winters, one often becomes braver than the rest but seldom brave enough to feed from the hand, especially of such a small stranger.



You can also see Rudolph giving his usual keeper a kiss for Valentine's day; Gamekeepers really do love their animals! Not only that but we had to walk a mile over the snowy flats (carrying young Sam in turn) to reach the stags, as the drifts were too deep on the track - and the Toyota was in the ditch anyway! But apart from disappointing the stags, we had taken Sam 300 miles to Sutherland for this particular experience so it seemed only right to go the extra mile. We did get the vehicle on the road again with two of us lifting it, and my wife's driving expertise. I have to be nice to her as I bought her three live wild turkeys for Valentine's day and I think she is still recovering! The notice over the henhouse reads, "A turkey's for life, not just for Christmas."

It was romantic though, going back to the North where we spent some great years. Thirty years ago, snow like



this was commonplace, and we were often snowed-in for the odd week or so. We also carried snow boards on the front of the Land Rover to bridge the burns, as it was sometimes possible to drive over the flats if the track was snowbound, along the very track that my son now uses to feed his stags. We have become blasé about the winters recently with their lack of snow. This area is just around the corner from where the Inverness to Thurso train was stranded. The snow barriers had not been repaired for years and the trains are much lighter now - apparently the older, heavier trains would have battered through just like the old snow plough belonging to Gordon- the shop. This old Bedford four wheel drive lorry probably began its days in the desert campaign in the war, but together with its huge 'V' plough, it can clear the roads when the County can't.

Soon after our visit up the A9 was over, the same road had disinfectant baths put across to try to stop Foot & Mouth reaching the North. SNH, the NTS and the RSPB were prompt to restrict access, alongside farmers and landowners, - and quite rightly so. May God forbid that the disease

enters populations of wild animals. Deer are susceptible to Foot & Mouth disease, but usually have a milder form and recover quite well. It is thought wisest to stay away and cause as little movement from area to area as possible.

It was heartening to see that walkers stayed off the hills when the restrictions were put in place, but for how long when some people are giving out bad advice? I was appalled to see a well known Munro Bagger/Writer on the TV saying that it was just a good excuse for landowners to keep walkers off their land, and that it was perfectly alright to walk on hills with no sheep on them. Has he never seen those cute brown guys with antlers who seem to be on so many Scottish hills?

If any good can come out of this, hopefully it will be to show the "high heed yins" what a vast part of our economy is dependent upon the countryside. We only want to ensure that little chaps like Sam have a countryside and its animals to enjoy when they are my age.

Tim Frost



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Home Safety Improvements

All Stirling Council homes with gas or solid fuel central heating, will be fitted with carbon monoxide detectors. This is part of a new £200,000 Home Safety Improvement Programme developed by Stirling Council's Housing Service. In addition, £100,00 will be spent on replacing low efficiency white meter storage heating, with 32 new gas central heating systems in properties in Bridge of Allan, Cornton and St. Ninians. An additional £43,000 will be spent on new energy efficient lighting in rural closes, which will be operated by daylight sensors, and painted with the tenants' choice of colours.

The money for these projects comes from a £247,000 surplus in the Council's Housing Revenue Account, largely as the result of a reduction in the cost of borrowing.

Ardeonaig & District WRI

Members and friends enjoyed an Antiques Road Show, given by Jimmy and Maureen Gauld.

Competition: Favourite Antique

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.....With Many a Winding Turn!

As from 1 April, the Killin Roads Depot is expected to be leased to "Bear (Scotland) Ltd", subject to the satisfactory completion of negotiations on the lease. It is expected that they wish to make the depot a major base for the maintenance of trunk roads, and a possible result of this could be an increase in staffing levels. Present staff (with the exception of two) will be transferring to the new company.

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Botanic Quiz

The Killin Carpet Bowling Club ran a Botanic Themed Quiz recently, that nearly drove folks mad. To put you all out of your agony, the Quiz is below, and the answers are on page 20.

1. The best policy
2. A singer who digs in the ribs
3. A country's way of travelling
4. Foundation of all good soups
5. Remembrance
6. An evergreen bird of prey
7. A stringed instrument
8. Every poor maiden's desire
9. A tidy rooster always has one
10. Painted by Van Gogh
11. Feminine colour
12. Has the same name as fruit
13. The lady of Tralee
14. A King who was not bitter
15. Mrs Bull's undergarment
16. A sugary letter of the alphabet
17. Give me your answer do
18. A new one always sweeps clean
19. Foot suitable for the elderly
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Community Development Trust

Although the sign over the office of the old Tourist Information Centre building in Tyndrum still advertises a craft shop, it is actually well established now as a pleasant, effective and busy Trust office. Board meetings are held here, as well as all our day to day admin and meetings. A brief projects update is below:

- Jock Henderson is now in place as our new Housing Officer for the Crianlarich Houses. He works at least one hour a week liaising between our tenants, tradesmen and the Trust (contact Moira Robertson, Paul Kelly, Derek Wilkie).
- The three 'Johns' (John Champion, John Holland, John Wyllie) are finishing the structural work in the Crianlarich Community Woodland by designing information map boards for each entrance, and they hope to have a picnic table and benches in place soon.
- Work in Tyndrum Community Woodland has been slowed down by the current "Foot and Mouth" restrictions. All the sculptures are in place, although regrettably one of the specially designed benches from the Dalrigh carpark was stolen. A leaflet is near completion, and a new circular path is to be made to the west of Tyndrum Lower Station. This will be known as the 'cattle creep' path, as it will run above the railway line, under the cattle creep, and back to the village to join the West Highland Way, near the Clifton cottages (contact Derek Wilkie).
- The development of the flat 'kickaround area' adjoining the Tyndrum Playpark is due for action now that building work on the houses is finished. It is proposed that locals will be involved in the design. (contact Mairi McIlroy).

Our important task for 2001 is to re-visit each and every one of you in Strathfillan for your views on what's been done so far, and your ideas for the future. Exactly what shape community consultation for this 'Strathfillan Regeneration Strategy Phase Two' takes has yet to be agreed; as a starter you will probably get a knock on the door and a questionnaire. The Trust is only a vehicle that allows things to happen, because it can own things, raise money, get training and get help. The vehicle goes nowhere unless local people get on it and steer it.

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Killin & Ardeonaig Parish Church

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Editorial Comment Column

It is difficult to make objective comment on Foot & Mouth Disease, without feeling emotional about some observations during the current crisis. I feel personally worried for the whole country – not just Killin or Scotland, but for the whole of the UK. Possibly during war time people had similar feelings - worrying about something over which you have no control.

I have no doubt that some larger farms within the UK are run purely along business and economic lines. However, the majority of farmers, farm for the love of farming. The animals, and their welfare, are of paramount importance to them. In this area alone, you only have to consider the number of shepherds who have lost their lives trying to rescue sheep either from cliff tops or from the river, to realise that no one would do that for money.

- I worry for the farmers who have lost a lifetime (or several lifetimes) of work, to the funeral pyre.
- Worry for the deer and wildlife, if they have to be slaughtered.
- Worry for the hobby farmer whose animals are basically pets, if they have to be slaughtered.
- Worry for the environment. If there are no animals left to graze what will become of the land. What damage is being done to the land by the burnings? What damage is being done to the rivers due to run-off from the disinfected road crossings?
- Worry for Scottish tourism, not the

cities and museums, but the countryside – how will it ever recover?

- Worry for villagers with dogs unable to have proper exercise as there is nowhere to walk.
- Worry for our neighbours, the farmers – if it comes here it would be devastating.
- Worry for local business – how will it recover?
- Worry for the hillwalkers and ‘Freedom to Roam’ – will the paths all be opened again, or is this the thin end of the wedge?
- I feel **FURIOUS ANGER** against the person or persons who either wittingly or un-wittingly introduced this dreadful disease into our countryside. If found, they should be locked up and the key thrown away.
- Anger about lack of information on labelling – I want to know when something is really genuinely Scottish or British – the fact that it was put into bags

here, doesn't, in my book, qualify it to be British. The “Buy British” campaign of the 70's was a great slogan. When I can, I follow it to the letter. However, I have occasionally been ‘conned’ by packaging displaying a St Andrew's or Union flag, into thinking it was British when it wasn't.

- Anger about beasts being hauled halfway across Europe just to be slaughtered in another country – this is an appalling way to treat animals.
- Anger against importing lamb and beef when we can produce enough in our home market to more than feed our citizens.

I'm sure all of you will relate to at least one of these feeling during this crisis.

To sum up the awfulness of this disease - can you imagine having to add this beautiful beast in the photo below to the Foot & Mouth slaughter list - he is just a lovely big pet - **Ollie the Highland Coo.**

Ed



Scoop That Poop!

The residents of Manse Road, Killin would like to put a plea out to all the dog owners who are being kept off the normal dog walking tracks due to the Foot & Mouth epidemic. Please scoop the poop - it is becoming a dodgems course when walking down the road, instead of admiring the views we are having to watch our feet! Our gardens are for our enjoyment, but again we are having to watch our step, and where the children play. Hats off to those of you who walk your dogs armed with plastic bags and pooper-scoopers, but can't the rest of you follow suit?

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uth Disease

I have been asked by Killin News to report on some of the problems facing local farmers during the present Foot and Mouth Disease crisis.

Most farms in this area, rear sheep and cattle for lamb and beef production. While a great deal of the lambs are sold in the autumn, we feed 200 throughout the winter to sell in early spring, when the prices are better. Fortunately, we had sold most of ours in January and February for between £30 - £35. The 35 we still have left are perhaps worth between £20 - £25, but in reality, there is no market for them. This is because the supermarkets have changed over to New Zealand lamb and will not go back to selling British hoggets. The National Farmers Union estimates that there are 500,000 with no market.

Last years' ewe lambs are still away at their winter grazing up in Morayshire, along with many other local hogs. They are sent to lowground farms for their first winter, where the better grazing helps them to grow. They usually come home in early April, but at present, due to restrictions, they cannot be moved. Hopefully some form of permit will soon allow their return home.

On the cattle front, we have kept 35 of last years' calves through the winter. We intended to sell them in April/May, to lowground farmers who fatten them on grass through the summer. The only way to sell these fattening cattle is through an auction mart. All markets are closed at present, and may be for some time. We can feed them inside until mid May, but they would then need to go out to grass. The grass they would be eating is grass that is usually cut for silage for next winter. The knock-on effect of this would be to create big problems for next winter.

One major problem at the moment is that the supermarkets are only buying 65% of the British beef available, and only 35% of British lamb. These figures are from before the crisis, when plenty of home produced meat was available. Next time you buy meat, read the label and check that it is produced in Scotland - not just packed here.

Finally, thank you for your co-operation over the past few weeks. It is hard to overstate the impact an outbreak would have in this area. With unfenced hills and a large deer population, control would be almost impossible. Hopefully we will never have to face it.

*Stewart Christie
Auchlyne Farm, Killin*

Question:- What do Breadalbane Park and Toxicara Canis have in common?

Answer:- Irresponsible dog owners.

Hopefully, by the time this article goes to print there will be signs that the country is recovering from the scourge of the foot and mouth disease which has affected not just farmers but everyone who lives in a rural environment. Unfortunately, one of the off-shoots of the epidemic has been the re-emergence of the irresponsible dog owner.

Devoid of their usual walking space, more dog owners than ever were using the local Park for exercise. No serious problem in this, provided they cleaned up after their pets. Unfortunately, in many cases, this was a dim and distant hope, and it has been left to some of the responsible dog owners to clean up after the rest.

Under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act, 1982 Section 48, **you are guilty of an offence** if you allow your dog to foul any footpath, grass verge, pedestrian

precinct or children's' play area (unless you clean up immediately afterwards) . It is also an offence in recreational areas displaying signs prohibiting dog fouling. You may be charged by the Police and can be liable to pay a substantial fine.

However, a danger greater than getting dog poo on your shoes, lurks in the form of Toxicara Canis (Roundworm). This is a disease caused by a small roundworm parasite found in dogs. The eggs of the worm are easily passed hand to mouth by touching a dog or an area contaminated by dog faeces. Small children are particularly at risk because they are more likely to put their hands in their mouths after playing on infected grass and play-grounds. These eggs can remain infective for up to two years and one of the most serious symptoms is blindness. There is no cure.

The local farming community would like to thank the people living and staying in and around Killin for the responsible way they have acted during the past few weeks.

This is a difficult time and we appreciate that many people have been affected by the threat of this disease. By closing walkways and restricting access to land where livestock may be, we hope to prevent the spread of foot and mouth. There is no way of knowing how long this outbreak will last and for how long we will need to take these precautions. Your continued support is an essential part in helping us ward off this disease.

Thank you again for your cooperation.

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This is not scare mongering by an anti dog person. I have over 30 years experience of having dogs as both pets, and in a professional capacity as a police dog handler. Please ensure that your pets have a yearly check up for roundworms and other parasites, and de-worm the pet if necessary. Always carry a small plastic bag so that you can clean up after your pet, and use the special bins supplied in the Park, and elsewhere around the village, or take it home to dispose of it.

Let us **ALL** be responsible pet owners and keep the Park and the village clean. In the UK, 100 people each year, become blind as a result of Toxicariasis. Don't let a child in Killin be one of them.

Scott Wilson



The One Foot in the Web Road Show starts touring the Stirling Council area on Thursday 19 April. Come and try computing sessions for the over 50's. The Council hopes to encourage more older people to take an interest in computers, find out more about new technology, the benefits it can bring, and take part in future classes in the area.

The Road Show Rural Timetable

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| Thursday 10 May | 10 – 12 noon | WRI – Rural Hall Doune |
| Wednesday 16 May | 10 – 12 noon | Strathblane Library |
| Thursday 24 May | 10 – 12 noon | Strathyre Learning Centre |
| Thursday 31 May | 12 – 2 pm | McLaren Learning Centre, Callander |

One Foot in The Web Basic Skills Course

There will be a Basic Skills Course run at Strathyre Learning Centre from Wednesday 18 April. The Basic Skills Course will last for 8 weeks, and cost £10, with fee waivers

for people in receipt of pensions or benefits. The number of people in each course will be limited to six, and the course content will cover basic computing skills.



Stirling Council Roads News

Stirling Council fears that the Scottish Executive is in danger of creating a "Railtrack" on Scotland's trunk roads. Concerns have risen since an announcement in January by Sarah Boyack, Scottish Transport Minister, to privatise maintenance contracts for Scotland's trunk road network. Four contracts, worth £350 million were awarded to two private consortia.

Gillie Thomson, chairman of Stirling Council's Environmental Quality Committee said, "We are bitterly disappointed with the Minister's announcement. She is in danger of creating a Railtrack on our roads, with little or no democratic control, fragmented and weakened management, inefficiencies and public confusion."

Stirling Council was involved with other local councils in three trunk road operating contracts which produced income for the Council of £1.6 million per year. The contracts involved up to 30 full time staff who will be transferred to the new private contractors. The Council was also a member of a four consortia which unsuccessfully bid for the contracts.

Councillor Thomson said, "Separating the management of trunk roads and motorways from the rest of the network is a nonsense. It leaves local roads in Council hands, competing with trunk roads and motorways, for a slice of a restricted Scottish block grant. The Council now faces a major challenge to manage its own local roads, with a vastly reduced economy of scale. Have we learned nothing from the mess on our railways?"



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Killin Literature Group

I would like to propose that Killin villagers start up a new Literature Group.

I moved to Killin about 4 months ago from Banbury in Oxfordshire where I had lived for 12 years. For 10 of those years I was a member of Banbury Literature Group - in fact I was a founder member.

We met at someone's house from 7.30pm during term times. During any school holidays we would have a break to do other things and catch up on reading! So essentially we have 3 terms a year. We would decide between us (going on recommendations, reviews and what other literature groups were reading) what books to read for each term and would read about six each term. We would discuss the books at our meetings and share what we thought of them. If we were struggling to get books read in time to discuss them, we would have an evening reading short stories or poetry. We read literally dozens of fabulous books that we may not have read otherwise, and got a lot more out of them than we would have done from reading them alone.

Also, if there were films on cinema or video or plays that related to the books we would try and see them too. At the end of each term we would have a social evening, usually eating a potluck supper and finally agree on the next term's books. At the end of the autumn term we would go out for a Christmas meal.

We were in touch with other literature groups and would share ideas on books and the like. I know there are some in this area so that would be possible here too. Different groups do things slightly differently. Some meet every two weeks but all year through, for example.

I really miss the group and would like to participate in something like that here. Please get in touch with me if you enjoy reading and would like to be involved.

Carole Judd

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Safer Schools

Stirling Council has welcomed the Scottish Executive's decision to set up a Discipline Task Group to look at disruptive behaviour in schools. It followed the publication by Education Minister, Jack McConnell of national statistics showing the level of violence, threatening behaviour and verbal abuse against teachers and non-teaching staff in Scotland's schools. The Council's pioneering of Pupil Councils, its anti-bullying policies and its £180,000 Supported Study are all aimed at encouraging success and attainment, and creating safe learning environments where violence has no place.

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Answers to the Quiz on Page 13

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2. Larkspur
3. Carnation
4. Stock
5. Forget me not
6. Hollyhock
7. Viola
8. Marigold
9. Cockscomb
10. Sunflowers
11. Pink
12. Flowering Currant
13. Rose
14. Sweet William
15. Cowslip
16. Sweet Pea
17. Daisy
18. Broom
19. Elderberry
20. Candy Tuff
21. Canterbury Bell
22. Primrose
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Killin Community Resource Centre

Members of the KLS Resource Centre Steering Group, McLaren Hall Trustees and representatives from the Library Service and Stirling Learning Centre met in February to hear ideas on the possible expansion of the McLaren Hall from the architects, Julie and Gordon McEachern. Draft plans were available to view and they talked us through their initial ideas, based on the brief given to them. It was an exciting moment when we viewed the proposed drawings for the first time. They involve three phases which could be built in any order. This will be helpful in applying for funding and in allowing the Hall to continue to function while building work goes on. Phase A includes a changing area and showers, squash court and space for table tennis or pool. Phase B includes an expanded library and learning centre and Phase C, refurbishment of the existing halls with an extension to the small hall to provide a second kitchen and space for a Registrar's office and community offices. These plans are very much a first draft to get people talking about what is wanted and what is possible.

The next steps are for the KLS Steering Group to continue to develop the financial feasibility of the project with Colin Roxburgh, the consultant and for the McLaren Hall Trustees and Management Committee to meet and discuss the implications of the expansion to them. We also need to discuss with the Sports & Leisure Club how we can best integrate sports facilities. Public consultation on the plans will take place at a later stage, once we have settled the key decisions on the project with the Trustees and other parties. We have now secured the full funding for the feasibility study. This will pay for the work done by the architects and Colin Roxburgh which will enable us to apply to major funders.

Thanks go to Stirling Council Community Grants Scheme for £3,000, Forth Valley Health Board for £5,250, the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland for £1,500, Forth Valley Enterprise for £1,500, Forward Scotland Small Project Grants for £500. Thanks also to Killin SWRI and Killin & District Arts and Crafts Group for their donations.

If any one wishes any further information, please get in touch with any member of the Steering Group or Suzanne Player, Community Animator (Tel: 820154).

Elaine Turner, Secretary



ACTION PACKED SCHOOL HOLIDAYS At the McLaren Leisure Centre

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Mervyn's Weather

After the cold spell of late December 2000, the suggestion arose, written on New Year's Day 2001, could it be possible that the said wintry spell was to be a prelude to a more traditional trend for the remainder of the winter? In fact, this is more or less what has transpired. After the fairly rapid disappearance of the New Years snow, January was, on the whole, quiet and remarkably mild with none of the successive deluges and gales to which we have become inured. The total lunar eclipse on 9 January was spoilt by low level fog, although anyone who got above the fog line was treated to the orange/red orb which was quite spectacular. For some days after this, the rime deposited by this frosty fog remained on trees and bushes not reached by the sun, even to sea level on the coast of Argyll.



Rainfall in January 2001 was much below that of recent Januarys. After the comparatively mild spell, 4 February brought a heavy snowfall of up to 15 inches in places. This fall affected more or less all of the Highlands, more particularly the north and east with the west and south escaping the worst. Although, initially a fairly rapid thaw took place within a few days, in places sheltered from wind and sun, the snow was reluctant to disappear. Indeed there was more remaining cover at low levels than on the hills.

Now as true winter is about to give way to spring, another snow fall, comparatively light on Loch Tayside, but blown by a north easterly gale, on the early morning of 27 February into drifts and leaving large areas almost snow free.

As these notes are written, March is about to enter the scene, it would appear neither like a lion nor a lamb – but perhaps a polar bear could handle it! March “the month of many weathers” – will it be like the springs of old – mainly dry with the “stoor” rising from the harrows, and the reek of Muirburn, or will it revert to a ‘90’s March of rain and more rain?

*Mervyn K Browne
Ardalnaig - 28 February*

Killin SWRI

Mrs Kate Winton, President, welcomed members old and new along with visitors to February's meeting on 1 February in the Lesser McLaren Hall. The speaker for the evening needed no introduction as Dr. MacColl is Killin's retired GP. Mr MacColl showed slides of the village and surrounding areas showing all seasons and weather, with stunning views. Mrs F Inglis thanked Dr. MacColl for a wonderful slide show.

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Strathfillan Lunch Club

Linda Champion had an idea to start up a lunch club for the senior citizens in Strathfillan and Bridge of Orchy. Linda and a few helpers conducted a survey of all the households where a person aged over 60 lived. There was a very positive result in favour of such a club. It was decided to hold a try-out on Friday 2 March in Crianlarich village hall. All the food was fresh and cooked by John Champion, with a little help from Linda. All in, a total of 27 people enjoyed a superb lunch of chicken en crouete with boiled potatoes, carrots and broccoli, followed by either apple crumble or fruit pudding with custard. The meal finished off with tea/coffee & mints. Afterwards, Ian Ramsay held a quiz, enjoyed by all.

The lunch club will be held once a month from October. We will be trying to find funds during the summer.

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Community Composting - Why Bother ?

The children from Killin Primary have inserted a survey in this issue, to find out how much interest locals would have in the proposed community composting site beside the new skip. If the project looks feasible it will be constructed by the local volunteer group, EAK and have limited support from Stirling Council.

Community composting is not some crackpot idea about producing garden compost en-mass. The reasons for doing it have more to do with waste disposal and modern day problems associated with land fill sites. When organic substances end up in landfill sites they are forced to break down by anaerobic processes (without air), producing large amounts of methane, one of the so-called 'greenhouse gasses'. In fact the rotting of the present amount of organic waste going into landfill sites is expected to be the biggest single contributor to global warming over the next 30 years! The alternative to this is the natural, aerobic (with air) breakdown of organics in a harmless compost heap.


Stirling Council is obliged to reduce the amount of waste entering our ever-expanding landfill sites by 35% before the year 2020. With over 50% of material presently buried in landfill sites being organic, it is the most obvious section to target, especially because of the detrimental effect it has on the environment.

Changes in waste management and the need for everyone to take more personal responsibility for their own waste production is one of the most important environmental issues. Re-use and Recycling (of which composting is a big part) is at the heart of this matter, with the capability to reverse the 'throw away society' attitude this country has developed over the last few decades.

Less important, but still a welcome bonus for those who would use it, would be the by-product, - free gardening compost! This too will help the environment (as well as your garden) as many of Killin's wonderful gardens are presently enriched using peat based compost sold by garden centres which perpetuates the destruction of our fragile peatland habitats through large-scale, commercial peat extraction.

All the enthusiasm and necessary agreements to go ahead with this project are in place. The only thing that isn't is the guarantee of support from local people in actually using such a site. We would all be wise to think of these issues before completing the questionnaire. We are hoping for a good response to the childrens' survey.

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Following the success of the Killin Dance Day last October, Suzanne Player has been trying to organise regular classes for both breakdancing and modern dance. 18 young folk have said they would be interested in the breakdancing and Suzanne is in negotiation with the MacRobert Arts Centre, who employ the tutor, about the possibility of a regular class. David McDonald, Stirling Council's Arts development Officer is trying to arrange a tutor for the modern dance class.

If you have any ideas for other arts classes or workshops you would like to see happening in this area, please let Suzanne (820154) or Dave (0845 2743322) know.

Killin News Typing Error

In the article entitled "Housing in Strathfillan" in the last issue of the Killin News we referred to the amount of grant aid received by the Strathfillan Community Development Trust as being £65,000 – this should have read £265,000 – we were just a few £s out!

Sorry - Ed

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Tay Liaison Committee

There have been notices posted throughout the Tay system suspending the sale of all Trout and Coarse Fishing Permits until further notice. This decision was taken by the Committee in consultation with farms and estates, due to the threat posed by Foot & Mouth Disease. Access to fishings from the loch and river banks is mainly through agricultural land containing animals, and it would be totally irresponsible for the Committee not to whole heartedly support the action taken by landowners. Precautions can be taken at points of access, but since many anglers travel some distance to fish the system, they could, unwittingly carry the virus on their clothes or vehicle. It is this threat of transporting the disease over considerable distances, which the imposed ban seeks to assist in preventing. It is hoped that all who are involved in angling will comply with this request, and actively discourage anglers from coming to the Tay until the crisis is over. Disinfectant barriers are a measure to combat the virus from being transmitted through wheels and the undersides of vehicles, but the Committee are of the united opinion that encouraging anglers to stay away meantime, will hopefully be an added precaution in trying to prevent this plague from reaching the system. The co-operation of all is asked for – without exception.

The loss of revenue is a small price to pay, if this action, combined with the measures taken by landowners, proves successful in keeping the area free of this curse. Let's hope that soon all anglers will be able to enjoy some of the 2001 season, knowing they played their part in helping to eradicate this terrible disease.

Access to the slipway on the River Lochay is also suspended to all visiting anglers.



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The Angling

Bailiff & Warden Training Day

Mr Derek Gregor and Grevil Humphries came to talk to the Killin Angling Club. They explained the proper methods of approaching anglers to ask if they have purchased permits, and also the powers the Bailiffs have if permits are subsequently not produced.

There was a very poor turnout for this Training Day, with only six Committee Members being present. Although the weather was not favourable for people who had to travel some distance to attend, there was really no excuse for the local patrons and other members not to be there, especially when you consider that the speakers had travelled some distance from Perth and Aberfeldy to be there.

It will soon be time to get the trout flies look out again (assuming the end of Foot & Mouth Disease Crisis), and this will serve as a reminder that the first competition is scheduled for 21 April. As there was a good response to the competitions last season, I hope it will continue in the same vein this season. Get your names down for the competition in plenty of time or phone me on Killin 820058 and I will put your name down. All names should be in within one week of the competition day to be included.

The Salmon Fishing on the River Dochart is still non-existent. The weather has been very cold and water levels are fairly low. There has only been a small number of salmon taken from the loch, although there have been several pike.

The next Committee meeting will be on 6 April.

Donald McLarty

The Committee would remind all concerned that it is a criminal offence to fish without a permit, and to enter land displaying restriction notices could result in heavy fines.

On the salmon fishing, some beats have already banned fishing and others are restricting access to a controlled section, mainly from boats which leave from, and return to, a designated landing area which is disinfected. Every angler is asked to act responsibly, and not land on any part of the river or loch bank other than where they launched from. The Tay Board can be contacted for further advice on salmon angling.

Alex Stewart
Recorder to the TLC

Going, Going – GONE!

The bar was packed with a variety of objects not normally found there and with people apparently desperate to spend money. The occasion? Morag's annual auction in aid of the Oncology Department of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children Hospital in Edinburgh which had been postponed from last autumn. This is always an event much enjoyed by those who take part. On Saturday 3 March bids came in thick and fast under the expert auctioneering of Davy Osler who needed to use full volume to make himself heard. Cakes, chocolates and crystal glasses, potatoes, pictures and logs, kindling, a bicycle and furniture – 83 lots all went under the hammer. As usual some of the keenest bidding was for the clooty dumplings and this time one made specially by 83-year-old Mrs Carmichael from Dollar went for the highest price - £65. The highest bid of the evening was £75 for a garden seat. Over £1440 was raised by Killin and District for research into cancer and leukaemia. After the auction the evening continued with music and dancing while auctioneer and bidders recovered their voices.

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Obituaries

Lady Isabel Fawcus, who died in January was remembered in a service of thanksgiving for her life, held at St. Fillans Episcopal Church, Killin on 4 February 2001.

In a moving tribute, Alan Tilbury CBE covered the many aspects of her life prior to her settling with Sir Peter in Dochart House in 1965.

As First Lady in Botswana where Peter had the oversight and responsibility for the changes leading to constitutional government, Isabel helped to bridge the gap between African and European leaders. She took a great interest in the families of the civil servants who were under pressure at the time and had an ease of manner very different from the hitherto formalised and exclusive pattern. It is a tribute to both Peter and Isabel that they are remembered with affection in Botswana, an affection that in no small part was derived from Isabel's work and support in the move to Independence.

In Killin she was known for her sculpting and painting, her generous hospitality (the swimming pool in her lovely garden was a boon for local children), and she had a great warmth about her that we shall not forget. She was a stalwart member of the Episcopalian Church.

We extend our sympathy to Peter and the family.
Allan Walker

Agnes Florence Stewart (nee MacKinnon), passed away on 7 March 2001 at St. Johns Hospital in Livingston. Born in Killin, she worked in the family's joinery business, and on the Killin Branch Railway. Agnes was a keen member of the WRI, which she joined in Killin. She served as Secretary in Butterstone, and in Guthrie, and upon moving with her late husband John to Inverness, she became Treasurer and then President of the Nairns Institute, followed by serving as a Group Secretary then President in Inverness-shire. During a period of time in farming, Agnes was an avid entrant in produce competitions at local shows, and involved herself in all kinds of 'Sales of Work', for both the WRI and the Church, which she and the family attended.

Agnes is survived by her three sons, one granddaughter, and three grandsons.

Alex Stewart

Isabel MacGregor, wife of the late Robert MacGregor, formerly of Eilean Cor, Killin, passed away peacefully at The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home on 5 January 2001, after a long and happy life in the village.

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The Club's AGM was held in January. Office Bearers appointed were: Captain - Dickie Lewis, Ladies Captain - Liz Stevens, Vice Captain - Roger Bartlett, Secretary - Trevor Taylor, Treasurer - Donald MacIver. There are also 8 committee members.

The AGM was well attended, and perhaps the most controversial decision to be made was to do with member's subscriptions. There was considerable discussion and much detailed information from the Treasurer about the financial affairs of the club. A poor tourist season and some general problems led to a less than healthy financial report. Consequently a proposal to raise membership fees received the support of the membership by a majority of votes. This along with a decision to reduce the full time greens staff to one, Alan McHenery and other cost savings, should put the club on a better financial footing. Members also agreed, so far as possible, to give a helping hand in the maintenance of the course – which at the moment is in excellent condition. This kind of self-help is not uncommon in local 9 hole courses.

On the house side of things, the clubs catering and bar provision will be considerably improved. Inga Sinclair and Shona Milligan, professionally experienced and successful caterers, have been appointed. As well as providing good food and drink, they will also handle golf bookings and act as starters for the course. The new web site has a sample menu - www.killingolfclub.co.uk

Some new membership categories have been introduced to improve income such as Life Membership, Corporate Membership, 5 Day and Local Family Membership and a temporary membership to allow visitors to sample the hospitality of the club prior to joining as members. The club hopes to involve local hotels and businesses in offering golf package holidays. There will also be an increased level of tuition for juniors, and for ordinary members there will be occasional Professional Golf Clinics.

The outlook is good for the Club with positive thinking from everyone. But remember we need more members. Why not come along and try your hand or join as a Social Member to show your support. You'll get lots of help and support and always be made very welcome.

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Thank You

Jean Henderson would like to thank the Killin Drama Club cast, the many people, children, adults, mums and dads, who worked so hard for many weeks to give us three nights of wonderful entertainment. She would not have missed one performance of "Mother Goose", and it certainly made up for the atrocious weather conditions prevailing at that time.

Georgie Mackenzie would like to convey her sincere thanks to everyone for the gifts, visits, get well cards and messages during her stay in hospital.

Hilda Thompsell would like to thank all the kind folk who sent her cards and flowers during her stay in hospital. They were very much appreciated and helped towards her recovery. She hopes to be back in circulation again very soon.

Morag McNee would like to send her sincere thanks to Maureen & John Mallinson at the Clachaig Hotel. She would also like to thank all who attended the Auction, and everyone who donated items, bought them or helped in any way.

£1440 was raised making the total for the year £2785 for the Oncology Department of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh.

Thanks to you all.

Forthcoming Events in 2001

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12 April | Concert, Perth City Hall at 7.30pm |
| 19 April | One Foot in the Web Road Show, Killin Sports Pavilion 2 - 4pm |
| 19 May | Ploughing Match |
| 8 June | Cheese & Wine, hosted by Killin Cancer Research Committee in the McLaren Hall |
| 15 - 17 June | Killin Music & Dance Festival |
| 1 August | Killin Highland Games |
| 18 August | Killin Agricultural Show |
| 18 August | Killin Agricultural Show Marquee Dance |
| 8 September | Jazz Evening & Fork Supper, hosted by Killin Cancer Research Committee in the McLaren Hall. |

Killin & District Sports & Leisure Club

Annual General Meeting

The Club held the Annual General Meeting in the Pavilion on 20 February under the Convenorship of Kay Riddell.

In her report, Kay stated that it had been a good year. The Astro turf had been cleaned and the surface was much improved. Through a grant from Stirling Council, Allan McHenry had kept the Bowling Green in good order but the Grant will not be available this year. Mr S Davidson commended David Riddell for his hard work over the past year.

Kay expressed thanks to Mr Davidson and Mr & Mrs Higgins for their help at the start of the season, and to Fiona Buchanan and Liz Stevens for their hard work throughout the year.

The Treasurer, Liz Stevens reported an operating profit of £556 at the end of the year. Bowling Club money was used to purchase a strimmer and lawnmower.

The Office Bearers, Kay Riddell - Convenor & Chairman, Gill Higgins - Vice Chairman, Treasurer - Liz Stevens, will all continue for a further year. Fiona Buchanan retired as Secretary and her position was taken up on a short term basis by Suzanne Player (Community Animator). The Committee members are, Linda Frost, Hope Macdonald, Barbara Gordon, Fiona Mitchell, David Riddell, Chris Hope.

Opening Hours: Kiosk 30 June 2001 until mid-September. To use the facilities outwith this time contact Gill Higgins or Kay Riddell. Membership charges are Adults £30, Family £50, Junior Membership now £20.

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Across

1. A refreshing drink enjoyed by Eve (5,5)
6. Not working (4)
10. You could have 1 across at this time (9)
11. The Sioux were at home with it (5)
12. Actuating spirit (6)
13. Doing it together (7)
15. Prudently aftertaking advice (9)
18. He likes heather a bit (5)
19. Unsteady in rigid dyke (5)
21. A plant of the primrose family. Saved a lot of people (9)
23. Newly born, a neat one (7)
24. Almost a couple for this concave ceiling (6)
27. A getting together (5)
28. Gnats rely in an unusual manner (9)
29. Fastidious but often agreeable (4)
30. A woman guilty of a certain faithlessness (10)

Down

1. Scandinavian foursome (4)
2. Clean & arrange the feathers (5)
3. Innuity (6)
4. An Eastern mountain range (5)
5. A great flood of water (9)
7. An exhausting business (10)
8. At last an occurrence with upper class support (10)
9. A scant Eastern position (6)
14. Enormous, worthy of Rabelais's hero (10)
16. Even in the disco dive you'll get pictures with this (9)
17. Unhappily dented (9)
20. Longs to make money between extremes of youthfulness (6)
22. What the price leads to (7)
24. A marine substance found in decor always (5)
25. A loyal vassal (5)
26. Choose your own colours, but don't let them kill you (4)

Solution to Last Crossword

Across

1. bush 3. breakwater 10. automatic 11. upset 12. girth 13. brindled 15. retile 17. nurture 19. entices 21. excised 22. baroness 24. fiver 27. alive 28. crescendo 29. preventing 30. flat

Down

1. bear garden 2. satyr 4. vatable 5. auction 6. wound 7. taste buds 8. rite 9. emphatic 14. tenderfoot 16. tetradite 18. rock face 20. step-cut 21. Esptein 23. ox-eye 25. vinyl 26. warp

Killin News



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The Killin News would like to thank Liz Stevens for all her computer assistance with the adverts in this Issue. We hope we did not overload her, and that she will consider joining us in the near future as permanent member of the Killin News Team.

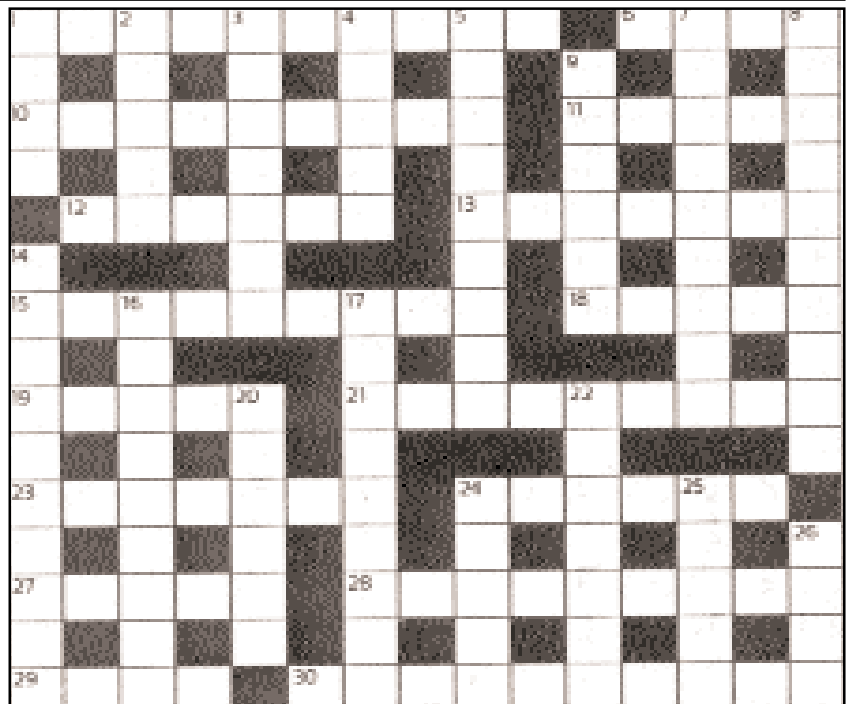
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Crossword by Crustacean



Killin Drama Club



Once again Killin Drama Club was represented at a Festival of One Act Plays (Stirling District) organised by the Scottish Community Drama Association.

The evening was held in Fintry Hall. Killin had two plays entered, "Darlings, You Were Wonderful" by Derek Lomas and "The Extraordinary Revelation of Orca the Goldfish". I saw the first play and found it well done. An all women cast playing the part of an amateur drama group presenting a play at a competition. A sort of play within a play. The Adjudicator, Ronnie Mackie from Glasgow praised the actors, the set and the sound effects. I understand that both plays will be performed in the McLaren Hall at a later date – don't miss them. Now over to Sinclair Aitken who saw the rest of the action.

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In spite of the foul weather, a goodly audience turned out. Three plays were scheduled, but only two were competing - Killin and Riverside (Stirling) Drama Clubs.

The Killin play, "The Extraordinary Revelations of Orca the Goldfish" had, rather alarmingly, a cast of just two – Gordon Hibbert who played Henry, and Gill Hunt who played Alice, a married couple who constantly acted out their fantasies, from the bizarre to the plainly sexual. It was a first class play with hilarious and wonderfully written scenes. Gordon and Gill put this complex comedy across with great skill. The adjudicator commented afterwards on "the tremendous concentration of two strong and talented actors, vocally clear and handling well the many changes of moods and styles". Altogether it was highly praised.

Over the weekend, five plays competed and in the concluding adjudication, first place went to Fintry Drama Club for their performance of "The Donahue Sisters" with Killin as runners up. These two clubs will now compete in the next round of competition at Kelso on the weekend on 29 – 31 March. A third prize of a silver quach was presented to the Riverside Drama Club for the "Best Moment in Theatre".

Congratulations to all who were involved with the Killin Drama Club performances and good luck in Kelso.

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*Siobhan Anderson
& Stuart Grant
(P7 Killin Primary School)*

The Killin Primary School paper rounds take place every second Friday. Mrs Hunt, Mrs Anderson, Mrs McRae, Mrs Sommerville, Mr & Mrs Frost take their cars to pick up the papers from all around the village. Mr Weir and Mrs Inglis stay at the Shelter Shed at the back of the school, waiting for the cars. When they arrive, the papers are put into bigger bags.

The school also collects cans and cardboard. The children who help are Siobhan Anderson, Andrew Anderson, Emma McPherson, Kirsty Sommerville, Stuart Grant, Kathleen McRae, John McRae and Jillian Lawrence. The papers are kept in the Shelter Shed, and once every month Stirling Council come and take away the mountains of papers to be re-cycled.

Look What The Stork Brought !



Kyle Louis Hinks was born on 17 January 2001 to Norman and Mags Hinks. Little brother for Liam, weighing in at 9 pounds 1 ounce.

Norman, Mags and Liam would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone for their kind gifts, cards and support whilst Kyle has been in hospital.

A very special 'thank you' to Helen, Pat and Ishbel for looking after Liam, Fiona and Michael for dog-sitting Oscar and to Joyce for cat-sitting. Thanks also to all those who 'rescued' Liam from the toilet at the Panto.

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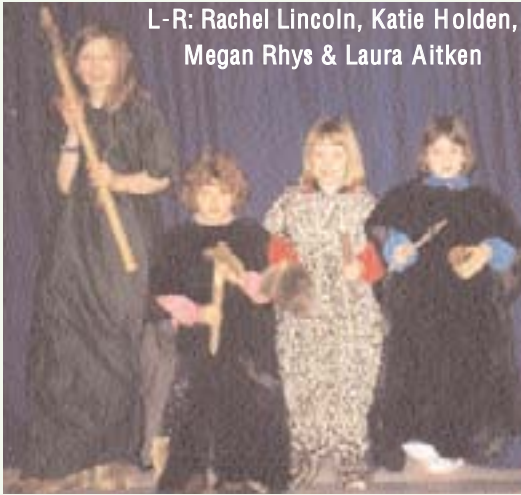
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The Green Team

L-R: Rachel Lincoln, Katie Holden, Megan Rhys & Laura Aitken



Green Team Dig Up The Past

Members of the Green Team recently carried out an archaeological dig, unearthing evidence of Iron Age man in Killin. It was actually a set up, carefully assembled by Georgia Crook with objects loaned by the Kilmartin Museum (thank

you Georgia). However, it provided a good insight into how the past can be pieced together and how people living at that time made the most of natural objects and substances. As a result, there may be one or two budding archaeologists in the making, and a few extra visitors to Kilmartin!

Summer meetings will begin on Thursday 19 April and continue very other week throughout the summer, including the school holidays. We meet outside the launderette at 6pm and finish (or try to) at 7.30pm after lots of fun activities and games looking at the natural world about us. Lets hope we have a long dry summer and look forward to seeing lots of new faces.

Helen Cole.



At the Killin Mountain Rescue Team Annual Dance, David Fettes sacrificed his long, fair locks and raised £ for the team. David, who hadn't had his hair short since he was 15, looked great, but gone forever will be the Braveheart look when he wears his kilt!



Look Who's 21 !

To avoid embarrassment, we are not allowed to name them. Here are some clues to their identities. Pretty as a picture with her bunches, gets her good looks from Mum who works at Stitts! This 'sporty' chap has connections with the Library!



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