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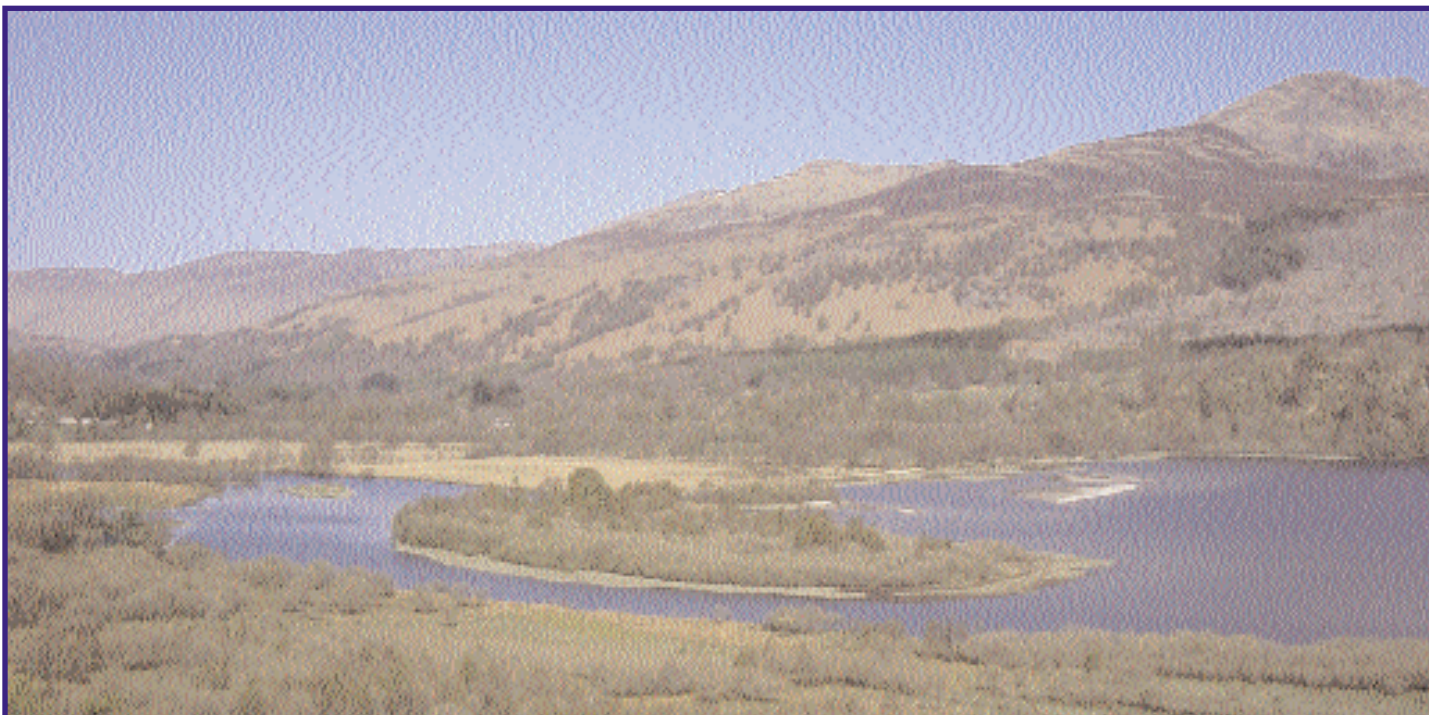
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# KILLIN NEWS

KILLIN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

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## When Will The Visitors Return?



Inviting photos of the head of Loch Tay and the Tarmachan Ridge, also Loch Dochart (insert), but "When will the visitors return?"

Through the generosity of the West Highland Way Walkers, the Killin & District Nursing Association were able to give a bath lift (demonstrated by Dani), handy pillow lift (demonstrated by Dr. Mairi) and table & chairs to the District Nurses. Also a 'Nite Tracker Spot Light' and various other pieces of equipment to the Killin Ambulance.

The 'Walkers' raised a total of £6,600 of which £3,600 went to the Killin Nursing Association and £3,000 to the MacMillan Cancer Relief Fund.

In the photo (L-R) are: Kay Riddell, Susan McRobbie, Dr Mairi MacColl, Jane Brown, Judy Forster, Diana Twigg and Dani Grant.



When the last edition of Killin News went to print, the front-page title was very appropriate. Whatever we felt about the rights or wrongs of the headline '**Killin Is Closed**', (and isn't hindsight a wonderful thing?), the great majority of things villagers enjoy, and that people normally come to Killin to do, were closed to them. The article quite positively stated that Killin has much to offer the tourist - but you had to travel out of the village to do most of it at that time. If you relied on tourism for any part of your income, you did not need to see your name on the front page to feel empathy with the general cross section of businesses that were named.

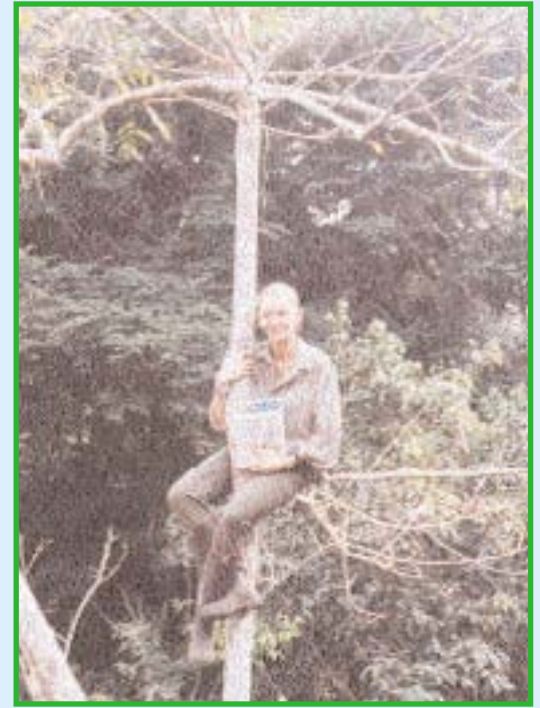
A high percentage of visitors to this village like to walk. They are of all ages and abilities and their chosen routes vary from a gentle stroll down the old railway line and round the head of the Loch, to climbing Ben Lawers, the Tarmachans, and every 'Munro' in sight. At that time, all possible "off road" routes were closed, and we were being positively discouraged from walking even on public roads! Those who enjoy other types of outdoor activities were very limited as to what was available. Even those who just like to tour, and sit and enjoy the views, found that they were not welcome on some of their favourite routes, and the picnic spots and lay-bys were closed.

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# Killin News Across The Globe



(Above) Barbara Van Dam, from Melbourne Beach, Florida and Joyce Robertson from 'sunny' Greenock, are pictured at the Melbourne Art Festival (one of the most popular events in the USA). But even works of art have to take second place to the Killin News! Barbara will be visiting Killin in June with her husband Jack and will experience our Killin Music Festival for the first time. Afraid we can't guarantee the sunshine, but you will have a great time none the less.

(Above) No monkeying around for Nicola Paterson of Auchlyne, Killin. Now graduated from Edinburgh University, Nicola is working for the Max Planck institute in Leipzig. She is posted to the Tai National Park on the Ivory Coast for 1 year to study habituating and identifying chimpanzees. No, that's not what she's doing when reading the Killin News!



(Above) Killin boys, Robert and Alisder Brown recently had a holiday in Florida, USA with their mum and dad, Jane & Lawrence. Having unsuccessfully attempted to smuggle a copy of the Killin News onto the NASA Shuttle for its next trip into space, they settled for a photo at the Space Centre with the Shuttle in the background. What a pity – we can almost hear the announcement – "Houston, we have a problem – the Killin News is aboard!"

(Right) Connie and Don Hamilton are enjoying the shade of this beautiful bouganvillea in sunny Florida. Don and Connie live near the Atlantic Ocean (yes, the same Atlantic as we know, only much warmer!) in Melbourne Beach. Regular readers of the Killin News, they hope to come visit soon.



## When Will The Visitors Return? (continued from front page)

Sadly, as this very article is being written, there are still signs in our locality, pronouncing areas closed, and requesting that you keep out/off. Most of the hill land remains closed to walkers. Everyone is very much open for business, but for the number of tourists around during the past few weeks, other than on coach tours, most of the accommodation providers, cafes and retailers might as well have been closed because there has been little or no trade coming through their doors.

For any one now to say that Killin and the surrounding area does not rely on tourism for most of its livelihood, they must live in a very blinkered world. For a time, it felt as though Foot and Mouth Disease was in our very midst, and things could not have been much worse if it had been. Yes, we need to remain vigilant about the risk of spreading it, but it has come no closer to us, and the risk of tourists spreading it have remained the same - absolutely minimal!

However, the risk from within the agricultural community was brought home to us in early May, with the placing of a supervision order on a farm on Loch Lomondside, following the unauthorised movement of sheep into the area. How many cases, throughout the past few months, have been directly linked to the agricultural community?

The scientific evidence available, and the 'risk assessment plans', indicate quite clearly, that the 'risks', particularly on hill land, north of the Forth - Clyde line are negligible. Sadly, it would appear that over considerable areas of Perthshire and Stirling, there are many that continue to disregard that evidence and refuse access.

Throughout the 'crisis', Killin and District Tourist Association, along with other local associations and the area Tourist Boards, has been active on behalf of the communities in trying to improve the situation. Committee members have continued to lobby MP's, SMP's, Stirling Council, in fact everyone who they felt it was worth writing to - and some they thought it was not, but they lived in hope. They have produced posters informing visitors of the routes they could walk, and listed other activities available and generally attempted to give out a very positive message about the area. Despite all the efforts, cancellations for accommodation

continue to be received, the passing trade is non-existent, and the day visitors have been very limited at weekends.

In early April and May, the Association organised meetings between land owners/farmers and a cross section of businesses in the area. The meetings were to be a sharing of information with a view to possibly freeing up some access to the surrounding countryside. Sadly, there was considerable reluctance from those members of the land owning/farming community present, to consider opening up any land, as they felt the 'risk' was just too great.

The 'risk' to the whole of the rural community is even greater. It is not scare mongering to suggest that should the present scenario continue for much longer, businesses may be forced to close. If that was to be a retailer or a specific service provider there can be no doubt that those queuing up to take over will be few and far between. And, once such a service disappears from this village, it is highly unlikely that it would ever be replaced.

Since early May there have been some positive moves, and thanks to the efforts of the local NTS staff, the Ben Lawers Nature Trail/Visitor Centre and Moiralanich Longhouse opened. With the walks in Acharn Forest open for the past few weeks, as well as the cycle route from Killin to Glen Ogle, and the West Highland Way, this has helped a little. Now that the Tarmachan Ridge and Ben Lawers are open, and there is access to Sron a Clachain, we can only hope that others will follow suit in allowing access to the countryside again. However, the fact remains that people are generally unable to walk on the local hills, and have to drive to Glen Lyon, Schiehallion, Glencoe, Arrochar and much further afield. These areas are all within travelling distance, but it has been very difficult to comprehend why the local hills are not 'open' too, and there can be no doubt that before much longer, people will begin to ignore the advice to 'keep off' and just go anyway. If they are not already doing so!

The losses currently being suffered by **all** areas of the business community will never be replaced. And no one should underestimate the extent of those losses, not just in Killin but in surrounding communities. For some it is hundreds of pounds and for others it is thousands of

pounds. Just as business along the West Highland Way totally disappeared, one accommodation provider in the centre of Killin saw their March income do the same, as all those with reservations cancelled. All of these prospective guests were 'walkers', of one kind or another, who were not prepared to consider alternative activities. This resulted in a loss of income for that month of almost £3000. Other businesses, in all sectors, reported losses of between 60% and 90%. No business can sustain that kind of loss when there is little sign of a rapid recovery in the near future.

If we work on the assumption that all 50 members of the Killin and District Tourist Association incurred losses of £3000 in March, allowing for the huge range in size of business, the worst scenario could amount to a loss of income to Killin of over £150,000. Spread that over the 2001 season, and it amounts to over £1,000,000. Spread it over the Crianlarich, Tyndrum, Lochearnhead areas and you are talking vast sums of money. And this does not take into account the 'knock-on effect' to other businesses reliant indirectly on tourism for income, and non members. Those who service the agricultural industry have suffered too, and the farmers in the area have lost income from their self catering, B&B, and the livestock trade, but they can not deny that they still have their animals to sell, and their subsidies to claim. The income lost from visitors is gone forever.

What will happen during the rest of this year is anybody's guess and we can only hope for improvements on every front. Until confidence is restored in all areas of the rural community, some feelings of resentment will continue to be generated amid serious cause for concern for the future. And, until the visitors return to holiday in Scotland again, the local economy will continue to suffer.

We all love the countryside, but it is a sobering, and very worrying thought, that one sector of the rural community, which contributes a relatively small percentage to the rural economy, can influence the future of so many other businesses. And when advised to diversify, to which activity does a high percentage of the agricultural community turn? **Tourism!**

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## The Future of Council Housing

The Stirling Tenants Project came about because of the Scottish Executives policy regarding the manner in which affordable housing should be delivered in the future. New Housing Partnership is the Executives policy for councils to consider transferring housing stock to a Registered Social Landlord (operating on a voluntary, not profit basis).

Stirling Council applied for money from the Scottish Executive to investigate all the options for the future ownership and management of council houses.

Stirling Council wants to look at all the options in partnership with tenants. They held two Council Housing Conferences, and from this a steering group of tenants was formed. The steering group appointed the Tenants Participation Advisory Service and recruited the Stirling Project Team. Our aim is to make sure that tenants have all the information they need to make informed decisions. To do this we would like to set up Tenant Groups in all the communities affected in the Stirling Council area and to increase membership of the Steering Group so it becomes more representative of tenants as a whole.

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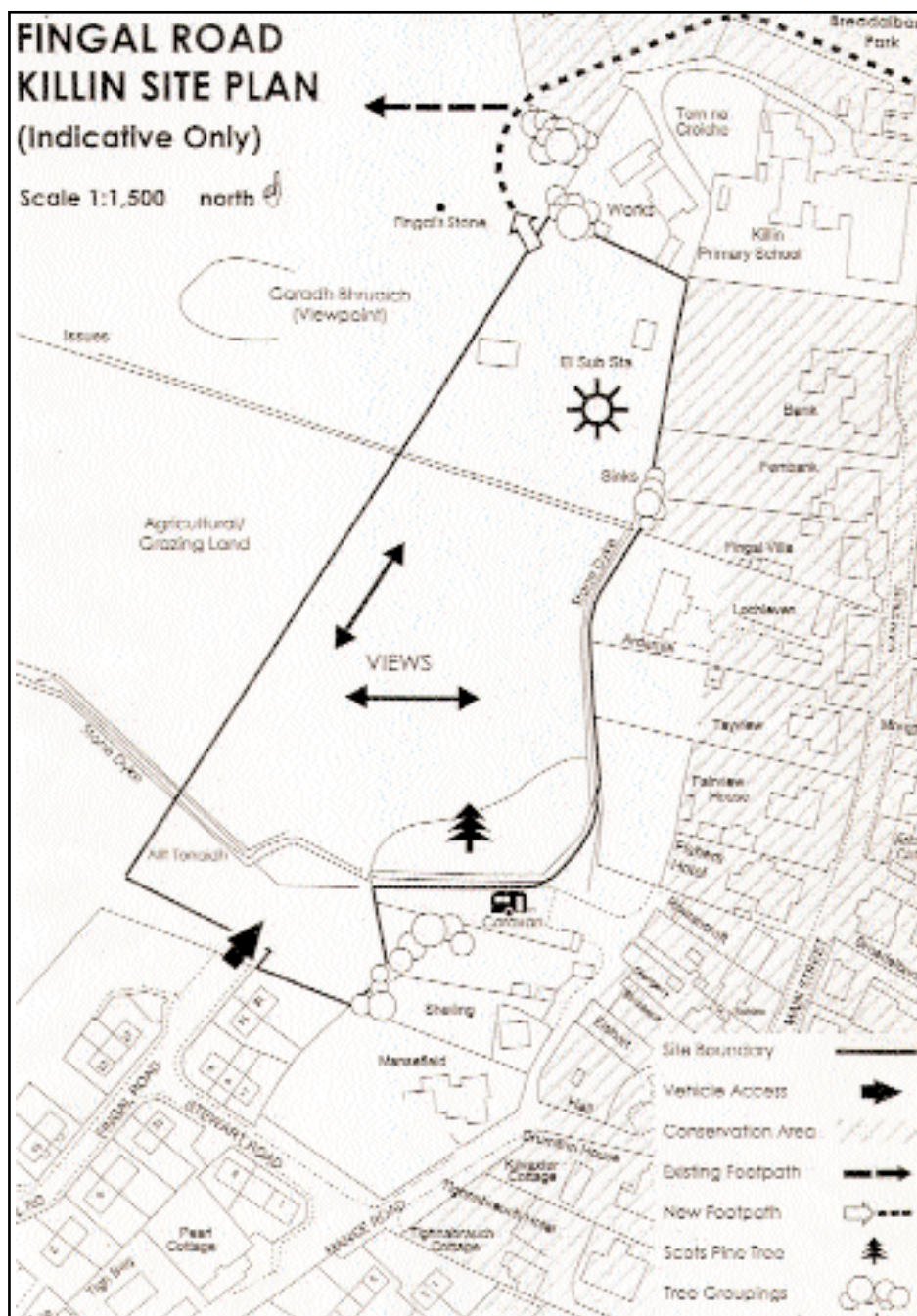
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## New Housing In Killin

Since the Killin News reported on the proposed Housing Development in the village, a number of people have asked where the housing will be. Readers will remember that the proposal is for approximately 30 houses, with some private and some council housing. In order to visualize the area to be covered we show an Indicative Site Plan. The darker black line running from Fingal Road shows the site to be developed.

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## The 'Lone Ranger' Lives On

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We would like to take this opportunity to inform people that self locking snares are totally illegal. If you find one you should report it to the SSPCA or the police immediately. It is incredible to think that here in the year 2001 people are still setting snares. In Germany they have been outlawed since the First World War! The majority of the countries throughout Europe ban their use, except the UK.

John Cormack of the SSPCA had me cringing on the phone, when he described to me the distress suffered by animals caught in snares, and the horrific death they must experience. John also said that snaring is extremely rife in Scotland, and that the SSPCA, who deplore and oppose all forms of snaring, are quite aware of the abuse. Recently John discovered in one area, over 300 illegally set snares, which had been specifically set to trap badgers.

And, to those irresponsible people who set snares – of the legal or illegal variety – remember they do not discriminate for rabbits or foxes. Cats, badgers, otters, deer, and other wildlife are all potential victims too. *Ed*



## Green Team in Full Flow

The summer meetings of the Green Team began with members braving an icy north wind, and snow showers, to investigate the secrets of the Falls of Dochart. After establishing the 'hows and whys' of the Falls and seeing evidence of the power of the water, the science began. Using highly sophisticated methods the children were able to compare the flow rates in different sections of the falls. As expected, in some places the water was flowing very fast, but in others it was almost still and in some places hidden currents led to the water seeming to flow upstream!

We then went on to try and find out which areas were best for beasties. To our surprise, we found quite a few more animals in the fastest moving areas, cleverly adapted to stop them being washed away.

It was great to see so many new faces and we have plenty of exciting things planned over the summer. Let's just hope that we get some more summery weather for our next meetings. If you would like to join in, speak to either Mrs Frost at Killin Primary School or Helen Cole at the NTS.

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## Skateboarding In The Park

A group of young people in the village recently approached the Community Council about the possibility of developing skateboarding and roller blading ramps in Breadalbane Park.

The Community Council are very supportive of this project as a place for people to meet and practice their skateboarding skills. Other villages that have ramps also find that people travel to use them and there is hope this will be an added attraction for people coming to Killin.

A steering group committee, with representatives from the Community Council and the local skateboarding enthusiasts, has been set up to progress the idea. The group have met with Keith Scrimgeour of Stirling Council and he is happy to advise and support the project.

However, this will cost money to develop and will not happen without the support of the wider community. The young folk themselves will be fundraising in a variety of ways and will be approaching local businesses to see if they could support this venture which is hoped to have spin off benefits for the whole village. Other funds will be raised through application to funding bodies who have an interest in this kind of project.

The steering group committee are: Peter Campbell, Michael Webb, Ryan Douglas, Alison Woods, Charlie Grant, Jock Stewart

To find out more please contact any of the committee or Suzanne Player, Community Animator 820154.

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# Golden Weddings

David & Judy Bowser (below and right) celebrated their Golden Wedding recently. Married on 21 April 1951 in Dumfries, David & Judy moved to Auchlyne permanently in 1982.



They have five children and ten grandchildren. The celebrations for the Golden Wedding took place over a weekend when some members of the family and close friends had an outing to Mull, Staffa and Iona. Emma (daughter) laughed as she explained how 22 of them boarded the local bus at Craignure on Mull! They all had a great time, which was topped off perfectly by a luncheon at Auchlyne on the Sunday, for family, farm and estate workers. David and Judy (left) are pictured with their 'extended family' – Jet and Patch.



Congratulations also to Sinclair and May Aitken (right) who celebrated their Golden Wedding at the Killin Hotel surrounded by family and friends "frae a the airts" on 31 March.



Sinclair and May moved to Killin in 1982 and ran Craighuie Guest House for a number of years. Although

now retired, both keep themselves very busy between hobbies and grandchildren. May occasionally provides relief for Kay in the Killin Library, and Sinclair, a keen golfer and angler is a founder member of the Killin News and was our first editor.

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## Strathfillan - "By The Way"

A meeting was held of the Strathfillan Community Council on 4 April.

Foot & Mouth Crisis; Tyndrum & Crianlarich Tourist Association and Strathfillan Community Councils wrote a joint letter entitled, "Tourism – The Number 1 Victim of Foot and Mouth", to several interested parties. Frank Fletcher attended the meeting and said that a West Highland Way Access Group had been set-up to employ a consultant to

help re-open the West Highland Way (WHW). The WHW has now been re-opened for the most part.

Kirkton and Auchtertyre are keen to build a Highland Knowledge Centre on their land, and agreed to attend the Tourist Association meeting to explain it. Members of the Community Council were invited.

Bear Scotland Ltd has taken over the maintenance of the trunk roads. They will continue to have a depot in Killin. The question of who is responsible for what with regards to gritting has yet to be resolved.

The sleeper trains from Glasgow to Fort William are running again. They had not run since the Hatfield disaster.

*Since the meeting on 4 April, we are very sorry to have received John Riley's resignation. This has been brought about because he needs to return to managing his business full-time. We thank him for all the work he has put in over the years. The Community Council has grown in stature and is known and respected far and wide. We hope that we will continue to flourish and realize his dreams and aspirations.*

**Moira Robertson**  
*Strathfillan Correspondent*



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## Killin Initiative

Yes, the members are going ahead with both the Folk Festival and the Highland Games, and the sub committees are hard at work making preparations. Letters were circulated to businesses seeking financial support, and the response has been positive enough to reduce the overall financial risk considerably. I would ask all those who have not yet responded to think hard about giving some support and ensuring the stability of the Initiative for this year and future years.

The Festival has some former favourites and newcomers, and with some shrewd negotiations a few new items. Guests include, Dougie McLean, Providence, Craobh Rua, Stravaig, MacAlias, Donald Black, back by popular demand, and with another 'moothie' workshop. So all you budding players get practising - Donald will expect his work from last year to have borne fruit. Jim, John, Johnny, and the rest make a date with Donald and his side kick Donald MacKenzie.

Dochas, Pure Malt, Calasaig, and many more will be here to give another first class weekend. Reserve your seat and make sure you get in training for this years event.

The Highland Games period starts with the Highland Queen Dance in the McLaren Hall on 27 July, with the Games day on 1 August. There are many enquiries in already for both piping and dancing competitions, and with luck the new crop of strongmen will give Killin more records. Watch the Killin Initiative Web Site for more information

My thanks as always to all the members and the sub committees for their enthusiastic support and to all from the village who have already asked to assist, but we need more helpers so get in touch.

**Alex Stewart, Chairman.**

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If you have an article; photograph (either old or new); historical Killin news; fond memory of Killin; an anecdote; poem; cartoon; joke; or anything you think others might enjoy or find interesting, please send it in. Absolutely anything goes – this is **YOUR** paper – please get involved.

This publication will not contain any advertising, and will be paid for entirely from Killin News funds. Contributions are invited from **EVERYONE**, groups or individuals, regardless of age - and don't be put off if your spelling or grammar are not up to scratch – ours isn't either - but the computer will sort all that.

Send your literary contribution (**clearly marked with "10th Birthday Edition"**) to Linda at Dalerb, Craignavie Road, Killin FK21 8SH or pass it on through any Killin News Committee member. All photos will be returned.



(Left) Pictured with the Chief Ranger and Archie Thomson is long time member John (known locally as Ian) McGregor. Ian was awarded his blood donation jewel and bar, for donating a total of 50 pints of blood!



## The Squ-EAK !

Did you know that residents of Stirling District produce 40,000 tons of household waste each year, and that this creates not only pollution but also massive problems of disposal? Or that 80% of the world's resources are consumed by only 20% of the population, and that 90% of these resources end up as waste? Or that if everyone who leaves a TV set on standby switched it off each time, the power from one UK power station would be saved? Or that we each need up to 85 tonnes of natural resources every year to support our lifestyle?

These and other frightening facts were presented as parts of various displays at an Environmental Action Day presented by EAK at the McLaren Hall on 28 April. With the support and help of various organisations (John Muir Trust, Scottish Native Woodland Trust, Proven Engineering Products Ltd., National Wind Power Ltd., National Energy Foundation, R.S.P.B, and Stirling Council), they organised stands with facts on gardening, shopping, woodlands, energy efficiency and composting. All designed to promote awareness of how each of us can help prevent waste and pollution.

The event was well attended and the lectures by Billy Sloane of the Energy Saving Trust and David Hopper of Stirling Council on Waste Reduction were listened to intently. Stirling Council's compost bins at a greatly reduced price were eagerly snapped up and displays featuring wind and solar power, saving woodland and natural habitats provoked thought. We all know we ought to be doing something about the environment, but how many of us get further than thinking about it? If action is not taken now, it may soon be too late.

EAK has also been busy organising questionnaires and surveys about local paths around Killin, in order to get an idea of whether and where people would like either more paths, or improved paths. Together with Stirling Council's Access Office, Richard Barron, they hope this will result in developing a path network and focussing their practical work on the existing paths.

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## Variorum

### Syringes Keep Yourself Safe

It can be every communities nightmare to find discarded syringes/needles in public places such as parks etc. Stirling Family Support Service has launched a 'Syringe' Safety' leaflet which highlights some simple guidelines on what action to take and who to contact if you find discarded syringes/needles.

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### Grants of £500 available to voluntary community Groups

As this is the UN International Year of Volunteers, the Scottish Committee of IYV 2001 has developed a small grants scheme with funding from the Scottish Executive. If your group needs funding for: exchange visits, travel expenses, special events or festivals, volunteers' activities and you can spend £500 by 5 December 2001 then contact UVAF for an application form to be returned by 30 September.

UVF Tel: 01383 620780

E-mail: [uvaf@uvaf.sagehost.co.uk](mailto:uvaf@uvaf.sagehost.co.uk) or contact Suzanne Player, Community Animateur on 820268

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### Killin Community Bus

The Annual General Meeting of the Killin Community Bus will take place on Monday 28 May 2001 at 7.30 pm in the Lesser McLaren Hall. All are welcome to attend.

## Killin Community Council

A meeting of the Killin Community Council was held on 8 May 2001.

The Chairman, John MacPherson introduced Helen Munro (Stirling Council), who explained the new booking system for Breadalbane Park which should now avoid any double bookings.

Mr Peter Pearson of Rural Stirling Housing Association gave a presentation explaining the various aspects of the proposed housing development at Fingal Road. He stated that the present plans envisaged a total of 32 houses on the site, of which 17 will be Association 3, 4, and 5 person houses for rental, 10 private development, and 5 self build. Allocation for the Association houses will be by means of a points system with local (Locheearnhead to Crianlarich) people, those with connections, work or family in the area, normally gaining most points.

Mr H Smith of Self Build Scotland, was also introduced. He stated that there were 5 plots earmarked for 'self-build' to this scheme. However mortgage facilities have to be available, so work would not start until the end of 2001 or early 2002.

Following informal talks regarding the Nurses Clinic at Ballechroisk, it is hoped that a formal planning application will be submitted by next April.

National Park. In the latest consultation document, Killin is not included within

the boundaries of the proposed Park. The Bill will be debated in the Scottish Executive in June.

Civic Amenity Site. Stirling Council is concerned about the amount of industrial waste being deposited in the skip. Offenders are reminded that the site is under CCTV surveillance.

John MacPherson reported that a number of people had commented to him on the clean state of the Main Street. A letter of appreciation will be sent to the Village Officer (Jake) to thank him.

After negotiation with Stirling Council, extra refuse bins are to be provided at the car parks at Capercaillie, McLaren Hall and Old Station Yard. Also, a bin for disposal of dog fouling will be provided near the toilets at the Old Station Yard.

South Loch Tay Road. The Chairman reported that Stirling Council was aware of the situation, but felt there was no point doing repairs until the present timber extraction had been completed.

Roads Depot. The Chairman reported that at a recent Stirling Assembly meeting, 'Bear Scotland' had indicated that the winter maintenance of trunk roads would be as good if not better than before. John was assured by Stirling Council that they were urgently investigating the winter maintenance of non trunk roads in the Killin area.

The Trustees of McLaren Hall, had given a cautious response to approaches made by the KLS Steering group. A meeting of the KLS group is due to take place shortly, after which the public will hopefully become more involved and informed of the proposals.

The Killin Website is approaching its first anniversary, but still no success in obtaining a grant for a web camera.

The Community Council is anxious to recruit a female youth member to the CC.

Skateboarding. The group visited a site at Kippen, which cost approx. £35,000. Enquiries are to continue, and the youngsters are currently fundraising.

Fassiefern Wall. The Co-op indicated that as a gesture of good will, they will contribute towards the cost of repairs.

The CC had no objections to the planning application by Killin and Ardeonaig Church, for alterations to the Vestry.

East of Scotland Water, Planned Capital Investment at Ardeonaig Water Treatment Works will be discussed at the CC meeting on 10 July.

Foot and Mouth. A member of the public stated that information about access to the countryside was misleading. It was stressed that local landowners and farmers were happy to provide local information and the local Tourist Office also had an up to date leaflet about this.

Following a complaint that parked vehicles were causing difficulties to residents of the Kirk Care, the Surgery Manager, will request that visitors do not park opposite the complex's car park.

It was agreed to look into the possibilities of holding a Farmers Market in Killin.

The next Killin Community Council meeting will be 10 July 2001, at 7.30 p.m. in Lesser McLaren Hall.

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# Killin Drama Club Week-End

The weekend in April began with the "youthful" side of the Club giving their rendition of the musical play "Shake, Ripple and Roll". The audience was transported back in time to a New York ice cream parlour of the 1950's and as the story unfolded, they were treated to an array of solos and choruses from the budding stars in our midst. With a few more lessons in the art of voice projection these youngsters will stand the Club in good stead for the future.

Saturday night saw three one act plays, two of which had been entered in to the Scottish Community Drama Association, Stirling District, competition. Amusingly, the first play "Darlings You Were Wonderful" was set in the dressing room of a village hall during a drama festival. Well acted, by an all-female cast with a variety of accents, the performance included some very realistic moments.

The second play "Daytrippers" was a dialogue between two women on a works outing. Sitting on the beach, one of them discovers that the other is not the 'wallflower' she appeared to be! Well conversed between Alex Tigwell and Carole Judd.

The third play "The Extraordinary Revelations of Orca the Goldfish" was – different! In comparison to the previous play, which contained very little 'action', Orca was non-stop movement. This was a play that you could not afford to miss one line, otherwise you

would easily have lost the 'plot'. Gill and Gordon surpassed themselves, and the only criticism would be that the language was perhaps, a little over the top at times.

It was obvious that a huge amount of hard work had gone in to the productions, both on stage and behind the scenes, and it was disappointing not to see the Hall filled, as it is always more rewarding to play to a full house.

**DG**



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## Changes at Killin News

After 10 year on the Killin News Committee, Fiona Inglis recently stood down as Assistant Editor. Fiona has been with the paper since 'day one'. She remembers clearly, being at a local dance when Sinclair Aitken (retired Editor), while giving her a 'burl' around the floor, asked "Can you type!" There was then no escape! Fiona, formerly of the Bank House, who now lives in Callander, feels it is time to move on and make way for some fresh blood. Fiona is a receptionist at the doctors surgery in Callander, and is keen to spend more time pursuing her interests in drama, and holidays abroad. There are just not enough hours in the day for our Fiona!

Another member moving on is Ian Lithgow. Ian has been with the Killin News for four years and has been a very valued member of the committee. Ian has been largely responsible for the two issues of the local telephone book, as well as keeping up an index/reference library for Killin News. The latter being a job which goes un-noticed by readers, but has been a 'God send' for those of us compiling the paper.

The paper is sad to lose both Ian and Fiona, but wishes them well. We certainly won't lose touch with either of them as there are always social occasions which they will be invited to. Also, both have said they will continue to help to distribute the Killin News locally – great news for us.

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I would personally like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their years of hard work for the paper – they both put in tremendous effort which made my job all the easier. The Killin News is entirely 'manned' – and 'womanned!' by volunteers. The Committee, and I am sure the readers, also thank them for all their years of voluntary service.

*Ed*

## Glen Dochart Adult Education Group

A meeting was held recently which brought together members of the Glen Dochart Adult Education Group with other local people from Killin and Lochearnhead, who have an interest in adult learning in the area – learners, tutors, voluntary group members.

It was agreed that there is a clear role for local people to identify needs for adult learning in Killin and the communities of Strathfillan, Lochearnhead, Balquhider and Strathyre. However, it was obvious that no-one wanted to continue with the Group in its present form and it was agreed that less formal gatherings of interested people should be held every few months as a forum for people to make suggestions and discuss ideas about learning in the area. The first of these meetings was held in May and the outcome of this has formed the development of the core programme for the adult education programme run in partnership between Clackmannan College and Stirling Council Community Support.

This does not mean it is too late to add further courses to this programme and ideas are always welcome both for the adult education programme and for other adult learning events/classes/courses that could be held locally. We anticipate that the next get together will be held in July/August – everyone is welcome to come along and posters will be put up nearer the time to advertise the date and venue.

If you are not able to attend but have some thoughts or ideas, please pass them on to Suzanne Player, Community Animator who will ensure that these are fed into the discussions.

*Suzanne Player  
Community Animator*

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## Crianlarich Community Woodland

The finishing touches are now being made to the woodland, a project of the Strathfillan Community Development Trust. Sturdy picnic tables and benches have been built and installed by Ian Gemmell of Crianlarich, and impressive welcome boards, built by John Sinclair, are soon to be erected.



On a walk round the 1km circular path, you can see numerous wild flowers amongst the young trees and get magnificent views of Strathfillan. A boardwalk takes you across an area of marsh with abundant bogbean, marsh marigolds and bog cotton. Listen out for willow warblers, whinchats and meadow pipits on the site and curlews over the flood meadows at Crianlarich. Access from the carpark opposite the Ben More bar, or from the Youth Hostel, (parking at Crianlarich station).



*John Wyllie*

### Killin & District Sports & Leisure Club



Once again we are ready for the summer season. Tennis, putting and bowling are available, and new members are very welcome. Why not make the most of the long summer evenings and warmer days to enjoy the facilities on your doorstep.

Tennis evenings have started and whether a beginner or more experienced, everyone is invited to come along on a Monday night from 6.30 pm.

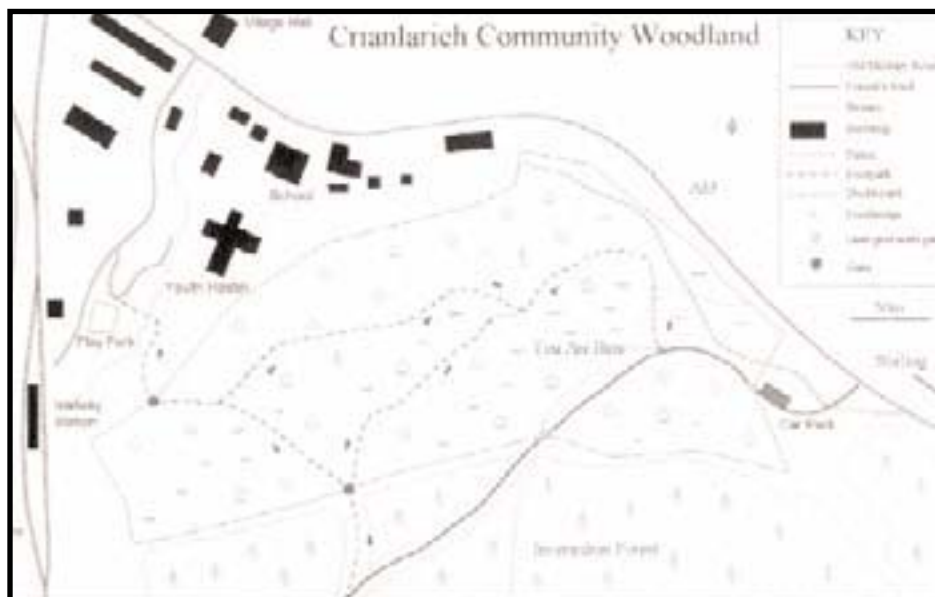
The bowling green is open to members and visitors alike any time, but if you fancy learning the game and joining in with others then come on a Monday or Friday afternoon from 2.15 pm or Tuesday evening from 6.30 pm.

The kiosk will be open from 30 June from 12 noon to 8.00 pm, but if anyone wants to use the facilities outwith this time, please contact either Kay Riddell (820291) or Gill Higgins (820679), who will be happy to open up for you.

Membership subscriptions for 2001 are now due and should be paid to Kay Riddell at the Library.

**Adults - £30 Family - £50  
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The weekly tote is a vital part of the club's income, and we would really like other people to volunteer to help with the draw, on a Sunday morning for one hour from 11.00 am till noon. Please phone Kay if you can help.



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## Annual General Meeting Killin Community Council 8 May 2001


The Chairman John MacPherson gave a brief summary of some of the achievements and failures, which occurred over the last 12 months. John expressed thanks to both present, and former members of the community council, for their support. He also stated how gratifying it was to have a full complement of councillor's (12), plus one youth representative. Also encouraging was the assistance given by Suzanne Player (Community Animator) and Tony Finch (Councillor). Their attendance at most meetings and information about Stirling Council business was invaluable.

Some of the achievements were: the location of a waste skip at the Old Station car park, the extension of a car-park in Craignavie Road, and the provision of handrails to assist disabled persons entering a Council house. Also, after lobbying our MSP, we still have the Ambulance depot, and the Roads depot, although it at present only services the trunk roads. We did not manage to further the proposal to extend the cemetery car-park at present, nor the much needed repairs to the South Loch Tay road, but are still pursuing these, and other matters.

Many contacts had been made with Stirling Council Officers, on a wide range of subjects. These contacts have always been dealt with in a professional and polite manner. John said that despite the fact that 9 times out of 10 when he contacted Stirling Council, it was with some form of complaint, he still felt he enjoyed a good working relationship with them, and hoped it would remain that way in the future.

Election of Office Bearers. It was agreed that the Office Bearers appointed when the new Community Council came into being in December 2000, should continue in that position until the AGM in 2002.

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## Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park

At the end of March, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) issued a document, "The Report on the proposal for a Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park". This report runs to 92 pages, and is available on request from SNH, Battleby, Redgorton, Perth. PH1 3EW.

The report was published on behalf of the Scottish Executive under Section 3 of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000. The main point of interest, in as far as the area covered by the Killin News, is contained in pages 25 and 26, with regards to boundaries. In short, the Reporter recommends that the Strathfillan and Glendochart area, (including Killin) be **excluded** from the Park. The Reporter's conclusion reads as follows:-

*"On the basis of the consultation we have undertaken, the arguments for inclusion and exclusion of this area are finely balanced. In the light of the frequently stated view that the whole of Glendochart and Strathfillan should be treated together, our conclusion is that the area should be excluded. This decision is grounded in the absence of any consensus in the area, or nationally, in favour of inclusion."*

*However, we note the strong and growing reliance of the communities of the area upon tourism, hill walking and mountaineering. This may mean that a future Park Authority will wish to work with Stirling Council and others on joint strategies for the management and development of opportunities in the area.*

*We note to, the particular local support in Killin for the Park to include that community."*

It may be of some interest to readers to note the Reporter's conclusion in regard to the Loch Earn area. He states on page 27 as follows :-

*"On the basis of the consultation we have undertaken, we conclude that Ben Vorlich, Glen Ogle and Loch Earn should be included in the park area, with the boundary drawn along the watershed boundary to the north."*

### Editors Note:

*Just to add to John's report, I note in "The Villagers" newspaper (community newspaper for Balquhidder, Lochearnhead, Strathyre & St. Fillans) that the Balquhidder residents voted to remain OUT of the National Park. However, their views were "swept aside" by the reporter on the grounds that they (the reporters) "do not think that exclusion from the National Park would be in Balquhidder's interests". As "The Villagers" put it, "So much for consultation!"*

*I have to agree – why have they put on this facade of consulting with locals when they will do just as they please? Killin voted to be within the Park – and is to be excluded. Balquhidder voted to remain out of the Park and is included. The bustling town of Callander was originally to be excluded, then there were objections from locals to the exclusion and some bits of Callander were then to be included. Then Callander residents kicked up such a fuss that it is now entirely within the Park.*

*Yet again, it would appear that the small voice of the rural village is given lip service.*

A copy of the full report, including maps showing the proposed boundaries, is available for inspection at Killin Library.

**John MacPherson**

## Killin Carpet Bowlers

On 7 April, Killin Carpet Bowlers held their presentation dinner at the Killin Hotel. The carpet bowlers and guests enjoyed a good meal and good company. Chris McLarty (President) welcomed everyone and announced the winners of the season's competitions and presented the cups.

League (before Christmas)

D Livingstone, J Sinclair, J Ogilvie.

League (after Christmas)

D Livingstone, J Sinclair, G Donnelly

Knock Out: J Guild, L Mitchell, C McLarty.

Handicap: J Guild, T Croissant, D Livingstone, C McLarty

Doubles: J Guild, D Livingstone.

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Chris McLarty presented flowers to Hazel Guild to thank her for all the work she has done behind the scenes, catering for matches, and much more for the club. **AW**

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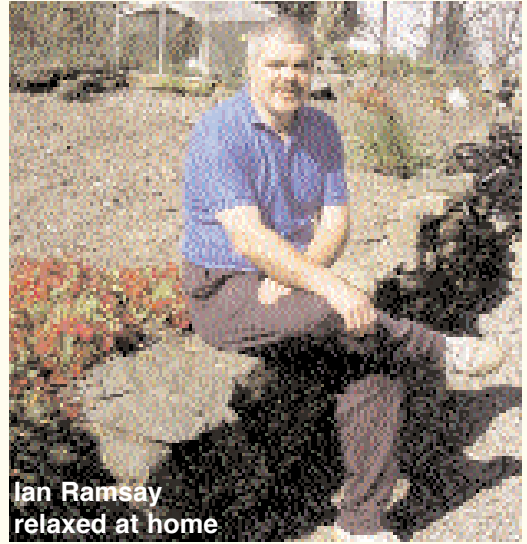
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## Millennium Cairn

Representatives from the Killin Primary School Council (two from each class) met on 25 April to help Neil Carson, the cairn builder, to lay four slate plaques in the path around the cairn.

The plaques feature designs representing the four seasons. These designs, which were made by the children, were transferred to the slates by Gillian Forbes, the sculptress. The completed cairn contains the time capsule with memorabilia and personal details of the people of Killin & District in the year 2000.

The children (L-R Back Row): Rachel Shanto, Hazel Wyllie, Siobhan Anderson, Colin Woods & Adam Mitchell. (Front Row): Katie Holden, Megan Rhys, Calum Wyllie, Jack Gibson, Jamie McPherson, Luke Melia, John McRae & Rosie Campbell.

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# Green Fingers Hard At Work



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(Left) On the first rainy day for weeks, and despite Will Inglis' insinuations that it takes a man to do the job properly, the lady helpers quietly organised their male companions and thus ensured that the Floral Association's 48 hanging baskets for the village were planted up in just 90 minutes.

## New Houses in Tyndrum

(Right) It might look Mediterranean, but it is the new Playpark at Tyndrum.

(Below) Two of the new semi-detached houses.



With some 30 new houses being planned for Killin, we decided to take a closer look at the new houses just built in Tyndrum. We spoke with Marissa McInnes formerly of Ballechroisk, Killin and now resident in one of the new homes. She said, "I am absolutely delighted with my new house, it has 3 bedrooms, and my youngest child who is 2, just loves the new park. It is very quiet and the views are spectacular."

Linda Watson is also a new resident and she has moved from Strathfillan Terrace in Crianlarich. She agreed with Marissa, and added, "The central heating and double glazing are super. And with 3 children at Crianlarich Primary, the park is excellent. It has been great getting to know my new neighbours, and I will be pleased when the Council come back to establish the gardens."

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## Two Local Police Officers Retire

(Continued from middle pages)

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Constable Ian Ramsay has been stationed in Crianlarich for the past 17 years. Unfortunately, Ian is having to retire through ill-health. Many of you will remember the Mountain Rescue Team's horrific helicopter crash on Ben More, which killed Sergeant Harry Laurie. Ian survived this accident, and miraculously after 7 months recuperation, he returned to work. More recently Ian was involved in a bad car accident at Ardchullarie (between Callander & Strathgryre). Again, he has made a great recovery, but the accident has taken its toll and he has been forced to give up the job he lives for.

After 17 years in the police house in Crianlarich, where Ian and Irene brought up their two children (Graham who is a fireman and Fiona who is at college) they will soon have to vacate their home. They are keen to find another house nearby, as Irene works as a classroom assistant in Crianlarich Primary School. Ian will now have more time for his hobbies of fishing and gardening, and although he is not physically able to walk the hills any more, he will enjoy the occasional stroll with his golden retriever dogs. He was always a keen golfer, and although only 48, due to his mobility problems, the Killin Golf Club Seniors have kindly agreed to him joining them with his motorised caddy. Not quite in the same league as his daughter Fiona who is Killin Golf Club Ladies Champion, but enjoying the game none the less.

One could have forgiven Ian for giving up after the helicopter crash, but he still pressed on. Ian is a great example to us all – no matter what life throws in his path, he just picks himself up and gets on with it.

We all wish Ian and Bill every happiness in their retirement. A rest of a different sort – well earned by both.

**ED**

## Loch Tay Liaison Committee

The committee have been successful in getting access to about 55% of what is available to Trout Anglers on the Tay system. Of course there are restrictions, but true anglers are accepting these and making use of what is open for access. In general terms obey notices, and if fishing from a boat - **do not** go ashore. There are few reports of catches but as the weather warms up the trout will be on the take. Coarse anglers will be able to get similar access and we hope they will enjoy good sport. For the record in the Killin area anglers are able to access the loch shore below Cruachan and can fish by boat from Loch Tay Highland Lodges or from the River Lochay slipway. All other parts of the loch and river are not yet available but both the liaison web site, and the Killin Initiative web site will publish dates on availability. Local angling club members and visitors are requested to abide by the rules of access.

On the Trout Warden front, we have been very busy sorting out anglers who blatantly ignored warning notices, and did not buy permits. Grant Tigwell is co-ordinating this duty in Killin, and the TLC thank him for his efforts, and the local wardens who give freely of their time. All Wardens and Bailiffs should co-operate and go out and carry out their designated period on duty, as by so doing they share the time involved. Hopefully there will soon be a resumption in training sessions, and letters will be circulated when the next course will be held.

The thanks of TLC is due to the land owners for co-operating with the committee in giving access where possible, and in return the committee, and the wardens, will try their best to steer anglers away from restricted areas.

**Alex Stewart**  
*Recorder to TLC*



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## Spring Biodiversity Report

After 6 months the Biodiversity Working Groups, the Steering group and myself have finished compiling the 18 page draft Habitat and Species plans, that will make up the first volume of Stirling Council Area's Biodiversity Action Plan.

This plan will provide a consistent, area wide conservation strategy relating to Stirling's most important, threatened or declining species and habitats. We believe that the actions contained in these plans will expand and improve habitats, and increase or safeguard populations of rare or threatened species. We also aim to improve the biodiversity of common habitats, making sure that these habitats and the species found there stay common.

We will be inviting comments on the plans, concentrating on the content of the plans and their suggested actions. The consultation will last from early May till late June. Thereafter we will produce the first volume in September. Two further volumes are planned.

Implementing the ACTIONS contained in the Biodiversity Action Plan is most important. We need to involve as many people as possible in taking forward the actions. If you would like to see a copy of the consultation draft they will be available from the beginning of May from Killin Library, and local council offices. Please let us know if there are changes needed and what you think of the plan.

For more information contact me, Jonathan Willet on 01786 442768 or email: [willetj@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:willetj@stirling.gov.uk)

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## The Crannog Centre at Kenmore

To celebrate the end of a very successful 2000 millennium season, trustees, staff, helpers and friends, spent a memorable night on the Crannog. Following a superb barbecue on the shore, we then foregathered around the central fire within the Crannog itself. A few tall tales were told, a few songs sung, and yes, a few tinctures imbibed. And why not? After all, the Crannog had attracted about 17,000 visitors during the season – a very worthy reason for celebration. In an assortment of sleeping bags and attire, everyone eventually succumbed to slumber around the still glowing fire whilst outside the rain poured down and strong wind buffeted our abode.

Winter months at the Crannog were far from dormant. Not only were some ten of the supporting timber pilings re-enforced, often in appalling weather conditions, but also the exhibition material was improved and added to by our Chairman, Nick Dixon.

This season opened on 1 April and was followed only a couple of weeks later by what can only be described as a bumper Easter weekend as far as visitor numbers are concerned, the best in our short history so far.

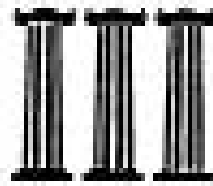
On 27 & 28 April, the Crannog took part in the Perthshire Food Festival when our many visitors were able to enjoy spit roast lamb and smoked fish, accompanied by cheeses, herbs and local wine. This weekend included a live music hour.

No doubt many readers will have seen the Crannog on the BBC's recent series "In Search of Scotland", presented by Fiona Watson.

The Crannog Centre is open from 10 am until 5.30 pm daily. A number of special events are planned for the coming summer season. These will be advertised locally, but why not keep abreast of our activities by logging onto our Website at [www.crannog.co.uk](http://www.crannog.co.uk)

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The new book is available from the Post Office and News First in Killin, and Brodies shop in Tyndrum - our thanks to them for selling the books for us.

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## Council Announces Crisis Support

Stirling Council is drawing up a package of financial support and advice to rural businesses affected by the foot and mouth crisis.

"Most of Scotland, including Stirling, is completely free of the disease, but many businesses have been hit hard by the sudden drop in visitors to the countryside who, quite rightly, have been following national advice," said John Hendry, who chairs the Council's Community and Economic Development Committee.

As a result, the Scottish Executive announced a £13.5 million support package in partnership with local councils like Stirling.

This means Stirling Council will soon be able to offer emergency rates relief to rural businesses suffering hardship. Full details about applying for emergency rates relief will be sent out to all businesses with the April bills.

But, the Council also want to ensure that those who've been laid off or who've lost earnings because of the crisis, know how to apply for Council Tax Benefit and Housing Benefit. Information and help with applying for Council Tax Benefits or Housing Benefit is available on 01786 443210 or [custservices@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:custservices@stirling.gov.uk)

## On Safari With Kay (and we don't mean the supper type!)

We all know Kay at the Killin Library, and how much effort she puts in to raise funds for clubs and charities. Her latest adventure left the Killin News in stitches. Rabbits are a scourge of the bowling green. Apparently a way of deterring the rabbits, without harming them, is to scatter lion dung. Not many of those around Killin! However, the Safari Park at Doune has lions, and it was to there (having first obtained special permission) that Kay took her lovely clean car to bring back sacks full of lion dung to spread on the green.

Several containers of 'Shake 'n' Vac', 'Fabreeze' and tins of air freshener later - the cars still smell like poo! Apart from a peg for her nose - does anyone have any suggestions? Perhaps next time, someone with an old trailer will offer to go for it!

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# Killin in Bloom!

The recent fine weather has seen much activity in gardens and greenhouses around the village. The Killin Floral Association committee has been active too, transplanting and growing on all the plants for the 48 hanging baskets that will be placed along the Main Street this year and for some new, permanent containers. The committee has purchased 6 half barrels which will be planted up and positioned outside the entrance to the Church of Scotland and between the seats at Monemore. Permission has been granted also to install permanent containers near the War Memorial and inside the grounds of St. Fillan's Church, and quotes for the construction of these are being sought. The committee should like to take this opportunity to thank all those businesses, in what is turning out to be a difficult year for many, which already have sponsored the floral displays for 2001, and the few private individuals who so generously give donations. They are particularly grateful to A&B Services who have made, and donated free of charge, the 14 extra brackets for the new baskets. Sponsorship is the Associations only form of funding, and donations from all areas of the community, are most welcome. (Contact Gillean Ford 820492 or Marion McRae 820719).

The committee hopes that you have all been making plans for your window boxes, tubs and hanging baskets and should like to remind you of the new award in the domestic categories for 'The best overall display in containers' for which the *Killin News* is kindly donating a trophy. The garden competition for 2001 will be 'The best all year round garden combined with a display of summer bedding'.

With the 'Killin Gardens Open Day' taking place on 22 July, everyone's efforts will be on view! The gardens will open to the public on that date between 12 noon and 6 pm, with all proceeds from the joint admission ticket going to the British Red Cross. There will be refreshments and a small plant stall in the McLaren Hall and the Community Bus will run a shuttle service for those who may find the walk a little too far.

The following people will be opening their gardens in Killin on the day:

Sheena MacColl and John Stewart – (jointly) Dreadnought Place, Main Street

Dr. Mairi MacColl, Laggan, Main Street

Barbara Laing, Mill House, Main Street

Ann Smith, Main Street

Linda Bergin, Tara, Manse Road

Alf Muller, Tarmachan, Manse Road

Margaret & Roy MacGregor, Tigh Breagh, Craignavie Road

Gill Forster, Springburn, Craignavie Road

Stan Mudd, Falls of Dochart Cottage, 1 Gray Street

If anyone else in the village would like to help the British Red Cross by opening their garden on 22 July they should contact Gill Forster 820371.

## Killin Gun Club



The Killin Gun Club held its AGM in Suie Lodge Hotel on 18 February. Seventeen members were in attendance and the Committee was voted in as before:-

President - Hamish Campbell

Secretary - George Coyne

Treasurer - Emma Paterson

The first shoot to be held on 25 March was cancelled due to the Foot & Mouth Outbreak.

Shoot dates for the 2001 season are:-

20 May, 17 June, 15 July Open 50 DTL, 5 August 50 Bird Open Sporting, 9 September, 7 October, 4 November. All being well?

George Coyne (Sec.)

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# C o r n e r

## The Angling

On 21 April the Club held its first competition on Loch Tay. It was fairly well supported with ten rods taking part, but the wind was very cold and few trout were seen. Only six trout were caught and they were poorly conditioned.

Bank fishing is not yet available in most places on the Loch, but still fishermen came from far and wide to chance their luck. They do not have permits, and ignore the signs that are posted at points all round the Loch. These are the people who give the other fishermen a bad name.

The salmon fishing on our part of the River Dochart, finally got underway on the first Monday in April. It is the first time since the Club bought the water that no fish have been caught until 1 April. There were 24 fish for the first week, with around 34 to date.

*Donald McLarty  
Chairman*

### Footnote

On Tuesday 24 April, Richard MacPherson caught and returned a nice spring fish of around 9 pounds, sealiced. It is nice to see someone who has not long started to fish, doing something for the conservation of our salmon stocks. Thank you Richard.

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## Killin SWRI

On 1 March, Mrs Kate Winton, President, welcomed members new and old, along with visitors from Balquhidder and St Fillans Rurals.

Mrs Doreen Black from Callander was introduced and the meeting was given a wonderful demonstration of dried flower arranging. She also gave many useful, helpful tips and suggestions on how to dry flowers from our own gardens. Mrs M Aitken thanked Mrs Black for a very entertaining, and informative demonstration.

Tea was served by Mrs Aitken, Mrs Chisholm and the Committee.

Competitions for the evening were:

Artificial Flower Arrangement

1. Mrs B MacGregor

2. Mrs M Naismith

3. Mrs K. Reid

Four Marzipan Fruits

1. Mrs B MacGregor

2. Mrs M Naismith

At the AGM of the Killin SWRI, Mrs Kate Winton, President welcomed members to the last meeting of the season. The new Committee were elected and the new President is Mrs Mairi Hunter.

The guest speaker for the evening, Mrs Norma Adam was also welcomed, and she gave a most informative talk on the running of Rachael House, the Children's Hospice. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs Jane Brown.

Competition Results:

Holiday Photograph: 1. Mrs M Naismith, 2. Mrs B Gordon, 3. Mrs M Graham

Cheese Scones: 1. Mrs E Stewart, 2. Mrs M Naismith, 3. Mrs M Graham

Christmas Poem: Mrs Y McPherson

The Point Cup was won by Mrs B MacGregor

The Cup for Best Trier was won by Mrs M Naismith

## Killin Cancer Committee Cheese & Wine Evening

Friday 8 June  
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## Heart of Scotland Herb Society

Killin hosted the March meeting of the Heart of Scotland Herb Society in the Killin Hotel. Lou Radford, a fully trained and registered practitioner in acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine of the Acharn Clinic, gave an informative talk on these two major complimentary subjects. More and more interest in being shown in alternative therapies and Lou certainly combined these subjects well. The evening was completed with a delicious herbal tea provided by our Killin members. March also saw us completing our three culinary demonstrations by Bert Mackay of Guinach Country House Hotel. These were truly beneficial classes on herbal usage in the kitchen for special entertaining or simply tasteful every day delicious meals.

In April we met in Aberfeldy for a video presentation by Jekka McVicar on herb gardening at the newly opened Upper-Tay comm.comm.centre. It was a brilliant way of having a Longon presentation without leaving home! We were lucky enough to be the first of many organisations to use the auditorium in a theatre setting with a full turnout of members for this up-to-date audio-visual event. Hopefully next season we can turn our local activity into a herbal global link-up! In April, we were also fortunate enough to have Jenny Boys, a practicing herbalist, give a wonderful synopsis on herbs to support the body through hospital treatment and beyond. This also included the preventative aspect of herb usage based on diet.

This summer promises a host of activities. Our garden circle visits have begun and will continue at two weekly intervals through August. On 22 May we will be visiting 'Scotherbs' in Errol to view the planting, growing and packaging of herbs. A full day workshop will be held on 29 May on 'Making a Herbal First Aid Kit'. The last date of this years syllabus is 13 June, a meeting to be held at the Scottish Crannog Centre. Herbs are not new to this area as this meeting will show! Anyone interested in further details to any of these up and coming events, please phone either Patty Hope on 01567 820408 or Cath McGeger on 01887 830805.



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# Obituaries

**Margaret Hargreave** died peacefully in St Leonard's Hospice, York on 30 April 2001, after a lengthy battle with cancer. She had remained in her home at Fingal Road, until just before Christmas 2000, when she went south to be near to her family of six children, twelve grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Margaret was born into a Quaker family in the Cotswolds in 1926, and enjoyed a rural upbringing and education at the school where her father was the Crafts Master. After leaving school she worked as a nurse in the Quaker Mental Hospital in York where she met her future husband, Norman, who also worked there. They married in 1943 and worked together for several years as wardens of an evacuation hostel near Keighley, before moving with their young family, to care for Norman's elderly parents in Sheffield.

The family grew to six and kept Margaret busy at home while they grew up in the 'Steel' city. She worked for many years as manageress of a home bakery while being active in the local Sorby Natural History Society, and taking increasingly regular holidays in Scotland.

Shortly after Norman's untimely death in 1977, Margaret moved to Stirling to live with her son, Michael, and quickly absorbed herself in a range of local activities. She joined the Clackmannan Field Studies Society, the Scottish Wildlife Trust, Stirling Field & Archaeology Society and Stirling Astronomical Society and was a keen participant in the Countryside Ranger walks. She joined the Stirling Oxfam shop as a volunteer, and for about 20 years spent two days a week working in their shop. Even when her illness made it difficult, she would set off on the 8am bus from Killin to Stirling and put in a hard days work before returning to Killin in the afternoon - often sharing the bus with the village youngsters she so admired for their spirit and friendliness.

Her move to Killin arose when Michael at last found himself a wife, and Margaret took the opportunity to come to the village when a bungalow became available in Fingal Road. She quickly settled into the village and made many very special friends, involving herself in several local organisations and thriving on the endless opportunity to indulge her passion for exploring the countryside. Her incredible knowledge of plants and particularly wild flowers made her a great asset on organised walks and she was often to be found on solo expeditions to widely scattered corners of the Breadalbane area, usually identifiable by her bright red coat and woolly hat !

Her years in Killin were surely the happiest of times amongst a neighbourhood of real characters and, as her illness progressed she gained marvelous support and affection from them. Her regard for Dr De Laat and the rest of the health centre staff was immense, and several times in her last few months, she wished they had been at hand in York. Her neighbours and friends in Killin kept up a steady stream of loving messages which she cherished dearly. Jessie McLeod's weekly letters would keep her up to date with village affairs while she eagerly awaited the next Killin News.

By the time this appears in print, Margaret's ashes will have been scattered on the top of 'her' hillside in sight of her old back door. I know she will be remembered affectionately for her quiet good humour, cheerfulness and indomitable spirit, while being sorely missed for her knowledge of and concern for local history and wildlife.

*Michael Hargreave*

Jessie McLeod (9 Fingal Road), and villagers throughout Killin, would like to express their sadness at the passing of Mrs Margaret Hargreave (obituary above).

Margaret spent happy years in Killin, enjoyed the Heritage Society, and loved walking and all wild life. She was a very well respected lady, so bright and always with a smile. At the Hospice in York, where she died, she was comfortable and near her caring family.

Jessie, remembered how Margaret would collect all the sheep wool from the fences. She would spin it herself, and from the wool, she knitted a beautiful jacket, which was put on display at Moirlannich Longhouse, in Glen Lochay.

Everyone who knew her, especially her neighbours in Fingal Road, send caring thoughts to all the family.

**John Laurie**, a well known local figure, died at the age of 99 on 10 April, 2001, in the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. Many people have known John all their lives as a constant figure.

Born in Fuinary he married Jean McMillan in 1927 and lived for most of his life in north and west Perthshire, as a shepherd. John was a founder member of the revived Lochearnhead Highland Games after the war, and a Honorary President. He was also active in the Lochearnhead, Strathyre and Balquhiddie Highland Society, and its successor the local An Commun branch.

John presented the 'Jean Laurie Trophy' to the Aberfeldy Mod, following the death of his wife, fourteen years ago.

He was ordained as an elder of the Kirk over fifty three years ago, and was also presented with a 50 years long service record. Another certificate of longstanding service (50 years) was awarded on the 100th Anniversary of the Killin Masonic Lodge.

John was very good at scrabble; I remember after he had beaten me, he said, "I've had longer to learn the words!". He had a wealth of anecdotes and sayings, a wonderful memory and a great character. He had a long and interesting life, we will miss him.

Our sympathy is sent to John's family.

*Allan Walker*

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# Obituaries

**Hannah (Nan) Reid.** Nan passed away on 21 March. A private person she devoted her life to supporting her late husband Dougie during his service in the Ayrshire Police, as a garage owner, then in industrial security, and latterly at the Crees Inn in Abernethy. Nan saw her duty as firstly to her family, and only when her son and daughter were of age to look after themselves, did she find a job in a heavy engineering factory, working metal presses. Nan became a shop steward, and by all accounts, strived to see her fellows had the best deal available. She took over the post of warden at the Killin Youth Hostel in January 1975, and quickly became known to locals as 'The Warden'. On finally retiring Nan and Dougie returned to Killin and settled at Ballechroisk Court. She enjoyed the village life, and particularly the local events, and her outings on the Community Bus, which she thought was one of the best ideas the village had. One of a large family of three brothers and three sisters, Nan always put the family ties above all others. She was devoted to her son Douglas and daughter Fiona, and saw in her grandchildren Heather, David, Philip and Katrina, the future of her family secured.

*Fiona Stewart*

**Lillian Jessie Stewart.** Aunt Lillian passed away on 26 March, aged 80. Daughter of the late Alexander Stewart and Anne MacDougall, Lillian was born at Crawfordsburn in Northern Ireland, moved with her twin brothers Alex and John, and her parents, to Glen Fincastle, then Tombreck on Loch Tayside. Educated at Breadalbane Academy in Aberfeldy, followed by a college course in catering, she served in the Catering Corps during the War and was posted to various depots in England. After being de-mobbed, Lillian joined Watsons Tobacco in Bristol, which was taken over by W D & H O Wills. When she moved to work in Glasgow, she and her late mother set up home in Rutherglen.

Lillian was a life long member of the National Trust and the RSPB, and was an active member of the Glasgow Walking Club. A keen Scottish country dancer and Scottish historian, Lillian gathered a large library of books, many of which she bequeathed to Breadalbane Academy. Holidays were spent on bird watching, National Trust excursions, or places of historical interest in the Mediterranean. During her life she collected a vast amount of photographs and slides, of places of interest, and historical buildings etc., which the family will attempt to catalogue. Lillian also traced her family history back to a son of the Wolf of Badenoch, and in doing so, unearthed several interesting facts about the activities of our ancestors.

Lillian never forgot her up-bringing in Perthshire, knew every walk, hill and glen, as well as the history of Breadalbane. As was her wish, Lillian was interred with her parents in Aberfeldy, and her spirit will no doubt roam freely in the county she loved.

*Alex Stewart*

## Killin Agricultural Show

Due to the present restrictions affecting the farming community, the show has been cancelled. This includes the produce and horticultural activities in the McLaren Hall. However, it is planned to hold the dance as usual, in the McLaren Hall on Saturday 18 August.

*Helen Taylor*

Can anyone help Margaret Graham, 67 Jocelyn Strett, Port Hope, Ontario L1A 2G4, Canada? Margaret has just discovered that her great, great, great grandmother, Margaret Sinclair was born in 1801 in Killin. She is interested to know if she has any kin folk still living here and does anyone know of the existence of a Sinclair Farm in the area? Margaret can be contacted directly at the above address, or by Email at or via the Killin News.



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# LETTERS



Madam

No doubt along with many other locals, I am not alone in being astonished with the headlines on the front page of the last issue of the Killin News. Inside there are more negative comments about restrictions, whilst at the same time highlighting how many copies of this publication are sent world wide, plus those which are sent to relatives. In reading the small print you try and vindicate your headline, but with respect the damage is done with the gaudy banner supported by the tasteless photograph. This hits hard at readers far more than the follow on text. Businesses which depend on visitors to support them, and in return indirectly the local economy, have been hard hit. Surely it is better to take a look at what is on offer to visitors, which is far more positive than the emphasising the negative side to this crises. Take a look at the Killin Initiative Web Site, and join the members in advertising and supporting what can be enjoyed, and the many excellent facilities which the village hotels, guest houses, caravan sites, restaurants and shops are offering. Working together the community will attract business, but continuing to publish such negative articles will not encourage tourists to venture to Killin. All the sound work being done to make visitors welcome can be destroyed by one headline. The Killin News is an excellent way to support the object of encouraging visitors, especially when it is published on the web, and the committee and in particular yourself as editor can play a major role in promoting what is on offer rather than going along the road of sensational journalism more applicable to gutter press tactics. I know I am voicing the opinion of many in this community and trust you will publish this letter and act in a positive manner to assist in bringing much needed visitors to this wonderful area.

**Alex Stewart**  
*Chairman Killin Initiative*

Dear Editor

I would like to respond to a complaint made at the Killin Community Council meeting on 8 May, about the cones situated on the pavement opposite the Killin Laundry and my house.

Apparently, someone was unable to access the library due to these cones. I would like to inform all interested parties that these cones have been put there to help – not hinder. They have been a ‘God send’ to all who live up this lane, as we now have a much quieter lane. Cars, vans, lorries etc are no longer speeding up the lane, which was very dangerous for all children. There are also no vehicles parked on the pavement, which caused a great deal of congestion. People could not walk on the pavement at all to access the library. Also, other vehicles would try to pass and end up hitting my building – which I have had to repair at my own expense. This lane is not Council owned – it is private, and had I been asked about this, I would have explained the situation. I am sure most people will agree it is much improved with cones to keep the access clear, rather than having to constantly dodge vehicles.

The access to the library is now more open than it has ever been. Fewer cars in the lane can only result in a safer place for everyone concerned.

**Pamela Farquharson**

Dear Editor

I would like to express my anger at the heading “Killin is closed” on the front cover of the last Killin News.

At a time when all businesses need support our local paper gives out the wrong impression to visitors and people browsing the internet. This is not the heading to encourage people to our countryside. It’s not only hillwalkers that visit Killin.

Like many other businesses in Killin, I have struggled since the start of the out break of foot and mouth and not just the few mentioned in the article. This is too sensitive an issue not to have been given more thought and consideration of the consequences such an article would have.

I could go on at length, i.e., the “cute” highland calf on associated pages thousands of these “beautiful” beasts are slaughtered for their meat every year. Where is the sentiment then?

**Elizabeth Murphy**

Dear Editor

I refer to “willing weeders also welcome” in the British Red Cross column of the last Killin News. Should anyone kindly consider including my garden in their itinerary, I very much recommend that the expression, “one person’s weeds, are another person’s wild flowers”, should be well remembered. In addition, over the years, I have learnt to love moss!

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# LETTERS



Dear Editor

My wife and I are regular visitors to Killin, my wife having been born and brought up in the village. My mother-in-law (Mrs Fraser) still lives in Ballechroisk, Killin. Your paper gets better and better, despite the fact there appear to be many names connected to the village that we no longer recognise. Perhaps it's the passage of time, or perhaps it's progress!! Anyway, keep up the good work.

I read with interest on page 3 of the last Killin News that you are able to keep the publication free to locals, thanks to the advertising support of local businesses. Having said this, I was most surprised to see no advert featuring the Bank of Scotland. To my surprise, there was a half page advert for the Royal Bank of Scotland and yet they have no direct representation in the village. Is there a reason why the Bank has not taken up space? Why am I asking? Well, for 38 years prior to taking early retirement, I worked for the Bank of Scotland, and in my latter capacity with them, my responsibility included making sure we did all we could to support the local community. I would be more than happy to take this matter up with the Bank if you wish, but before so doing, perhaps you would be so good as to let me know if there is an underlying reason why the bank hasn't taken up advertising space.

*Kind regards*  
**Stewart C McCallum**

*Dear Mr McCallum*

*Many thanks for your kind words. You have raised a point which others have been asking in the village, so we will take this opportunity to explain to everyone.*

*The Bank of Scotland supported the Killin News for many years with advertising, and very kindly sponsored the Christmas Prize Crossword every year until Christmas 1999. Unfortunately, they ran out of budget for local advertising last year. We are very grateful for all the years they did advertise with us and were disappointed to lose their custom, but we are hopeful to secure it again when the budget starts for a new year.*

*There was no "falling out", and the cancellation of their advert had nothing to do with the Royal Bank of Scotland starting to advertise with us. As luck would have it, the first issue that the Bank of Scotland didn't advertise in, we were very fortunate to secure advertising from the Royal Bank of Scotland. The Royal Bank of Scotland are keen to raise their profile in this area – especially in business banking, and their mobile bank also visits Killin twice each week. We would be delighted if you could have a word in the right ear and have the Bank of Scotland advertise with us once again. Incidentally, they are the bankers for the Killin News.*

*We would like to thank once again, the Bank of Scotland for past business (and hopefully future), The Royal Bank of Scotland for current and future business, and all the local businesses who even during this difficult time, still remain with us through thick and thin. Thank you all – without you - you wouldn't be reading this!*

*Editor*

Dear Editor,

Please publish this letter to remind all dog owners to keep their dogs under proper control.

I recently witnessed an incident on Main Street, Killin, that could have had catastrophic results: a stray dog pursued by several children, ran out in front of the oncoming traffic. If an accident had occurred it would have involved a small girl on her bicycle, a heavily laden coal delivery lorry, possibly the car or two behind that, and probably several pedestrians.

Accidents happen so quickly – no dog, however obedient, or however old and slow, should be anywhere near a road without being on a short lead – a lapse in concentration on your part (or the driver of a speeding car!!) could result in a dreadful accident. Please take care of your dogs; how you look after them affects other people's lives in more ways than one.

*J Thornton*

*In view of some of the comments made in these pages, we remind readers that the Killin News exists, in the first instance, to inform those who live in this area - we are not a "Tourism Magazine". It must also be remembered that none of us are journalists, we are ALL volunteers, who give freely of our time, electricity and petrol, with best intentions. We strive to avoid sensationalist journalism, and endeavour to print the truth. Sometimes, the truth hurts and we are pleased to offer 'big shoulders', a 'listening ear' and a platform from which to vent your anger.*

*Editor*



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# Thank You

To lose one member of a close family is difficult, but when three were taken from us in a few weeks, it is almost too much to come to terms with. However, our thanks go to the many friends in the village whose messages and practical support have helped us through this period. Particularly the staff in the Health Centre for their care and attention, and the Rev John Lincoln for his comforting council. Thanks also to all who paid their last respects at Nan's funeral, at which the collection realised the sum of over £80, which will go to the Health Centre. It is at times of sorrow that friendship comes to the surface, and through the days ahead may we all find the time to offer our support where God has chosen to take to himself a loved one.

*Alex, Fiona, Heather & David Stewart*

Duncan Clark, and all the family, would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral to pay their last respects to Margaret. Thanks also to those who sent floral tributes and cards of condolence.

Ken and Kirsty Topping would like to thank the Killin Ambulance staff, Police and the Angling Club members who offered assistance, when Kirsty had an accident while fishing, at the Bridge Pool recently. Kirsty has recovered well, and is hoping to be able to return next year.

Donald and Annette McLarty would like to thank everyone for their gifts and cards following the birth of their third child, Donald Benjamin. They would also like to thank all the staff at Stirling Royal Infirmary for all their work in the ward, and the Special Baby Unit.

Colin McRae, Chairman of the Millennium Committee would like to express his thanks to those who built the cairn, the working members of the Committee, and of course the children who were involved.

## Safari Supper

On a cold March evening, the third Safari Supper of the Millennium Committee was held. With 70 'guests' to cater for, the hosts certainly had a job on their hands.

Three taxis were kept busy all evening, transporting people from the various houses, from Jim & Francis Cushley's in the west, to Judy Forster's in the east. The timing was crucial, but unfortunately, some stray spirits slowed some people down, leading to a few late arrivals at 'pudding' time. However, the true spirit of the evening was never lost, and many congregated afterwards at the Killin Hotel for coffee and mints. This was provided, free of charge, by Mr Alan Garnier. More alcohol was consumed, with the last of the revellers leaving in the wee sma' hours.

A special thanks to all hosts who gave five star hospitality, at their own expense, for the benefit of many. Thanks also to Killin Hotel. Elizabeth Woods, Marion McRae and Brian Hibbert, also deserve a special thank you for organising the whole evening. It takes a great deal of time and effort to ensure the evening goes without any difficulties.

On behalf of the Millennium Committee, I sincerely thank all who took part and helped make this social event so successful.

Elizabeth and Marion intend to make this an annual event, around November, donating the proceeds to various organisations within the village. So, please mark your diaries and join in some fun.

*Colin J McRae, Chairman*

## Forthcoming Events in 2001

<b>8 June</b>	Cheese & Wine, hosted by Killin Cancer Research Committee in the McLaren Hall at 8 pm
<b>15 - 17 June</b>	Killin Music & Dance Festival
<b>1 August</b>	Killin Highland Games
<b>18 August</b>	Killin Agricultural Show Marquee Dance
<b>8 September</b>	Jazz Evening & Fork Supper, hosted by Killin Cancer Research Committee in the McLaren Hall.

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## Solution to Last Crossword

### Across

1. apple juice 6. idle 10. breakfast 11. tepee 12. animus 13. concert 15. advisedly 18. erica 19. giddy 21. pimperl 23. neonate 24. cupola 27. union 28. strangely 29. nice 30. adulteress

### Down

1. abba 2. preen 3. eskimos 4. Urals 5. cataclysm 7. depletion 8. eventually 9. stance 14. gargantuan 16. video disc 17. depressed 20. years 22. expense 24. coral 25. liege 26. dyes.

### Across

1. Naval captain displays powers of command (10)  
6. The right to grow old with anger (4)  
10. Settle the dispute impartially (9)  
11. Summoned to court (5)  
12. Holy man called for set of objects threaded together (6)  
13. Spinner (7)  
15. Late entry in the media (4,5)  
18. Many headed mythological monster (5)  
19. Does this Oriental correspondence need no stamp (1,4)  
21. Book of prayers and responses (3,6)  
23. In want (7)  
24. I am with the left for what is brought from abroad (6)  
27. Slur speech (5)  
28. The clergyman was in the sale to get a pouch for his bicycle (6,3)  
29. Roman garment (4)  
30. Dance incorporating gymnastics (5-5)

### Down

1. Turned for a fresh start (4)  
2. Monastic superior (5)  
3. To shun tee can become keen (7)  
4. Jargon (5)  
5. Overindulge in alcohol (9)  
7. Strike some but not necessarily for the photographer (9)  
8. Can be given approval of contents (10)  
9. May be dog or drink but certainly not the native (6)  
14. Confinement especially in wartime (10)  
16. Rising in the east can be debilitating (9)  
17. Trail toes for person who adds up, especially at race meetings (9)  
20. Irish river (6)  
22. Mad pile is pierced with a sharp point (7)  
24. Independent republic of southern Asia (5)  
25. Aggressive little winter caller (5)  
26. Stare in a lecherous manner (4)

## Killin News



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

**Sunday, 1 July 2001**

**This issue will be distributed around 20 July**

### 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.

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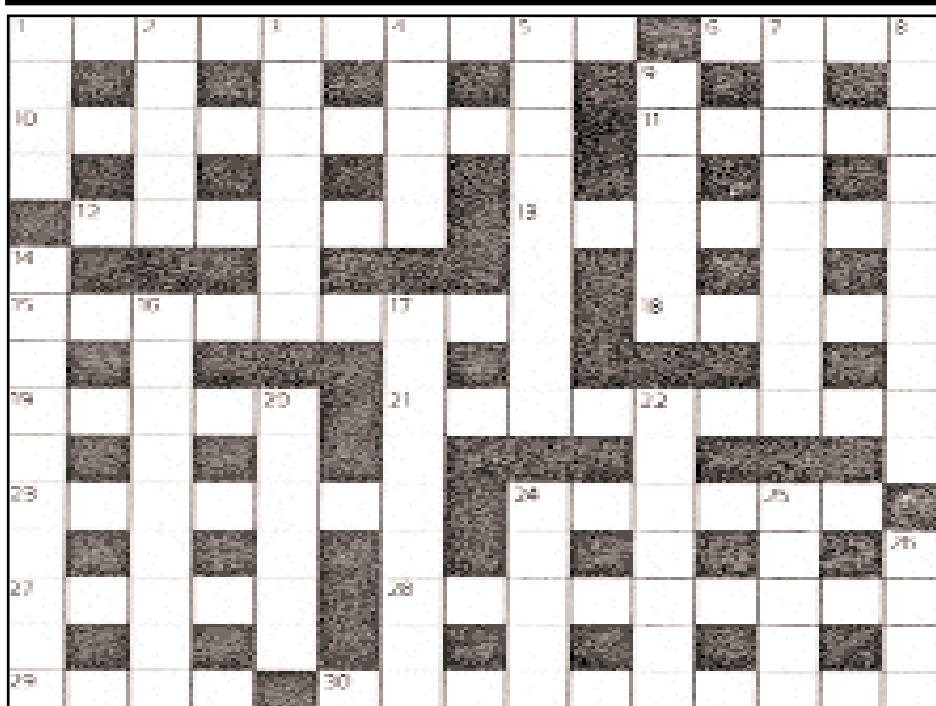
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### **Morenish Chapel**

Services will be held at Morenish Chapel on the first Sunday of each month during the summer at 3.00 pm

### **Summer Assistant**

The summer assistant this year will be Mrs Jacqueline Thomson who lives in Leven in Fife. Jacqueline is a divinity student at St Andrews and is the mother of Lewis (16) and Gavin (12). Her sons and her husband will be with her in Killin from time to time during the summer.

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## Killin Golf Club Car Boot Sale



Jean Henderson (above) was one of the villagers who helped to raise almost £400 for Killin Golf Club funds at the recent Car Boot Sale held in Breadalbane Park. Jean's ingenuity was to arrive with her wheelbarrow filled with goods for sale - Jean's Barra! Who needs the "Glesga Barras"?



On 26 April, Maureen & Jimmy Gauld were in their Killin shop, when a couple came in asking for a telephone number, and directions. Whilst chatting it transpired that the couple had flown in from Alberta in Canada, to be married in Killin. They wanted their wedding to be somewhere special, and, as Scotland was recommended due to its shorter residential requirements, the decision was made. Virginia surfed the net, found the Killin website ([www.killin.co.uk](http://www.killin.co.uk)), found their accommodation on the site also, and booked everything over the net - including the registrar.

So on 28 April, Jimmy and Maureen had the unexpected pleasure of being witnesses, as Virginia said "I do" and became Mrs Dave Walker, at a lovely ceremony conducted by Elizabeth Woods. They also shared with them a very pleasant evening at the Killin Hotel. And all thanks to the Killin website.

## Look What The Stork Brought !



(Left) Jennifer and Steven Lapsley, Police House, Killin are delighted to introduce their daughter Heather. Heather was born in Stirling Royal Infirmary on 27 April and weighed in at a healthy 9 pounds.

***Congratulations Jennifer and Steven, and welcome Heather – its been a long time since there was a baby in the Killin Police house.***

(Right) Calum and Roisinn McLarty are pictured here with their new wee brother, Donald Benjamin McLarty, who was born on 7 March 2001. Mum and Dad, Annette and Donald, were delighted when the newest addition to the McLarty family put in his appearance at Stirling Royal Infirmary, even though it was at 10.51 in the evening.



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Ian's Medal

## New **Costcutter** Store

John & Janice Christie from Crianlarich, have just opened their new Costcutter store in Killin. With three parking bays at the door for disabled, additional parking, and the smell of freshly baked bread pervading the store, Costcutter is a welcome addition to Killin shoppers.

Selling just about anything you could want are the friendly, all local staff, of Craig MacKenzie, Frances Smith, Fiona Davidson, Carol McKechnie, Anne Meilson, Georgie MacKenzie, Joyce Webb, Mark Donnelly, Greg Donnelly, Kay Riddell, Margaret Ogilvie, and John & Janice's daughter, Louise.



(Above) In the photo from L-R are Georgie MacKenzie, Janice Christie, adorable wee Natallie Christie (mascot!), John Christie, Craig MacKenzie (who assures us he is the 'good looking one!') and Frances Smith.

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