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Killin Highland Games 2001



No Highland Games would be complete without the customary dram. In this case, we are assured by Dr Syme that it is for purely medicinal purposes.

Slainte from Dave Syme, David Osler and Charlie Grant

Killin's eighth Games took place in the Bredalbane Park on 1 August. A tribute to the organisers and helpers who overcame the doubts and difficulties of a less than normal season.

The procession down Main Street at 1.30 p.m. was delayed a wee while, as events started with a bit of a bang when a car caught fire at the back of Fingal Villa. Our photographer Ian Campbell had to abandon the camera and rush to join the Fire Engine. The Vale of Atholl Pipe Band eventually emerged, following the quenching of the fire, and skirled their way to the Park followed by athletes and a crowd of spectators.

The photo right shows the strong men and women who competed in the traditional events, which were presided over by the Games Chieftain, Brigadier Sir Gregor of McGregor Bart. and Lady McGregor, who have continuously supported the Killin Games.

Piping and Dancing competitions were held, although the latter took place in the McLaren Hall due to the weather.

The Hill Race competitors encountered thick mist at the top of Stronachlachain. This writer and Iain, photographer for the Killin News, having raced up the hill were thwarted by the conditions (a likely story!!). The winner, John Stevenson of Larbert, had a time of 23 minutes 53 seconds. Two juniors, Steve Vallance and James Street from Edinburgh, completed the half course. Killin's own Kate Forster had a go and we can report that she was the winning lady. AW



Two McGregor Ladies from Texas, Eve Downong and Joyce Allison liked the cool wet weather, as they had left degrees of 90 - 102f at home.



Team 13

Delivered with this issue of **Killin News** is the latest publication from Primary 7 of Killin Primary School - **'Team 13'**.

Craig Milligan of Stirling Reprographics showed Jason, Siobhan, Lisa, Kathleen and Rachel how their newspaper was printed. Also in the photo are Pauline Roberts and Kitty McWilliam of Stirling Council. All the children of Primary 7, 2001, and their teacher Mrs Inglis, are to be congratulated on this excellent publication. The Stirling Observer were so impressed by it, they even featured them on their front page!



Above: Rachel Lincoln (Editor) puts her signature to the final proof.

Team 13 was financed by a Community Grant of £350 from Stirling Council and a substantial donation from **Killin News**, made possible by **your** advertising and donations.

The project was organised by **Killin News**. It had been hoped to extend it to include Crianlarich Primary School next year. However, we have been advised by Stirling Council, that Grant assistance will not be available. From the photos in this paper and the **Team 13**, it is clearly obvious how much fun the children had in producing a newspaper, and learning new skills. The **Killin News** cannot afford to fund this alone. If there are any financial sponsors out there, who would like to see the Killin project continue - and help the Crianlarich/Tyndrum one get off the ground - please get in touch with me.



The only disappointment of the day was that in spite of the efforts put in by the Killin Primary School, The Killin News, Stirling Reprographics, Stirling Council, Stirling Observer and the children themselves, some of the boys decided not to take part in the trip.

Thanks are extended to Jimmy Gauld for driving the Killin Community Bus to the printers. Outings such as this would be very difficult without the Community Bus - what an asset to our village it is. Thanks also to Stirling Reprographics for the tour and the 'goodies'. *Editor*

We Are Sailing

James and Catherine Kennedy, Fingal Road, Killin (below) are not sailing across the globe - just Loch Tay. They had never been on a boat on the loch before and thought the experience was "terrific".



And whilst on the subject of boats - Gregor MacAulay, local fisherman and postie, sent us this photo to prove he doesn't just put fish in his boat. When a boat is 'retired' he transports it to his cottage in Glen Lochay and gives it another lease on life, full of wonderful colourful blooms. Gregor can recommend boat gardening to everyone, as there is no bending to weed and it generally remains slug and rabbit free, as they don't like boats.



The New National Park

Below is a copy of a letter sent on 30 July, from Killin Community Council to Rhona Brankin, MSP, Deputy Environment Minister at the Scottish Executive in Edinburgh

Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park Boundaries (Killin area)

At a recent meeting (10/07/01) Killin Community Council instructed that the following response be submitted to you.

This response, together with previous submissions are attached. Our purpose in attaching previous submissions is to enable you to see the whole picture clearly, as we felt there was no useful purpose in repeating previous arguments. It therefore follows that our latest submission does not take away anything we stated in the previous submissions, but rather, in light of the latest proposed boundaries, highlights further new reasons for requesting our inclusion within the National Park area.

Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park (Boundaries)

Response to the proposed exclusion of the Killin area from the National Park

Since our last submission, we now find ourselves in the position of being the only part of northwest Stirling Council area excluded from the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park (NP). All the neighbouring communities, i.e. Tyndrum, Crianlarich, Lochearnhead and even St Fillans (Perth and Kinross) are now included within the proposed boundary.

Scottish Natural Heritage in laying down criteria for the proposed NP gave three specific aims which, briefly summarised in our own words are: -

1. Areas of outstanding natural and cultural heritage.
2. That the area has a distinctive character and coherent identity
3. That both the Community and the National Park would benefit by the inclusion of the area within the National Park.

Our case based on these criteria is:-

1. We have situated in the village of Killin, probably one of the most photographed Falls in Scotland, the Falls of Dochart. The district is surrounded by stunning views, mountains such as Ben Lawers, The Tarmachan Ridge, Ben More, Stob Binnein. The glens of Dochart, Ogle and Lochay, and of course the rivers Dochart and Lochay which both run into another superb scenic attraction, namely Loch Tay.

We also have a 4 star visitor attraction at the Breadalbane Folklore Visitor Centre,

adjacent to the Falls of Dochart, which in the year 2000 attracted almost 64,000 enquiries from potential or actual visitors. In addition, the recently opened Sustrans Cycle route from Glasgow to Inverness runs down to the village, along the south side of Loch Tay and through the hamlet of Ardeonaig, which is part of our community.

2. We are one of the most generous and friendly villages in Scotland. Some 18 months ago we received commendations in five categories at the Calor Gas Community of the Year awards, more than any other community in Scotland.

Killin has traditionally been a stopping point on circular trips via Stirling, Perth, Aberfeldy, Killin and Callander, or from Glasgow or Edinburgh via Loch Lomond, Crianlarich and Stirling route. It is not uncommon to have five or six tour coaches parked in the proximity of the Falls at one time. The community annually hosts amongst other things an Agricultural Show, Folk Festival, and International Highland Games. It also has a Golf Course and an Outdoor Centre at Ardeonaig, these attractions together with the many hill walkers, fishermen etc attract visitors from around the world to the area, all of which go towards helping the local economy.

It is our opinion that the type of terrain in this area is similar to that in other areas of the Park. One of the arguments made against Killin being included in the Park, was that it looks more to the east. However if one looks east from Tyndrum or Crianlarich, then one basically gets the same view as looking west from Killin. It should also be noted that the main view from Lochearnhead is in an easterly direction. We would therefore dismiss this as a reason for excluding the Killin area from the National Park.

3. There is a strong bond between the communities of Killin, Lochearnhead, Crianlarich and Tyndrum, and to omit one of these communities (Killin) from the National Park we feel would greatly weaken that bond. It should also be emphasised again, that all secondary pupils resident in the area attend McLaren High School, Callander, which also strengthens the already strong links between these areas.

Killin would make an excellent gateway to the Park from the northeast, this being the shortest route from the A9 (via A827),

and also the shortest route between what is likely to become Scotland's two National Parks. We feel that Killin with its numerous services would make a preferable entrance to the Park, rather than a point marked by a signpost at the side of the A85 road midway between Lix Toll and Crianlarich.

The views approaching Killin from the east (Aberfeldy), along the north side of Loch Tay looking westwards are much to be admired, with Loch, Village, Forest and the magnificent backdrop of Ben More presenting an outstanding panoramic landscape.

The area is extremely popular with many types of tourists, including hill walkers, and fishermen. It is worth noting that the local Angling Club issue around a 1000 visitor permits annually on behalf of local waters.

At the present time relationships between land owners, walkers, and fishermen are reasonably amicable, although there are occasionally problems during certain times of the year, such as at lambing time and during deer stalking, as well as litter and occasional damage to property. Land owners at present manage their property well, but if the area was included within the National Park, we feel that the problems mentioned in the previous sentence could be better policed.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing submission, and the previous submissions from us, which we attach, we would ask that you seriously consider the points, which we have put forward.

Whilst we believe that all of this community area should be included within the National Park, this may not be possible, but we would make the strongest possible plea that the main core of this area must be included, which we believe would be of benefit to all.

John A MacPherson - Chairman
Emma Paterson - Member
Killin Community Council

Copies of this were also sent to:-

Dr S Jackson MSP, Alan Marshall, Scottish Executive, Rural Affairs Department, Countryside and Natural Heritage, Stirling Council Members, Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP Interim Committee, Association of Community Councils of Loch Lomond & Trossachs NP Area, Argyll the Isles, Loch Lomond, Stirling & Trossachs Tourist Board.

The Tote Needs You!

What is the Tote?

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A84/85 Talks

A meeting was held last Tuesday between the head of Central Scotland Police Traffic Department, Chief Inspector S Marshall, and members from Killin Community Council. This meeting was requested by the Community Council to discuss concerns regarding the above road.

A range of topics were raised, but the main discussion centred on three main points, which were giving cause for concern.

- The length of time the road remained closed following serious accidents.
- The signing and which roads should be used as diversionary routes during such closures.
- The need for up to date adequate information to road users during these closures.

It was pointed out by Chief Inspector Marshall that the investigation into the accident at Glenogle on 29 July took longer than normal to clear up, due to another serious accident in the Police area shortly before the Glenogle accident.

Chief Inspector Marshall assured the Community Council that every effort would be made, to have the road reopened as soon as possible following such accidents, contingent with the requirements to carry out a thorough examination at the scene of such accidents as required by legislation.

The question of diversionary routes and signposting, together with improvements in information at such times will be looked into. The possibility of further signposting at the summit of Glenogle was also raised, with consideration being given to whether an accident 'black spot' and/or 'long decline' sign would be of benefit.

John MacPherson, Chairman of Killin Community Council stated "I feel we had a positive and helpful discussion covering many issues relating to the A84/85 road. Our main concern, like many others is to try and cut down the number of accidents on this road. We, along with neighbouring Community Councils, will continue to press for improvements to this stretch of road, but ultimately it remains with road users to drive responsibly, giving due regard to the type of road and prevailing conditions."

John A MacPherson

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Tyndrum Fire Station would like to thank all their sponsors, Highland Heritage Hotels, The Green Welly Stop, Invervey Hotel, G A Brodie & Co., and those involved in making the challenge such a successful and enjoyable event.

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can't complain if the changes are not what you want. It's as simple as that.

To help you do that, the Stirling Tenants Project has been set up. Based at the Wolfcraig Building in Stirling, four staff, interviewed and selected by a steering group of council tenants from right across the district, will give you independent advice on the options being considered by the council. Two of the staff have already been round to various communities in the district holding information sessions, but turnout has been low – they need to know

why. Was the publicity bad? Were the sessions held in places and at times that were not suitable? Or are people simply not interested? With your input, hopefully that will change.

The project will support tenants who want to form local groups to look at the issues in detail. They can provide training to make sure that people understand what the options are really about. To make any of this possible, you, as a Stirling Council Tenant, must take an interest in what's going on. Don't sit back thinking "they'll do what they like anyway" – they (the council) can't. Any decisions about who owns and manages your housing must be based on what the majority of tenants want. If getting involved in a tenants group is not your thing – fine – but read the information the Stirling Tenants Project sends to you. Give them a call or write a letter if you have any questions. But take an interest or you could lose out.

For further information about how to get involved, contact Elaine or Theresa, 2nd Floor, Wolfcraig Building, Dumbarton Road, Stirling FK8 2LQ Freephone 0800 085 7568. Stirling Tenants Project – making sure the Tenants Voice is heard.

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Keeping up the Standard

GP Retainee Dr Elaine Turner

Dr Turner would like to clarify her position in the practice as it is causing some confusion!

Because she was unable to find a doctor to jobshare with as a partner in the practice, she resigned as a partner. However, there is a centrally funded scheme for doctors with domestic commitments, the Retainees' scheme, to enable doctors to continue to work part time for up to five years to keep up to date and in practice.

Dr Turner is now a retainnee, and does regular surgeries on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings but does not do home visits or work on call at night or weekends. Appointments can be made in the usual way.

Medical practice has a lot in common with the ducks on the river. Above the surface everything seems serene but below the waterline there's a lot of paddling going on!

We aim to achieve a high standard of medical care. To do this we continually review what we are doing and change to accommodate new treatments or methods or to improve on current practices. That means a lot of effort behind the scenes. We are relatively isolated from other practices and it could be easy to become complacent. We can undergo external assessments where experienced doctors and patient representatives from other areas visit us and discuss our work. To help this process, we may have to present statistics. For example, people who have had a heart attack in the past should have a cholesterol level below a target figure. We can examine (a) what proportion have had a measurement and (b) how many have the right level and see whether we are getting it right or not.

When we present these type of figures, no patient will be directly identifiable to the assessors. However, they still might relate to you and the terms of the Data Protection Act mean that you should know they are being used in this way.

There is one area where a patient's identity may be obvious. From time to time, we may ask to make video recordings of consultations. These recordings are extraordinarily useful for assessing competence of doctors and medical students and for changing behaviour, if change is needed. Again, no patient would be identified by name and strict conditions apply to consent, storage and destruction of these videos

It's difficult to be comprehensive in a short piece but if you have any concerns, more information is available at the surgery and we would be happy to discuss issues relating to the handling of information.

In a similar vein, there are moves afoot to improve the training of all the staff in the primary health care team by having joint educational sessions with other teams, down as far as Bridge of Allan. Joint sessions for Clackmannan practices have been very successful. The downside is that in

order to make them possible, we would need to operate an emergency-only service on one afternoon a month. We hope the benefits in keeping us "up-to-date" would make up for the inconvenience and we won't be signing up to anything till we're sure that the level of cover is acceptable. We'll keep you informed.

Diabetic Clinic

Dr Turner and Evelyn Ronald, Community Nurse, have now set up a Diabetic Clinic. This takes place on the first Tuesday morning of every month. We have started by seeing all newly diagnosed patients but are now happy to see any one with diabetes, for review, at this clinic. If you need to make an appointment for review of your diabetes, please come to this clinic if it is convenient for you.



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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 - the computer will take care of that.

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

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A Blooming Big Thank You

I, Gill Forster, currently known by Henry as "Jungle Jill", would like to say, "Well done and thank you", to all my fellow gardeners, who after weeks of hard work, 'opened' their quite beautiful gardens on Sunday, 22 July in order to raise funds for the British Red Cross. I should also like to thank all the other willing helpers involved in this event. Most particularly, Betty Hogg, plantswoman supreme and chief co-ordinator of the magnificent plant stall; pancake Annie (MacNee) who co-ordinated the scrumptious teas in the Hall; Bill Hogg who drove the Community 'shuttle' Bus for the afternoon; David Hilditch for producing the information sheet and map showing directions to our gardens, and for opening his own garden behind Pink Cottage to reveal his lovely wildlife pond. Also, not forgetting "Mr. Not A Problem" Neil MacKenzie who attended to all my wobbly bits - take that as you will! - and what's more, he even threw in a few Gaelic lessons at the same time!

It almost goes without saying how much appreciated all the generous donations of plants and baking were. We even forgive you Hilary (Gunkel), from Callander, dedicated Red Cross Volunteer who gives of her time, energy and expertise unstintingly to organise such fund raising events, as well as finding time for her many other commitments, which include running her own business 'Trossachs Garden Tours'. It was she who initially inveigled us gullible gardeners to open up!



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We raised just over £850 - not bad for a first time effort. Now I personally had better get back to my weeds before I let the side down.

*Gill Forster
Springburn, Killin*

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Killin News

The Killin News is delighted to report that it has been awarded a certificate in recognition of the dedication and commitment as a volunteer group in the United Nations International Years of Volunteering 2001.

Henry McLeish, of the Scottish Executive said, "Volunteers make a vital contribution to Scottish life. I am delighted to recognise your efforts and to thank you for helping to bring about strong active, and empowered communities in Scotland.

Did You Know?

- During the course of making 1 kg (2.2lb) of honey, bees will have flown the equivalent of 6 times around the earth.
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- At peak season, the young house bees can be feeding up to 11,000 larvae
- It can take a bee about three-quarters of an hour to fill up her 'tanks' with nectar
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- Every time bees make 1 kg of honey, they will have pollinated enough flowers to produce about 2 tonnes of fruit and seed
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What's In a Name?

The derivation of the name heather – which embraces erica and daboecia, and the true heather, acid-loving calluna – has a macabre past.

It is thought to come from the efforts of Christians to convert Scottish Picts to their religion. When missionaries ordered them to stop worshipping their Gods, a battle ensued and plants under the Picts' feet were covered in blood. These bloodied plants of the heathen became known as 'heathen' and then 'heath' and then 'heather'.

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Records From The Past

One never knows when some piece of information about the area will come to light, which could be of interest today. Such was discovered in an old scrap book started by my late Grandfather and continued by my late Father. Being of farming stock, the majority of the cuttings were pertinent to sale prices and developments in farming conditions and employment, interspersed with family history. I thought the following to be of sufficient local content for Killin News.

Sheep Valuation

At Dall, Ardeonaig, the valuation resulted – ewes and lambs (11/2 cast to score), £107.20s; eild ewes (11/2 cast to score), £80.10s; ewe hogs (no cast), £27 – all per clad score: two year old tups £23.10s; three to four years old £14.10s each; tup hogs, £12.10s. The arbiters were for Mr McLaren, the outgoing tenant, Mr John McDiarmid, Taynult; for Mr Donald McDougall, the incoming tenant, Mr J Stewart, Clachan of Struan, Blair Atholl; oversman, Mr W Cairns, Glenfinlas, Callander.

Mr McDougall was moving to Dall from Claggan, Lochtayside, and the date seems to be 1918. The valuation of the stock on Claggan is recorded as being a record for prime Blackface sheep.

I have noticed other references to such items as a wireless broadcast, the content of which was the "Music of the Tay", and featured Neil Gow's compositions played by fiddlers from Kiltyrie, but did not name them. Ploughing matches, stock judging, and sale prices along with many cuttings on the first world war, and much I have not yet gone through, so I may turn up other snippets of local interest.

There was also a booklet in Gaelic published in 1838, which I have asked that well known local historian, Allan Walker, to have a look at.

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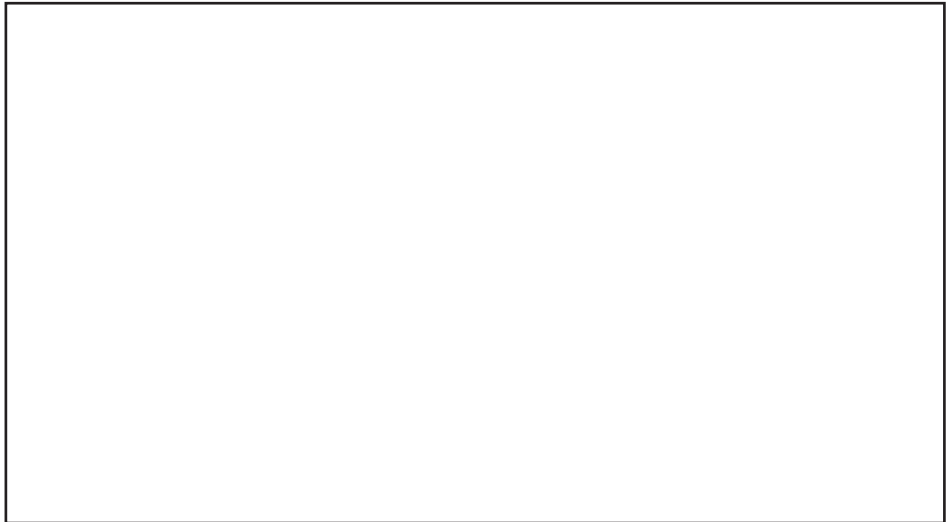
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The Killin Agricultural Show

The Show, always a highlight of the summer season, was cancelled this year because of the Foot & Mouth restrictions. The Show along with the associated produce and baking in the McLaren Hall, brings together farmers, shepherds, villagers and visitors in a united effort.

There was a Show way back in the 1800's. An early copy of the Killin News (not in the 1800's!) had a photo of judges in the ring in 1880, one of whom was a McNaughton from Duncroisk. At the time, the Show was held in front of the Killin Hotel and Parish Church, running over towards the present bowling green and McLaren Hall (built in 1934).



The Show continued until the 1914-18 War. An interesting happening from this was that many horses were commandeered for the army, some being 'lifted' from the Killin area. After the war, the Show resumed and was held for a time in the Park at Kinnell.

Again a war stopped the Show in 1939-45, but after a clipping and baking competition at the Old Mart, a group of young farmers and villagers restarted the Show in the 1950's and moved what became an ambitious and colourful event to the Breadalbane Park.

I have given here a rough account of the history of the Killin Agricultural Show. I await with interest for corrections and amendments. We certainly need a full and detailed record of this part of Breadalbane history. Roll on next year.

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Photos from the Show in years gone by are courtesy of Johnny Willison, Killin.

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Strathfillan - "By The Way"

A meeting took place on Wednesday 25 July 2001. Inspector Kevin Findlator, the local area commander, accompanied by Constable Ian

Donaldson, Central Scotland Police, were in attendance. Kevin Findlator introduced himself and summarised his background, which included duty in this area. There is an Operational Review all over the force at present, which will look at the siting and rankings of stations and the number of police officers. The review will go before the Chief Constable who will make the final decision as to whether to accept, reject or accept in part the findings. The talk of shutting the station in Crianlarich has only been heard amongst constables; all higher levels expect it to remain open. Derek Wilkie has received a written assurance from Superintendent John Anderson that Ian Ramsey will be replaced. At the moment Ian Donaldson, stationed at Killin covers this area. Killin has always provided cover for this area when the local policeman is not on duty. It was pointed out that the new policeman may not be so readily available as the previous 2 local policemen, and it is not in their remit to be so.

Questions raised were, "How quickly should cars left after accidents/breakdowns be removed?" If they are in a field, then it is up to the owner of the field to pursue removal. Police can only contact the owner and request removal. If at the side of the road, but not in a dangerous position, then they contact the owner to request removal, and if it remains, they contact Environmental Health

who attach stickers, which have to remain for 14/21 days before, Environmental Health can uplift the car and charge the owner.

"How are you tackling speeding in the area?" At the moment we are using "sneaky" methods and (he showed a list) this area has been targeted more than any other, as part of Safer Stirling, originally targeting motorcyclist. The local police now have handheld radar and are being trained in its use. They are trying to get a measured mile up here to save the need of going to the other side of Callander to calibrate it. There are also cameras at the side of the road, which are not easily visible. Inspector Findlator finished by saying that he was always available on the end of a phone for any problems or queries anyone might have.

Alison Scramble and Claire Watts, Strategic Planning, Stirling Council, informed us about the proposed Rural Activity Areas and the slightly more flexible views being taken for development in the countryside.

It was mentioned that occasionally Bear Scotland Ltd. is very prompt in attending to problems, and other times it takes several phone calls. The bridge by Crianlarich village hall was damaged and was dangerous, it took phone calls to Bear Scotland Inverness, their Fort William office, and then Killin before it was repaired. Jock Henderson asked Robert Taylor of the Killin depot, "Who was responsible for what?". In the yard, he had noticed a brand new road sweeper, and when he asked what it was used for, the reply was, "for emergencies!" There was also a machine for cleaning drains, but he

did not know if Bear had the contract for this job. He said he would meet Jock and walk round the village but hasn't as yet. Raymond Bisset (grass cutting and verges), of Bear Scotland, is invited to the next Community Council meeting.

A lovely letter had been received from Ian Ramsey, thanking everyone for his retiral evening, which he thoroughly enjoyed.

There have been problems booking the hospital car, and it appears to stem from the Dundee centre of the Ambulance Service. A letter was written to Sylvia Jackson MSP and is being attended to. Forth Valley Local Health Council have been contacted and have given a Mr. Dougie Meldrum (01780 1791583) of the Scottish Ambulance Service as a contact. They would also like details of our problems. John MacPherson, Chairman of Killin Community Council has also been contacted.

There is a prototype for a website for rural communities at <http://rural.lambdaresearch.com> (please note there is no www) and is well worth a visit. They would like your comments.

Several children from Strathfillan and Killin are either already attending, or are on the waiting list to attend gymnastic classes in Callander. Moira Robertson and Suzanne Player have been researching the possibility of holding classes in Killin. The problem is one of finding suitably qualified teachers who are prepared to travel to Killin. It was agreed that Suzanne Player would carry this forward with a notice in the Killin News and look to Aberfeldy direction for a teacher.

***Moira Robertson
Strathfillan Correspondent***

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Green Bowlers versus Carpet Bowlers



(Above & Right) The annual 'grudge' match between the Green Bowlers and the Carpet Bowlers, on the green, was held on 12 August. The proceedings were not enlivened by a streaker this year! But, never the less, a great day was had by all. Unfortunately, the Greens lost – due to the guile and tactics of the Carpets - with a score of 56 to 50. A close contest!

A sumptuous feast followed the match, in the Sports Pavilion, which was organised by the Green Bowlers.

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Some locals enjoying the Games



Above: We came upon these 3 American girls dancing a hornpipe in the McLaren Hall. Obliging they moved into the carpark where we could take a photo in better light. Ugochi Azuikwe, Anne McVey and Rachel Hawk from Houston, Texas.

Below: Morag McKenzie with one of the bonniest babies in town.



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Left: Jair Gomez Da Silva - Brazil's strongest man - with Jimmy Frew, who started South America's first Highland Games in Rio de Janeiro and is President of the St Andrews Society there. "I wanted to start something new," he told Killin News, "caber tossing is not a sport for the back garden". He hopes to be back in Killin next year with Jair.

Below left: Killin's own Gregor McKenzie had a day off from the Killin Web Site to have a bash at carrying two heavy cylinders round a set course. Congratulations to Gregor, who came in fourth.

Above: The Highland Queen and her Attendant who were chosen at the Highland Queen Dance a week before the games. The Queen is Alison Hick who is an instructor at the Ardeonaig Outdoor Centre and a Sunday School teacher in Killin. Her Attendant is Morag Fielding (nee Steel) and is Peggy McPhails' grand-daughter.



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Flawed Land Bill Is Badly Drafted

The Scottish Executive's Land Reform Bill is 'badly drafted' and 'fundamentally flawed' says Stirling Council.

Gillie Thomson, who chairs the Council's Environmental Quality Committee, is writing to the Executive expressing the Council's reservations and serious concerns about the Bill.

The Land Reform Bill was launched for consultation in February this year. It covers access to the countryside, community rights to buy land and crofting rights. A draft Scottish Outdoor Access Code was also published to accompany the Bill.

"Unfortunately", said Councillor Thomson, "there are serious discrepancies between the Code and the Bill which appear to have been written by two different people. If this Bill is approved, it will have a worse impact on the countryside than not having any legislation at all."

In its formal response to the Bill, the Council said, "We are concerned that the Bill in its current form will cause more problems than it solves and in doing so will complicate the Council's work to improve access to the countryside rather than help it."

Councillor Thomson said, "To be successful, the Bill must strike a delicate balance between the concerns of land managers and the desires of recreational users. The present draft does not do this and user groups are already campaigning against it."

However, he pointed out that if the Bill was scrapped it could be another 10 years before the issue of land reform was tackled again by the Executive and in view of that, the Council had made a considerable number of recommendations for change.

Rural Firms Face Expansion Issues

Most rural businesses in Stirling want to expand – but they're running out of room to move.

A recent survey of 232 businesses showed that 50% wanted to expand, but 42% of them have workspace constraints that may prevent expansion.

The survey was carried out by the Rural Stirling Economic Partnership, backed by Stirling Council.

The survey also revealed that many farmers were considering moving into other areas of economic activity and that a large number of businesses were having problems finding skilled employees in the local communities, being forced to hire staff from outside the area.

The aim of the survey was to identify the workspace needs of rural businesses and gather information on employment issues and information technology. The results have been circulated to RSEP partners so they can begin addressing the issues raised.

Watch Out For Bodge The Builder

Stirling Council Trading Standards are warning householders to be aware of doorstep salesmen offering home improvements or driveway maintenance.

One elderly woman was telephoned by a property maintenance company, allegedly based in London, offering damp proof treatment to the fabric of her house.

Employees of the company appeared on her doorstep the next day with an order form for a "high pressure chemical injection and silicon seal to gable end and rear door" for a total cost of £2,115.

Luckily she told her home help who immediately contacted Trading Standards regarding the matter. Trading Standards informed her that it

was an offence to make an unsolicited call to a private individual at their home and not offer them a 7 day cooling off period in writing before carrying out the work.

The home help confronted the workmen the next day regarding the lack of cancellation documents and was told that the woman had not received the documents because they had given her a discount on the price. When they were told that the matter had been reported to Trading Standards and the local police, the workmen did not take the matter any further.

Trading Standards are also warning householders against itinerant traders who are offering to tarmac driveways claiming to be working for Stirling Council. The materials they are using are inferior and the preparation works is not taking place, which results in problems when the surface breaks up a few weeks later.

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The Frost Report

Frosty Warnings

We will soon be at the end of this year's grass-cutting season, but maybe this will be a timely warning for next year for everyone with a lawn and a dog. If cut grass is piled up in a corner of the garden, it can produce dicumarol, which is a chemical used as a rat poison. If your dog ingests any of this it will become acutely ill with intestinal damage, haemorrhaging, vomiting and shivering. The animal will probably recover if promptly treated by transfusions and/or surgery.

Current research at Edinburgh University is warning that the true pure-bred red deer may become extinct by 2,050. This would be due to the hybridisation with Sika deer. The smaller Sika also have smaller antlers, which usually only attain 8 points, and have a thin white tail. They were introduced from Japan towards the end of the 1800's into several estates through Scotland from where they subsequently escaped. It was not thought necessary to hunt these out, as it was believed that any matings with red deer would not produce fertile offspring. Obviously this premise was wrong as the recent research has shown about ten percent of Scottish red deer have sika DNA, and that in some areas, such as Argyll, it is 40 percent. Nearer to home, a small number of pure sika have been shot in this area. Is it at all possible that this moving tide of hybridisation is at all responsible for the shortage of big stags with big antlers, and the fact that quite a few stags shot are smaller than would be expected from age according to dental wear? Ideas are being put forward to conserve a true red deer stock, probably on the Hebrides, but as sika have already swum to Skye this may not be a

certainly. (I wonder if it has been checked that they didn't use the new bridge at night while the wee man in the toll booth was sleeping?)

Another deer warning that has been given out at the start of this stalking season is that, in connection with the foot and mouth regulations, no venison can be exported this year. One way to alleviate this would be to support the dealers selling on the home market which they may well do more of during these restrictions. So, how about it? In these days of being very conscious of healthy eating - what better meat than wild venison - definitely no additives. A nice stir-fry with dark soy sauce is very tasty. Maybe we could get some modern venison recipes sent in to the next Killin news? Meanwhile, get your cuts of wild venison in the freezer!

Here is a seasonal warning for any red squirrels who may be reading :- I was working in the woods at the pheasant pens this week in readiness for the young birds arriving, when the quiet was broken by a squirrel chattering. It was being swooped on by a buzzard as it ran

across a ride. Luckily the squirrel had been attending his aerobics classes and managed a very fast and deft swerve to run safely into the branches of a tree. What the squirrel then 'chattered' to the buzzard is unprintable. All photographs of red squirrels reading Killin News to the Editor please.

Some Hebridean islands introduced hedgehogs some time ago, and are now suffering the consequences of introducing a species into a habitat. The prickly beasts are marauding the eggs of sea birds and are having to be caught up. They are proving difficult to trap, but presumably, somewhere on an island there are people with a surplus of unwanted hedgehogs looking for homes for them. So if you fancy a boost to your garden's slug eating force I'm sure you'll find something on a Hedgehog dot com.

Last of all, be warned about the Land Reform Bill - current draft proposals suggest more rather than less power to close areas of the countryside by various organisations! Presumably in anticipation of claims under Health and Safety regulations? **Tim Frost**

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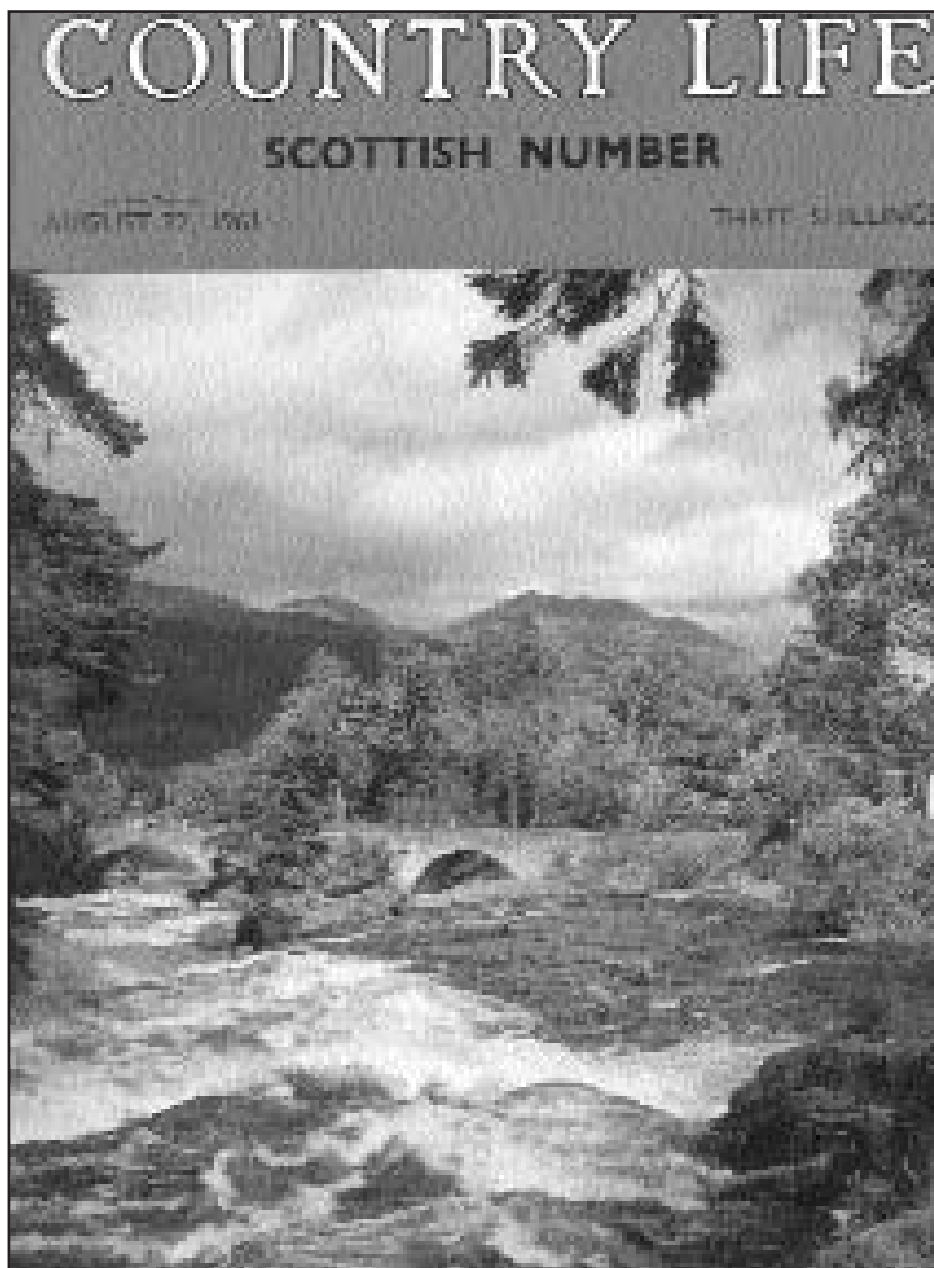
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By Colin Woods

Within the next two years, all 42 primary schools in Stirling will be fully networked and have a learning stream link to the internet. There will also be at least one computer for every eight primary school children.

In secondary schools, Stirling is already ahead of national government targets with one computer for every 5 students, that's 1,036 computers. There are currently 372 computers in Stirling primary schools and 26 in nurseries.

A report to Stirling Council's Children's Committee showed that in 1998 there was one computer for 33 secondary students and one computer for 45 primary pupils. All secondary schools are networked but at various stages towards whole school networks. Currently 6 primary schools are fully networked with another 11 included in the programme for the current financial year.

The Council is investing more than £400,000 in computer technology for schools next year.

ervyn's Weather

Since the last issue of the Killin News in late June, many who forecast a glorious summer following a cool and snowy winter must be wondering what has happened to dash their hopes. The mediocrity of the June weather has continued throughout July. The thunderstorms of late June/early July, and in particular that of 27 June, played havoc with telephone lines and indeed many phones on South Lochtayside were out of commission for three weeks.



Although at the time of writing, conditions cannot be described as "bad" it has been a battle to complete the ewe clippings and much of the earlier cut hay has deteriorated in quality before the opportunity has presented itself to get it baled.

In the case of clippings, provided hill mist is not too prevalent, flocks can be gathered and the other necessary work, such as dosing/inoculating lambs can be carried out under less than ideal conditions. Then it requires three or four hours dry overhead to allow the fleeces of the ewes to dry either to be clipped, or if covered accommodation available, put inside dry. If however, a suitable dry spell is not forthcoming it means the flock being kept in enclosed areas longer than expected, which is detrimental to the health and well-being of the stock. While it is possible to struggle through this operation using every opportunity however brief, the saving of a hay crop requires more in the way of settled weather. Although wrapped silage has taken much of this risk factor out of the provision of winter feed there are still considerable numbers of farms making at least a percentage of their requirements into hay.

Ideally, a spell of three days of sunny, dry conditions is necessary to produce good quality green hay, and of course as soon as possible after it is cut. Once this crop lies for more than a week it begins to deteriorate fairly rapidly and if not baled for over a fortnight is of little feeding value. So that although we have experienced some warm sunny days this July, rarely has the spell been sufficient for haymaking purposes.

But hope springs eternal and maybe August will salvage what is left of the summer, perhaps by appropriating the hot sunny weather of southern England!!

*Mervyn K Browne
Ardtalnaig*

Saddle Up

Details of more than 120 miles of trails across the Stirling Council area are mapped out in the new 'Horse Trail Guide', launched by Stirling Council recently at Plean Country Park.

There's information on 12 sites horse riders can visit, parking hints for horse boxes and some tips on suitable routes, as well as a 'Horse Riding Code'. A map of the Stirling areas shows how to get to the sites, many of which are in woodland areas, with routes varying from 2 to more than 20 miles.

Kay Gebbie, Scottish Equestrian Paralympic Gold Medallist, who attended the launch, said the guide was "impressive". She also said, "It is becoming more and more dangerous for horse riders to use public roads. Providing safe off-road riding, such as those included in this guide, is a great step forward."

The Horse Trail Access Guide is available, initially, only from Stirling Council's Countryside Service. It will be made more widely available through Tourist Information Offices once the current foot and mouth crisis is over. Contact the Countryside Ranger Service on 01786 442875 for more information.

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Please note that there are many abandoned baby bats at this time of year and you can expect to find them up until the middle of August and sometimes even later. Baby bats are often abandoned by their mothers in times of bad weather, especially during rain and high wind, when they are unable to feed them - so if you know there is a colony near you please be extra vigilant.

Please remember that under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 bats are protected and it is illegal for anyone without a licence intentionally to kill, injure, or handle a wild bat, or to possess (unless obtained legally), or exchange a bat whether live, or dead.

A bat found in the living area of the house may be handled for release. You may tend a disabled bat in order to release it when it recovers, or kill a seriously disabled bat.

It is an offence (unless the correct authorities have been informed) to intentionally damage, destroy, or obstruct access to any place that a bat uses for shelter, or protection, including houses and outbuildings, or to disturb a bat whilst it is occupying such a place. The correct authorities must also be consulted if building work, or remedial treatment of timber is planned at a site used by bats.

Full details can be found in sections 9-11, 16-27 and 69 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Heart of Scotland Herb Society



The summer has been an enjoyable and eventful finish to our 2000 – 2001 syllabus. In June we met at the Scottish Crannog Centre for a tour and informative presentation by Barrie Andrian, Director of the centre. Barrie highlighted the specific plants and herbs of this area, documented by archaeological exploration of the Oakbank Crannog site. She produced plausible explanations and possible uses of some of the cereals, herbs, seeds and wild fruit of the Late Bronze/Iron Age, so many of which still grow here today. The refreshments which followed reflected and supported this deliciously!

Our last meeting in July was split between two Pitlochry locations. Meg Dunn of the Scottish Wildlife Trust (SWT) took us through the newly established Wildflower Garden. Nick Dawson, Project Manager of the Plant Hunters Garden Project at the theatre, also gave us a great tour round the as yet, unopened facility. Both these sites were magnificent examples of re-use of derelict and native woodland sites which, in time will be prime examples of Scotland's natural and artistic beauty.

On a smaller scale, our own garden circle continues, despite the rain, which seems to accompany most visits without ill effect. It is a pleasure seeing the individual preference and originality of our members, and a terrific opportunity to exchange valuable tips and seedlings, and have some fun. All in all, it has been an interesting year and we thank all our members for their generous support in so many ways.



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The implementation of the European Directive on Timeshare Cancellation Rights by all European countries has given protection to consumers purchasing timeshare. However, the DTI has been made aware of a number of new products which, although sharing many of the characteristics of Timeshare, are not covered by current legislation.

Consumer Advice Officer Ian Moore warned that holidaymakers could find that the products they have been sold - holiday or vacation clubs for example - leave them with no cancellation rights and a lost deposit.

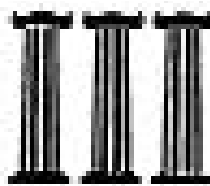
The Department of Industry has prepared a new leaflet, which sets out consumer's rights under timeshare legislation and draws attention to some of the products it does not cover. They want to ensure that UK holidaymakers see this leaflet before they are tempted to attend a sales presentation either at home or abroad. If you haven't gone on holiday yet, then contact Stirling Council's Consumer Advice Centre and a leaflet will be sent to you. Alternatively, you can pick up a leaflet and obtain further advice at the Municipal Buildings, Exchange Road, Stirling FK8 2HU

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Killin Gun Club



Shoot Results from 17 June

Down The Line

Class A: 1. E McAllister 74, 2. D Robertson 71, 3. G Ross 67, 4. G Coyne 66.

Class B: 1. J Ward 66, 2. Cal. Frost 53, 3. R Mills 46.

Class C: 1. A McKenzie-Wilson 50, 2. K Haines 47, 3. E Paterson 46.

Sporting

Class A: 1. E McAllister 69, 2. G Coyne 57, 3. A Skillen 54.

Class B: 1. Jas. Sinclair 54, 2. D Robertson 54, 3. K Haines & A Gowans 45.

Class C: 1. J Morris 51, 2. Cal. Frost 45, 3. E Paterson & J Miller 36.

High Pheasant: 1. I Menzies, 2. A McKenzie-Wilson, 3. G Coyne (All 30)

High Gun: E McAllister 143

Quaich: J Ward 108

McKay Trophy: G Coyne 87

Rose Bowl: G Coyne 153

20 Guns turned out on a fine day.

Shoot Results from 15 July

The 50 Down The Line was attended by 20 guns on yet another fine day.

Class A: 1. G Ross 135, 2. H Campbell 130, 3. G Coyne 129.

Class B: 1. J Ward 126, 2. A Gowans 124, 3. Cal Frost & S Argo 120.

Class C: J Miller 134, 2. E Paterson 112, 3. K Haines 103.

High Gun & Cup: G Ross 135

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The Club is now busy preparing for its next production, the annual Pantomime, to be held in January, and if you wish to help in any way please contact Glenda Mardon, 820248. Many hands make light work, and all "volunteers" will be made most welcome.

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Scratch: 1. G. Smith (Killin) (68), 2. I. Donaldson (Killin) (72), 3 B.Stock (Murrayshall) (73)

Handicap: 1. P.Melia (Killin) (62), 2. S. Edwards (Crieff) (63), 3. D. Hirshall (Killin) (65)

Best Killin score (outside main prizes):- G. Ferguson (66)

Longest Drive:- J.Muir (Glencruitten)

Nearest Pin:- E. Lindsay (Blairgowrie)

Magic 2's:- I. Pearston (Cochrane Castle), E. Lindsay (2) (Blairgowrie), J. Munro (Whitemoss), D. MacIver (Killin), Mr McPhearson (Spean Bridge)

Sweep:- R.Boon (Dalmally)

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LETTERS



Dear Editor

I really must take issue with Ms Paterson's view in the letters section of the July issue of Killin News.

Yes, please, can we have the scrub and the thistles, at least there would be something to look at, instead of miles and miles of overgrazed sterile landscape. This growth is a consequence of such farming practices, and set aside land looks this way after years of abuse and misuse, due to dumping tons of agro-chemicals. Set aside land though, has mostly been arable and does not really apply here.

The proof of land recovery in this area after overgrazing is to be seen on the disused railway through Glen Ogle, where sheep have been excluded. Now there are maturing trees. Even our rivers will benefit from the extra nutrients put in with rotting leaves etc. Perhaps we could even drink from a mountain burn without having to worry about liver fluke, which can find a home in man.

I see no evidence of any real bio-diversity, in fact on a recent drive to Fort William, I was hard pressed to see wildlife of any consequence.

The scrub and thistles won't last long as they are the nitrogen fixers, helping to repair the land, paving the way for oak, beech, ash, and all the other native species and with all the attendant plants, insects, birds and animals. When was the last time anyone heard a skylark? The land as it is at the moment, affords no shelter or breeding areas for much native flora and fauna, now so sadly missing.

Of course there is room for the sheep, but surely not to the exclusion of all else. We should look at farming practices in Eastern Europe. Considered to be practically third world – they can successfully farm sheep, and have the finest forest environment anywhere in the world, with all its rich diversity of wildlife. Deer herds live in their natural element, the forest.

I regularly travel the length and breadth of the UK, and notice the real differences at opposite ends of the country. The Sussex Downs is arguable in one of the most densely populated parts and has good agricultural mix, but yet is heavily wooded, buzzing with wildlife, badger, hare, rabbits, foxes, squirrels, butterflies and bird species by the ton – and all because they have somewhere to live and breed.

It would be nice for tourists to actually see something, instead of a bare landscape, gnawed literally to the bone. A further thought, areas in Devon and Cumbria where the fields have had no sheep, just for a few short months are now, even in late summer, wild flower meadows, not scrub and thistles.

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Bunty MacGregor would like to thank everyone who sent her good wishes, cards and flowers when she was awarded the M.B.E.

Muriel McNicoll wishes to thank everyone who sent her cards and flowers when she was in hospital.

I would like to thank my many friends who sent me cards, flowers and gifts during my recent stay in hospital. My sincere thanks to doctors, nurses and paramedics at Killin Medical Centre and at Stirling Royal Infirmary. A very special thanks to Joss who looked after Brucie for me and to Margaret and Ruby who walked him. Thanks also to Betty and Helen for their help and for keeping me company when I came home.

Your kindness is much appreciated.

Flora Fraser

Forthcoming Events

August

- 26 Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band. 2 pm from Killin Hotel

September

- 8 Killin Cancer Research Jazz Evening and Fork Supper in McLaren Hall.
9 Killin Gun Club. Club Shoot 1 pm
19 Killin Golf Club. Senior Ladies Open

October

- 7 Killin Gun Club. Club Shoot 1 pm

November

- 4 Killin Gun Club. Club Shoot 11 am

Church Services

Killin Parish Church – 10 am every Sunday

Episcopal Church - check notice board for details

Roman Catholic Services – held in the Episcopal Church every Sunday at 2.20 pm

For further details on any of the above, or of additional events not notified above, please check the local notice boards, or ask at the Breadalbane Folklore and Tourist Information Centre, Telephone 01567 820254.

Obituary

Chris FitzGerald died in Stirling Royal Infirmary on 10 August, 2001.

He was born in Manchester, and spent most of his working life in the Royal Marines, rising from Marine to Captain. When he retired from the Royal Marines, he became the Administrator at the Royal Star & Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen on Richmond Hill in Surrey. When he retired from there, he and June bought a bungalow in Crieff where they lived for four years. They then moved to Ballechroisk Terrace in Killin five years ago.

June would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kindness, condolence cards and floral tributes. Thanks also for the care of Chris by the staff in Stirling Royal and those at the Killin Medical Practice. June would particularly like to thank Kevin and Linda for their support, and also George and Fiona for taking Sophie 'walkies'.

Chris leaves behind his wife June, his sister Veronica, three sons - Kevin, Ian and Nicholas, and three grandchildren - Jennifer, Jeffrey and Hannah.

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Across: 1)Weatherman 7)Pattern
8)Treat 11)Hellfire 13)Romped
15)Askant 17)Nautical 18)Impi 21)Erase
22)Inertia 23)Last chance

Down: 1)Watch 2)Amen 3)Hansel
4)Ruthless 5)America 6)Appearance
9)Theatrical 12)Sediment 14)Mousaka
16)Banish 19)Metre 20)Lean

Clues For Issue 64

Across

- 4) Fool at the ancient dwelling place creates a curve (7)
8) Not necessarily older but less colourful (6)
9) Different —-also strange (7))
10) Form of warfare fought at the bottom of the sea? (6)
11) Very tiny but can contain LX units of time (6)
12) We hear the soccer team has lost a member during play. This member probably belonged to a sea anemone. (8)
18) Use attar for a good soak. (8)
20) Gastropod is swallowed by a slim petrel (6)
21) Solid earth pulverised (6)
22) Pretty cow or cute moo is the result (7)
23) Spicy German sausage (6)
24) Offers from X confused communists (7)

Down

- 1) One at gate hoping to cause a stir (7)
2) The grounds of a country house (7)
3) An early English kingdom (6)
5) Decoration in horn a mentor used (8)
6) Trigonometrical function of an angle (6)
7) Having rather much raising? (6)
13) Habit with hesitation can produce a buyer (8)
14) Larutan ended up backwards – it is to be expected (7)
15) Part of some vegetable and climbing plants (7)
16) It may be round, square, pear-shaped etc. but we often complain about the one we have got (6)
17) Seasoned in aspic edibility (6)
19) Noisy excitement (6)

Killin News



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

Monday, 10 September 2001

This issue will be distributed around 29 September

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Pets Place

Hamsters make lovely pets as long as you are prepared to look after them properly for the two years (approx) of their lives.

It's important to ask your parents permission before getting your hamster. The housing for your hamster should be as big as possible - hamsters may be small, but in the wild they will travel miles each night searching for food - confining them to a small space is cruel. Make the cage interesting with things to run through,

explore and chew. There are companies who make cages with tunnels and burrows etc that you can add to over time as pocket money allows. Be careful of second hand cages - if not cleaned properly fatal diseases can be passed on.

Food and water must be checked and replaced each day. Hamsters hoard their food so beware overfeeding and hoarded food rotting. They need daily exercise in a safe area. Never leave them out on their own. The cage will need to be cleaned out completely once every week. Toilet areas more often. Diet is important - only buy food that is specifically for hamsters. Small furries like hamsters, have their own specific nutritional needs.

A book on hamster care is a must. Apart from housing, diet and general care there should be a section on the different types of hamsters available. For instance if you buy a Siberian hamster it must be kept on its own. If housed with another hamster they will fight, seriously injuring each other. Other types of hamsters however, like the company of their own kind.

Hamsters are nocturnal and may be sleepy and grumpy if woken up during the day and likely to bite. Hamster bites are painful. Time and care will be needed to get your hamster used to you. Start by giving treats (not too many - hamsters can get fat!) and food from your fingers, eventually you will be able to pick him, or her, up and handle without fear of biting. Always wash your hands before and after handling your pet.



It is important that you put your hamster's home where it will not be disturbed during the day, and where it can't disturb your family at night. Hamsters can be noisy running in their wheels.

Good luck with your hamster and write to Killin News with any hamster problems and, or stories.

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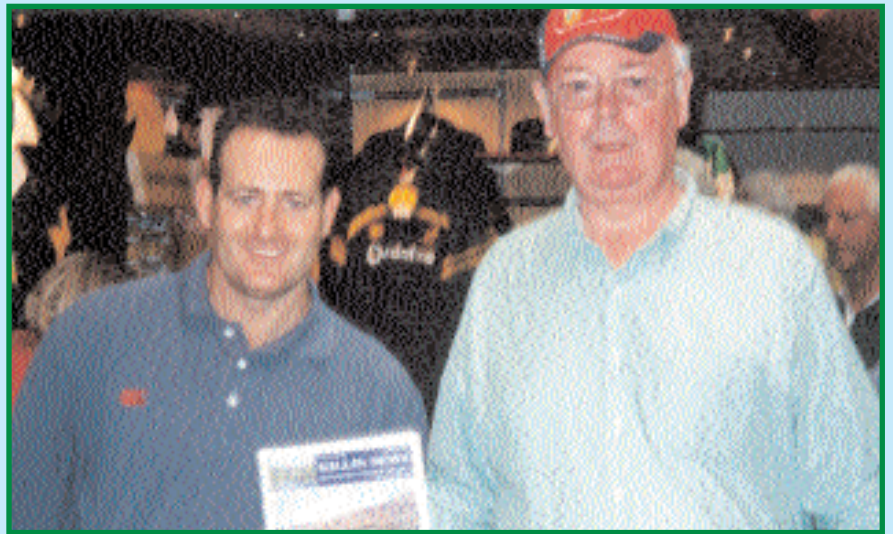
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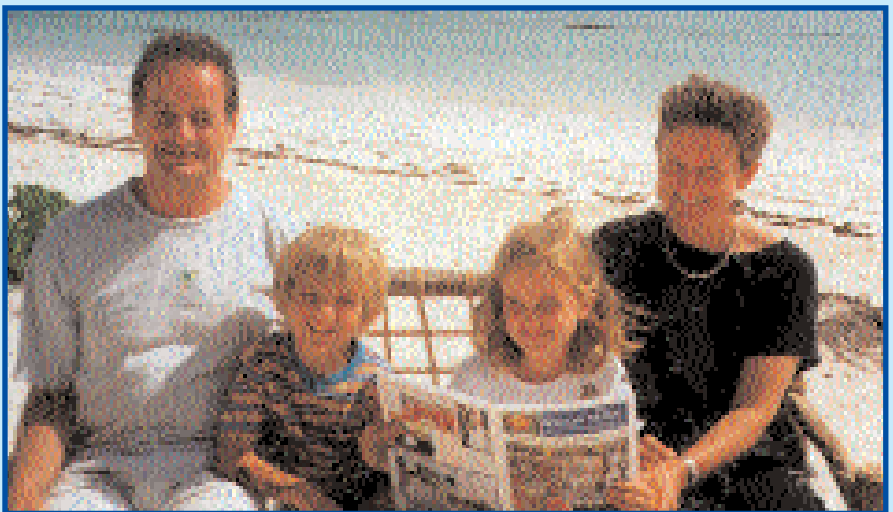
Killin News Across The Globe



(Above) Colin Scott (right) from Ardeonaig is seen here with the legendary Australian rugby ace David Campese, prior to the recent final rugby union test match in Sydney between the Australian Wallabies and the British and Irish Lions.

Nick FitzGerald, his wife Lian and 8 year old daughter Hannah live in Surrey. His connection with Killin is that he is the son of June and the late Christopher FitzGerald, Ballechroisk Terrace, Killin, also his brother Kevin & sister-in-law Linda (Editor) live in Craignavie Road.

Nick, an avid reader of Killin News, has just returned from Sierra Leone and the Falkland Islands on board HMS Glasgow. His visit to the Falklands coincided with the 19th Anniversary of the Falklands Conflict. As Nick had been on HMS Sheffield when she was sunk, he was asked to lay a wreath. Understandably, Nick didn't think it was an appropriate moment to thrust a copy of Killin News into the official photo, but thought he would share the occasion with us.



(Above) George & Jane Calder Manse Road, Killin pictured with their children enjoying the beach (and the Killin News) on the island of Zanzibar - also known as 'Spice Island' as you can smell the fragrance of the spices before you reach the island. Zanzibar is situated just off the coast of Tanzania in Africa. The Calder family hope to return home to Killin for a holiday next July.



(Left): Killin News Across the Globe - in Killin! This could start a variation on 'Killin News Across the Globe'. Mr & Mrs Morand Unter Aegeri from Switzerland were visiting Killin for the Highland Games. They were caught in Breadalbane Park reading the Killin News by 'ace reporter' Allan Walker.



A Dutch Treat!

Sunday, 5 August, saw the Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band on one of their annual summer visits accompanied by the Dutch Pipes and Drums from Tilberg in Holland. And what a treat it was. The "massed" bands - there were 30 musicians - sent a tingle through the hair in the way

that only the sound of pipers playing in the open air could do. They entertained from one end of the village to the other, bringing locals and visitors alike out on to the street. The parade through the village was led by the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Clan Ranald (Captain of the MacDonald Clan) and Ronnie Groene (Lt. of the MacDonald Clan). The Dutch Pipers have their own pipe major, Willie McVean, who had been presented with the Clan Ranald flag during a parade at Stirling Castle on Saturday, 4 August.

After their efforts of the afternoon the whole group ate together at the Killin Hotel and then an impromptu entertainment took place outside, overlooking the river, as groups of pipers went through their repertoire of tunes they all knew. They were joined by a Canadian and a local resident and provided a delightful evening of traditional music

for all those passing by or within earshot. By the time they retired, well after 8 pm, they must have been quite exhausted, but were no doubt exhilarated by their music and the wonderful setting in which they had played. They all thoroughly enjoyed their day and the Alloa pipers are greatly looking forward to their visit to Holland at the end of the month.

GF



The Last of the Summer Wine



This photo was sent in to us by Margaret Inglis, Monemore, Killin. We take no responsibility for her title! Len Fenton, Jock Anderson and Norman Inglis caught enjoying a relaxed Killin lifestyle

Wedding Belles



Rev J Lincoln conducted the ceremony at the marriage of Annette Kelly to Stephen Forrester on 10 July at Killin Parish Church. The reception was held in Killin Hotel. Annette works at Falls of Dochart Retirement Home and Stephen is employed by Killin Hotel.

BD



Pictured here at her graduation is Heather Ann Stewart, daughter of Fiona and Alex Stewart, 2 Dochart Road, Killin. Heather graduated from Glasgow University with a B.Sc (Hons) in Geology & Applied Geology.