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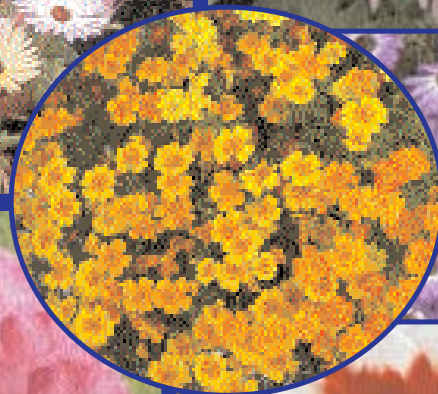
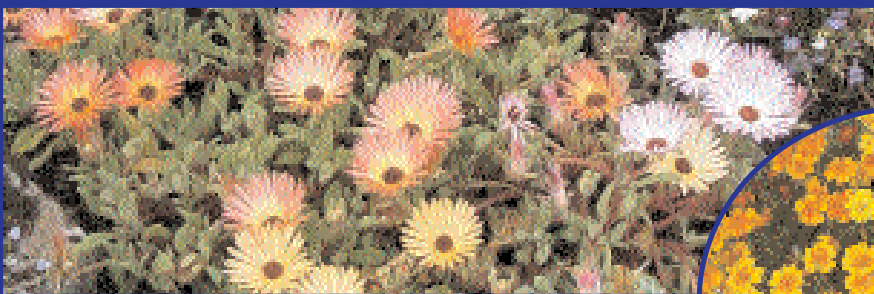
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New Primary 1's at Killin and Crinlarich



(Above from L-R) Killin: Lauren Third, Allan McKenzie, Adele Melia, Antonia Dowling, Iona Pritchard, Ailsa Taylor and teacher Mrs Frost. Unfortunately, Finn Rhys and Robert Lafferty are not in the photo.

(Below from L-R) Crianlarich: Lynsey Armstrong, Alex Palmer, Beth Johnston and Alex MacLennan. Crianlarich were having a "Mufty Day" when we went to take the photo, so no school uniforms.



Fingals' Stone — Fingals Smiling

A sincere thank you to those who helped to make the Coffee Morning and Book Sale on 4 August such a success.



The generosity of the folk of Killin and district meant that £600 was raised towards the restoration of access, fencing and legal fees to ensure this ancient monument remains part of Killin's tourist attraction.

Several hundred books were donated along with home baking, jam baking for hall and stall, and there were some plants for sale. Many businesses and individuals provided raffle prizes. Our heartfelt thanks to those who gave time and expertise on the day. The kitchen was running like a steam train. Without this very practical help no voluntary Killin enterprise could function. The event was so successful, a repeat performance is planned for next year. Thank you all. *AW*

P.S. Fingal will be back



Below and left are the Green Team - see P3



Killin Floral Association

As each year goes by it becomes increasingly obvious that the interest in gardening, throughout the village, is making the judging of the Awards ever more difficult. Judging the "Garden Award" is an ongoing task throughout the year and the judging of all the other categories is not just a 'one day' event. From early June the Floral Association is on the look out for the appearance of baskets, tubs and containers around the village. Lists are drawn up and reviewed as the summer progresses and then handed to the independent judges for the final inspections.

This year has proved a very difficult year for gardeners. Some plants grew quickly and flowered early, whilst others struggled through the cold spell in July and then suddenly "blossomed" in late July/early August, only to be swamped by the torrential rain. However, the skilled (or perhaps it is just luck!) gardeners have come to the fore and managed to maintain a marvellous display throughout.

The judges were looking for various criteria including:

- **a good overall display of colour**
- **plants that are healthy and well cared for with evidence of dead heading, removal of dead leaves etc.**
- **planting should demonstrate that thought has been given to the plants chosen for the particular site/container and its location**
- **imaginative use of plants and containers or in the garden**

At the risk of boring some readers, the Floral Association felt that this year there should be a more comprehensive list published of those gardens commended and not just the lucky winners.

This is the first year that the Killin Floral Association has placed tubs at Monemore and what a splendid display they have produced throughout the summer months, giving pleasure to passing residents and to visitors arriving in the village. Even into September they continue to give a wonderful splash of colour.

Green Going-On

The Green Team has been very active over the summer, despite cold winds blowing up at around 6pm every other Thursday!

In June, members were faced with a challenge to save the Golden Birch (photo in woods, page 2). This involved them meeting some very strange characters in the oak woods of Sron a Chlachain and carrying out a number of tasks to earn the information which enabled them to save the day.

(Group photo, page 2) During the school holidays we visited the Lochay Power station to learn about hydropower. Here we were shown around by Roger Twigg, to whom we are very grateful, and found out that in some parts of the scheme, water is used three times to generate electricity. That is a pretty good use of a natural resource. We also saw the fish lift which enables salmon to pass up the river. At our next meeting we tried to put some of what we had seen into action by making our own water wheels. In my house this has subsequently become a favourite bathroom toy, so perhaps we should go into business!

At our last meeting we were making the most of the fruit available from our hills and hedgerows by making summer puddings. These seemed to go down very well, although the lino at Lynedoch now has a number of new shades!

Once we get into October, and the evenings start drawing in, we have to abandon our evening meetings and instead we will have monthly meetings at Lynedoch from 3.15 - 4.45 pm. The dates for these are Wednesday 17 October, Thursday 15 November and Thursday 13 December, so see everybody there.

Helen Cole

Results

Hanging Baskets

Winner: Sheena MacColl and John Hunter, Dreadnought Place

Runners up: 7 Ballechroisk - Pathways, Manse Road - Rahoy, Craignavie Road

Commended: 7 Ballechroisk Terrace - Craiglea, Main Street - Tayview, Main Street - Rowancroft, Main Street - Tigh Breagh, Craignavie Road.

Window Boxes/Wall Containers

Winner: Kevin and Linda FitzGerald, Dalerb, Craignavie Road

Runners up: Dreadnought Place - Kilvaxter Cottage, Manse Road.

Commended: Rowancroft, Main Street - 6 Dochart Road - 18 Monemore - Rahoy, Craignavie Road.

Tubs/Containers

Winner: Ian & May McGregor 3 Dochart Rd
Runners up: Pathways, Manse Road - The Cedars, Main Street

Commended: Dreadnought Place (both sides!) - 12, Ballechroisk - Nos. 2, 3, 5 & 7 Ballechroisk Terrace - Craiglea, Main Street - Machany, Main Street - Tayview, Main Street - Rowancroft, Main Street - An-Griannan, Craignavie Road.

Overall Display in Containers

Winner: Sheena MacColl and John Hunter, Dreadnought Place

Runners up: Pathways, Manse Road - 3 Dochart Road - 12 Ballechroisk

Commended: The Cedars, Main Street - Craiglea, Main Street - Machany, Main St. - 6 Dochart Rd - Rowancroft, Main St.

All Year Round Garden with Summer Bedding

Winner: John and Dorothy Farmer, Pathways, Manse Road

Runners up: 12 Ballechroisk - 17, Monemore

Commercial

Floral Frontage Display in Containers

Winner: Invertay House

Runners up: Shutters Restaurant - Dall Lodge Hotel - Killin Crafts



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Killin Community Council

A meeting of the Killin Community Council was held on 11 September at 7.30 pm in Killin Primary School.

Stirling Tenants Project

Elaine Morrison spoke for the tenants of Stirling Council area who have applied to the Scottish Executive to investigate all the options for the future ownership and management of council houses. There are three options, retention by the council, Stock Transfer to registered social landlords, or to set up arms length management. The Scottish Executive is promoting community ownership. There is an Options Appraisal Project, where tenants have their say, but a meeting held recently in Killin was very poorly attended. Tenants need to have more information about what is happening and STP require more feedback. Subsequently Dougie Livingston of the Community Council has volunteered to be in the project.

There is to be a joint event in the McLaren Hall on 28 November with Killin, Strathfillan and Lochearnhead tenants.

Housing Development At Fingal Road

Dorothy Irvine & Ken Hutton from Stirling Council Planning and Sandra McGinlay from Rural Stirling Housing Association were in attendance, and following a presentation from Sandra McGinlay on behalf of RHSA various questions and points were raised.

The main concerns were regarding drainage and the supply of water, and in particular more information was required about the proposed pond for surface water. The current problem of the flooding at the back of the School and at Bank House were brought up. With

regard to the water and drainage queries, they stated that SEPA and East of Scotland Water Board had been advised, and that consultations were underway. In respect of the complaint about the lack of time given to the adjoining neighbours to respond to plans Stirling Council came to the meeting to hear comments directly.

Dorothy Irvine from planning impressed that they would welcome any feedback for assessing type of housing etc., landscaping and drainage still to be finalised by developers.

All the plans are available in Killin Library for inspection.

Nurses Clinic

Due to the previously raised concerns raised by the Community Council, Dorothy Irvine stated that the Architects and Roads Department were re-assessing the situation.

Central Scotland Police

Inspector Kevin Findlay who is now in command of the Callander area, which includes Killin, introduced himself and his views on policing and looks forward to working closely with the community. A number of points were raised with him predominantly the recurring problem of school transport to Callander, pupils having to stand in an overcrowded bus on a road notorious for accidents.

National Park

A petition has been put into the Scottish Parliament regarding Killin's exclusion from the National Park. The petition was deemed admissible and that it should be passed to the Rural Development Committee with the recommendation that the petitioners concerns be raised with the Minister for the Environment and Rural Development which meets early in

October. It is hoped that a petition will be handed to Rhona Brankin by the Community Council on 19 September. Letters of support for the petition have been received from numerous organisations.

Roads Depot

BEAR & Stirling Council are still negotiating regarding winter maintenance. The cutting of grass verges has been tendered out to a private contractor.

Skateboarding

Skateboarding facilities are now provided in the school playground.

Cyclists On Lyon Road

Yet another incident has been reported of a child cycling the wrong way, this time with an adult! Speeding on Manse Road has also been brought to the attention of the Police.

A84/85 Callander To Tyndrum

Three major concerns have been brought to the attention of Chief Inspector Marshall at a recent meeting.

- 1) The delay in getting schoolchildren home following a serious accident
- 2) Lack of information from the Police as to when the road would re-open
- 3) Lack of sign posting of alternative routes.

Chief Inspector Marshall has since been in contact with BEAR and the Scottish Executive regarding road signs, and stated that already steps had been implemented for information to be more readily available.

The next meeting will be in Killin Primary School 13 November at 7.30p.m.

DG

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Gymnastics Instructor Needed

There are a group of youngsters who regularly travel to Callander from Killin and Strathfillan for gymnastics. This group is large enough that they could form their own class locally but so far, have found no-one qualified to instruct them.

If you know of anyone who would be prepared to travel to Killin or Strathfillan, please could you contact Suzanne Player, Community Animateur on 01567 820154

Some of you may have noticed by now the new Millennium Clock on the McLaren Hall. This brought to our notice how many clocks there are in our immediate area and we thought this would be an ideal opportunity to share some of their history with you.

Probably the largest and oldest clock in Killin is the one in the courtyard at Auchmore. Made by Brydens of Edinburgh, this clock dates from the 1820s, when not everyone had a watch and was perhaps put up to ensure the grooms and servants in the stableyard were on time with their duties.

The clock needs to be wound weekly and this job falls to whoever lives in that part of Auchmore. Over the last 180 years many different people must have turned the old handle and checked the time. Engineers who stayed at Auchmore in the days of the Hydro scheme, refer to winding up the old concrete weight. For the past thirty years or so, the clock has been kept going - one might almost say religiously - by the recently deceased Arnold Young, who always wound it on his return from church on Sunday mornings.

Although few people see it, Auchmore would not be the same without its clock. The clockmakers for the new Millennium Clock advised on the upkeep of the Auchmore clock when last necessary - 19 years ago. **MM**



From 'time to time', if you will excuse the pun, interest has been expressed in the Lynedoch clock. The clock is in the Main Street building which was formerly Horwoods Ironmongers, and now belongs to the National Trust for Scotland. It has been operational intermittently since the Trust has owned the building. It is over a century old and pre-dates the house, which was established for Horwoods clock making business. Made in 1895, the clock was serviced every 10 years until 1945, but thereafter no record of service exists until 1996, when it was cleaned by Andrew Warwick (NTS). At that time the weights were attached by baler twine!



In spite of our desire to keep the clock running, we have experienced a 'technical difficulty' in recent years, and some malfunctions that have occurred recently were not readily cured. Our own staff, lack the knowledge necessary. Specialist skills could be called upon, but at a cost, and alas we are in a period of 'budget restraint'. However, our long-term volunteer and Seasonal Ranger, Harry Lobnitz, managed to restore function after some literary research. Although no new parts were needed, some tweaking of existing ones was necessary.

One of the main functions of the house is as accommodation for staff, and the bedroom allocated to a seasonal staff member, is also where the clock lives. Unfortunately this year's occupant found it difficult to tolerate the loud sound of the movement, and declined to wind the clock - sleep deprivation is not part of a contract with the NTS. The dilemma we have is whether to regard the clock as part of our heritage and to maintain it in its original state - but not wind it up, or whether to replace the movement by a modern, silent mechanism that does not require constant attention.

David Mardon

The Millennium Committee has successfully completed the last of their projects, with the installation of the clock on the McLaren Hall. This permanent memorial is not only sympathetic to the architecture of the hall; it could be argued that it enhances the facade of the building.

The clock maker, James Ritchie & Sons, along with our local architect Farquhar MacLean, must be congratulated on achieving this. Local builders Stitt Bros, and electrician Scotty of Scot Electrical Services, also played a very important role, working together to make it happen.

Colin J McRae



Photos: Iain Campbell

Hickory, Dickory, Dock,
Killin didn't have a clock
That worked with a tock or a tick,
So, to sort the problem, I asked Mick.

If we could install a clock above the shop door
Because the 'Horwood' clock, worked no more.
The clock was bought and installed just fine
And still to this day, keeps very good time.

The Millennium Clock, it is not,
But, to tell the time it was got,
So in the middle of the village, you can see
If it's nine o'clock or quarter to three !!



Dani Grant

Strathfillan Community Development Trust

The community consultation process, 'Community Ideas 2001' is well underway. The major part of it was the household questionnaires that each household in Strathfillan received for completing. We had exactly half of them returned. Thanks to all who came to the Open Day in Crianlarich on a Saturday afternoon and evening in late June. The intention here was to let you have first sight of what others had said in their questionnaires; to get your comments on that and to chat about the work of the Trust in general.



What is the story emerging from the Strathfillan Community?

In **Crianlarich** the will is to improve the 'look' and tidiness of the village; by cutting back bushes and grass verges, more flower beds and tidying up things that look abandoned (like old cars) and areas that look abandoned (like the old station yard opposite the school).

In **Tyndrum** there appears to be a general feeling that there has been enough building, growth and change for the time being. It is time to put effort into activities and facilities for locals. The 'kickaround' is to be completed.

The most popular new project suggested is to build a cycleway between the two villages, and link it into the National Cycleway Network at Lix Toll. The Strathfillan Community Development Trust will be working with you, and with others to try to progress these ideas: with the Community Council and Stirling Council around the old Station Yard in Crianlarich. We are also working with Suzanne Player to try to bring art/drawing classes and some form of Keep Fit to Tyndrum as soon as possible. In addition, it is hoped to get a group of Tyndrum residents together to explore further the what, where and when of 'things' for locals in Tyndrum. Regarding the Kickaround

area beside Mansefield playpark, we are getting technical advice on drainage and affordable options (using your ideas) at the moment. Do keep in touch with Mairi McLroy.

It has been great to get your ideas. We are planning to deliver detailed feedback to each Strathfillan door soon.

Sue Wyllie

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McLaren Learning Centre

McLaren Learning Centre opened in September 2000 to provide the people of the Highland Stirling area access to information, advice and learning facilities. The Centre is operated by a partnership comprising of Childrens' & Community Services from Stirling Council, Falkirk College, Scottish Enterprise and Callander 2000.

Situated in the McLaren Campus which includes the McLaren High School, McLaren Leisure Centre and the offices of Community Support, local people are able to use the facilities and resources to improve their skills and knowledge or just have fun learning.

Since September 2000 over 140 local people have enrolled to study on either a flexible or group basis the following subjects:

- Basic Photography
- European Computer Driving Licence
- Spanish
- Introduction to the internet
- Computing for the terrified
- Psychology
- Conversational French
- One Foot in the Web Roadshow
- Refreshing your English
- Personal Communication
- Popular science
- Stress management
- Webwise
- Excel
- Return to Learning
- MS Windows 98

If you want to come to the McLaren Learning Centre for a visit, just to see what it is like, or to join in a class or course, then you will be very welcome.

Phone Ian McCourt on 01877 331766 to make arrangements or to ask any questions about the Centre.

MS Fund Raiser

Strathyre Gun Club held a 5-man team, 75 Down The Line shoot on Saturday 8 September in aid of funds for the Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre in Glasgow. The shoot was organised by Scottish International shooter Gordon Webster, whose daughter Morna suffers from MS and has received treatment at the centre.

A total of 11 teams turned out from all over Scotland to shoot in a strong north west breeze, which lasted all day so no one gained from shooting early or late. The wind made the targets fairly tricky resulting in lower scores than normal for many of Scotland's top trap shooters.

The winning team in the open competition was the Carpet Baggers 1029/1125, followed by Winkies Cowgirls on 988. The Cushnie Hill Billies 2 won the club shooters competition 971 points, followed closely by the Ayrdhire Men on 970. Dennis Castles from Kirriemuir won the pool shoot after a shoot off with Bert Hunter who was second and Gus MacDonald who came in third. The double rise competition was won by John Gilchrist with Andrew Heatherington second.

Open team winners were, John Gilchrist, Nick McFarlane, Eric McAllister (Killin), Davie Robertson (Killin), Andrew Heatherington.

Prizes were donated for the shoot and raffle by gun clubs, shooters and many of Gordon's customers and suppliers. They ranged from cash donations to bottles of whisky, wine, fresh fruit and vegetables along with boxes of Mars Bars and Crunchies.



A total of £1859 was raised. Gordon and the Strathyre Gun Club would like to thank everyone who attended the shoot and gave a hand for this very worth while cause.



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Glen Dochart Adult Education Group Learning Opportunities September - December

Following the May meeting which resulted in a wealth of ideas for classes, courses and one off events, work to develop the adult community learning programme for the area with Clackmannan College and Stirling Council Community Support has been fairly successful for this term.

Computing and art classes have already started in Killin, as has computing in Crianlarich. The following have either been confirmed or are still being planned - so please look out for posters:

Gaelic for Beginners and Conversation Course (confirmed)

Monday 1 October for 10 weeks 7 - 9 pm in Killin Church Hall

This will be a combined class but the focus for the first hour will be for beginners and the second hour for Gaelic conversation.

Upholstery Course (confirmed)

Thursday 4 October for 10 weeks 10am-12 noon Lochearnhead Village Hall

Learn the basics skills and transform your old furniture.

Art Course

To be confirmed but planned for 10 weeks in Tyndrum

Basket Weaving Weekend

To be confirmed but planned for a weekend in November/December in Killin. (If anyone is interested please let me know as we need a minimum number of 8)

The following are still possibilities that are being explored for this session:

Internet Course (2-3 weeks)

Cake Decoration/Cookery Displays

In addition, some one off 'taster' sessions may be offered in a variety of arts and crafts

The possibilities for the session starting in January include Dog Training in Killin, Aerobics in Tyndrum and Lochearnhead, Art in Strathgryre or Balquhider, Computing in Killin and Lochearnhead.

If anyone would like to find out more, please contact Suzanne Player, Community Animator on 01567 820154.

That's Jazz

On Saturday 8 September, the McLaren Hall had a night to remember. The Reunion Band provided a foot stomping, traditional, Jazz Concert for around 150 dancers, jivers and jitterbugs.

At first we all sat peacefully at tables laden with bottles of wine, as the band came on stage and began to play well known favourites - from times past. The space in the middle of the Hall remained empty for some 10 - 20 minutes. Then it started! Two dancers started jiving, and soon most of the audience, throwing caution to the wind, were cavorting over the dance floor. And, it wasn't just youngsters (if any?). The elderly ladies and gents soon got the bit between their teeth and remembered how they used to dance. I'll bet there were some aching bones the next morning.

When the band eventually finished and had even begun to put their instruments away, there was a fantastic foot stomping and whistling demand for an encore. So the band came back and gave us a closing session.

The Reunion Band will be welcome again in the McLaren Hall. They came from Comrie (at least some of them did). The evening netted some £1,200 for Cancer Research. Incidentally, between the donations, we had a splendid buffet thanks to the local Cancer Research Committee.

A great night! Thanks to all who contributed. When is the next one?

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Stirling Biodiversity Action Plan

On 11 September, the first volume of the Stirling Council Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) was launched. It contains the first 22 out of around 60 species and habitat action plans that will be written over the next 3 years. The first volume of plans concentrated on the priority habitats, such as lowland raised bog, upland oak wood, rivers, burns and farmland.

Provost Tommy Brookes launched the BAP at Callander Meadows. Many years ago the Meadows were a common hay meadow for the folk of Callander, before being turned into a park. Two years ago, the Loch Lomond and Trossachs Ranger Service and the Community Council took forward a project to reinstate meadow management to large areas of the park and improve all weather/abilities access.

The Ranger who had been instrumental in starting the project, Stuart Davies, led those present at the launch round the meadows and explained management and monitoring techniques used on the site. Since the start of the meadow management, more wildflowers have been able to flower, and there is a better habitat for invertebrates and mammals.

The Stirling Biodiversity Officer, Jonathan Willet said, "Callander meadows is a great place to launch our BAP. The project has worked in partnership with the local community to provide benefits to both biodiversity and the community. Having the River Teith run past the meadows is an added bonus, not too many parks have a candidate Special Area of Conservation (European conservation designation) beside them."

Copies of the comprehensive Stirling Council Area BAP will be available in all libraries. For more information, contact Jonathan Willet on telephone 0845 2743322 (local rate), or E-Mail willetj@stirling.gov.uk

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Killin Boy and His Pony, Keeora, Head for 'The Big Time'!

Darren Kennedy, age 14, a former resident of Killin, has this year qualified to take part in the Horse of the Year Show. As a member of the West Perthshire Pony Club, based in Doune, Darren and his team mates will compete at Wembley in a number of Pony Club competitions starting on 2 October. Only a limited number of Pony Club teams qualified for this event and Darren's team turned out to be the best in Scotland and one of the six best in Britain.

They will compete in a number of Pony Club mounted games – one, the Horse IT (a one day competition) and two, the prestigious Prince Phillip Cup, over 5 or 6 days. They are clearly thought to be in with a good chance of winning this major event.

The team members are: Darren Kennedy, Andrew Lightbody, Lucy Workman, Lauren Beattie and Rebecca Jackson. Their trainer is Pat Brown. Three of the team are from McLaren High School. The Killin News wishes them all the best for the big event. Maybe we will see them on TV!

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The New Baby Has Landed!

It seems like no time since the Killin News held a Fork Supper and produced our first Killin & District Telephone Book, to raise funds to purchase a computer. Over the past few years, as a direct result of having the computer and related QuarkXpress software, the Killin News has become bigger, more colourful, and has taken on additional work in new ventures such as the P7 Press and Team 13. And, although the Killin News computer is still fairly new (when we bought it we thought it would be able to do more than we would ever need it to do), advances in technology, as well as the Killin News, mean that we have outgrown it.

A new computer has just been purchased from PC Home Fix in Glasgow whose representative, Andy has been very helpful. If you have seen their purple van parked outside my house - after midnight on occasions - I can assure you that Andy has been here in his official capacity getting us sorted out with a computer with much more memory (shame they can't just slot in an extra card in my head also).

So, now that we have the latest technology and additional software - all we need is the competence to use it. In that respect, we have called upon our print company Stirling Reprographics. Their computer 'expert' Craig will be coming out to Killin to give us some tuition to ensure that we are totally compatible with them, thereby, hopefully reducing our printing costs. Also, Pauline at Stirling Council's Resources Centre is arranging tuition on QuarkXpress for other members of the Killin News Team. This does of course mean more work for us volunteers, but in the long term it will help Killin News to improve, and avoid any increase in advertising costs.

The Killin News continues to gain complements and is the envy of many communities throughout Scotland - and also worldwide. To enable us to carry on being a free local newspaper, with free delivery we would appreciate any £££ \$\$\$ donations - especially from those of you who receive your copy by mail.

Our cartoonist Allan Chisholm has captured the moment below of the new computer landing at Killin News HQ (otherwise known as Linda & Kevin's hoose!)

Editor

Killin News Retirement

After almost 11 years, Sinclair Aitken has retired from the Killin News committee. For the first 7 of those years, from the very conception of the Killin News, Sinclair was the Editor, and did a superb job of getting the Killin News up and running. Sinclair will still write occasionally for the paper but is basically enjoying a well-earned rest.

When I took over from Sinclair as Editor, 4 years ago, little did I realise what I was letting myself in for. The responsibility, and volume of work, to produce one Issue of Killin News, is immense. However, the flip side of the coin, is the satisfaction you experience when you see your work in print, and hear positive comments from villagers. Sinclair has from a Killin News perspective, experienced both the hassle and the pleasure of fulfilment over the years. The Killin News Committee and myself are sorry to see him retire, but also glad, that he feels enough confidence in us, to let his 'baby' go, in the sure knowledge that it will continue to flourish and grow.

Editor



The next time I deliver the mouse .!

Reflexology

In Reflexology the feet are a map of the body. Working these 'reflexes' with alternative pressure from the thumb and forefinger stimulates the body's own healing system and thus holistically rebalances the body for better health.

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Reflexology was introduced to Britain in the 1060's, but there is early pictorial evidence of it on an Egyptian tomb dating back as far as 2330 BC.

Reflexology may, or has been shown to help many stress related conditions. It has also been shown to help with pain relief and various chronic and acute illnesses of adults in all walks of life, and children of all ages. Reflexology also works on the emotional as well as the physical.

Gill Hunt has been interested in alternative therapies since the 1970's. Gill qualified with the Kristine Walker School of Reflexology in July 1999. Since then she has gone on to open the Margaret Powell Alternative Therapy Clinic, in honour of the late Margaret Powell, who inspired Gill's initial interest and later training in Reflexology. Margaret died in February 1999 after a long illness.

Having worked in TV for 15 years and having suffered from migraine since the age of 11, Gill is no stranger to, and understands the problems connected with working in a stressful job, as well as being very well acquainted with stress related illnesses – particularly migraine.

The Margaret Powell Clinic can be found at Wester Lix, by Killin. Telephone 01567 820990. Gill Hunt is an associate member of the Association of Reflexologists.

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Curling Club



During our spell of outdoor curling last winter, the club encountered a problem. The club have access to several pairs of curling stones for use on outdoor ice, but unfortunately, they are minus their handles – this means the stones are useless. Does anyone out there have curling stone handles which they would be willing to donate or loan to the club? It would enable more people to get a game should the weather provide us with ice. If we are fortunate enough to get a spell of frosty weather and conditions allow play, the club wish to make it known that any individual who would like to give curling a go is very welcome. The pond is a facility for the whole community.

Indoor Curling

The season is about to begin and the club would like to encourage anyone who would like to try curling to contact any member. Tuition is available at Stirling Ice Rink for both juniors and adults. Also, Atholl Ice Rink in Pitlochry are having open nights in October where beginners are encouraged to go along. These are to be followed up with 'come and try' nights in November. For further details please contact Jane Anderson (Secretary, Killin Curling Club) on 01567 820610.



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The reconstruction of a Crannog at Kenmore, together with the highly successful building and opening of our associated visitor centre has, understandably, taken a toll on our small team's ability to continue its main aim, the historical survey and research of crannogs throughout Scotland and in particular Loch Tay.

However, some 10 years on, excavation was resumed in August of this year by several members of the Scottish Trust for Underwater Archaeology, headed by our Chairman, Dr Nick Dixon. This survey has concentrated upon the Oakbank Crannog offshore at Fearnan. Homing in on what is almost certainly the byre area of the construction, our divers came across a deep layer of animal dung. This was supported by finds of animal bones, including a complete jaw with the teeth intact, and the horn, probably of a goat. The bones await full scientific identification.

The diving team then exposed for the first time, structural timbers, including around 40 supporting piles; a massive pointed 'fallen timber' and substantial beams. Many smaller branches were also uncovered together with some more wooden tapers or 'pine candles', and a very nicely cut wooden point. Most of the timbers identified are alder with a few oak, and possibly one or two elm.

Past excavation of this site had exposed the remains of a cooking pot. This year's dive discovered remnants of another, very thick and coarse pot, again probably the remains of a cooking pot. Perhaps one of the nicest and most interesting finds was a small bronze ring, in very good condition. Too big for a finger ring, its purpose remains a matter of speculation.

Including Nick, our intrepid team of divers were Graeme Cavers and Caroline George from Edinburgh University's Department of Archaeology, who were joined by Clayton Kamm from Arizona (Clayton had heard one of Nick's talks in Tucson during his lecture tour in America and had become fascinated by the project). Others involved in the underwater excavation were Carlos Aquilar from Spain, David Black and Matthew Shelley from Scotland, and Killin's own Nerena Holden. Nerena, who lives in Manse Road, is an experienced diver, and in 'normal life' works for SEPA.

With still a few weeks of our season left, I commend the following dates for inclusion in your diary. In particular, our out of season 'shop till you drop' Christmas shop on Sunday 9 December – on this day you will have FREE ENTRY to the Crannog and sip a free hot cordial by the log fire from 11 am to 3 pm. Other event days include 'Bracken Harvest and Sculpture Making' on 7 October, and 'Lantern Procession and Ram Burning' on 31 October.

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Dates For Your Diary

Safari Supper

The next Safari Supper, which is to be in aid of the McLaren Hall, will be held on Saturday 1 December.

If you would like to be a host/hostess for the evening, please contact Elizabeth Woods on 01567 820267.

Tickets will be £12.50 and available from Colin McRae or Elizabeth Woods from early to mid November.

St Fillans & Comrie Children's Music & Drama Group

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Killin Drama Club present "Dick Whittington" on 17, 18, 19 January 2002. Help still required for costumes and behind the scenes Contact Lesley Syme: 820424.

Killin Playgroup

Will be holding a Sale of toys, children's books and videos in the Nursery on Saturday 3 November from 2 - 4 pm, to raise money for the pre-school children's Christmas party.

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Video Recording Equipment Available to Local Groups!

The video equipment used by the Killin Millennium Committee for the past 2 years, has now been placed in the care of the Drama Club. We plan to use it extensively during rehearsals as an aid to training and to 'fine-tune' our performances in the annual One Act Play Festivals.

The equipment includes an excellent camera, lighting and video editing equipment, and is seen as an extremely valuable addition to our technical equipment inventory. The Club wish to make it clear, however, that the equipment is available to all local organisations, and we will offer assistance with the editing process if required. A small donation MAY be requested to cover maintenance and insurance costs, but please note that the equipment is not to be used for any commercial purpose.

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The Duck Race

The duck race this year was held to raise funds for Killin Leisure & Recreation Club and the Fingal Stone Project. The committees of each organisation would like to thank all who helped, whether by buying ducks or assisting in the organisation and running of the race. Particular thanks to Kay Riddell who worked with her usual boundless energy and really created the success of the race. Villagers can now approach Kay again without trepidation as they won't be asked to buy a duck again until next year!! The river was a bit high this year and the ducks came down rather faster than usual causing the netters to lose a good few down the river. A lot have already been handed in but if any fishermen or walkers come upon any ducks (plastic ones that is) please hand them either to Kay or Davie Osler

Duck Race Results

1. No 235 - Paddy MacKinnon - £100
2. No 226 - Paul Riddell - £50
3. No 144 - Ali Campbell - £30
4. No 350 - Pat Campbell - £15
5. No 200 - Helen Meek - £10

Best Name: Absolutely Quackers
- Ryan Douglas - £10

Lucky Squares

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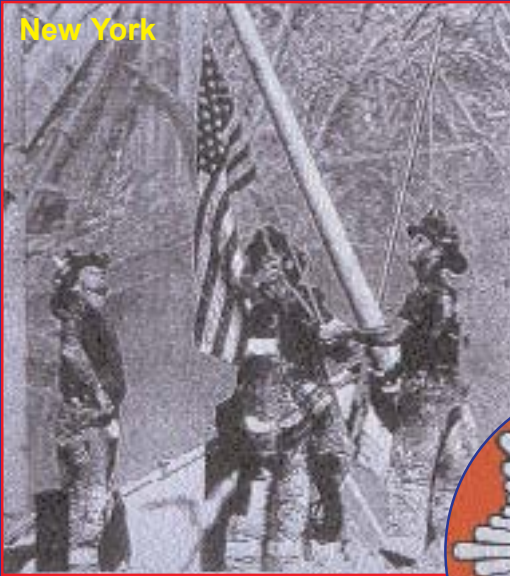
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World Trade Centre Terror Hits Home to Killin and Strathfillan

Killin retained fire crew together with Tyndrum and Crianlarich volunteer fire crews, joined with Fire Brigade staff from all over Scotland to give up their weekend to raise funds for the fire fighters of the New York City Fire Department, who lost their lives trying to rescue people from the World Trade Centre. The 'Special Relationship' with the United States stretches beyond governments.

New York



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ral Awards

Far left are the lovely colours of Mr & Mrs Farmer's garden and right, surrounded by blooms are Sheena McColl & John Hunter of Dreadnought Buildings. Left is just one of the displays, villagers have been admiring all summer outside Shutters Restaurant. Below right are Marion & Colin McRae's hanging baskets at Tay Villa, and below is one of the wonderful Floral Association tubs enjoyed by visitors and locals alike at Monemore.



Crianlarich Flower Show

Some of the produce entered in the Crianlarich Flower Show which was held recently in the Crianlarich Village Hall. Jock Henderson (centre) won several prizes in the floral section. K. MacLennan "swept the floor" in the Vegetable Section - closely followed by Killin's Hector Hall. It was excellent to see so much superb produce at a time when Killin has missed out on this due to the cancellation of the Killin Agricultural Show as a result of Foot & Mouth.

Photos Frances Gaskell



What's Happening?

Badminton Club

The AGM of the Killin Badminton Club will be on Monday 8 October at 7pm. Play will commence after the meeting. Badminton will be on every Monday from 7pm to 10pm. New members are needed so please come along and give it a go.

Carpet Bowlers

The 2001/2 season starts again at 7.30 pm on Monday 1 October in the Lesser McLaren Hall. All are welcome.

Killin Keepfitters

Now that autumn is here and winter approaches, it's time to think of keeping fit again. Come along to the Killin Keepfitters classes - everyone is welcome, and they're not taken too seriously, as the aim is to enjoy yourself. The Aerobics are held on Tuesday evenings from 7 - 8 pm, and on Thursday mornings from 10.30 - 11.30 am in the McLaren Hall. Yoga is held in the School on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 - 9 pm - all at £2.50 per session. There is also short series of Gentle Exercise classes on Thursdays from 11.45 - 12.30 at £2.00 per head. Get fit enough now to cope with Christmas!

Are You Interested in Hillwalking?

One or two local people have expressed an interest in going hill walking, but would like to do this in the company of others.

John Wyllie of Killin is qualified to lead hillwalking groups and has offered to lead a group in early October on a weekend day. We hope that this will bring people with a common interest together and give those who have little or no experience of walking in the hills, some basic knowledge and essential information about how to go about it - as well as a fun day out.

Anyone with an interest in walking with others - experienced or not - would be very welcome to join this walk. Where and when have still to be decided but if you would be interested or would like to find out more, please could you let Suzanne Player, Community Animator, know on 01567 820154.

Sports Pavilion



Over the summer months, competitions were played for at the pavilion in table tennis, putting, tennis and bar football. From L-R the winners were:- Table Tennis - Alexander MacPherson, Tennis - Jamie Murphy, Putting - Colin Woods, Bar Football - Peter Campbell. The photo shows the boys with their trophies. Well done boys!

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The Killin Web Site, in a short time the name has become a well used phrase, the Web Site, the KWS, Killin.co.uk - they all point to the same place.

The Killin Web Site opened its doors on 20 May 2001 at 6 pm and since that time it has grown. Old favourites such as 'The Bletherbox' (where on Friday nights, a warm welcome awaits), 'Village Guide' and 'Scenery Archive' have stood the test of time, and new features like 'The Gossip Board' and the 'Old Photos' have kept things moving with a stir of excitement.

The Old School Photos section has brought about some conversation. If you can name them, or have any to contribute, please get in touch. Be assured your photos will be returned. If you don't contribute yours, one of your classmates most likely will!

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In a specimen 40 days: 120,000 files were accessed, averaging 3,000 files per day. The Killin News was successfully downloaded 550 times, averaging 14 a day. Not bad for a wee village hidden away in the glens of Scotland. There's more where that came from. Plans for 2001/02 are in motion, and waiting patiently in the wings.

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The Angling

On 11 August, the Killin & Breadalbane Angling Club held its annual outing to Loch Lomond at which 10 club members took part. Unfortunately, the edge was taken off the day by the sad passing away of our dear friend Danny Shaw who will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Danny's widow was insistent that the day went ahead as he had made all the arrangements. It was a very successful day and a few coarse fish were caught, but the glory went to Stewart Gillies and Taff Mantle who caught salmon of around 6 pounds. The day closed with the usual buffet and a few drams.

The Casting Competition was held in Breadalbane Park on Saturday 18 August. Killin Hotel, Falls of Dochart Inn, Craigard Hotel, Mrs Jean McLarty for the Chip Van and the Co-Op all donated prizes for the individual events. The trophy however, goes to Ian Downie, who was the overall winner.

The winners were:-

Trout Target – Douglas McRobbie
Trout Accuracy – Grant Tigwell
Trout Distance – Ian Downie
Salmon Distance – Ian Downie
Junior Casting – Calum McLarty
Overall Champion – Ian Downie
Women's Competition – Susan McRobbie

There was a good turnout of competitors with 14 men, 3 women and 5 juniors. The weather was good which made the day even more enjoyable.

On Saturday 25 August the club went to Inverawe fishery for the 'Awa Cup'. This is a separate competition for rainbow trout only. There were 23 club members taking part and 27 fish were caught. Ian Downie won the competition with 5 trout weighing 14 pounds. The heaviest fish was 5 pounds 12 ounces. Everyone enjoyed a great day.

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The Squ-EAK !

Although we had a quiet year, we made some progress towards our target of enhancing access along paths around Killin. A boardwalk was constructed to ease passage over the wettest, unavoidable boggy area on the path between the river mouth and the railway track. We are grateful to Stirling Council for funding the purchase of materials, to Mr Don Howe for help with transport and access, and to our participants.



We will be working on the following projects over the next year:

Footpaths - Richard Barron, Access Officer at Stirling Council, has conducted a survey of opinions on footpaths in the area and has commissioned a structural survey of the Dochart viaduct. These will guide the practical work we do. Richard will liaise with us over sign posting of paths.

Community Composting Site - Stirling Council is willing to support the establishment of a community composting site beside the skip. The Council will provide



materials, funding to enable the site to be staffed for 4 hours per week, a monthly kerbside collection of garden waste in Killin and a monthly industrial chipper to shred woody waste. EAK has volunteered to help build the composting bays and help to organise the site. Pat Hayes and Andrew Warwick are keen to get started once the Council have cleared the site. This should be in operation by the spring.

Environmental Action Day -

Thanks are due to Rosie Third for her inspiration, which made this day such a success this year. We now need to start planning what we want to do next year! How about some demonstrations of solar and wind power at the Killin Show?

If you are interested in environmental issues, please come along to any of our meetings, and bring any interested friends. We welcome new ideas! You can phone or email me for further information or watch out for posters advertising events.

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The Frost Report

Autumn Thoughts

In many gun rooms of sporting estates over Scotland, there are many interesting trophies. Before modern legislation these were the places where the guns were kept. Nowadays, all big houses have far more sophisticated security for firearms, but the old fashioned gun room is still the place to meet before and after the days sport. Over the years the walls have become places to collect trophies - not always large or impressive 'heads' but also fish, and heads of interest.

At Badanloch in central Sutherland, which I know that some of our readers are familiar with from fishing trips, there is the mounted head of a red deer hind with a metal bucket round her neck. The bottom had rotted out of the bucket so when the hind was sniffing around this interesting article on the hill she put her head into what was effectively a collar. This unfortunate animal was shot and mounted for the gun room wall along with its plaque showing a date a hundred years ago.

One regular visitor to Badanloch never believed that this was a true story, and said that the head was a put-up job. Stalking recently, the same guest was to see and shoot an identical hind, who had done the same thing! He is hoping to get this one mounted too - probably for someone else to doubt about.

On the subject of increased security, a long study by a former detective Chief Constable of firearms intelligence has found that, against the background of reduced crime generally, the criminal use of handguns has increased by almost 40% in the three years up to 2000 after the total ban of these guns.

A trader magazine currently bans the advertisement of air guns so as not to lead to the corruption of young people, but it carries several pages of sex-related adverts - or so I understand, not being one to read such material! At this time of year I have enough of a job keeping up with the sex-related activities of stags.

During the Autumn stags spend quite a lot of their time wallowing in muddy peat holes called broilaching holes. Often the same one is used for years. This is done in order to cover themselves with the smelly wet peat as this apparently 'turns on' the hinds. Some guests this year wondered how this would work on their wives, and if they could market this 'smell' as an after-shave - probably called 'Rut'. This being the name given to this mating period of the red deer during the end of September into October. When writing this I realised that I didn't know how to spell 'broilaching' - answers on a postcard please to the Editor (*don't pass the 'buck' to me Tim, I'm not even sure how to pronounce it!* - Editor)

This year all professional stalkers have to be licensed by Scottish Executive and Rural Affairs department. Each professional stalker needs to keep records

of all members of stalking parties, dates, names addresses etc. So if you are having a rural affair, be sure you will be traced! Licensed stalkers will be identified by an official red stamp, but it is not yet known where the stamp will be!

Anglers beware - it is not only shooting and hunting which is under review but fishing too. An American organisation known as PETA is launching a £multi-million campaign aimed at outlawing fishing in UK because they believe that such legislation will be easily achieved once the government has banned hunting. What price a fish supper then!

On a more positive note to end this Autumn piece - the smart squirrels of Ardeonaig are really taking nut-gathering seriously this year. My father-in-law recently made us some squirrel feeding boxes for the garden and our only worry was that the squirrels would find them easily. So father and mother-in-law gathered fallen hazelnuts along the road and left the bag on the step while they had a cup of tea. Before the tea was out of the pot a squirrel was taking the nuts out of the bag. They had obviously been 'stalked' by a very sharp-eyed individual.

Tim Frost

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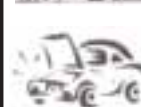
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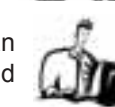
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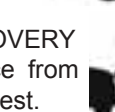
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Killin Golf Club

Adult & Junior Competition

On Friday 24 August an Adult and Junior competition was held. Unfortunately due to a shortfall in the number of adults we had to change the competition format from a 2 ball foursomes to a Texas Scramble. Every competitor received a prize, but the main prizes were won by:

- 1: George Smith, Colin Woods & Katie Holliday
- 2: Chrissie Fenton, Douglas Kane & James Stewart
- 3: Laurence Brown, Donald McAskill & John McRae

Main Junior Prize Giving 14 September 2001

Dickie Lewis, the club Captain, presented the club prizes and Mark Pirie from Crieff Golf Club, who has been coaching the juniors over the summer, presented the certificates in the Merit Award Scheme.

Category Winners

Category 2

- 1 Robert Brown, 2 Daniel Holden, 3 Colin Woods

Category 3

- 1 James Stewart, 2 Jamie Murphy, 3 Kyle Davidson

Category 4

- 1 David McKellar, 2 Fraser Kane, 3 Katie Holliday

Beginners

- 1 Ross Davidson, 2 Mark Holliday, 3 Lottie Cameron

Best Eclectic

- Category 2 (white tees) Robert Brown (37)
Category 2 (blue tees) Daniel Holden (33)
Category 3 James Stewart (33)
Category 4 David McKellar (35)

This year we have been given a special prize for the most improved golfer, this prize does not necessarily go to the best golfer. All aspects of the game have been looked at to decide who should win this prize - discipline, etiquette (on and off the course), politeness and general behaviour. As you will appreciate this was a very difficult decision. We are delighted to announce that the winner is Adam Mitchell.

So, another junior golf season has come to an end, and Chris McLarty can now take charge of most of the boys at Boys Brigade on Friday nights. I would like to thank all the people who have helped me throughout the season - without you this article would not exist. A very big thank

you goes to Colin Taylor of the Tighnabruaich Hotel, without his sponsorship the juniors would not receive the amount of coaching that they do.

So kids, keep practising over the next few months, and I will hopefully see you all next season.

Liz

Ladies

Scratch Shield - Silver Division

1. Margaret McRae 76 Pitlochry, 2. Sue Stokoe 83 Aberfoyle, 3. Floral McDougall 84 St Fillans.

Handicap Shield - Bronze Division

1. Audry Weaver 88 Killin, 2. Margaret Graham 90 Oban, 3. Barbara Mitchel 90 Callander

Handicap - Silver Division

1. Ann Duncan 73 Taymouth, 2. Chrissie Fenton 74 Killin, 3. Sylvia Haddoch 76 Callander

Handicap - Bronze Division

1. Sheena Johnstone 70 Aberfoyle, 2. Louise Lauder 72 Pitlochry, 3. Maureen Arnott 74 Comrie

Longest Drive Silver - Helen Telford Pitlochry

Longest Drive Bronze - Audrey Weaver, Killin

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Killin Heritage Society Winter Syllabus

The programme for 2001/2 begins on Friday, 5 October, with a talk by Stephen Boyle, RCAHMS, on the Archaeological Survey of Ben Lawers. This will be an update on the discoveries – and there were many more than was initially anticipated - during the walkover survey carried out as part of the Ben Lawers Landscape Project.

On Friday, 2 November, the Society will welcome John Orr, Countryside Ranger, to give an insight into A Ranger's Day on the Black Mount. John's remit covers a large area and he will be telling the audience about all aspects of his work, from the natural history to the unnatural disaster as pathways and landscape are eroded and conservation becomes the priority.

On Friday, 7 December, local businessman Derek Wilkie will join us to talk about The Tyndrum Mines. Derek has 'dug deep' in to the history of the mines at Tyndrum and will give an insight in to the industrial archaeology of the area.

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Mervyn's Weather



In common with 1950, 1985 and 1998, 2001 has proved to be "a year without a summer". As with the three earlier years mentioned, March, April and May were drier and sunnier than normal but the three summer months of June, July and August were the most disappointing. Although there were short-lived spells of seasonably acceptable weather, most days were marred at some point by one or more showers. It may come as a surprise to realise that on 23 days the temperature managed to top 70F (21C), this however, includes the May figures.

As "Summer" slips into Autumn there has been an improvement, not dramatic perhaps, but it has allowed those who were patient and stayed their hand earlier in the season to cut and secure some good quality hay, albeit this involved "stealing" it between the ever threatening weaker fronts.

As this is written (7 Sept.) snow is forecast for the high tops. Often after an early dusting of snow on the high hills conditions can appear to improve. It does appear too that weather patterns seem to become established for spells of two and a half to three months. 2001 has borne this theory out i.e., three Spring months "good"; three Summer months "diabolical; three Autumn months – well, we shall see!

Autumn colouring has already touched some trees with Chestnuts and some birches already showing tints. Swallows have probably already sent off some of their earlier broods on their long journey south and the main party will probably be with us until around 22 September if they have not already become entirely disillusioned by then!!

Some sheep farmers may have received a proposal form from "The Intervention Board" for application for disposal of light (or any) lambs due to the export ban. It does seem a sad state of affairs that a country such as ours, which produces some of the best stock and stockmanship worldwide, is forced to slaughter and render the results of a year's endeavour for the princely sum of £10.00 per lamb. Inclement weather conditions are more acceptable!!

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Collection of Old Newspapers

The children of Killin Primary School come round the village every 2 weeks to collect your old newspapers for recycling. This service creates a valuable source of income for the school, so your co-operation is very much appreciated. The dates for the remainder of 2001 for uplifts are:-

Friday, 5 October

Friday, 19 October

Friday, 2 November

Friday, 16 November

Friday, 30 November

Friday 14 December

Just leave your bundles of newspapers in plastic bags (to keep them dry) at the end of your driveway/gate so the children can see them when they come round. Alternatively, if you need to get rid of your old newspapers outwith the uplift dates, you can deposit them in the building to the rear of the playground.

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We meet every Friday in the Church Hall, Ballechroisk from 9.30a.m. – 11.30a.m. except from the first Friday of each month when we meet in the nursery. We continue to run through the summer holidays with different meeting places dependant on the weather e.g. – the park, the head of the Loch etc.

A wide range of activities with plenty of toys, jigsaws, books, play tents, slides, trampoline and baby toys ensure that all ages enjoy the session.

Killin Tiddlers & Toddlers is a member of the Scottish Pre-School Play Association and is run by the parents and carers. We hold a variety of fundraising events throughout the year and often have evenings out for the parents and carers.

For further information please contact a member of the committee –

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We vary our meeting times to try and accommodate most members and weather conditions. Anyone wishing further information about the herb society please phone either Patty Hope at 01567 820408 or Judy Forster 01567 820298.

Killin Playgroup

Killin Playgroup is held each Friday morning at Killin Nursery during school term from 9.30 – 11.30am for pre-school children aged between 3 and 5.

We are owned and run by the parents of children attending playgroup and are funded by fees, fundraising and grants. We are a member of the Scottish Pre-school Play Association and have adopted their approved constitution. We are registered and inspected annually by the Social Services.

At Killin Playgroup we aim to provide a group play experience. Play provision is well planned to meet the children's physical, emotional and social needs by our Playleader Lorraine Pritchard. Playgroup offers a wide range of activities from sand, water play, painting, dough craft, construction toys, stories, music and baking through to art and craft work.

We also enjoy interesting visits from invited guests such as the local ambulance crew, police, doctors, nurses, postmen and other people with interesting hobbies or employment.

We hold a joint Christmas Party and Summer Outing with Killin Toddlers, for this year's outing we were all aboard a coach to Blair Drummond Safari Park.

So, come along and enjoy all the fun at Killin Playgroup.

For further information please contact Lorraine on 820 836 or a member of our committee:

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Obituaries

Aileen Smith, formerly of Manse Road, died at Perth Royal Infirmary on 3 June 2001, after a short illness.

Aileen was the only child of Willie and Nell Smith, (formerly of Bank House, Killin). Her early career was in nursing, and latterly she ran the Cottage Loom Craft Shop at Dochart Falls. She was a long time member of the WRI and the Tuesday Club and took an active part in many aspects of village life.

Jean & Alex Hay

Robert Chapman 'Bob', died in Stirling Royal Infirmary on 10 August 2001.

Bob who was an executive chef, retired to Killin 12 years ago from Harrogate, to pursue his favourite hobby of fishing. Sadly, during the last number of years, his failing health curtailed his visits to the River Dochart, and he had to make do with helping in the Coffee Shop. He was a very private person, despite his many interests Rally Driving, Rock & Roll Champion of Yorkshire and of course his keen interest in antiques, also his great love of music and wildlife.

Bob is survived by his two sons and three stepchildren. He was a loyal and true friend to me and my family. I will miss him very much. *M Fraser*

Arnold Young died in Killin on 17 September 2001. He was born in Sunderland in 1909, and began his working life as an apprentice builder in his father's business. In the depression he trained as a teacher but during the War joined the Civil Service, staying in the Fighting Vehicle Research & Development Establishment for the rest of his career.

Wherever Arnold lived, the church played an important role in his life as it did in Killin when he and Dora moved here following his retirement. They had visited Killin several times on holiday and, after spending a winter at Auchmore to see if they could survive the cold weather, moved here permanently in 1970. It was not long before Arnold found uses for his various skills. He was Registrar for eleven years and as Keeper of the Burial Ground Records he got to know a lot about the history to be found in the graveyards. As Clerk and Area Officer to the School Board, he arranged school transport and contracts for Killin, Crianlarich and Ardeonaig Schools. He was Presiding Officer at Elections and he made hospital car runs. After finally managing to retire as a Trustee of the George Hogg and Malcolm Ferguson Trusts at the age of 88, he was called back to help out again temporarily when the only other long-term Trustee died. At the time of his death he was still Honorary President of the Perth branch of the Civil Service Retirement Fellowship of which he was a founder member and producer of the original newsletters. The first Killin telephone books were also typed and run off by Arnold when they were produced in aid of the Church Summer Fayre in 1978 and cost 15p.

Until this year when his health failed, Arnold was a keen bowler, walker and gardener. Many people have described him as a kind, gentle, man and as a gentleman. His family will also remember his sense of humour and fun. Dora was left a widow just a few days before their 65th wedding anniversary. She and his daughters, Margaret and Sheila, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren treasure the many happy memories of the long life Arnold shared with them.

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LETTERS



Dear Editor
Summer Student

In the months of July and August it was my great privilege to be a student in your village. Attached to the Parishes of Killin & Ardeoniag, and Balquhiddier, I was under the supervision of your Minister, the Reverend John Lincoln. I arrived in the first week of July and very quickly felt at home in the cottage provided by Mr W. Stitt. My work was to pastorally assist Reverend Lincoln, and also participate in services. This was a great privilege for me to work with such an encouraging minister, and to serve people in such a beautiful part of the country.

Finding my way around at first was a challenge for a 'town girl', however, after a few days 'I found the right road to go' and very soon I was able to visit alone over braes and along narrow roads. It was delightful to be welcomed everywhere by the people of Killin, Balquhiddier, Lochearnhead and Strathyre. It was not only as I visited homes that I given a warm reception, but also in all the local amenities, - the library staff, the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home, local schools, Ardeonaig Centre, the residents of the Kirk Care, and all the employees in the local shops and restaurants, without whose kindness and service for 8 weeks, I would not have survived at all!

Killin is a lovely place to both stay and work. As a first placement for me, working in your community in the summer of 2001 will always be remembered as special. Thank you all for your welcoming support. Until we meet again, take care.

*Mrs Jacqueline Thomson 3rd Year
Divinity Student. St. Andrews University*

Dear Editor

I am E-Mailing you to tell you about my holiday visit to Killin. I saw a copy of your Killin News magazine while I was there and though it was excellent. My visit was not without difficulties, and I thought I would tell you about the very kind (and not so kind) folks, who live and work around Killin - though I suppose you already know! Perhaps I could even ask you to hand out some (figurative) bouquets and one brickbat on my behalf.

Anyway, to the story. My car engine packed up just outside Killin, and my wife and I were rescued by Lix Toll Garage. They made a valiant effort to get us going, but the fault needed a specialist dealer to fix it, so they arranged to take the car, and us, to Stirling. They even got the dealer to work on it straight away, after the dealer told us that they were far too busy. Full marks and the first bouquet to Lix Toll Garage.

Then my wife injured her back and needed to see a doctor. The kind folks at the health clinic made a special appointment for her, even though they were very busy, and fixed her up so she was mobile again. Another bouquet to the doctor's surgery.

And the brickbat? Well that goes to the driver of the sign written, local tradesman's van (*name withheld by Killin News*) who berated me for blocking the road with my broken down vehicle. When I told him that it was broken down and not actually parked, he drove off at speed with neither apology nor any offer of help.

Oh well, even Killin isn't perfect, but we still hope to return next year because we just love the place. Kind regards to all you good folks.

Terry and Ann

Dear Editor

In reply to Willie Dunn's letter in the August issue of the Killin News, may I just say that if he would like to hear skylarks, he is very welcome to come to Auchlyne in the springtime and listen to them to his hearts content.

Also, if he would like to get in touch with me, I will show him a list, 6 sides long of A4 paper, of flora found on just one small area of Glen Dochart, and a list of birds and mammals found here. There are two Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI's) on this estate, one where alpine plants are to be found, and the other includes ancient oak woodland.

I am glad he didn't see any wildlife of any consequence on his drive to Fort William, as it means that he was watching the road!

And finally I am not, never have been, and never will be Ms Paterson!!

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An E-Mail received by Killin News

"My name is Joe Killin. I am an American who visited your wonderful village as a child. I now dream of returning with my wife and son. I hope to see you all again someday. God Bless."

Thank You

On behalf of the Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre in Glasgow, Strathyre Gun Club and myself would like to thank most sincerely, all those who helped by donating prizes and/or cash. The success of the day was entirely due to the response we received from everyone involved.

The total raised was £1859. Be warned, the day was such a success that it could become an annual event.

Once again, a huge thank you to everyone who helped with the organising of the shoot, the competitors themselves and, all who contributed.

Gordon Webster

Dora, Margaret, Sheila and the family would like to thank everyone for the support and sympathy shown in many different ways following Arnold's death. It was a great help and comfort to us. We are especially grateful to the staff at the Falls of Dochart for their devoted care, which enabled him to stay in Killin during his last illness, and to all the doctors and nurses who attended him.

On behalf of the Millennium Committee I would like to thank the working party for the way in which they undertook the task of the Millennium Clock to its satisfactory conclusion.

The clock is a wonderful addition to the McLaren Hall, and forms a superb commemoration for Killin of the millennium year.

Colin J McRae, Chairman

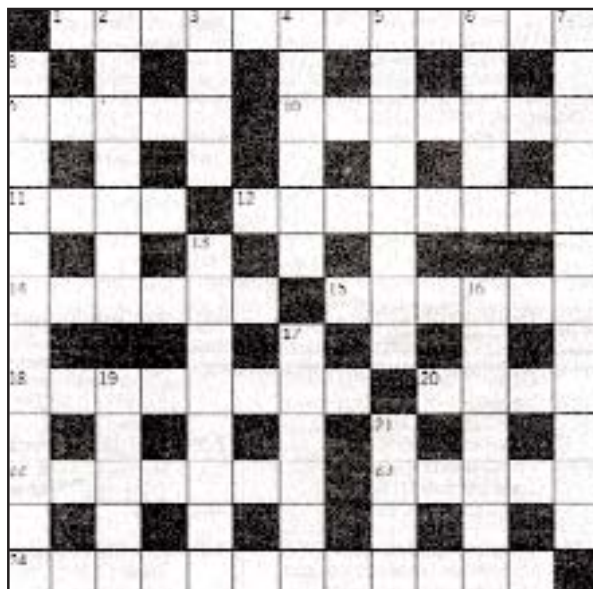
Crossword by Scorpio

Clues Across

1. Would this be used nowadays for transporting guides and scouts? (5,7)
9. Glowing coal (5)
10. Connected by disturbed treadle (7)
11. Aphrodite's son is in Piccadilly Circus (4)
12. Stay the same (6,2)
14. Upsets citrus and lives in the country (6)
15. Lapped together two edges (6)
18. Get chain for instruction (8)
20. I rushed for a middle eastern country (4)
22. Supervise (7)
23. Jean Brodie was in this (5)
24. Of oneself created by oneself (4-8)

Clues Down

2. Rib bones lose direction for decorative fabrics (7)
3. Soar for boating aids (4)
4. Vehicle favourite can be joined to make a floor covering (6)
5. Lets go (8)
6. V and V (2,3)
7. Dander forger is upset by warning signal (3,3,6)
8. Rejoicings (12)
13. Illuminates (6,2)
16. Martin and I are in trouble over an Italian drink (7)
17. The conclusion of a sound organ is sure to inspire affection (6)
19. All that the hungry would ask for (1,4)
21. Used to urge a horse forward (4)



'Scorpio' would like to apologise for the error in Crossword No 64. Clue 7 down was the offending one. The answer was 'yeasty' which did not fit in with clue 4 across.

Solution to last crossword

Across: (1) Troop carrier (9) Ember (10) Related (11) Gros (12) Remain so (14) Rustic (15) Seamed (18) Teaching (20) Iran (22) Oversee (23) Prime (24) Self portrait

Down: (2) Ribbons (3) Oars (4) Carpet (5) Releases (6) Is ten (7) Red for danger (8) Celebrations (13) Lights up (16) Martini (17) Endear (19) A meal (21) Spur

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For further information please contact Constable Allyson Blair, Community Safety Department, Dunblane. Telephone 01786 826011 (Monday - Wednesday).

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Charlie Grant
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**This issue will be the Christmas Issue
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**Notification of events occurring during December,
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Killin Reading Group

The group meets every other Wednesday evening from 7.30pm. It currently has about a dozen members and meets in member's houses on a loosely rotating basis. The members agree what books it would like to read and then discuss the books.

3 October

Meet author Isla Dewar at Killin Library.

17 October

English Passengers by Matthew Kneal

31 October

Spooky poems/short stories

14 November

Breakfast at Tiffany's. Truman Capote
We would welcome new members. If
interested call Carole on 820962.

Church Services

Killin Parish Church

10 am every Sunday

Episcopal Church

check notice board for details

Roman Catholic

Episcopal Church Sundays at 2.20 pm

For further details on any of the above, or
of additional events, please check the
local notice boards, or ask at the
Breadalbane Folklore Centre & Tourist
Information Centre, Tel: 01567 820254.

WRI Coffee Morning

The WRI Coffee Morning was held on Wednesday 5 August in the McLaren Lesser Hall. This was in aid of funds for the Children's Christmas Party.

Many thanks to all who helped, and special thanks to all the grannies and aunts who supported this fundraiser. We were very disappointed with the lack of support from parents of school age children. This event was held purely to raise funds for the Christmas Party, if parents don't support these fundraisers, they could jeopardise the future of the party.

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Pets Place

Rabbits make lovely pets, but are a longterm commitment. They can live for up to eight years, with the bigger rabbits like French Lops living even longer.

Your run should be large and as interesting as possible with things for the rabbit to climb on, hide in and chew. Female rabbits may dig out of a run if it is not wired underneath. In the winter the hutch would either need to go into a shed, or be insulated against the cold. The water bottle will also need to be checked every day for freezing. The hutch you buy should be as big as possible. Rabbits need a great deal of space to exercise and a rabbit cooped up in a small space will get depressed, and is more likely to become ill and die. So before getting a rabbit all this has to be taken into consideration.

Rabbit hutches need cleaning out completely once a week with toilet areas cleaned every day. A disinfectant especially made for cleaning hutches can be bought. It is better to use hay as bedding - straw can poke into eyes causing injury and infection. Runs need to be moved weekly. With a complete diet, like Russell Rabbit, you don't need to feed anything extra. Alternatively, a complimentary feed means you have to feed green stuff as well. Like all animals rabbits need fresh water every day.

Only female litter mates can be kept together - anything else will fight, or worse, breed. Rabbits and guinea pigs should not be kept together as rabbits are capable of seriously injuring guinea pigs. Be very careful that female rabbits are really all females and not already pregnant! As a general rule the bigger the rabbit the better the temper. Dwarf rabbits can be very aggressive. Young rabbits need a great deal of handling otherwise they can become difficult later on. Rabbits are not really suitable for small children as they can deliver a nasty bite and a vicious kick with their hind legs.



Rabbits need to be vaccinated on a yearly basis against Myxomatosis and VHD. A consideration when working out what you are going to spend on your pet. And remember, a book on rabbit care is a must.

Good luck with your rabbit and write to me at Killin News with any problems and, or stories.

Gill Hunt



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Killin News Across The Globe



(Right) We received this photo and a letter from Eileen Tropiano, Perth, Western Australia who asks, "I wonder if anyone remembers these two ladies pictured enjoying the Killin News in Kings Park overlooking Perth Western Australia? Yes, we were once the Jeans sisters and we lived in Yellow Cottage, Killin, many moons ago!!"

During their teenage years on school holidays, Heather (right) used to work for the late Aileen Smith at the Cottage Loom. Eileen recalls many a laugh when she was employed by Paddy (from the Breadalbane Folklore and Tourist Information



Centre), in her shop which was then also the tourist information centre. The tourists were certainly enlightened in those days, to some interesting, if perhaps not so truthful, local history. Eileen now wishes to confess that she made a lot of it up as she went along! Heather caught up with all the Killin news on a recent visit to Eileen.

Eileen says, "Paddy, I thank you so much for sending the Killin News 'Downunder', it is very much appreciated, and most enjoyable to read about everyone we remember!"

(Above) This 'fine figure of a man' is Gordon Bates of Creagan Cottage, Morenish, by Killin. Gordon now lives mainly in Edinburgh, but was photographed whilst on holiday in the Greek Islands, keeping up with Killin news.

Look What The Stork Brought !



Being introduced to Scotland (and the midges) for the first time is Mia Charlotta Andell. This bundle of joy was born 9 July to Margo & Patrik and weighed in at a healthy 2.945kg (6lbs 7oz). The photo was taken whilst Mia was visiting her Grandma and Grandpa, Jan and Johnny Willison, Dalchenna, Craignavie Road, Killin.



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The children's section of the Floral Awards has seen its most successful "summer" with sunflowers growing tall around the village. Members of the Floral Association have measured all the plants on three occasions during the summer and the final result is based on the visit made on the 12 September.

Tallest Plant

1. Anna Holden 325.2 cm. (128 inches)
2. Katy Holden 322.5 cm. (127 inches)
3. Antonia Dowling 302.3cm (119 inches)

Widest Bloom

1. Laura Aitken 26.7 cm. (10.5 inches)
2. Harry McRobbie 25.4 cm. (10 inches)
3. Oliver Dowling 24.2 cm. (9.5 inches)



Laura Aitken

Wedding Belles



(Left) Myrica Mardon of Killin and Alastair Reid of Callander were married on Saturday 28 July at St Andrew's Church, Callander. The family gathered at the reception in Dunblane Hilton Hydro including some from England, Germany and Canada. The happy couple are honeymooning in Mexico.

(Right) On 9 September, the church at Crianlarich was filled to capacity with the family, friends and relatives of Kate and Stewart Winton. All had gathered together for a special service conducted by the Rev. Scott, to celebrate Kate and Stewart's 30th wedding anniversary, and to witness the renewal of their wedding vows.

The reception was held in the Crianlarich Village Hall, and a superb luncheon and beautiful wedding cake (made by Kate of course!), was enjoyed by everyone.

Kate and Stewart are off to Barbados courtesy of their family. We wish them every happiness in the future.



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