



Every two months

PRICE 50P

KILLIN NEWS

KILLIN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

Issue 67 February 2002

Bunty MacGregor MBE



We are delighted to show you the photo of Bunty, flanked (L-R) by her two daughters, Elizabeth and Sheila, just outside Buckingham Palace, having been presented with the MBE, by a very charming Prince Charles. It is very satisfying to know that all Bunty's efforts on behalf of numerous organisations have been recognised.

Whilst in London, 'the girls' took the opportunity of a trip on the 'London Eye'. "Absolutely marvellous!" exclaimed Bunty.

Congratulations Bunty, the whole village is extremely proud of you.

Arctic Conditions - And Not A 'BEAR' in Sight!

Isn't it lovely to have a white Christmas Festive season - but not so lovely if you are attempting to drive anywhere - especially when the roads haven't been snow ploughed!

On 'Boxing night' we assisted some locals whose car had slid off the road at Wester Lix. As we 'gingerly' drove down to the junction, the vehicles coming up were the ambulance and police, closely followed by the snow plough - not ploughing! Apparently the blade didn't fit the vehicle!



This bad start proceeded to get worse throughout the New Year. The road between Stirling and Oban was disgraceful - you could have been forgiven for mistaking it for a country lane rather than a main trunk road. There is no excuse - the snow had been forecast, it didn't come as a surprise.

**BEAR Scotland & Stirling Council
This is your wake up call!
We need a vastly improved service.**

These photos, taken by Sheona McLennan, Crianlarich, show the conditions prevailing on the day that the children were sent home from school in a double decker bus! See article page 3.



Christmas Parties were a big hit this year. A bit over-awed by the visit from Santa, Alaya Christie (above) decided to sit out the Musical Chairs at the Toddlers & Playgroup combined party (see article page 7).

As for the boys - well they most likely had an 'eating hangover' the next day from the quantity they consumed at the Primary School party!



Christmas Parties

Strathfillan Lunch Club - Burns Day



(left) Members of the Strathfillan Lunch Club after their haggis, neeps and tatties meal on 25 January. Pupils from Crianlarich Primary School treated them to a wonderful range of Burns related entertainment, by singing, reciting poems and dancing. New members are always welcome. Contact Linda Champion on 01838 300 236

George Hogg Trust

(below) Modernisation work is still progressing on the properties at Morenish Place. Even during some of the worst weather this winter, the local tradesmen were hard at work on the chimney.



Local Girl Receives BAFTA Award



Andrea Gauld, the elder daughter of Maureen and Jimmy Gauld of Lawers View, Killin, was presented with a BAFTA (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) Award at the Awards Ceremony at the Hilton Hotel, London, in December. The award, in the Children's Schools Factual Secondary category, was in recognition of her work as Producer and Director of a film recently made in South Africa for the BBC series 'The Test of Time', about people who had suffered pain and loss but, motivated by their Christian belief, had managed to forgive those responsible. Andrea received her BAFTA from Neil Buchanan, who presents ITV's 'Art Attack'.

Double Decked School Bus On Untreated Roads in Arctic Conditions!

We mentioned that the photos in the snow on the front page were taken on the same day as the children were sent home from McLaren High School in Callander on a double decked bus. It was brought to our attention that this event was on **25 January**. Having spoken with John McPherson, Chairman of Killin Community Council, it would appear that correspondence had been taking place prior to this occurrence. Just what is it going to take to get the powers that be to take note?!

John wrote a letter to Stirling Council, with copies to First Edinburgh (bus company), Sylvia Jackson MSP, Councillor Ffinch, Inspector K Findlater of Central Scotland Police, and Mrs Sweeny, Headteacher at McLaren High in Callander. Below is an extract from John's letter and the two responses received from Sylvia Jackson and First Bus.

John's letter - 14 January

"The Community Council has received complaints (not for the first time) from parents of pupils using the school bus service, regarding the suitability of the type of vehicles frequently used. The main complaint refers to overcrowding. Recently a number of pupils who boarded the morning service (10 January) in the village of Killin itself, were unable to get seats and had to sit in the area set aside for luggage. This type of vehicle has been used on previous occasions. Concern has also been expressed about the use of double decker vehicles on this route, because of the nature of the terrain through which the road passes – i.e. Glenogle.

The Community Council is extremely concerned about the safety aspect of this complaint. It is totally unacceptable to expect school children to travel some 25 miles to and from school and have to sit either on the floor or luggage area. What happens should an accident occur? These children do not have the option of using seat belts if there is no seat available for them. The Community Council is also of the opinion that double decked vehicles should not be used to transport children on this very exposed route."

Sylvia Jackson's reply - 18 January

"I am writing to follow up the copy letter you sent me in which you raised with Stirling Council the problems regarding school bus transport to and from Killin.

I have written to the Chief Executive of Stirling Council to raise this matter and I will write to you again as soon as I have received a reply to that letter."

First Edinburgh Ltd reply - 11 February

"Thank you for your letter highlighting complaints made to your Council about inappropriate buses being used on this service.

Unfortunately this has happened on several occasions over recent months and appears to have largely resulted from changes to supervisory staff at our Bannockburn depot some of whom have failed to adequately understand the importance and sensitivity of this issue. Very clear instructions have now been issued to the relevant staff and I have seen for myself the efforts which they make to ensure that the correct buses are available for this service. This is not as easy as it may sound given the moves in our industry towards low floor easy access buses with fewer seats which form an increasing proportion of our fleet.

We have also reminded the appropriate staff of the importance of morning buses from Killin and Tyndrum meeting at Lix Toll so that any standing passengers can be transferred between the two buses."

Hogmanay Fireworks

The organisers of the Hogmanay Fireworks Display, would like to thank the following people who sponsored the event: The Scottish Community Foundation, Frances Gaskell & Judy Forster, A&B Services, Grants Laundry, Richard Shand, Stitt Brothers and the Tighnabruich Hotel. A big thank you also goes to all those who gave donations in the collecting jars at the Killin Post Office and the Library. Thanks also to all who helped on the night, and in preparation for the night.



Champagne corks were popped on the Bridge at midnight and a few drams were enjoyed - for medicinal reasons - just to keep out the cold!



The 2001/02 display cost £1,000, and we are delighted to report that the magnificent sum of £475 was collected on the bridge on Hogmanay night which will go towards the 2002/03 event.

Elizabeth Woods

Killin Community Council

A Community Council meeting was held on 8 January 2002. Mike Taylor (Scottish National Heritage) gave a talk on the phases, boundaries and implications of the proposed River Tay conservation area. Questions were asked from the floor regarding quality of life for salmon and otters, seal population in the Tay Estuary, regulations and any difference to recreational activities. Mr Taylor addressed all these topics, and discussed points further with individuals at the close of the meeting.

Derek Wilkie spoke about the working of the Strathfillan Development Trust, set up in 1997, which has included the purchase and refurbishment of ex railway houses in Crianlarich and a new play area in Tyndrum. The Trust hopes to meet with Sustrans to explore the possibility of constructing a cycle/walkway from Tyndrum to Lix Toll and Killin, to connect into the existing cycle/walkway. Mr. Wilkie stressed the importance of agreement and co-operation between the Communities involved and suggested that funds could be raised by way of a Local Lottery. The Council indicated their approval of the proposals regarding the proposed cycle/walkway, but expressed reservation in regard to a Local Lottery.

Planning applications for the erection of two dwelling houses had been received, one in the grounds of the Cedars, on

which the Community Council had no views, and the other for one behind the Tighnabruaich Hotel, to which an objection was lodged because of concern over the proposed access route.

An application to the Community Awards Scheme was to be made for a £200 award, with £100 to be spent on the erection of a notice board at Ardeonaig, and £100 towards the purchase of a Computer for the Community Council.

It was stated that the start date for the Fingal Road development was now expected to be in April.

Jock Stewart reported that he had collected and filled bin bags of empty bottles and cans from the tennis courts and roundhouse and removed tyres from an abandoned car in McLaren Hall Car Park from the Bowling Green. There was also further damage to the roundhouse. The Chairman said he had mentioned the abandoned vehicle referred to, to the local Police, and that he would again bring it to their attention and to the attention of Stirling Council, as it had now been pushed into the wall, causing some damage to property.

New bulbs on the Christmas tree had replaced broken bulbs thanks to a grant received from Stirling Council for that purpose but during the time the tree was

in place, 38 bulbs had been stolen. This had been reported to the local Police. Thanks were expressed to Judge Stroyan for once again supplying the tree, and to Stitt Brothers and M Grant for erecting it, the Episcopal Church for the site and J Stewart for assistance in trying to prevent damage to it.

A reply to the letter of concern regarding the Ambulance based at Killin operating outwith this area was noted.

E Paterson complained about roads not being gritted. It was stated that no gritting took place beyond Manse Road on the Auchlyne Road. It was the opinion of the Council that there had been deterioration in road maintenance of late. There also appeared to be fewer gritting bins available than in previous years.

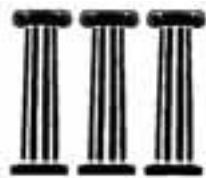
Numerous complaints were received regarding dog fouling throughout the village, particularly on footpaths, despite the best efforts of the village Officer. It was pointed out that dog fouling in public places is an offence.

It was unanimously agreed that the Hogmanay firework display at the 'Falls' was excellent. Thanks were expressed to Scottish Communities Foundation who gave the Community Council a generous grant towards the cost and to all those who put a lot of hard work into making the event such a success.

No decision was reached on possible Royal Golden Jubilee celebrations

There would be a Stirling Highland Area Forum in the McLaren Hall at 7.30pm on 26 February, to which all are welcome.

The next Community Council meeting will be in Killin School on 12 March 2002 at 7.30pm.



MACFARLANE GRAY

Insurance Services Chartered Accountants Financial Services

'Growth Through Quality'

**A Complete Business Service
For Developing Businesses**

156 Main Street Callander FK17 8BG (t) 01877 331700

15 Gladstone Place Stirling FK8 2NX (t) 01786 451745

Email callanderoffice@macfarlanegray.co.uk

MacFarlane Gray Financial Services is a member of IFA Network Ltd
which is regulated by the Personal Investment Authority

GRANT AND WELSH

(Sole proprietor: A Grant)

**Painter & Decorators
Ames Taping**

Greenbank, Main Street, Killin

Tel: (Killin 01567) 820462



COSTCUTTERS

Check out these prices the next time you
are shopping locally

500ml bottle of Coke 75p
Walkers standard crisps 30p

Mars standard bar 30p

Radox bubble bath £1.99

2ltr costcutter milk 95p

Costcutters 800g bread 55p

prices correct
at 3/02/02

plus many more every day low prices

main st, Killin, tel:01567820511



DOCHART CRAFT CENTRE



now open our new 99p range

stocking household, toiletries
and more running in conjunction
with the gift shop and next to our
newly redecorated restaurant.

so come along and have a look you
might be surprised what you find
main st, KILLIN tel:01567820510





Strathfillan - "By The Way"

Strathfillan Community Council meeting took place on Wednesday 6 February 2002 in Crianlarich village hall. Jock Henderson welcomed the new policeman, Constable Iain Carnegie, who was introduced by Constable Ian Donaldson. He started on Monday and at the moment is travelling from Callander until the police house is ready for occupation in 4-6 weeks time. He will spend time getting to know people and getting to know the problems of the area. This is an area which has a lot of

visitors and road safety is therefore an issue. He will be tackling speeding, drink drinking and untaxed cars. At certain times of the year there are problems with house breakings, vehicle theft etc. and he will be addressing these issues. A new Police Management Unit has been formed to increase resources where they are needed, and it is hoped that this will bring a quicker response. Ian Ramsey will be a hard act to follow, but there has been no resident policeman for a while and he will do his best. The door will be open for people to come and speak about their concerns. Constable Carnegie has had 27 years service in Glasgow, Aberdeenshire, in the police dog section, Strathblane, Balfour and time in Bosnia. He will be happy to take on any concerns once he knows what they are, so remember the open door. The members expressed their delight in once again having a resident policeman.

Several problems that are BEAR Scotland's responsibility were brought up. These have been written about, representatives of BEAR have been shown around the villages and promises have been made, but in most cases the work has not been carried out. Derek Donald, BEAR (Beaulieu) is to meet with Derek Wilkie next week to be shown the problems in Tyndrum.

Anne McGuire MP held surgeries in the villages on Saturday 2 February 2002 and she has promised to follow up several problems/worries for us; i.e. purchase of Station Yard, Crianlarich; Barrier needed at path from Mansefield to main road; Play park for children in Crianlarich; Water Quangos and the delay to improving services in both villages which is holding up development, National Park funding cut from £5m - £2.8m; Post Office privatisation; and problems with BEAR Scotland.

A 'Tidy up Crianlarich' project has been started by Strathfillan Community Council, Strathfillan Community Development Trust and businesses in the Tourist Association. Funding is being applied for and it is hoped to start work in March.

*Moir Robertson
Strathfillan Correspondent*

Farewell to Rev James Scott

On 18 January, residents of Strathfillan Parish met in Crianlarich Village hall to say a fond farewell to the Reverend James Scott. Rev. Scott stepped in as Locum for the churches of Strathfillan Parish when Rev. MacLeod retired 2 years ago.

Rev. Scott initially offered his services for a six week period. This was readily accepted, and soon he was to be found knocking on doors throughout the parish with his word, and his many stories from his years in the Ministry, most of which were spent in the Parish of Dyce in Aberdeenshire.

Upon completion of his time at Dyce, he and his wife Isabel moved to Callander, where their son is a GP. We did not leave him long in retirement before we requested his Services.

A enjoyable evening of entertainment was provided by the local talents of Siobhan, Gillian and Becky, all dancers with the Aileen Fisher School of Dancing. Nicole, Catriona, Leia and Susan also sang a number of hymns. Alistair Macdonald, who now lives in Connel, provided the music and a couple of songs. Further musical renderings were given by Kenny MacLennan from Bridge of Orchy. Humour was supplied in plenty by our own Ian Ramsay.

A lovely tea was made by the ladies of the Craft Class and friends. It was superb - although probably not beneficial to the waistline!



Hamish Menzies presented a specially commissioned painting of the Perthshire side of Ben Lui as viewed from Strathfillan, and a cheque, to Reverend Scott, and Mrs Scott received a bouquet of flowers. We wish them both well in the future.

John MacPherson

ANDREW ANDERSON & SONS



FUNERAL DIRECTORS



24 Hour Service

Prepaid Funeral Plans

Monumental Service

Family Run Business

Address: 14 Camp Place, Callander

Telephone: (01877) 330398 / 330567 Fax: (01877) 331079

Rest Room Address: Glenartney Street, Callander

Awards Galore!

Two local businesses achieved recognition for their efforts when they received Glenturret Tourism Awards at a ceremony in November. Portnellan Lodges at Crianlarich won the "Most Enjoyable Self Catering" award, whilst Morenish Lodge Hotel won the award for the "Most Enjoyable Hotel in Perthshire". The Glenturret Awards are sponsored by the distillery, administered by Perthshire Tourist Board, and are 'visitor driven'. The first Lorna and Carew Thomas (Morenish) knew about the award was an invitation from the distillery to attend the awards luncheon, which was held in the Pagoda Room at Glenturret Distillery, where PTB Chairman Andrew Mathieson presented the awards (photo below).



The Green Welly Stop, Tyndrum, has had success too. They received a four star grading for their toilets in the "Loo of the Year Awards" and those of you who have ever made use of their excellent facilities will know how clean and shining they always are. The "Best Café of the Year Award for Scotland" came to the business from the Les Routiers organisation. There is no doubt that the on-site preparation of their food, giving it all that 'home made' taste, keeps them well ahead in the tourism market. Just imagine the thousands of freshly baked scones and the thousands of litres of home made soup produced each year, and that's apart from the tons of sausages they cook!

Lynfern Developments Limited

Builders of Quality Homes

*Have your home in the centre of Killin at The Old Mart
Built in the latest Millennium design or traditional style home*

*Each house is unique to your individual taste
and we will be delighted to build your new home.*

*Considering a move?
Reservations Taken Now.*

Contact: Richard Craig

**Lynfern House, Highfield Park,
Conon Bridge,
Ross-shire IV7 8AP**

Tel: (01259) 752 658 Mobile 07977 535 237

Fax: (01259) 752658 Central Office

Killin Playgroup

Raise Funds for Festive Fun

A sale of children's toys, books and videos held by Killin Playgroup on 3 November was a great success, and raised almost £330. In addition to the opportunity to buy bargain gifts for Christmas and home baking, refreshments were served and the children were treated to face painting and other activities.

As usual, the event was only successful because of the hard work and support of many members of the community. Thanks go to all those who provided items for sale, baking, the local businesses who donated prizes for the tombola and all of you who came along and spent your money.

The proceeds were used to fund the Christmas party for all the pre-school children in the area. The party was held in the McLaren hall on the Thursday before Christmas and the children who came enjoyed a good selection of party games and food. The highlight was a visit from Santa who arrived with a sleigh bulging with presents which were enthusiastically received by the children. Thanks to Killin Tiddlers and Toddlers who shared the costs of the party.

JASMINE BEAUTY

Ancaster Business Centre
Cross Street,
Callander

Tel: 01877 331417

Aromatherapy, Reflexology, Waxing, Facials,
Manicures, Electrolysis, Nail Extensions.

NEW TANNING BOOTH



Tuesday - Saturday
OAP Special -
Wednesday



For further information contact Angela

CORRIE CRAFTS

**Main Street, Killin
01567 820 920**

**Specialising in hand crafted
items mostly made in Killin.**

**Orders taken for
personalised gifts.**

**Picture Framing service
and Art
Materials.**



Strathfillan Community Development Trust

One of the Trust's new ventures is to explore the possibilities of working together with Killin to develop a cycle/walk link between the Killin section of the National Cycle Network and Crianlarich, and then on to Tyndrum. There is huge potential around creating and promoting circular routes linking with the existing Cycle and West Highland Way routes. Derek Wilkie, the Trust's Chairman, explored this at our AGM in November and also at Killin Community Council's January meeting. The first step is to test reactions amongst those who would initially be most affected: the landowners, business people and managers along the proposed route. An exploratory meeting involving these people is to take place on 20 February.

During February, the waymarker signs are being put up around the new circular Cattle Creep Path; starting opposite Brodie's store, at the Clifton cottages in Tyndrum. If you haven't yet investigated this path, please do so, and let us know what you think. Feedback is always useful. On the feedback note, John Holland has recently been commissioned (as an employee of the SAC, Scottish Agricultural Colleges) to complete a detailed Environmental Survey of Tyndrum Community Woodland. He's seen very interesting plants and animals such as the small white orchid, and a great grey shrike. He has offered to act as a local central contact for keeping information on all interesting plants, animals or birds seen in Strathfillan. John believes that it will be really valuable to note down all environmental data in Strathfillan; both inside the community woodlands and elsewhere in Strathfillan. So, a request to all walkers (and drivers); anything you see that interests you, please pass it on to John by phone on 01838 400524 (days) or email him at j.holland@au.sac.ac.uk When someone offers us such a valuable service, - let's be sure to use it!

Sue Wyllie (SCDT Office 01838 400545)



Welcome New Minister

On 16 December, the linked parishes of Glenorchy-Innisheil and Strathfillan held a joint service at St Conans Church, Loch Awe, for the induction of John Sheddin as our new Minister. The service was conducted by: Rev. M Millar, Moderator of the Presbytery of Lorn and Mull, Rev. J McCormick, Clerk to the Presbytery, Rev. A Campbell, who was Interim Moderator looking after the two Parishes during the vacancy and Rev. J Scott, Locum Minister to Strathfillan during the vacancy. Present were members of the Presbytery of Lorn and Mull, the Kirk Sessions for both Parishes and a good turn out of Members who had come from Portsonachan, Dalmally, Loch Awe, Bridge of Orchy, Tyndrum and Crianlarich, and people from his previous Parish of Hawick & Teviotdale.

Following the service, Mr & Mrs Sheddin were able to meet members of his new charges over a cup of tea. We welcome Mr & Mrs Sheddin and wish them a long and happy stay in our midst. His new address will be: Rev. John Sheddin, The Church of Scotland Manse, Dalmally Village, PA33 1AA.

SUPPORTING the COMMUNITY



Bank of Scotland
Main Street
Killin
Perthshire FK21 8UP
Telephone 01567 820240
www.bankofscotland.co.uk
(QUOTING REF: JS80)

 **BANK OF SCOTLAND**
BUSINESS BANKING

The Bank's logo and "Bank of Scotland" are registered trademarks of the Governor and Company of Bank of Scotland. Telephone calls may be recorded for security purposes and monitored under the Bank's Quality Control procedures. Bank of Scotland adheres to the Statement of Principles "Banks and Businesses - Working Together", a copy of which is available on request.

Information is available in large print, Braille or audio on request. You can also contact us using Type Talk.

THE GREEN WELLY STOP

AT
TYNDRUM



The Outdoor Store: We have everthing for the walker: Blister kits, Thor-Lo socks, quality waterproofs, trekking poles, a wide range of accessories and footwear is our specialty.

Restaurant: Our self-service restaurant has won national acclaim over the years. We offer an excellent range of freshly cooked food, both hot and cold, served in generous portions at reasonable prices.

The Snack Stop: If you are short of time, a selection of takeaway items are available which include drinks, sandwiches, snacks, home made butter fudge and Nardini's ice cream.

Filling Station: Camping accessories, groceries, chemist items, beers, wines, spirits, phone cards, batteries and other essential supplies are available.

Whisky Galore: A superb range of single malt whisky. We also carry wine, spirits, scottish ales and liqueurs.

The Perfect Present: Beautifully displayed gifts to suit all tastes and pockets. Highland Stoneware - an example of handmade Scottish pottery, cashmere capes, Stuart Crystal and a selection of gifts in the style of charles Rennie MacIntosh.

Goodies and Gifts: Food from Scotland's larder includes locally smoked salmon, cheese, venison, haggis and other Scottish preserves. Gifts include cards, toys, t-shirts, Scottish videos, CD's, tapes and books.

**TYNDRUM
PERTHSHIRE
SCOTLAND
FK20 8RY**

**Tel: 01838 400271
Fax : 01838 400330**

e-mail:
thegreenwellystop@tyndrum12.freeserve.co.uk

website:
www.thegreenwellystop.co.uk

**NOW OPEN ALL YEAR
7 days a week**

**April - October 8.30am to 5.30pm
November - March 8.30am to 5.00pm**

Filling Station

**May - September 7am - 10pm
October - Aprtil 8am - 9pm**

***The perfect spot
for a halfway stop!***

THE GREEN WELLY STOP

**All major Credit and Debit Cards accepted.
Tax free shopping for overseas visitors.
Bureau De Change and cash machine services.**

Every year the Killin News received various Christmas Cards – this year we thought we would share some of the comments on them with you.

“To all at Killin News, many thanks for keeping me in touch”

“Well done Killin News Team – a fabulous publication. Issue No. 64 had an excellent photo of our cottage in the top left corner of the cover”

“To the Killin News Team – glad to hear there’s life in the village”

“We have just read the Killin News Christmas Issue and really enjoyed it – quite a publication nowadays!”

“I really enjoyed the special birthday issue which just arrived. I especially enjoyed Henry’s article about the cinema. I remember being told that the first time there was a public showing, the movie started upside down! It was all really very interesting and I was quite nostalgic reading about my childhood days.”

It makes it all worth while – thank you for your kind words.

Editor – for the Killin News Team



In Fearnan, take Fortingall Rd.
for 100 yds, then turn right

Tel: 01887 830251

Killin Floral Awards 2002

Once again our thoughts turn towards the Killin Floral Awards, which are open competitions and cover all properties within the village boundaries. As more and more residents catch the “Floral” bug (not literally!), the village becomes a much brighter and more colourful place. This combined with the wonderful setting and magnificent scenery make Killin such a splendid place to live and to visit.

Categories for the 2002 Awards are:

Commercial

The Best Overall Floral Frontage Display. (There will be two awards, one for the Retail sector and one for the Accommodation sector.)

Domestic

Hanging Baskets - an overall mass of colour. No limit on plant varieties.

Tubs - an overall mass of colour. No limit on plant varieties.

Window Boxes - an overall mass of colour. No limit on plant varieties.

Best overall display in containers.

“The Best Garden viewed from the Road” - this will be judged this year on the following criteria: all year round planting with summer bedding. This must be a combination of summer bedding plants that are either in the ground or in containers that are placed within the all year round planting of perennials, shrubs, roses etc. The gardens in the village are observed over several months. Short lists, which become increasingly longer each year, are drawn up for each category during several weeks in the summer and then handed over to independent judges. Even the committee do not know the exact dates when the judging takes place.

Childrens’ Competitions

The Tallest Sunflower Plant

The Largest Sunflower Bloom

The committee will germinate the seeds

and then give plants to the children to grow on. Children wishing to enter the competition should give their names to Kay, in the Library by 31 March. The sunflowers will be measured several times before the final awards are made. The winning children each receive a trophy to keep and £5.

Village Floral Displays

Hanging baskets (48) will once again be in position along Main Street. The tubs at Monemore and the Parish Church are currently planted with winter pansies and we plan to have more containers in place around the village and at the Episcopal Church by early summer. It is hoped that all the businesses that have sponsored the planting so generously in the past will continue to do so and that more individuals, within the community, will join the regular few who also give so generously each year. Sponsorship continues to be the Floral Association’s only form of income.

We will continue to experiment with different planting in the baskets until we find the most successful combination for the varied weather conditions experienced in Killin. One of the major problems is the wind whistling down the Main Street as it causes rapid drying out of baskets and burns the leaves and flower heads.

The committee is keen to recruit additional helpers who would be willing to join the watering rota for one or two weeks between mid June and mid September. The watering can be done in either the afternoon or evening. The committee has other projects in mind around the village but feel that they need increased involvement from more members of the community before they can add to their current ‘workload’. All we are looking for is a few hours of your time and you don’t have to join the committee. If you would be willing to help with the watering, or in any other way, please contact either Gillean Ford (820492) or Marion McRae (820719).

At the end of 2001 the Floral Association took over the responsibility of looking after the small garden around the Millennium Cairn and received a substantial donation from the Millennium Committee towards the upkeep and the purchase of plants. Some spring bulbs have been planted and further planting will take place in the late spring to ensure all year round colour and ground cover.

GF

**A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU IN FRIENDLY SURROUNDINGS.
OPEN FROM 8.30AM DAILY,
FOR BREAKFAST, MORNING COFFEES, LUNCHES AND EVENING MEALS.
FOOD AVAILABLE TO 9.30PM**

**THE OLD MILL RESTAURANT AND TEA-ROOM
GLENDOCHART,
BY KILLIN
TEL 01567 820434**

**ON SUNDAYS FROM 12 NOON UNTIL 3PM
A THREE COURSE ROAST LUNCH WILL BE SERVED,
WITH A CHOICE OF MEATS AND A SELECTION OF FRESH VEGETABLES
BOOKING PREFERABLE**

Killin Community's Future

A Community Workshop on behalf of Killin was held in the Lesser McLaren Hall on Saturday 2 February. The workshop was organised under the auspices of 'Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park Area Killin Community Futures Programme' – quite a long winded title – however, the event was well organised, impressively presented, and extremely well attended with 90 residents in attendance at this four hour session. That is more than 10% of the population of Killin.

The whole point of this exercise was to establish what Killin wants (and doesn't want!) for its future. We will not go into every detail here – as plans are afoot to print a brochure firmly focussed on the discussions which took place and the desires established.

The workshop kicked off with a 'wish list' – what in ideal circumstances would you like to see happen in Killin? And, a 'hate list' – what would be your worst nightmare for Killin? Top of the 'wish list' seemed to be a swimming pool and one of the prevailing nightmare scenarios was "To become another Callander! Loads of tartan tat shops and nowhere to buy fresh groceries!"



Kay and Beatrice go over the finer points of the proposed new Community Resource Centre plans

A super lunch of sandwiches, beverages, and home baking, was provided by the ladies of the Killin WRI. Everyone duly refreshed, started the afternoon session with renewed enthusiasm and vigor.

The tables were set out to accommodate five groups with the various themes of 'Youth Activities', 'Social/Community Services' 'Roads and Transport' 'Environmental Improvements' and



(above): Jean enjoys the photos provided by Killin News, Killin Web Site and others.

'Tourism/Local Economy'. Everyone was given the opportunity to join their chosen group/topic. In a forty-five minute session, groups had to identify three main areas of concern and suggest action to improve matters. There was no doubt about the enthusiasm for the task, as large sheets of paper were soon

Some of the key elements discussed were that the village must ensure the retention of vital services such as Banking, Post Office, Ambulance, Fire Brigade and Police. General maintenance of roads. Gritting and snow ploughing are not adequate. Community land is required.

Another need highlighted was more facilities for the youth in the village. The group involved in discussion on this topic did more than just talk – a meeting was arranged for the following Wednesday involving adults and youngsters (which was attended by approx 30) and, as we go to print, the wheels are already in motion to make things happen for our teenagers (see page 40). Well done!

It is hoped that the brochure detailing discussions will be delivered with your next Killin News.

Moir Meek & Editor

Fairview House

Main Street, Killin

Tel: 01567 820667



Rick and Joan offer a warm welcome in the friendly comfort of their guest house at competitive rates



The Scottish Crannog Centre

"It's too big, too high, too long and too near." These were the welcome words of Councillor Allan Jack during the Perth and Kinross development control committee's deliberations relating to the application for a major redevelopment at Croft-na-Caber adjoining the Scottish Crannog Centre. By an 11 to 5 vote, the committee decided to refuse the application.

We at the Crannog Centre are most grateful to all of those people, many from the Killin area, who either wrote individually to the development control committee or signed a petition expressing their objections to the proposal. Thanks also to *Killin News* for highlighting the situation. This helped greatly in showing the extent of feeling against the proposal held within the communities around Loch Tay.

That refurbishment of the Croft-na-Caber marina is needed, is accepted by the vast majority, and it is hoped that any future proposals will be made following full consultation with local groups and interested parties to ensure that any improvements will be acceptable to all, and most importantly, will blend into the magnificent surrounding landscape.

Despite the atrocious weather conditions since the end of the tourist season, work has been going on apace to carry out general structural repairs and maintenance. The recent gales smashed an empty boat against the Crannog's supporting timbers, causing considerable damage. Many of these supporting legs had only just been put in place.

The Crannog Centre will reopen for the 2002 season on 15 March, a week before Easter.

A great programme of special events is planned throughout the season. The first date for your diary is Sunday, 28 April, 11am to 4.30pm, when there will be a Celtic Food Festival: taste the past at this annual food and drink fair featuring spit-roast beast and other Iron Age delicacies! Come ready to sample local produce, dairy products, smoked fish, Scottish wines, and more. Normal admissions apply. In the evening, we start the entertainment from 6.45pm to 8pm with 'Celtic Cocktails & Canapes' around a flickering log fire, accompanied by traditional Scottish music. Booking essential. Tickets: £12 (Members: £10)

Colin Scott

Killin Folk Festival Is This The End of the Road?!

Every year, we take for granted that the Folk Festival will just happen in Killin. This year, however, there is a cloud of doubt hanging over it.

An open meeting was held on 8 February in the Lesser Hall to find more Committee members to help run the Festival. This was Chaired by Lesley Syme, who was assisted by Tam Bolton. Approximately two dozen people turned out (in filthy weather) to support the meeting.

Lesley started by saying that the level of help (stewarding, manning the shop, running the camp site, administration etc) had fallen over the last few years, so much so, that the work load had become too much for those still involved. An additional problem has recently arisen, in that Alec Stewart has resigned from the Committee. Alec has done an amazing job over the years - booking bands and running the artistic side of the weekend, and lot more. With the rest of the committee he has given freely of his time.

John Mallinson spoke of the success the Festival has enjoyed, and the need to be sure that the expertise is still in place to run it. If not, then he suggested that it might be better to stop now, and quit whilst on a high, rather than allow standards to slip.

Volunteers were requested, on the condition that they also joined the Committee. Tam took the names of several who volunteered. He and Lesley will now refer back to the Killin Initiative Committee, who have the final say as to whether or not the Festival will proceed.

We will keep you informed on any developments.

As we go to print, we hear that a first committee meeting has been held and things are looking brighter. More help is still required - contact Lesley on 01567 820424 NOW!

THE BACK PAIN & SPORTS THERAPY CLINIC

For treatment of back pain, neck and shoulder pain and sports injuries.

Trevor Griffiths L.C.S.P (Phys)

Physical Therapist for the European Solheim Cup Team 2000.

Mossgiel House, Burrell Street, Comrie.

tel: 01764 670567



R.A Clement Associates

--- Chartered Accountants ---

*We provide a personal service to companies
and businesses of all sizes*



- **Business Plans & Projections**
- **Accounts**
- **Taxation**
- **Auditing**
- **Computer Consultancy**
- **Self Assessment**

5 Argyll Square, Oban, Argyll PA34 4AZ

Tel: 01631 562643 Fax: 01631 566043

Email: staff@clementoban.demon.co.uk

Clydesdale Bank Buildings, Main Street, Tobermory, Mull PA75 6NU

Tel: 01688 302372 Fax: 01688 302578

101 High Street, Fort William PH33 6DG

Tel: 01397 700171 Fax: 01397 704123

Christmas Tree

Every year the village of Killin is kindly given a Christmas tree by Judge & Mrs Stroyan, and every year, the various tradesmen, give freely of their time to erect the tree and put the lights on. This year, the Killin Community Council secured a grant from Stirling Council of £100 towards the cost of the lights and bulbs.

It is very sad to have to report that, on the first night the tree was up, a total of 13 bulbs 'mysteriously disappeared!' On the subsequent night 7 vanished, and a few more after on following nights! Has it really got to the stage that we need to organise a "Christmas Tree Watch"?! The culprit/s know who they are. Just remember, the Christmas Tree is there for ALL the people of this village to enjoy, and as a celebration of Christmas. Did you really need coloured bulbs that much?! **DG**

Rudolph Was A Girl!

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, while both male and female reindeer grow antlers in the summer each year, male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December. Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring.

Therefore, according to all historical renditions depicting Santa's reindeer, every single one of them – from Rudolph to Blitzen – had to be a girl.

It makes sense really. Only a woman would be able to drag a fat man in a red suit all over the world in one night, and not get lost!

An extract from 'The Villagers'.

ERIC McALLISTER CARPET FITTER

"Tredaire"

Tel: Killin 01567 820 359

**SPECIALIST ON ALL
FLOOR COVERINGS**

**Supplier of
Carpets & Vinyls**

New Policeman Takes Up Post

Constable Iain Carnegie (below) is now the new resident policeman at Crianlarich.



This should help the police situation locally, as recently manpower has been at a reduced level, which stretched the resources available to the local communities.

Iain and his wife Caroline are hoping to move into the Crianlarich Police house during March. At the moment he is starting and finishing his shift at Callander and travelling into our area each day.

He is concentrating on meeting local people at present, and will be happy to work on local issues, which are of concern to the community. His door will always be open at Crianlarich Police Office for anyone to call in.

Iain is very happy to have this opportunity to work and live in such a beautiful area and looks forward to meeting many of the local community.

"EUREKA HARDWARE"

Main Street
Killin
Perthshire



Tel & Fax: 01567 820 277/ 386
e-mail: daniacf@dialstart.net

**Key Cutting - Glass Cutting
Domestic Appliance Spares
Kitchen & Bathroom Accessories
Batteries Of All Shapes & Sizes
Ironmongery
Paint & Decorating Accessories
Tools
Electrical Goods Large & Small
Camping & Caravan Equipment
Bakeware
Etc..... Etc..... Etc.....**

**If We Do Not Stock What You Need,
We Will Try To Get It For You....**

Killin Heritage Society

The society ends its successful 2001/02 syllabus on 1 March when The Quern present an evening of storytelling, music and song "The Story of The Royal Mile" in the McLaren Hall at 7.30pm Tickets £2.50

On Friday 1 March the Society will once again welcome to the village The Quern. Those who were in the audience for Quern's first visit in October 2000, will remember how they were entertained so splendidly by the story telling, music and song relating the life of Robert Service. The evening took on an old-fashioned, music hall atmosphere as the audience

joined in many of the songs. This time the subject will be 'The Story of the Royal Mile' and Quern has assured us that we are in for a lively evening. Once again this is a major venture for the committee of the Heritage Society, who are confident, that after the great success of Quern's last visit, word will have spread and the audience size will be doubled. Tickets are available from committee members or from the Secretary (820492) and on sale in News First.

Over the last two years the Society has welcomed speakers on many topics but have been particularly lucky to obtain the

services of those who can talk on subjects of local interest. This is not always easy to achieve but the large turnout on these nights has been a welcome sight and the Society has been greatly encouraged by this. This winter we have delved into the archaeology of Ben Lawers, spent a day with a ranger on the Black Mount and mined for lead at Tyndrum. We laughed a great deal with the Collections Manager from the Stirling Smith Museum, and most recently, ventured up Glen Lochay to explore the discoveries made by the ACFA.

The Syllabus for 2002/3 is already being put together and the committee hope that this will prove equally inviting to all sectors of the community. You do not have to be a member to come along but by paying a subscription of £5 you can demonstrate your support for the Society.

The Society has a collection of photographs and other archive material and is always keen to add to this. A list of items held is in the Killin Library but the archives themselves may not at the present time be accessed directly by members of the public. However, should anyone wish to view a particular item they just need to contact the Secretary on 01567 820492.

A. C. FRASER & SON

PLUMBING, HEATING & ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS



MAIN STREET
KILLIN
PERTSHIRE



TEL & FAX 01567 820 277 / 386

CORGI AND SNIPEF REGISTERED

ATTENTION!

Do you have an existing business, or are you considering starting a new business?

To discuss your business needs and to find out availability of our Business Clinics, call Paul Murphy MLIA(dip), Business Development Manager

Telephone: 01786 445 757, mobile 07771 778594

Mobile Banking Hours

Locheearnhead: Monday 12.40 - 1.10 pm & Thursday 10.45 - 11.15 am

Killin: Monday & Thursday 11.45 - 12.30 pm

Stirling Retail Office, 2 Pitt Terrace, Stirling FK8 2EX



The Royal Bank of Scotland

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc Registered Office: 36 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB
Registered in Scotland No. 90312

Stirling Assembly Comes Of Age

The Stirling Assembly has declared its independence with the election of an Executive Committee of 12 people to run its affairs.

Set up by Stirling Council three years ago, the Stirling Assembly is one of Scotland's most vigorous and successful civic forums, having discussed a wide range of national and local issues in its 22 sittings, attracting considerable national interest.

The election of an Executive Committee heralds a change in the Assembly from an informal body run by volunteers to a formally constituted organisation.

The first Executive Committee consists of Community Council members Selina Makower, Martin McCrae and Joe Twaddle; and Individual members William Bisset of Riverside, Bill Craig of Causewayhead, Stan Collingwood of King's Park, Murray Dickie of Torbrex, Campbell Graham of King's Park, Angela Heaney of Gargunnock, Sheila Moffat of Plean, Sue Pringle of Bridge of Allan and Tom Murray of the Stirling Voluntary Association. In addition, John Riley of Tyndrum, served on this Committee until last year when extra demands on his time from his business resulted in him standing down. John has now retired and has recently been co-opted back onto the Committee.

Representatives from the Student Forum and Youth Forum will also be elected at a later stage and the Assembly will be able to appoint advisers from organisations such as Forth Valley Health Board, Scottish Enterprise Forth Valley and Central Scotland Police. It has become a major partner in the Stirling Alliance, which is the main group developing a Community Plan for the Stirling Council area. In order to properly represent the community on the Alliance and other partnership bodies, the Assembly needed to have a more formal set up.

The Assembly meets regularly and debates a range of national and local issues that affect the Stirling area. It is open to anyone and attracts people from right across the Stirling Council area.

Meet The Basset Griffon Vendeen

The Griffon Vendeen family of hounds originate, as the name suggests, in the Vendee region of France. The breed can be traced back to the 16th century in France and appeared in England in the latter part of the last century. It is a family of two sizes, both used for hunting, different types of game according to size. The name tells you about the breed: Grand - large; basset - short legged; griffon - rough coated; and Vendeen - coming from the Vendee region of Southern France.

GBGV s are also known as the happy breed. They have wonderful temperaments and are very happy outgoing hounds 'into' everything, always willing to please and never aggressive. However they are hounds and are not a breed for the faint-hearted, or the sit-at-home! But what do you expect of a Frenchman (or woman)?!



Melanter Tout a Lou or Fern as she is commonly known was bought originally as a pet from a Scottish Breeder back in June 2001. The breeder persuaded us to try showing her, something that we had never considered. Her first outing was in October where she won Best Puppy in Show at the Lochaber & District Open Show. She then went to the Breed Championship Show down in Coventry where she was second in her class which qualified her for Crufts 2002. Apparently it can take years to qualify for Crufts! November saw another win again Best Puppy in Show at The Ladies Kennel Association Open Show in Bathgate. We have been overwhelmed at her success I personally put it down to beginners luck! We will continue to take her to a few other shows before Crufts which is the first week in March in order to gain experience for both Fern and myself. *Fiona Buchanan*

JUBILEE FANCY DRESS

SATURDAY 1ST JUNE

McLAREN HALL

IN AID OF

NEW YEAR FIREWORKS

McLaren Leisure Centre

WHAT IS ON AT THE McLAREN CENTRE?

September 2001 until further notice -

Monday

10 - 11 am- Body Blitz 6.45 - 7.30 -
Aerobics

Thursday

6.15 - 7 pm - Aerobics 7.30 - 9.00 pm -
Yoga

Book appointment for Holistic Therapies -
Aromatherapy, Reflexology, Indian Head Massage
etc.

Now Open - McLaren Community Creche

Staffed by "Stirling Creche Co."

Open Monday - Friday 9.30 - 11.30 am

Aqua Disco -

March 23 7 - 9 pm 8 - 13 years

Osteopath

Morag Frazer will be available on Wednesday afternoons.

A Note from Mervyn

You may remember Tim Frost's article in Issue 65 in September, where Tim referred to "broillaching holes" which the deer use, and none of us knew the origins of the word - never mind how to spell it! Well, Mervyn Browne our other regular writer has filled us in.

"Tim Frost's BROILLEACH holes probably originates from the Gaelic word meaning noisy or swaggering and connected with the RUT, when stags shout the odds in the manner of Mohamed Ali, the boxer, "I'm the greatest"!! Stags want to look fierce to their rivals when coming out of these holes covered in peaty slime. This covering also helps to keep annoying flies and insects at bay."

Telephone: (01567) 820342

CHARLES GRANT

Painters and Decorators

Beechcroft, Main Street
Killin, Perthshire FK21 8UT

Tiling, Artexing, Graining,
Ragrolling, Sponging, Stripping,
Paper Hanging, Cornicing,
Fire Proofing,
Carpet and Upholstery
Cleaning Services

Killin Primary School Playground Development

Our hopes are to break up the tarmac and create a tranquil area where the children can play and learn. Following much consultation with the pupils of Killin Primary School and Nursery, we have finally started to move forward on plans for the development of the playground. This initiative started way back in 1999 when Mrs Inglis, Headteacher, and Helen Weir, Nursery Head, attended Stirling Council's Grounds for Learning Conference 'Breaking up the Tarmac'. This process has involved consulting with the children about what they would like to see change, getting quotes for work and applying for grants. A group of 'willing volunteers' was formed with representatives from School, PTA, Pupil Council, Nursery and Killin Out of School Care. On 12 November we held our initial meeting to discuss the way forward with this project. The nursery applied for a grant to move their boundary fence and build a brick wall with planters in the middle and seating to the sides. We have received £2,000 towards this and are currently applying for match funding. Although we have a group formed, we will be looking for help at a later date for gardening, playground markings etc.

The Children's Wish List

Hardcore: Football pitch, basketball hoops, games – marked, skipping area, race track, skate board area, fence/division, murals.

Vegetation: Trees, wildlife garden, maze/willow, bird table.

Moveable Objects: Bins, shade, eating area, seating/tables, house/role play, bike rack, sheltered area, chalking area

Wish: Swing, slide, roundabout, see-saw, climbing frame, pond, sand box, putting green!

These lists, along with plans for the play area, have been passed onto Judi Legg from Kippen Environmental Centre, who is designing a proposal for our development. The plans, when available, will be displayed for everyone to see.

Killin Nursery on the Crianlarich site already has plans drawn up, which can be seen in the nursery, and a grant of £2,000 has been awarded for the work to start on decking to step the steep slope from the playground down to the house. We are looking for volunteers to join the Crianlarich working group. We are about to apply for another grant to install willow fencing.

For more information on either site, please contact Helen Weir on 01567 820 889.



KIRK CARE HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD

KIRK CARE PROVIDES RENTED SHELTERED ACCOMMODATION
FOR OLDER PEOPLE, AND CURRENTLY HAS A 1 PERSON 2
APARTMENT VACANCY AT BALLECHROISK COURT, KILLIN.

THIS SHELTERED DEVELOPMENT HAS A RESIDENT WARDEN,
COMMUNAL FACILITIES, AND, IN ADDITION TO THIS, ALL THE
PROPERTIES ARE LINKED TO A CENTRAL ALARM CENTRE.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND APPLICATION DETAILS
PLEASE CONTACT:

MARY MUNRO, HOUSING ASSISTANT, KIRK CARE HOUSING
ASSOCIATION LTD, 3 FORRES STREET, EDINBURGH EH3 6BJ

TELEPHONE: 0131 243 4100

EMAIL: MMUNRO@KIRKCARE.CO.UK

Or

MARGARET FENNA, WARDEN, BALLECHROISK COURT, KILLIN

TELEPHONE: 01567 820206

Killin & District Agricultural Society

We require a licensee to operate the
bar at the Killin Agricultural Show
and Marquee Dance on Saturday 17
August 2002.

Please contact 01567 820 442 by 28
February – thank you.

THE OLD MILL RESTAURANT AND TEA-ROOM

MARCH 10TH ESPECIALLY FOR
MOTHERING SUNDAY
A FOUR COURSE ROAST LUNCH
WILL BE SERVED BETWEEN
12NOON AND 3PM FOR ALL
THOSE LOVELY MUMS WHO
DESERVE A TREAT.
PLEASE PHONE FOR DETAILS.

01567 820434

Glen Dochart Adult Education

This informal group met again at the end of January to discuss ideas for adult community learning for the coming months. This forum has been extremely successful in identifying areas of community learning that have proved of great interest locally. If you would like to come along the next time the group meets, please contact Suzanne Player, on 01567 820154.

Gaelic and Art are continuing through until March, whilst 'Computing for the Terrified' has proved a great success in Ardeonaig with 15 (!) people attending. There were also 2 very popular short courses about the internet, which were made possible by the loan of computing equipment from the 'One Foot in the Web' programme. The group are looking at ways of overcoming the equipment problem to enable future courses.

Two weekend Basket Weaving courses with Georgia Crook also proved successful and Community Support hope to run more later in the year.

Helen Weir the Nursery Manager and Dee Melia in her Health Visitor role held a session for parents of young children looking at ideas for play. Several parents went along to discover the mysteries of Gloop and multi coloured pasta. More sessions are planned on subjects such as sleep management, age stages and so on.

The Group are also planning a couple of sessions, which may be of interest to parents of High school children. Stirling Family Support Service have offered to come up and talk about drug issues and we hope that Stirling Council Youth Support team will attend another session to inform parents about support available for school leavers in their transition from school to work or college.

Art and Aerobics have started in Tyndrum and if successful, will continue in the autumn. Upholstery continues to be a big hit in Lochearnhead.

Proposed Programme for April
Upholstery - Lochearnhead
Oil Painting 2 - Lochearnhead
Dog Training - Killin

Other subjects being discussed include stained glass, traditional music and quilting/embroidery.

Please contact Suzanne Player, Stirling Council Community Animator on 01567 820154 if you would like further information about any of the above.

Senior Citizens' Burns Supper

So, it's back again! We missed out on it last year, but thanks to the Initiative Committee, the Senior Citizens once again were able to enjoy a splendid evening. Unfortunately, the weather was so bad that night – 5 or 6 inches of snow! – a good number stayed at home – and who could blame them!?

However, those who did turn up enjoyed a great Burns Supper, chaired by the indestructible Jim Sutherland (below), who not only introduced the various speakers and performers, but also managed a few good jokes, as well as addressing The Haggis. The Haggis was piped in by young Douglas Kane, who due to his tender years (Douglas that is – not the haggis!), was not offered the traditional piper's dram.



Following the consumption of the Haggis and accompanying neeps and tatties, Alex Stewart entertained (and educated us) with a fine 'Immortal Memory'; in this writer's view, just about the ideal length.

I should add that the gathering were frequently 'refreshed' with a drop or two of *"inspiring bold John Barleycorn"* or whatever took their fancy!

Gordon Hibberts' Toast to The Lassies', widely researched and highly amusing, was very well received, as was Bunty MacGregor's appropriately worded 'Reply'. The little gaps, that were well planned, were filled with well kent pieces of music and song, especially the duets from Jim Cushley and Mary Masterson, with Frances Cushley on the keyboard.

But without doubt, and without understating any of the performers, the big moment of the evening was Charlie Methven's 'Tam O' Shanter'. With Charlie this is not a mere recitation, but rather a theatrical performance interacting with the audience. Indeed, one new visitor to this Supper, Tony from SE England (!), was somewhat startled to be beaten about the head with a rolled up newspaper to the beloved words of Tam's wife,

"She tauld the weel, thou was a skellum, A blethering blustering, drunken blellum".
Never-the-less, Tony enjoyed the poem and the entire evening.

Following that rather rumbustrious performance, the remainder of the evening gave us some splendid singing and playing; especially from Ann & Ritchie Kane (the parents of the piper – what a musical family!) who each did their own thing – Anne's "Wee Cooper O' Fife" was particularly appreciated, with the audience joining in.

Finally, a splendid 'Vote of Thanks' for all who contributed to the evening was given by Tam Bolton.

Sinclair Aitken

Scot Electrical Services

**All Electrical Repairs, Maintenance & Installations
Domestic, Commercial & Industrial**



**For A Qualified
Tradesman -**



**The Man
In The
Yellow Van**

Auchmore Lodge, Killin Tel: 01567 820872 Mobile: 0468 468228

Killin Sports and Leisure Club

What is its future?

This article is being written to give an update on what the Club has achieved over the last year and to ask local people what they want for the future of the Club and how they would like to be involved.

- * Membership has increased
- * Use of facilities increased thanks to a better summer
- * New goal nets and basketball rings and nets purchased
- * Bike racks installed courtesy of Stirling Council
- * Very successful coffee morning held to raise funds
- * Sports tournaments held during the summer for young members
- * New system for young members to access key for floodlighting in winter
- * One Foot in Web has held 2 successful internet courses in pavilion
- * New tables and chairs for pavilion from One Foot in Web

Committee

The present office bearers would like to stand down. Kay Riddell and Liz Stevens have worked incredibly hard to keep the Club going and feel they have run out of energy, whilst I only agreed to become Acting Secretary for the short term. We all agree that new enthusiasm is needed to keep the Club going and to flourish in the future. The present office bearers all have time consuming jobs and it really needs people with more time to give to steer the Club forward.

Finances

There are difficulties in running the facility it cannot be denied. Not least of these is the burden of loan repayment of £2500 per year to Stirling Council. The Tote goes a long way to covering this payment, but the Tote itself requires quite a lot of time and if there was a way of writing off the loan, that money could be used to improve facilities. Discussions are being held with Stirling Council about possible ways forward with this.

Bowling Green

The bowling green is the most labour demanding of all the facilities and many of you will have seen Kay cutting the green during her lunch hour over the summer. That is certainly beyond the call of duty - and she cuts it crooked anyway!! So if

anyone knows of someone who might be interested in doing that job, please let us know. We hope, with help from SC, to free up some money to pay a wage to a part time greenkeeper.

Astroturf

This is a real problem as everyone will probably know, it is not the all weather court it was supposed to be. It is unplayable after any amount of rain and water does not drain away. According to experts brought in by Stirling Council it is not just a simple case of cleaning the excess sand off and poking holes through. This is a major job which would cost a great deal of money to put right.

Suggestions of some sort of roofing have been taken seriously and are being explored by the Council on the Club's behalf. The cost is very high but if there is a solution to the problem then perhaps the money would be well spent. The astroturf is used just about every night it is playable by the younger members of our community and we would like to encourage this as much as possible.

Options for the future

If the loan repayments are written off in some way, then the Club actually becomes a viable enterprise that would pay its own way and could be a real asset to the community. An enthusiastic committee with time and energy to spare could probably breathe new life into the Club on its own. Another thought that has been raised is that if the McLaren Hall does develop facilities including changing rooms and showers, then the Sports

Pavilion itself could be adapted and used for other things. It is not the intention to prevent the bowlers from using the club room and storing their equipment, but it might be that the rest of the building could be used. One particular project being explored is the possibility of this being the base for a youth drop in centre.

These are all ideas being discussed and the feasibility of these has to be explored. If anyone has any thoughts or ideas, PLEASE let us know and even better come along to the AGM which will be held on Tuesday 19 March at 8.00pm in the Pavilion.

PLEASE do not hesitate about coming forward to be on this committee - you don't need to play sport to be involved. Even if you have only just moved to the area, we need your input and new ideas. Support is available to help realise any new projects suggested, and without people coming forward to help run the Club, the future is very uncertain.

If anyone would like to discuss any points raised, please contact Suzanne Player on 820154 or 820268.

**Killin & District
Sports & Leisure Club**
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 19 March 2002
8.00pm
in the Sports Pavilion
ALL WELCOME



Newspaper Re-Cycling

Dates when the children from Killin Primary School will call round to collect newspapers for re-cycling are:

Friday 1 March

Friday 15 March

Friday 19 April

This is a valuable resource for the school. Please bag up your newspapers and leave them in a prominent position at the end of your driveway.

Killin Carpet Bowlers

We had two Invitation Matches during the season – the Pairs' Night on 1 December involved 36 teams (8 from Killin). The honours went to: 1. Crook of Devon 2. Acharn 3. Crook of Devon 4. Camserney. But, as hosts, we did redeem ourselves in the Consolation Singles Competition with 1. Chris McLarty (Killin) and 2. Donald Marno (Crianlarich).

The Triples' Night on 2 February involved 15 teams (5 from Killin) and this time the honours went to: 1. Acharn 2. Killin (Chris McLarty, John Sinclair and Johnny Willison) 3. Camserney 4. Muthil. The Final was close, with the home team beaten on the last shot on the last end – exciting stuff!

Many thanks to Nicholson Paints in Stirling who presented us with a shield to play for, in this Triples Competition – we were so close to having Killin as the first name on it!

Killin was once again the 'bridesmaid' in the Consolation Singles' competition: 1. Jimmy Johnston (Crook of Devon) 2. Neil Forsyth (Killin).

Two excellent nights, great company, good food (and a little whisky!), but little success for the home teams!

Christmas Hamper

The Christmas Hamper Raffle was drawn on 17 December, and the winner was Sinclair Aitken, The Glebe, Killin. The Carpet Bowlers would like to extend thanks to everyone who bought tickets, and in particular, thanks to Ian and Frances McLaggan for displaying the hamper in the Killin Post Office.

Fireside Quiz

We ran a Fireside Quiz, which we hope you all enjoyed doing. The winner was Grace Kennedy from Fort William. Once again, we would like to thank all who took part. The Quiz is below, just for fun for those of you who didn't manage to buy one (donations to the Club are always appreciated). The answers are all titles of films – and are on page 27.

1. Scottish city reptile
2. Blazing carriages
3. South sea Island bird
4. How many acres of hectares in the plot
5. Weekly number and brilliant
6. Deadly fascination
7. He's got a precious firearm
8. Short meeting
9. Not a loud husband
10. Did this woman record in Welsh or Irish
11. If you sat in these you would have hot pants
12. How far below the ocean?
13. Is she a ruler in a big Continent?
14. Was there pebbles and sand there?
15. Biggest and best bid for freedom
16. Girly coloured leopard
17. Were all Bush's males there?
18. Currency by the handful
19. Complete recollection
20. Hawaiian inlet
21. 21 or 22 June
22. Eastern rail speed machine
23. No bleating from the young flock
24. Creamy, dark, smooth and wicked
25. One with an academic degree

***"What mere man could at this late date
Afford protection for his mate?
He'd offer to her his weekly pay
To hear his true love sweetly say
'Just keep it for your fags and beer
I'm earning twice as much my dear'"***

...thus spake Catherine Cunningham in her Reply from the Lasses at our Family Burns Supper celebration. What a wonderful gathering! Everyone gave 150% to the evening; starting with Colin Clement piping in the haggis, then Dick Steven's dramatic and enjoyable Address to the Haggis. Cas (Neil Carson) gave the Toast to the Lasses in great style (and if my memory does not trick me, it was pretty complimentary!) and then Catherine's rhyming reply.

Catherine would like to thank May Clement and Rae MacGregor for their help in preparing her Reply. What a great double act Catherine and Cas proved to be. The thrills and local talents kept coming: Aileen Fisher's Highland Dancers (Gillian Ross, Siobhan Anderson, Suzanne Ashton and Jessica Wilkie) were perfect to watch, doing a super variety of dances. Suzanne followed on with a tune from her tin whistle, with the singing accompaniment of Suzanne, Jessica and Nicole Robertson. Many thanks to Aileen for leading us in the family dancing.



Catherine Cunningham & Neil Carson

Paul Kelly and Ian Jackanelly had gathered together local musicians for the second, less formal half of the evening, which went with a swing. We must not forget to thank all the staff at the Invervey Restaurant for their hard work before, during and after the evening. It was wonderful that so many people bought tickets and came along. You all arrived intent on having fun, and enjoying being with your neighbours.

The Burns Supper was organised by our newly formed Strathfillan Activities Group. So far they've been responsible for three walks, Joyce Russell's Art Class and Sammy Hibbert's Keep Fit class. Their next meeting will be on the evening of 28 February, please feel welcome to join them. **Sue**

Where All Rivers Flow Into China

by John Allen, Morenish, Killin

Background: Kyrgyzstan

(extracted from the 'Lonely Planet Guide to Central Asia')

"The collapse of the USSR has left this tiny, under-equipped republic out on a limb, seemingly without the resources to survive on its own. So far it is getting by on pluck, a liberal agenda surprisingly free of self-interest, and goodwill from western donor countries. It is doing more than any other Central Asian republic to encourage and simplify tourism, at least partly because this is one of the few things it has to sell to the outside world."

This time last year I had no idea that in September 2001 I would be in Kyrgyzstan (pronounced Kirgistan). "Where is that?", you may well ask. Well I did know, because a mountaineer friend, David Gerrard, had shown me a map, had told me that it was a small country, recently part of the Soviet Union, but now independent. On the western border of China, there was a huge range of mountains, the Tien Shan, which had until recently only been known for associations with Ghenghis Khan, the Silk Road, nomadic herders and militias. The lure for him, and for me when he invited me a couple of months later, was pioneer mountaineering at altitudes suitable for quick acclimatisation (4,000 to 5,000m). Remote, unvisited, unclimbed - a genuine adventure with no certain outcome.

When he asked, I immediately said yes, and picked up the pieces as time moved on. It would be a four week trip, which I could manage, being an early retired over 60; the average age of the other four members was exactly half mine. They were good climbers, who had done this sort of thing before, as I have, but they would have the advantage of youth, and all that goes with it in these circumstances. The Mount Everest Foundation and the British Mountaineering Council had approved the plans and provided some money. So we'd better add our own personal finances and get out there. Having climbed a lot in the European Alps and elsewhere, I felt again the dream of reaching into previously forbidden mountains.

The planning seemed ever so simple. British Airways flew us to the capital city, Bishkek, via Baku, in ten hours on 25 August. We bought food to last four weeks in the local bazaars and supermarket, cleared formalities with passports and visas, and hired a truck and driver to take us to the edge of the world. The 30 year old map (Soviet) at scale 1:200,000 was basic, but we enlarged it on a photocopier and found it remarkably accurate in the broad

sense (rivers, spot heights and contours), but lacking other detail of any value. I took the precaution of buying a good, portable personal water filter before leaving the UK - you only realise the value of clean water when you are unwell, and then it's too late! Oh, and we had a qualified medical doctor (Hilda), no radio or other receivers or transmitters on our budget (probably useless anyway, in view of the deep valleys and high mountains), sturdy rubber kitchen gloves for washing up in freezing rivers, and not much by way of a change of clothes. Not a trip for the squeamish.

So how did we get on? Even the most knowledgeable mountain authority in Bishkek knew almost nothing of our chosen area, but he did facilitate all introductions we might need in local areas with military or police checkpoints. The national language is Kyrgyz (pronounced Kirgeez), but most people spoke Russian, except us. Sign language with fingers, facial expressions and a simple dictionary, good humour and amusing gesticulations usually worked. Mistakes were going to be made. All of the mistakes were of course our fault, but the first worked in our favour. Unsure exactly where to start on our smallish range of peaks within the wider, Tien Shan, range, we elected to try from the south and inadvertently came upon another mini range which looked better. So we spent a week there first, doing some first ascents as well as wider, general exploration (call it trekking, if you like). From a main campsite to which the truck had driven us (on high grassland at 10,000 ft), we made higher camps, sometimes using horses we had learnt to ride, and climbed to summits at 14,000 to 15,000ft in a single day from the high camp. Local herders provided the horses, gave us locally brewed alcoholic milk (kymyz - pronounced koomis) and the odd bit of fresh meat (marmots, a large rodent) in exchange for vodka and fresh vegetables we had brought from Bishkek. We cooked porage for breakfast, made chips in the pressure cooker, as well as pasta and rice, and ate salami-type sausage, cheese, black bread till it ran out, and noodles with all sorts of evil and choking spices from packets printed in Chinese. I yearned for dried mashed potato, not available - another mistake - take it from UK next time!

It was time we tried to find a better way into the original area, so we packed up the truck (a 4WD of Soviet origin, and excellent for the rough roads, crossing rivers, and Misha, the driver's, wild music) and took advice from a border guard-cum-hunter/horseman. He directed us to a nomadic settlement of a single tent (a yurt)

where the truck could go no further. We needed to hump all our gear for the main two and a half weeks over several gorges, rivers and high ground and establish a base camp. Horses again came into their own, with the owners for company and guidance as far as they would venture. A great way to travel, if a bit bumpy, and difficult too, to get one's afternoon nap on the back of a horse, though it is reported that I succeeded, without falling off, and to the amusement of herders and climbers alike.

We arranged a rendez-vous date for return with the horses and spent the next two weeks exploring hidden valleys and peaks on this border region with China. What a wonderful area, with dramatic rock faces, deeply cut valleys, some easy and some difficult routes to higher levels, all of it wild and remote! Anyone who wishes to build on our findings could take the level of adventure much further, especially in the area of rock-climbing or general alpine mountaineering and at all levels.

In retrospect it is difficult to pick out one outstanding moment. Tim and Pete would say that their complete ascent of the snow/ice climb right at the end ('The Bounty', 500m, Scottish grade 5) was their highlight. We had failed on other routes. Breakfast of fresh sheep, fresh bread and butter, with kymyz and tea was undoubtedly memorable on our last morning in the herders' yurt. What will probably stay with me as the most intense experience was the last 48 hours in the hills. A heavy snow storm on our last night at base camp threatened to cut us off from the rendez-vous with the horses. We had not seen snow or thunder like it. After a delayed start because of it, and heavy progress with heavy loads, we were late at the meeting point, and missed the horses and their men. We now had to carry out everything ourselves, having guaranteed to leave no evidence of our presence. Besides the deep snow (we thought winter had come) and heavy cloud cover, we had to find our way across ridges and valleys, sometimes with freezing water to wade, and a final few hours in the dark to the yurt. Arduous though it was, as I look back, the walk out seemed to set the seal on the level of companionship, harmony and commitment during this quality adventure.

Copies of the full report can be obtained from The Mount Everest Foundation, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR

The photo on the facing page shows the main range of exploration. The base camp was sited in the river bed at the bottom of the photo.

Did Anyone See Noah?!

With the amount of rain we have had, it wouldn't have been a surprise if Noah had taken up residence in Killin. 40 Days and 40 nights had nothing on us!

The photo right shows that walking at the head of the loch was near impossible - swimming would have been easier.

The rain also took its 'toll' on Webster store (below). Kate and Rhona managed to keep their feet dry by walking across the puddle on make-shift bridges (without a toll!). The staff at Websters are always great at improvising!

And it has not just been the rain - gales gusting to over 100 mph hit Killin, took down telephone lines - now 2 weeks later and BT have still to repair some lines.

Roll on summer and the water shortages!



Where did this bench come from?

Those of you who walk up and down Manse Road may have noticed a rather nice green seat appear on the corner of Stewart Road. This has been provided by Stirling Council Housing Department following a chance encounter on Manse Road between Audrey Campbell, Bill Rew and Suzanne Player, Community Animator.



Suzanne happened to be passing when Audrey mentioned to Bill how good it would be to have a seat to rest on at the top of the steep part of the brae. Suzanne contacted the Housing Department to see if they could help. The response from Simone Greenshaw, Area Housing Manager, was immediately positive and money was available through the HELP budget. After a couple of months of wondering if it would actually appear, it did, as this photo of Audrey Campbell and Margaret Martin "christening" the seat on its arrival shows.

Thanks to Simone and Stirling Council. The seat which will be enjoyed by all of us who walk up and down the brae for many years to come.

Panto Time Again - Not Just On



This year Killin Drama Club excelled themselves with their rendition of the popular pantomime Dick Whittington. For three nights in January all their hard work was there to be seen, with Saturday night being a sell-out. All the stops were pulled out on this panto with great effect, the amount of work in each costume change alone was incredible. It was obvious to see how much time and work had been put into the scenery and special effects, the sea was especially good.

Whoever was responsible for the casting did an excellent job, you could almost have thought that some characters were written for various people. Who other then Glenda could have played Sarah Suet!? Captain Cockle - Tam Bolton!! Susan - I'm not implying you are a rat !! And Gill made a purrfect cat - could cats be the subject of her next 'Pets Place'?

It was Daniel Holden's first Panto, and he just oozed with confidence. I'm sure we will be seeing a lot more of him on stage. What a dark horse David McColl was as Sheik Dabottal, Sultan of Morrocco. Everyone involved was a star in their own right, it was a team effort, but without each one, there would have been no show.

Well done to Gordon, Lesley and everyone involved. We appreciate all your hard work. Thanks also to Chris Holden for the photos.

Good Luck to the Killin Drama Club at Fintry in the One Act Play Festival on 1 & 2 March.
DG



Opening of the Salmon Fishing

See Articles Page 29



ne, But Two - Oh Yes There Is!

Robin Hood & Friends

The children of the Killin Primary School offered a start to the Christmas season with a good romp based on the story of Robin Hood and the usual stock characters from Friar Tuck to Guy of Guisebourne. Unfortunately the Killin News photos were poor due to the stage lighting, however, we are grateful to the school for access to their album. Thanks to the children for starting the season with some colourful fun.

In the top photo we have the "Minstrels" who are (L-R) back row: Fraser Kane, Claire Storrer and Jillian Laurence. Front row: Naomi McLaren, Sarah McKenzie and Michael Farquharson.

In the bottom photo, the "Hot Shots" are (L-R) back row: Calum McLarty, Frances James, Jamie McPherson and Rosie Campbell. Front row: Clare & Luke Melia, Roisann McLarty and Catherine Kennedy. **AW**



Wedding Belles



The happy couple are George Farquharson and Fiona Davidson of Killin after their wedding at Morenish Chapel. (Photo courtesy of Highland Memories - <http://www.hmuk.net>)



'On The South Shore Of Loch Tay'

**South Loch Tay Side
by Killin
Perthshire**

Tel: 01567 820 400

Fax: 01567 820 282

E-Mail:

ardeonaighotel@btinternet.com



**The Ardeonaig Hotel
& Restaurant
is situated on the
south shore of Loch Tay
and has magnificent views
across the Loch to the
summit of Ben Lawers.**

**Open for lunch from
12 noon - 2 pm,**

and for dinner from 7.00pm.

Reservations for dinner are recommended.

**Recently awarded top marks for the
quality and presentation of the food by
STB**

Awarded 2 AA Rosettes



*“At the going down
of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them!”*

(left) Wearing their poppies with pride and representing all our armed services, these local veterans attended the Service of Remembrance at the Killin War Memorial in November, to remember those who had fallen in war.

From left to right they are:
Tony Weaver, Group Captain
Dowling, Jim Sutherland, Pat
Sandeman and Roy
MacGregor



Look What The Stork Brought !

And One More Makes Four!



Jane and Stuart Forster of 5 Lyon Cottages, Killin, would like to introduce you to Jenna's new little sister, Amy Lea, who made her appearance at 2 am on Tuesday 8 January 2002, weighing in at a healthy 7 pounds 9 ounces. Amy is the third beautiful grand-daughter for Henry & Gill Forster, 'Springburn', Craignavie Road, Killin. Their grand-daughter Sophie lives in Dollar along with their young grandson Cameron, who now may well have his hands full!



Helen, Pat and Ishbel Hayes are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Peter Lachlan on 12 January 2001. Thanks to the Community midwives for all their support, and to all who have sent good wishes. Special thanks to Mags, for waking up so cheerfully in the middle of the night, to look after Ishbel.

*Congratulations - looks like the
Green Team will have another
member! Ed*

(above) Judith & Scott Munro are the proud parents of Ruairidh who was born at Stirling Royal Infirmary on 18 November 2001, weighing in at 9 pounds and 7 ounces. Scott is our local Ambulance Technician.



**Hamish Campbell and
Douglas Willison show how
to curl. See facing page**

Tuesday Club

*"On Tuesday nights in lovely Killin
Is when we all agree
It's nice to meet some other folk
And have a cup of tea.
We all have travelled near and far
And many a place have been,
But now today, we hope we'd say
There's no place like Killin.*



*When days are short and nights are long
How nice it is to say,
"Hullo", my friend are you here too
To chase the blues away.
I've wandered near, I've wandered far
And nowhere have I been,
Are folk more friendly or more kind
As folk in lovely Killin."*

The above song is sung at the opening of every meeting of the Tuesday Club. It is sung to the tune of "The Northern Lights of Old Aberdeen".

For many years I have been aware of the existence of the Tuesday Club, but never really knew what went on there, or who was involved. Mrs Mairi Stewart, Chairman, invited me to speak at one of their meetings about how we put an issue of Killin News together. So, on 29 January (which funnily enough was a Tuesday!), I found myself at the Church Hall ready to give my talk. Unaccustomed to public speaking - writing is more my thing - I was a bit apprehensive. Will I bore them to tears? Will I dry up and forget what I was talking about? However, I need not have feared - they were so friendly and inviting that I was put instantly at my ease, and it felt just like talking with friends. The 'Killin News talk' was followed by a lovely afternoon tea, and good conversation.

The Tuesday Club meets every Tuesday from 2 - 4 in the afternoon, in the Church Hall (just off Ballechroisk). Everyone of retirement age and older is invited to attend - and I guarantee you a warm welcome. It is a great way of getting to know your fellow villagers - so why not pop along.

If you would like to know more, please contact Mairi Stewart on (01567) 820 606.

Editor

Fingal's Stone

The Land immediately surrounding Fingal's Stone has now been acquired for the benefit of the village. Work remaining to be done includes fencing the area to keep it clear of livestock, the provision of a gate and eventual provision of a footpath. The latter will serve the houses in the proposed development at the back of the school and bank. Grateful thanks are due to Bill Hogg of Manse Road who has handled the legal side of things over a protracted period, free of charge. We could not have managed without him.

We hope to repeat our successful book sale of last year on Saturday 10 August - save of your paperbacks, rare manuscripts and hardbacks to donate. There will also be other fundraising events from time to time.

The Trustees are: Michael McLaren, Moira Meek, David Osler & Allan Walker

Breadalbane (Killin) Curling Club

Thanks to a spell of frosty weather over New Year, the Club were able to enjoy a few games on the outdoor pond. Unfortunately, the thaw came too soon for us to hold our bonspiel against Kenmore & District, and the more famous Grand Match which was due to be staged on Piper Dam, near Dundee, to which a rink from Killin was entered. Could global warming be to blame!?

In response to our appeal for handles in the September issue of Killin News, we were fortunate enough to receive handles from as far afield as Edinburgh and Bridge of Orchy, and thanks go to Mr Kinloch and Mrs Hamish Menzies. This has enabled us to use some of the previously redundant stones and allow more people to play.

The seasons matches are well underway with some of the competitions being fiercely fought. Watch out for results in the next issue.

Our annual outing is scheduled for the end of February. Due to the success of last years trip, we are returning to Braehead Ice Rink. There may be a few spaces on the bus - if you are interested in a trip to Braehead for shopping, skating or even to spectate, please contact me.

Jane Anderson (Secretary)
Tel 01567 820 610

The Annual Burns Supper was held for the second year running at the Killin Golf Club. Moira Riley Chaired the proceedings, and after her welcome gave the Curlers Grace.

The Haggis was piped in by Kenny Lang and Addressed by Hamish McDiarmid. The perfectly cooked haggis - with neeps and tatties was then enjoyed by everyone.

The Kennedy Brothers from near Grandtully sang some good Scots songs that had the feet tapping. This was followed by Allan Walker's "Toast to the Lassies", which was replied to for the Lassies, in good fettle, by Eilidh Campbell. Mary Masterson sang two songs, and also Jack Rough. John Burton then gave some renditions of his incomparable stories. The formal part of the evening was completed by Jo Scott who gave a recitation. The 'Vote of Thanks' was given by Johnnie Willison.

The photo below, courtesy of Jock Stewart, (from L-R) shows John Sinclair overseeing the superb effort going on in the Golf Club kitchen by Jane Anderson, Ellen Stewart and Inga Sinclair.

AW



Shoebox Appeal



Kay Riddell and Judy Forster organised a Christmas Appeal for a shoebox of presents which were sent to children in Eastern Europe mostly Romania and Chernobyl. These were handed into Killin Library, and the wonderful number of 57 were collected. These were taken to Kwik-fit and then overland to their destination, in time for Christmas. Many children in these countries do not receive any presents at all. Kay and Judy would like to thank all those who gave so generously, and would like to say please save your shoe-boxes for next Christmas.

JF

BODY CARE

Beauty Therapist
(Cibtac Qualified)

**Offering a Wide Range
of Beauty Treatments
including body massage
and Aromatherapy**

**Call Sheila for all available
treatments on (Lochearnhead)**

01567 830 272

Killin News

Annual General Meeting

**will be held in
the Killin Hotel**

**Tuesday 12 March
at 8 pm**

**Members of the public
are encouraged to come along
and give us your support.**

Reverend John Sheddan New Minister for Glenorchy - Innisheil & Strathfillan

What do Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan and Crianlarich have in common - apart from being a test in spelling? They are both built around railway heads, and in common for me, that I have been called to minister in both. When I was in primary school in Kilbarchan, West Renfrewshire, I saw a photograph of six combine harvesters cutting a field of wheat in Saskatchewan and ever after had a longing to see the 'bread-basket of the world' for myself.

Having grown up in the days before people went off to Benidorm and Lanzarote for their holidays, my fascination was with the place names I heard then. Tighnabruich; the Trossachs; Strathyre - but the one that I really liked to roll off my tongue was 'Cree-in-lar-ich' gateway to the Highlands.



What does all that have to do with the 'wee message from the minister slot' in your local newspaper. Ministry is about people and the places where they live. The more we experience of both, the greater our sense of wonder in the God who made them. As I listen to the stories people tell - whether in Moose Jaw or Crianlarich, I hear in their words and see in their eyes the infinite mystery of whatever gifts God gave to each one of us when we became a living soul. I'll show you mine, if you show me yours!

What's on Offer at Killin Library

Videos and CD's

Current Offers - Hire 3 videos for the price of 2

Hire 1 CD and get one hire free

Videos 2 day hire and Weekend 3 day
hire. Children's weekly.



**See Killin & District Telephone Book
for Opening Hours**

Tel: 01567 820 571

E-Mail: killinlibrary@stirling.gov.uk

Killin Millennium Memories Video On Sale Here at £10

Skip Abuse!

Killin Village Officer, Jake, and his co-workers from Stirling Council have asked the Killin News to bring to your attention the current abuse of the village skip.

Most villagers will remember how long and hard Killin Community Council had to push Stirling Council to provide us with this valuable facility - and that it was supplied on the understanding, that it would be for household waste from Killin residents (not businesses). Someone has been dumping washing machines and cookers at the skip - 13 in one week, 9 in the previous week! These machines have had various parts removed prior to dumping (explaining why it would imply that a business is doing the dumping!). Killin will lose this service if this is not stopped.

If you see anyone dumping these 'white goods', or if you see any suspicious vans lurking at the skip - please take the registration number, and report this to the local police or to Killin Community Council who will then take the appropriate action.

Editor

Answers to Fireside Quiz

1. Crocodile Dundee
2. Chariots of Fire
3. Albatross
4. The Field
5. Magnificent Seven
6. Fatal Attraction
7. The Man With The Golden Gun
8. Brief Encounter
9. The Quiet Man
10. Bridget Jones Diary
11. Blazing Saddles
12. 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea
13. African Queen
14. The Beach
15. The Great Escape
16. Pink Panther
17. All The Presidents Men
18. A Fistful of Dollars
19. Total Recall
20. Pearl Harbour
21. The Longest Day
22. Orient Express
23. Silence of the Lambs
24. Chocolat
25. The Graduate

The Lone Ranger needs help!

Route 7 of the National Cycle Network runs from Glasgow to Inverness and was funded as one of the main national Millennium projects. Sustrans hope that the route will encourage cycling, walking and the development of local links to the route to develop local networks of paths. Already there is talk of developing a cycling/walking link from Killin to Crianlarich and Tyndrum to join the West Highland Way, a well established route which brings many visitors to the area. There is a need for continued maintenance of routes, once they have been built. Sustrans recruit local volunteers who are willing to give some time to check routes, perform minor maintenance and report problems.



**Les & Andrew
Show the route**

I have been appointed as the local Sustrans liaison ranger to look after the National Cycle Route from Callander to Kenmore. I am looking for any local volunteers willing to share this task. If you regularly walk, cycle or drive anywhere along this route and would be willing to look after a stretch please let me know. Sustrans will then send you an ID card and handbook with background information on your role and I will act as local co-ordinator. This system can work very well. For example, I have reported the fallen trees crossing our local patch from Kingshouse to Killin and cleared smaller trees and debris following the recent storms. However, it is difficult for me to cover the whole area! The more volunteers we have the easier the task. If you regularly drive the South Loch Tay Road and would like to report any defects such as potholes etc to the Councils involved I would love to hear from you! If you cycle or walk anywhere else along the route, please get in touch. If you notice any problems, please report them to me or you can contact Sustrans directly at their Edinburgh office with any comments on 0131 624 7660.

Stirling Council promise to improve the signs by Killin War Memorial within the next month!

Elaine Turner (01567 820266)

TYNDRUM TAXIS

Adam Cunningham

Any Distance

Airport Runs

4 x 8 Seater Taxis

16 Seater Minibuses

Day Tours Arranged

Luggage Pick Up Service



01838 400 279

Twenty Seven

The First Post Bus In Killin



The picture is a postcard of the first Killin Post Bus, as it was in 1979, when the Post Office produced a number of post cards depicting buses throughout the Highlands. Killin was chosen to be one of them, and who should be driving? None other than our own Ian McGregor. The service started as Post Bus Service 68 in November 1975.

Margie Hinks & AW

National Hotel Award

The Ardeonaig Hotel & Restaurant have recently won a prestigious national award from the Hotel Marketing Association. Mandy Exley was presented with the Award at the Savoy Hotel, London on 17 December. The award was for the 'Best UK Hotel Brochure 2001'! Mandy remarked, "It was a good feeling as the industry rarely awards such things to independent businesses, and has never yet awarded one in Scotland". The runners up were the Hilton Group

At the same event another Scottish independent Nivingston House owned by Allan Deeson also picked up an award for the Best Leisure Marketing Campaign. So there were two Scottish independents for the first time in ten years! Good news for Perthshire and good trade business.

Congratulations Ardeonaig Hotel!

Killin Brownies

The Killin Brownies is hoping to start up again in the near future. If you are aged 7 - 10 years and are interested in joining the Brownie Group, please phone Fiona Mitchell: 01567 820468.



Overnight Film Developing

Use your Local Post Office for :

Post Cards - Greetings Cards
Stamps - Books - Stationery
Batteries - Films

Ian & Frances McLaggan
Tel: 01567 820201

Here's to the 100th !



On July 17, 2001, Mrs Margaret (Peggy) Gray, of Stewart Road, Killin, celebrated her 90th birthday. In late November, her grandson John sent us the accompanying photo of Peggy with daughters Marion and Cathie. They were joined by other members of her family, whilst her son George and his family in Canada, who were unable to visit her until September, telephoned to wish her well on her big day. Peggy enjoyed all her cards and good wishes from family, friends and neighbours, both in Killin and right across the country, and everyone is looking forward to celebrating her big 100.

News First

01567 820362

News First now stocks almost 3,000 greeting's cards - humorous, traditional, modern, cute, hand made, with fridge magnets, for adults and children, and every occasion

'Why not have a look at our selection before heading to town?'

Drop into News First - First

Kate's Cakes

BIRTHDAYS
ANNIVERSARIES
PARTIES
WEDDINGS
WEDDING FAVOURS
BRIDAL BOUQUETS



Flowers for all occasions
10% deposit payable at time of ordering
A nominal charge may be made for delivery
Hire of stand £10, plus returnable deposit of £25

CALL KATE WINTON AT
INVERHAGGERNIE, CRIANLARICH
Tel: 01838 300 275

Opening of Salmon Fishing

Auchmore

Loch Tay Highland Lodges

A crowd of about 200 people congregated at the harbour of Loch Tay Highland Lodges. The new harbour saw some 20 boats assembled. Boats and fishermen were blessed by the Reverend Ladd Fagerson before they headed out onto the grey waters of the Loch with a lone piper braving the wind and rain. Despite the poor weather the boats made a brave sight with snow covered hills as a background. No fish were caught on this the opening day but the fishermen, a philosophic breed, enjoyed it nevertheless. Peter Anderson, Scottish and World long distance casting champion saw the boats away and lavish hospitality was offered by Clive Booth and Isle of Skye Whisky. *AW*

The opening morning began for some of us with a hearty breakfast in a local hotel. Then, with rockets going off, a great musician, Sandra McBeth, piped us down river where we joined up with old friends from Germany, Ireland and England, as well as locals, at the annual Auchmore opening. Many thanks are due to Group Captain Dowling, Reverend Lincoln and Duncan McKinnon (Piper) for their support. The day was quite kind to us, compared to the heavy rain that was to follow during the week, putting the level of the Loch up dramatically. Seven boats united ashore for an opening day lunch and discussion as to where the salmon were!

The day culminated with congratulations to Chris White, from Luton, who was awarded the gallon of Grouse whisky for the heaviest fish of the 2001 season, a superb 23 pound'er. However, the main event of the evening was when old friends from Slough and Windsor, led by Steve Carroll playing brilliantly, enjoyed dancing and singing well into the night. A perfect end to another memorable opening day.

The first salmon was not caught until the third day of the season. This was a beautiful, clean fish of 18.5 pounds, landed by Lancashire angler Mr. Lonsdale, out from Loch Tay Highland Lodges, whilst fishing behind the island at the head of the Loch. It lifted the spirits of the dedicated still trying for a fish.

The next fish was on the Saturday morning and it was a superb, deep specimen of 20 pounds taken by Stefan Schumann and boated by ghillie Dugald MacGregor (see photo page 22). It was caught off Target Rock, on a Blair Spoon, and won the heaviest fish of the week prize after an epic half-hour tussle in driving rain and wind.

Gregor Macaulay

John Lynch

Dip.Pod.M

**STATE REGISTERED
CHIROPODIST**

**Available For House Calls
Last Friday In Month.**

**Tel: 01259 212 763
After 6.00 pm**

Killin & District

Art & Crafts Exhibition 2002

The Killin & District Exhibition will be held in the Lesser McLaren Hall, Killin during the first week of August 2002. This advance notice will allow anyone who may be interested to think about possible exhibits.

Painting and Crafts may be entered either for exhibition only, or for sale, if the exhibitor wishes, in which case a commission on sales will be charged.

We hope you will keep this date in mind and help to make our Exhibition a success. All proceeds from the Exhibition go to local charities. Any further information may be obtained from Betty Lumsden, Riabhach, Glen Dochart, by Killin. Tel: 01567 820 404 (Secretary), or Helen McNeill, Sandyford, Craignavie Road, Killin, Tel: 01567 820 514 (President).



**IAN
STARK**

Tulloch Bank
Old Crieff Road
Aberfeldy

Providing the most efficient and keenly priced cleaning service throughout Perthshire for carpets and upholstery (wet & dry)

COMMERCIAL & DOMESTIC

Fully Insured

Free Estimates

Friendly & Reliable Service

01887 829 383

(24 Hour Answering Service)

Mobile 07720 739 270



Would you like to meet new People, Learn New Skills, Make a Difference?

Could you help someone to speak up for themselves?

We are looking for volunteers to become Citizen Advocates for people with learning difficulties in the Callander area. Training will be provided.

For more information contact **Angela Reid** :

Advocacy Worker
Listen Up!
Quality Action
Group
Stirling



Killin Golf Club

Ladies Competition

Lyn Bartlett – Flag, Fiona Ramsay – SLGA Brooch, Audrey Weaver – Cancer Relief, Chrissie Fenton, Mairi MacColl & Lyn Bartlett – RSPCC), Katie McRae – LGU

Pendant, Sheena Chisholm – Captain's Prize, Audrey Weaver & Chrissie Fenton – Daily Mail Foursomes, Audrey Weaver & Maureen Gauld – Coronation Foursomes), Fiona Ramsay (6) – Birdie Tree, Liz Stevens (59) – Eclectic (handicap), Fiona Ramsay (64) – Red Cross Eclectic (Scratch), Audrey Weaver – Bronze Medal, Fiona Ramsay – Silver Medal, Audrey Weaver – MacKay, Katie McRae & Lyn Bartlett – May Wilson, Fiona Ramsay – Chrissie France, Fiona Ramsay – Championship.

Mixed

Roger Bartlett & Sheila Norton – Save the Children, Ann & George Smith – Anderson Trophy (Invitational Mixed Greensomes), May Graham & Jim MacCallum – Lochay Trophy, Liz Stevens & Tam Bolton – Dr Stevenson's Cup.

Senior Gents

Bill McPherson – Medal Play Off, George Smith – Alister Robertson Trophy, John Greaves – Willie Allan Trophy, Ken Hay – MacTaggart Trophy, Ken Hay – Ivor Noble Quaich, Bill Rew – John Hall Cup, Bill McPherson – Senior Trophy, Alf Muller – Super Senior Trophy.

Gents

Monthly Medal Winners

April – George Smith, May – Brian Perks, June – Jock Guild, July – Davy Hirshall, August – George Smith, September – Kenny Campbell.

George Smith – Medal Play Off Trophy, George Smith & Jim MacCallum – Fourball Match Play and the Foursome Match Play, Jim Rutherford & Laurence Brown – George Ferguson Greensomes, Ian Donaldson & Laurence Brown – Grouse Foursomes Trophy, Donald MacIver & Steve Bergin – J S MacLean Trophy, George Smith – Jack Noble Trophy, Douglas McRobbie – George Smith Trophy, Ian Donaldson – Fred France Cup, Paul Melia – Captains Putter, George Smith – Arrochar Trophy, Vic Trojan – Dr Wilson, George Smith – Club Champion Cup.

A Golfing Record

During the 2001 golfing season, George Smith, now in his 70's, won the following prizes at Killin Golf Club:

Club Championship, Men's Open Scratch Prize, Medal Play Off, Jack Noble Trophy, Four Ball Trophy with J MacCallum, Two Ball Trophy with J MacCallum, Tarmachan Trophy (A Cloud), Senior Eclectic Trophy, Senior Open Scratch Prize, George Fergusson Trophy Mixed with Mrs A Smith.

In addition, he won over £300 in vouchers at Senior Opens throughout the country. George is in the photo below.



THE TRADING POST



AT



STRATHFILLAN WIGWAMS

REQUIRE

LOCAL CRAFTS AND PRODUCTS
TO SELL IN OUR

WIGWAM SHOP

PLEASE TELEPHONE RENA
01838 400251

Short Story Competition



Attention all story/article/essay writers! The Killin News has started a new competition for all budding or amateur writers, or those who just want to put pen to paper. Regardless of what you want to write about - fiction, non-fiction, historical, local, current - we welcome entries from everyone, in all age groups. We will print entries during the course of the year and judging will take place end of 2002 or early in 2003.

Articles/stories should be between 200 and 800 words. Either clearly written, typed or on floppy disk (*.rtf preferable) Entries from "under 16's", should have their age marked on it.

The Judge, who is not associated with Killin News, works for a national newspaper, has links with Killin but is not local. Remember, when writing, that the Killin News is a-political and will not print anything slanderous or offensive. All entries must be supported with a name and address.

Entries to: The Editor, Killin News, Dalerb, Cragnavie Road, Killin. Tel: 01567 820961 Fax: 01567 820043 or E-Mail: killin.news@virgin.net.

The Killin News reserves its rights under the Editorial Policy on page 29.

Stuart Forster Electrician

For
Sockets,
Lighting,
Security Lights,
Total Heating,
Phone points etc.

Tel:- 01567 820 031
Mobile:- 07855 496 961

Loch Tay Liaison Committee

The Tay Liaison Committee have published the third annual report, which lists the returns from permit sales throughout the system. Despite the curse of Foot and Mouth, the anglers who did patiently wait till the all clear was given, enjoyed increased access. The report has many contributors and shows the concern being expressed by some on the continued illegal access, and methods, and the lack of provision of rods on beats. However, the vast majority of true anglers are abiding by the rules, and riparian owners have responded to requests for proof of rod usage.

Training of wardens and bailiffs is continuing to cause concern since some who hold these cards are still not attending the sessions. Shortly there will be a complete review, in conjunction with the Tay Board, and those who do not come to the training days will have their authority withdrawn. An incident on the middle Tay has prompted this review, and more of the riparian owners and their gamekeepers and ghillies are to be encouraged to come along and learn the correct method of approaching anglers and how to document their encounters. Copies of the report are available from the secretary and recorder.

Alex Stewart

The Delicatessen Comrie

Outside catering for all
events large or small,

Speciality Cheeses, Ham,
Wines and Gifts.

All you could hope for and
more.

Phone Andrew or Caroline on

01764
679253

Mervyn's Weather

It may be hard to believe but the year 2001 was considerably drier than the average for the past decade. The winter period January/February was probably the nearest approach to a "traditional" winter than we have had for some time, with periods of snow cover interspersed with milder and comparatively rainy spells. March, April and May continued with the conditions we could have expected say 30 or 40 years ago. The transition from winter to spring, as always somewhat hesitant and erratic, nevertheless advanced in reasonably measured stages.



Except for a couple of days of piercing Arctic wind in mid-April the hill lambing, weatherwise, was as nearly idyllic as possible. May, while perhaps too dry for some requirements was perhaps the most settled and pleasant month of the year.

After, conditions deteriorated. June, while providing the odd brilliant day was generally dull and damp. July, and the first three weeks of August, continued in this vein. Then came the salvation of late haymakers. From 22 August until about the same date in September, a period of seasonal quiet and fairly sunny weather, albeit with interruptions as weak Atlantic fronts drifted over, allowing the winning of some good quality hay. Yet again October reverted to unsettled conditions with only one day recording no precipitation. Perhaps the most noticeable facet of the remainder of the Autumn was its mildness, with but two days of air frost recorded here during October and November.

Now that 2002 is well established it would appear that the weather is hell bent on returning to the wet and wild spells of the 90's. As these notes are being written, January has splashed out of the scene leaving 226.7mm of precipitation (over 9 inches), while February "Fill the dykes" has already clocked up over one inch.

It remains to be seen whether year 2002 will exceed the 1121.0 of last year and approach the 10 year average of 1431.0 but this is in the lap of the gods, although there are times when the gales sweep down Loch Tay driving horizontal rain storms that one could be forgiven for thinking that "His Satanic Majesty" has a hand in things!!

Mervyn K Browne
Ardtalnaig

STRATHFILLAN WIGWAMS TYNDRUM



TRY OUR UNIQUE COMPING EXPERIENCE IN ONE OF OUR 16
COSY WOODEN WIGWAMS OR TRY OUT NEW SUPER DELUXE

BALD EAGLE LODGE

IT'S THE PERFECT PLACE FOR THAT FAMILY GET-TOGETHER OR
THAT SPECIAL BIRTHDAY TREAT.

PREPARE YOUR FOOD IN THE **BIG CHUCK HOUSE KITCHEN AND
POW POW** ROUND THE CAMPFIRE

**COWBOY HATS AND INDIAN HEADDRESSES FOR SALE AT THE
TRADING POST, OUR WIGWAM SHOP.**

GREAT FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

**OPEN ALL YEAR FROM £9 ppn
HALF PRICE FOR
CHILDREN UNDER 15**



**TO BOOK YOUR LITTLE BIG HOME
TELEPHONE 01838 400 251**

www.sac.ac.uk/wigwams

Obituaries

Tommy Gilfillan. Sadly on the 27 November 2001, Tommy Gilfillan died, having been admitted to Stirling Royal Infirmary ten days earlier. His funeral was attended by his family, old comrades from his army days and friends from Killin.

Born in 1921, Tommy was brought up in Wishaw, Lanarkshire. On leaving Wishaw High School, he immediately signed up for the Cameronians. He was sent to France in June 1940 after Dunkirk as part of the 52nd (Lowland) Division, itself part of the ill-fated second British Expeditionary Force. He saw active service during the war in India where he was a member of the Indian Parachute Regiment and the 2nd JAT Regiment. He was commissioned in 1940.

He married Eleanor, whom he had known since the age of 5, in 1948. In 1949 Christine was born and in 1955, Colin came along.

After the war he travelled the world with 1 Cameronians, which took him to Malaya, Bahrain, Aden and Kenya. Along the way he found himself in many exotic, but troubled places. In 1960, for example, he was attached to the Nigerian Army, with whom he spent 8 months in the Congolese Civil War as part of the United Nations forces. He then worked with the RAF in Cyprus and Germany and the final years of his working life were spent in York.

Finally, some 15 years ago, after moving house at least thirty six times, Tommy and Eleanor came to Killin to live out their retirement in peace and tranquillity. Tommy had always wanted to live in McNab country, and Killin was ideally suited for the pursuit of his other great interests, fishing (one of his greatest moments was when he caught a 24lb salmon in the Dochart with Donnie McKenzie), whisky, Gaelic, Scottish history and local gossip. Tommy fell completely under the spell of Killin, and became a ken-speckled figure in the village, always on the look out for any excuse to gossip and while away the time of day.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends in Killin and across the world. We will always remember him as a unique character with a marvellous sense of humour and a great love of people.

Moira Kettle. Moira, who died on 28 January 2002, came to Killin in 1993 to join her daughter Lesley. She was no stranger to the Highlands, having managed the Royal Hotel at Tyndrum for three years with her French husband. Moira and her husband then owned the Grampian Hotel at Dalwhinnie for many years, but her return to Perthshire felt like coming home.

A former 'Land Army' girl, Moira left for a spell in the West Indies after her marriage. Fluent in French and Spanish, she had a quiet but confident way with her. When her health allowed, she was a welcome member of the 'Shutters Café Coffee Set'.

Our sympathy goes to Lesley, Eilidh and Rusty.

*Allan Walker &
Sinclair Aitken*

Rob Roy Homes

Suppliers of quality timber frame components extend best wishes to Lynfern Developments at their Old Mart project, Killin.

Chosen again for the very best quality, value and service.

Specialists in the design and manufacture of timber frame houses to trade and individual customers. Please contact us to discuss *your* next project.

John Denholm – Robert Gilfillan

Rob Roy Homes

Comrie, Perthshire

Phone: 01764 670424/5

Fax: 01764 670419

LOCAL CUSTOMERS CARS COLLECTED AND DELIVERED FREE
FOR MAJOR REPAIRS OR SERVICING. BOOK WITH RECEPTION





 <p>SERVICING :: All cars and commercials serviced and repaired.</p>	 <p>TYRES, BATTERIES, Etc. We have a large selection of tyres and batteries at very competitive prices.</p>
 <p>ACCIDENT REPAIRS :: Let us sort it out. We can deal with your insurers and supply a courtesy car.</p>	 <p>FUEL / OILS AND SHOP Forecourt shop stocked with snacks, sweets, toys.</p>
 <p>BREAKDOWN / RECOVERY We provide a service from m/cycles to the heaviest.</p>	 <p>PARTS DELIVERY SERVICE. We send parts all over the Country. FAST !!</p>

TELEPHONE KILLIN 01567 820280

**Do You Live In Strathfillan Area?
Have An Interest In
Working With Young People?**

Sadly due to lack of volunteers, EXIT, the youth club that meets in Crianlarich, has had to suspend its activities. This Club has provided weekly activities for young people in Strathfillan for a number of years and will be missed by the young folk and their parents.

Do you have an interest in helping out? The more volunteers that come forward, the more the time can be shared out. You don't have to be a parent to be involved and if you feel you do not have the confidence or ability to help then Stirling Council is offering a **TRAINING OPPORTUNITY** for any adults interested in this work.

A **FREE** course on Working with Young People will be held on Sunday 3 March in Killin. Exact details of time and place to be confirmed.

This course is entitled Principles and Practice and aims to introduce various approaches to working with young people, as well as build a greater understanding of their needs. More training can be offered subsequently.

There is also a course starting at McLaren High after school on Wednesday 6 March for teenagers who are interested in being more involved in running a youth group. If you are aged 12+ this course aims to provide training in Youth Work, First Aid, Sports Coaching and Child Protection.

For more information about either of these courses and to register your interest please contact: Suzanne Player, SC Community Animator on 01567 820154.

Killin Computing

we offer services in:

Web Design & Hosting
AutoCAD and Database Design

as well as:

Word Processing, Spreadsheets
and PC Set Up

**Also able to convert audio cassette
and LPs to CD.**

For full details visit:

www.killincomputing.co.uk

or

telephone Dawn or Fergie Meek on:

01567 820071

**Heart of Scotland
Herb Society**



In November, the formal business of our first Annual General Meeting was followed by a presentation and wine tasting event by the Caer n' Mhor Winery of Errol. Nine different fruit and leaf wines were sampled and savoured, all produced from local farms and hedgerows, and were well received. December, using a festive flair, saw a demonstration of preparing and transforming these same locally wildcrafted fruits into Christmas liqueurs, breads and spreads as a wonderful treat during the holiday season.

January with all its dreary and sometimes confining weather saw a change of focus from culinary to clarity in one's life with a presentation by Paul Temple of the Australian Bush flower essences. Flower remedies are not new. The Australian Aboriginals have always used flowers to heal the emotions, as did the ancient Egyptians. They were also very popular in the middle ages to treat imbalances. This healing method was rediscovered 60 years ago by Dr Edward Bach, using English flowering plants. More recently, herbalist and practitioner Ian White has developed some of Australia's oldest and unique healing plant varieties into essence form. These are then used as an integral part of therapy with their positive energy moving the body away from a particular problem.

Grant Walker, Head Chef of the Ardeonaig Hotel will be our guest speaker for the meeting to be held on 20 February in the hotel library at 10 am. He will be focusing on preparation of local fare with the use of Marjoram and Oregano, our featured herbs of the month. This is a great time of year to experiment with quick dishes and slow cook methods with these two herbs. Anyone wishing further details about the society or any of our up and coming events, please phone either Patty Hope on 01567 820 408 or Judy Forster at 01567 820 298.

Patty Hope

Heritage Society

There are still some copies available of the Heritage Society Video "A Century of Memories" - £9.99 from 'News First' and the Killin Library.

**Killin Hotel
&
Riverview
Bistro**



**Riverview Bistro
Open All Year**

**Serving up till 9pm - seven days
Fantastic Food at Fair Prices**

Listed in "Taste of Scotland"

**Bar Lunches Available Every Day
Superb Accommodation - Newly Refurbished Rooms**

Tel: Killin 01567 820 296

Fax: Killin 01567 820 647

**Email: killinhotel@btinternet.com
Try Out Our Web Site at www.killinhotel.com**



Dear Editor

It will be nearly 50 years since I settled on Killin as the best place to have a second home, and I have never for a moment regretted it.

The first house was one of the Terrapin bungalows being sold off in Glen Lyon, and which had been used by the workers and families on the hydro electric scheme. As it was a wooden structure, there were problems of maintenance and it was decided to build a 'proper' house.

In coming to this decision, the main factor was not so much the beauty of Loch Tay and its surroundings, but the people of Killin who could not have been more welcoming to an unknown newcomer from Edinburgh. In those days, no one bothered to lock their doors, except at night, and often not even then. One could mislay one's wallet in the certain knowledge that it would be returned intact the next day.

The community spirit of those days is still there, and I look back with gratitude to the people of Killin for their example, and their many kindnesses.

Many friends have now left us, and will not be forgotten, but their place has been taken by a generation, who I am sure, will carry on the traditions of those, who had many other fine qualities, not least of which was a warm hearted highland welcome.

Ronald Mackay

Killin Initiative

Dear Editor

I wish to bring to your attention, the despicable and cowardly action that took place outside a local hotel on the evening of 15 January. Alec Stewart, whilst attending an opening day event, left his wife's car in the car park, and whilst he was inside the hotel, the car was badly vandalised. Bear in mind also, that his car was badly scratched on the night of the Killin Angling Club's AGM in December, whilst parked outside another local hotel. The outcome of these malicious acts has meant that Alec has felt unable to carry on as Chairman of the Killin Initiative or indeed have any further connection with the Highland Games or Folk Festival.

By way of this letter, we ask for the co-operation of anyone who might have seen anything suspicious on either of these nights, to contact the police.

Over the years, Alec has been a staunch supporter of a substantial number of village projects and associations, and consequently has sacrificed much personal and family time in doing so. It is disgraceful that he has been victimised in this way.

His colleagues on the Initiative will sorely miss him, and we would like to record our gratitude for his commitment and hard work. We wish him well in the future and hope that he will be able to bounce back.

T Bolton
Secretary/Treasurer

**If you are thinking of converting your existing house
or adding an extension to it ,in most cases
Planning Permission and a Building Warrant
will be required.**

**To help you in this matter , please contact me
at the address below .**



**Allan J Chisholm
Kilvaxter Cottage
Manse Road
KILLIN FK21 8UY
Perthshire**

**Fax and Phone 01567 829692
Home 01567 820345
E-Mail allanjchisholm@aol.com**

**Thinking about
an
EXTENSION ?**

LETTERS

Dear Editor

Thanks for keeping us on you mailing list. The distance between Dallas, Texas and Killin is much reduced by keeping in touch through the Killin News.

The wonderful people of Killin have really been wonderful in so many ways. We received so many calls, letters and e-mails after 11 September, saying that, not only us, but that our whole country was in your thoughts and prayers. The funds raised and donated by the Killin/Crianlarich and Tyndrum Fire Brigades were a reflection of the 'Texas size hearts' of the people in your area. We thank you on behalf of so many people in America that you have helped.

We pray that the Christmas season was a time filled with blessings, and we send our best wishes for 2002.

I have enclosed a donation to keep our subscription to Killin News alive.

**Sandy & Mom's Gregory,
Dallas, Texas.**

Dear Editor,

I wonder...? I see from the 4 January edition of the "Stirling Observer" (page 4) that "Killin and Balfron's" case for inclusion within the new National Park is to be argued by members of the Scottish Parliament's Rural Development Committee, following submission of a 300-signature petition.

Are there two petitions, or might an atlas help the Committee?

Elaine Richards

Dear Editor

Thank you for sending the Killin News to us over the past year or so. We have enjoyed reading it. I think it is a wonderful production for such a small community. We have been at Cuildochart for the past couple of weeks and so were able to enjoy the Pantomime – another great show for the community to put on.

We enclose a donation for Killin News and look forward to receiving future copies.

**Douglas & Betty Thornton,
Saffron Walden, Essex**

**Thank you all for your very
generous donations - Editor**

Dear Editor

As a local and a Community Councillor, it angered, saddened and disappointed me to hear, at the January Community Council meeting, of the wanton vandalism and thieving that went on in Killin over the Festive season.

Over 30 bulbs stolen from the Christmas tree, and large amounts of litter strewn around the area between the bowling green and the tennis courts, not to mention car parts scattered all over the bowling green.

What has happened to the respect of other peoples' property? I put it down to the lack of discipline. I look the word 'discipline' up in the Chamber's Dictionary, and I quote, **"... instruction: a branch of learning, or field of study: training or mode of life in accordance with rules: subjection to control: order: severe training: mortification: punishment."**

It seems to me that most of the above words or phrases are no longer allowed. Parents can't or won't discipline their children with a smack. They appear to be allowed to run free, doing what they want, when they want and if apprehended, the apprehender (if there is such a word) gets a stream of foul language and told, in no uncertain terms, where to go.

If one was to attempt to confront a vandal, the likelihood is that the vandal gets off Scot-free while the public spirited person is found guilty of trying to protect his or her own property, or that of the community.

I appreciate that the problem may be laid at the feet of a minority in the village, but why should the majority have to put up with the mindless actions of a few who appear to be untouchable due to the laws of this land?

Maybe it would be worth thinking about a curfew – it has worked in other places – so why not Killin? Discipline never hurt anybody, and the sooner people in authority are allowed to issue it, the better.

Also, I am sure that there are times when members of the community and its Council wonder if they are wasting their time trying to do good for the village, only to be repaid by the mindless goings-on during Christmas and New Year.

Emma Paterson, Barncroft of Auchline, Killin.

Editor: I have listened to comments in the village about this situation, and like Emma, everyone is appalled and sickened at what went on over Christmas time. The question most often asked is, "Was it unsupervised kids? (if it was, weren't they lucky not have received an electric shock!) - teenage vandals? – or did someone actually steal the Christmas tree lightbulbs?" Who ever they were, how dare they spoil Christmas for everyone else? I hope that reading this makes them feel suitably ashamed!

Dear Editor

I have enclosed a small donation for the special 10th Birthday Issue of Killin News. I was fascinated by your contribution on "The Year 2102". I wonder if the 19th century Killin lady who wrote, that she had imagined that the Scottish Parliament would sit in session at Finlarig Castle, knew that in 1651, **"Not only was Scotland a conquered country, but it was a country without a legally constituted government. The committee of estates had been captured at Alyth a few days before the battle of Worcester, and although an attempt was made to summon a new parliament to meet at Finlarig, it could be proclaimed only at Killin, since there was no access to any more important centre, and only three members appeared"**!

I also found the article about the Association of Certified Field Archaeologists most interesting and should very much like to obtain a copy of the paper they published in 1995.

Dr Jack Cormack LVO, Edinburgh

**Donaldson G 1971, Scotland James V to James VII, Edinburgh, Oliver & Boyd P343.*

Thank You

Jessie McLeod would like to thank Dr De Laat for her great skills during her operation. Also Dr Holden for the treatment she is currently receiving. Both have given her a second chance on life. She would also like to thank the nurses for their care and laughs with all her accidents. Jessie would also like to mention how much she appreciates the support of her family and friends.

Jane, Stuart and Jenna Forster, 5 Lyon Cottages, Killin would like to say a big "thank you" to everyone for the cards and good wishes they received upon the safe arrival of their baby, Amy Lea.

Eleanor Gilfillan and the family would like to thank everyone in the village for their kindness and sympathy following the death of Tommy Gilfillan.

Mary MacLeod would like to say a BIG thank you to children, staff, School Board and families for the lovely flowers and the cheque I received. Also to June Palmer for the beautiful cake.

Donald & Annette McLarty, 6 Craignavie Road, Killin, would like to thank everyone who offered, and gave assistance, after their house fire on 17 January.

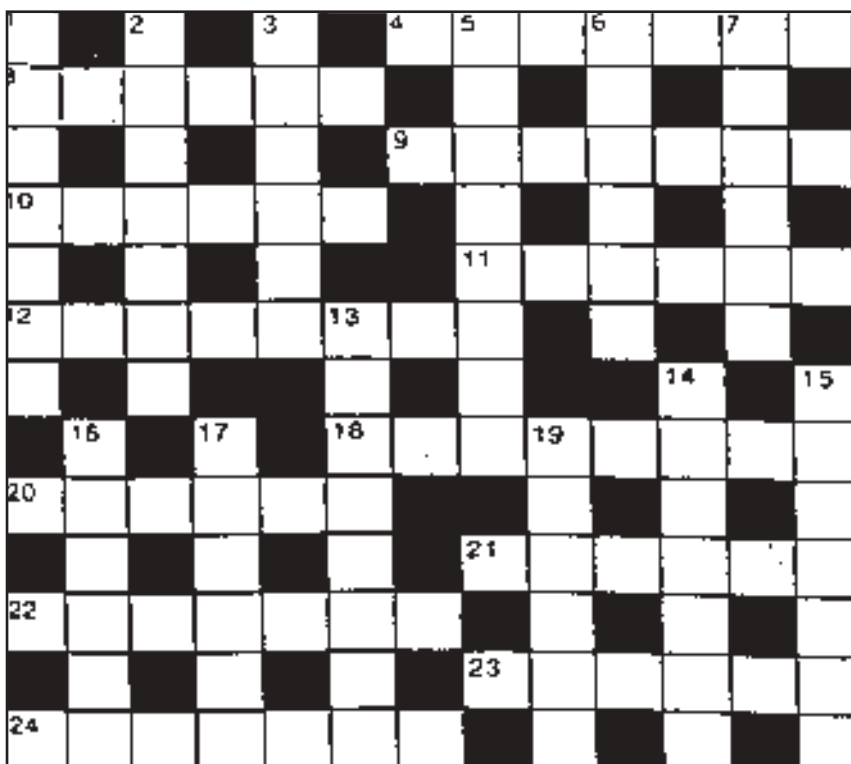
Maud Muller, Manse Road, Killin, would like to thank all her friends in the Guild, Tuesday Club and the Church, as well as neighbours and friends for the many 'get well' cards, and gifts of flowers and plants she received during her stay in hospital. She is pleased to let you all know that she is well on the way to recovery.

David Osler would like to thank all who gave him good wishes, sent cards and gifts during his recent incapacity. Special thanks go to Neil MacKenzie who made being housebound bearable and the Green Wellie Stop staff for their kind gifts.

Crossword by Scorpio

Across

4. Fun & games in the mire seems right for this bird (7)
8. This little monkey has a negative value in life (6)
9. Tear led to a repair by an old sewing machine (7)
10. No repeat prescription needed for this dose (6)
11. Pay no attention to gore in chaos (6)
12. Rivals firm political representative with some assorted golf equipment (8)
18. Vary the pitch (8)
20. Refreshment cancelled? – No, just hit the ball (3,3)
21. Fungus (7)
22. Misinterpreted (7)
23. Random study with uranium doesn't seem right (6)
24. Planters lose the right to become reformed parts of the solar system (7)



Solution to Christmas Prize Crossword

Across

4. officer 8. A Level 9. crested 10. become 11. whiter 12. gemstone 18. follow on 20. assess 21. appeal 22. parasol 23. covers 24. retired

Down

1. garbage 2. welcome 3. semmit 5. farewell 6. instil 7. Exeter 13. off-shore 14. sweeten 15. enclose 16. escape 17. repair 19. lap dog

May Clement of Tyndrum sent in the only correct solution to the Christmas Prize Crossword. A cheque for £10 has been sent to her from Killin News. Congratulations May!

Clues Down

1. Playful romps (7)
2. Usually around 4 p.m. but we hear it could be all day at the links (3,4)
3. Mongrel consumed the vicar's assistant (6)
5. Elevated praise due to lose a point and become confused (8)
6. Gain of information will help the beginner make money (6)
7. Right Lures will create monarchs (6)
13. He's not Jack's brother and his temperature is normal for a local naturalist (3,5)
14. The state of the union (7)
15. Linen fabric (7)
16. Friendly character I glean haphazardly (6)
17. Thus female X is used to make more tender (6)
19. Fellow by old city hoping for immediate attention (6)

EEEE Done It!

If you sent in an article for this issue of Killin News and it has not been printed - please accept our apologies. It is always easy to blame it on the computer - but we have been experiencing some extreme computer difficulties, which are hopefully now resolved. If we have 'lost' your article and it is still current and relevant, please get in touch with the Editor. Thank you.

Helping Rural Businesses

We come to you

Business start-up support

- Pre-start advice
- Start-up training course
- Help with preparing a business plan

Existing Business Support

- Business review & action plan
- Sourcing appropriate support & advice

Learning

- High quality training seminars
- Impartial advice on IT & E-commerce

Regular business surgeries are held in your area, further details are available from:

Colin Ironside, Rural Facilitator, STEP



FREEPHONE 0800 3893050

John Player Building, Stirling FK7 7RP
Tel: 01786 463416 Fax: 01786 479611
E-mail: step@stirling-enterprise.co.uk
www.stirling-enterprise.co.uk

STEP are please to provide this Small Business Gateway service on contract from Scottish Enterprise Forth Valley

Killin News



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

Friday 5 April 2002

This will be distributed around 19 April.

Notification of events occurring during late April, May and June must be in this Issue.

Editorial Policy

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

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

Production Committee

Editor

Linda FitzGerald

Assistant Editor

Gilleen Ford

Treasurer

Margaret MacIver

Secretary & Adverts

Judy Forster

Advertising Artwork

Liz Stevens

Distribution

Allan Walker

Production Team

Angus Inglis

Kay Riddell

Dani Grant

Iain Campbell

Postal Address: Kilchurn, Killin

Telephone: 01567 820 298

Fax: 01567 820 043

E-Mail: killin.news@virgin.net

on line at: www.killin.co.uk

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.

Gill Hunt

Associate member of the
Association of Reflexologists

tel : 01567 820990

Email : gill@westerlix.co.uk
www.westerlix.co.uk/reflexology.htm

Wester Lix, Killin

Solution to 10th Birthday Crossword

Across

2. Breadalbane 10. Train 11. Ardeonaig 12. Irks 13. A rain gauge 15. Land army 16. Fire up 19. Nectar 21. Inchbuie 24. Cragnavie 25 & 9D. Glenogle 27. Pantryman 28. Linen 29. Green Island

Down

2. Bracken 3. Erne 4. Diagrams 5. Laddie 6. A long night 7. Evacuee 8. St. Fillan 9. See 25A 14. Man at gorge 17. Preening 18. Ancients 20. Crannog 22. Unlined 23. Salmon 24. Cope 26. Alba

Some "Christmas Crackers" at Shutters Festive Lunch



Helen Laurie from Houston in Renfrewshire and Andrew Farmer from Kilmacolm, have announced their engagement. Helen is the granddaughter of the late Alistair & Nell Robertson formerly of Ben Lawers Farm and latterly of Manse Road, Killin. Helen and Andrew will be married in September this year in Kilmacolm.

Cancer Committee

Cheese & Wine Evening
Friday 12 April 2002
McLaren Hall from 8 – 10 pm
Tickets £4 each available from
Committee Members

Date for your diary!
Jazz Supper - Friday 27 September.

Nearly Blown Off The Summit!



Mary Storrar and Julie Mitchell of Killin, and Jo Scott from Ardeonaig would like to thank John Wyllie for a most enjoyable and informative walk up Ben Lawers in late October of 2001. They would also like to thank Dochy MacDonald for his company on the trip. Despite the true October weather, it was a very enjoyable day, and they look forward to Spring when John will re-start his guided walks.

Cruachan Coffee Shop & Licensed Restaurant

Opening 8th March

Offers you a warm welcome for coffees, lunches, our traditional home baking and freshly prepared evening meals using the best of Scottish Produce.



Special Nights

Parties & Bookings Welcome

Tel: 01567 820 700



Central Scotland Police

The Rural Initiative introduced by Callander Local Command Unit is part of the Safer Central campaign, and will continue until 31 March 2002.

A Rural Road Show visited Killin on 24 October. Free advice was available to local people on home security and home safety. Security items were on sale at cost price.

A partnership has been formed between various public sector organisations:

- The Royal Mail
- Stirling Rural Housing Association
- Forth Valley Primary Care Trust
- Stirling Council Mobile Library
- Forest Enterprise Ranger Service
- Loch Lomond Ranger Service
- Central Scotland Police

Staff from these, are being encouraged to report any suspicious incidents they come across during their daily business.

Police road checks are being carried out to detect travelling criminals. This provides officers with information on those entering the force area and also works as a deterrent.

Killin News readers can also assist with the Rural Initiative by telephoning Killin Police Office on Killin (01567) 820 222 if they see anything suspicious.

Gus Macdonald

Electrical Contractor

Free Estimates

47 Main Street
Callander

Phone: 01877 330 430
Mobile: 0771 358 6608

SELECT



MAUREEN H. GAULD

&

The Killin Gallery

WIDE RANGE OF
ANTIQUES,
FINE ART & CURIOS
ON DISPLAY

Seasons Greeting
to all our Customers

Craiglea, Main Street, Killin
Tel: (01567) 820 475 - Shop
820605 - House

W R I

The Whist Drive for the War Blinded was held in November in the McLaren Hall. A most enjoyable night was held by all who attended. There were 12 tables in play. The Card Master was Ian MacGregor.

Winners

Ladies: 1. W Stewart, 2. H Thompson, 3. E Campbell, Cons. N McIntosh.

Gents: 1. I MacGregor, 2. G MacIntosh, 3. I Hunter, Cons. F Thompson.

The Vote of Thanks was given by Dr M McColl.

Mrs M Hunter, President, opened the meeting on 5 November and welcomed members. Mrs Hunter introduced Mrs Heather Clements, who gave a very interesting talk on 'Reiki' and demonstration on how it works. It was a 'hands-on' experience for us all, the energy was buzzing around the Hall.

Mrs Clements explained that 'Reiki' is an effective and simple way of tapping into this energy, and transferring it for the benefit of the receiver, to stimulate the body's own natural healing potential. We all enjoyed it.

A Vote of Thanks was given by Mrs S Chisholm. Tea was served by the Hostesses Mrs S Chisholm & Mrs E Stewart and the Committee.

Competitions

Three Ginger Biscuits: 1. Mrs C Reid, 2. Mrs M Hunter, 3. Mrs M Naismith
Photos of Sunset: 1. Mrs M Twigg, 2. Mrs E Stewart, 3. Mrs S Chisholm

The 78th Birthday Party was held in the Killin Hotel on 10 January. Mrs Hunter, President, welcomed the company who were then served an enjoyable meal.

Competitions

Limerick (bell): 1. May Graham, 2. Mairi Hunter, 3. Sheena Chisholm
Novelty Earrings: 1. Monica Naismith, 2. Ellen Stewart, 3. May Graham.

Jane Brown

A TV holiday programme which advertised jet skiing at Croft-na-Caber referred to the area as, "An amusement park with a loch attached"! What a cheek!

Aileen Steven School of Highland Dancing



It has been a good year at the dancing class, and I thoroughly enjoy teaching the girls. We have a dedicated group of 16 pupils all showing lots of enthusiasm. This has been particularly apparent when the older girls started to do their own choreography, which some of you may have seen by now. They came up with some wonderful ideas and had lots of fun doing it. The younger class are gradually learning steps with some now starting to do the Highland Fling and Sword Dance. Recently they all gathered to do their respective Medal Tests. All passed with the noted results. The exams took place in Crianlarich Village Hall on Saturday 24 November, the examiner being Ida Ballingall from Leven. 'Santa' made a guest appearance to present the girls with their medals and certificates on Tuesday 18 December after they had given a varied dancing display.

Intro One – Lynsey Armstrong, Sarah Armstrong (Highly Commended), Ishbel & Ailsa Taylor (Commended).

Intro Two – Emma Christie, Lucie Ronald (Highly Commended), Amy Armstrong (Commended)

Bronze – Becky Holliday (Highly Commended), Jessica Wilkie, Suzanne Ashton (Commended), Seona Christie, Camilla Tigwell (Pass Plus)

Gold – Kirsty Somerville (Highly Commended), Rachel Lincoln (Commended).

Gold bar one – Gillian Ross (Distinction), Siobhan Anderson (Honours).

Bronze Sailors Hornpipe – Kirsty Somerville, Becky Holliday (Highly Commended).

Silver Sailors Hornpipe – Siobhan Anderson (Distinction), Gillian Ross (Honours).

In the photo (L-R) Back Row: Iain Fisher, Santa, Becky Holliday, Jessica Wilkie, Kirsty Somerville, Seona Christie, Suzanne Ashton, Rachel Lincoln, Gillian Ross & Siobhan Anderson. Front Row: Ailsa Taylor, Lynsey Armstrong, Ishbel Taylor, Emma Christie, Lucie Ronald & Camilla Tigwell.

DOUGLAS McROBBIE Electrical Contractors

**All Types of Electrical Installation
Intruder & Fire Detection Systems
Portable Appliance Testing**

SELECT

MCROBBIE

Laburnum Villa, Craignavie Road
Killin, Perthshire

Telephone: (01567) 820374

Fax: (01567) 820782

GAULDS FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Director David Gauld

**An independent, family business
providing caring professional 24 hour attention.
Full service provided, Chapel of Rest, Monumental Service,
Pre-Paid funeral plans, Wedding cars available.**

**Carrying on in the tradition of J & C McWilliam, ABERFELDY.
Established over thirty years.**

**18 - 22 BANK STREET,
ABERFELDY.**

Phone: 01887 820436 Fax: 829320

**Also in Crieff, Gauld, Addison Terrace
Phone 01764 656567
www.gaulds.com**



Killin Gun Club



The shoot results for 21 October 2001 were:

Down The Line

Class A: 1. G Ross 74, 2. G Coyne 71, 3. J Sinclair 70

Class B: 1. F Frost 62, 2. Cal. Frost 62, 3. J Miller 58

Class C: 1. Cam. Frost 56, 2. T Frost 53, 3. E Paterson 52

Sporting

Class A: 1. A Skillen 54, 2. G Ross & R M Cairns 51

Class B: 1. F Frost 48, 2. D Robertson & A Gowans 36

Class C: 1. E Paterson 46, 2. I Downie 42, 3. J Morris 39

Double Rise & Trophy

1. F Frost 46, 2. D Robertson 42, 3. J Miller 41

High Gun: G Ross 125

Veterans Trophy: R M Cairns 51

21 Guns turned out on a showery day.

Shoot results for Sunday 18 November were:

Down The Line

Class A: 1. G Coyne 69, 2. E McAllister 68, 3. R M Cairns 67

Class B: 1. J Miller 63, 2. Jas. Sinclair 43

Class C: 1. K Hames 63, 2. E Paterson 61, 3. T Frost 46

Sporting

Class A: 1. J Sinclair 69, 2. E McAllister 69, 3. G Coyne 63

Class B: 1. Jas. Sinclair 63, 2 K Hames & J McKay 45

Class C: 1. I. Downie 57, 2. E Paterson 39

High Gun: E McAllister 137

Prize List 2001

Agg Shield – J Sinclair – 509

Runner Up Shield – G Coyne – 503

Curry Rose Bowl – J Sinclair – 286

Down The Line

Class A – G Coyne 280, Class B – J Miller 222, Class C – K Hames 220

Sporting

Class A – J Sinclair 243, Class B – Jas. Sinclair 205, Class C – E Paterson 160

Many thanks to all for their support for the year. Thanks also to our sponsors.

2002 Shoot Dates

24 March – Club Shoot

19 May – Club Shoot

2 June – Club Outing

16 June – Club Shoot

14 July – Open DTL

28 July – Inter-Club Shoot

11 August – Open Sporting

8 September – Club Shoot

20 October – Club Shoot

17 November – Club Shoot

15 December – Christmas Shoot

Wanted: your time, your ideas, your enthusiasm and anything else you have to offer

At the Community Futures Workshop it was unanimously agreed that our first priority has to be the youth of Killin, as they are the future of Killin. To this end an open meeting was held in The McLaren Hall on Wednesday 6 February. The aim was to discuss the possibility of forming a social committee for the young people of eleven years and over.

Despite the short notice there was a good turnout of adults and youths. There was lively discussion and a clear desire for the plans to go forward. A steering committee was elected and agreed to draw up rules, print membership cards and send out any correspondence necessary to get this project up and running. The initial problem was where to hold a drop in facility, a place where they can go to call their own and chat, play games, plan outings and not least to get out of the rain! Suzanne Player, Community Animator, had asked Stirling Council if it was possible to use the empty council house in the village unfortunately they rejected the idea immediately claiming it would be too expensive to restore to reasonable condition. It was agreed that there is still the option to negotiate this in the future. The Lesser McLaren Hall is an option, all be it an expensive one, but perhaps the trustees can be persuaded to waive the charges. This left the pavilion, which is small but as everyone agreed the only option at present.

This is where you come in: we need some form of inexpensive heating, chairs tables a video recorder and a television, any games, cards etc you no longer need. However it doesn't stop there. Most youth groups fail because there are not enough adults to supervise the activities, drive the minibus or accompany them on outings. Ten adults have put their names forward but we need more. The more adults we have the less time each person will have to commit to it. The youngsters will not be sitting back waiting for this to happen. They have plans in hand to raise money by having a coffee morning, and doing any work needed around the village for a reasonable donation to their funds. They also intend to lobby the appropriate people to obtain grants so that they can play an active part in the life of the village and not be desperate to leave it.

It is important to point out that this will not interfere or take over from the Boys Brigade or the Youth Club. The aim is to allow the young people to access facilities in and around Killin and empower them to make their own decisions.

Please help us to give them what they deserve, Killin's future depends on them. If you want to volunteer, or need any further information, please contact Beatrice Beattie on 820165 or Suzanne Player at 820154.



R. MacGREGOR Ltd Main Street, KILLIN

Tel: 01567 820207

Fax: 01567 820720

++ FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SPECIALISTS ++

The finest of fresh fruit & vegetables always available, both from local suppliers and from around the world. Fresh fish from Aberdeen on Thursdays & Fridays. We try to buy the finest produce available and to provide a service second to none.

++ FLOWERS FOR ALL OCCASIONS ++

In the GARDEN SHOP we stock an extensive selection of fresh cut flowers and pot plants plus "everything" for the garden. Shrubs, Conifers, Heathers, Alpines. Large stock of Compost, Peat and Bark, Tubs & containers in the GARDEN CENTRE.



----- WHOLESALE & RETAIL -----
PROPRIETORS - GORDON & SHEILA WEBSTER



Ardeonaig & Ardtalnaig Clay Pigeon Shoot



Dall Farm was the venue for the first Clay Pigeon Shoot, the proceeds of which are to go towards the community funds. Organised by Margaret Taylor and Alan Malone, the day saw 24 guns take part. Prizes were secondary to having an enjoyable afternoon, when beginners were given the opportunity to get instruction and try their luck. A barbeque was provided and 'mulled wine', made from a secret recipe, to keep out the chill of the afternoon. Judged to be a great success, the organisers were praised and the entire company hope this will become an annual event.

Alex Stewart

Environmental Action Killin

EAK – is the local environmental group, affiliated to the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers. We will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 24 February at 2pm in the National Trust Meeting Room, Lynedoch, Main St. If you would like to join us to find out about this year's activities, please come along.

Our first practical work session will be on Sunday, 3 March from 10am to 4pm to start work preparing the community composting site, next to the skip. This site will allow locals to dispose of their garden waste for compost rather than in the wheelie bin or in the wilds. The Council plan to set up a roadside collection and provide a chipper every fortnight to encourage us! We will continue with practical sessions on the first Sunday of every month through the summer, with more if there is enough interest. We will also be helping with the work on the school playground once plans are finalised.

The practical sessions are supervised and are good fun. Equipment is provided and no experience is necessary. Just bring old clothes, a packed lunch and enthusiasm.

'What a Waste!' This is the theme for our Open Day this year to be held in April in the McLaren Hall. We will be looking at the problems of waste production and disposal in Great Britain. Over 80% of goods bought in the UK are used once and thrown away. We hope to provide you with more ideas on what we all can do to reduce the amount of waste we produce. Putting stuff in the bin should be a last resort. **REDUCE! RE-USE! RE-CYCLE! DISPOSE SAFELY!**

Elaine Turner 01567 820266

Phew!

Hello again, to those of you who have actually made it this far into the paper! 44 pages, our biggest yet - a mammoth job! Let us know what you think - is it too long - perhaps you would prefer we went back to 12 pages?

Some of you are probably thinking by now, that you may have missed out on an issue of Killin News. Well, you haven't. This issue is on time, but it is later than in previous years. I for one, didn't want to be working on Killin News on 1 January when everyone else in was enjoying themselves. Also, who in the world wants to write articles between Christmas & New Year? In addition, local businesses don't want to be bothered with ads on 1 January. In the light of this, we decided to still be bi-monthly and produce 6 issues each year, but the well deserved break between the Christmas issue and the first issue of the year is slightly longer.

So, now we are all refreshed and recovered from the incredible amount of socialising which goes on in our wee villages - we are back again - and weren't we worth waiting for?!

Editor

(Apologies also for articles which were not printed - as you can see, we have almost run out of space!)

Strathfillan Parish Church

Crianlarich Church – 11.30 am

First, third and fifth Sunday each month.

Bridge of Orchy Church - 11.30 am

Second and fourth Sunday of each month

24.7 / A.A. CARS

CRANLARICH TAXI SERVICE



For Information, Phone Ian Armstrong
Anytime on **(01838) 300307**
Mobile **0778 7788360**

E-Mail : **ian-247aa@supanet.com**

Licensed 6 Person People Carrier
Registered Member Scottish Tourist Board
Backpack/Luggage : Carrier Service Available
A new and friendly service



Large enough to cope

Grants Laundry

small enough to care



All private and commercial laundry taken
Drycleaning & Linen Hire
No job too big or too small



Grants



Laundry

Main Street, Killin
Tel: (01567) 820 235 or 820 744
Mobile 0780 359 8692

Mary MacLeod Celebrates 25 years as Caretaker

A very happy social afternoon took place at Crianlarich School when Mary MacLeod celebrated 25 years as School Caretaker. The children expressed thanks to Mary with an action song composed by the P.1-3 children, and a poem composed about Mary and recited by the P.4-7 children. The youngest child Alex Palmer then presented Mary with a bouquet of flowers and Ewan McIntyre, the eldest child presented her with a cheque for £200 from parents, pupils, former pupils, School Board and staff.

June Palmer made the cake which was enjoyed by everyone at the Afternoon Tea which followed.



MOBILE HAIRSTYLING

by

Sue Turner

*formerly Senior Stylist at a premier
hair and beauty salon*

Why not have your hair styled
by a professional with 25 years
experience in the convenience
of your own home?

*All styles and age groups catered for
Competitive prices*

please telephone for a consultation

Telephone: 01764 670596

Mobile: 07788 812998

Tyndrum Team Rally

The Kingdom stages at Crail was the seventh and final round of the Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship, and only the Tyndrum teams second rally of 2001. The conditions were overcast, but dry. After staring 26th of a field of 65, they managed to drag themselves into the top 10, and in the company of 6R4s, Escort Cosworths, Mitsubishi Evos and 2 ltr. Escorts. In the last few stages, they dropped 16 seconds and finished first in Class 2 and 12th overall.

Thanks to Jonnie, Jamie and Yvonne for servicing, and Willie for keeping Allan on the right road.

Area Tourist Board

Argyll, the Isles, Loch Lomond, Stirling & Trossachs Tourist Board have marked the start of 2002 with the publication of a new brochure and the launch of the biggest marketing programme ever undertaken by the Board to attract more visitors to the area.

At the heart of this marketing drive are the 300,000 new brochures. As well as focusing on different parts of the area and special interests such as activity holidays, wildlife and the natural environment, the editorial content includes special features on several exciting new initiatives designed to improve the area's tourism appeal and includes a feature on the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park.

The supporting marketing campaigns, which kicked off during the festive period, include

- press advertising campaigns featuring strong images of the area with a total circulation of 102 million and a total readership of more than 240 million
- direct mailing to 150,00 individuals who have previously expressed an interest in taking a holiday in the area
- distribution to key tourist information centres throughout the UK.
- new features on the Board's website
- joint presence with other Area Tourist Boards and VisitScotland at over 20 UK and overseas travel exhibitions

Tourist board Chief Executive James Fraser said, "2001 was a very challenging year for the local tourism industry, especially given the world events, which occurred in September. However, I believe there is good reason to be optimistic about the prospects for 2002.

He also added that, "Many of the major initiatives in Scottish tourism are happening in this area over the coming year, and the new brochure will act as an important showcase for them".

In the area covered by the Area Board, the tourism industry is a major source of income. It employs 20,000 people, and injects £616 million annually into the local economy. On a more local note, it was interesting to see the figures displayed at the recent Killin Community Futures Workshop. By far the highest number of people, 130, were directly gaining their income from tourism with another 70 gaining income indirectly. If all those people were to support the Area Tourist Board, it would contribute greatly to the marketing opportunities for Killin.

GF

Craigard Hotel & Licenced Restaurant

Killin

**open from 6 - 9pm
with a la carte menu**

Telephone: 01567 820285





Killin News Across The Globe



(above) Margaret Campbell, Machany, with colleagues on a study visit to USA at the end of November. The photo was taken in front of the Liberty Bell, Philadelphia.



(Above) It seems only fair that the Killin News Editor gets in on the Globe Game! Kevin and Linda FitzGerald with Killin News in Ensenada, Mexico in December 2001.



(Left) Iain & Helen Colquhoun who now live in Braco sent us this photo from their trip in December to the Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania. Some of you will remember Iain's father who was the minister in Killin many years ago, and Helen often stands in as locum GP at the Killin doctor's surgery.



(Above) Great to see Bill Stitt enjoying a holiday in Australia. Bill was visiting his sister Kate Richardson in Victoria. He did of course remember to take her a personally delivered copy of Killin News, just to keep her up to scratch with what is going on in her home village. He also did a swap with his nephew, Ray, for 'The Australian' – it's not as good, is it Bill?



**OPEN
ALL-DAY,
EVERY DAY**



**INERVEY HOTEL
TYNDRUM**

**BED &
BREAKFAST
£25 P.P**

Conveniently located in the heart of Tyndrum, the Invervey Hotel offers the perfect place to stop for refreshments, a snack or a meal.

NOW OPEN Newly refurbished lounge bar



OPEN DAILY FROM 11AM.
SERVING HOT & COLD DRINKS, SNACKS & MEALS
IN A RELAXED, FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.
NO-SMOKING AREA.
GAMES ROOM WITH POOL TABLE & DART BOARD.
REGULAR LIVE MUSIC.

**NEXT TO THE
INERVEY IN
TYNDRUM**



*To make a reservation
at Whytes, please
telephone 01838 400273*

OPEN DAILY FROM 8AM
BREAKFASTS - LUNCHES - DINNERS.
WARM, INFORMAL SURROUNDINGS.
FRESHLY MADE COSTA COFFEE.
WIDE RANGING MENU INCLUDING
CHEFS' SPECIALS.
FULL WINE LIST AVAILABLE.
GROUP BOOKINGS WELCOME.



TELEPHONE 01838 400219