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National Award For Julie Rhys

Many of you will know Julie Rhys as the person who has unlocked the mystery of computers for them in her role as a computing tutor for the classes put on by Clackmannan College in partnership with Stirling Council Community Support.

Julie recently won the 2002 'Scottish Adult Learners Partnership Adult Award' for her outstanding contribution to learning in this area. The awards are made annually to recognise the excellence and commitment of adult tutors in Scotland. Julie was nominated, not only for her ability in the class, but for her work outwith the classes in helping people with their computer problems and encouraging people to come and learn.

Unfortunately, Julie was not able to attend the SALP Awards Ceremony in Aviemore earlier this month, so an informal lunch was organised locally to acknowledge and celebrate her achievement - and to present her with her award.

Suzanne Player



Killin Music Festival

Wot A Fiddle!



Not an easy instrument to fit under your chin! But this visiting Festival musician produced some fabulous music with it.

Whether you consider the Festival to be a bonus or a liability to the village, there is no doubting the considerable effort needed to make it happen. See various articles on the pros and cons of holding such a Festival in Killin on Pages 2, 3 & 4.

Also there are more Festival photos for you to enjoy on page 19.

*Photos IC, GF
Articles IC, GF, DG, LF,
Frances Gaskell &
Alan Garnier*

99 Years Young

Mrs Robertson looking very happy on her 99th Birthday as she left the hotel after a celebratory lunch with her daughter Margaret, family and friends. Mrs Robertson is thought to be the oldest resident of Killin.



Donald Where's Yer Dumper?!



Killin and the surrounding area has many official caravan and camping parks with proper facilities. These businesses have had to undergo huge financial investment to meet all Council criteria for disposal of waste, disabled facilities, insurance, public liability etc. The people who own them are paying taxes and desperately trying to make a living.

This mud bath begs the question - **WHY** do we have to suffer this in the village park?!

If all accounts which have reached us are true, then as a result of Festival Weekend, Breadalbane Park will be ruined for the rest of the summer - if not longer. Even the football pitch has car tyre ruts in it. The children's sports day has also had to be cancelled.

Fortunately, Donald McLarty borrowed a dumper from Stitt Brothers on the Sunday to pull the vehicles out of the park or they might have remained there for the duration of this 'summer'!



Sunday School

This year is The Church of Scotland Year of The Child and to mark this occasion our Sunday school has been busy making a banner as a permanent reminder in the church. The designs are all the children's own and have been brought together by a small team of leaders headed by Sue Wyllie. They have had a busy but very good time making the banner and putting together a service for its dedication. Much of the service was written and led by the children and they can be seen in the picture assembling with the banner for the service, which took place on June 23.



The Killin Folk Festival

It is sad but fair to describe a large part of the weekend as a 'festival' for drunks, litter louts and those who enjoy anti-social behaviour - with some music thrown in as an afterthought. That was how many visitors and villagers saw it. Disappointment was also expressed by those, genuinely interested in music, who came to participate in the event.

The shouting began in the early hours of Saturday morning. It was too loud, went on for too long and bore no relevance to music whatsoever. During the day, undoubtedly fuelled by the makeshift 'Bar Open All Day' signs, McLaren Hall included, the shouting increased in volume along with the litter and the anti-social behaviour. By Saturday evening, a stroll through the village had become a very unpleasant and frightening experience as groups made their way from one bar to another, bottle or glass in hand, ignoring the programme advice to "remember, do not walk in the street with alcohol". The language was foul and they used anywhere they liked as urinals. This continued into Sunday with disturbances until 5am by which time Killin looked a very sad place strewn with unbelievable amounts of litter.

Sunday was quieter, but where was this village of music and entertainment for all the family? Visitors wandered around looking perplexed. They could not go in Breadalbane Park because the ground was a sea of mud and we have to wonder why Stirling Council allowed its use, when so many other events, including the Stirling Show, were cancelled. Campers could be directed to the permanent, well-serviced sites outwith the village, with the Community Bus and Taxis providing transport.

The thanks and appreciation of the whole village go to Jake our Village Officer for the tremendous job he did in cleaning up over the weekend, but especially on the Monday when it took him all day, without any help, to bag up the disgraceful amount of litter in the Park.

There are good aspects such as the workshops, singing competitions, craft fair and the excellent concerts, all of which could take place without the need for a bar, and it would be wonderful if we saw these types of events more frequently in the village. The original idea behind the Folk Festival was to generate benefits for everyone but it is only a few businesses that make a great deal of money out of it whilst many others, and perhaps the village itself, are losers in the long term. In the past, there have been complaints, not always voiced in public, but the village, as a whole, has been very tolerant. After the way this weekend developed, this event, and the reputation now attached to it, is something Killin can do without.

A Hoteliers Viewpoint

There seems to be a mixed response to the Folk Festival from the Killin community, some look forward to it, some dread it. Originally it was an initiative to promote Killin as a good destination for tourists.

The Killin hotel has been extensively refurbished at great expense and effort by myself, and provides a place for visitors to stop and relax in very comfortable surroundings. It also has a great benefit for the Folk Festival attendees looking for accommodation and facilities. Many 'Festival goers' are well mannered and respectable people, indeed our residents are delighted they can escape the madness and seek refuge within the Killin Hotel. The hotel opens its public bar for all to play music and the whole conservatory and external seating areas are greatly used and appreciated. We restrict music to the public bar and conservatory.

The Friday night went without any trouble, but by Saturday afternoon the main hotel was being damaged and pictures were being stolen from the walls. They excreted on the floors, ripped the curtains off and used them to clean themselves. When reprimanded they proceeded to threaten the staff. At this point I decided to restrict access to the hotel to residents only - I am sure anyone else would have closed their premises entirely!

The Festival should be based on the enjoyment of music and not the all-out drinking binge that seems to occur. The Festival with this type of 'drunken numpty' will certainly not encourage tourists to re-visit the village. If future intentions are to cater for this type of Festival visitor then there should be more emphasis on providing alternative drinking facilities and additional policing. Perhaps a beer tent in the Park would enable them to fall over anywhere they like without causing any damage. There seems to be a real riff-raff element intent on drinking to oblivion, with doubtfully any interest in music - folk or otherwise. I have reviewed our data base and not one single Festival resident has ever visited at any other time of the year.

Killin Hotel did provide a music venue, and also accommodation and meals for seventy residents including four of the bands who played in the McLaren Hall. Access was denied to a small group intent on causing trouble, in order to preserve the hotels standards for the other fifty one weeks of the year.

Mr Mallinson indicated that the Festival will not continue because of the hoteliers lack of co-operation. I think it is time for the Festival Committee to consider what the Festival is for, and who actually benefits.

Alan Garnier, Killin Hotel

Comment

I would like to add my own observations of the number of local people, normally around to help with village events, who were absent during the Festival - myself included. I will also confess to my personal relief of being away at that time, (a feeling shared by many), and of concern for my property should it be vandalised whilst I was away (a worry never entertained at any other time).

In response to Tam's article (page 4) it would be interesting to know how the figure of £300,000 was reached. I would agree with him that perhaps there is a knock-on effect for tradesmen, but more likely in repairs after revellers have gone home than from new investment.

Reports have reached me from the weekend of diesel being stolen from vehicles, vehicles being vandalised by spray paint, theft from local shops, lewd and lascivious behaviour in public, underwear and other unsanitary items being found in gardens in addition to bottles and rubbish, hanging baskets being destroyed - this is not the Killin that we all know and love. It is said that 'all things must come to an end' - perhaps it is time to apply this to the Killin Music Festival?

Editor

Mystery Disappearance of £300,000?

Every year the visitors who attend the Folk Festival spend, a minimum estimation, of some £300,000 in Killin. But it has become something of a mystery as to where they spend this money. Despite intensive inquiries it would seem that the local businesses report little, or no increase, in their turnover for that weekend. There is in fact a considerable opinion among the local businesses, that their turnover is the same on the weekends prior to and following after the Festival, as over the Festival weekend. There are also no first time visitors who come especially for the Festival ever making return visits having had an enjoyable time at the Festival. No trickle down from the few businesses who gain any benefit from the Festival and are then able to avail themselves of the services of local tradesmen. No benefit to the local businesses in having the name of Killin spoken of as a fun place for a weekend break, by Festival goers when they go back to their own communities. This being the case, there would seem to be little point in the enormous effort made to bring this infusion of £300,000 into the village economy, as nobody seems to benefit – or is it a case of you never miss the water till the well runs dry?!

Tam Bolton

*Secretary – Killin Initiative
10 May 2002*

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Three marvellous evenings, and from this perspective it will be very sad if this is the last festival.

Frances Gaskell

Killin Community Council

A meeting of the Killin Community Council was held on 14 May, followed by the AGM.

Community Awards: The new Ardeonaig noticeboard had been erected.

Floral Association: An arrangement had been made with Stirling Council for Council insurance to cover the Floral Association.

Bus problems: A letter is to be written to First Bus and the Council about instances of standing room only and the possibilities of passengers for Killin being left off the last bus from Stirling due to overcrowding.

Cuildochart Viewpoint and School Lay-by: Enquiries continue.

Trees on A85 Leskine to Lix Toll: Scottish Woodlands will be asked if they are the owners.

Lyon Road parking: The Police Chief Constable is to be informed following a traffic incident.

Planning Applications: There was no objection to an additional BT dish at Lyon Road sub-station.

Fingal Road Housing: The number of houses has now risen to 40 in two phases, starting with 24. Road and drainage

layout is as before and, when planning approval has been obtained, work should start as soon as possible.

Nurses Clinic: There is no date yet for work to go ahead but the nurses are looking for alternative accommodation during renovation.

Community Futures: Suzanne Player reported that the adoption of the plan is awaited and the Killin Youth Group was a positive outcome of the workshop. Councillor Ffinch said that skateboarding possibilities would now come under his responsibility.

National Park: Letters and leaflets had been sent to every householder inside the Park and nominations were being made for people from various communities to be on the Park Committee. Information is available in the Library.

Christmas Tree Lights: The Chairman had received four letters of apology from juniors following police enquiries into the illegal removal of light bulbs.

Killin to Strathfillan Cycle/Walkway: Working party groups had been set up to approach landowners to establish a possible route over each 2 - 3 miles.

Breadalbane Park: Internal and external damage to the Round House had been

caused by youngsters and quotes had been sought for repairs. Suzanne Player reported that the Park gates are to be refurbished and the swing and sand replaced.

Traffic: The question of either traffic lights or better signs/lines on either side of the Falls of Dochart Bridge was raised. Councillor Ffinch would enquire about this and also about the possibility of a pedestrian crossing at a safe place near the school and retirement home.

Compost Heap is happening but there's an insurance problem over EAK employing someone to oversee what is dumped. This will be referred to Waste Forum.

The next Council Meeting will be on 9 July at 7.30 in the Lesser McLaren Hall. All are welcome to attend.

AGM

The Chairman, John MacPherson, and Vice-Chairman, P. Christie, were re-elected unanimously. Fiona Kennedy was elected as the new Treasurer following the resignation of Bill Douglas, with Mairi Hunter as Secretary and the Planning Correspondents and the Auditor remaining the same. A vote of thanks to the Chairman for his continuing hard work in a really busy year was passed unanimously.

Operation Osprey

Many of you may have read recently that the Ospreys at Loch Garten are having problems breeding this year. Sadly the regular male has not returned this spring, from north west Africa, so we can only presume that he has died aged 16 years. During the years he has been coming to Loch Garten he has sired 23 chicks. Ospreys don't start breeding until they are 3-5 years old and live on average between 15-20 years.



This is year 9 for the resident female and when her regular mate did not return she eventually took the attention of several young males. Part of the mating ritual is for the male to bring in a headless fish for the female and when one of these males eventually took the hint, he brought it back and ate it himself, (typical male!).

My association with Ospreys began in 1991 when I replied to a small newspaper advert, asking for volunteers to help protect the nest at Loch Garten. I decided to have a go, even though I didn't know what an Osprey looked like or had much knowledge of birds in general. Eleven years later and a lot more knowledgeable I am still volunteering for one week a year, and still enjoying it as much as ever.

When I first started, the volunteers slept in two-man army tents in the middle of the forest, with a wooden building for washing and eating in, which created quite an atmosphere. Now we have been given the luxury of three chalets to share, which were bought three years ago by the RSPB. A 24 hour watch is kept on the osprey nest, split up into several shifts. During the day as well as watching the birds, which includes working the camera and video and keeping a log-book, we take it in turns to speak to the public, which can be very rewarding.

I have learnt and seen a great deal in my time at Loch Garten. These include, seeing the first egg hatching, seeing the young osprey bring back its first fish and

the male breaking off a branch from a small tree, to build the nest, (the nest being about four feet wide and three feet deep). I have also witnessed an osprey fishing just a few yards in front of me and the ringing of the chicks.

Due to the Victorian interest in egg collecting, and general persecution over the years, the Osprey became extinct in Scotland in 1916, when the last pair nested in Inverness-shire. In England it happened as early as 1842 and they have only returned there for the first time last year in Cumbria. In the 1950's, a pair of Ospreys were seen in Strathspey, but nesting was not proved. Then for several years on their return, their nests were robbed. In 1958 when two Ospreys arrived back at Loch Garten, 'Operation Osprey' was started, but still, on a dark night, the two eggs were stolen. Then in 1959, the Secretary of State for Scotland declared the area around Loch Garten as a protected bird sanctuary. In that year, and thanks to numerous volunteers who protected the nest, Pat Sandeman, from Killin, being one of them, there was a successful hatching and an observation post was opened to the public to view the birds. In all, 14,000 people attended that year. We are now nearly up to two million visitors a year.

Since then hundreds of volunteers have helped each year to protect the Loch Garten site. Over the years it has had its

fair share of problems, such as someone trying to cut down the nesting tree on two separate occasions, the public hide and shop being burnt down one winter and of course egg thieves. I just hope with the recent news of two more nests being robbed in Perthshire that the Scottish Executive changes the law soon to correspond with England where they can imprison egg thieves and help to stop them destroying the population of Ospreys and other birds in Scotland.

As I am writing this article, there is still no good news from the nest site. The resident female has left the nest and been replaced by a two year old who was ringed in Perthshire. The male has eventually brought her a fish and mated with her, but she is not really old enough to breed and most chicks are hatching already, so it is probably too late. This will be the first time in forty-three years that there will be no osprey-chicks at Loch Garten. Hopefully if nothing happens the female will return again next year for a successful mating and I will have the chance of many more enjoyable years of volunteering.

Margaret Fenna

PS – As we go to print it has just been discovered that the two year old female from Perthshire has turned out to be the grand-daughter of the original male that had failed to return this year. How's about that for a coincidence!

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Strathfillan - "By The Way"

Strathfillan Community Council held its AGM on 5 June, and the retiring Chairman, Derek Wilkie, spoke of his frustration with all the major services. No progress had been made with BEAR (Scotland), there was little improvement in the snow clearing by the end of

winter, the roads are still in an unacceptable state and we are a long way from getting a bus shelter in Tyndrum for those travelling south. The length for each job is extended by the fact that BEAR have to apply for funding from the Scottish Executive before they can start work.

Scottish Water promised that the sewage capacity in both villages would be increased. It was supposed to have happened by last year, but it is now being quoted as 3 years hence. No building can take place until this is sorted out.

Derek then tendered his resignation, saying he needed a year out as he was tired and stale. He was thanked for all the sterling work he has done for the community over the past 20 years, especially with the set-up of the Strathfillan Community Development Trust.

The following were elected:- Chairman: John Riley, Vice-Chairman: Effie Crompton, Secretary: Moira Robertson, Treasurer: Mary Anderson

The police will be attending the Community Council meetings in order to hear the community's concerns, and to report back on them. The incidents at Glengarry corner, south of Tyndrum, had been passed to the Accident Prevention section which had met with BEAR. A site meeting was held and extra signs and road markings are planned.

John Riley proposed that all the 'matters arising' be collected together and divided amongst the delegated groups, who will have the responsibility and the authority to carry things through, and then give a report at the meetings. This was accepted unanimously. A meeting to discuss the arrangements will be held.

The 'Local Government in Scotland Bill' is going through its stages at the moment and will include 'Best Value and Accountability', 'Community Planning' and 'Power to Advance Well-Being' issues.

*Moira Robertson
Strathfillan Correspondent*

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Tay Liaison Committee

The Committee have now published the information booklet 'Tyndrum to Perth', which gives the contact names and telephone numbers of where to obtain permits to fish the many beats covered by the Protection Order. The booklet is available from tackle shops, hotels and other outlets, which provide access to permits or beats. It contains guidance information for anglers and adverts to assist visitors in securing accommodation and fishing packages. All the clubs have listings of telephone numbers for visitors to contact to obtain additional information on local waters.

There is a great demand for this publication from overseas as well as within the UK, and the purpose of providing a definitive guide to freshwater angling on the Tay System seems to have been achieved. Interest hopefully will be converted to more visitors coming to enjoy their sport, getting the correct advice, being provided with comfortable accommodation, and where necessary dependable guides and ghillies. Thanks are due to all who helped bring this information booklet to publication, The Tay Foundation, and the advertisers whose assistance have enabled it to be funded.

Judge Stroyan is expressing concern, on the ceasing of releasing water into the Upper River Lochay by Southern Energy. This has and will continue to cause problems during dry periods when the lack of water will have a detrimental effect on the fish stocks and livestock. It seems that closing the outlet valves, which allow freshlets to flow, is a result of requiring to generate as much electricity from renewable sources as is possible. Letters have been sent by Judge Stroyan, the TLC and Tay District Salmon Fisheries Board, to Southern Energy in an attempt to resolve the position. In the meantime anglers fishing the river should take great care, and the method being suggested until further notice is fly only.

Alex Stewart
Recorder to TLC

Falls of Dochart Retirement Home

Since the last issue of the Killin News, further developments have taken place with regards to the possible purchase and operation of the Home by Killin Care Trust.

The Trust is now a registered Company, and it is anticipated that very shortly will be registered by the Inland Revenue as a Charitable Trust, thus enabling people to donate towards the home's running costs should they so desire.

The Trust are very pleased that they have now received written confirmation from all the funders who have contributed towards the cost of the project, and they are very grateful to all the people who assisted in making this possible. They are indebted to Colin Roxburgh of the Small Towns and Rural Development Group for his expertise in guiding them through the process.

Lawyers for the Trust are in the process of drawing up a formal offer for the Home, and an advertisement has been placed for a Nurse/Manager, which will be required should our offer for the home be successful.

As a Trust we are aware of the support of a large proportion of the community in this project, and we feel sure that once our charitable status has been confirmed, and if the purchase of the property is successful, they may well wish to contribute towards the costs involved. In this respect the Trust operate a Bank Account in the Bank of Scotland, Killin, under the account name 'Killin Care Trust' to which anyone can contribute.

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Killin Community Bus

The Annual General Meeting was held on 28 May in the McLaren Hall. The Chairman, Charlie Grant efficiently steered us through the Agenda, with the following being of wider interest:-


The insurers are now checking that the drivers have clean licences.

Groups using the bus should be aware that the driver is responsible for cleaning the bus (which could be at the end of a long evening!). In the past this job has often been left to Ian Black who is in charge of maintenance.

Thanks were extended to:

- Julie Lincoln the retiring Secretary
- Jim Cushley and his staff for the use of Lix Toll Garage facilities
- Joanne and her staff at News First for holding the diary for bus bookings
- Colin Higgins for a donation to bus funds
- Ian Black for the sterling work he has done to keep the bus in excellent condition at minimum cost

The election of Office Bearers:-Chairman – Charlie Grant, Treasurer – Gill Higgins, Secretary – Frances Gaskell, Maintenance Manager – Ian Black, Committee Members – Jim Beattie & Margaret Fenna



Thinking of an alteration ?

Plans drawn up for extension and conversion of houses, garages, patios, balconies conservatories etc.

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Derrick Warner (NTS)
Wednesday 10 July

Birds of the Caledonian Pinewoods

Dave O'Harah (RSPB)
Wednesday 24 July

A Celebration of Trees

David Mardon (NTS)
Wednesday 7 August

The Call of the Mountain

David Mardon (NTS)
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Wester Lix, Killin

Robert Ferguson Retires

Killin postie – Robert Ferguson joined the Post Office in February 1977. Early in 1980 he came to Killin to cover holidays and sick leave and fell in love with Killin so much that when a permanent vacancy arose in May 1989, he successfully applied for the job and was transferred to Killin. This meant travelling from Callander every morning to arrive in Killin by 6.30am!

Robert has a great sense of humour and we had many laughs while working together. We shall all miss his cheery smile and wish him well in his retirement.

Judy Forster

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Taigh-nam-Bodach

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People were superstitious about the old lady. All through the summer months she sat outside her cottage, with her family around her. As long as her house was thatched and she was at the door it would be a good summer for everyone at the shieling but if she was unhappy, there was bad weather, bad crops, and disease among the cattle.

So each spring and autumn the ritual continued, year after year. Tenants of the land might change but still the old lady was there and her house was thatched each spring and unthatched each autumn. As farming patterns altered towards the end of the 1700's and sheep were brought in to take over the hills, the pastoral way of life disappeared. People moved away to find a job in the mills or they went to Canada. Thousands of cottages fell into ruins and even the Cailliche's house had to do without its annual thatching.

But even today she is still there, with her family, living in the Taigh-nam-Bodach, though now it is turf roofed instead of thatched. She has five children with her at present and every hundred years or so, she bears another. Though the baby of the family is still very small, folk are sure it is growing and that one day it will be as big as the others. The Cailliche is the largest stone and in certain lights you could swear she takes on human features!

There is no doubt that the Cailliche has been there a long time – so long that even 4 centuries ago, when we first hear of this Glen, it already bore her name. It most likely



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The Trust is very pleased to have Paul Johnson of Pine Trees as our new Tyndrum Community Woodland Fence Checker. Once a month he walks the perimeter to check for evidence of birds injuring themselves on deer fences (we're especially interested in the black grouse) to look for fence damage and for signs that deer have got inside the woodland. Actually, you could call it a garden of knee high saplings at the moment, rather than a woodland. Deer grazing at this stage is very damaging.



At the time of writing, we are re-advertising the post of Housing Officer, the all-important link between our four Crianlarich tenants and the Trust. Our first advertising effort brought in zero applications. Only notice boards and word of mouth were used, which we know is not ideal. The position is an important one: arranging building repairs and maintenance, and working sympathetically and confidentially with tenants. And because of that it is a satisfying job. It is paid by the hour, at £7.65 per hour; with a guaranteed minimum pay of four hours work a month. Please contact me if you are interested. The Directors would like to thank Jock Henderson for the very real care he has put into the position for the past year and a half. He was superb.

Attention - Young Fok of Strathfillan!

I hope you received your Summer Programme organised by EXIT Y G, with help from several people in Stirling Council, Helen Weir of Killin Out of School Care and ourselves, the Trust. The Programme consists of one activity day a week, from 10am to 3pm mostly based in Tyndrum Village Hall. It includes an outing to the pool and climbing wall at Callander, and a multi sports day led by a trained instructor in Killin. Community Support, Sports Development and KOSC, all from Stirling Council, have been very approachable and generous with their time. Local Tyndrum resident Diane Mailer (who works with school children in an outdoor centre) is to have a busman's holiday, leading an orienteering/treasure hunt day. Also planned are a circus skills workshop, team building exercise and arts and crafts day. Joyce Russell of EXIT YG has put a lot of effort into the organisation, and will be needing lots of energy to manage each activity day. Telephone her on (01838) 300 220 for more information.

The joint Killin-Strathfillan Cycleway steering group is working hard. They have already met several times, and are choosing to do a lot of the early discussions and exploratory work themselves. If you need to know more, contact the Killin Community Council representatives Emma Paterson and Elaine Turner, or myself.

We are in the process of completing an application to the Scottish Land Fund to purchase the mature (some trees are so mature they're falling over) shelterbelt woodland strip between Mansefield houses and Upper Station Road in Tyndrum. Forest Enterprise are selling, and we've got what's called 'sponsorship' to be sole purchasers at an independently valued price. The strip will be an important part of the community's involvement in land management and access which includes the two woodlands, cattlecreep path and possibly cycleway. It will be a good learning experience also, to be dealing with huge trees and not just knee highs.

Finally, another thank you to some Stirling Council staff who have been so helpful in solving our woody waste mountain problem. The amount of brash cut down in

Crianlarich by James McLellan and John Wyllie was fantastic. David Riggle, Jim Beveridge, Mark Nicoll and Graham the Driver arranged for its uplift for chipping. Our part of the deal is to get together with David Riggle later in the year to explore possibilities for chipping, composting and improved recycling in this area. Huge thanks also to James, John, John Champion, Portnellan and the Green Welly for their donated time; and to Mick Thomson who will cut the cleared ground over the summer. Let us know whether you think it makes any difference.

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Landing Strips For Aliens?!

Some folks have been wondering what the new white lines are that have been appearing on our roads. We have heard various explanations for them, i.e.:-

"They are to enable the police to measure your speed – the number of seconds it takes for your car to clear them allows them to calculate your speed" – a bit complicated we thought! "They are for checking your distance from the car in front". "They are so the police can check your speed from a helicopter" – we were well amused with that one! "The police camera takes a photo as you cross the first line and again when you cross the last one, and from that they calculate your speed". "If you drive down the white lines in the middle road, your tyres will miss the other lines and the police can't tell what speed you are doing".

So many explanations – but which is correct? We enquired, first of all with Stirling Council, who didn't really know why they were there or if they had put them there (perhaps the toothfairy?), but thought they might be something to do with speed. Then we checked with Callander police who inform us that they are merely a traffic calming measure, designed to have a visual effect on the driver, thereby slowing them down.

A bit of an anti-climax really. However, we are heartened by the thought that these could form some sort of legacy for our descendants. Perhaps in years to come they will ponder over their purpose – well, why did our ancestors build stone circles?

Editor



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Press Secretary – Janet Anderson

Treasurer – Adelle Armstrong

Competition Convenor – Alison Whitemore

Secretary – Margaret Taylor

Thank you very much to Donna MacKenzie for serving us with a very enjoyable tea.

Janet Anderson
Press Secretary

Community Animateur's view of that now infamous game:

Dogs vs Football in the Park

A group of young people were extremely upset at having to vacate the football pitch due to a dog training class they knew nothing about. They had spent considerable time and effort putting up the goal nets and were looking forward to what was becoming a daily game during the good weather.

As the person responsible for arranging the class and venue, I was also upset to find that the two things could not happen at the same time and that the football would have to stop. However, I understood that the dogs would not be able to concentrate with a football game going on. Having formally gone through the procedure of booking the park and with people attending the class from all over, I felt the class had to take precedence that evening.

The young people said they would not have arranged the game if they'd known about the dog training and I, of course, would have let them know about the dogs if I had known they planned a game. They didn't know the park could be booked for activities such as this and it is certainly the first time that we have used the park as a venue for a class we at Community Support help to organise.

I fully support the development of activities and facilities for the younger members of this community - both as a representative of Stirling Council and personally. It was a real blow to me that the dog training class meant that a game organised and enjoyed by young people had to come to an abrupt end.

The young people were understandably upset and angry but the more mature ones, of all ages, amongst them (the majority) accepted the situation. We agreed that it had been an unfortunate incident but we had all learnt something from it. I suggested that Jock Stewart, as the local convenor of the park should be asked in advance whether anything was booked in the park to avoid disappointment in the future.

I did not witness any deliberate distracting of the dogs and would assume that this was done by the small minority of the group who do seem to have difficulty in behaving in a constructive way.

As far as I am aware, the next two dog training sessions in the park went smoothly. However, an alternative venue had been suggested, and my decision to explore this was primarily as a means of freeing up the park so that it would remain available for football. It had also emerged that the park was not ideal due to various distractions which were not all deliberate. Many thanks are due to Sir Peter Fawcus for agreeing to let the dog training sessions take place in his field.

Suzanne Player
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The 'Crianlarich Beat' and the 'Killin Krew'

The Primary 7 classes of Killin and Crianlarich Primary Schools have completed their newspapers for this year. A grant of £1,237 was received by Killin News from 'Awards for All', to cover the printing costs of this project with the ancillary items being paid for from Killin News funds.

The children have really enjoyed this project and I have also experienced great pleasure in working with them. The insight I have had into teaching over the past three years of doing this project has made me look at the occupation differently. I think of nursing as a dedicated profession - as they certainly don't do it for the money - I have now added teaching to that. They really do have their work cut out for them



(L-R) Lewis Kane, Rhiannon Shanto, Adam Mitchell, Kirsty Somerville, Steven Tigwell, Emma MacPherson, Calum McLarty, Victoria Campbell & Gareth Tigwell



(L-R) Paul MacMillan, Suzanne Ashton, Jamie Atkinson, Amanda Macnab, Mrs Martin, Ewan McIntyre & Nico (again!)

- but like nursing, it must be very rewarding. Mrs Inglis in Killin has Primary 6 and 7 to teach in the same classroom and Mrs Martin in Crianlarich has a similar number of pupils, but she has Primary 4, 5, 6 & 7 to teach in the same classroom! Both teachers are very much respected by their pupils and I know they will miss each other when Primary 7 move on to McLaren High after the summer break.

The five P7's from Crianlarich came to visit Killin News 'HQ!' (via the Killin Community Bus - thank you) on the morning of 13 June, followed by the nine from Killin in the afternoon. Both had hands-on experience of their newspapers in the QuarkXpress software, digital camera, scanner, and an insight into the computer work required to make their newspaper and the Killin News. This will be followed up by a joint visit to the printers in Stirling on Tuesday 25 June, when they will see their newspapers come 'hot off the press' and also see each others newspaper for the first time (the interest and rivalry has been intense!).

Editor

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Further Cash Awards for Rural Communities

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This announcement demonstrates the Executive's commitment to delivering for the people of rural Scotland across all aspects of day to day life."

The projects announced comprise:

- £453,655 from the Rural Challenge Fund;
- £63,770 from the Local Capital Grants Scheme
- £33,550 from the Rural Strategic Support Fund.

Kingarth and Kilchattan Bay Community Store Group in Bute will receive £28,250 towards the purchase of the only shop and

post office in the village. In addition to maintaining existing services, the group aims to develop additional services, including a coffee shop and information services, and to provide a venue for the display of local crafts.

Killin Community Development Trust will receive £50,000 towards the purchase of the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home, which provides residential care for older people. The Home was run privately and is now being sold. The community buy out will ensure the continued provision of local residential care for the elderly and will also protect an estimated 10 local jobs.

The Tour the Highland Festival Interactive Theatre Commission will receive £15,985 to take the show, 'The Accidental Death of an Accordionist' to rural communities throughout the North of Scotland.

The Scottish Rural Partnership Fund was established in 1996 to provide resources to support the development of rural communities. It has three parts: The Rural Challenge Fund (RCF) encourages rural projects, which propose innovative ways of tackling specific rural problems, or create a wider range of opportunities in rural areas. The Rural Strategic Support Fund (RSSF) supports rural community

capacity building, including the establishment of local rural partnerships. Finally, the Local Capital Grants Scheme (LCGS) funds the provision of new community centres or the upgrading existing premises. The LCGS is open to rural and urban communities, although projects in rural areas are given priority.

The main tranche of awards from the Fund was announced on 25 January 2002. At this time, further information was sought from a number of projects and these awards are made to those projects that satisfied the criteria for the Fund. 16 projects - 13 from the Rural Challenge Fund, 2 from the Local Capital Grants Scheme and 1 from the Rural Strategic Support Fund - will benefit from awards totalling £550,975.

John MacPherson

Fingals Stone

Things are moving on the Fingals Stone project. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor (£200) the fencing of the site has been completed and a new gate erected to allow access to Sron a Chlachain (the nose of the clachan or village). The Co-operative Community Dividend Fund has come up trumps with £300 toward seats and benches. The delay in building the new houses, which will eventually have an impact on the stone area, has held up our planning, but we estimate that to finish the site off we will need approximately £3,000 - £4,000. We will be collecting books for our annual book sale in August, so please don't chuck out your paperbacks or copies of "In Famed Breadalbane" etc just yet!!!!

Allan Walker

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Golf Foundation



The photo left shows (L-R back row) Brendon Pye from the Golf Foundation, Laurence Brown, Liz Stevens and Mark Lincoln (L-R front row) Daniel Holden, James Stewart, Robert Brown, Michael McPartland and Colin Woods. Brendon had just awarded Laurence, Liz and Mark with their certificates of achievement in the Junior Golf Leaders Award.

The photo left and below shows some of the juniors. It is good to see just how popular the game has become among the youth of the village - I understand there are around 50 of them in total.



The Stirling Assembly

Saturday June 1 saw the Annual General Meeting of the Stirling Assembly - the first since the formation of the Stirling Assembly Executive Committee, to oversee the day-to-day running of the Assembly.

Future meetings of the Assembly will be on 14 September (provisional), 26 October, 7 December and 25 January 2003,

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Last on Day - A McKenzie-Wilson 64

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- BEWARE -

Drivers of Sign Written Vehicles - You Never Know When the Killin News Phantom Photographer Will Strike!

Whilst going about my business I just happened to have the Killin News camera in the car when I came upon this bus, loading mostly elderly passengers, in Grey Street. As you can clearly see it is parked on double yellow lines, has totally blocked one side of the road, is putting the cyclist and child in danger, and basically it brought the road to a standstill, not to mention the lack of consideration given to the people living in Grey Street. You would be forgiven for thinking that perhaps the purpose built coach park was full at the time – but you would be wrong, there was only one coach parked in it. One of the most basic rules required to be met for any driving licence, but most importantly for a PSV licence (which is essential to drive a bus), is that the driver must make every effort to maintain the safety of his passengers and other road users.

Editor

PS – A copy of Killin News has been sent to Dodds of Troon!



Photos From The Festival 2002



Lads, dressed for the occasion



Above....Killin's " Tea in the Park"

Below....Killin Drama Club BBQ



Now, where did I leave my smile?



Above:
A few locals enjoying
some beer!

Centre:
Blazin' Fiddles in full
swing at the farewell
concert.

Left:
A crowd enjoying a "session"
outside the Tighnabruich Hotel
(one of the main festival
sponsors) during one of the
drier moments of the weekend.

Any Excuse for a Party!

A BBQ was held on Jubilee Monday organised by six 'girls' from the west end of the village and held in Johnny & Jan Willison's garden.

Unbelievably, it stopped raining at lunchtime – just before the BBQ started mid-afternoon - then it started raining again as the last of the revellers were heading home around 11 pm! Friends and neighbours generously supported the cause and braved the midges! £216.80 was raised for the Killin Youth Group.

Many, many thanks to all the helpers, cooks, those who donated raffle prizes and those who sent donations in their absence.



The 'West End Girls' (L-R): Judy Forster, Audrey Weaver, Jan Willison, Linda FitzGerald, Jennifer Morris and kneeling is Frances Gaskell

Wedding Belles



(above) The marriage of local girl, Donna Cairns to Neil Winton took place on 18 May at Killin Parish Church. Donna and Neil have set up home at Southend, near Campbeltown.

Some of you may remember that Donna was our Killin Show Queen in 2000.



This happy couple are Fleurette Marie Knaggs and Iain Patrick Sandeman MacKinnon who were married in the sunshine on 4 May 2002 in Patience Hill Roman Catholic Church, Tobago.

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Bravehearts To Beijing

Killin resident Julie Mitchell will be taking part in a challenge of a lifetime by participating in a 100 km walk along the Great Wall of China.

The event will take place between 27 October and 5 November 2002 and will consist of walking at least 20 km per day over various sections of the Wall, whilst carrying the Scottish flag.

The Scottish Society for Autism, in an effort to raise much needed funds have launched the "Bravehearts To Beijing" appeal. The Society helps thousands of people with autism from all over Scotland. Autism is a lifelong condition that isolates the child or adult from the world around it.

By taking up this challenge Julie has pledged to raise £2,500 for the Society. To do this she needs YOUR HELP. Send your donations/pledges to Julie Mitchell, 5 Dreadnought Place, Main Street, Killin FK21 8UJ with cheques made out in favour of the "**Scottish Society for Autism**".

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Visitors from Worthing

The Tay Liaison Committee competition winners arrived for their stay in Killin on 29 April. Peter Sturgeon and Reg Sparrow won a week of dinner, bed and breakfast, and fishing based at the Killin Hotel. Peter, who is the secretary of the local branch of the Trout and Salmon Association in Sussex, brought his fishing pal Reg with him to experience the challenge of west Perthshire angling.

Meeting our guests on Monday evening, I discovered they were both experienced anglers, keen to rise to the next few days' sport. Conditions were not by any way ideal but this is fishing and we make the most of all kinds of weather. The Breaclauch was the first venue where a fine breeze saw good trout rising freely. Accustomed to fishing with a single fly, both tried the traditional Scottish three fly cast as well, and soon had trout splashing at their offerings. Eventually, during a snow fall, some good wild brown trout were taken, and all safely returned. Next was the boat outing on Loch Tay but sadly with no success, although they did witness a fine salmon caught and landed. Then on to the River Dochart to try for a salmon, and introduce the visitors to spate river fishing methods. Unfortunately salmon were not in a co-operative mood, but the time spent was, to quote Peter, "an experience".



The day spent trolling on Loch Tay was a real culture change, neither having had the opportunity to fish in this manner. Bill Hill gave Peter and Reg a day out to remember, although not getting a salmon, fishing on the loch in this way, was extremely pleasant, and one which they both would like to try again. Back to the brown trout and more success to end the week, and with an evening spent with Peter's brother who came down from Aberdeen, the winners were very contented with their stay.

Grateful thanks to all the riparian owners and the Killin Breadalbane Angling Club, who gifted the fishing, for their support, sorry I could not take all the offers up, but maybe next time! Peter has written to the committee thanking them for their stay in Killin, and hopes that some of their members from the south will come up to enjoy a break as much as he and Reg did. And special thanks to Alan and his staff at the Killin Hotel for their hospitality; Bill Hill for his renowned company on the loch; Joanne and the staff at News First for their assistance with fly fishing goodies, and all the locals who made Peter and Reg most welcome.

Alex Stewart

In the photo are Peter & Reg fishing the River Dochart.

CAT-astrophe! by Sinclair Aitken



Obituaries

Cuthbert Armstrong

Died 14 April in Stirling Infirmary

Cuthbert, aged 92, was a well-known figure in Killin. He was born in Dipton, Co. Durham of farming stock - the youngest of a family of twelve. He came to Killin on Good Friday 1965 having served his time as a grocer.

He worked as Head Barman at Killin Hotel for a number of years and also at D & J McEwan's. His dog Maxie was as well known as he was.

He also worked at the Falls of Dochart Hotel (now the retirement home) for Susie and Peter George. He will be missed by many of his old friends.

Allan Walker & Willie Foster

Moyra Symon

Many people who knew her were sad to hear of the death of Moyra Symon on 5 May 2002. Moyra passed away in Aberdeen, where she and her husband Alex had retired to after 23 years as very popular proprietors of the Bridge of Lochay Hotel. They were greatly missed in Killin by locals and residents of the hotel who came back year after year.

Walter Muir

Walter and Gladys Muir came to Killin in 1977 having lived in Liverpool since they married in 1948. Born in Falkirk in 1920, Walter served in the Merchant and Royal Navies before settling down and working in Liverpool Docks. After bringing up three sons, he took early retirement and they moved to Larachbeg, Killin where they enjoyed many happy years together.

Killin was well known to them both as four of Walter's sisters, Mary McLeod, Violet Graham, Lily MacKenzie and Stella Dawson, already lived there, though sadly all have since died.

Walter became one of Killin's Tourist Information Officers and worked in both the mobile office in Breadalbane Park and the shop in Main Street (now McGregors florist shop). Following two heart attacks, he finally retired in the early 1990's.

Gladys died in February 1993 when they lived in Ballechroisk Court. Walter then moved to Monemore, where he died on 20 May 2002.

Walter leaves three sons and five grandchildren.

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- 14 Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band 2 pm
- 28 Killin Gun Club Inter Club Shoot at
Luib 11.30 am - 4.00 pm
- 31 Killin Highland Games

August

- 3 Killin Golf Club Gents Open
- 7-10 Killin & District Arts & Crafts
Exhibition 10 am - 9 pm (Sat. till
6.30) McLaren Hall
- 11 Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band 2 pm
- 11 Killin Gun Club Open Sporting
- 17 Killin Agricultural Show
- 17 Marquee Dance
- 17 Casting Competition, Breadalbane
Park, Killin Angling Club
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Killin Breadalbane Angling Club



The season has been slow to get underway but now things are picking up. The Salmon have been flying up stream in favourable water conditions for leaping the falls. Club members have accounted for 14 less than the same time last year but the quality has been excellent. The more fish that get into the upper reaches the better, hopefully, the November spawning will be. Richard MacPherson has the distinction of catching the heaviest fish to date which was 22lbs. Returns from the west end of Loch Tay also reflect the reduction of caught salmon compared to last year.

On the brown trout front, there have been some fine well-conditioned fish caught. The best in club competitions was 2lb 2oz by Angus MacLennan. The first two trophies have been decided, Angus and Pip won the Pairs Cup and Angus also won the Peter Ross Cup. The new Coarse Fishing competition saw eight rods attempt to entice Pike. The winner was David McLarty with three for 12lbs.

It is worth pointing out that some of the hill loch trout are still undernourished and should be returned safely. However there was a magnificent fish, over 3 lbs., caught on Loch na Lairaig.

Unfortunately bait fishing, which is not allowed in agreements with riparian owners on some waters, is still being practised on hill lochs and this will result in sensitive waters being greatly depleted, if this practice does not stop, especially when bag limits, five fish, are not being adhered to either. This is not angling but fish mongering at its worst.

Donald McLarty
Competition Secretary

Sponsored Toddle

This year the Sponsored Toddle took place on Friday 17 May. The weather was not as kind as last year, but only the parents seemed to notice. The Toddle began at the Church Hall, along Lyon Road, past the Ambulance Station then up the Main Street to Breadalbane Park. After a lap of the park, a snack and some fun in the play area, the Toddlers all retired to have a well earned rest.

We would like to thank everyone who supported this event and also those who kindly donated to our funds. We expect to raise approximately £250.



Good Shot James!

We reported in the last issue of Killin News that James Lewis-Booth of Loch Tay Highland Lodges, had been selected to train for the Athens Olympics. We are pleased to report that James recently won the Scottish Schools Full Bore Rifle Competition Final near Edinburgh – hopefully another step closer to Athens. Well done James.

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On 15 March at Camserney, some very smart ladies from Killin set out to impress their friends and colleagues with their outstanding miming and acting abilities, (and we did) namely Beatrice, Mari, Yvonne, Jane, Mrs Twigg and Chris. It was in fact the annual WRI Elizabeth Gardner Cup competition. This year it was a quiz show "Give Us A Clue". What can I say, but that we were absolutely wonderful – especially Beatrice with her knowledge of anatomy. Needless to say we won. We were all supported by friends who came to watch this outstanding show. Good luck in Perth at the finals.

Mrs M Hunter opened the April meeting. This was the Annual General Meeting and the last meeting of the season. Mrs Hunter welcomed everyone and introduced Mrs Taylor and Mrs Wright who showed us their wonderful collection of handicraft and embroidery work. They had samples of drapes, cushions and pictures, everyone was very impressed.

The Vote of Thanks was given by Mrs Jane Brown. Hostesses for the evening were Yvonne MacPherson and Jane Brown. The new committee was elected and the President Mrs Mairi Hunter thanked the previous committee for all their hard work. Mrs Hunter was re-elected as President.

The Cup went to May Graham, second was Mairi Hunter and Monica Naismith. Monica Naismith for Best Trier.

Competitions

Easter Cake: 1. Ellen Stewart, 2. Mairi Hunter, 3. Cathie Reid

Window Decoration: 1. May Graham, 2. Monica Naismith

*Jane Brown
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Tennis, putting and bowling is all on offer and new members are very welcome. We have equipment available for hire should you want to give something a try before you join.

Tennis nights: All adults welcome to join us on Monday evenings at 6.30pm weather permitting. If you are not a member the cost for the evening is £2. Come along and give it a go. You might even get a sun tan!

Bowls: The bowling green is open to members and visitors anytime but if you fancy learning the game and joining in with others then come along on Monday and Friday at 2.15pm and Tuesday evenings at 6.15pm. Bowls are available to use, flat shoes are required and a sense of humour is optional.

Family Fun Evenings are going to be introduced this year. The night has yet to be decided, look out for posters advertising dates and times. There will also be football, tennis and bowls training sessions running throughout the summer. To book places or to find out more information contact 820291 or speak to David at the pavilion.

Membership Fees are now due for 2002: Adult £30, Junior £20, Family £50

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New Policeman

At the beginning of May, Darren McVitie took up the post of constable at Lochearnhead to replace Tom Gibbon who retired. Darren transferred from Bo'ness where he had been the Community Constable for two years.



Prior to joining the Police Force, Darren spent 13 years in the Army Air Corps and attained the rank of sergeant with responsibility for all door gunners. This entailed manning a machine gun which was mounted inside a helicopter. His military career took him to places such as Northern Ireland, West Germany, Canada and Bosnia.

Darren has been married to Donna for 10 years and they have a 13 month old daughter Emily. They live in Stirling at the moment and are all looking forward to moving to Lochearnhead in the near future.

Darren is delighted to be in the area and is looking forward to serving the community for many years.

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Mervyn's Weather

The traditional assumption that "A Saturday flitting is a short sitting" may or may not have been borne out. If a family from the far distant past had returned to be so engaged on 28 May 2002 - the term day, although not a Saturday - using of course, a horse and cart, they would have had second thoughts as to their decision to move house. This would have been especially so around Amulree-Buchanty, where during the early afternoon, thunder and lightning, hail and torrential rain hit this area with full force. White water appeared on the hills where normally no burn, or at most a trickle, is in evidence and the road had a covering of hailstones two inches deep making driving conditions dangerous. Yet three miles further east, and in Crieff, all was warm sunshine and dry roads. Nowadays, of course, flittings are highly organised as a rule, with roomy furniture vans and modernised houses.



In the previous issue of Killin News the weather notes were written on 31 March, when spring was just beginning to emerge from the gales and soakings of late winter. Since then, April and early May have produced some very acceptable spring conditions. During the hill lambing the odd spell of rain was insignificant and while a short colder snap at April's end whitened the hills briefly, the first ten days of May were idyllic. This fine spell contributed to what for many was the most trouble free lambing for many a year.

These conditions however inevitably could not last and the remainder of May has reverted to conditions reminiscent of October with torrential rain and at times gale force winds. Although mild with mainly southerly winds, gardeners have looked on in horror as blossoms are scattered and the humid conditions have encouraged weed growth. On the farming side, sowing of crops, lamb marking and in the earlier districts silage making have been impossible.

As May slips away there seems to be no sign of improvement though we are reminded of the old saying that "A dripping May and a warm June makes the farmer whistle a merry tune"! We have had the dripping May, all eight inches of "drips", but - hope springs eternal - June just may relent.

Mervyn Browne - Ardtalnaig



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Thank You

I would like to thank my many friends in Killin and Ardeonaig for all the kindness and generosity they have shown to me over the years.

In 22 years I have grown to love Killin and its people. Many people at home in Callander had reservations about me travelling to Killin every day, but I never once have regretted taking on the permanent job of postman for Killin and surrounding areas. Traversing Glenogle in all its moods was an attraction, and in winter time – a challenge!

I think Killin's great strength is that it never got too big, never lost its identity and has remained a village in every sense, with a great community spirit, unlike other places.

I'll miss it. It has been a real pleasure to 'work' there and to know you all.

Many thanks.

Robert Ferguson

Georgia and Andrew would like to thank everyone who welcomed their new daughter Bea to the village and sent her a card or gift.

Jubilee Playground Party

Killin Primary School and Parent teacher association would like to thank the many people who made this event the success it was and we were fortunate to have a day of beautiful weather.

An event like this relies heavily on the help, generosity and kindness of many people in this community and further afield. As always this community excelled itself with people helping at the event and the kind donations given to the school. To name everybody is very difficult and the following list is not exhaustive. If you have not been personally mentioned we apologise but thank you all very much.

Thanks to: Mrs B McGregor, Colin Taylor – Tighnabruaich Hotel, Tony Whitehead and his Rolls Royce, John Christie – Costcutters, Helen Weir and her Nursery Staff, Allan Robertson – Stirling Council Sports Development, Kay Riddell – Sports Pavilion, Suzanne Player, John McPherson – Community Council, Michael & Dani Grant, Gordon Hibbert, Lesley Syme, Tam Bolton, Rosie Third, Stitt Brothers, Alex Tigwell, Stewart Inglis, Mairi Martin, Christopher McLarty and Karen Lafferty.

Also, all the parents who helped on the day and evening before, those who donated baking and all the members of the PTA, Mrs Inglis (Head Teacher Killin Primary) and all her staff from the school.

Thanks especially to all the guests who came on the day.



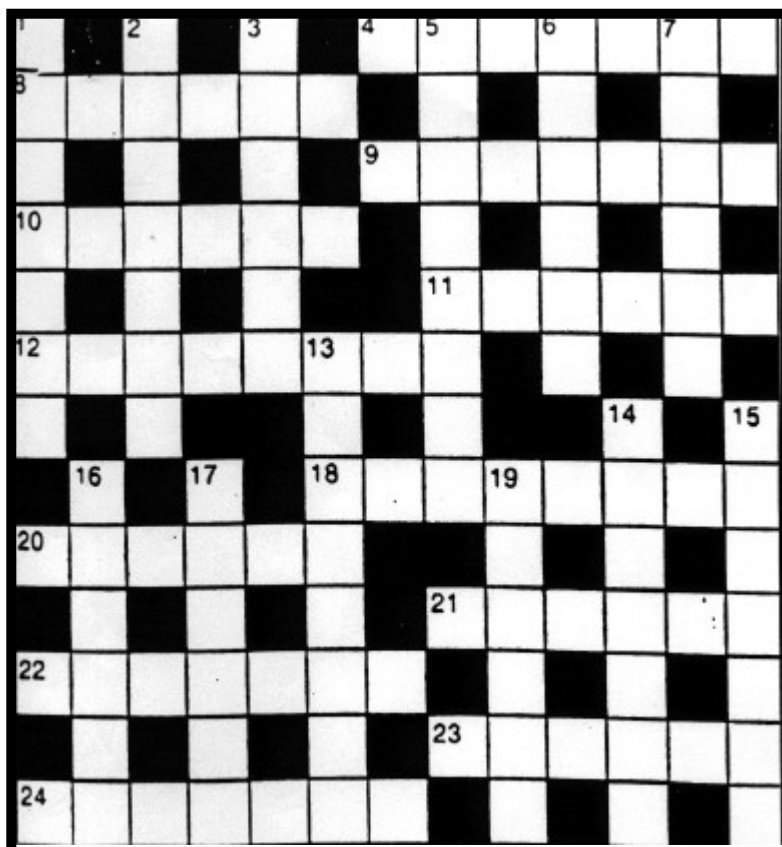
Crossword by Scorpio

Across

- 4 Oafish (7)
- 8 Pitted and inebriated (6)
- 9 Of French worth but reduce in importance (7)
- 10 Was cheeky – now very efficient (6)
- 11 A flow of lava (6)
- 12 Moor cart got confused with another vehicle (5,3)
- 18 Quiet sap heir to a precious gem (8)
- 20 Grasp (6)
- 21 It would seem British rail's fire is almost out (6)
- 22 Old Theatre can be means of access (7)
- 23 Although a bit of a clown, he was employed by medieval kings (6)
- 24 Perfect condition in pond weed but needed to be restored (7)

Down

- 1 Holds in high regard (7)
- 2 By a canal or river (3-4)
- 3 Extreme fear (6)
- 5 Too short a haircut – no – too much cultivation (4-4)
- 6 Not very clear (6)
- 7 Became used to something unpleasant (6)
- 13 Scale ash for monetary transaction (4,4)
- 14 Creates two equal parts by cutting (7)
- 15 See a rum cocktail for dimension or capacity (7)
- 16 A hundred depart in a manner which can cut (6)
- 17 Goddess of wisdom (6)
- 19 Over-indulge (6)





Another Evening with Killin Drama Club

The Killin Drama Club held a two evening show on 3 & 4 May featuring the two plays they had put in for the Scottish Community Drama Association One Act Play Festival District Round in Fintry - interspersed with comic sketches. Again this year the audience was seated at tables and could drink wine while watching, which made for a relaxing evening and increased merriment.

The Club had its own dramas on the first of the two nights when one of the players and one of the stage managers were unavoidably absent but, in the true professional tradition, the show must go on and their roles were filled.

Both the plays were well done although they featured very similar plots, with wives meeting other ladies at the hospital/death bed of a husband they then discovered they shared. Perhaps the club needs a few more men so it can feature more live male characters!

The eight different versions of the death of Trotsky and the other eight sketches raised more and more laughter as the evening went on and the wine went down, with perhaps the biggest laugh for the final cry of "My knickers!" from Liz Stevens in the "My, My!" sketch.

Once again the hard work put in by many people both on and off stage was appreciated by the audience, although the house was not as full as it might have been on either night. *MM*

Killin News



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

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This will be distributed around 16 August.

Notification of events occurring during mid to late August and in September must be in this Issue.

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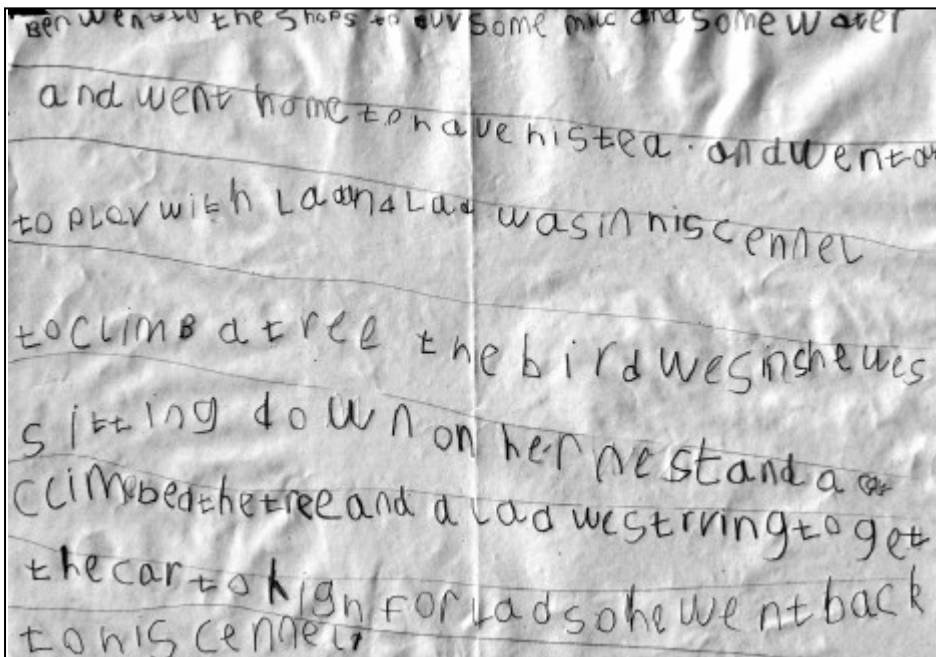
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Short Story Competition



Another entry in our Short Story Competition. Perhaps this will inspire more of you - adults or children to put pen to paper.

As we had to print this smaller than the A4 sheet it came on, a transcript is printed below.

Ben went to the shops to buy some milc and some water and went home to have his tea and went out to play with Lad and Lad was in his cennel to climb a tree the bird was in she was sitting down on her nest and a cat climbed the tree and Lad was trying to get the cat to high for Lad so he went back to his cennel.

Finn Rhys - Age 5



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 at the 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.

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Wee Message From The Minister Slot!

I must confess one of my pet hates. Sunday papers! When I was a child Sunday was a terrible day - it was so boring, nothing to do. All the adults in the house were buried in the Sunday papers. I was with a family from London recently and it all came flooding back. They were in Scotland on holiday, and on the Sunday they each had their Sunday paper. I still dislike them, but now for a different reason - their sheer bulk and enormous consumption of trees for their paper.

Now though, I feel differently about what, as a child, I saw as boredom. It was boring for me, but the adults in the house were relaxing, having time out, a day off, a rest. If there was ever a time in our national life for this message to go out it is now. The working day is increasing, we are being encouraged to think of later retirement. It is important to remember that we work to live, we don't live to work! There is a timely reminder of this by Jesus in St Mark 6.31. 'There were so many people coming and going around them, that they did not even have time to eat. Jesus said to the disciples, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and rest a while".'

Rest is essential, R&R as it is called in the forces - rest and recreation. Re-creation, the re-building of the inner self. That is what our 'Summer Holiday' is for and for the next month or two, this beautiful and peaceful area will be the place where many people will do just that. And so everybody who is involved in looking after the holidaymakers and tourists, whether managing a hotel or serving breakfast will, in their own way, do the work of God who wants us not only to have life - but life in all its fullness.

Reverend John Sheddan
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What A Waste!



Did you know that 95% of Stirling Council area's rubbish goes to landfill? At present, the UK has the worst record in Europe for re-cycling waste. The government is committed to improving this and has recently produced a national waste strategy setting targets for re-cycling.

Environmental Action Killin (EAK) hosted an Open Day in April with lots of facts and information on waste. More importantly there were suggestions on how to reduce the amount of waste going into our wheelie bins. REDUCE, RE-USE, RE-CYCLE are the themes for the national campaign - 'Do a little - change a lot.' Dr Nikki Soutar from the Scottish Waste Awareness Group gave a talk on Scotland's National Waste Strategy and the reasons why we need to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. Killin Out of School Care produced a great display on waste - our children are well informed and involved in recycling! Thanks to all the EAK members for their displays on glass, paper, plastic, nappies, landfills etc. David Riggle from Stirling Council gave presentations on how to get the best from home composting and Harry Preston from Stirling Council provided information on Stirling's waste strategy. Separation of household waste into glass, paper, textiles etc is already being piloted in parts of the Stirling area and will be rolled out to rural areas as new bin lorries are purchased, which can take separated waste.

In the meantime, there are many ways we can help. We hope to have our local community composting site operational soon, but are waiting for a final financial commitment from Stirling Council to staff the site on a weekly basis, to supervise garden waste deliveries. Home composting is an alternative and can include kitchen and garden green waste. The Council composting bins are now available to purchase from the Garden Centre in Lochearnhead at a cost of £12. If you know of any other local recycling services, please let a member of EAK know!

The Frost Report

In The Dead Of Night

Do you remember in a previous Frost Report, several years ago, the story of the dead black-tailed godwits found near the switching station? I assumed that they were passing through the area and we have not seen a sign of them again since. That is until recently when Pat Sandeman stopped me at Ardeonaig to say that he had seen a flock on the sandbar at the head of the loch - this time, thankfully, alive and well. Pat seemed to think that they were only there for about 24 hours rest. So maybe they are here each year and are just never seen.

In a snippet from The Shooting Times there is a less pleasant story. A keeper checked his pheasant rearing pens at 3 o'clock and all was well. At 6 o'clock next morning nearly 400 week- old chicks had disappeared. Following a trail from a hole in the corner of the hut to a spot 30 feet away under another hut, he found a large female rat curled up asleep surrounded by her booty of 378 chicks which she had killed and transported, apparently unaided overnight.

The lambs are now growing large and fat. They have done well this year to have survived the terribly wet May. They not only had the unusual weather to contend with but also the very unusual fox situation. In a relatively small area we were caused three weeks of sleepless nights by the sheer number of foxes coming into the lambing parks. In this particular area in three weeks we shot 16 foxes. On a number of occasions we saw the fox working the flock like a trained collie, separating the ewe from her lamb before killing it. Just where all these foxes are coming from no-one knows. Let's hope that this population boom is not connected to reports of vans of urban foxes from further south being caught and translocated to the Scottish hills. It was interesting to see how close some of these foxes were working to occupied houses disregarding the security lights flashing as they used the gardens as short-cuts to the surrounding fields.

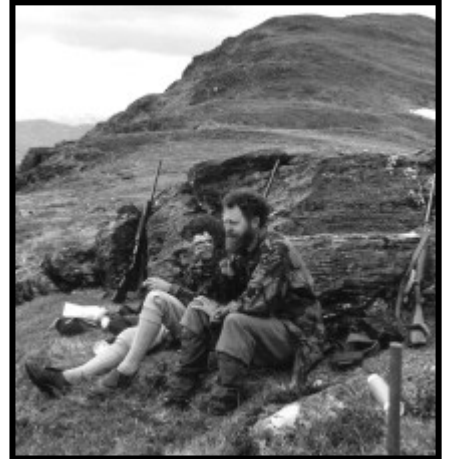
When out one night we caught a flash of two dark bodies chasing down the hill, we then heard whistling and recognised a pair of otters quite oblivious to our presence - enjoying each other's playful company. Unfortunately, about a week later, the dog otter had been killed on the road.

While out on the hill we came across the remains of a fox with a smattering of eagle pellets* roundabout. It was fairly obvious that an eagle had been eating it though we couldn't tell if it had killed it. Though judging by where it was, this seemed likely. ****Like all birds of prey, the eagle swallows its food whole or in large chunks and the bones and fur are regurgitated in a pellet. The birds need to feed this way and if kept in captivity have to be fed whole chicks etc. or have fur added to their dinner. We once looked after an orphaned owl, which did very well on bits of meat wrapped in cotton wool.***

Looking down one hole on the hill, my son Cameron came face to face with a badger passing from one tunnel to another. I'm not sure who jumped the fastest!

A point to ponder - If the RSPCA is against dog tail docking why are they advocating the ears of feral cats to be tipped? (removing the top of the ear to show that the animal has been neutered - you would have thought that they had had enough snipped already!)

A second point to ponder - if you are a shiny brown body playfully chasing your partner round the hill at night don't get too oblivious because you never know who may be watching!



Tim Frost on the hill

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Killin Golf Club

Ladies Open 1st June 2002

Best Scratch (Dochart Trophy): M McQueen 73

Best Handicap (Killin Cup): C Capocci 66

Best Local Handicap (Bridge of Lochay Salver): L Kettle 70

Silver Division:

Scratch:

1st M McQueen (Largs) 73

2nd C Capocci (Bridge of Allan) 79

3rd M Cranston 80

Handicap:

1st R Hunter (Schaw Park) 67

2nd D Cordiner (Bearsden) 69

3rd C Booth 72 (BIH)

Bronze Division:

Scratch:

1st A Weaver (Killin) 96 (BIH)

2nd L Stevens (Killin) 96

3rd K Sneddon 97

Handicap:

1st L. Kettle (Killin) 70

2nd M Gauld (Killin) 72

3rd E Ingram (Killin) 73 (BIH)

Nearest the Pin: L Stevens (Killin)

Longest Drive:

Silver: C Capocci

Bronze: Anne MacCalman

Magic 2's: B Andrew; B Hunter

Senior Gents Open 8th May 2002

Best Scratch: JM Lang (Dumbarton)

Best Handicap (Kiltyrie Trophy): B Park (Helensburgh)

Handicap - ages 55-59

1st T Bolton (Killin)

2nd A Hull (Bridge of Allan)

3rd R Gilmour (Lochwinnoch)

Handicap - ages 60 - 63

1st B Park (Helensburgh)

2nd A Dearing (Milnathort)

3rd J Elder (Muthill)

Handicap - ages 65 and over

1st A Lyon (Tulliallan)

2nd A Kemlo (Bridge of Allan)

3rd G Bell (Turnhouse)

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Lix Toll Trophy: G Smith

MacTaggart Trophy: T Bolton

Magic 2's:

Christie;Wallace;AMuller;G.SmithJ.

Williamson;B. Park;J. Elder

Mixed Open 25th May 2002

Handicap Trophy: G. Smith & M.

McQueen

Scratch:

1st G Smith & M McQueen (Killin/Largs)

2nd R Sinclair & K Young (Lochgailhead)

3rd I Donaldson & A Weaver (Killin)

Handicap:

1st D Brown & H Dalglish (King James)

2nd I Ramsay & F Ramsay Killin)

3rd D. Lewis & J. Henderson (Killin)

Longest Drive: M McQueen & D Brown

Nearest the Pin: G Smith & M McQueen

Magic 2's: G Smith & M McQueen

Heart of Scotland Herb Society

Due to unseasonable weather conditions for May, we were unable to meet at the Tombuie Shop in Aberfeldy as planned and held our meeting at the Scout Hut instead. Sally Crystal gave a presentation on the use of herbs and spices at Tombuie Smokehouse, some interesting places visited and experiences she has had in her search for the quality ingredients used in the preparation of Tombuie products. She drew our attention to the importance and benefits of eating seasonal good quality food grown locally if possible. This was followed by herbal refreshments and Sally very generously gave each member a complimentary smoked cheese to sample.

HSBS Recipe Books are available at the Tourist Board Shop, Aberfeldy, for £3.50.

Our next meeting at the Orchid Meadow at Keltneyburn guided by Kirstie Dickens, is the last official meeting of the season. Please meet there at 10 am. There are still a few spare seats on the coach for our Member's Society Outing on 31 July to Greenacres at Logiealmond and Branklynn Gardens Perth.

During the summer we have several garden visits for members arranged, any one needing further information, please call Cath McGregor on 01887 830805 or Patty Hope on 01567 820408.

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**John R Gilfillan
Colorado USA
on 6 July 2002**

Being proud of his heritage, John has travelled to Killin many times and is always amazed by its beauty, history and friendly faces. John's family and friends thank him for his humour and spice of life. Love is sent to him through these pages of Killin News from Aaron, Amy, Greg, Sandy, Lynne, Kent, Scot, Dawn, Zachary, Jacob, Joshua, Jen, Willy and Ariel. Best wishes and very many happy returns from all in Killin.

(Bottom right) 'Across the Globe' at Hilvarenbeek Music Festival in the Netherlands. Attending were, Pat & Kevin O'Reilly, Dougal Ireland, Margaret Donnelly and Davie & Sheena Osler. Davie is giving the Killin News to Ber (Barrie) Vekemans leader of Ogham who were playing at the Festival. The local support there for this band who sing Scottish and Irish Folk is incredible. Their first song was 'Whisky in Killin' (written by Ber) and they have many about the Killin locality in their repertoire. They are certainly doing their bit for the Killin Tourist trade as we were introduced by the master of ceremonies who said that where we came from, Killin, is where Ogham feel their Scottish spiritual home is. The hospitality and friendship of the Dutch people was tremendous. Ogham hope some day to be invited to play at the Killin Music Festival and will probably be in the district in October so look out for the gigs.



Killin News Across The Globe



These ladies from San Diego, USA (L-R: Daleens, Dorothy, Laurel, Patty and Marian) escorted by Bob Hoehn of Ardchullarie by Strathyre, managed to drag themselves away from reading Killin News long enough to enjoy an excellent tour of the Kenmore Crannog. The ladies would like to extend their thanks to Reverend Lincoln and Bill Stitt for enabling them to visit Morenish Church during their Scotland trip, to see the beautiful stained glass window (below), commissioned from Tiffany of New York by the Todd family.



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