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Just as well we all have a sunny disposition!

On July 30 Killin had 35 mm (1 1/2 inches) of rainfall in one hour - the already sodden ground couldn't absorb any more!

Killin has always put a swimming pool high on its 'wish list' - on that day several formed. The pools in Sheila Aitken's garden had the added attraction of a water feature pouring out of the drystone wall. Stitt's yard had three pools - come on now William, there is plenty of wood there to make a diving board!



A few lengths of the tennis court and bowling green would also have been in order. Fisher's truck took a paddle in the one at the bridge. And if we could have banned traffic from the Main Street, what fun we could all have had with sledges on the water slides which flowed like torrents down passed the £ Shop and Allan Walker's house!

The Killin Highland Games, which were scheduled to take place in Breadalbane Park the following day were cancelled due to the continuing bad weather. And, just to test our sense of humour - the man from Scottish Water arrived on our doorsteps bearing gifts of bottled water with a letter instructing us "To restrict water use until further notice". How bazaar!



However, just a few days later and it was a totally different picture as we were flooded - not with water, but with sunshine. Temperatures in the 80's turned the air humid as it dried off the sodden ground and then the midges came out to play. A man in a Glasgow pub was overheard to say, "Its just like being on the Costa del Sol - its hot 'n' sweaty, full o' bugs, and ye cannie drink the watter!"

The photo of the 'Falls' on a better day, in the top corner, is from the new 2003 Killin calendar available from News First.

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We complain when BEAR don't do anything to Glen Ogle – and we complain when they do – such is life!

The photo shows some of the mayhem going on in the glen whilst BEAR were working on the road in July. Remember to allow extra minutes for any journey through the Glen, not just because of the road works but also the increased volume of summer traffic.

Clan Macnab

(Photo right) Clan Macnab has returned to its ancient seat in Killin, from several countries, for the first time since 1977. Young and old have made the great pilgrimage, returning to their home land to renew old kinships as well as establish first time relationships. Convenor Lanny McNabb of Tennessee, USA, said how important it is to bring together all of the Clan who have an interest in preserving their ancestry and pass along this important knowledge to Clan children.



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James C Macnab of Macnab, Chief of the Clan, was in attendance to welcome arrivals at a reception in McLaren Hall on Wednesday. Activities continued throughout the week and culminated in a banquet on the Saturday evening and a kirling on the Sunday in the Church of Scotland with Reverend John Lincoln presiding.

**Introducing
Owen McKee
Your National Park
Representative
See article facing page.**



Owen McKee

Your National Park Representative

The elections are over and Owen is our representative I asked him what happens now, when will the work begin and what will it mean to us all?

His comprehensive reply was:-

“ Welcome to The National Park. The big question is “will it make any difference?” The simple answer is **yes** and I think for the better. Some may fear that with variety of expectations there is bound to be disappointments. Maybe so but, if we look at the four aims you will see that there is something for everybody. The aims can be summarised as follows:

- Conservation of natural and cultural resources
- Suitable use of resources
- Enjoyment and understanding
- Social and economic development.

The big task for the Park Authority is to put in place plans and policies to integrate and co-ordinate these aims. It won't be easy but I'm sure there is sufficient talent, commitment and enthusiasm within the Authority to make it work.

Change won't happen overnight. It is a long-term commitment and long term solutions will have to be found for the conflicts of interest that will arise.

The fear that any special interest group will predominate can be discounted although I am sure everyone will be fighting her/his own corner. I will certainly be fighting for the views of the community within our ward.

Over the next few months the members of the Authority will be undergoing training of various sorts - we are, after all, new to the job. Various sub-committees e.g. Planning & Development Control, Budget and Finance and Audit will be set up. I don't know yet what committees I will be on but I will let you know in due course.

In the meantime, if you have any views or queries please contact me:

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by post at Taigh Na Bhuth, Lochearnhead, FK19 8PR

by e-mail: owen@thevillageshop.fsbusiness.co.uk

I look forward to hearing from you and I hope that the editor will allow me space to report any developments at the Park Authority.”

As I said earlier, a very comprehensive reply. It would appear that we have a responsibility to ensure development moves forward in the way we want it. We can do this by keeping up to date with developments and letting Owen know our views and concerns to help him achieve the best possible outcome.

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Killin Highland Games

The decision to cancel the 2002 Games was taken at an emergency committee meeting on the evening of Monday 29 July. This was due to the continuing rain and the fact that early arrivals experienced some difficulty in getting their vehicles into the park. The committee agreed that it would also create a dangerous environment for both visitors and participants.

There was a meeting between the committee and Keith Russell of Stirling Council on Thursday evening 25, and despite some concern on the weather prospects, an agreement had been reached about the positioning of the fun fair and trade stands, and the committee members present decided to carry on.

Monday was spent by myself and Alex, getting things in place, setting up the park, and trying to get some early arrivals into the park. Kenny Taylor provided straw, which was spread in an attempt to protect the area at the end of the hard standing within the park. This proved impossible and I called an emergency meeting of the committee on Monday evening.

That night, and Tuesday, was spent in cancelling the traders, and the infrastructure which had been required. Jean Swanston and Davy Osler handled the dancing and piping cancellations. Calls were made with the Clan MacNab Society, who were able to use the McLaren Hall for their gathering.

Radio Stations and newspapers were asked to inform visitors through their facilities, for which I thank them. Notices were put up around the area advising of the cancellation.

My thanks are due to Hamish Campbell, Willie Stitt and Kenny Taylor for their assistance.

I trust everyone will appreciate the reasons for the decision, and hopefully the cost in cancellation fees, will not be too high.

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Killin Community Council

There was a well-attended meeting of the Killin Community Council on 8 July 2002. In addition to the Council and 25 members of the public, there were representatives from Stirling Planning and Rural Stirling.

The main item of discussion was a Planning Application from Ogilvies to build houses on the Fingal Road site. Peter Pearson of Stirling Planning said Phase 1 of the building would consist of 24 houses, 16 x 2 person, 2 x 3 person, 2 x 4 person and 4 x 5 person. This phase would probably start in September this year. If Phase 2 went ahead later, this would consist of 8 larger houses. 95% of persons allocated these houses would have local connections. The majority of the meeting agreed that the houses should go ahead but concern was expressed about flooding at the lower end of the site and the proposed pond so near the primary school. People owning neighbouring sites voiced reservations about the adequacy of the proposed drainage scheme and Kenny Sutton of Stirling Planning said that if it proved inadequate once the pond was in place, remedial steps

would be looked at. There was also concern that householders in neighbouring sites had not been notified of the revised plans. It was proposed that a site meeting should take place regarding the flooding. Plans for the pond have to be sent to the Community Council. Approval of the plans was agreed by the meeting.

Composting: The Council has agreed to employ someone to be responsible for the composting site for three hours a week

Nurses' Clinic: Work has now started on the development and the nurses are using the primary school for their clinic.

Falls of Dochart Retirement Home: An offer has been made and is presently in the hands of the lawyers.

Provost's Civic Award: It was unanimously agreed to forward John McPherson's name under the *Work in the Community* section.

The Council had been invited to meetings in Aberfoyle on General Agreement and Trade Services and in Fintry on proposed joint action with Fintry Community Council to persuade Stirling County Council to do something about the state of the roads.

Killin-Crianlarich Cycleway: A possible route has been mapped out and a meeting would take place shortly. The owner of Leskine Wood had been located.

Speeding motor cycles entering the village: A letter is to be sent to the Chief Constable regarding this and also to ask why no action had been taken against drivers involved in an accident outside the village involving a motor cycle colliding with a van.

Vandalism: The question was raised whether this was due to too many late licences or lack of sufficient police cover. This would also be brought to the Chief Constable's attention.

The Council had been in touch with the Committees of the Killin Highland Games and the Killin Agricultural Show about the state of the park.

The next Community Council meeting will be on Tuesday 19 September at 7.30 in the Primary School.

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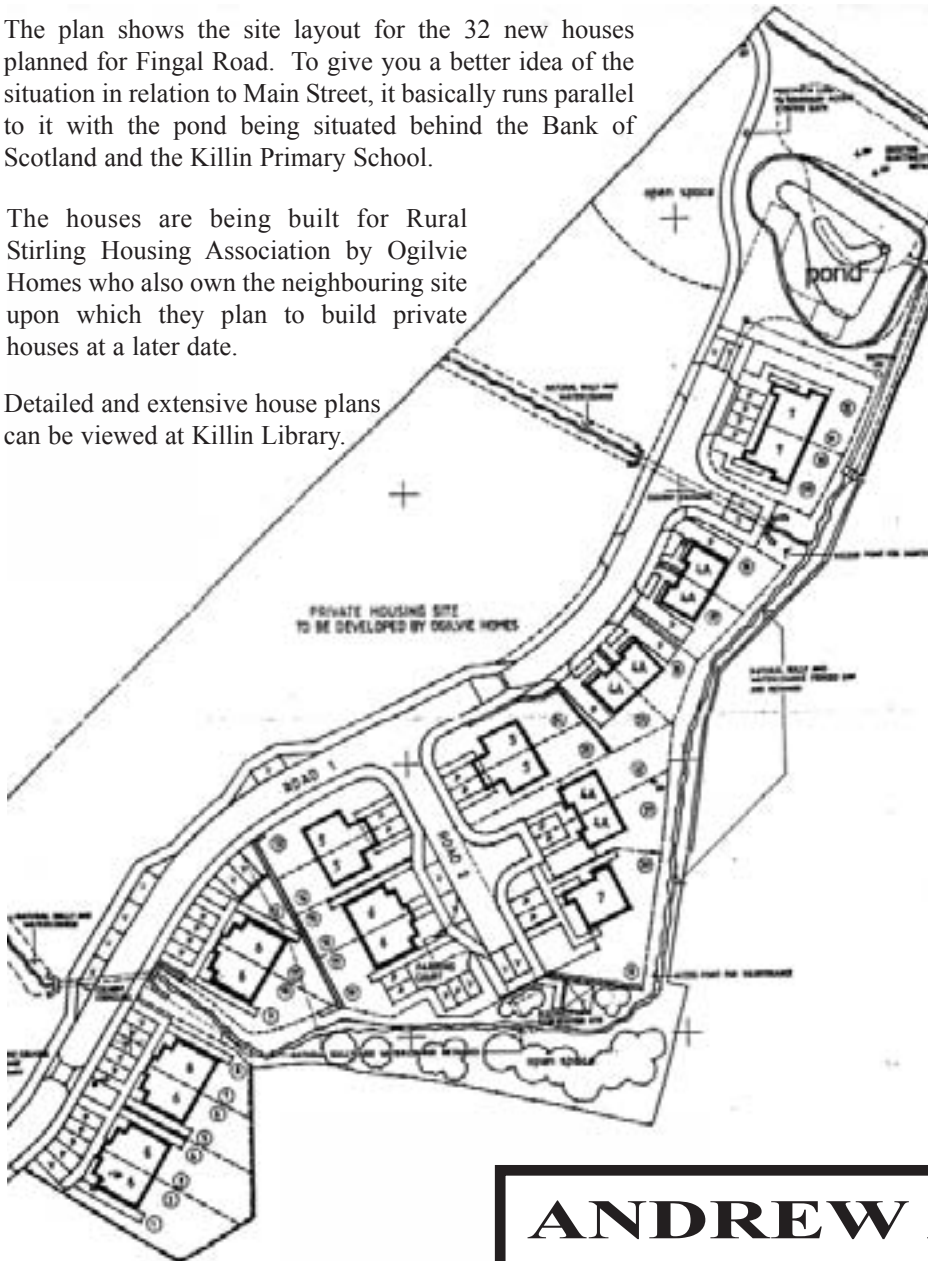
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New Developments In Killin

The plan shows the site layout for the 32 new houses planned for Fingal Road. To give you a better idea of the situation in relation to Main Street, it basically runs parallel to it with the pond being situated behind the Bank of Scotland and the Killin Primary School.

The houses are being built for Rural Stirling Housing Association by Ogilvie Homes who also own the neighbouring site upon which they plan to build private houses at a later date.

Detailed and extensive house plans can be viewed at Killin Library.



Police News

Central Scotland Police have been very conscious of the growing concern of the public regarding the frequency of housebreakings that have occurred in the Killin, Crianlarich and Tyndrum areas over the past 15 months.

A considerable amount of effort from officers throughout the Callander Local Command Unit, as well as joint vehicle stop checks in conjunction with Strathclyde Police and Northern Constabulary have been carried out over the past year, in an effort to identify and trace those responsible for these crimes.

Recently, following an operation carried out by a local officer, two males were apprehended for a housebreaking in the area and as a result the majority of crimes of this type which have been committed have, in the main, been detected.

Police in the Local Command Unit would also like to take this opportunity to thank a number of members of the public, whose help has been of great assistance.

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Strathfillan - "By The Way"

Police Constable Ian Carnegie reported that:

1. Environmental Health finally removed the vehicle from Crianlarich Community Woodland car park.
2. House break-ins in the area. Two people have been caught and admitted 19 offences.
3. Road accidents continue to be a problem. Road Safety Initiative is on-going. Road checks have been taking place in Tyndrum in conjunction with the neighbouring Police Forces.
4. The flooding in July stretched resources. Strathyre was closed by a landslide, but BEAR came out very promptly with equipment from Killin and the road was cleared by 1am.

Difficult Role For Community Councillors

John Riley read out a letter he had sent to Helen Munro, Sylvia Jackson MSP and Cllr. Tony Ffinch, which expressed the frustration of Community Councils with the service agencies. A list of all outstanding issues, some on-going for years, was attached. The ultimate aim was to arrange a meeting with decision makers from the agencies.

Sylvia said that Parliament was discussing the communication problem

with BEAR, and she would follow through the items listed. BEAR personnel are not permitted to speak to the press or the MSPs, so all communication has to go through the Minister. It was pointed out that BEAR are good with maintenance of the roads, but capital projects are another matter. Perhaps it is because they have to get approval from Scottish Executive for all capital jobs however small. Maybe we should be chasing the Scottish Executive.

The state of the roads to the stations in Crianlarich and Tyndrum, and the lack of response from Railtrack will be followed up by Sylvia.

Scottish Water has said that the capital investigation for upgrading in both Crianlarich and Tyndrum is programmed for this year, but is indicated not committed.

Sylvia was asked why, with the Scottish Executive policy of using the railways instead of the roads where possible, the freight from Fort William is travelling by road – up to 14 lorries a day. If no freight goes by rail, then it could spell the death of the West Highland Line.

National Park

Owen McKee, elected representative for

Ward 2 said that the Park Authority was just opening up and would be feeling its way for the next few months. His prime aim was to get the community view.

Cllr. Ffinch said that Planning had now passed to the Board, **but building control was still with the Councils. Application for their approval needs to be made to Stirling Council.** Planning applications would be verified at National Park, passed to the Councils for recommendations, and back to the Board for decisions.

Gavin Skipper, Ranger for the National Park is working in the Breadalbane area. He has worked in and around the park area for about 4 years. He would be very happy to give insight about any aspect of his work to youth groups or the school etc. If he can help us push any project forward, he can be contacted on 01877 382034. There are jobs for 5 persons to cover the area, but at the moment 3 are in place. They are based in Aberfoyle, but if office accommodation can be found in the area, they would like to move – **if you know of a place, then call the number above.**

Jim Beveridge, Stirling Council, has been trying for quite some time to get a site for recycling facilities in Tyndrum. The Community Council suggested the Tourist Information Centre car park. 'The TIC are reluctant to allocate space within the car park... due to the impending developments and also due to the visual impact of the units. We are also anxious not to breach our European Funding conditions, which stipulate that car park must be used for Tourist Information Centre services. It is also important to note the parking area is not an official car park due to the mix of ownerships and the way it is funded.' It was thought that part ownership of the Tourist Information Centre might be the Scottish Executive and if so they would maybe support us, as they are trying to encourage waste minimisation. The bins could be screened from view. Sylvia will take this forward.

Ron Mould, Stirling Council is arranging a 'light bulb amnesty' and will be in both villages on 28 August to exchange, free of charge, up to 4 light bulbs for 4 energy efficient bulbs, which use a fifth of the electricity and normally cost up to £10 each. The central heating bus will be here on 25 September with more information.

Moir Robertson
Strathfillan Correspondent



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First Time At A Dog Show

First time at a dog show, I'll tell you quite plain,
I'll never, no never, go back there again.
The breeder said "Show her", when I bought my dog,
I showed her alright - the whole place was agog!

They gave me a number, they gave me a pin,
But I just couldn't bear to stick the thing in.
So I rushed to the shop and bought some clear glue,
And stuck the card onto her rear in the loo.

We arrived at the ringside to find we were first
In the pup class (this was the worst!)
We marched together as fast as was able,
Arrived at the judge who said, "Up on the table."

This really surprised me, my skirt was quite tight
And I just couldn't make it, try as I might.
The judge looked quite worried. He said "Listen here,
Put your dog on the table, not you, my dear."

By now I was trembling, I felt such a fool,
But I said to myself, "We'll just play it cool."
"How old", asked the judge, I heard it quite clear,
well REALLY! thought I.... and replied, "thirty, next year"!

The steward, poor fellow, threw a kind of fit,
He spluttered and coughed, his eyes ran a bit.
"I'd have that cough seen to," I said to him when,
He'd finally stopped....but started again.

"Once round the ring, dear, as fast as you can,"
Said the judge, so I just ran and ran.
But when I arrived (out of breath, I'll admit)
The judge said, "Your DOG dear", I felt such a twit.

Off round again, I kept my head bent.
Oh, the shame: my pup crouched and just went and went.
A lady came running, a bucket and spade,
With manure that pricey..... has she got it made!

We came back to the judge, who said with a frown,
"Stand your dog." Said I, "She's not lying down."
You can take the First Place Stand", he said. I said, "Ha!
What a job I had getting that stand in the car!

Fiona Buchanan

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Crufts 2002

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Well, what can I say but what an outcome. There we were alongside approximately 21,000 dogs, with our little hairy hound from France, frantically plumping and fluffing her coat. When the Steward called our class, junior bitch, my knees went rather wobbly. Fern bounded into the show ring as if she owned the place, nose up tail out! Much to our delight the Judge chose Fern as her No 1. This then qualified Fern for the junior championship; it was all quite unbelievable. In we went again with little expectation and to our surprise she was pulled in first again, a double whammy! Thinking that it was time for a little celebratory drink or two, we were just about to depart when we were called back in again for the bitch champion. I thought that this was going to be our fall from grace but once again Fern was selected for Reserve Best Bitch in Breed and the bitch that beat us went on the win Best of Breed.

Since Crufts, Fern has had numerous wins including 3 Best of Breed, 5 Junior Championships and of late stood reserve to the current world champion. We still have a few more championship shows left this year then its back to Crufts 2003!

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Computing for the Terrified Tuesdays 7 -9pm Primary School starting 17 September for 8 weeks

Art Tuesdays 5 -7pm in Primary School starting 17 September for 10 weeks

Basket Weaving Tuesdays 9pm in Lesser McLaren Hall starting 17 September for 8 weeks

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Upholstery Tuesdays 12noon -2pm in Village Hall starting 17 September for 10 weeks

Upholstery Thursdays 10 am -12noon in Village Hall starting 19 September for 10 weeks

Intro to Oil Painting Weds 10am - 1pm in Scout Station starting 2 October for 8 weeks

Tyndrum

Art Weds 7pm -9pm Village Hall starting 18 September for 10 weeks

Please note:

- We regret that we have been unable to find a **Gaelic** tutor to replace Jennifer Marshall but are still looking!
- Rachel Hunter will be starting her **Killin Art** class at 5pm from this term - we hope this may attract some new people to the class.
- **Computing** in Crianlarich and Ardeonaig are planned for the January term.
- If you would like a say in the classes that happen in the area please note that a meeting of the **Glen Dochart Local Adult Education Group** will be held in September - posters will be put up nearer the time.

If you would like more information, please contact Suzanne Player, Stirling Council, Community Animator on 01567 820154 or email: players@stirling.gov.uk

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Location, Location, Location!

I have recently been taking part in some Focus Group Workshops pertaining to the future provision of health services within Forth Valley. 'Forth Valley' may sound like it belongs to another area, but it is the name of our Health Board (albeit that they didn't put Tyndrum on the map they issued!).

I could bore and confuse you with all the information contained in the 20 odd pages they issued us with, but I will cut to the chase and give you the 'lay persons' point of view of what is planned.

Within two years there will be a major staffing crisis at both Stirling Royal and Falkirk hospitals. We all know that there is a nationwide shortage of doctors and nurses, and to serve the whole area shown on the map (including Tyndrum!) resources are basically stretched to the limit already between the two hospitals.

The solution?

We were given several options, but as this is the condensed version, realistically we have just four options (below).

1. Retain the status quo – in which case services will most likely have to be reduced within the next 3 – 5 years at both hospitals, meaning even more distant trips for everyone to Edinburgh or Glasgow for specialist care.
2. Close and demolish Falkirk Hospital. Move staff and all facilities to an extended Stirling Royal. Timeframe would be around 5 years +. As all staff would be moved to the one hospital, the staffing crisis would be alleviated. Wouldn't go down well with the 'Falkirk Bairs'.
3. Close and demolish Stirling Royal. Move staff and all facilities to an extended Falkirk hospital. Again the timeframe for this would be around 5 years +. Wouldn't



go down well with Stirling folks and all of us north of Stirling.

4. Close and demolish both Stirling Royal and Falkirk hospitals. Build a brand new hospital which will hopefully provide even more services than are currently available from both existing hospitals, on land already owned by Forth Valley Health Board. All staff and services to move to new hospital. Timeframe would be around 2 and a half years. Sounds ideal don't you think? Except when you realise that the 'green field site' they have in mind is at Larbert! (Marked on the map as RSNH)

I argued and laboured the point that the journey from Killin, Crianlarich & Tyndrum was long enough to Stirling Royal without it being increased to Larbert

– and to be perfectly honest with you, I didn't even know where Larbert was except that it was further away! However, I was informed that Larbert is only 6 minutes driving time (!?) from Stirling. I was accused of being "tribal" when I insisted that the location of hospital services should take into account the geography of the area and not just the population density. John MacPherson was also taking part in this 'workshop' and he pressed them to reconsider the location and suggested that a 'green field site' around Pirnhall, with easy access from the motorway would be geographically more suitable and not alienate residents of Falkirk, Stirling or Clackmannan. However, we were informed that Forth Valley Health Board do not own land at or near Pirnhall.

We were asked to score these choices – what option did I have? Common sense dictated that the new hospital was the best choice, although the location was not favourable – so rightly or wrongly I basically voted for 4.

We were assured that there will be public consultation on the choice of location, but it did seem to me to be a 'done deal'. Make sure when this public consultation comes round that your opinion is noted.

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The Strathfillan project led to the formation of Community Futures in the Stirling and National Park area and similar schemes are now underway in over 30 communities. Also Strathfillan has been recommended in the Scottish Parliament as an example to all rural communities in Scotland. Recently two of our members have resigned and one is

soon moving away. Accordingly we have vacancies which can be filled by co-option.

If you are interested in obtaining more information or becoming a Community Councillor, contact Moira Robertson on Crianlarich 01838 300 296 or John Riley on Tyndrum 01838 400 303.

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September 9 & 23

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November 4 & 18

December 2, 16 & 30

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The Directors are very pleased to have appointed Linda Champion, of Glenardran, Crianlarich, as our new Housing Officer. Jock Henderson will be a hard act to follow, but we feel very fortunate to now have Linda in position. Linda's role is of most immediate interest to our four tenant households, as they contact her with any concerns regarding their homes. However, the four Railway Houses belong to us all in the Strathfillan community; and the well being of the tenants, and the care of the buildings year, after year, after year is of concern to us all. Thank you Linda, and we hope you enjoy your new role.

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Ardeonaig & Ardtalnaig Community Association

The Jubilee Sports/Fun evening was held on Friday 13 July in the field behind the old school, once again by kind permission of Mr & Mrs J Taylor. The evening started off with a Fancy Dress and Decorated Bicycle, Pram or Child's Vehicle Competition. During the evening there was a Pet's Parade, stock judging, various races, games and competitions. A super BBQ was served.

Janet Anderson

We stopped at News First for sweets and then went to St Andrews for lunch with family friends Maureen and Angus. Next the driver took us to Arbroath to buy some Smokies. Then back to the Hotel for drinks and nibbles.

We had a brilliant time laughing at the people outside who thought there was someone famous inside or someone collecting lottery winnings. Some boys even fell off their skateboards! We won't forget our ride in a limo for a long time.

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Health In Society – Prevention Rather Than Cure

We already know the cause and cure of most degenerative diseases affecting Western society!

This was demonstrated in a recent TV programme on obesity which described the experiences of a Mexican tribe whose lifestyle had been disrupted by an industrial development: A timber company had diverted a river on which their livelihoods depended and eventually in compensation they were offered gambling licences. Apparently about 80% of the tribe adopted the western lifestyle and after 2 generations suffered from as much as 60% diabetes, coronary heart diseases, arthritis, cancer and obesity. However the 20% of the tribe, which continued with the traditional lifestyle of growing their own food and their children walking long distances to school suffered none of these effects.

It is claimed that degenerative diseases are caused by imbalances in the body due to such things as: -

- Processed food – containing white sugar and flour, present in confectionary and soft drinks and promoted by the media.
- Foreign substances for example; tobacco, alcohol, heavy metals, E compounds, radiation, fertilizers and allopathic drugs with multiple side effects.
- Soil depletion. Soil has been depleted by application of chemical fertilizers replacing crop rotation! As a result produce is depleted in essential mineral salts. Fruit and vegetables may look good but are not necessarily wholesome.
- Negative stress – The inability of people in working environments of adopting the 'flight and fight' response when in threatening situations.
- Sedentary lifestyles

We may well ask why we deliberately and knowingly destroy ourselves in this way: Like lemmings we rush towards the cliff of our own destruction!

One answer certainly is described in an excerpt from a medical journal: -

'Notwithstanding the triumphs of modern allopathic science, it is a sad but obvious fact that treating disease has become a sickness industry. That industry has now become a most profitable and secure investment, with both a guaranteed market and an easily manipulated tax-funded provider with unlimited funds. Medical student training has the ultimate aim of producing doctors whose basic tool is a prescription pad. The populations of the western world are now effectively being commercially farmed where the human carcass is unique, being the only one that has a commercial value when diseased.'

Doctor M. E. Godfrey

In effect vested interest rules the world in the form of pharmaceuticals, confectionary, soft drinks manufacturers and the like.

One good example is dental caries in children which we are told should be cured, not by controlling children's diets, but by contaminating our water supplies with fluoride: Apparently Sodium fluoride is an effluent by-product of the aluminium industry and very expensive to treat. It is also regarded as the second most poisonous substance on earth, second only to plutonium, with multiple negative side effects in its ionic form.

So, in this context, what is the way ahead for society. How can we reduce degenerative diseases and the burden on the NHS?

There are, of course, many views on this but the following come to mind: -

We must take control of the factors affecting our lives – this is the fundamental aim of the Stirling Assembly.

Investigation of claims. For example: - the story of the Mexican tribe and soil depletion mentioned above. Also research the effectiveness of various alternative therapies such as 'Reiki', Transcendental Meditation, ESSIC, Tibetan Yoghurt Culture, (details are available).

Ideally, as a society, we should ban the advertising of harmful products. It should still be mandatory for products to be thoroughly tested before their introduction.

• Lead our children by good example – little processed food – whole food-aerobic exercise for over ½ hour at least 3 times per week.

Dissemination of best practice The proliferation of conflicting advice on healthy lifestyles is most confusing.

Teach Education in Human Values (EHV), not only as a curriculum subject but as the whole ethos of schools: This teaches self-respect as a basis for respecting others: The values are love, truth, right conduct, non-violence and peace. Right conduct seems particularly relevant to the choice of food for ourselves and our children. EHV is already practiced in over a 1000 schools in England and 100 in Scotland, and all schools in some countries: It is known to reduce negative tendencies in society such as drug abuse, bullying, violence, theft etc.

Nothing presented in this article is revelational: In our hearts we know what causes ill health and we know the cure. So let's decide **NOW** to change our lives and our society for the better – regardless of perceived obstacles placed in our way by vested interest.

The health and happiness of our children and the future of mankind depend on us making the decisions **NOW**.

Perhaps we could pilot this new way in the Forth Valley as an example to the rest of Scotland and the Western world!

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Fish Day Out

Sunday 28 July - rather wet and gloomy, but around 30 children and parents gathered on the island at the head of the loch for a 'Fun Fish Day'.

The kids were all given instruction and most important, all caught fish - some for the very first time! Later in the day it was under cover in the marquee where parents, children and a dog or two, enjoyed a sumptuous feast laid on with no expense spared. Finally the prizes were handed out to all the participants, and this ended a very enjoyable, unique day - to be repeated next year.

Special thanks to Group Captain Dowling for the fishing and the use of the island; Gilly & Keith (Coach House) for the marquee, prizes and meal; Joe the chef for all his work and great culinary delights; Janice and John at Costcutters and the Killin Co-Op for 'goodies' provided for the children; and especially all the folk who attended, regardless of the weather, and helped to make it a great day for the children.

Gregor Macaulay

Heart Of Scotland Herb Society

As we wait for summer to arrive, one begins to realize that autumn is just around the corner, and so is the start of our fourth season. The Heart of Scotland Herb Society meets ten times per session on Wednesdays, and discusses various aspects about herbs: culinary, medicinal, cosmetic and propagation. There are also several additional events in the form of garden visits or day trips and lectures by visiting herbalists. We are now well established and affiliated to the National Herb Society, with more members than we could have ever dreamed possible.

Our next calendar of events is certainly enough to keep us busy in the months ahead. Our first meeting on 25 September will be held at Jacqui Hazzards residence in Pitnacree. Jacqui is our local Medical Herbalist and will be discussing the concept of Permaculture: an ecologically sustainable system of gardening which provides human needs while remaining ecologically friendly to other species and biological resources. The months that follow include talks on herbal desserts, making your own potpourri, facial creams and lotions, a herb identification and making sense of their Latin names, and a collection of spring tonics to prepare us for next summer.

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The Killin News has been asked to bring to local attention an article from the 'Ceilidh', Badenoch's monthly local magazine. The 'Ceilidh' reported that Kingussie is plagued by a half dozen drunken yobs misbehaving in the village into the wee small hours. It was felt that many local people were too intimidated to complain to the police. The 'Ceilidh' points out that if no one, or only one person complains, then the police cannot assume it to be a major problem.

If you are experiencing a problem, don't suffer in silence – pick up the phone and call your local police office (Killin 01567 820222). All calls are treated as confidential and no one need know it's you. The police can only do a good job if you give them the tools to do so.

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Tuesdays 7.30-8.30 pm from 17 September with Sammi Hibbert

Please note later start time for Tuesday class

Summer dates remaining are as follows 6, 13 and 20 August and 3 September.

Yoga in Killin Primary School

Wednesdays 7.30-9.00 pm from 18 September with Eric Cooper.

The cost will be £3 per class or the term can be paid for in advance at a discount: £35.00 for 14 Aerobics classes and £20 for 8 Yoga classes. Everyone is welcome. You don't need to worry about keeping up with anyone else - just do what you can. Even a little exercise makes you feel better - come along and try!

We are hoping to have a taster session with all three tutors in the week beginning 9 September so that people can see what the classes are like. Watch out for posters!

Sponsor Required Killin Youth Club

For the past six years Killin Youth Club has provided a safe, stimulating and exciting meeting place for young people. Our success has been built on the commitment and expertise of our volunteers and in their ability to create an environment that young people are happy to be in.

As we plan for the next three years we have recruited other volunteers and now seek a financial sponsor to assist in the future development.

We are an independent voluntary organisation reliant solely on contributions from local individuals or groups to survive. If you feel you would like to financially assist us please contact Tony Webb or Julie Mitchell (Youth Leaders).

PS - we will even change our name to yours if you're kind enough to us!!

The Oncology Department RHSC Edinburgh

Many thanks to the people in Killin and district, for all their fantastic support, gifts and donations received over the last ten years to 2001. They have, with their generosity, helped me raise £23,475 for the above department, plus £1,000 for C.H.A.S. I wish to express my grateful thanks to the many helpers who have made this on going fund raising possible. Special thanks to the Salmon Lie for allowing us to take over their premises for the auction, and to the folks of Auchmore for the BBQ. To Davy Osler for acting as the charismatic auctioneer, without whose talent in getting the crack going and keeping the bidding lively, there would not be a packed house every time. Finally to all the buyers without whom there could not be an auction with some staggering prices being paid. A Thumb Stick for £92 and a Clootie dumpling for £65.

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Killin & District Arts & Crafts Exhibition

The Arts & Crafts group put on an exceptional display of local handcraft work in the Lesser McLaren Hall for four days in August - if you missed it, you really missed a treat. This event takes place every two years, so make sure you don't miss the next one!

All exhibits are by local people. There were paintings, cushions, stunning wall/window hangings, decorated duck eggs, wicker and basket work, wood turning and carving. The Lesser Hall often looks so devoid of colour, it is a shame this display couldn't remain as a permanent feature - the colours were absolutely spectacular.



New Calendar for Killin

Killin Primary School and News First have been busy this summer working on a joint project. This first collaborative project involved an art competition featuring work from many children at the school and has resulted in the publication of a full colour calendar with seven of the following winners' work featured. Each winner has been presented with a gift voucher.



Jinny Dowling
'The Crofter'
Richard Gibson
'April Showers'
Hanna Higginbotham
'The Glorious 12th'
Connie James
'Halloween'
Sarah Lewis
'A Walk in the Park'
Harry McRobbie
'Is it Moirilanich?'
Ishbel Taylor
'Spring'

This project has benefited greatly from the help and support of Linda Frost and Allan Walker (thank you both). Linda moved the whole project along by ensuring a wonderful selection of art work from all the children - making judging very difficult indeed. Allan's role was to write some of the quips and quotes each month - all completed well within deadlines (must be his Killin News background!).

The Killin calendars are in full colour with space to write those important dates and supplied with posting envelopes too. A percentage of the profits will be donated to the School.



'On The South Shore Of Loch Tay'

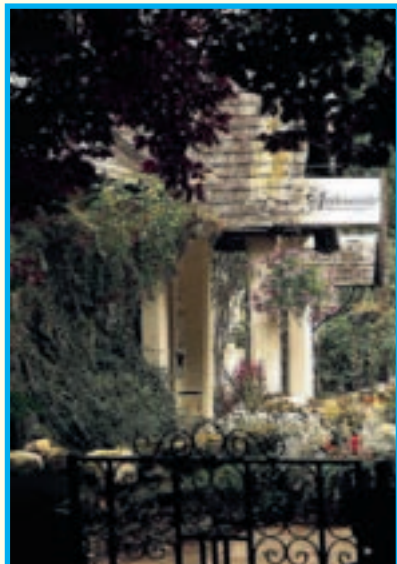
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Killin Golf Club Championship



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Both matches were played to galleries of supporters, and each player had a caddie - was this them preparing for being Golf Professionals?

The matches were very close but Kenny finally beat George 3 and 1, and James secured his win by 2 holes with a par on the 18th.

Well done to all players for providing the galleries with a nail-biting afternoon of golf.

LS



Liz Stevens in 70 Wild Miles
See article page 19

Party On @ The Printers

On 25 June, the children of Primary 7 of Killin & Crianlarich Primary Schools had their first joint outing to Stirling Reprographics to see their newspapers the 'Crianlarich Beat' and the 'Killin Krew' come 'hot off the press'.

The day started off with a trip from Crianlarich via Killin to Stirling in the Tyndrum Taxis mini bus. There they were joined by a reporter from the Stirling Observer, another from the Stirling News and also Gordon Jeyes, Director of Children's Services.



The staff at Stirling Reprographics made everyone welcome. Christopher explained how a newspaper is produced, John demonstrated the print machines and Craig showed how it all comes together on his computer (he even changed the Crianlarich uniform from red to blue like Killin!). And Anne kept everyone topped up with drinks and goodies to eat. The paper folding machine had everyone mesmerised as Christopher must have realised when he operated it for the umpteenth time by special request of the children.

Then it was off to Pizza Hut where everyone enjoyed a surprise lunch from *Killin News*.

Editorial note: I was a bit curious when we set off for Stirling as to why one of the kids was carrying a large empty bucket onto the minibus. Hopefully, after the juice, apples, biscuits, sweets, hot chocolate, coke, pizza, pasta and salad, it remained empty! Doesn't bear thinking of really!

I do love it when life takes an unplanned turn – I never thought that I would sit down to lunch with 14 kids and have a great time. Thank you all for being on your very best behaviour.

Linda

The Killin News extends its thanks to 'Awards For All' for the grant of £1,237 printing costs for this project.

Dear Linda

Many thanks for your dedicated support to primary school newspapers for Killin and Crianlarich.

Your trip to Stirling Reprographics seemed to go very well. The pupils were fully engaged and enjoying their visit. I am sure that they also enjoyed their pizzas!

Well done. Your support is much appreciated.

Gordon Jeyes

Director of Children's Services

Dear Linda

Thank you very much for the invitation to meet the P7 pupils from Crianlarich and Killin Primary School on 25 June at Stirling Reprographics.



I have a couple of meetings that morning but I will try to see if I can escape to meet the young citizens and, maybe, future editors of the Killin News.

As you know I am a regular reader of the Killin News and greatly admire the way in which the newspaper engages the whole community and sets such an excellent example to the rest of us. I am also delighted that Stirling Reprographics is part of the community newspaper partnership.

Even if I do not manage to escape, please pass on my best regards to the youngsters and to the editorial team at the Killin News for achieving and maintaining such high standards.

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2. W. Brown (Kenmore) 72
3. E. Lindsay (Blairgowrie) 74 (BI6)

Handicap:

1. N. Chalmers (Killin) 61
2. A. Muller (Killin) 63
3. J. Brennan (Goswick) 64

Best Killin outwith main prizes: G. Ramsay 67

Nearest the Pin:

- Category 1: G.Ramsay (Killin)
Category 2: I. Ramsay (Killin)

Longest Drive:

- Category 1: E.Lindsay (Blairgowrie)
Category 2: G. Thomson (Shotts)

Magic 2's:

F.McCarron; D. Ramsay; B.Masson; I. Ramsay; D.Roberts; R.Lewis; J.Burke; W.Brown; A.Brown

Sweep:

N.Brown (Chester le Street)

70 Wild Miles 2002

On Saturday 8 June, Duncan (Dochy) MacDonald (photo page 31) and Liz Stevens (photo page 16) took part in this year's 70 Wild Miles triathlon in Glencoe in aid of Cancer Research UK. Dochy as usual did the complete course, Liz was part of a team with Alastair Borthwick who did the cycling, and Jim Stevenson who did the running, which left the canoe section for Liz.

We arrived at White Corries at about 7am, canoes were loaded onto trailers and competitors attempted to work out which van they should put their changes of clothes in for each event – a disaster could ensue if the running gear got put in the van for the start of the canoe section!

The first stage was to cycle 47 miles from the White Corries Ski Centre in Glencoe to Taynuilt pier along the main road. Dodging the lunatic cars on the road was not exactly my idea of fun!

The next stage was the 10 mile canoe from Taynuilt pier to the head of Loch Etive. The reasonable conditions on the loch were such a far cry from last year when it took all our effort to stay upright! The tide was going out, which had some negative effect on the paddling, but apart from that and a slight wind the conditions were enjoyable. In fact it was so hot that when we reached the head of loch we found people sunbathing and playing about in the water, Mars bars became liquid and sandwiches became toasties!

The final stage was the gruelling run back up to the top of Glen Etive from the loch. A single track road with mini-buses and trailer loads of canoes whizzing past made it incredibly difficult to keep a good pace.

Upon our return to White Corries, where the weather had remained dull all day, canoes were unloaded from trailers and back onto cars, bicycles were rescued and the unmissable T shirts were bought (the names of every competitor appears on the back). Then clutching our medals we wearily made our way home - until next year.

This year there were 78 solo competitors (including BBC's Jackie Bird) and 22 relay teams so you can imagine the organisation required to run such an event so successfully.

Dochy was 21st in the solo event with a total time of 6:12:00 (2:05:00, 2:02:00, 2:05:00).

Liz's team came 8th in the team event with a total time of 6:34:55 (2:18:57, 2:30:35, 1:45:23).

Jackie Bird managed a total time of 6:58:45.

Dochy raised £1,420 and Liz raised £257 for Cancer Research UK.



(Left) Killin Juniors v Muthill

Junior Golf

On 5th July a team of 5 juniors played in a home match against Muthill.

The team was Alisder Brown, Robert Brown, Ryan Douglas, James Stewart and Colin Woods and they managed to win 3 of the 5 matches.

On 2nd August a team of 8 juniors played in an away match against St Fillans.

The team was Alisder Brown, Robert Brown, Ryan Douglas, Donald MacAskill, Jamie Murphy, Grant Sharp, James Stewart and Colin Woods. The team won 4, lost 3 and drew 1 of the 8 matches.



LETTERS



As Chairman of the Folk Festival committee I pass on the disappointment and anger felt on the reporting of the Festival in the Killin News.

I too was absent from the village that weekend. Some may think my absence strange, but the committee knew of my plans and the reason. This week we held our "debrief" meeting. This was taken over by discussion of the Killin News. I listened carefully to the comments of the whole committee and wish to express the following points:

The Festival, like the Highland Games, is fragile financially. Many readers will not be aware that members of a constituted body are responsible for any debts. In the case of these events the five people responsible are the members of the Killin Initiative. This is a potentially heavy burden. Articles like those in the Killin News can have a devastating effect on financial support. Reporting must be accurate and balanced.

No effort was made to speak to any member of the Festival committee to obtain their views on the weekend's proceedings, or to confirm the accuracy of certain statements.

Tam Bolton's piece was submitted long before the event, but no approach was made to ask where the figures came from. For the record, they are based on bona fide Scottish Tourist Board data.

The committee do not condone anti social behaviour. There was noise, some abuse of alcohol, litter, and inappropriate behaviour. Impartial villagers who have approached us did not regard these problems as excessive. Steps could have been taken by those reporting to establish the scale of this and sound out more views.

The committee are in agreement that if the level of anti social behaviour is unacceptable and out of proportion to benefits to the village, then the future of the Festival should be reviewed.

The village gains major financial benefit. Hotels gain the more immediate advantage. This year four chose to give their financial support to the Festival: The Bridge of Lochay, The Coach House, The Killin and The Tighnabruaich. Of these only one has reported difficulties – the rest report excellent atmospheres with no significant problems.

The McLaren Hall bar, run by volunteers for Festival funds, stayed open all day, in accordance with its licence, partly to allow more shelter from the rain, but also to provide more space for session music. A factor in this decision was the choice of the Falls of Dochart Inn and the Craigard Hotel not to participate. (This was a decision of the former before it became clear they would still be in the course of refurbishment). Bad weather causes more people to be inside and space is limited at the best of times in Killin.

Stirling Council approved the use of the park as a campsite. The damage to the ground is very unfortunate but repairable. The school sports had been postponed prior to the Festival due to rain and the wetness of the ground. There was no significant dry spell between the original date and the end of term.

It would have been impossible to redirect all the pre-booked campers. There is only one site, Cruachan, which takes many tents. The Community bus was already booked to travel out as far as Suie Lodge to the west as well as along Loch Tay, making the transport of the large number of campers back and forward logistically impossible. The use of taxis would not make much inroad. Adding to this the administrative nightmare, financial consequences of returning payments, and potential trouble arising from disgruntled campers, I think the suggestion unrealistic.

Stirling Council inspected the Park on 11 July, and left the decision to proceed with events to the respective Games and Show committees. Discussion has taken place as to temporary remedial work to be arranged by the Festival with Council assistance, as has been the case for both the Festival and other events in the past.

One fortuitous, but positive, outcome of the attention drawn by the Killin News to the Park damage is that Stirling Council, subject to funding, will address a long-term solution to the drainage problems in the park. It is regrettable that in the process the cancellation of Games and Show became a strong possibility.

After the Festival ended the Park was tidied as usual by a group of the committee, helpers, and with the pre arranged assistance of Jake Green.

It is regrettable that there was some vandalism and greater noise. But general

opinion expressed to us agrees that the problems were not substantial and that we are likely to experience such problems during any normal weekend and often midweek. The same applies to under-age, excessive drinking and improper use of walls as toilets.

We all need to be aware of these problems. The fact that all these things go on does not excuse bad behaviour at the Festival weekend but helps see it in perspective. Do we wish to end the New Year Dance?

The Killin News mentions the reputation attached to the festival following this year. That reputation would seem to have arisen from the articles in the Killin News. Reviews elsewhere have been balanced, containing constructive criticism for committee and hoteliers alike.

Press passes were supplied to the Killin News to allow entry to just under 24 scheduled events taking place from 2.30 p.m. on Friday through till Sunday evening. Readers of the Killin News could be forgiven for thinking that all that took place was three concerts.

The Killin News articles and comments insult the vast majority of Festival goers who are law-abiding people. A vast majority of bookings are repeat trade. The Festival committee work to keep that majority visiting and revisiting Killin. There are many people who come back outwith the Festival and enjoy the village in a different way.

In the last two weeks I have been heartened by the number of people who have taken the time to approach me in person, and in writing, to express their feelings. All of these have been supportive of the festival and felt the Killin News coverage one sided, exaggerated and inaccurate. Those who agree with the articles may not feel able to seek me out to pass comment, but I would ask them to do so, in order that it can be established what the balance of opinion is. Meantime we ask that the Killin News reflect on what role it serves in this small community. It does seem to have lost sight of its stated editorial policy – seeking to be "accurate, informative and educational".

**Lesley Syme
16 July 2002**



I thank Leslie for her comments, and as Editor of Killin News, I have discussed at length the content of her letter with various members of my committee. The Killin News did research its articles and accurately reported on concerns and experiences of villagers and visitors. The press passes kindly provided by the Festival Committee were quite obviously used to their fullest as you can clearly see in the full page of colour photos we printed on page 19 and the front page of the June issue.

We welcome comments, for publication on each issue of the Killin News. However, we tire of being used as some 'literary punch-bag' for those who send them marked "not for publication". Three other people connected with the Festival Committee sent us letters on the subject of the Festival. Unfortunately the comments were too personal and possibly even slanderous, and I will not allow them to grace these pages – suffice to say that our "upper, middle class backsides" are very comfortable, thank you!

The Killin News is the envy of many communities throughout Great Britain and further afield. That being said, Killin is not Utopia, and the Killin News does not exist to paint a pretty picture where there isn't one. First and foremost, it is a newspaper, and one of its aims, apart from being "informative, accurate and entertaining", is to report the truth, and as we all know, sometimes the truth hurts. Just because you don't witness something, doesn't mean that it didn't happen.

This village, and the surrounding area, has a tremendous 'army' of volunteers, most of whom are not "true locals" who work unstintingly for the benefit of the community and on occasions for the benefit of many outwith the immediate community. The volunteers who helped with the Festival worked exceptionally hard. However, life is tough and hard work is not guaranteed to transform into success. And, although the Festival had its successes this year: the concerts were fabulous, the story telling magical and the musicians were all second to none – it did also have a downside and we would have been failing in our duty to report if we had not made mention of it.

Four businesses in Killin have withdrawn their advertising from Killin News as a direct result of our coverage of the Festival. Whilst they are perfectly entitled to show their disgruntlement with their feet – it begs the question as to how would these letters have been printed if there was no Killin News?

Linda FitzGerald
Editor

Dear Editor

The Folk Festival, I enjoyed it immensely, many thanks to the organisers. It is a shame about the Park, but give it a couple of dry days then roll it, and it will soon be back to its old self.

I heard some talk of – "Well it's 2 am, and the noise from the four revellers who have just gone up the road has ruined any chance of a nights sleep!". That's the way most weekends.

Then we come to the subject of litter, has Killin ever been without it? I pick it up in front of my house every day, had we not a good village officer we could be overwhelmed by it.

The concerts in the village hall and the entertainment throughout the village all were wonderful. Long may the Folk Festival continue.

John Stewart

After reading the June issue of the Killin News, and the comments published by members of the committee, I wondered if I was at the same festival. My family and I enjoyed a good weekends entertainment "A stroll through the village was not an unpleasant and frightening experience and I failed to see the sad litter strewn Killin or the perplexed visitors, much the opposite I found people very friendly, and enjoying themselves despite the rain. While on the subject of the weather, the school sports day was cancelled due to the bad weather and nothing to do with the Festival weekend. "The Killin that we all know and love" is subject to theft from local shops and vandalism and not just at the Festival. To suggest that the Folk Festival should come to an end would be a devastating blow to the already struggling businesses of Killin. The latest issue of the Killin News an "apolitical and non slanderous" sends out a negative message to possible visitors that Killin is a place to be avoided.

Elizabeth Murphy

Twenty One

Dear Editor

Issue 69 article 'Landing Strips for Aliens'

I fear your Callander Police contact has been very economical with the truth – he/she could have a career as a Cabinet Minister!

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Thank You

I would like to say thank you to everyone who sent good wishes, cards, flowers, fruit etc., and for their visits, while I was in hospital and on my return home.

My 'poorly chest' is getting better and with my new heart valve, I've been promised a high level of fitness, so I'll soon be rushing about as usual!! Thank you all.

Judy Forster

All of us at Killin News wish Judy a speedy recovery. We are all scared that when she is well again, she will be faster than ever before – we will just have to find out how to remove her batteries!

The Drama Club would like to thank everyone who supported us in our recent Race Night. We raised £400 for funds towards our winter programme. Thanks especially to the Race Sponsors (Killin Hotel, Coach House Hotel, Grant's Laundry, Lix Toll, Corrie Crafts, Wester Lix Self-Catering, Maggies Tearoom and Inga and Shona at the Golf Club). Congratulations to the member of staff at the Killin Hotel who won £100 in the sweepstake on the last race. A fun night was had by all.

Liz Stevens

Mrs M Hunter, President of Killin SWRI and the Committee would like to thank everyone who made the Coffee Morning held in the McLaren Lesser Hall on Jubilee weekend (1 June) such a roaring success.

Jill Higgins, Press Secretary

I would like to thank the Killin News for distributing the bulk of the 'Helping Hands' booklets locally – no easy task with nearly 1,000 copies. Your help was very much appreciated.

Liz Lambert

Scottish Co-Op Community Dividend Awards

Members of the Green Bowling section of the Killin Sports and Leisure Club would like to thank the Perthshire Area Committee for their very generous grant of £300 presented at Killin on 16 July.

Monies will be used to provide new boards round the Bowling Green to protect the edges, which are essential to keep the Green in good playing order, not only for our members, but for the many visitors to Killin who use this facility.

The Bowling Club was formed in 1953 and maintained by its then fit members, but time has taken its toll on the ageing membership, so we are extremely grateful to the Co-Op for their support to enable us to do some long overdue repairs.

Jill Higgins

The family of the late Norman Inglis would like to thank all relatives, friends, and neighbours Chrissie and Len, for their kindness and support and all letters, cards and flowers received during this sad time. Many thanks to all who paid their respects in the church, at the graveside and to Ian McRae who assisted with the service. Special thanks also to our local doctors and nurses, staff of Stirling Royal Infirmary and the Beatson Clinic in Glasgow for the care they gave Norman throughout his illness.

70 Wild Miles In Aid of Cancer Research

Once again thanks to all who sponsored me so generously for this event. Thanks also to Fiona Inglis for helping at the Car Boot Sale, to Lesley Kettle for collecting the money for me, Allan Hewitt for Turbo Trainer, Rosy MacDonald and Liz Stevens for their help on the day, and Killin Gun Club for their excellent cheque of £100.

This year it gives me great pleasure to send off a cheque for £1,420 to '70 Wild Miles'.

Thank you all.

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Killin Breadalbane Angling Club



On Saturday 13 July only six competitors took part. Eleven trout were caught, eight of which were down to David McLarty. All were natural brown trout and were in very good condition.

Thirteen competitors took part on Saturday 20 July in the latest competition. Just twelve trout were caught, but there were a lot more trout

showing to fly in deeper water beyond casting range. The winner was A Stewart with five trout.

Would all members please note the fishing on the Breachloch is for members only and must be fished by fly only.

Loch Lomond Visit

On 3 August, thirteen members of the Killin, Breadalbane Angling Club enjoyed the annual visit to Loch Lomond. Stuart Gillies won the bottle with a 6 pound pike and two perch. As no game fish were caught, the sweep money was donated to the Vale of Leven Junior Section. The company also had a whip round and raised £57 for a charity parachute jump.

Conditions were good all day with a warm south easterly breeze, so sun tan oil rather than fish oil was the order of the day. The lunchtime BBQ and the evening buffet were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our two friends Fred and Ian travelled from London for the trip, which says a lot for their support of the Club, and Fred will be applying for his membership for 2003.

Please Stop the Banging

Would people who come to collect their rolls etc from Morenish Place early in the morning, please refrain from banging the door as there are people sleeping upstairs – especially at 6.30 on a Sunday morning!

Thank you.

Jenny Martin

Dates For Your Diary

**Killin Agricultural Show
17 August
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Correction to the 'Helping Hands' Booklet

On Page 36 under the heading "Local Contacts", the contact for Killin Agricultural Show and Marquee should be Eilidh Taylor and not Colin McRae as stated. Apologies to Colin.

Page 21 under the section headed "Counselling, Alternative Therapies & Therapies": Psychotherapy (Private – UKCP Accredited) Experienced in bereavement, panic attacks, phobias, depression, ill health and trauma. Contact Robina Pye Tel. (01567) 830210.

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Killin & District Agricultural Society

The Annual Ploughing Match was held at Daldravaig by kind permission of Judge Stroyan. There were 10 competitors and the results were:

Overall – Hamish McDiarmid

Conventional Plough

1. Gilbert Christie
2. Finlay McAskil
3. Ian Noble

Reversible Plough

1. Hamish McDiarmid
2. Fraser Wilson
3. Charlie Methven

Best Conventional – Gilbert Christie

Hardest Lot – Stuart Christie

Youngest Ploughman – Robert Waugh

Learners Prize – John MacPherson and Neil Campbell

The Annual Sheep Shearing Competition was held at Kenknock Farm by kind permission of Mr J Cameron. There were 18 competitors in the Machine and 12 competitors in the Hand.

Youngest Competitor - John Little

Oldest Competitor – Douglas Willison

Machine Open

1. Shane Direen
2. Colin Little
3. Mark Armstrong

Machine Local

1. Mark Armstrong
2. Sandy Taylor
3. Colin MacKenzie

Hand Open

1. Donald McColl
2. Kenny Nicol
3. Gordon Stewart

Hand Local

1. Kenny Nicol
2. Gordon Stewart
3. John Taylor

Under 21's

1. John Little
2. Richard Lewis
3. Angus Webster

A Stock Judging was held which resulted in four equal winners:- Joan MacKenzie, Colin Little, Angus Webster and Jim Winton.

Helen Taylor

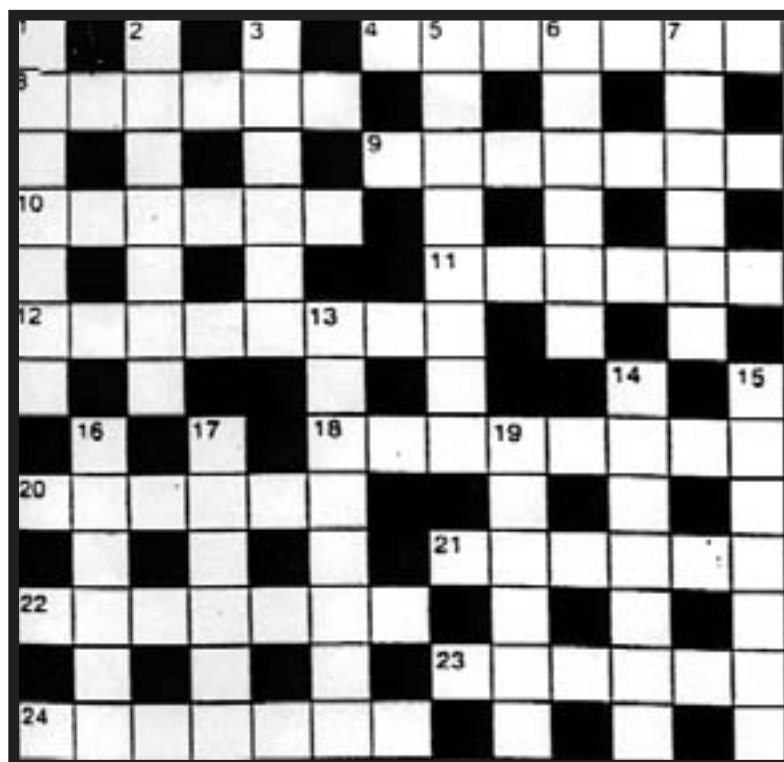
Crossword by Scorpio

Across

4. Show the lady's theatrical production (7)
8. Initially alpha beta took to the water (6)
9. Eat main course to become lively (7)
10. Many display holders develop these if the display items are too heavy (6)
11. To lose it would be a major disaster to clear thinking (6)
12. An opening created by a true pear (8)
18. An equal distance apart at every point (8)
20. Puncture the French and reach an equestrian dwelling place (6)
21. Tight small curls (6)
22. Hubble, bubble, toil and ——(7)(7)
23. Rock dove or a dupe (6)
24. Russian pate gets upset by official requirements (3,4)

Down

1. Avoiding the society of others (7)
2. Put on show in marching order (7)
3. Soak up the sunshine with an alien and end up as an interwoven container (6)
5. Labyrinth of the head? (5,3)
6. Grass (6)
7. Cat in love can be shaken into activity (6)
13. Keep this stiff in the face of adversity (5,3)
14. He cuts and fits see-through materials (7)
15. Participating in games, theatre or concert (7)
16. A shiner on European victory day could lead to extreme hunger (6)
17. Kidnap from a sailor with a channel for cable (6)
19. Apprehensive (6)



Answers to Crossword Issue 69

Across: 4. Moronic 8. Stoned 9. Devalue 10. Expert 11. Coulee
12. Motor car 18. Sapphire 20. Clutch 21. Embers 22. Gateway
23. Jester 24. Renewed

Down: 1. Esteems 2. Tow-path 3. Terror 5. Over-crops 6. Opaque
7. Inured 13. Cash sale 14. Bisepts 15. measure 16. Cleave 17.
Athene 19. Pamper

McLaren High School Awards 2002

We have detailed below our local youngsters (Killin, Crianlarich & Tyndrum) who have been performing well at high school in Callander.

S5 Awards

Prize for Classical Studies – Linda Somerville

Prize for Home Economics – Linzi Stewart

Merit Awards

First Year

Siobhan Anderson, Becky Holliday, Hannah Kerr, Stuart Laurence, Rachel Lincoln, Kathleen McRae, Louise Storrar & Colin Woods.

Second Year

Gareth Ashton, Lisa Hancock, Jamie Hunt, Douglas Kane, Peter Macnab, Jennie McCarron & Laura Mitchell

Third Year

Peter Campbell, Maria Lindsay & Claire McKenna

Fourth Year

Ryan Douglas & Mary Tickner

The Aberfeldy Mod

Congratulations to the Senior & Junior Fiddle Groups, 'Rat Pack' and 'Sogaith Biscuits', on their success at the Mod. The local children involved were:

'Rat Pack' - Linda Somerville

'Sogaith Biscuits' - Douglas Kane, Siobhan Anderson, Rachel Lincoln

Killin News thanks expressed to Linzi Stewart for this information

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Mervyn's Weather

Looking back over the scribbings of the past few years, as submitted to the Killin News, it seems that the comments have been a monotonous litany of bad weather statistics, reporting the passage of the multitudinous weather fronts and low pressure centres, that pass over and close to us, making life for those of us ruled by overhead conditions frustrating and lugubrious. Little mention has been made of settled and idyllic summer weather. Believe it or not these conditions do occur, though not for some time. The summer of 1995, 1996 and 1997 produced some glorious spells with, on occasion, periods of "absolute drought" ie. 17 consecutive days without measurable rainfall.



"Summer" 2002 has so far proved even worse than that of 2001, itself low on the league. In the latter year maximums of 70F (21C) were recorded on 23 occasions (1984 produced 49). So far in 2002 only four such days have been achieved!

The total rainfall accrued to date, 29 July, is 1076 mm (43 inches). The average annual figure 1991–2000 being 57 inches, this leaves approximately 14 inches to come by the end of the year, which divided between five months gives a figure of 2.8 inches per month. This then implies that either 2002 will break all records or that there is a long dry spell pending. We shall see.

One of the prophecies of St. Columille stated, "The time will come when the seasons of the year can only be told by the leaves on the trees". The present era of mild, wet winters and cool, wet summers makes this a feasible prediction. At the time of writing, underfoot conditions are more akin to February than July. The passage of a tractor over a field can now cause tracking and, in some damper parts, actual rutting.

During the second half of July the Met. Office forecasts assured us of dry, sunny conditions over several days on two separate occasions. On the strength of these forecasts many people threw caution to the winds and slashed down considerable areas of hay – with disastrous results. The hoped-for high pressure cells collapsed ignominiously and returned us, with something of a splash, to normal conditions!

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Comparing the 18-year-old Natalie Finch to the 6-year-old Natalie Finch, was surprising. You'd think, how could anyone change so much?

Natalie started life as your average perfect little girl. No spots; long golden shining hair and the sweetest smile. As the years passed and the lies crept out of Natalie's mouth the perfect things about her faded. For example she had permanently greasy hair, spots that lived on her face and her smile wasn't so sweet any longer. Some people said it was growing up and that it was bound to happen, but others said it was the lies.

Natalie now attended Madam Freebay's in South London. She'd been there nearly 7 years. Natalie was one of those people who never paid attention in class; didn't think of other people before speaking and her worst problem was lying.

The lying started as a bad habit, a bit of over-exaggerating to make stories more interesting (every kid would do that). Natalie was different, she craved attention, and it was like she fed off attention, and needed it to stay strong. Her stories would be thrown off the tracks and running wild so more people would listen to her. As time grew so did the lies. They became stronger and out of control. It was no longer a bad habit, but a serious problem. It was getting her into trouble and the lying was spilling out to her parents. According to them she was not smoking, doing drugs, drinking, or driving with out a

license, but studying all the time and getting perfect grades.

Natalie didn't want her parents knowing who she really was and what she got herself into.

Every year at the end of term there was a party. It was 'the party' of the year and everyone went. Natalie managed to lie her way to the party in her mum and dad's car. She picked it up from the garage saying she was taking it for her parents. She was planning on having a good time drinking, then transporting herself home in her parent's car. She knew all the warnings and TV adverts that warned people against drunk driving, but Natalie just thought 'it would never happen to me' and so far it hadn't.

She entered the dark smoky club looking for the bar. After stumbling across a few people and chairs she came across a long narrow strip of surface and behind it was a lady smartly dressed and her hair tied back. 'One cocktail please' said Natalie with excitement building up inside her. The lady replied 'are you planing on driving yourself home ma'am' without thinking Natalie automatically replied 'no, of course not' taking her cocktail from the bar she had a strange and unusual feeling inside her. She felt that her last chance just flew out the window when that last lie flew out her mouth. She couldn't really be bothered to care, not on that night and carried on enjoying herself.

The rest of the night was a blur. Natalie found herself in a car. A

smashed car. It didn't take her long to realise she'd been involved in an accident. There were flashing lights and people in uniforms reassuring her. She was cut out of the car and taken to hospital. She knew that she was seriously injured. She awoke again on a bed with a nurse and a doctor standing over her. The doctor began to speak, but found it hard. The nurse and the doctor exchanged glances. 'You are seriously injured and we cannot save you dear' said the doctor finally and walked out the room. There were so many things Natalie had to say and so many things she wanted to change. She began 'tell my parents that I love them and I will always think of them and that I'm sorry' the nurse stood there a tear rolling down her cheek. 'Please' said Natalie with desperation. The nurse wanted to grant her wish, but it was impossible. With Natalie's last ounce of strength she said 'please' in a squeal before passing away.

The nurse covered her with a sheet and as she went to walk out of the room a patient in one of the nearest beds said "why on earth didn't you tell that child that her last wish could be granted? The nurse replied 'because she was a drunk driver and killed some pedestrians' 'what sort of a reason is that not to tell her parents? The patient said with anger 'well' said the nurse weakly 'those pedestrians were her parents'.

So that was Natalie Finch's last chance, and as her last chance flew out the window that night along with it went her parents and her own life.

Katie Hunt aged 14

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The Visit

During the night the village had been covered in a blanket of snow. Crisp, white and perfect. There were no footprints or tyre tracks. Everything was quiet and still.

The family cat came out of her nighttime hiding place and scurried under the parked car. She waited for a while and then crept very cautiously out, her belly just missing the top of the snow. She leaped effortlessly into the air and sat on the kitchen window ledge and waited to be let in. She waited a long while until suddenly a light came on in the kitchen; she stretched and pawed the window, asking to be let in for breakfast.

It was Faye who let her in, she bent down to greet her cat, stroking her soft fur before she closed the door.

I stood by the gnarled old birch tree, as I did every year at this time, and observed the movements in the house. Lights went on and off from one room to the next until the back door opened and out they all came.

William first, closely followed by John the second oldest and lastly Faye - still struggling with her hat and mittens. The boys wasted no time making snowballs and throwing them at each other, while Faye just sat in a big mound of snow pushing it about with her Wellington-clad feet and mitten covered hands. Faye then stood up and announced that it was now time to build the snowmen, after all she reminded them, they had promised.

The boys were very tolerant of their sister; they helped her and didn't tease her as much as they had done before....

I must have watched them for hours building the family of snowmen, and also when they went into the field to sledge. They all had such fun. They laughed. Oh, how they laughed. I'm glad they haven't forgotten how to laugh.

The day was coming to an end all too soon. It was starting to snow again; big flakes fell silently from the sky and started to fill in the footprints. I shivered slightly. I could see the sunset reflecting on the children's' faces.

Suddenly I heard a shout. The door had opened and there he stood. Tall, handsome but tired looking. It couldn't have been easy raising three children by himself. He smiled and hugged Faye as she ran into his arms. He ruffled the boys' hair as they pointed to the five snowmen. I could see tears in his eyes when Faye asked, "Will mummy like them? Can she see all of us from heaven?"

Alex Tigwell

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

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Killin Gun Club



19 May 2002 twenty four guns turned out on a very wet day.

Down The Line

Class A

1. P Robinson (70) 2. J Sinclair & E McAllister (69)

Class B

1. J Ward (69) 2. J Miller & J Morris (61)

Class C

1. I Downie (41) 2. A Gowans (39)

Sporting

Class A

1. H Campbell (66) 2. J Sinclair (66) 3. G Ross (66)

Class B

1. A Gowans (54) 2. J Ward (45) 3. A Skillen (44)

Class C

1. I Downie (48) 2. J Morris (48)

Bolting Fox

Fox Cup – James Sinclair (30)

High Gun plus Charity Cup – J Sinclair (135)

Last on the day – A McKenzie-Wilson (64)

The shoot was sponsored by Edradynate Fishing. £60 was raised for D McDonald Charity.

On 16 June 2002, twenty one guns turned out on a mixed day for weather.

Down The Line

Class A

1. D Robertson (67) 2. E McAllister (62) 3. J Sinclair (61)

Class B

1. J Miller (66) 2. A Skillen (46)

Class C

1. E Paterson (50)

Sporting

Class A

1. G Ross (63) 2. R Cairns & E McAllister (60)

Class B

1. A Skillen (57) 2. F Frost (51) 3. Cal. Frost (48)

Class C

1. J Morris (45) 2. J Miller (44)

High Gun – E McAllister (122)

McKay Trophy – R Cairns (87)

Rose Bowl – P Robinson (144)

High Pheasant – T Frost (30)

Quaich – A Skillen (103)

*George Coyne
Secretary*

Tay Liaison Committee

The committee have been astonished with the response to the fishing guide booklet. Numerous enquiries have been received from keen anglers, who have never ventured on to the waters available in the Tay System. This year anglers have taken permits on to some beats to try them out for a day, and have been well pleased with the quality of the fishing. It is hoped that the level of interest will convert to longer term bookings for the 2003 season. The packages available from hotels and guest houses throughout the system, should hopefully attract anglers into spending longer periods exploring the variety of fishing available. One of the responsibilities of the committee is to promote angling, and emphasise the care which must be taken in conserving and protecting this valuable asset. The Fishing Guides are on sale at many outlets, and can also be ordered from the web site.

On the matter of agreements for water, freshlets, to be let down rivers which are affected by generation of electricity, the committee wish to clarify the support for the same to be allowed on the River Lochay. This river is at present not in the formal agreements. The new National Park may have a role to play within the area now under it's jurisdiction, and we await communications being opened with the administrators. The final form of the white paper on fishing will no doubt give further matters to consider and it is hoped that there will be some real teeth in combating all who seek to exploit rather than enjoy and conserve.

Change may just be round the corner, but for the moment the committee will continue to act within the existing legislation.

*Alex Stewart
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Aileen Steven School of Highland Dancing

The girls are presently on holiday from the dancing class. However, Siobhan and Gillian are keeping in trim, competing at the Highland Games. Both are doing well, particularly as the competition gets tougher as they move up through the grades. Becky Holliday also started to compete this year and is doing very well with her medal collection.

We still have 2 classes starting at 5.15 pm – 6.15 pm and 6.15 pm – 7.30 pm on a Tuesday night. Lauren Third started this year and did very well in her recent medal test. We also have the pleasure of her mum dancing when she is able to join the class. The Ardeonaig contingent are so full of enthusiasm after their long journey and it is a pleasure to have them every week. The older girls are using their imaginations and are creating some wonderful choreography routines again, which will hopefully result in a performance at our Christmas Party.

Finally, we held medal tests in June for the first time, mainly to split the Hornpipes and Jigs from Highland tests. The examiner was Maureen Barr from Crieff. I would like to express my thanks to all the parents etc., who were so understanding when we had to change the date at the last minute. Also to Jock and Mary who dealt with the hall. The results are as follows:-

Intro Two: Lauren Third, Ailsa Taylor (Highly Commended)

Intro Three: Ludie Ronald, Emma Christie, Ishbel Taylor & Amy Armstrong (Highly Commended)

Silver: Camilla Tigwell, Suzanne Ashton, Seona Christie (Commended), Becky Holliday, Jessica Wilkie (Highly Commended)

Bronze Sailors Hornpipe: Rachel Lincoln (Commended)

Silver Sailors Hornpipe: Rachel Lincoln (Commended) Becky Holliday, Kirsty Somerville (Highly Commended)

Gold Sailors Hornpipe: Siobhan Anderson, Gillian Ross (Highly Commended)

Bronze Irish Jig: Gillian Ross, Rachel Lincoln (Highly Commended), Kirsty Somerville, Siobhan Anderson (Honours)

Aileen Fisher

Killin News



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Obituaries

Norman Inglis

On 19 June, my father, Norman Inglis passed away after a long illness, which he endured with great courage. It was with great determination that he managed to attend his only grandson's wedding, also Norman, in Ireland the previous Saturday.

Norman was brought up in Balquhidder, one of a family of eight. Here he worked on the family croft and with timber control before lying about his age to join the merchant marine during the last war. Leaving the merchant navy he returned to work with the forestry where he met and married Margaret in 1954. I was born one year later. After one more trip to sea we finally settled in Killin in 1959 where he worked with British Rail until 1975 leaving the railway to start up in business on his own.



He retired in 1991 but ill health curtailed the active retirement he had hoped for. Amongst his many interests were the local Masonic Lodge, salmon fishing and being creative with horn and wood in his garden shed (a drop in centre for beer and blethers and a smoke on that infamous pipe).

Perhaps Norman will be remembered mostly for the 35yrs service as beadle in the local church.

Like me, you will most probably miss his ready humour and cheery smile.

Stewart Inglis

Margaret

McIntyre Campbell

Kirk Care, late of Morenish

Margaret died on 20 July after a lifetime of living and working in Killin, except for her years doing war service. She worked in the bank and then as office manageress in McEwans.

Margaret had a great sense of humour, loved animals, especially dogs, and nature in general. She could be seen on the old railway in all weather walking her dog until not so long before she died.

Being of a friendly nature, she had many friends during her life who will miss her very much, as well as her brother Jim, and all her family.

The collection at the church amounted to £283.87 in aid of Killin Care Trust.



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Well Done Gillian!

This happy young lady is Gillian Smith of Ballechroisk Terrace, Killin. Sixteen year old Gillian has won the Individual Sports Championship Cup for the fifth year running at McLaren High School in Callander. To win this trophy, points from each of five events are combined to establish the winner. The events Gillian took part in were 100 metres, 800 metres, Long Jump (all three of which she came in first), High Jump and Shot Put.



Gillian is still a pupil at McLaren High until next year when she hopes to pursue a career as a Primary School Teacher or Fitness/Horse Riding Instructor. Currently she is helping out at Loch Tay Highland Lodges Equestrian Centre and loves working with the horses.

70 Wild Miles 2002



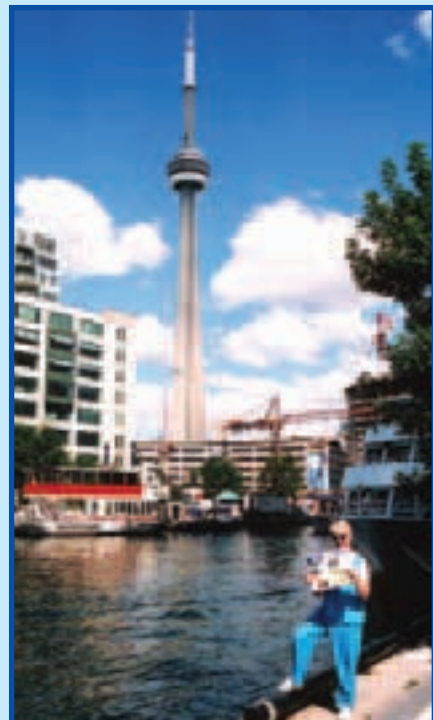
Dochy MacDonald (above) upon completion of the '70 Wild Miles' - see article page 19.



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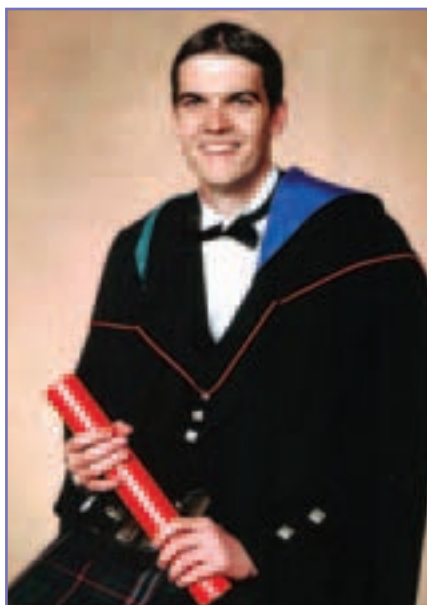


Right: Mr John McLaren, Menteith Crescent, Callander, sent us this photo of his mother, Marion McLaren who is also the daughter of Peggy Gray, Stewart Road, Killin. Marion was on holiday with her family in Canada visiting Peggy's son George and his family. In the background is the CN (Canadian National) Tower in Toronto. Marion celebrated her 60th birthday during the holiday and Peggy had her 91st birthday on 17 July.



Left: David and Michael Forrest are pictured at the junction of Falkirk Street and Sterling Street in Fort Myers Beach, Florida, USA. David and Michael are the grandsons of Margaret MacKenzie, Killin.

Killin Graduates



Congratulations to David Riddell who recently graduated from SAC Auchincruive of Glasgow University with a Bachelor of Technology (Hons 2:1) in Leisure and Recreation Management. David is the youngest son of Kay & Ian Riddell, Killin.



Kirsty Kennedy, Monemore, Killin graduated from the University of Glasgow with an MA Hons in History and Politics. Well done Kirsty, your Mum Fiona and all of us are very proud of you.

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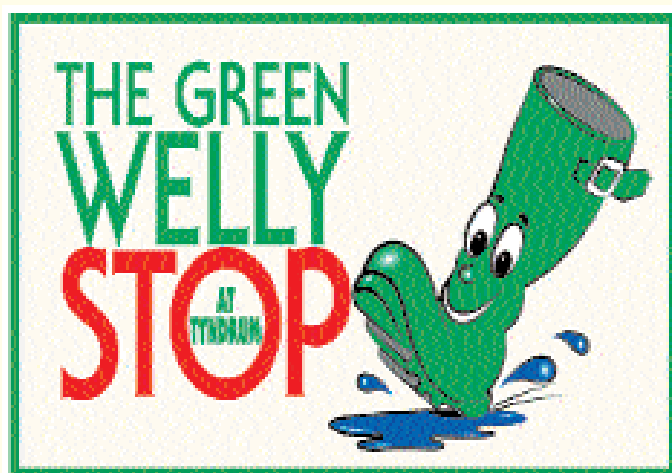
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