



*Every two months*

**PRICE 50P**

# **KILLIN NEWS**

**KILLIN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER**

**Issue 72 Christmas 2002**

## **Community Purchase of Falls of Dochart Retirement Home**



You will have read in the national papers and seen on TV that the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home (left) is now owned by our community. When the home was under threat of closure, concerned villagers set up the Killin Care Trust to raise funds to ensure the future of the home.

The Board of Directors in the photo above are (L-R) John Thomson (Treasurer), Jane Anderson, Suzanne Player (Company Secretary - not a Director) Jim Cushley, Audrey Weaver, John MacPherson (Chairman), Sheona MacAskill (Secretary), Phil Simpson and Captain David Bowser (Vice Chairman). Directors not in the photo: Elizabeth Hancock and Colin Roxburgh.

**See pages 3, 5 & 6.**

## **Remembrance Sunday**

Once again the Killin veterans and villagers gathered on a chilly November morning to remember those who had not returned from the wars.

The 'wee stone man', his back to his beloved mountains, looked on as Reverends Fagerson and Lincoln led the memorial service in a two-minute silence.

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





# Tyndrum Fire Fighters' Success

Five of Tyndrum's volunteer fire fighters, James McLennan, William Fraser, Allan Brodie, Iain Wilkie and Jim Mailer, recently finished tenth overall in the World Extrication Championship in Prague. The team's participation came after impressing judges at the national championship in Newcastle.

The competition tested brigades from all over the world by setting up car accident scenarios and timing the rescue operation. There were three events that limited the fire fighters to various types of equipment. In the unlimited section, which allowed teams to use any tools they needed, the Tyndrum volunteers finished third overall.

Officer in charge Allan Brodie said that fact that they have to do these rescues so often helped them in the competition. Central Scotland Fire Brigade trains all members of the five-man team, consisting of an officer in charge, two medics and two tool operators, in first aid. Allan said, "It's all relevant. We have to do casualty care and we physically have to enter cars. They are starting to make it more realistic every year."



The team finished top out of all the Scots, beating the full time Central Scotland Fire Brigade team which finished twelfth and Strathclyde Fire Brigade team which finished thirteenth. The team would like to thank its sponsors and the CSFB for giving them the chance to compete against some of the best extrication teams in the world.



## Dalerb B&B and Self Catering Cottages



**Left - Bed & Breakfast  
Craignavie Road, Killin.  
Four Star En-Suite.**



**Right - Spectacular  
view over the  
Falls of Dochart from  
Tigh an Eilean Cottage  
Grey Street, Killin.  
Three Bedrooms  
Four Star**



**Left - Keeper's Cottage  
by Strathyre.  
Two bedrooms - sleeps six.  
All Enquiries to: Dalerb  
Killin. FK21 8SH  
Tel: 01567 820961  
Fax: 01567 820043**

**E-Mail: [k.fitzgerald@virgin.net](mailto:k.fitzgerald@virgin.net)  
web site: [www.dalerb.com](http://www.dalerb.com)**

## Wedding Belle



This happy couple who were married in Killin Parish Church on 19 October are Julie Ireland and Forbes Sinclair.

# Falls of Dochart Retirement Home

(continued from front cover)

Some members of the staff are in the photo right. Other staff not in the photo are: Jenny Martin, Cathy Graven, Audrey Sword and Lynne Neil. All are delighted that the future of the Home is now guaranteed - not only for their jobs, but moreso for the residents, some of whom have lived all their lives in Killin.

Deputy Manager Sheena McColl is having a chat with resident Mrs Joan Illingworth. This lovely photo was kindly sent to us by 'The Herald'.

The Trust's Board of Directors, with assistance from The Small Town and Rural Development Group, Stirling Council and the Care Commission, purchased the home on behalf of the community on 28 October 2002.



**Above from L-R: Sheena McColl, Marion Beason, Janet Lewis, Carol Campbell, Georgie McKenzie and Irene Wilson.**



(below) Audrey Weaver presented Hilary Martin with a bouquet of flowers at a 'farewell presentation', held in the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home recently. Hilary, who has owned and run the Home for the past eight years, said "goodbye" to the residents at the end of October.

Hilary, husband Geoffrey and their son Zander came to Killin in 1990 and for four seasons ran the Falls of Dochart as a hotel. When Geoff was offered a job abroad Hilary decided to turn the hotel into a retirement home. It is thanks to Hilary's patience in allowing time for the Trust to be formed and obtain funding, that we still have a home.



When Hilary became homesick for family and friends in Yorkshire and decided to sell up and move back there, she was determined that the Falls of Dochart should continue as a residential home. She approached John MacPherson, Community Council Chairman, to see if the Community could perhaps take it over. Just over a year later the handover was completed. Hilary paid special tribute to John for the immense amount of work he and the Trust had put into securing the Home's future.

Hilary is now able to return to her roots in Yorkshire where she is hoping to do social work through an agency which will enable her to spend more time abroad with Geoff and Zander.



It is with some sadness that I have to report to you that this is my last Killin News. I have been involved with Killin News for over seven years now, and served the last five years as Editor. I feel it is time now for someone fresh to take over the reins and steer the Killin News to even newer heights. The Committee were informed of my decision to 'retire' some months ago but it was always my intention to stay on long enough to complete the Christmas Issue.



During my stint as Editor I am proud of some of the innovative ideas that have been implemented.

- 'P7 Press', 'Team 13', 'Killin Krew' and 'Crianlarich Beat' newspapers for Primary 7 class of Killin and Crianlarich Primary Schools
- '10th Birthday Special Edition'
- The 'Community Reporter'.
- 'Killin & District Telephone Book'.
- The Fork Supper in McLaren Hall.
- Calor Gas Community of the Year Award for the Community Council
- Crianlarich and Tyndrum areas added to the Killin News.
- Every issue of Killin News carries a full colour section, and our wee paper is now the envy of many communities throughout Scotland, and further afield.

This issue is my swan song, and as such I have indulged myself to exceed the usual budgetary constraints. There are extra articles and photos that I normally don't have room for. As this is the Christmas Issue, I invited our religious leaders from all denominations to participate and their contributions are on pages 19, 27 & 37. I also asked the Dowling family in Killin and the Wilkie family in Tyndrum if they would be so kind as to share with us their Christmas

Day (before the occasion of course – don't any of you say I invited you for bacon butties with Derek. Although I am sure Anthony might appreciate a hand with the coos!). I know you will enjoy reading their articles on pages 9, & 15. I interviewed Kate Winton of Kates Cakes and there is a profile on her on page 48. And, a new first for Killin News – **GOSSIP** - (don't turn to page 21 yet, I've not finished!)

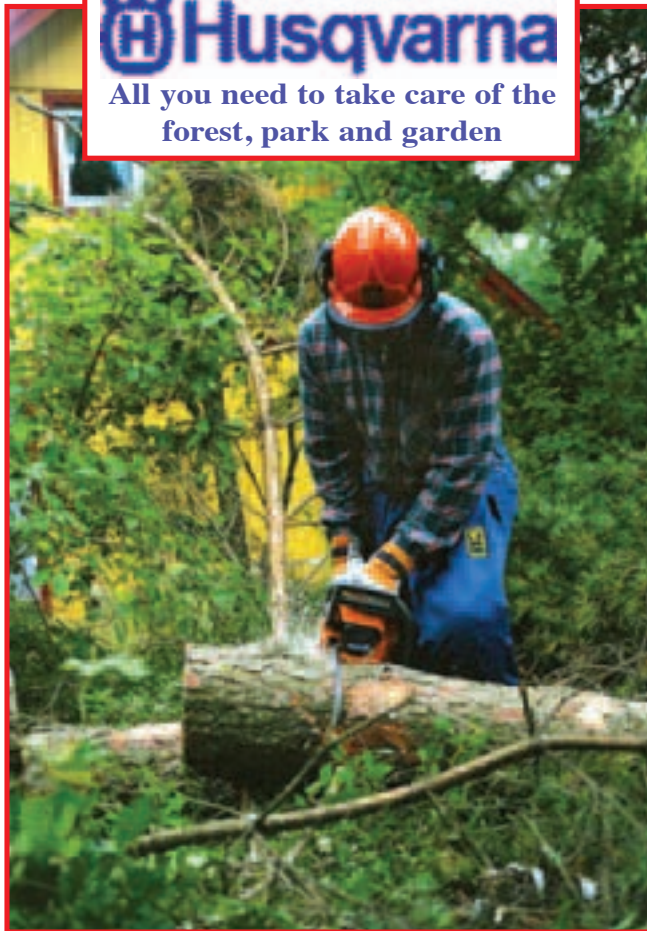
Usually I have to lump colour photos together to get every penny's worth from the colour section but as you will see, this Killin News has a more relaxed approach. It's a bit more of a magazine than a newspaper – although at one stage it was gearing up to be an epic novel! I hope you all enjoy it.

Much as I will miss the buzz of working on the paper, I look forward to having more time for other interests. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind comments over the years and to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

*Linda FitzGerald - Editor*

**Husqvarna**

All you need to take care of the forest, park and garden



**Sawing**

**Trimming**

**Clearing**

**Cutting**

**Edging**

**Mowing**



**We can supply all your gardens needs**

**Chainsaws Trimmers Strimmers  
Mowers Edgers Bars Chains  
Safety Clothing Boots Overalls Oils**

**Full repair and service facilities**

**A & B Services (Scotland)  
Main Street, Killin,  
Perthshire FK21 8UW**

**Phone: 01567 820840 Fax: 01567 820808**

**E-Mail: [info:abs-scotland.co.uk](mailto:info:abs-scotland.co.uk)**

**[www.abs-scotland.co.uk](http://www.abs-scotland.co.uk)**



**Seasons  
Greetings**

## 2003 Opening Day

The Opening of the Salmon Season will be on Wednesday 15 January 2003. The morning will begin with the traditional opening ceremony at the Auchmore Boat House at 8 am by kind permission of Group Captain Dowling. Once again, the West End Salmon Season will be sponsored by Grouse Whisky, and we are grateful for their continued support. Stephan and Heinz will be providing hot sausages and rolls washed down with a glass of beer. The Reverend Lincoln will bless the boats, then off we go, piped onto the water and fortified with a dram of Grouse Whisky.

In the evening there will be the opening night supper at the Bridge of Lochay Hotel. The Grouse Trophy for the best salmon of 2002 will be presented along with the prize from the sponsors.

The presentation for the best salmon of opening week will be 18 January in the Bridge of Lochay Hotel when a stovie supper will be served.

## Provost's Civic Award 2002

John MacPherson, Killin Community Council Chairman and Chairman of the Killin Care Trust, has won a Provost's Civic Award for Achievement in the field of Community, following nominations by the Killin Community Council and Dr. Sylvia Jackson, MSP.

The Award was for his robust campaigning in getting other communities to support Killin's entry into the National Park and for long hours of work organising community groups and others to develop the proposal for the community takeover of the Killin Care Home – all this despite enjoying less than perfect health.



Twenty awards in seven different fields were made to people from all parts of Stirling. Provost Tommy Brookes presented each winner with a certificate and medallion at a dinner for 300 people in the Great Hall at Stirling Castle on 25 October.

Everyone who knows John will know how much he deserves this award and will not be surprised that with typical modesty he says he regards the award as being not for him as an individual but for the community which has been right behind him all the way.

*Congratulations to John MacPherson on being awarded the Provost's Civic Award for work in the community. John has worked tirelessly for our community in various roles.*

*M Hunter & All Villagers*

# Fergusson Coal

FERGUSSON  
COAL



Whitehouse Road  
Springkerse Industrial Estate  
STIRLING FK7 7SS

Telephone: 01786 475488



Would like to wish  
their customers a

*Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year*

## Ring of Bright Water



On Friday 15 November I was gazing out my living room window (which overlooks the River Dochart), when I saw an otter on the rock. I watched it flop into the water and disappear. I was so delighted to think that we still have them here - my previous sighting was about 3 years ago on the bank opposite.

On Monday 18 November as I drove out of the village towards Lix Toll - there were the remains of my otter - squished on the road.

I am a driver myself, and I know how difficult it is to watch out for wildlife, but please try to take

care. My poor otter didn't last long.

*Linda - Editor*

## Community Purchase Retirement Home

Readers will be aware that the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home was put on the property market just over a year ago. Around October last year the Community Council were made aware that the only interest shown by prospective purchases was for the premises to revert back into use as a hotel.

The Community Council discussed the matter and, knowing that the closure of the Home would be a huge loss to the community and would result in hardship to both residents and their relatives, they decided to look into the possibility of the community taking over and operating the Home. The outcome of this exercise was that a Charitable Trust was formed, namely Killin Care Trust. The Board of Directors were given the mandate to carry out a viability study, and if the project was thought feasible, to proceed and take the appropriate steps to purchase and operate the Home.

The Board of Directors are all unpaid volunteers and, with the exception of one person, are all from the local community. It is not the Board's intention to make huge profits from this venture, but in order to maintain the standard necessary, some profit has to be built into the system to cover running and capital costs.

To this end, donations can be made at the Home or directly to Killin Care Trust bank account at Bank of Scotland, Killin. The Trust is extremely grateful to all those individuals and groups who have already supported us.

The Trust is a registered Charity No. SCO 331119

*John MacPherson*



## MACFARLANE GRAY

Insurance Services    Chartered Accountants    Financial Services

### A Merry Christmas to All the Readers From The Complete Business Service

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

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

Email [info@macfarlanegray.co.uk](mailto:info@macfarlanegray.co.uk)

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

## Tarmachan Teashop

(opposite McLaren Hall car park)

Morning Coffee

All-Day Lunches

Afternoon Teas

Home Baking

Seasons Greetings to  
all our Customers



## "CARE IN THE COMMUNITY"



### The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home In the HEART of our village!

Now under the ownership of the Killin Care Trust - A group of local volunteers dedicated to the care of our elderly within our community.



The Directors, Staff and Residents would like to thank all organisations and donors who made the purchase of the home possible.

Subject to availability the home is open to all applications for residency.

Enquiries should be made to the Home. Tel. **(01567) 820237**

Main Street, Killin, Perthshire, FK21 8UW

*Have a Very Good Christmas and a Happy New Year*





## Up In Smoke!

In the USA (*hopefully this could only happen in the USA*), a Charlotte, North Carolina, lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then insured them against fire among other things. Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars and without yet having made even his first premium payment on the policy, the lawyer filed a claim against the insurance company. In his claim, he stated the cigars were lost "in a series of small fires". The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason: that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion.

Unbelievably, the lawyer sued and **won!**

In delivering the ruling the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The Judge stated that nevertheless, the lawyer held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be "unacceptable fire" and was obligated to pay the claim. Rather than endure a lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his rare cigars, lost in the "fires".

### Now For The Best Part!

After the lawyer cashed the cheque, the insurance company had him arrested on twenty-four counts of **ARSON!!!!** With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to two years in jail and a \$24,000 fine.

This is a true story and was the first place winner in the US 'Criminal Lawyers Award'.

*Alan Gillespie*

## Fire Destroys Home



Firefighters from Killin, Aberfeldy, Pitlochry and Comrie, were recently called to Ryanachulaig Farm Lochtayside. No one was injured in the fire which completely destroyed the home and farm stading of John Angus McLeod. The firefighters remained at the scene for several hours carrying out damping-down operations on the badly damaged building.

John Angus, well known in the National and International Sheep Dog Trial events, lost his home and all his possessions, including all the trophies and medals from over the past 40 years.

It is thought that the fire started with sparks from a wood-burning stove chimney.

## A. C. FRASER & SON

PLUMBING, HEATING & ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS



MAIN STREET  
KILLIN  
PERTHSHIRE

TEL & FAX 01567 820 277 / 386

CORGI AND SNIPEF REGISTERED



We at A.C. Fraser & Son would like to wish all our customers, past, present and new, a Happy Christmas & a Happy New Year

## Lynfern Developments Limited

### *Builders of Quality Homes*

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

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

***Considering a move?  
Reservations Taken Now.***

**Contact: Richard Craig**

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

**Tel: (01259) 752 658 Mobile 07977 535 237**

**Fax: (01259) 752658 Central Office**

# Killin Community Council

At the meeting on 12 November, the chairman extended the Community Council's deepest sympathy to Pat Christie, vice-chairman, on the death of her husband, Gilbert.

## New Hospital

Tom Hammond from the Forth Valley Health Board talked about the proposed new sites and said the final decision would be made in January 2003. Pirnhall, which was more accessible to 90% of the area's population, seemed to be a better site than the R.S.N.H. at Larbert but, as consultations on the location were still in

progress, the public were urged to express their views before 31 December. Building a new hospital at Pirnhall would take about 5 years and converting the RSNH at Larbert would take 2-3 years. Bill Pritchard, Stirling Council Head of Policy, said the Council supported a single rather than a two-centre site, and thought it should be located at either Corbiewood or Pirnhall. The new hospital would still be a District General Hospital and more Community-based Services, such as a Community Hospital in Callander, might answer some of the problems.

It was clear from questions then asked that most people at the meeting favoured the sites proposed by Stirling Council primarily because of ease of access and felt that a community hospital situated in the north west area of the Council area should be given serious consideration.

## Waste Disposal

David Hopper, Stirling Council Waste Service Manager, outlined plans for future waste disposal. By the spring of 2003 each household would receive a box for recyclable waste and a brown bin for compostable materials in addition to the ordinary green bin for other waste. These would be uplifted fortnightly on alternate weeks.

## Other Matters

Litter bins have been removed by the Council from lay-bys due to damage and theft. Posters are to go up urging people to take their litter home.

Gritting of roads in this area is now being done solely by BEAR. Cllr. Finch would find out about the gritting of the Glen Lochay and Ardeonaig roads. He was also asked to contact BEAR about the repainting of the white give-way lines at Station Road and to look into the state of the Auchlyne road and the litter problem on the South Loch Tay road.

It was agreed that the Christmas tree should be erected as usual.

The New Year fireworks would go ahead following an agreement with Stirling Council over insurance.

The new swings and new bark are now in place in Breadalbane Park. The round house has been repaired and the main gates of the Park have been removed to be painted.

New signs will be going up indicating the approach to the National Park.

The next meeting will be in Killin Primary School on **Tuesday, 14 January, 2003 at 7.30 pm.**

## Killin Medical Practice

As a dispensing practice, we are obliged by the Government to collect prescription charges, currently £6.20 per item. We have to send the amount due to the Prescription Pricing Agency each month, therefore, if you don't pay it costs us money. If you went to a Chemist you wouldn't get a prescription without paying. We have been flexible about this but, unfortunately, some patients have abused the system by not paying.

Therefore, from **1 December 2002** we will not issue a prescription without payment (or, in the case of Crianlarich and Tyndrum, prepayment).

Many patients are exempt from prescription charges:

- under 16 years of age
- aged 16, 17 or 18 and in full-time education
- 60 years of age or over
- have maternity or medical exemption
- have pre-payment certificate\*
- war/MoD pensioner exemption certificate
- Income Support
- Working Families' Tax Credit
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Disabled Person's Tax Credit
- HC2 Charges Certificate ie Students over 19 years of age
- The item prescribed is free ie contraception and emergency contraception

### Prepayment Certificates

If you pay for your medication and require a number of items, it may be beneficial to purchase a Prepayment Certificate. A form can be obtained from the surgery which, once completed, should be forwarded to the Health Board. The cost at present is:

**4 months - £32.40 or**

**One year - £89.00**

**News First at Christmas**

**DON'T FORGET!**

**Killin Calendars**

**Killin Christmas Cards**

**Toys & Gifts**

**Cards & Wrap**

Winter opening hours:  
Monday - Friday 7.00am - 6.00pm  
Saturday & Sunday 7.30am - 6.00pm



# Who's Crackers at Christmas

Christmas with four children and a farm is an interesting and somewhat shattering experience, especially for someone who loves a quiet life. On Christmas Eve we let the children stay up later than usual in the vain hope that they will stay in their beds until at least 6am Christmas morning, so far it has never worked.

Sometime early the next morning we are woken by whisperings getting gradually louder and running feet pattering or rather pounding the floor boards, we brace ourselves waiting for the onslaught "Mum, Dad look what I got in my stocking" times by four, lights going on and off, bony knees, hands and elbows bouncing on the bed and you, "look at this, wow, can I eat this now" etc. I think this year I'll get a 10,000 piece jigsaw each for their stockings, that should keep them quiet at least until it's daylight.

When we do drag ourselves / get dragged out of bed, it's downstairs and all hands to the Christmas tree for present opening. About ten minutes later there's a mountain of paper and boxes obliterating the floor and quiet, relatively anyway, apart from the occasional electronic bleep or voice "I'm Buzz Lightyear, I come in peace" usually bought by a relative who doesn't know or has forgotten how irritating this toy will be for the next few months. During this lull we find time for breakfast, which usually includes a sample from a selection box or two. More presents are played with, compared, squabbled over. Then the questions, "how does this work Dad?" if it's electronic or computerised my answer usually is, "ask Mum she'll know, I've got to go and feed" and that for me is the best time of the day, feeding and checking the stock, usually later than normal. This takes 2-3 hours each morning, and I have to say on Christmas morning - I don't rush it! I usually indulge in an extra 5-10 minutes standing in the feed passage of the cow shed just to watch and listen to the quiet chewing of silage and then I brace myself for the continuing onslaught. Hopefully by the time I return to the house, Mum's sorted out how everything works, found the batteries, and harmony prevails.



Some hours later the children finally get dressed and off we go next door to Granny's and Grandpa's where we exchange greetings and generally try and relax. The only problem is they also have a Christmas Tree, with more presents for us and them, again we find ourselves amidst a pile of paper and boxes. When there are no more unopened presents in sight, we have a light lunch then let's see what is on TV, maybe a film before the Queen's speech, maybe the 'Sound of Music' for a change!

The ladies are now hard at work peeling veg, stuffing the turkey, and then my job is keeping the kids amused. At around 4pm I manage a quick tea break and then I'm off to check the stock again and do the evening feed, this is definitely done at a less leisurely pace than in the morning, then it's back in to get cleaned up (de-ponged as the kids say) and dressed for dinner, which again is next door at around 6.30pm. Although we dress up for this, the meal is fairly relaxed, apart from the usual rushing around between courses, carving the turkey (checking it's cooked), listening to the annual "I hate sprouts", dishing up potatoes, gravy, stuffing and all the other usual trimmings.

Kay's family have their dinner at midday, so that is when they tend to phone, very sensible, my side tend to wait until we have all just sat down knives and forks in hand.

Towards the cheese end of the meal the kids disappear to continue playing with Action Man's latest accoutrement or Barbie's new car. As the children get older this end of meal coffee period gets longer and more therapeutic, although eventually one of the children will throw a wobbly, and home we all go (after helping to clear up of course). Then its bath and bed for the under 40's, and a well-earned stiff drink to help calm the nerves - well mine anyhow.

*Anthony Dowling*

**Nine**

## Rob Roy Homes

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

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

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

**John Denholm – Robert Gilfillan**

**Rob Roy Homes**

Comrie  
Perthshire

**Phone: 01764 670424/5**

**Fax: 01764 670419**

## Grants Laundry

Main Street, Killin.

Tel: (01567) 820235 & 820 744

Season's Greetings  
to all our customers

Here for ALL your laundry needs.  
We will collect and deliver.

Laundry Winter Hours:  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9 am - 5 pm  
Saturday 9 am - 12 noon



## Plane Crazy!

After every flight, pilots complete a gripe sheet which conveys to the mechanics problems encountered with the aircraft during the flight that need repair or correction. The form is a piece of paper upon which the mechanics can respond in writing on the lower half of the sheet what remedial action was taken. Never let it be said that ground crews and engineers lack a sense of humour!

Problem: The problem logged by the pilot

Solution: The solution and action taken by the engineers!

Problem: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

Solution: Almost replaced left inside main tyre!

Problem: Test flight OK, except autoland very rough.

Solution: Autoland not installed on this aircraft!

Problem: Something loose in cockpit.

Solution: Something tightened in cockpit!



Problem: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

Solution: Cannot reproduce problem on ground!

Problem: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

Solution: Evidence removed!

Problem: DME volume unbelievably loud.

Solution: DME volume set to more believable level!

Problem: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

Solution: That's what they're there for!

Problem: IFF inoperative.

Solution: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode!

Problem: Suspected crack in windshield.

Solution: Suspect you're right.

Problem: Number 3 engine missing.

Solution: Number 3 engine found on right wing after brief search!

Problem: Aircraft handles funny.

Solution: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right and be serious!

Problem: Target radar hums.

Solution: Re-programmed target radar with words!

Problem: Mouse in cockpit

Solution: Cat installed!

## Killin Heritage Society Winter Syllabus

### Friday 6 December

Dr Nicholas Dixon, from the Crannog Centre at Kenmore makes a welcome return visit to talk about:

### The Crannogs of Loch Tay – an update

Much has happened since Dr Dixon last spoke to the Society, including the construction of the Crannog and the opening of the excellent visitor centre.

*Just Opened  
in Auchterarder*

# rhyme out

*Beauty Therapy  
Reflexology  
Aromatherapy*

CONTACT:

*Rhoann Bickerton*

*for further information or to make  
an appointment*

*24 Townhead (top of High Street)*

*Auchterarder PH3 1AH*

*Tel: 01764 660044*

*Seasons Greetings*





# Breadalbane

I often find that you can tell newcomers to the village by the way they pronounce Breadalbane. They tend to say Breadal-bane rather than Bread-albyn. Totally forgivable of course, because until you hear it, you wouldn't know where the emphasis lay. The name is derived from the old Celtic words signifying 'high Albane' or 'the high part of Scotland in the kingdom of Albany'.

It currently comes to mind in the context of the Loch Lomond and Trossach National Park – as the included parts of Killin, Crianlarich and out towards Tyndrum are being referred to as Breadalbane. Not entirely accurate as the name refers mainly to the lands owned by the Campbells from Oban to Aberfeldy. The Campbells (specifically 16th century Black Duncan Campbell of the Cowl) had aspirations to own land stretching from the west coast of Scotland to the east. His ambition was achieved to the cost of many of his neighbours, as the Campbells acquired their lands mainly through guile and legal process, largely with the support of some of Scotland's kings. It was the Campbells who hounded the MacGregors, the McEwans, McNabs and many other unfortunate clans to the verge of extinction.

The fortunes of the Campbells slowly changed and the last straw was the curse invoked by the 'Old Woman of Lawers' who predicted the extinction of the Campbells. The final problems for the Campbells started in the 1920s with taxation and the lack of direct descendants. They sold off their lands to meet debts until 1948 when the last land was sold. The mausoleum behind Finlarig Castle was a ruin when the last of the Campbells of Glenorchy died early in the 20th century. Beyond the ruins of the mausoleum and facing the ruins and the evils of Finlarig Castle are two graves with Celtic crosses inscribed for Sir Gavin Campbell, Marquis of Breadalbane, and his wife of 50 years, Lady Alma St. Fillan - the last of the Breadalbanes.

Going back for a moment to the National Park. Have you noticed how many signs there are welcoming you into the Park from all directions – except at Killin! One would be forgiven for thinking that the Park extended to Aberfeldy, as the nearest welcoming road sign to the Breadalbane section of the Park is, I think, near Ballinluig!

Anyway, back to the Campbells. They were great builders of castles. At one time their castles included Dunstaffnage and Barcaldine near Oban, Kilchurn on Loch Awe, Loch Dochart Castle, Edinample Castle near Lochearnhead, Finlarig at Killin, Ardeonaig Castle on Loch Tay and Balloch Castle which is now known as Taymouth Castle at Kenmore (below). The photo (right) is of Loch Dochart Castle which is situated a wooded island on Loch Dochart. It was built by Black Duncan Campbell of the Cowl about 1590 (he built castles as a sort of hobby!). It was a 16th century tower house, two storey and a round tower. Loch Dochart Castle is slightly older than Finlarig Castle which was built (also by Black Duncan) in the 1620's.

Incidentally, an £80 million deal is currently under negotiation to purchase Taymouth Castle for an American hotel chain. I personally thought it would have made excellent premises for the Scottish Parliament. If the vast amount of money currently being spent on the new building in Edinburgh had been invested in Taymouth, this would have secured its future as a part of Scottish heritage. Just imagine, the spectacular setting aside, the improvements that could have been made



to central Scotland's infrastructure if the Parliament had been situated right in the heart of Scotland at Kenmore. And what a bonus – with 400 acres of parkland, not only could helicopters have ferried MPs to the castle, there would also never be a problem with congestion or parking!

Hope you enjoyed this brief stroll from the past to the present through Breadalbane and visit with the Clan Campbell. More detailed information can be found in the book "In Famed Breadalbane", a copy is held in Killin Library.

*Linda - Editor*



## Reflexology

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

**Gill Hunt**  
Associate member of the  
Association of Reflexologists  
tel : 01567 820990  
Email : [gill@westerlix.co.uk](mailto:gill@westerlix.co.uk)  
[www.westerlix.co.uk/reflexology.htm](http://www.westerlix.co.uk/reflexology.htm)

**Wester Lix, Killin**

# The Capercaillie Restaurant

**Main Street, Killin  
Tel (01567) 820355**

**UNDER NEW  
MANAGEMENT!**

Enjoy the splendour of the Scottish winter overlooking beautiful gardens and the River Dochart!

The panoramic views only add to the relaxed and friendly atmosphere at the Capercaillie restaurant.

With breakfast, lunch, pasta and vegetarian menus, in addition to the a la carte evening menu you'll be spoilt for choice, whatever your preference!



**Serving food all day every day (10am-9pm Mon-Thurs, 10pm Fri-Sun)**

**Christmas & New Year Bookings Now Being Taken, Call Pauline or Dennis for Details. (01567) 820355**

## Christmas Day Menu

Home Made Tomato & Basil Soup

Home Made Game Pate

Mushrooms coated in Breadcrumbs & Stuffed with Stilton Cheese

Fanned Melon & Prawns

Lemon Sorbet

-0-

Roast Norfolk Turkey served with Chipolata Stuffing & Cranberry

Roast Scottish Beef served with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy

Pan Fried Salmon Steak served with Hollandaise Sauce

Roasted Haunch of Venison in a light Brandy Sauce

Tagliatelle sautéed Wild Mushrooms, Stilton Cheese & Sweetcorn Sauce

(All dishes served with Seasonal Vegetables & Roasted Potatoes)

-0-

Christmas Pudding

Home Made Strawberry Cheesecake

Fresh Banana Split

Cheese & Biscuits

**£27.50 per person (Children Under 14 Half Price - £13.75)**

## New Years Eve Menu

*Live Music & Glass Of Champagne on arrival!!*

King Prawns & Salmon terrine with White Wine & Lemon dressing

Sautéed Breast of Pigeon, drizzled with a Red Wine & Vinaigrette Dressing

Pan-fried Wild Mushrooms in Garlic, Red Wine & Game Pate

Tomato & Smoked Apple Soup, served with Parmesan Cheese,  
Croutons & Crusty Bread

Lemon Sorbet topped with Chocolate & Tia Maria Sauce

-0-

10oz Scottish Fillet Steak

Trio of Fish - ½ a Lobster, Scotch Sea Bass & Cod in Brandy & Lobster Bisque

Roasted Chicken Breast, stuffed with fresh Spinach & Brie

Venison Steak, pan-fried & sautéed with Mushrooms, Ginger & Fresh Herbs

Roasted Corn-on-the-Cob in a Tomato & Garlic Sauce with deep-fried Brie

-0-

Mulled Wine Cheesecake

Profiteroles with Hot Chocolate Sauce

Strawberry & Clotted Cream Ice Cream Cake

Selection of Cheese & Biscuits

**Only £35.50 per person**

## Christmas Party Menu

Homemade Cream of Leek & Mushroom Soup

Selection of Roasted Fish with fresh Rosemary,  
Garlic, White Wine & Mushroom Sauce

Deep-fried French Brie  
coated in Breadcrumbs

Smoked Duckling & Chicken tossed with  
Honey, Mint & Blue Cheese Dressing

-0-

Roast Norfolk Turkey with Chipolata Sausage,  
Stuffing & Cranberry

Pan-fried Venison, Sautéed in Whisky  
with Wild Mushrooms and Cream

10oz Roast Scottish Beef, Shallots,  
Mushroom & Red Wine Sauce

Fresh Scottish Salmon stuffed with  
Prawns and Asparagus and Light Lobster  
and Brandy Sauce

Lamb Steak Sautéed in a Rosemary,  
Redcurrant and Red Wine Sauce

Sautéed Wild Mushrooms in a Sweet  
Sherry & Cream Sauce and Corn on the Cob

(All Dishes Served With Seasonal Vegetables  
& Accompaniments)

-0-

Christmas Pudding Topped  
with a Light Brandy Sauce

Homemade Cherry and Mango Cheesecake  
with Chocolate & Tia Maria Coulis

Fresh Chinese Fruit Salad  
Marinated in Cointreau

-0-

Also Tea or Coffee

After Eight Mints & Hot Mince Pies

**Available 2 December - 24 December**

**£14.95 per person**



## But Who feeds Rudolph?

Actually, despite extensive research, nobody seems to know who gives Rudolph and his pals their Christmas day carrots - or do they need a good bowl of porridge after a busy night shift? Or, are they too full of all the goodies left by children to need anything more than a glass of Andrew's? Whatever the answer, it is probably Santa himself who tends to his animals before pulling off his furry boots and settling down to his own Christmas



dinner (not venison I'm sure), just like any farmers, shepherds, keepers and all who work with animals. So when you rub the sleep out of your eyes at some unearthly hour of the morning to be invaded by small people bearing gifts to unwrap, spare a thought for the children of those who have necessary chores to do on Christmas day before the

celebrations can begin. In our household no presents are undone till the animals are fed (mainly in case they get peckish and nick my Christmas dinner.) Then the Queen's speech will hardly have finished by the time that many agricultural workers have to go out again to feed, water, exercise, lock up and bed down their animals. Talking of reindeer, there was an incident recently when two men walking in the Cairngorms which is the home of Britain's only reindeer herd, were attacked by two of the animals. Presumably something about the appearance or actions of the men was mistaken for a reindeer-type threat and triggered an aggressive instinct. Stags in rut can be pretty violent and this year I have come across more than the usual amount of injuries inflicted by them on one another.

When our children were small, the evening of Christmas day was always very hectic. As soon as four children were away to bed at last, all hands, including grannies and grandads, were on deck to move living room furniture out and the big table in, ready to feed visiting keepers who would be beating for the boxing day shoot. Then it was Rhona McAskill's huge pans borrowed from Tullich to be filled with tatties. Most people would not look upon a huge family tatty-peel as a festive ritual. Isa Graham would be up the Glen at Stag Cottage filling more 'cauldrons' with soup, the like of which only Isa could make. There are many in Killin who used to be amongst the regular beaters and who were fed in the green garage in the field by Kennels Cottage and who will testify to the quality of the fare (notice that only keepers ate in the house - children and other locals were gathered on benches round a paraffin stove in the inferior surroundings of the garage). In these days of a classless society and equal opportunities, all beaters eat in the gunroom.

It occurs to me that a few people lately have asked me about beating and what it actually is. At a pheasant shoot, a mixed and motley crew of eager folk of all ages and ways of life walk across fields, moors and mountains, making a racket by shouting, whistling and beating of sticks against trees to move pheasants along till they fly up at planned points for the guns (which are actually people with guns) to shoot. The gundogs then retrieve the birds, which are collected ready to distribute. It is generally believed that the noise of beaters at a shoot is rivalled in volume only by beaters at an après-shoot!

So if you are free on Christmas Day, raise your glasses at some point to toast the nurses, carers, firemen, paramedics (don't forget the TV presenters!) who, along with the folk who work with animals, know that some things have to go on even though it's Christmas Day. Then raise another glass for all the Mrs. Clauses who will be doing the cooking!

Reindeer or domestic caribou are the only species of deer where the female carries antlers as well as the male. Now, not a lot of people know that ...!

**Tim Frost**

## Not So Fly Tipping

Whilst driving from Killin to Callander recently I was admiring the stunning scenery of Scotland's first National Park, when I noticed something definitely out of place. Past Strathyre, just off the road in amongst the trees, was a large pile of newly dumped polythene and cardboard. Upon closer examination of the pile, I found a delivery note from a firm in Inverness. They had been delivering two 2-seater sofas costing £799 with a free recliner and stool - all in black, to a customer in Ballachullish. The customer (whose name and address is also on the note) even paid £40 cash to the delivery driver - who then dumped the packaging in the National Park!

Is the moral of this story, "Don't dump rubbish in the countryside" or is it "Don't leave the delivery note with the rubbish you dump in the countryside!"?

Anyone want the delivery note?

**Editor**



**IAN STARK**

Tulloch Bank  
Old Crieff Road  
Aberfeldy

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

**COMMERCIAL & DOMESTIC**

Fully Insured  
Free Estimates

Friendly & Reliable Service

**01887 829 383**  
(24 Hour Answering Service)  
Mobile 07720 739 270

## New Policeman for Killin



Killin's newest policeman is Andrew Fleming, and he with his wife Debbie have taken up occupancy of the police house in Main Street.

During the past few weeks Andy has been familiarising himself with his new surroundings and has already met many new faces throughout the area. During the past 10 years that he has been a police officer he has worked at several stations, however, this current post is the most rural and certainly the most scenic. He is a keen cyclist and has already tackled some challenging routes in the area. Andy appreciates that the rural nature of the Killin and surrounding communities offers a new challenge to both his working and personal life. The experience of members of the local community, both young and old, is invaluable and any advice and assistance will be gratefully received.

Andy is looking forward to working alongside his colleagues in the section and continues to deal with any local issues that arise and provides a valuable service.

We all wish Andy and Debbie many years of happiness in Killin.

### Killin to Ardeonaig Road

Central Scotland Police Accident Prevention Unit and local police officers are currently monitoring the condition of the Killin to Ardeonaig road. Problems concerning safety of this road were brought to their attention by Killin Community Council and local residents.

The road, which also forms part of the National Cycle Network, is in an appalling state. It is used daily by the school bus, post bus, tourists, commuters between Killin and Ardeonaig, as well as residents of our area.

The Accident Prevention Unit is in liaison with members of Stirling Council Technical Services Roads Repair Section, who are aware of maintenance problems and are attempting to address them.



**R. MacGREGOR Ltd Main Street, KILLIN**

Tel: 01567 820207

Fax: 01567 820720

+++++ FLOWERS FOR ALL OCCASIONS +++++

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

FRUIT BASKETS ++ PARTY CRACKERS  
CHOCOLATES ++ BISCUITS ++ NUTS  
CRANBERRY SAUCE ++ PARTY SNACKS

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

FLORAL BOUQUETS ++ POT PLANTS  
HOLLY WREATHS ++ XMAS DECORATIONS  
XMAS TREES ++ CERAMICS ++ CANDLES

For your special requirements over Christmas & New Year, please be sure to  
+++++ place your orders early and save disappointment +++++

----- WHOLESALE & RETAIL -----

*Sheila & Gordon Webster and their staff  
wish all their customers, a very happy Christmas  
and a healthy and prosperous New Year*





## Green Welly Christmas

I have fond memories of a Christmas present given to me as a child, probably at about the end of the Second World War. It was a Meccano set obtained from an advert in the Edinburgh Evening News for the princely sum of ten shillings. That year it was probably my only present but over subsequent Christmases it was added to until the set was large and exceedingly complete. I built large cranes, trucks, windmills and other complicated contraptions. In fact it kept me amused not just for hours or days, but for years – what a gift!

The dinner on Christmas Day was a simple fare and always chicken, which was a luxury then. The fowl was plucked and cleaned, the dicey bits being set aside for the soup. Barley and vegetables were added and a grand pottage was produced, Granddad always eating the giblet and the other tasty, uncertain bits. The chicken was duly roasted with the potatoes and carrots – simple, tasty fare and the chicken always tasted like chicken! The piece de resistance was the Christmas pudding. It was cooked for hours, in a muslin bag, inside the kitchen clothes boiler, turning that small room into a 'steamie', the walls running with condensation. It emerged the size of a cannon ball and weighed about the same. The smell was rich and spicy, full of fruit and a half-crown's worth of individually wrapped, silver threepenny pieces. It was served hot smothered with delicious sweet custard. Never more than one and sixpence worth of these threepenny pieces were ever recovered and my mother reckoned that Grandfather swallowed the remainder!

How everything has changed. Not just a little but hugely. Our family Christmas in 2002 will have no resemblance to that of my childhood. Lesley and I are well retired and Lamond, Lesley's brother recently so. Iain, Marie, Fiona and Edward are the working partners in the business and they will have their heads down until closing time on Christmas Eve. The Green Welly Stop will be busy with locals and visitors alike, buying their last minute gifts. A frantic day indeed!

However, on Christmas Eve's day we retired ones will get the preparations under way for the great family event that is Christmas. Lesley will supervise – the table polished and laid with glassware, crockery and cutlery. Food is prepared, a starter will be conjured up, a soup lightly cooked, creamed and blended. A turkey will be boned, trimmed and stuffed. The Co-op or Marks and Spencer will no doubt supply the dessert, which will be packed into the fridge to await the next day's final contrivance. I will go to North Berwick to collect Lesley's mother who will spend a few days with us at Tyndrum. Then there will be the grand gathering on Christmas Eve. Marie's family will join us too. Wilkies, McIlroys, Robertsons and Gosdens altogether for the good cheer and chatter. Catholic and Kirk services will be attended – if the timing is right we will get to both.

Then the day arrives with presents and bacon butties on Christmas morning. Our granddaughter Jessica will be excited and spoiled. A walk will be taken, the Queen's speech listened to and then the 'bash' will start. Food and wine aplenty, full stomach, couch potatoes, TV and snoring! Grudgingly the table will be cleared, dishes washed and dried, kitchen tidied, and everything left ship-shape.

Yes, these days, it is a time of gross excesses. My own feelings are the same as many others, the concerns being about the debt that individuals and families incur. Plastic cards open up treasure chests, banks and retailers love Christmas. And what about those who have nothing? Let us all consider, in whatever ways possible, the homeless, the poor, the starving and the dispossessed. Like others in the family, I neither need nor want personal gifts and will be supporting charities instead. In other words, Derek Wilkie does not need any more bits for his Meccano!

May all Killin News readers have a wonderful, happy Christmas.

**Derek Wilkie**



It's hard to be a fairy,  
Up where the tinsel flickers,  
A wand of gold in one hand,  
And a fir tree  
up your knickers!

Anon - Killin!

### CORRIE CRAFTS

For  
specialised  
& unique  
Christmas gifts.

Tel. 01567 820920



### MERRY CHRISTMAS

#### What's on Offer at Killin Library

Videos and CDs  
Hire 3 videos  
for the price of 2

#### Free Internet Access.

#### Opening Hours:

Monday: 10 - 1 & 2 - 5  
Tuesday & Friday: 10 - 1 & 3 - 7  
Wednesday: 2 - 5  
Thursday: Closed

**Tel: 01567 820 571**

E-Mail:  
[killinlibrary@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:killinlibrary@stirling.gov.uk)

**Killin Millennium Memories  
Video On Sale Here at £5**



# Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park

## Tea And Trees In The Park

Trees are all around us. But how many of us stop to think how much they mean to our everyday lives and how we can influence the way that forests are run? People in the Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park are being asked for their views on how their woodlands and forests will be managed in the future.

Forests and woodlands cover more than a quarter of the National Park's area, including two Forests Parks at Queen Elizabeth Forest near Aberfoyle and Argyll Forest in the Cowal. While often grown for commercial purposes, woods give locals and visitors pleasure by providing beautiful scenery, places for walking or cycling and are often important places for nature conservation. Plans for managing the Park's woods to give everyone the greatest benefit are outlined in a draft strategy devised by people and groups involved in timber production and woodland, from the Forestry Commission's own woodland managers to community groups and businesses. Once finalised the strategy will not only lead the Park Authority's forestry policy, but also influence the Forestry Commission and guide other agencies in the park area.

In its first major public consultation, the National Park Authority is looking for your views. You can go to one of the public workshops at the Cobbler Hotel, Arrochar on 4 December or the Dreadnought Hotel, Callander on 5 December at 2 till 4 or 7.30 to 9.30. Refreshments will be served and various young trees will be given to everyone who attends. Community Futures groups throughout the park will also consider the strategy at their regular meetings.

If you can't make it along to a workshop you will find the documents in your local library, or you can request a full copy or a summary from the National Park Authority, The Old Station, Balloch G83 8SS Tel 01389 722667 Fax 01389 722633 email: [debbie.gourlay@lochlomond-trossachs.org](mailto:debbie.gourlay@lochlomond-trossachs.org). Full details of the meetings and all the papers are also on our website at [www.lochlomond-trossachs.org](http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org). The closing date for comment is 3 February 2002.

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park, Scotland's first, took up its full powers in July. It has four main aims and a duty to deliver them in an integrated way: to conserve and enhance the cultural and natural heritage; promote sustainable use of natural resources; promote enjoyment and understanding of the area; and to promote the social and economic development of the communities in the area. The 720 square miles covers parts of Argyll & Bute, Perth & Kinross, Stirling and West Dunbartonshire.

Funded by the National Park, the Forestry Commission and Scottish Natural Heritage, the draft Forestry Strategy was developed by a steering group of interested parties, chaired by Sir Peter Hutchison, Deputy Convener of the National Park and former Chairman of the Forestry Commission.

## Christmas Poem

Christmas for children is a great time  
all fun and joy, with all things bright  
the trees dressed in red, gold and silver  
All twinkling and everything alight

With holly, mistletoe and tinsel,  
And the tree shining with its star,  
Jingle bells and sleigh bells  
Noise that travels from afar.

The laughter of the children  
Wrapping up their gifts out of sight  
The mums and dads who listen  
And hope they're managing all right.

The talcum and the smelly things  
Usual socks, hankies and aftershave  
For grandpa, granny, mum and dad  
The pennies the children they had saved.

On Christmas Eve the socks hung up  
Everything goes under the tree  
The big lights go out  
For it's bedtime now you see.

To bed and not to sleep  
The excitement of a visit from Santa  
They wonder if they should peep  
The voice that shouts, "It is not yet Santa".

On Christmas day the early rise  
The running into the room  
Parents with sleep still in their eyes  
Squeals from kids, please do get up soon.

The shouts to say that Santa's been  
Food all gone and the whisky too  
All reindeers watered, imagine the scene  
The kids, the parents, their youth renew.

The grown ups have great fun too  
Solving puzzles and mechanical toys  
Doll that talks, the train that goes Choo! Choo!  
The family doing what they all enjoy.

Dinner is ready, please leave all alone  
Snow on the window, the glow in the sky  
Bedtime has come, teddy, dolly is shown  
As granny and grandpa wave Bye! Bye!

And we all heave a sigh.....

*Kate Winton*

## MOBILE HAIRSTYLING — by Sue Turner —

**NOW TAKING APPOINTMENTS**

**Don't forget those Christmas  
appointments!**

*please telephone for a consultation*

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

► All styles and age groups catered for  
► Competitive prices

**Telephone: 01764 670596 Mobile: 07788 812998**



## Hello Killin

Just a wee note to say "Hi" from the Frasers, especially Emily (below) who arrived on 5 August 2002. We would like to say "thanks for making us all so welcome in the village".

*Susan & Andrew Fraser, Emily and Archie the dog, Inchbuie, Craignavie Road.*



### Killin Medical Practice Christmas & New Year

Tuesday 24 December	9 am – 3.30pm
Wednesday 25 December	CLOSED
Thursday 26 December	CLOSED
Tuesday 31 December	9 am – 3.30 pm
Wednesday 1 January	CLOSED
Thursday 2 January	CLOSED

All repeat prescriptions **MUST** be ordered by **Friday 20 December**

When the Surgery is closed the Doctor can be contacted on the usual  
telephone number - **01567 820213**



**In an emergency please dial - 999**

***MERRY CHRISTMAS and a  
HEALTHY, HAPPY NEW YEAR***

### Important Information About Courses

Are you aware that classes provided by Clackmannan College are **FREE** if the following applies to you:

- You and/or your partner receive Income Support
- You are unemployed and the only income you receive is a benefit for unemployment or disability
- You are unemployed and receive a widow's benefit
- You are unemployed and are receiving benefits for being a single parent
- You are in receipt of Working Families Tax Credit

In addition:

- Senior citizens aged 60 or over pay only 50% of the cost.
- Classes are good value for money - most classes are only £2.00 per hour.
- Clackmannan College will pay for approved childcare to allow you to attend classes.
- All of the tutors in this area are local

**Clackmannan College and Stirling Council try and make the courses accessible to everyone - if there is something stopping you joining a class that you feel we could help you overcome, then please let us know.**

Contact: Suzanne Player, Stirling Council Community Animator  
01567 820154

### DOUGLAS McROBBIE Electrical Contractors

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

Pennycross, Manse Road  
Killin, Perthshire

**SEASONS GREETINGS TO ALL**

Telephone: (01567) 820374  
Fax: (01567) 820782

### BL DECORATORS

6 LYON COTTAGES, KILLIN FK21 8TG.  
01567 820 854

Top Quality Ames Taping, Coving and Cornice Work  
Specialists In All Aspects Of Painting, Decorating,  
Paper Hanging & Specialised Wall Finishes.



**Domestic And Commercial**



Bobby, Karen, Robert and Hazel would  
like to wish all past, present and future customers a very  
Happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year.

## Strathfillan Community Development Trust

November 7 saw a thoroughly enjoyable Annual General Meeting of the Strathfillan Community Development Trust. It's not often that's said about AGMs, but thanks to our SAGgies (Strathfillan Activities Group), once the business was completed, we relished cheese, wine and each other's company.

The Trust starts its new year in a healthy and optimistic position. We now have eleven Directors: Mary Anderson, Effie Crompton, Gordon Gaughan, Jock Henderson, Liz Lawrie, Mairi McIlroy, John Riley, Moira Robertson, Theresa Robertson, Joyce Russell and Gwyneth Scott. Three "old" Directors, each having

been involved since the creation of the Trust, resigned. Derek Wilkie, Paul Kelly and John Wyllie were thanked for their inspiration and hard work.

*SAG are organising another family social event, building on the success of our Burns Night 'do'. Tickets are limited, but contact Jock Henderson (or the SCDT Office) if you haven't yet got yours for the St Andrews Night Family Gathering on Saturday 30 November, being held in the Rod and Reel, Crianlarich at 7pm.*

You may have read in the local press that we have been successful in raising money from the Scottish Land Fund to purchase

the big trees shelterbelt to the eastern side of Mansefield, Tyndrum. This Fund (which gets its money from Lottery ticket sales) is the same which has contributed to the purchase of the Falls of Dochart Residential Home in Killin. Interesting days; when there are funds available to allow communities to control and manage resources central to them.

The proposed Killin to Tyndrum cycle/walk way steering group is progressing astonishingly quickly for this scale of project. The National Park has helped to put together sufficient money to employ an experienced technical consultant to provide us with a feasibility study. The money has so far come from the National Park itself, Stirling Council and SNH. Once the feasibility study is complete (around Easter next year), the steering group propose to bring the findings back to the community in a public meeting. In the meantime, if you want to know more, speak to Emma Paterson, Elaine Turner, Gwyneth Scott or myself.

*Sue Wyllie*

*SCDT Office Tel: 01838 400545*



### EUREKA PET FOODS

**For All Your Large & Small Animals  
Needs And Feeds**

**Loose Or Bulk**

**Also Equine And Poultry Feed  
Best Price For Wild Bird Seed & Nuts**

**5% DISCOUNT WHEN PRESENTING THIS ADVERT AT:**

**EUREKA PET FOOD  
MAIN STREET  
KILLIN  
820277 / 386**



**MALCOLM  
APPLEBY**

**DESIGNER & ENGRAVER  
SILVERSMITH  
GOLDSMITH & JEWELLER**

**CHRISTMAS SHOP 2002**

**MALCOLM APPLEBY'S CHRISTMAS SHOP** stocks original **SILVER** including candlesticks, beakers, coasters, tumbler cups, spoons and engraved bowls. His **JEWELLERY** includes bangles, brooches, buckles, chains, cufflinks, earrings, necklaces, pendants and silver buttons, all made to Malcolm's individual designs. Prices start from £12.

We also stock delightful **POTTERY** by *Philip Wood* - and from Orkney handmade natural wool and cashmere **KNITWEAR** by *Stéphane Jaeger* and new season's funky classic **SCARVES** by internationally renowned *Tait & Style*.

The shop is open during working hours, including Saturdays, but if you wish to view during the evening or Sundays, then please phone Malcolm or Philippa to make an appointment.

**AULTBEAG (the yellow house)  
GRANDTULLY • BY ABERFELDY  
PERTSHIRE • PH15 2QU  
01887 840 484**



## Changes at Killin News

In addition to the news that I am retiring, there are other changes afoot. Gillean Ford who has been actively involved on the Killin News Committee for four years, is retiring also. Gillean has been my very valued Assistant Editor for the last two years. She has done an excellent job and it has been a great pleasure for me to work closely with her. This Christmas Issue is the last one for both of us. Gillean was the mainstay of the 10th Birthday issue and will be a great loss to the paper. I would like to extend my personal thanks to Gillean for all her hard work, and I will also take this opportunity to thank her husband Bruce for all his assistance to me with the Killin News computer.

On the delivery front, the 'oldest paper boy in town', Tony Weaver (85 in February) has retired from his delivery round. Tony has been delivering the Killin News almost since day one. He and his wife Audrey delivered the Killin News throughout Glen Dochart. We are also sorry to lose assistance from Morag and Ian Lithgow. The Lithgows have been covering the Manse and Craignavie Roads for many years, but like the Weavers they feel it is time for some younger blood to take over. Ian was the main organiser of the wee Killin Telephone Books, published by Killin News. Lastly, Jan Willison has also given up her paper round. She is currently waiting for a hip replacement and we all wish her improved health in the New Year.

We are sorry to lose the above folk and thank them for their many years of dedicated voluntary service.

On a lighter note, in the New Year the Killin News will welcome Willie and Gina Angus onto the Killin News Committee. Willie and Gina have owned a house at the Glebe, Killin for several years. Willie recently retired from practice as a GP in Dalgety Bay and they now live in Killin permanently. Also, early in 2003, Allan Chisholm will be another welcomed addition to the team. Allan has been the Killin News cartoonist for many years, and now that he has a bit more time on his hands he plans on joining the Committee too.

**Linda - Editor**

## Wee Message From the Minister Slot!

Not long ago, I heard a mum on the radio speaking about Santa Claus. Santa, like everybody else in these days of political correctness, has to justify himself! She spoke of Santa 'beaver away' in his workshop all year round to make his gifts. He arrives in our homes at Christmas - though all we ever know of his visit are a few crumbs of the mince pie the children left for him to keep up his energy. He leaves us all our gifts - gifts presented so graciously and with no charge!



There is true wonder in the Christmas tales of Santa. When Rudolph & Co., pull that sky-train sleigh to church and village halls up and down the land, we see a look of pure delight in children's eyes. Santa has come to see *them* - each one is known by name. Christmas is about unconditional love, the love of God for us his children. When he sent us the gift of his own Son, he sent him to each one of us. Just as Santa names each child at the Christmas party, we are called by our name to receive our gift. There is no charge.

Here is a story about that kind of love. 'She was a quiet little old lady in an eventide home, all alone without relatives, and was a rather pathetic figure at Christmas time until a package arrived addressed to her. "He never forgot me" she cried, as she unwrapped the gift. Inside were a beautiful handbag and a bouquet of red roses. The card was signed by her long-dead husband who had arranged with a trustee for a gift and flowers to be sent from him to her each Christmas'.

God never forgets us. You will receive your gift from him once again on Christmas morning and may you find its blessing!

**Rev John Shedden**

## KILLIN GOLF CLUB WINTER OPENING

We are now taking bookings for Christmas parties between  
Sunday 1st and Saturday 21st December.

### Main Christmas menu -

3 course dinner followed by coffee and home made mince pies is £15 / person

**\*\*Non members welcome\*\***

Phone Inga or Shona on 820312 or 820553 for more information.

*Min party size - 8*

## WINTER WARMERS..... STAY WARM THIS WINTER WITH CALOR GAS



**DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR  
AS WELL AS LOGS, COAL, PEAT & KINDLINGS  
PHONE: EUREKA HARDWARE  
MAIN STREET  
KILLIN  
820277 / 386**



# ***The Falls of Dochart Inn at Christmas***



*With the Inn now fully open following its refurbishment,  
what better way to spend Christmas than in our comfortable restaurant with food fit for a King.*

*Our Festive Menu offers a real choice of traditional Festive Fare throughout December, with a  
real taste of Scotland's finest fare to be had on Christmas Day itself. Relax afterwards by our log fire.*

*The Inn is open throughout the Festive Season and bookings are recommended at this time of year.*

*Treat yourself to a fine meal on Hogmanay  
before watching the spectacular firework display just outside the Inn on the Falls.*

*Whether it is for your Christmas outing, Christmas Day Lunch,  
or simply a Festive treat for the family, you are assured of a warm welcome at -*

## ***The Falls of Dochart Inn***

**Tel. 01567 820270**

**Fax. 01567 820159**

**E-mail: [stay@thefallsinn.co.uk](mailto:stay@thefallsinn.co.uk)**



### **Christmas Day**

**Christmas Carrot and Pumpkin Soup  
with a wee tot of sherry for you to drink or add....**

**Highland Smoked Meats and Local Asparagus  
with Mild Talisker Hollandaise**

**Fresh Skye Langoustines with Lime Butter Sauce**

~~~~~  
**Chilled Lemon and Champagne Sorbet**

~~~~~  
**Traditional Roast Turkey with Chestnut Stuffing,  
Bread Sauce and all the Trimmings**

**Roast Scottish Sirloin of Beef  
with Shallots, Mushrooms and Red Wine Gravy**

**Seared Monkfish Tails in Dill Butter Cream  
Topped with Salsa Verde and Saffron Rice Timbale**

**Char-grilled Vegetable Gateau with Warm Pesto  
and Olive Oil Dressing and North African Cous-cous**

~~~~~  
**Christmas Plum Pudding and Brandy Sauce**

**Creamy Balleys Cheesecake  
Served with a Glass of the Irish Liqueur**

**Rich Chocolate Mousse  
Served in a Caramel Basket with Winter Berries  
Traditional Scottish Cheese Plate and Handmade Oatcakes**

~~~~~  
**Fresh Ground Coffee or Tea  
Deep Filled Mince Pie**

~~~~~  
**Bookings only. £25 per person. Under 12's £12.50  
Under 4's eat free. Deposit Required £5 per person.**

### **Party Menu**

**Friday 6 December - Tuesday 24 December**

**Winter Warming Vegetable and Lentil Soup**

**Sliced Garlic Bread Topped with Prawns  
and Thousand Island Dressing**

**Baby Camembert with  
Dressed Salad Leaves and Cranberry Sauce**

~~~~~  
**Traditional Roast Turkey  
with Chestnut Stuffing, and all the Trimmings**

**Roast Highland Beef  
with a Rich Red Wine Gravy**

**Char-Grilled Fresh Salmon Topped with  
Roast Red Pepper Mayonnaise**

**Chestnut and Garlic Cutlet on a Bed of  
Jewelled Cous-cous and Tomato Concasse**

~~~~~  
**Christmas Pudding and Brandy Sauce**

**Chocolate Cake with Vanilla Ice Cream  
and Hot Chocolate Sauce**

**Scottish Cheeses and Oatcakes**

~~~~~  
**Two Courses £9.50 - Three Courses £13.50  
Booking deposit £3 per person.**



# Gossip!

There have been many 'flittings' in the village recently and I thought it would be fun to put you all in the picture as to who is going where - this is alternatively known as 'gossip'!



Elizabeth and Jim Woods who owned Benvue in Craignavie Road have bought Fairview House. The plan is that Elizabeth will run the guest house with, no doubt, some assistance from Colin aged 13 and Alison 15. Husband/Dad Jim will continue to work in Bahrain as an Engineer and help out when on home leave.

The outgoing owners of Fairview House are Rick and Joan Wells who are off to pastures new in Perth where it is their intention to run a bed and breakfast business.

Irene and Gerry McCarron are also on the move from Rahoy in Craignavie Road to David and Sheena Osler's old house in Main Street. David and Sheena, long time residents of Killin have moved to Thurso to be nearer their family.

Another move from Craignavie Road was Michael and Shelagh McPartland who are the new owners of The Craigard Hotel. The Craigard, which had undergone major improvements with the previous owners, can only go from strength to strength with Shelagh's interest in Fen Sui and her superb home cooking.

Strange how three sets of neighbours from Craignavie Road are once again neighbours in Main Street!

We also hear through the 'grapevine' that the Killin Hotel is sold and that Alan Garnier, who has done an excellent job of turning the hotel's fortunes around, is moving on to a new venture.

The Clachaig Hotel (as was) is now the Falls of Dochart Inn. This too has very recently undergone major re-furbishment and we have heard nothing but good reports from diners.

We wish all the above health and happiness in their new homes and success in their business ventures. If you have been missed out - it is only that the gossip hasn't reached us yet!

## JASMINE BEAUTY

Ancaster Business Centre  
Cross Street,  
Callander

Tel: 01877 331417

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

**NEW TANNING BOOTH**

Tuesday - Saturday

OAP Special -

Wednesday



For further information contact Angela  
Gift Vouchers Available

## THE BACK PAIN & SPORTS THERAPY CLINIC

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

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

Physical Therapist for the  
European Solheim Cup Team  
2000.

Mossgiel House, Burrell Street,  
Comrie.

tel: 01764 670567  
mobile: 07887 597455

## Killin Keepfitters

### Start Of 2003 Classes

### YOGA

Wednesday 8 January

7.30 - 9pm in Killin Primary School  
Eight Classes for £20 or £3 per session

### Aerobics

Monday 20 January 10.30-11.30am

Tuesday 21 January 7.30-8.30pm

In McLaren Hall £3 per session

Or ten sessions for £25

Telephone: (01567) 820342

## CHARLES GRANT

Painters and Decorators

Beechcroft, Main Street  
Killin, Perthshire FK21 8UT

Tiling, Artexing, Graining,  
Ragrolling, Sponging, Stripping,  
Paper Hanging, Cornicing,

Fire Proofing,

Carpet and Upholstery

Cleaning Services

**Festive Good Wishes To All**

## Scot Electrical Services

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



**For A Qualified  
Tradesman - SELECT  
The Man In The  
Yellow Van**

Auchmore Lodge, Killin

Tel: 01567 820872

Mobile: 07768 468228



Seasons Greetings to all customers

# Obituaries

**Winifred Davidson** (nee McNicol), Win or Winnie to her friends, was born in Glasgow in 1928. Her schooling was in Glasgow, followed by study at a secretarial college, after which she became P.A. to a lawyer, a Court Assessor.

Win was twenty-one when her father died and it fell to her to take over his soft furnishings business, which she ran until 1955. On Syd's second leave from Malaysia, through prompting from his sister, he filled in as Win's partner for a golf club's annual dance. They dated several times during the next two months. On Syd's return east an airmail courtship developed, which went on for two years - not something that Syd recommends! Syd proposed by airmail, Win accepted, and they were married in Glasgow in August 1955.

In 1957 Grant appeared on the scene and Sue followed in October 1958. Syd's business commitments meant that he and Win had the opportunity to visit countries in east and west and, as part of a round-the-world trip, they had stops for two or three days in some wonderful places. Win had therefore an interesting and varied life.

Win was a good cook and a great hostess to friends and business associates, as Syd was later to discover. Courting and popping the question by airmail, he had not known much of this before marriage. He was also to discover that when he was stressed by business problems Win was a wonderfully calming influence and brought him back to earth and kept him on the right track. She also had a great sense of humour, though she could occasionally be fiery, something which Syd never did know how to dodge!

In 1969, due to business pressures, Win and Syd came back to reside in Surrey, where Grant and Sue now have their homes. However finally they retired to Killin. In early years Win was keen on tennis and ballroom dancing. Their favourite dance was an old-time waltz and they were often the last to leave the dance floor. Golf and bowling were mutual interests, as were holidays in lovely areas of the UK, notably on Scottish islands such as Arran.

Win was a truly marvellous and supportive wife, maintaining a very close family unit and doting on her grandson, Alexander. In her last week in hospital, enduring a very difficult and major heart operation, she put up a brave fight for five days but finally found it all too much. Needless to say, she will be tremendously missed.

**Dr George Gordon** died suddenly on 19 September 2002, aged 81.

George and his wife Babs first came to Killin as caravaners many years ago. They liked what they saw, bought a house and settled here for the last 20 years. Before they came to Killin, George had been involved in the busy life of a General Practitioner in Dunfermline for 30 years.

Born in Dunfermline, George was an Observer in the RAF and spent 3 years in a POW camp. He returned to Scotland, completed his education and trained in medicine at Aberdeen University. It was here he met Babs who was on her midwifery course. George had interests in fishing, bowling and particularly enjoyed golf. He and Babs could be regarded as maintenance gardeners, but threw themselves with interest into village life.

George leaves behind Babs, their five of a family and eleven grandchildren.

*Allan Walker*

**Peggy MacPhail** age 78 years passed away on 13 September 2002 under the tender care of Crieff Nursing Home. Peggy, our Mum, was born and raised in North Uist, where she went to school with Dad. They moved from the island at the time of the Hydro schemes, and were married at Arrochar. They lived in Crianlarich before moving to High Creagan, and in 1953 they settled in Killin at Manse Road which became the family home and has remained so for almost 50 years.

Mum worked at the Falls of Dochart Hotel and Firlush, then after a few years she moved to the Killin Hotel to work as the Breakfast Cook. She had three children - Margaret, Donald and Morag. Margaret married Iain Steel and moved to Oban where she gave mum three grandchildren, Morven, Morag and Allan. Morag settled in Killin with her husband Neil MacKenzie and two sons Gregor and Ewan. Donald still lives in the family home where he tenderly cared for mum during her lengthy illness. Sadly, over the years Mum lost so many of her close family; Morven her granddaughter, Iain her son-in-law, six years ago her loving husband John and more recently her dear daughter Margaret. It's very difficult to understand why some people get all the hardships that life can throw at them, but Mum was always there to support and help everybody else through all the many troubled times our family endured over the years. She never failed to give a cheery greeting and a happy smile, and that's the way we will always remember her.

*"There's a bridge of golden memory from here to heaven above,  
it keeps you very close to us, it's called the bridge of love"*

Mum's funeral service was kindly conducted by the Rev. John Lincoln in the Killin Parish Church, our hearts were lightened a little by the number of people in the church whose lives were touched by Mum in one way or another.

Peggy MacPhail will be very sadly missed by all her family and friends.

*Morag MacKenzie*



## Gilbert Christie of Auchlyne

The very sudden death of Gilbert Christie shocked and saddened the communities of Killin, Glendochart, Crianlarich, Tyndrum and Loch Tayside, and indeed a far wider circle of friends throughout the country.

Gilbert, born in December 1933, lived all his life at Auchlyne Farm, which has been the home of the Christie family for six generations. He was always willing to play his part in the many organisations with which he was connected, both locally and in a wider sphere. On leaving school, he helped his father run the farm and take Auchlyne's name to the forefront, producing first class stock, both sheep and cattle. It was one of the first farms in the area to get a tractor and modernise its crop production. He

joined the local Killin Agricultural Club in its early days and in 1953 was a member of the Club's 'Speechmaking Team' which won the National Finals. Another organisation to which Gilbert made a huge contribution was Killin Show. For fifteen years he was Chairman, during which time he brought the Show up to be one of the biggest shows of Blackface Sheep in the country. Like his father before him, he was for many years a Trustee of the McLaren Hall and for a long time, Secretary to the Trustees.

An Elder of the Church for 40 years, Gilbert was Clerk to the Congregational Board as well. He was a noted curler, a game that he enjoyed immensely, all his curling life, for he was Secretary of the Glendochart Club, and was Secretary to the Breadalbane Province. A great sportsman, win or lose a game, he was a gentleman on and off the ice. Curlers everywhere had many an enjoyable game with Gilbert. He played many times for the Province against touring teams from abroad, the USA, Canada, New Zealand among others, and was a great ambassador for Scotland.

He was a great lover of Scottish music and an accomplished accordionist himself. Those of us lucky enough to hear the 'Glen Players' at ceilidhs and concerts can vouch for that. A former President of the Killin and Balquhiddier Branch of the National Farmers Union, he was also President of the Perthshire Area of the NFU, now Forth Valley Area, both posts he held with distinction.

Socially, Gilbert was great company, the 'craick' always good, as was the humour and fun. Many people have lost a very good friend, ample evidence being the huge congregation at his funeral. Folk came from near and far, and to hear the fitting farewell, played so beautifully by Willie Shanky on his accordion, of two of Gilbert's favourite tunes, 'Mull of the cool high Bens' and 'Shean a, Bhan'. The sympathy of us all is extended to Pat, Stewart, Jane and Duncan and to his much-loved grandchildren Siobhan and Andrew.

*Johnny Willison, Dalchenna*



**The Lovely Peggy MacPhail**  
See obituary facing page.



**Marriage of Gemma Reilly to James Macdonald.**  
Gemma is the daughter of James and Moira Reilly of Suie.

## Safari Supper

Having hosted a Safari Supper previously, I was persuaded this year to be a 'traveller' on the Safari Supper night. What can I say – not a wild animal in sight, but we were all well contented pussycats by the end of the night. This superb evening of delicious food, excellent wines and scintillating company was very well organised and enjoyed immensely by everyone. In addition, it raised approximately £1,100, which will be divided equally between the Fingal's Grave Project and the Killin Primary School Playground.



Thanks are extended to the organisers, the hosts and to Iain and Richard for taxi-ing everyone around the village on a pouring wet night. Thanks also to Alan Garnier and staff at the Killin Hotel for hosting tea & coffee and the get-together afterwards.

**Suggestion 1** – you need to charge more for the tickets. The generosity of Killin hosts is legendary - where else are you likely to get a sumptuous three course gourmet dinner, including aperitifs, unlimited wines & spirits, followed by 'pass the port', tea, coffee and mints – and including taxis, for £12.50!

**Suggestion 2** – wish there was a Safari Supper every weekend!!

*Editor*

## Rod & Reel

### Lounge Bar & Restaurant



Long regarded by climbers and walkers as a popular rendezvous, the Rod & Reel is a family run bar/restaurant which is now under new ownership.

You can find good food and a relaxing drink in our friendly and comfortable atmosphere.

We are open all year and invite walking and fishing clubs to ring Lesley, Debbie or Liz to book for that special occasion.

**3 bedroom cottage available for holiday let.**

**Main Street, Crianlarich  
Tel: 01838 300 271**

## Primary School H



Did you notice any strange creatures in the

I saw butterflies on broomsticks, whole Hag rid, mermaids and princesses, little wizard, a very strange green spider with looked worryingly like some local village were we being invaded? Of course not! primary school. Phew!

As usual the standard of fancy dress was difficult time trying to pick the winners of competition (one of the pumpkins was also enjoyed party games organised by Tony and also the more traditional Hallowe'e'n searching for sweets in the bath full of b and eat sausages hanging on strings and course! Rather than me - still the

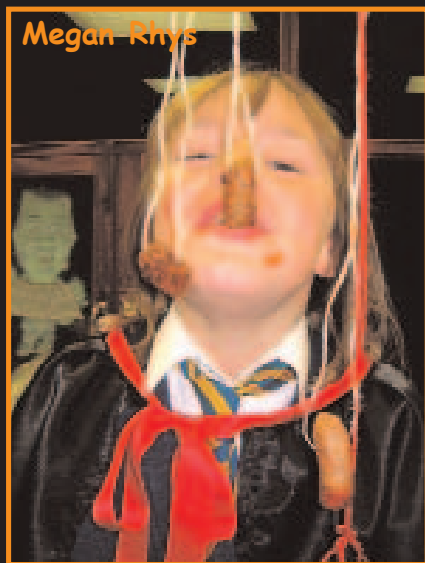
A great time was had by all and by the normal - just as if nothing had happened

**Leanne Kennedy  
& Hazel Wyllie**





# Hallowe'e'n Party



Megan Rhys

the village on a Thursday night recently?  
 le covens of witches, Harry Potter with  
 ttle Red Riding Hood being chased by a  
 th 3 eyes and several wee old ladies who  
 ge boys. What was happening to Killin,  
 ot! It was the Hallowe'e'n Party at the

was outstanding. Alan Walker had a very  
 s of both the fancy dress and the pumpkin  
 actually a melon in disguise!). The kids  
 y Webb and his team (Alex, Julie & Pat)  
 n messy games such as dookin' for apples,  
 f blood-red jelly (ugh!), or trying to catch  
 and dripping with ketchup - no hands of  
 the kids seem to love it!

the next morning the school was back to  
 ned. Very spooky! Julie Rhys - PTA



## £4,000 Donation For Killin Mountain Rescue Team

Killin Mountain Rescue Team recently received a generous donation from the friends and colleagues of Warren Deadman who tragically died in a climbing accident in the French Alps last year.

Warren's colleagues at Mellon European Fund Services, an Edinburgh based

company, decided to raise money for charity in his memory. The company Managing Director offered to match fund their efforts, the result being a very generous £4000 cheque for the team.



Warren was a member of The Jacobites Mountaineering Club, an Edinburgh-based climbing club. One of their club huts being based at Batavaine in the upper reaches of Glen Lochay gave Warren an opportunity to develop a fondness for this area.

A donation such as this has enabled the team to purchase an Automatic External Defibrillator (or in simple terms, a "Heartstart" machine). Additionally, there should also be a surplus with will allow us to organise training and purchase the relevant training simulators.

In the photograph, Willie Stitt is seen receiving the cheque from David Pendreigh of Mellon European Fund Services.



## Craig Ard Hotel



**Main Street, Killin, FK21 8UT**  
**Tel: 01567 820285 Fax: 01567-820025**  
**Accommodation, Restaurant and Bar**



*Mike and Shelagh wish everyone*

***A Very Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year***



***We would also like to extend our personal thanks  
to all the local people who have given us their support  
in our new venture during our first few weeks.***

***The restaurant will be open for Christmas bookings  
and Party Nites from the 1st to the 24th December  
Closed 25th and 26th December  
And open again throughout  
the New Year period***





# Klever Killin Kids !



Annie Wilson, only daughter of David and Fatima Wilson, Dall Lodge Country House Hotel, Killin, has graduated Bachelor of Laws (LLB Hons) from University College London. Annie is continuing her career at the London Law School before taking up a two year training contract with International Law Firm of Allen & Overy London.



Congratulations to the Bates family. The photo was taken 13 years ago and they have not changed one bit! This year Laura (above right) graduated BSc (Hons 2.1) Zoology (Marine & Fisheries), Camilla (above left) graduated BSc (Hons 2:1) Physiotherapy and Gordon (above middle, and left) has just been awarded an Arkwright Scholarship in engineering. A great achievement by all three - and who would have thought it possible knowing their mother! (The 'mother' bit was added by David!)



Laura (below) is now doing an MSc in Marine Mammal Science.



Congratulations to ex-Killin Primary School pupil Louise Simpson, daughter of Phil & Rosemary Simpson of Ardeonaig. She is now Head Girl at Breadalbane Academy in Aberfeldy.

**HOGMANAY CEILIDH**  
STARRING  
**BOX O'BANANAS**  
CRIANLARICH VILLAGE HALL  
31 DECEMBER 2002  
9.30PM TIL LATE  
BAR & FOOD PROVIDED  
SHUTTLE SERVICE PROVIDED  
£12 ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE ONLY  
CALL CAMERON: 01838 300264

## **Christmas Message**

### **Reverend JLL Fagerson, St Fillan's, Killin**

With the approach of Christmas many thoughtful people have begun to wonder what has happened to the true meaning of this season. How quickly Christ is lost in the shuffle of currency on the counter as we go on another great shopping spree. The holiday season is a recognised time of feasting and drinking, but how little thought is given to the One whose birthday we celebrate.

One day in an overcrowded shop, a sales assistant leaned over the counter and said to a minister who was passing by, "I wish you would tell some of these people the real meaning of Christmas." In order to do this, I will use three familiar symbols.

The first is a CRADLE, which reminds us of The Incarnation that lies at the heart of our Christian faith. Scripture says, "God was manifest in the flesh." As Mary gave birth to her first born son, the world entered a new age, for the coming of this child is the most important event in history since the creation of man. Bethlehem's manger became the link between a lost world and a loving God.

Christmas tells us that God is not somewhere far away and unknown but He loves us so much that He was willing to send His Son into the world to be our Saviour and Friend. The meaning of that cradle in Bethlehem then is the song of the angels – "Joy to the world, the Lord has come, let earth receive the King."

The second symbol that throws clear light on the meaning of Christmas is the Cross. There was both light and shadow present on that first Christmas morning because Jesus was born in order to give His life as a sacrifice for your sins and mine. Christmas was the prelude to Good Friday. To those who have welcomed the Lord, the joy of Christmas is not limited to His birth but is centred even more on the triumph of His death and resurrection because these give meaning to His birth.

The third and final symbol that helps us to understand the meaning of Christmas is a CROWN. Queen Victoria once heard one of her chaplains preach at Windsor Castle on the return of Jesus Christ to this world. After the sermon she turned to the Dean of Windsor and said, "Oh how I wish that the Lord would come during my lifetime!"

"Why does your Majesty have this deep desire?" asked the Dean. The Queen's face brightened as she replied, "I should so love to lay my crown at his feet." No doubt the wise men felt this way too as they brought their gold, frankincense and myrrh to the feet of Jesus. Wise men came to Jesus – and they still do today.

Cradle - Cross - Crown - they each speak eloquently to us of Christmas, of the King of Glory who came to be our Saviour. May His love be your experience this Christmas and always!

## **Floral Awards**

Congratulations to Naomi McLaren, 8 Ballechroisk Terrace, Killin for winning the tallest sunflower award. Also to Calum Wyllie, 10 Lyon Villas, Killin for the sunflower with the largest head.



**We welcome  
you as a NHS  
or  
Independent Patient.**

*We are here to discuss  
your dental needs.*

Ring Lisa or Carol for a new patient consultation  
**01764 652607 / 01887 820441**

*Beautiful dentistry with you in mind!*

## **EUREKA £ SHOP**

**Yes..... Everything is £1 .... Come And See**  
**Gifts..... Stationary..... Househo£d..... Kitchenware.....**  
**Toys..... Cosmetics..... Underwear.....**  
**Pet Food..... Pet Toys.....**  
**Cand£es..... Party Accessories..... Confetti.....**  
**G£oves..... Tee-Shirts..... Games.....**  
**Christmas Goodies.....**  
**A££ Year Round Goodies.....**

**Main Street, Ki££in, Perthshire**  
**Tel: 01567 820 297**

### **Killin Crafts**



*Can't think what to get  
For Christmas?  
We have gifts  
for every occasion  
Come in and browse*

**ph 01567 820357**



**Loch Tay  
Highland Lodges**  
& Equestrian Centre

**Milton Morenish Estate, By Killin**  
**Open All Year**  
**Aberfeldy 30mins - Kenmore 15 mins**  
**Luxury Lodges**  
**Luxury 2, 3 & 4 Bedroom STB 4\* Lodges**  
**Fully Equipped - Stunning Scenery - Overlooking Loch Tay**  
**Short Breaks available from £15 pppn (based on 4 sharing a 2 bed lodge)**  
**Minimum two night stay**  
**Bunkhouse - sleeping 8 with sauna/colour tv/microwave (£12.50 pppn)**  
**Wooden Tepees - Sleep 4. Some with integral kitchenette and shower from £10 pppn.**  
**Cosy, comfortable accomodation ideal for a weekend break or Christmas holiday.**  
**Special New Year Package**  
**New Years Eve Party with buffet and disco (ticket only)**  
**Minimum four nights (limited availability)**  
**Telephone 01567 820323**  
**www.lochtay-vacations.co.uk**  
**e-mail: info@lochtay-vacations.co.uk**





## Hogmanay Fireworks Definitely ON!



Some of you may have heard through the local grapevine that the fireworks on the Dochart Bridge at New Year were cancelled due to problems with insurance. We are pleased to report that this is now not the case - the fireworks will be happening as usual thanks to Killin Community Council who have managed to obtain insurance through Stirling Council.

Most of the money to pay for the firework display was raised by Pamela Farquharson who held a dance in McLaren Hall earlier in this year.

Many thanks to everyone whose efforts ensured this very popular event would be held again this year. Collectors will be on Dochart Bridge at the Bells with buckets to collect your generous donations.

# Killin News



**The deadline for copy, and advertising  
for the next issue of the Killin News is:  
20 January 2003**

### Production Committee

#### **Editor**

Linda FitzGerald

#### **Assistant Editor**

Gilleen Ford

#### **Treasurer**

Margaret MacIver

#### **Secretary & Adverts**

Judy Forster

#### **Advertising Artwork**

Liz Stevens

#### **Photography**

Iain Campbell

#### **Distribution**

Jim Beattie

#### **Production Team**

Angus Inglis

Kay Riddell

Dani Grant

### **Editorial Policy**

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

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

**Postal Address: Kilchurn, Killin**

**Telephone: 01567 820298**

**E-Mail: [killin.news@virgin.net](mailto:killin.news@virgin.net)**

**on line at: [www.killin.co.uk](http://www.killin.co.uk)**

## Killin WRI

Mrs Hunter, President, welcomed everyone to the opening meeting. Mrs J Caird from Virgin Cosmetics gave a talk and demonstration on her products.

### **Competitions**

#### **Lemon Curd**

1. M Naismith, 2. M Graham

#### **Pretty Bar of Soap**

1. C Reid, 2. M Graham, 3. E Stewart

On Thursday 7 November our meeting was held in the Lesser McLaren Hall. The President welcomed the company, and introduced Mrs Weatherston from the Search and Rescue Dog Association, who gave a very informative talk and slide show about her work with SARDA.

This was an open meeting and several members of the public attended. We also had visitors from neighbouring institutes.

Tea was served by the hostesses Cathie Reid and May Graham with the help of the committee.

### **Competitions**

#### **Dressed Wooden Spoon**

1. J Huntley, 2. C Hope, 3. M Graham

#### **Animal Photo**

1. E Woods, M Twigg, 3. M Graham

At the close of the meeting the Mrs M Hunter thanked all who baked and helped at the Flu Jab Coffee Morning in aid of the MacMillan Nurses.

This year's whist drive on 8 November in the Lesser McLaren Hall was held in aid of the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. There were 9 tables and the card master was Ian McGregor.

### **Winners**

#### **Ladies**

1. M Aitken 2. K Riddell, 3. K McRae, Booby - I Hall

#### **Gents**

1. D Willison, 2. W Stitt, 3. I Hunter, Booby - G McIntosh

The committee would like to thank all who attended, gave prizes and donations of money.



## The Lady of the Stream

For the anglers not keen to put their rods away at the end of the trout and salmon season, why not give the grayling a go. Beautiful, silvery, hard-fighting fish - and you do not have to go too far afield to catch them.



I have caught big grayling on the Tay just outside Aberfeldy. The Tummel and the Earn are two other rivers in the area with good grayling in them. However, it can be trial and error to locate the shoals. A light fly outfit, with a cast of two leaded nymphs, is the usual set up, but for better sport you can not beat trotting a small red worm under a float on light gear. This can result in good bags of fish on even the coldest days at this time of year. There is no mistaking a grayling when it is hooked. The head goes down and it moves into the streamy water where it uses the unmistakably large dorsal fin to the best advantage in evading the net.

Many thanks for the positive response to my article in the last edition and to those who tried to guess the location of the photo. No winners, as you were all many miles out. It could become a new feature though – Guess the location!!

Don't forget to clean reels and rods before putting them away 'til the next season. Many people forget this important job. It is also well worth checking and discarding old line and hooks and renewing for the new season.

Tight lines for 2003.

*Gregor Macaulay*

### Killin Community Bus

The Annual General Meeting of the Killin Community Bus Company was held on 28 May 2002, and additional committee meetings are regularly held to discuss maintenance, cleaning and finances.

Over the summer months, the bus has been used for shopping trips, theatre, concerts and flower shows – there are notices around the village with the details.

It has been decided to advertise the bus more than it has been in the past, and if anyone wants to enquire about availability and costs, then please telephone Gill Higgins.

*Frances Gaskell*

## Killin Carpet Bowling Club

The Annual General Meeting was held on 24 September and the routine business was efficiently dealt with. Costs are closely controlled, and it was decided to keep the present subscriptions of £15 per annum, and nightly dues of £1 per night, the same. Two new committee members were elected:- Neil Forsyth and Davy Sutherland.

The new season started on 30 September 2002 and all new members will be very welcome.

*Frances Gaskell*



## FORSTER ELECTRICAL

KILLIN

*WISHES EVERYONE A  
HAPPY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
'MERRY' NEW YEAR*

## Highland Adventure Safaris Christmas Gift Idea!



Experience the **Great Outdoors** from the comfort of **Indoors**.

*Head to the hills on our Award Winning  
Land Rover Safaris*

*Wildlife-Scenery-Adventure  
Or*

*4x4 Adventure Trailing on our exciting off-road course.*

*Muddy trails, mountain burns and testing slopes.*

*All in the reassuring company of an experienced instructor.*

***Exciting - Adventurous - Fun***

***A Thrilling and Different Christmas Present***

*Vouchers valid for 12 months*

*Prices from £30 per person*

*For details telephone **01887 820071***

*[www.highlandadventuresafaris.co.uk](http://www.highlandadventuresafaris.co.uk)*

*[info@highlandadventuresafaris.co.uk](mailto:info@highlandadventuresafaris.co.uk)*



## Short Story Competition

The evening was advancing and, as usual, the TV programmes were pretty puerile and I'd taken to watching the goldfish in the aquarium instead – which is always a soporific pastime and sometimes more educational – but I felt like getting some fresh air before bed time. I put the unfinished newspaper on the floor, donned my shoes and jacket and strolled off towards the woods, a favourite walk of mine. A bright light caught my eye, descending slowly from the starry sky until it appeared to land somewhere in the woods. As I got nearer I hid behind this tree and that tree until I came upon the object I saw in the sky. It was metallic and round and there was a door in the side with a ramp coming down and resting on the ground. I saw two men dressed all in white – like wet suits but white – and my mind raced back 30 years to when I'd read a book by George Adamski in which he said he'd flown with the 'flying saucer' people. So he wasn't hovering after all, I thought. A voice said, come on over and I looked around quickly and nervously and thought, who, me? Yes You, said the voice, no harm will come to you. I stepped from behind the tree and walked toward the men. Come, said the tall one, You've come this far so we'll take you further and show you around. My nervousness faded and I felt at ease. We went aboard the silver ship, the door closed and I was taken into the main room. There you are, said the tall one, Your world as seen from space. I was flabbergasted. We'd only been in the machine a few seconds and here we were in space looking at a tiny world, and I hadn't felt a single movement.

From there on I plied them with question after question until finally the tall one said, right, one more question and then we'll take you back. In front of me was a screen not unlike a TV screen and on it was a colourful pattern which reminded me of the photos of corn circles I'd seen in the newspapers during the past few years. I'll catch them out, I thought, so I asked how corn circles appear in our fields. Simplicity itself, said the tall man, we use this very machine. It works by Hyperbolentical power which sends a powerful invisible beam down and into which we can programme any pattern we want. We can make it ten of your yards wide or a mile wide and we can do it from any distance. It's rather like, he tried to explain, when we earth people focus the sun's rays through a magnifying glass which can then cause something to burn. That's a very crude simile, he said, the difference is we don't burn things, we just make patterns. My mind was completely boggled by now but I blurted out, but why do you do it? That, said the tall man, You will find out in a few years time. It was time to go back he said and so saying, the door opened and I saw that we were in the wood again. I thanked them profusely and then set off for home. Half way home, having thought about the happenings of the last few minutes – or was it hours – I didn't know, but at the thought of knowing about the secret of the corn circles I let out a loud Yippee! – and my body jolted and my arm slipped from the armrest of the chair and the newspaper fell to the floor.

I sat there, momentarily confused, and then realised that it was all just a dream. I felt so sad. I thought I'd made a wonderful discovery. I reached down for the paper and saw that it had fallen open at a page where - I couldn't believe it - there was a photo of a corn circle. It was beautiful to look at and I stared at it and I remembered my dream and I thought - I wonder - I wonder -----.

*Mel Stevenson*

## SUPPORTING the COMMUNITY



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

 **BANK OF SCOTLAND**  
BUSINESS BANKING

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

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

# Mervyn's Weather

During the period May till July 2002, which should have given us our summer in Highland Perthshire, the rain poured and the wind blew. But in southern England some, albeit short lived, hot, dry spells occurred. After about mid July these were inevitably described by T.V. weather announcers, mostly from the distaff side, invariably "gushing" and often strident, as "Indian Summers". Traditionally an Indian Summer is applied to a spell of warm, settled conditions occurring long after summer proper has ended, say second half of September or early October. So on Loch Tayside, while from early May through to July we had virtually no decent weather, August did begin to relent slowly and, although warm, there was high humidity, and at the beginning of the month thundery deluges. It was only during the last week of August, much as in 2001, that any serious thoughts of hay and harvest could be entertained. September of course brought us the long hoped for Indian Summer and saved the day for us peasants!!



By 31 October, 1416 mm (57") of rain have been deposited on Ardtalnaig, just short of the average annual total for the years 1990 – 2000. The totals for this 10 year period are much higher than those for the previous 40 years which stood at 1277 mm (51") so that the conception that rainfall generally over the U.K. is increasing is fully proven.

There are so many factors involved in such an increase in rainfall, and indeed frequency of strong winds, reduction in frosty, sunny spells and not least in fine sunny periods, that it is difficult to point a finger at any one reason for these changes. Forty years ago the Boffins were telling us that we were on the brink of another ice age, recently they insist that greenhouse gases are the culprits by making a hole in the ozone layer. Now, however, while huge areas of Antarctic ice are melting, as are glaciers on Kilimanjaro, they tell us that the ozone "hole" is filling up. Even more recently, tests on borings made in icecaps and elsewhere suggest that historically these swings in world climate are well established long-term phenomena and that we can expect 300 years of increasing rainfall and gales followed by 3,000 years of dry and hot conditions – who's worrying!!

On a completely different slant, I recently visited Peggy Bissett, widow of the late Bob who was a well known character of Lubreoch, Glen Lyon, exponent of Robert Burns, clockmaker, shoemaker, stalker and many other capabilities. I was honoured to be given a picture of the old Invermearan Lodge taken in 1909 (photo below) and Bob and Peggy's Visitors Book of the late 1960s early 1970s. In the latter are names from all over the world as well as a host of more local ones, including a good scattering of Killin names, many now alas passed on.

Invermearan Lodge and many other buildings at the top end of Glen Lyon are of course now under many feet of water. However, in a dry summer such as 1984 the water level can fall sufficiently to expose the old sites and renew the memories of those of us that dwelt therein. Bob Bissett himself, while exploring these ruins, discovered a last, dating from the droving era, which had been used to make shoes for the cattle. The present Invermearan is of course a misnomer, the original clachan was several miles upstream and signified the "confluence of the Mearan Water with the Lyon"

**Mervyn K Browne - Ardtalnaig**



Bob Bissett



## Beauty Therapist

Offering a Wide Range of Beauty Treatments including

Waxing, Facials, Manicures, Tinting, Aromatherapy, Swedish Body Massage & Body bronzing

Home visits available

Call Sheila for appointment (Lochearnhead)

01567 830 272

## Shutters Restaurant

Main Street, Killin  
Tel: 01567 820314



Open for coffees, homebaking and snacks throughout the winter. Niall, Sandra and Sandra wish all their customers a very merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

## Helping Rural Businesses

We come to you



### Business start-up support

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

### Existing Business Support

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

### Learning

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

STEP's mobile training facility allows IT training to be delivered in your location.



**FREEPHONE**  
**0800 3893050**

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

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





**Killin News wishes all  
readers a great Christmas  
and a happy New Year.  
See you in 2003!**

## **Stuart Forster** **Electrician**

**For  
Sockets,  
Lighting,  
Security Lights,  
Phone points etc.**

**Tel:- 01567 820 031  
Mobile:-0771 8044318  
Seasons Greetings**

## **Proposed Adult Community Learning Programme January – March 2003 Term**

Stirling Council Community Support and Clackmannan College hope to provide the following learning opportunities next term. Times, days and availability of venues have yet to be confirmed, so look out for posters in Killin Library, Post Offices, Newsagents and notice boards or contact Suzanne Player at the number shown below. In addition to these courses, we also plan to hold taster sessions in Basket weaving, Upholstery and Interior design in Crianlarich.

### **KILLIN**

Basket Weaving - McLaren Hall	Tues 7-9pm
Upholstery - McLaren Hall	Daytime
Art - Killin Primary School	Tues 4-6pm
<i>Gaelic - Killin - ONLY if we can find a tutor for this class</i>	

### **ARDEONAIG**

Computing Projects - Ardeonaig School Hall	Tues 7-9pm
--	------------

### **TYNDRUM AND CRIANLARICH**

Art - Tyndrum Village Hall	Weds 7-9pm
Computing for the Terrified - Crianlarich Village Hall	Monday 7-9pm

### **LOCHEARNHEAD**

Upholstery - Lochearnhead Village Hall	Tues/Thurs daytime
Intro to Oil Painting - Lochearnhead Scout Station	Weds 10am-1pm
Computing for the Terrified - Lochearnhead Village Hall	Daytime

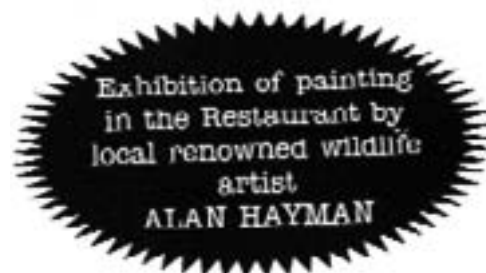
### **BALQUHIDDER**

Intro to Interior Design - Balquhiddier Village Hall	Daytime
--	---------

*Please contact Suzanne Player, Stirling Council Community Animateur for more information or to register your interest.*

*Tel: 01567 820154 Email: [players@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:players@stirling.gov.uk)*

# **Croft-na-Caber**



Visit the **Loch View Restaurant** for the very best in local fare and enjoy a full **A La Carte Menu** or a **Sunday Roast** that will not disappoint you.

Open daily 6 to 9pm - Sunday 12 - 2pm

The **Croft Bar** offers bar meals that are second to none daily from 6 to 9pm

*All meals are prepared with fresh local produce - satisfaction guaranteed.*

Why not view the **Croft Function Suite**  
available for  
Private Parties, Weddings,  
or that Special Occasion

**Croft-Na-Caber**  
**Loch Tay, Kenmore**  
**01887 830236**



Croft na caber is part of the Paradise Group of Resorts

# Family History - John Dewar

As Secretary of the Killin Heritage Society, I receive requests for help on various topics but particularly from those seeking to piece together their family history. There is a fund of knowledge available but it is often just knowing where to look that provides answers or at least heads you off on the right path. One of the difficulties with family history is the name, especially the anglicised translation from the Gaelic or a change in the way the name is spelt, and this can occasionally send you in a completely wrong direction. Those who have done any research into family history, house history or undertaken any historical project, soon realise that there are many avenues to pursue. Information is gleaned through books, historic documents and records, the endless opportunities of the Internet, and some of the most interesting discoveries are often made whilst in conversation with others sharing a similar interest in history.

Most of the requests for help come from Canada and the United States of America, but only rarely does the family have access to as much detail as that of Bill MacCallum. His family is fortunate to be in possession of letters (one printed verbatim at the foot of this article), documents and a verbal history that has been handed down from father to son, since their family immigrated to Canada in the 1760s. Today the search goes on for more details of those family members who once lived in this area. Hundreds of people emigrated from Loch Tayside and most of us have heard and read about the thousands of others from the Highlands of Scotland who left in the 1800s, but many fail to realise that this mass emigration really began in the mid 1700s. Several of Bill's ancestors, including one John Dewar, were amongst these emigrants.

John Dewar was born in Perthshire in about 1745 or 1746 and his story is a poignant example of the sort of experiences that many Scots lived through in the century after the Forty-Five as the spirit of Highlanders was slowly broken and the Highlands were emptied of people. In 1768 Dewar enlisted in the British army to serve in America. He went overland to Portsmouth, England, and set sail from there, becoming part of The King's Royal Regiment of New York, eventually rising to the rank of Captain. Around this time he married Mary McDiarmid. Mary, with her father Archibald, came from Loch Tayside, but may have already been living

in New York State, or the couple may have married in Scotland, and then Mary and her father, and possibly other family members, may have followed John Dewar to the New World. The family settled on a farm in Jerseyfield, near present-day Johnstown, New York.

When the Americans declared independence in 1776, John continued to serve on the British side. The King's Royal Regiment of New York was based in Montreal during the war and made regular raids into New York State. Military records show that he 'officially' arrived in Canada in 1779 and, shortly after, purchased 200 acres for the purpose of building a new homestead. The cost was £28. This property was very close to where the eventual border with the US would be drawn, at the junction of the Richelieu River and Lake Champlain, in the present-day municipality of Noyan, Quebec. When the war ended in 1783 the 'Royal Yorkers' regiment was disbanded. Records indicate that John and Mary had two children while living in New York State, but there is no record of any children living with them when they settled in Canada. In 1784 John built a log cabin, and a large barn for horses and to store weapons, as he continued to be Captain of the local militia. The barn still stands and has been in continuous use, although today it stores farm machinery, not weapons!

Meanwhile, in the spring of 1785, Mary's sister Katherine and her husband Archibald MacCallum, armed with a reference from the Rev. McIntyre, Glen Orchy Manse, left Scotland with their two young girls. They landed in Boston and made their way up into the mountains of central New Hampshire, where a small Scottish settlement had been established near present-day West Thornton. In August Katherine gave birth to a son. Then tragedy struck. In the autumn of 1785 Archibald MacCallum was out chopping down trees, either to build a log cabin or for firewood, and was killed when a tree fell on him. Shortly afterwards, Katherine died. Family tradition says that she 'died of a broken heart' but this overly romantic perspective covers up the incredible difficulties that she would have endured. She would have been well along in her pregnancy while aboard the disease infested immigrant ship. She would have almost definitely given birth in rural New Hampshire without any medical assistance, and there were often complications. As well as all

the usual demands placed on women at the time, she would have had to do much of the work associated with creating and preparing a new home so the family could survive the winter. If she had not been in the best of health when she left Scotland, as was true for many Scottish emigrants, it is easy to understand how her body could have succumbed to one of any number of diseases.

So by early 1786, there were three little Scottish orphans in this bleak pioneer outpost - Margaret, 5, Flora, 4, and Daniel MacCallum, 6 months. They were taken in and looked after by other local pioneers. Meanwhile, a letter came from Scotland for John Dewar and his wife Mary, relating what had happened to Mary's sister. You can imagine how Mary would have reacted, especially since it would have taken many months for the news to reach Scotland and then be relayed back to her in Canada. She would not have rested until she convinced John that they adopt her nieces and nephew, especially since she had lost her own children a few years earlier. So, in the spring of 1786, they set off in a horse and carriage. There were no roads, and they travelled across some of the highest mountains on the continent east of the Rockies. They would have passed through complete wilderness in northern Vermont, which had not even started to be settled at the time. The trip to the settlement in New Hampshire would have been a minimum of 200 km of unimaginable difficulty. But their problems were just starting. When they arrived, the local people would not give them the children, as it seems they could not prove the relationship. So they went home empty handed, but they did not take 'no' for an answer and petitioned the British government for custody of the children. After much letter-writing they once again made the hazardous journey to New Hampshire, and this time they came home with the children, just as the winter's snows started to fall.

Out of respect for his brother-in-law, John Dewar allowed the children to keep their last name, but in all other respects raised them as his own and, upon his death the children inherited all his property. John Dewar had made a good living, having the contract to supply the British army at Fort Lennox with milk and cheese, which was produced by himself and other local farmers. When Daniel was a teenager he was sent to a tutor in Montreal to learn ....

*Continued overleaf*

## Continued from previous page: Family History - John Dewar

to read, write and do mathematics. Letters from Scotland, from both John's brother Patrick (Peter) a teacher in Amulree, and Mary's brother Hugh in Ardeonaig, kept coming, asking about life in the new world. Finally, John's mother, his brother Donald and his family, and his sister Christian and her son, decided to come to Canada in 1799. Just as the boat was about to set sail from Scotland, tragedy struck again. John's mother, who must have been at least 70, passed away, and as the boat was literally pulling out of the harbour, the body was taken ashore and buried by strangers. By the time the remaining family members arrived at John Dewar's homestead, Donald was very sick and he died a few weeks later on August 12, 1799, aged 45 years. His gravestone stands on land owned today by Bill's father.

In a petition (dated 14 May 1802) to apply for land grants as new areas were surveyed, John Dewar lists his dependants as his wife, his sister, his brother's widow, and nine children (all adopted nieces and nephews). The petition was successful, and one of the new plots of land at Freleighsburg, Quebec was given to his adopted daughter Flora MacCallum and her new husband Asa Westover. Margaret MacCallum married a Duncan Dewar, no

relation as far as we can tell, in 1807 and moved to Carillon, Quebec. In 1818, another immigrant from Scotland, one Archibald Dewar, the keeper of the Quigrich, one of the ancient relics of St Fillan, passed by Duncan and Margaret's home on his way up the Ottawa River to his new home in Beckwith County, Ontario. Duncan and Margaret's son, also named Duncan, who was a young lad, was suffering from whooping cough. According to ancient custom, the Quigrich was slipped around young Duncan's neck and in time, Duncan recovered and lived to the age of 95.

John and Mary Dewar's other nieces and nephews moved away eventually as well. Only Daniel MacCallum remained in Noyan. In the War of 1812, he fought for the British as a Captain, eventually rising to the rank of Colonel and commanded troops during the Rebellion of 1837. In 1820 he married Mary Brisbin, and took over the farm from his father John Dewar. Their first child was named John Dewar MacCallum. In 1832, a Scottish stonemason who had recently immigrated to Vermont, was hired to build a substantial stone house. The log cabin was torn down and the family moved into the big new two-storey house, one of the finest houses in Canada at that time. At the age of 87, John Dewar must have felt

like his life-long battle to build a piece of Scotland in the New World was finally complete. Bill's grandmother Dorothy MacCallum, 90, continues to live in this house today.

On 27 April, 1835, John Dewar passed away and is remembered with a simple wooden cross behind the barn he built in 1784. Mary Dewar (nee McDiarmid) passed away three years later on 28 July, 1838. The farm is still owned and operated today by Bill's uncle Bruce and cousin Owen MacCallum, descendants of Daniel MacCallum. It is the only bi-centennial farm in the province of Quebec owned continuously by the same English speaking family.

*Ardeonaig, 7 march 1794*

*Dear sister,*

*this is to let you know that we are all in good health at present. Hoping to hear the same from you. This is to let you know that your father and your mother are not alive nor my wife nor Robert Campbell who was married to your sister. Now your sister dwells in Comrie and her son listed with the soldiers. We are much afraid for the Frenches and Lord Breadalbane raised a great number of soldiers.*

*And dear sister there are none of your father's family in Tullich, but John, your younger brother. But they are all well in good health. We wish to hear you are pleased with the place that you dwell in or would wish to come back again to this country and would wish any of your friends to be where you are yourself.*

*Dear John. This is to let you know that your father is alive and your brother donald is in the farm and peter keeps a school in Glencuaich and they're all in health and have gone to Glendochart and have come back to fingen in Ardeonaig.*

*Dear sister we heard that your sister died since she landed there.*

*It was my son that wrote this letter. Again at your convenience we will be glad to hear from you.*

*I am your dear and affectionate brother  
Hugh McDiarmid*

*Gillean Ford*

If readers have any information about the ancestors of Bill MacCallum, he would appreciate if they would get in touch via E-Mail on or write to him at RR#2, Omeme, Ontario, Canada KOL 2W0

### "EUREKA HARDWARE"

Main Street

Killin

Perthshire

Tel & Fax: 01567 820 277/ 386

e-mail: daniacf@dialstart.net



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

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



## Killin Breadalbane Angling Club



Dear Linda

*My three-year term as President of the KBAC finishes at the end of October, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the help given to the Club, both personally and through the Killin News.*

*The inclusion of angling news, notices, and bits and bobs about the Club has been a good way of keeping in touch with the members and I hope will continue.*

*Again many thanks and best wishes for the future*

*Jack Scougall - President*

## National Park Representative

The National Park Planning Committee arrived in Killin on 29 October. As a prelude to the formal planning meeting the committee members made a couple of site visits. The main visit was to the Fingal Road site of Rural Stirling Housing Association where we had the benefit of hearing at first hand the concerns of local residents on the important issues of flooding and safety. This helped clarify our own worries on the reports and objections which had been conveyed to us by the planning officers.

Like all Park Authority committees, the Planning Committee opens its meetings to the public. I am pleased to say that a number of people came along to the McLaren Hall to hear our deliberations, and probably more keenly, to hear whether or not planning authority would be granted to the Housing Association. Permission to go ahead was granted subject to a number of conditions, which I feel sure will ease most of the major worries.

The Ranger Service for the Park has been divided into four areas and the team for our area - named Breadalbane - has been appointed under the leadership of Senior Ranger Calum McNeill Ritchie. The three ranger team will be supplemented by a temporary fourth ranger during the tourist season. The team is there to help, and to educate, so please talk to them. It always helps the rangers if they are made aware of local concerns.

Little by little the changes are happening. The next one to affect us locally is the transfer of car parks and toilets from the local authorities. In December we will see the start of the transfer from Stirling Council with the picnic area at Glenoglehead in pride of place.

How can you help make the Park a success? Just let us know your concerns or suggestions. I can be contacted at The Village Shop, Lochearnhead or by phone on 01567 830214.

The next Park events in this area are: Park Authority Meeting in McLaren Hall, Killin, on 25th November at 10.30AM. I hope to see you there.

**Owen McKee**

## ATTENTION !

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

To discuss your business needs and to find out availability of our Business Clinics,

call Paul Murphy MLIA(dip),

Business Development Manager

Telephone: 01786 445 757, mobile 07771 778594

### Mobile Banking Hours

Lochearnhead: Monday & Thursday 10.45 - 11.15 am

Crianlarich: Monday 11.45 - 1 pm

Killin: Monday 1.30 - 2.00 pm - Thursday 11.45 am - 12.30 pm

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



# The Royal Bank of Scotland

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

## Sports Pavilion

After many years of dedication Kay Riddell and Liz Stevens are retiring from the Sports Pavilion committee at the AGM in February 2003.

This means that the committee need a Chairman and a Treasurer. If you feel that you could fill these vacancies or would like more information about what is involved - please contact Kay (820291) or Liz (820369).

You do not have to be sporty or a member of the Sports Club to take on these roles, help and advice could be given during the transition/change over period.

Without a treasurer the Sports Pavilion will close - do you want that?



Shoot results for Sunday 8 September 2002 when 20 guns turned out.

### Down The Line

#### Class A

1. E McAllister 74, 2. G Coyne 73, 3. R Cairns

#### Class B

1. D Graiston 70, 2. A Skillen 64

#### Class C

1. E Paterson 69, 2. K FitzGerald 35

### Sporting

#### Class A

1. H Campbell 66, 2. P Robinson 63, 3.

R Cairns

#### Class B

1. A Skillen 45

#### Class C

1. J McKary 42, 2. E Paterson & J Miller equal on 36

High Gun - H Campbell 131

Down The Line Cup - E McAllister 74

The Shoot on a freezing cold, Sunday 20 October was an opportunity to receive personal tuition from Edith Barnes, the Commonwealth Medal Winner. This was a well attended event.

The results were:-

### Down The Line

#### Class A

1. E McAllister 73, 2. G Coyne 69, 3. G Whiteford 62

#### Class B

1. D Ormiston 66, K Hames 60, H Paterson 58

#### Class C

1. A Gowans 54, 2. R. Mills 48, 3. E Paterson 45

### Sporting

#### Class A

1. E Barnes 75, 2. E McAllister 66, 3. H Paterson 54

#### Class B

1. A Skillen 36, 2. S Christie 27

#### Class C

1. J Miller 42, 2. D Ormiston 36, 3. J Morris 33

High Gun - H Paterson 112

Veterans Trophy - R Cairns

*G D Coyne  
Secretary*

## GAULDS FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Director David Gauld

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

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

18 - 22 BANK STREET,  
ABERFELDY.

Phone: 01887 820436 Fax: 829320

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



## Suir Lodge Hotel

### Christmas Day Lunches

Vegetable Soup  
Melon

\*\*\*\*\*

Turkey  
Chicken  
Nut Roast

\*\*\*\*\*

Christmas Pudding  
& Brandy Sauce

\*\*\*\*\*

Coffee & Mints

Present from Santa

Complimentary Wine

Booking by  
15 December

£29.95  
under 12 s £14

Tel:- 01567 820417

FAX:- 01567 820040

## Community Animateur Job Share

For over a year, Suzanne Player has only been able to work part of her 30 hour post as Stirling Council's Community Animateur for the north west highland Stirling area.

Martin Judd has recently been appointed to fill the 'missing' hours and will share the job with Suzanne. Martin moved to Killin with his wife and young son 2 years ago and is running a successful bed and breakfast business here. Martin has a genuine interest in community development issues and is delighted to be able to take this job on. It is anticipated that Martin will be involved in developing more adult learning opportunities in the area.

## Christmas Greetings

It was mid December, and of course the thoughts of most people had turned to the coming Christmas season. Well, not quite everyone. In mid-December 1903 two brothers had something else on their minds. They were attempting to achieve their dream. Their dream was to pilot the first powered flying machine. On 17 December they achieved their dream - 120 feet at the first attempt and later that same day - 852 feet.

They were delighted and telegraphed home after their first success to their sister Katherine. "We have flown 120 feet. Will be home for Christmas". She rushed round to the local newspaper with the telegram. The editor looked at and said, "How nice, the boys will be home for Christmas". It was perhaps the biggest story in his life - but in the midst of Christmas celebrations he completely missed it.

Almost everyone will celebrate in one way or another this Christmas. But let's ensure that we are aware of the world shattering events of the first Christmas. The incarnation of the self-sacrificing God!

Living in this beautiful part of the world we can't help but know that God reveals himself through creation. As the Psalmist tells us, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the skies proclaim his hand work". God stepped into this world, Jesus walked this earth, the Messiah, the anointed one, the Saviour of the world.

Today we have moved on from the days of Wilbur and Orville Wright. Their successor has walked on the moon! The words of Neil Armstrong, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" have gone into the history books. Another moon walker, Jim Irwin, made a far more significant statement when he said "God walking on earth is infinitely greater than man walking on the moon!"

This Christmas, join us as we worship the One who did things infinitely greater than we can ever fully comprehend. May I wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas and may the wonder of it all be with you throughout the coming year.

*The Reverend John Lincoln*

## Silent Auction in Aid of the Ghillie's Fund

On the evening of 15 January there will be a fund raising auction in support of the work of the Tay Ghillie's Fund. Suitable items with a fishing theme are asked to be donated by 12 January. These will then be put on display at the Bridge of Lochay Lounge Bar and bids can be registered at any time up to 9 pm on the night of the 15th. This will be the first time the area has made a fund raising contribution to the Fund, which is used to support the work of the Tay District Salmon Fisheries Board and the Tay Foundation. The result of the auction will be announced at 10pm. Items already pledged include a Salmon Priest, Wading Stick, Fly Reel and local paintings.

All donations can be handed into the hotel. Please support this worthwhile cause.

## Church Student

I was the Church of Scotland Summer Student in Killin, Ardeonaig and Balquhadder this year and last. My work was mainly visiting in people's homes, nursing homes, hospitals and school. I also covered the parish when your minister, Reverend Lincoln, was on holiday. I enjoyed this placement very much due to the kindness I was constantly shown as I worked in the villages. The photo opposite was taken in Killin Church on my last Sunday, 25 August, and shows me receiving a beautiful Celtic Cross as a parting gift. The people in the photo you will recognise as Gill Higgins, Rev John Lincoln, Jack Rough and Bunty McGregor.

I would like to convey my thanks to all who gave me personal gifts. Their kindness is much appreciated. No doubt I will visit Killin again probably after my studies at university have finished. Killin and surrounding villages will always remain close to my heart.

*Jacqueline Thomson*



## TYNDRUM TAXIS

**Adam Cunningham**

**Any Distance**

**Airport Runs**

**4 x 8 Seater Taxis**

**16 Seater Minibuses**

**Day Tours Arranged**

**Luggage Pick Up Service**



**01838 400 279**

**Thirty Seven**



Seasons Greetings to  
all our Customers and  
Best Wishes from all the  
staff  
at

*Stitt Brothers Ltd*

*Building Contractors,*

*Painters and*

*Decorators*



## Gus Macdonald

Electrical Contractor  
**Free Estimates**

47 Main Street, Callander

Phone: 01877 330 430

Mobile: 0771 358 6608

**Merry Christmas To All**



## National Park Fisheries Forum

On 30 October there was an invitation meeting at the Gateway Centre Balloch, the purpose of which was to form a committee to develop an angling policy for all fishing within the Park. From the list of those invited to attend, it was obvious that the majority represented interests of migratory fish in the Lomond, Argyll and Forth areas, with representatives of the coarse fishing fraternity. Add to this comprehensive list statutory bodies such as water authorities, SNH and SEPA. Any policy is likely to be heavily influenced by those already operating a management scheme centred on Loch Lomond, the Trossachs and Argyll, coupled with the coarse fishing interests.

So where does this leave the important catchment of the River Dochart, the lower River Lochay and the Rivers Fillan and Connonish? Out on a limb is the immediate answer, remember this area is only a very small section of the available fishing within the whole of the park. When the committee was elected, it was decided to have a representative from each Salmon Fishery Board, so this section of the park will at present only have a member of the Tay Board representing interests. The remaining positions were filled by those from the above mentioned bodies, plus Park staff. The Chairman did say that others could be elected to the committee, but with eighteen already sitting, it was thought that the final committee should comprise about twelve members. This will be achieved by some representing more than one area of interest. Many attending expressed views from their particular field of interest, but it was obvious that these were to be the remitted to the committee and not for discussion at this meeting. It was also suggested that sections of the Park could have their views collated and presented at future meetings in writing or by a committee member appointed for the area. I expressed the view that in this area there were many riparian owners, and other organisations who should be consulted, and a brief laid before the committee setting out how the management of the angling is being carried out at present. Most were unaware of the structure of control given by the Tay Board and Tay Liaison Committee, in operating the present angling policy on the upper reaches of the Tay system. It was also apparent that any policy may over ride existing procedures, and that any future studies

and agreed methods would require to be advised to the park authority before being adopted. This could mean any stocking may only be done with the permission of the park personnel, electro fishing and redd counts would require to be pre advised, any alteration to access, change of methods or improvement work may need to be put to the administration which will over see the park fishing policy. SNH and SEPA and Water Authorities will also have in large input to what will be permitted, and other recreational interests will be taken into account.

Whatever the final policy is, it is the opinion of the Killin Breadalbane Angling Club and the TLC, that the views of this important area require to be forcefully heard. The result of the meeting at Balloch will be discussed at the next TLC meeting, and perhaps a gathering of all interested in the future of angling in this area should be convened as soon as possible. The next meeting of the elected fishing policy group takes place on 11 December. Like it or not, the Park is with us and unless we wish to have another tier of management thrust upon us, angling interests will need to mobilise quickly.

*Alex Stewart  
Recorder to TLC*

## MacMillan Nurse Coffee Evening

Mrs Elma Scott and friends would like to thank everyone who supported the coffee evening in Crianlarich Village Hall on Friday 27 September 2002 in aid of this very worthwhile organisation. The sum of £1,001 was raised.



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

**Could you help someone to speak up for themselves?**

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

For more information contact:  
**01786 471120**

Advocacy Worker  
Listen Up!  
Quality Action Group  
Stirling  
FK8 1DU

## Jazz Supper

Following last year's successful venture, the Killin local committee of Cancer Research UK Scotland held another Jazz supper in the McLaren Hall on 27 September. The Trad Jazz was provided by the Reunion Band made up, as the name suggests from musicians from differing sources and organised by Peter Davenport of Tullybannocher Food Bar near Comrie.

The buffet supper was delicious; a great evening's entertainment with couples taking to the floor and regretting that the dancing could not go on to the "wee sma hours".

Thanks to the hard working committee members, the Bar volunteers and to all those who made the evening such a success. The total amount raised was £1,424.

In her introduction to the evening Jill Stroyan the President mentioned that the evening was only one of many activities organised the committee throughout the year.

Incidentally the committee was formed in the 1950's and has worked hard ever since. Well done.

*Allan Walker*



"Merry Christmas

Mum. We hope you like your present.

We found it at  
**BRIDGEND MILL**  
in KILLIN

They had so much to choose from, we will be back there next year for sure."



phone 820508

## Sponsored Cycle

On Sunday 6 October, the PTA organised a sponsored cycle to raise money for the Playground Development Fund. About 30 kids and various adults met at the first gate along the Auchlyne Road and cycled as far as Auchlyne Farm (3.2 miles) before stopping for refreshments. We would like to thank the Christie Family for their warm welcome (it's not everyone who could cope with 40 people arriving for juice and cups of tea!) and the use of their barn as a pit stop! After a rest we all cycled back to Craignavie Road.

Two members of the Mountain Rescue Team - John Wyllie & Stewart Inglis provided First Aid cover for us. Luckily we didn't require their medical skills but we did hear a rumour that they had given one or two cyclists a lift in their trailer!

We were blessed with glorious sunshine and lots of laughs - mainly at those trying to ride the tandem - and more importantly managed to raise the magnificent sum of £1000 exactly. We would like to say a big "thank you" on behalf of all the children, to everyone who sponsored a child for their part in the event.

*Julie Rhys  
PTA*



**Loch Tay**  
Highland Lodges  
& Equestrian Centre



Milton Morenish Estate, By Killin

**Open All Year**

Aberfeldy 30mins - Kenmore 15 mins

**Equestrian Centre**

BHS & TRSS Approved - Qualified friendly staff

All ages & abilities welcome

W inter riding in large indoor complex with viewing gallery.

Groups Welcome

Lessons from half hour (£14) - 1 hour treks (£14) - 1 hour hacks (£16)

Pony rides for small children (£7) - Day Rides

Discounts for groups/multiple bookings

**Telephone 01567 820323**

**www.lochtay-vacations.co.uk**

**e-mail: info@lochtay-vacations.co.uk**

## ERIC McALLISTER CARPET FITTER

"Tredaire"

Tel: Killin 01567 820 359

**SPECIALIST ON ALL  
FLOOR COVERINGS**

**Supplier of  
Carpets & Vinyls**

**Festive Good Wishes to All**

**24.7 /A.A. CARS**



**CRANLARICH TAXI  
SERVICE**

For Information Phone Ian  
Armstrong Anytime on (01838)  
300307  
or Mobile 0778 7788360  
E-MAIL : [ian-](mailto:ian-@cranalrich.co.uk)

## Tay Liaison Committee

The TLC, as it is appropriately known, was set up to service and monitor the Tay Protection Order and to provide a channel for complaints from anglers on the Tay system. Complaints tend mainly to be about lack of access and restrictions on wading, or wading deeply, imposed by estates and riparian owners. Access for the public to angle is the condition imposed on landowners in return for legal protection for fresh water fish stocks. Any one can angle for any fresh water species of fish, if they obtain "TPO Permit", and therein lies a problem. This includes two different branches of angling, Game and Coarse.

Our Highland rivers and lochs are for the most part pristine natural habitats, which were inhabited naturally after the Ice Age by marine species such as Salmon, Brown Trout, Arctic Char, and Eel. Salmon, Trout and Char are known as game species and are targeted by sporting fly fishing anglers as a food source. This sports man (conservationist) or forward looking person, does not jeopardise the stocks of these fish or the gene pool of the stock, in fact I would go so far as to say that fly fishing is selective predation, and has a positive genetic effect on trout stocks.

On the other hand, in coarse fishing, there is no need to give the fish a "sporting chance", from the conservation point of view, because they virtually always release all the fish they have caught anyway. So you can understand, that if brown trout are targeted and killed using coarse fishing tackle and methods, this will deplete the trout stocks and damage the diversity of the gene pool. The result will be not enough fish for Ospreys, Red Throated Divers, and Cormorants, so everyone loses out.

Modern coarse fishing tackle and monofilament lines are highly developed, very efficient at catching fish in all weather conditions, and thus pose a serious threat to the trout stocks. My approach, or strategy, is therefore to convert the coarse anglers who attend the Tay Liaison Committee meetings to fly angling for brown trout, and so far it is looking good. As I regard fly angling as harmless to trout stocks, I feel this form of fishing for wild natural trout should be free throughout the British Isles or indeed the whole world.

*Duncan J. Twigg*

## Ardeonaig & District WRI

Mr Forbes talked on Guide Dogs for the Blind. We raised £50 for this cause by a raffle. Ladies from Killin WRI joined us. Votes of thanks were given by R Simpson and M Graham. Tea hostesses were J Scott, P Hope and A Whitmore.

### Competitions

**Dog Photo:** 1. J Morgan, 2. J Ferguson, 3. J Anderson

**Plum Jam:** 1. J Anderson

**MAUREEN H. GAULD**

**&**

**The Killin Gallery**

**WIDE RANGE OF  
ANTIQUES,  
FINE ART & CURIOS  
ON DISPLAY**

**Seasons Greetings  
to all our Customers**

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

## New Year's Night Dance



The Traditional dance will be held in the McLaren Hall on the evening of 1st January 2003.

Tickets are priced at:

16 and over **£7**, under 16 and over 65 **£5**

These are available from the following Lodge Members:

**Colin McRae  
Alex Stewart  
Mark Lincoln**



Tickets should be paid for on ordering

Come along and enjoy an evening of traditional Scottish music with the Tommy Walker Dance Band.

**John Lynch**

**Dip.Pod.M**

**STATE REGISTERED  
CHIROPODIST**

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

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



## Glen Dochart Caravan Park Declared "One of the best holiday home parks in Scotland"



Bryan and Margaret Donaldson, owners of the Glen Dochart Caravan Park, were runners up in the Calor Caravan Park Awards in the category 'Best Holiday Home Park' in Scotland 2003. This award reflects the very high standard of the park, as they were shortlisted from 300 high-graded entries.

During a superb champagne luncheon at Crieff Hydro, the Donaldsons were presented with their award by travel writer and broadcaster, Alison Rice and Gavin Tomlinson of Calor Gas.

Bryan and Margaret have been at Glendochart for over 14 years. The young family they brought up there, Sarah, Andrew and Richard, are now all grown up and have flown the Glen, but they are now blessed with three lovely grandsons. The boys still return to help their father, and Sarah is remembered on the Park by returning caravanners for her scones and lemon meringue pies.



(L-R): Bryan and Margaret Donaldson, Alison Rice and Gavin Tomlinson.

## Disgraceful!

A 35 year old foreman electrician from Alva, pled guilty at Stirling Sheriff court to driving his Suzuki motor cycle at **108 MPH** on the Glen Dochart stretch of road, near the Old Mill Restaurant in September.

He was fined £750 and a three-year driving ban was imposed. I'd say he got off very lightly when you consider the alternatives!

*Editor*



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

**Tel: 01887 830251**

**Open Everyday  
for Christmas Shopping**



## Car Boot Sale

**Saturday 14 December**  
**10am - 2pm**  
**McLaren Hall**  
**£5 per table (no traders)**  
**Contact Lesley Syme**  
**on 820424**

**First chance to buy**  
**Panto Tickets**  
**and book Reserved Seats**

~~~  
**Panto dates -16, 17 & 18**  
**January 2003**

**PRIZE DRAW**  
**£100**  
**of Shopping Vouchers**



**Milton Morenish Estate, By Killin**

**Open All Year**

**Aberfeldy 30mins - Kenmore 15 mins**

**Clay Shooting**

**Established 20 years**

**Full tuition and all equipment provided**

**No experience necessary.**

**We cater for individuals, groups, families and corporate outings**

**£18 for 25 shots - Discounts for groups**

**Please book in advance to avoid disappointment**

**Telephone 01567 820323**

**www.lochtay-vacations.co.uk**

**e-mail: info@lochtay-vacations.co.uk**

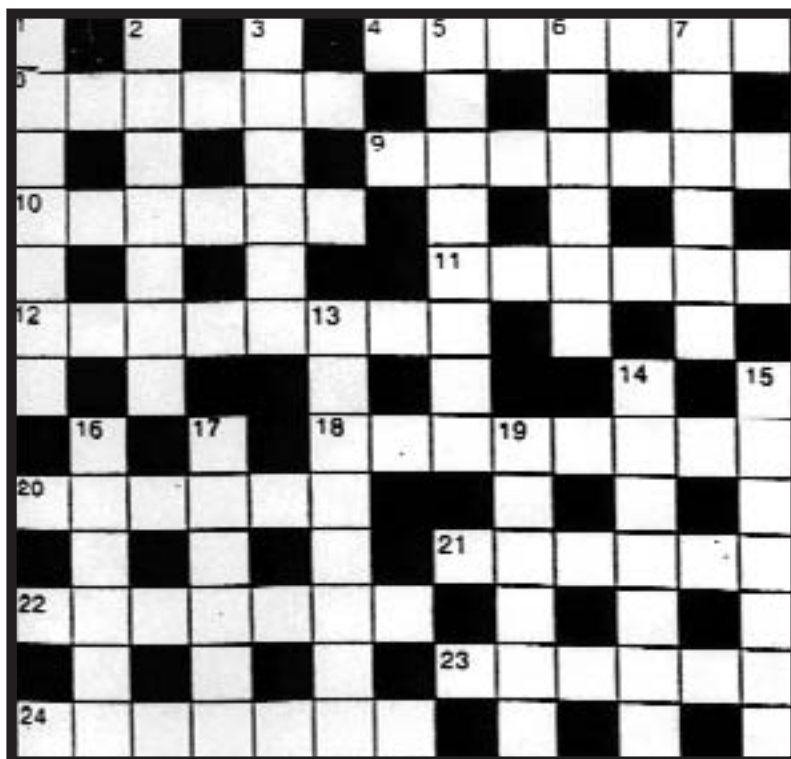
# Christmas Prize Crossword by Scorpio

## Across

4. Chooses to start with a point (7)
8. Previously hand over sounds as if it has increased in number (6)
9. Out of the ordinary (7)
10. Rust appears when we stupidly order 500 (6)
11. Old patriarch of Constantinople and a character in Homer's Iliad (6)
12. Given a share (8)
18. Finish uranium circle to be lasting (8)
20. Part of a sect or cult (6)
21. Abandon in Irish elves territory (6)
22. Demonstrate (7)
23. Plan it and make it flexible (6)
24. Roseate perhaps but it does smell nice (3,4)

## Down

1. Cut Capone down and you'll find quite a few (7)
2. Gambling groups (7)
3. Turn aside, remove 50 and become a flaw (6)
5. Developed (8)
6. Cease and pole give cover (6)
7. Container for a refreshing drink (6)
13. Warm air currents enjoyed by birds (8)
14. Confuse dismal key and give bad advice (7)
15. Concur with return of an old book (5,2)
16. Of French evil joined for this instrument (6)
17. In a state of near unconsciousness (6)
19. Give support (6)



## Solution to Crossword Issue 71

**Across:** 4. Account 8. Oil Rig 9. Emirate 10. Cornet 11. Answer 12. Pressmen 18. Trombone 20. Remove 21. Advent 22. Toy Town 23. Labour 24. Adoring

**Down:** 1. Concept 2. Blarney 3. Divers 5. Commando 6. ogress 7. Nutmeg 13. Mute swan 14. Boredom 15. Venture 16. Behold 17. Coster 19. Madras

**Two £25 prizes, donated by Killin News, will be sent to the first 2 correct crosswords. (Solutions to Killin News, Kilchurn, Killin)**

# Messrs John McRae (Killin)

**Quality Butchers And Purveyors of Fine Wines**



**Over Forty Years Of Quality**

**ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE**  
**FROM OUR LICENSED SHOP AND MOBILE VAN**

**A Quality Selection Of Oven Ready Turkeys, Ducks, Pheasants, Chickens and Roasters Are Available For Christmas**

**Enjoy Home Made Sausages, Stuffings, Steak Pies & Chipolatas**

**Fine Wines, Cheeses And Cooked Meats Complement Your Christmas Treat**

**For Something Different This Christmas,  
Why Not Use Our Gift Vouchers To Give To Friends?**

**You May Wish To Purchase A Wine Gift Box For Someone Special**

**DON'T DELAY - ORDER TODAY !**

# Strathfillan Community Council News

Police Constable Ian Carnegie reported that the abandoned vehicles at Crianlarich Railway Station car park and White Bridge have been removed but the one at Dalrigh Car Park is still under enquiry.

The public toilets in Tyndrum have had a fire in the ladies toilet twice in the last month. The first time was a fire set in one of the cubicles causing smoke damage resulting in closure and re painting. Last week the waste bin on the wall within the ladies was set alight, although it did not cause closure. Enquiries have been negative but we should all be aware of this problem, as it may be a local person that is involved. Any information on this would be appreciated. I have advised the village officer that it may be worthwhile to lock the toilets overnight during the winter in order to resolve this problem.

There was a report of a car prowling, during the night, in Crianlarich last week in the driveway of a house before moving off. We need to be vigilant and any such incidents reported to the police at the time, remembering that the lead up to Christmas is a vulnerable time for domestic housebreakings to occur.

Senior Ranger Calum McNeil-Ritchie reported that a third member has been appointed to the Breadalbane team, which covers the triangle from north Callander, to Killin, to Tyndrum and they are looking at premises in a central location for their office. Gavin Skipper covers the Glendochart/Strathfillan area.

Glengarry Corner is being resurfaced with anti-skid surface. It was agreed to keep a watch to see if our other proposals are carried out.

Loss of 975 Bus Service from/to Oban. Mike Dean Citylink Perth said that they had asked Argyll & Bute Council to

contribute financial support, but in the opinion of the council 'alternative facilities' were available between Oban & Tyndrum, so they declined. We are awaiting a detailed response from Anne McGuire MP, and Sylvia Jackson MSP.

Repair of the wall at 1 Willow Square was put out to tender on 1 November with work scheduled to start on 3 February and completed by 10 March

The fences in Crianlarich are in need of attention, spars are missing, they need painting and there is growth through the gaps. It was agreed to see what is required and whether it could be taken on by SCDT as part of 'beautifying Crianlarich'.

The wheelie-bins have all been removed from the lay-bys. Those at the toilets were removed, but replaced after Stirling Council was contacted.

Kate said that Sylvia Jackson MSP had told her what a high regard she has for our Community Council.

At the October meeting Scottish Water was present to answer questions on the moratorium in place for both Tyndrum and Crianlarich. The outcome was that to overcome the lack of water in Tyndrum would be expensive and because all expenditure has to be paid for by the income from water charges, it is unlikely

to be remedied. The sewage problem in Crianlarich is on the list as a medium term project, and it is likely that a treatment plant would need to be installed.

Ron Mould and his team came to both Tyndrum and Crianlarich to give away free energy saving light bulbs. In both villages there was a good turnout. Effie and Moira were left with extras to give out, so if you know of someone who missed the event please let us know.

Thanks to our article in the Killin News, we have had Kate Winton, Theresa Robertson and Jock Henderson as nominations for joining the CC.

**Moira Robertson**  
*Strathfillan Correspondent*

## The Delicatessen Comrie

***Wishing you all the best over the Festive period***

Catering for all events large or small, or that special Hamper delivered to the door. Speciality Cheeses, Ham, Wines and Gifts.

All you could hope for and more.

Phone Andrew or Caroline on  
**01764 679253**

**Wee Bake Shop**

We would like to wish  
all our Customers a

**Happy Christmas  
and a  
Prosperous New Year.**

**WE SHALL BE CLOSED  
FROM 29 DECEMBER  
UNTIL 24 FEBRUARY**





## Loch Tay Highland Lodges

& Equestrian Centre

**Milton Morenish Estate, By Killin**

**Open All Year**

**Aberfeldy 30mins - Kenmore 15 mins**

# Marina

Recently extended and improved our Marina now offers  
boats for hire for fishing & pleasure cruising on Loch Tay

**High Speed Boat Trips**  
(up to 8 people) with skipper - from £40 per hour

Boat moorings and storage available - prices on request.

Fishing from £30 per day (trout) cruising from £14 per hour.

**Telephone 01567 820323**  
**www.lochtay-vacations.co.uk**  
**e-mail: info@lochtay-vacations.co.uk**



# Killin Breadalbane Angling Club

The season for trout and salmon has closed for another year and the coarse fishing will end on 30 November. Time to reflect on the past season. The competitions were fairly well supported and it was encouraging to have some new members joining in. The quality of trout has improved although not so easily tempted to the fly. The char have once again been few in numbers and it will give cause for concern if this trend continues. Salmon were showing in considerable numbers during the spring, but the returns were the poorest for some years with 32 being caught averaging 10.56lbs, and 5 grilse averaging 4.40lbs. The coarse anglers have enjoyed some great sport with many double figure pike being caught.

The club promotes trout fishing by means of artificial flies, and all members should follow this method and actively encourage others to do so. This particularly applies to introducing the younger club members to the sport

Results of the Club Casting Competitions held on 17 August at the Killin Show

## Senior Competitions

Salmon for Distance: 1. A. Stewart Pts 135, 2. Davy McLarty Pts 76

Trout for Distance: 1. D. McRobbie Pts 25, 2. A. Stewart Pts 21

Trout Target: 1. A. Stewart Pts 69 2. D. McRobbie Pts 47

Trout Accuracy: 1. A. Stewart Pts 6 2. Donald McLarty Pts 5

## Ladies Competitions

Combined Discipline: 1. Susan McRobbie 2. Alex Tigwell

## Junior Competitions

Distance: 1. C. McLarty Pts 115 2. G. Tigwell Pts 75

Target: 1. S. Tigwell Pts 7, 2. G. Tigwell Pts 5

Overall Winner: 1. C. McLarty Pts 120, 2. G. Tigwell Pts 80

The Club Members were noticeable by their absence, particularly those on the committee. Thanks to all who did make the effort and to those who contributed prizes and Sponsored the event. (Tighnabruaich Hotel, News First, Craigard Hotel, Killin Hotel, Annette's Chip Van and Co-op).

It was encouraging to see a good turn out of both visiting and local Juniors taking part, and particular mention goes to Camilla Tigwell for going in against both her brothers and the other junior competitors. It is very encouraging to see

new junior anglers, who are prepared to take part and get proper instruction in casting.

Lawfield Fishery was the venue for the Club's outing on 7 September. This is a well managed fishery set above the Clyde valley. Eighteen rods took part, with one of our number having driven 500 miles to take part. Thirty-three fish were caught and the winner was Angus MacLennan's bag of five for 12 lbs, with myself landing the heaviest at 5 lb 6 oz. John Mallinson landed his first keepable trout in competition. On our return to Killin we enjoyed a supper of sausage rolls and chips, curtesy of Les and Liz at the Falls of Dochart Inn.

The final competition on September 22 was held at the Breaclauch, with everything to cast for. Ten rods took part on a warm breezy day and eleven trout were weighed in with many undersized fish returned.

The work of the club has not ended yet. The boats will require care, and the new landing stage built, so everyone take note your help is required.

The survey of the salmon fry and parr population was carried out in September. The River Lochay on three sites indicated a natural healthy, but small fry population with some good size parr, this bears out with the small number of spawning salmon that entered the river last year. Where seeding had taken place the yearling fry were of good size. The River Cononish was very disappointing few fry but some good size parr. The River Fillan indicated a very healthy fry and parr count that proved the spawning activity witnessed in recent years was productive. On the Dochart there were good numbers of fry and parr, indeed one parr measured 113mm and was in spawning mode. No salmon were to be seen on any of the areas surveyed, nor were any showing in the pools adjacent. It is during late October that spawning starts on the Rivers Fillan and Dochart, with the River Lochay being slightly later, and the fish would hopefully have still been lying in deep water, and will begin to enter the redds later in October. Thanks are extended to Dr David Summers for his expert analysis and informative guidance. The care of all our fish is of great importance and without observing, witnessing and understanding what is happening in the rivers during the spawning season we would be unworthy custodians.

The Vale of Leven Invitation Competition took place at Lawfield on 19 October. The club was represented by Donald McLarty, R. MacPherson, Davy. McLarty and Alex Stewart. There were good numbers of fish showing, and the team, thanks to Davy, did not end up blank as his three fish weighed in at just over 7 lbs.

The club held its Annual General Meeting on 1 November in the Lesser McLaren Hall, followed by a supper and prize giving in the Killin Hotel. Over thirty members attended. The retiring President Jack Scougall outlined what had been achieved during his term in office and thanked the members for giving him the opportunity to serve the club.

Elected for 2003: President - Ian Downie, Vice President & Minute Secretary - Douglas MacRobbie, Secretary - Gerry McCarron, Treasurer - Angus Inglis, Competition Secretary - John Chisholm. Representatives on other organisations. TLC - Duncan Twigg, Loch Tay Users Association - Gregor McAullay, West End Salmon Fisheries Association - Donald McLarty, Tay District Salmon Fishery Board - Sid Haydock. Committee: David McLarty, Grant Tigwell & Colin Higgins. Patrons and Honorary President are unchanged.

Ian Downie thanked the members for electing him and paid tribute to Jack Scougall for his work over the past three years. The new President then proposed that Honorary Life Membership be conferred on Jack. This was unanimously agreed. It was also agreed to retain the membership fees and mooring dues at the present level and to ensure all fees are paid for launching at the slipway

## Results for 2002

**Club Champion - David McLarty**

**The Peter Ross Cup**

**Angus MacLennan**

**The Pairs Trophy**

**Pip Akers & Angus MacLennan**

**The Handicap Cup - Alex Stewart**

**The Heaviest Fish - Angus MacLennan**

**The Heaviest Basket - David McLarty**

**The Awa Cup - Angus MacLennan**

**The Casting Cup - Alex Stewart**

**The Course Fishing Trophy**

**David McLarty**

**Junior Champion - Callum McLarty**

**The Salmon Trophy - G. Tigwell**

**The Heaviest Salmon - R. MacPherson**

*Donald McLarty  
Competition Secretary 2002*

## Duncan Ban McIntyre 1724 – 1812

Few people in Killin have heard of Gaeldom's finest bard who lived for many years at Bad a' Mhaim (pr. bad a vine) at the head of Glen Lochay.

He was a forester in Coire Cheathaich (misty mountain) and Ben Dorain under the Earl of Breadalbane in the early 18th Century.

After the war I was told about the natural stone seat by his cottage where the Bard often sat and composed his poetry and songs in praise of Ben Dorain and Coire Cheathaich and other episodes in his long life. Born in Glen Orchy 1724 he fought at the Battle of Falkirk in 1745 where he lost the sword given to him by Fletcher of Achallader to represent him.



The late Hugh Macrae of Bridge of Orchy showed me the stone seat in 1950 (photo left), but in the 1970s when I went with Tom Weir (photo above), it had been washed down the burn after a massive flood. By the good help of Niall Laurence, the farm manager at Kenknock he took his bulldozer and set it up on a bank by the cottage where it has been placed on a stone base by the very kind help from John Sinclair, John Stewart, Donald Hancock and William Stitt.

The Gaelic Society of Inverness has welcomed this effort of remembrance of the Bard and will have a plaque set on the stone seat in memorial.

*Pat Sandeman*

## Cruachan Coffee Shop & Licensed Restaurant

*Bookings taken for Christmas Parties & Dinners throughout December - £17.50 per person*

### *Welcoming glass of Mulled Wine*

**Haggis Sporrans**  
**Cream of Mushroom Soup**  
**Spinach Roulade**  
**Savoury Vegetable Parcels**  
**Deep Fried Brie with Cranberry Sauce**  
**Smoked Salmon & Prawn Swirls**

**Traditional Roast Turkey** with all the traditional trimmings

**Roast Rib of Highland Beef**  
**Vegetable and Nut Roast** with a spicy tomato sauce  
**Wild Mushroom Strudel** with a celery and brandy sauce  
**Honey Roast Ham** home baked with honey and cloves  
**Fillet of Venison** pan fried with a red wine & currant gravy  
**Salmon Fillet** with lemon & parsley butter



### **Sweet Selection**

**Coffee, Mince Pies, Christmas Cake etc**

**Christmas Day Enquiries**  
**Transport can be arranged**

*To Book your Party or Dinner, Please phone us on 01567 820 700 / 302*  
**Seasons Greetings to All our Friends and Customers**



We would like to thank everyone in Killin for your friendship and support over the past twelve years, both in the hotel and retirement home.

We have enjoyed living in such beautiful surroundings and amongst such friendly people and will miss it immensely.

We would like to say a special thank you to the relatives and friends of residents and to residents themselves and to staff in the Home. Thank you all.  
**Hilary & Geoff**

**Dorothy and John Farmer** would like to convey their sincere thanks for the lovely 'Get Well' cards and phone messages, along with the physical help given by their friends during John's recent illness and subsequent stay in hospital. Also grateful thanks to Dr Syme and our local ambulance crew for their swift action.

**Morag Donald and the family** in Killin Oban and Perth would like to thank everyone who sent their kind expressions of sympathy on the death of their Mum Peggy. Special thanks to Davie Osler, Dee Melia and Duncan McKinnon for their help at the funeral service. Also a sincere thank you to Mum's loyal friends Mary Hunter, Margaret Ingles, Helen MacGregor, and Callum McLennan for their regular visits at home, Stirling Royal, Bannockburn Hospital and Crieff Nursing home. They were very much appreciated.

**Morag MacKenzie & Donald MacPhail**

Dear Linda

I am sorry to hear that you are giving up the 'job' and hope that the Killin News continues to thrive from the excellent position you leave it in. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support of my position and your patience with my ever-late articles! The Killin News is a brilliant vehicle for me to get information out to local people and you have always been so helpful with arranging delivery of additional material for me.

A huge 'thank you' from me and I hope you enjoy a well-deserved break from such stressful voluntary work.

Kindest regards  
**Suzanne Player**

#### **Win Davidson**

**Syd and family** wish to express their very sincere thanks and appreciation for the huge range of cards, letters, phone messages and flowers from all you kind people. Win made a valiant effort and was on the road to recovery, but after some days was unable to stand the strain.

A special mention is due to the dedicated surgical and theatre team, also the ITU and HDU nursing staff who looked after Win in Glasgow Royal Infirmary, and to whom we are most grateful. Again thanks to everyone.

Syd is starting to suffer from Telephonitis & Writer's Cramp.

**Frances Gaskell** wishes to thank everyone for their good wishes during her recovery (which is getting less painful), following her car crash.

### **Strathfillan Community Development Trust**



Dear Linda

#### **Thank You**

The Board of Directors of the Strathfillan Community Development Trust have asked me to once again forward a donation of £100 to the Killin News as a thanks for the superb service that you have given us in this past year.

As a community organisation, it is important that we keep local people up to date with what is going on in their Trust. The Killin News is a superbly efficient (and entertaining) vehicle for regular contact. Thank you for always finding space for our news - and even putting it in colour last time.

Please pass on our appreciation to all the committee. In addition, sincere thanks to yourself for your hard work, dedication and sheer character; as you step down from the Editor's position.

Good wishes & good luck to all.

**Sue Wyllie**

Many thanks for your kind words and very generous donation again this year - it is very much appreciated.  
**Linda**

**Pat and family** would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy extended to them personally and by letters, cards, flowers and phone calls after the sad loss of Gilbert.

Many thanks to all who paid their respects in the Church and at the Graveside. Special thanks to Dr Holden, the Killin Ambulance Team and Andrew Anderson & Son, Callander. A sum of over £700 was generously donated to the Beatson Oncology Unit in Glasgow.



## Shoe Box Christmas Appeal

Thanks to all who handed into the library a shoe-box filled with gifts for deprived children. A total of 37 boxes were collected. The boxes will be sent to poor, suffering and sick children around the world, who without your gift would have little or nothing at Christmas time.

Once again, thank you.

**Judy & Kay**



A big thank you to the many friends I have made during my stay in Killin. Thank you also to the Home staff who have made me so welcome and finally to the residents who mean so much to me. I am going to miss Killin but have many happy memories.

**Evelyn Cousins**

I would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards, gifts and good wishes sent to me whilst I was in hospital recently and since I came home. They are very much appreciated. Special thanks to Margaret Inglis from myself and my family for all her help and support.

**Ginge Campbell  
Machany**

**Babs Gordon and family** would like to express their most grateful thanks for all the kindness and sympathy shown to them after George's sudden death.

Special thanks to Rev John Lincoln for his comforting words, the Killin Golf Club seniors, and all those who attended the services at the church and the Crematorium.

## Training Opportunity

With the Community Newspapers Forum, Stirling Council hope to be able to offer some training in **Desk Top Publishing, Writing Skills** and **Digital Photography**. We plan to hold these sessions in the north west highland area in the New Year.

Please let Suzanne Player, Stirling Council Community Animator know if you are interested or look out for posters in the New Year.

## Breadalbane Cottages Self-catering

S.T.B. 3 & 4 Star Commended



**Killin, Perthshire**

**Tel/Fax: 01567 820386**

**daniacf@dialstart.net**

Contact: Mrs Dani Grant

## Killin Cancer Research Committee

### Coffee Morning

**Saturday 30 November 2002**

**10 - 12 noon**

**in the McLaren Hall, Killin**

**Home Bakery Stall  
Raffle**

## GRANT AND WELSH

(Sole proprietor: A Grant)

**Painter & Decorators**

**Ames Taping**

Greenbank, Main Street, Killin

Tel: (Killin 01567) 820462



**Festive Good Wishes  
to all customers**

## ANDREW ANDERSON & SONS

### FUNERAL DIRECTORS



**24 Hour Service**

**Prepaid Funeral  
Plans**



**Monumental Service**

**Family Run Business**

Address: 14 Camp Place, Callander

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

Rest Room Address: Glenartney Street, Callander

# There's More To Kate Than Cakes!

I recently had the pleasure of enjoying a conversation with Kate Winton of Kates Cakes. Although Kate has advertised with the Killin News for many years, this was our first opportunity for a wee blether, and what an eye opener it was for me. I then got to thinking that it has been quite some time since we ran the feature 'People File' and figured it was high time to run another one, this time featuring Kate.



Sixty-one year old Kate hails from a long line of bakers, in fact she is the fourth generation of her family of bakers. Her mother learned her trade in Switzerland and Germany (two countries which excel in cake making) and the unique recipe Kate uses, handed down generation by generation, remains a secret only known by her family.

Kate and Stewart live near Crianlarich, have been married for 31 years and have three children. Stewart was an engineer in the Army for 14 years and now looks after the equipment at Inverhaggernie Estate. Richard, the eldest is an engineer on a farm/estate and is getting married in

February. Glen, the middle son has obviously picked up Kate's genes and is a chef at Oban Hospital. The youngest son Stewart Jnr is a mechanic and will be emigrating soon to Australia. Although Stewart Jnr and his wife will be missed, I have no doubt that Australia will be high on the list for future holidays for Kate and Stewart.

Recently Kate was 'head hunted' by Tesco to supply specialist and individual cakes for their customers. And following a meeting with Tesco management she has signed a two-year contract to supply them with celebration cakes. Quite an achievement, but not surprising when you hear that Kate has made cakes for people all over the world. A bit like Killin News Across The Globe – Kate's Cakes have gone to Australia, Germany, Turkey, Holland and also to Orkney, Mull, Skye and all over mainland UK.

Over the 40 years she has been baking, Kate has made some really strange designs in cakes. Tony Davis who is now a resident in the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home (who also designed the original Killin News logo) asked Kate to do a comical cake for his son. The design was to be a bum! Kate (not being one to sit on her backside – couldn't resist that pun!) rose to the occasion and produced the cake – a bare bottom with feet and toes sticking out from underneath, as if in a crouched position. Now I could speculate here as to the sponge type – but I don't think I should go there!!

A cake currently in the 'pipe' line is for a butcher's celebration birthday party. She is baking cakes in the shape of sausages and bacon with roasts on the side. She has done football cakes for charity, 'eggless' cakes to accommodate allergies, gluten-free cakes too. The cake in the top corner is part of a five-tier (2 layers fruit and 3 of madeira) wedding cake which she took to a wedding in Ireland. The roses of course are hand made (she sits and makes them of an evening).

Kate & Stewart have also reared working collie dogs. Unfortunately the mother dog, Gyp, died from an aneurysm after giving birth to 12 pups. Kate and Stewart worked round the clock trying to feed and save the pups (see photo opposite).



Two of the pups did survive and are now a year old and working happily.

With all this going on in Kate's life you will be amazed to hear that she is diabetic and two years ago was diagnosed as also suffering from Multiple Sclerosis. Not that Kate would allow her disability to slow her down any more than it has to – she has risen to the challenge of her illness just as she would to coming up with an idea for another cake.

Kate and Stewart celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary last year and renewed their wedding vows in Crianlarich Church. They also had a celebration party with 80 guests and it was then that their sons gifted them a surprise holiday of a lifetime in Barbados. The photo on page 51 shows Stewart enjoying a read of Killin News under an avocado tree. Kate admitted to having been a bit concerned about how she would manage to go on the holiday – the long plane journey being her biggest worry. But she praised British Airways for treating her like a VIP and for their assistance with wheelchairs and dietary requirements which enabled her to go swimming every day in the sunny Caribbean sea.

Kate Winton is a very lovely local lady for whom we wish many, many years of happy cake making in the future.

*Editor*

**Kate's Cakes**

**BIRTHDAYS**  
**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**PARTIES**  
**WEDDINGS**  
**WEDDING FAVOURS**  
**BRIDAL BOUQUETS**

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

**Order Christmas Cakes Early**

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







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

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

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

**Filling Station:** **The Filling Station is being demolished and re-built. It will continue to run from the foyer of the main business which is open all year round.**

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

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

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



**Tyndrum, Perthshire  
Scotland, FK20 8RY**

**Tel: 01838 400271**

**Fax : 01838 400330**

**e-mail:**

[thegreenwellystop@tyndrum12.freemove.co.uk](mailto:thegreenwellystop@tyndrum12.freemove.co.uk)

**website:** [www.thegreenwellystop.co.uk](http://www.thegreenwellystop.co.uk)

**Now Open All Year**

**7 days a week**

**April - October 8.30am to 5.30pm**

**November - March 8.30am to 5.00pm**

**Filling Station**

**May - September 7am - 10pm**

**October - April 8am - 9pm**

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

# The Green Welly Stop

All major Credit and Debit Cards accepted. Tax free shopping for overseas visitors. Bureau De Change and **ATM CASH MACHINE SERVICES**



**The Green Welly Stop wish all our customers and friends a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2003**



# INVERVEY HOTEL TYNDRUM



**OPEN  
ALL  
DAY  
EVERY  
DAY**

**BED  
&  
BREAKFAST  
£25  
P.P.**

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



**OPEN DAILY  
FROM 8 AM**

Breakfasts – Lunches – Dinners

Warm, Informal Surroundings

Freshly Made Costa Coffee

Wide Ranging Menu  
Including Chefs' Specials

Full Wine List Available

Group Bookings Welcome.

**NEXT TO THE  
INVERVEY**

**NOW OPEN**

**NEWLY REFURBISHED  
LOUNGE BAR**

Open Daily From 11 am

Serving Hot & Cold Drinks, Snacks &  
Meals in a Relaxed & Friendly Atmosphere.

No-Smoking Area

Games Room With Pool Table  
& Dart Board

Regular Live Music



*To Make a Reservation  
at Whytes, Please  
Phone 01838 400273*



**Telephone 01838 400219**



## Killin News Across The Globe



(Above) Almost the Killin News Across The Globe! - Ronnie and Jessie Mackay of Fiddler's Bay, by Ardeonaig flew to Venice, cruised down the Adriatic, through the Mediterranean to New York via the Azores – lovely!

They asked a friend to take a photo of them with their 'well travelled' Killin News and with the Statue of Liberty in the background. The friend obliged, and took two – both all smiles and no News! Great photo though – thanks for sharing it with us and giving us a laugh at the story.

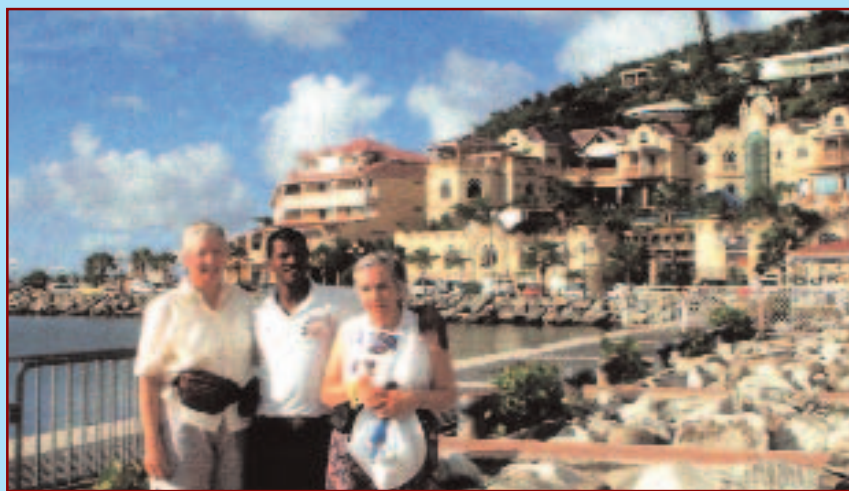


(Above) Sitting beneath an avocado tree in Barbados is Stewart Winton - see article about Kate on page 48.



(Left & below left) Reading the Killin News against a magnificent backdrop - from the summit of Mont Blanc du Tacull at 4,295 metres is David McCallum, formerly of Killin and Killin Primary School. After completing his apprenticeship in the RAF, David qualified to join the RAF Mountain Rescue Team full time, and has recently gained his mountain leadership qualification. Well done

David! How about some other former pupils letting us know where they read their Killin News these days? (Thought that I had better include the other picture in full climbing gear - just to show that he doesn't really climb mountains in a jacket!)



(Above) This photo shows Muriel Mustard (formerly of Miss Mustards' Tea Room in Killin) with her niece Vivien Welsh on the beautiful island of Saint Martin (St. Maarten). They were cruising on the P&O Liner 'Sea Princess' for two weeks during which time they visited ten different islands in the Caribbean. Also in the photo is their driver and guide.



