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Susi Lingel and Scottie Wilson
at the Clanscape event



Karen Simpson with her dog at
the Killin Show



MacGregor clansman at the
Highland Games from the USA

See inside for details of Clanscape, The Killin 10th International Highland Games, The Killin Show, The Floral Awards, and other local attractions.



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The Fish Man

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leaves there at 4 in the morning. Killin is a distance of 163 miles, so you can imagine that in the dead of winter this is not a drive for the faint hearted. After he leaves Killin he heads west to satisfy more customers and does not return home until 8 that night. It's a long day! As well as Killin on a Thursday he does Comrie on a Tuesday and

Callandar on a Wednesday. Altogether in one year George covers about 30.000 miles. That's some driving! I asked George if it was getting more difficult to get fish. He said no, but admitted it was not as good as it used to be. So the next time you see the big white van saying 'Moray Fish Services' think what you were doing that morning at 4 o'clock.!
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Postcard Competition

Postcard Competition

Community Rooms News

By now everyone must be familiar with the proposed new community rooms planned to replace the old session house adjoining the Church of Scotland. The old building is to be replaced by a comfortable modern suite of rooms with kitchen, toilet and full disabled access available to community groups. We now have the green light for Go. The bank balance stands at over £58,000 but we need to raise a further £30,000. If the money is pledged it will count and can be

paid up later. We would like to reach our 'bulldozer target' as soon as possible. If you would like to donate you can pay into Bank of Scotland – Special Building Fund – Account No. 1938940 or pledge money on forms available from the library or the church porch. Thanks to all who have promised to help. If you have pledged in the past, e.g. the person who offered a dishwasher, please contact any of the Church elders or board. Many thanks. **Linda Frost**



Do you need a new home in any of these areas?

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Register of Electors

The annual canvass forms for the Register of Electors will be sent again in September. It is very important that the forms are filled in and returned quickly. If there is no form returned from a house for two years in a row, the electors names are removed from the Register and they can't vote.

Forms will be posted in early September. The names of the current electors are shown on the form so all anyone needs to do is mark on the names of any new voters and score out the names of people who are no longer there.

New voters will include anyone who is now over 16 years of age and residents from countries expected to join the European Union in 2004. The form also gives electors the choice of whether or not to have their names excluded from the Edited Register which is sold to marketing companies etc. A tick is all that's required. Voting by post is increasingly popular, over 12,400 used this method at the last election. The letter P will be shown against the name of any elector who currently has chosen this option.

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Killin Community Council

Recycling of our refuse

Main points from the meeting of the 8th July

The Spirit of Loch Tay

Richard Shand said that the feasibility study was now out and a meeting was to be held in Killin Hotel on 11th July to talk through the study. It is hoped that the boat would be arriving at Dalerb during the first week in August where it would be assembled.

Cemetery Car Park extension

Word is still awaited on agricultural aspects and the planning department of Stirling Council

Roadside railings

Stirling Council are not keen to put the railings back outside the School.

Ben Lawers Centre

The National Trust are finding it difficult to afford the upkeep of the Centre. There is concern in the village about the possibility of the Centre closing and its impact on the village. Further enquiries are to be made.

Glenoglehead

Complaints have been received from residents about litter and that people are using the surrounding area as a toilet. It was proposed that signs be erected directing the

public to the nearest public toilets, and that a barrier be erected to prevent the parking at night.

Fireworks

The proposed Law banning fireworks after 11 pm. will not be in force this year. The Committee are to look in to the possibility of fireworks for this New Year and will report at the September meeting.

Votes of thanks were proposed to Jake for his excellent work in keeping the streets of Killin clean, to the the volunteers who regularly water the hanging baskets, tubs and hayricks and to the residents of Dochart Road for making the approach to the village such an impressive sight with their floral displays.

Finlarig Castle

The Tourist Association, EAK the National Park and Historic Scotland have been planning to improve the Castle. A grant is being sought from the National Lottery.

Community Futures

Suzanne Player, our head representative on Community Futures expects to have a Forum in September.

Next meeting: Killin Primary School on Tuesday, 9th September

Stirling Council are introducing recycling of all rubbish in all areas over the next 18 months.

Each household will be issued with a brown bin and a recycling box.

The brown bin is for garden cuttings, grass, hedge trimmings, flowers, uncooked fruit veg peelings and cardboard. (This includes cardboard from food packaging and cereal boxes).

Wet or messy items can be wrapped in newspaper or put in a cardboard box before placing in the brown bin.

The recycling box is for newspaper, magazines, junk mail, glass bottles, glass jars, tins, foil, textiles, shoes and clothing.

The green bin

Other materials such as plastic bags, cooked or prepared foods, meat, fish, fat or bones, bread or cakes, nappies, cat and dog excrement should be put in the green bin which each household already has.

There will be a weekly uplift. One week will be for green bins the next week for brown bins. (Each bin will then be uplifted every fortnight.) The boxes will be uplifted fortnightly but in the future the plan is for that to be weekly.

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Farming Matters

The Killin Agricultural Show has passed for another year, and like many shows this year was held in fine weather, during this glorious summer.

A summer that reminded me of summers in the 1930s when farms in this area made hay and grew oats which were harvested. No silage, no tractors, or machines like balers. The first Killin Show I remember being at was about 1936 held in what to this day is known as the Kinnell Show Park, first on the right through the railway bridge on the road into Kinnell. In those days most of the stock, cattle and horses, were walked to the Show, the sheep taken by horse and cart. At this time nearly all stock leaving this district was transported by rail. During September and October many special trains with "stock trucks" left Killin Station with over 30 wagons and 2 engines providing the power. Driving the stock from the farm to the station was a job we laddies enjoyed, especially when it came to the village as lots of householders had a habit of leaving their gates open. Animals of course smelling some sweet grass or plants

in a border made a dash for it and many the irate housewife threatened us with brush and shovel. Over the years we got to know the crabbit ones and someone went ahead to make sure all gates were closed. It would appear from this that the village folk had an even closer connection with the farming community than is the case today, Shepherds and boys had a closer affinity with villagers. The Killin Show was a place where folks from the far head of the glens met with villagers every year.

Johnny Willison.

Heritage Society

The 2003/2004 series of meetings begins on Friday 3rd October with Barrie Andrian from the Scottish Crannog Centre speaking about her involvement with the "Excavation and Raising of the Mary Rose". On Friday 7th November the Killin Society will be joined by members of the Breadalbane Heritage Society, of Aberfeldy, to host Christopher Fleet, Deputy Maps Curator at the National

Library of Scotland. His talk will be on the subject of "Early Maps of Killin and Beyond". New members and visitors are always welcome at the meetings, which begin at 8.00p.m. in the Lesser McLaren Hall.

Killin and Breadalbane Angling Club

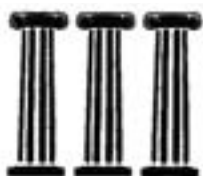
The Vale of Leven Club's Visit.

Hughie Donald was the winner of the Danny Shaw trophy.

Juniors Fun Day The winner of the trophy was Roisinn McLarty, and Harry McRobbie received special mention for hauling in four fish on one cast. Around 200 fish were caught, some bar-b-qued. A great day enjoyed by all.

Outing to Loch Lomond Taff Mantle supported by Gerry McCaron won the prize with a large perch and small jack pike. Gregor Gillies presented the trophy, a trophy in memory of his father Stuart, a regular supporter of this outing. Gregor congratulated Taff as the first winner of this prize.

Alex Stewart



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Mervyn's Musings

In the last edition of the Killin News the question was posed regarding the identity of the Captain of the Loch Tay steamer who appeared in one of the photographs. As the steamer service ended in 1939 and I did not come to Loch Tayside until 1950 I am unable to help, but anecdotally I have heard a few tales relating to the steamer and its environs. One tale concerns a Dougie McNiven (who may have been the Captain in the photo), who hailed from somewhere up west or even the Islands. On this particular day the Loch was extremely rough and he was having great difficulty in edging his craft into Lawers Pier. As he was engaged in this manoeuvre a dear old lady in a high state of fear and alarm began dancing about and screaming in front of him, diverting his attention from the task in hand. Eventually, he could bear it no longer and shouted at her, "Would you get to hell out of my way!" The old lady retreated somewhat crestfallen and full of umbrage at Dougie's suggestion. Subsequently she reported the incident to the Board of Governors and poor Dougie was "on the carpet". The Chairman, while understanding the situation, still told Dougie off and informed him that he must apologise to the old

lady at the earliest opportunity. Sure enough the following week he spied her among the passengers and going over to her asked in his strong West Highland 'blas', "Are you the lady I told to go to hell?" "I most certainly am," she replied. "Well," said Dougie, "It's all right, you don't have to go now." As well as several other piers on the Loch there was at Ardtalnaig a large wooden one for passengers and a stone jetty alongside known as the 'coal pier'. The latter dealt with the loading and off-loading of various commodities. The pier with its ticket office/cum shelter was connected to Ardtalnaig village by a cart track which involved crossing a wooden bridge over the Ardtalnaig burn. On one occasion there had been a hare drive on the hills above the village and the results were being brought to the pier by horse and cart. On crossing the aforesaid bridge one of the planks broke tipping the load of hares (several hundred) into the swollen burn. Hugh Fraser said for weeks afterwards there were white hares all over the Loch! The late Hugh Fraser of Achianich would tell many amusing tales concerning the steamer and the then Pierman, one Archibald Robertson, known as Baldie. Baldie was apparently something

of a character. When passengers passing on and off his steamer gave him a tip, maybe a florin or half-crown, it is said that he would conceal them in the turn-ups of his trousers until he could put them in his own secret hidey-hole so that his wife would not find his extra cash! Baldie and his spouse stayed in Pier Cottage, living on the ground floor, which was reached by going down steps leading off the pier road. The top storey consisted of two fairly large rooms one of which had an open fire-place and was Baldie's "office" and the other he used for storing turnips, potatoes and hay for his cow. These rooms were reached by ascending a short ladder from the pier road. The local "young bloods" of Ardtalnaig would often indulge in various ploys to get the better of Baldie and his wife at Hallow'een and at other times. On one occasion, when the incumbents were out, the lads dismantled a cart and re-assembled it on the roof!

Mervyn K Browne

I had a telephone call from the late Gordon Allan's brother Alistair, who still goes regularly to Kenmore. He was notified by a friend in Canada. Doesn't the Killin News get far afield? The steamer's Captain was Mr. McNiven. Mr. Allan played in the Hotel band for the Summer season.

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News First



Dougie and Liz have just bought News First from Joanne Brown who is expecting her first baby. Dougie and Liz from Glasgow and Larkhall used to live at Liangarston where they had the craft shop. Dougie who worked for Telecom used to travel all over Europe decided it was time to plant some roots in the area. And as their son Douglas was about to start primary school, Liz needed something to do! So for Dougie this is what you call a career change! They are both looking forward to the challenge ahead. Good luck to you all, and to Joanne with your new challenge! **DG**

Welcome To Two New Owners

The Old Flax Mill

Andrew and Lynette McNie have recently moved here from Bramber in West Sussex. They have bought and transformed The Old Mill, now known as The Old Flax Mill. For the last 22 years they successfully ran a 31 bedroom Hotel with a 150 cover restaurant, so they have a bit of experience behind them! Andrew (who is very proud of the fact that his father was a Scot) and Lynette have been together since they were 13, that must be one for the record book. Keri, their daughter, has been helping them in the restaurant by doing all the home baking, pastry and bread making. Every thing in the restaurant is homemade and served in a carvery fashion. They are just delighted to be fulfilling one of their dreams, living in Scotland. **DG**

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**October 3, 17, 31
November 14, 28.**

Killin Primary School

New Head Teacher



A big welcome to Sandra Logan who replaces Maureen Inglis as Head Teacher of Killin Primary School. Sandra has worked in Aarhus and Ostervang in Denmark as part of a teacher exchange programme. Then she taught in Glasgow, and for the last nine years was Head Teacher in Garlieston, even more remote than Killin. Her interests include drama, poetry, and ecology. Her last school achieved an award for ecology and she hopes to develop aspects of this success in Killin. Sandra and Lawrence, along with Ewan and Adam, hope to move into their new home in Killin shortly. **WA**



Just starting school
From left to right: Anna Holden, Ewan Watson, Robbie Taylor, Garry Nicoll, Bryany Semple, Ryan Riddell



Donald Finn and Liam, Liam's first fish.

Youngsters Fun Fish Day

Sunday 24 August. After the success of last year's event, it was another great chance for young, budding anglers and their parents to get to know what angling is all about. Having a great time, catching fish in good company and in glorious warm sunshine made for an excellent day out. Despite the conditions, many of the youngsters caught fish. Roach, perch, brown trout and a big pike that

escaped after biting off the bait. I would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Dowling, Fiona and Anne at Costcutters; Killin Co-op; Glasgow Angling Centre; Gilly, Keith at the Coach House, Kenny and Norma Lang, who all contributed. The 50 or so people who joined in made it a really enjoyable day that will be remembered for a long time.

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Killin Floral Association Awards 2003

Domestic Sections

In 2003 the categories have all been "judged" twice - first in July and then August. It was felt that this was the fairest way, as for many gardens the season began quite early. All credit to those who have managed to sustain such wonderful displays of colour throughout the summer and to keep the plants in good health.

Hanging Baskets Dorothy & John Farmer, Pathways, Manse Road

Highly Commended Dreadnought Place (Hall side);

Commended Kilchurn, Aberfeldy Road; 12 Ballechroisk; 7 Ballechroisk; Tayview, Main Street

Window Boxes/Wall Containers/Hay

Racks: Gerald & Jenny Huntly, Rowanbank, Dochart Road

Highly Commended 6 Dochart Road; 4 Dochart Road

Commended Tayview, Main Street; Falls O'Dochart Cottage; 3 Pier Road

Tubs/Containers: Sheena McColl & John Hunter, Dreadnought Place

Highly Commended 6, Dochart Road; 3, Dochart Road;

Commended 12, Ballechroisk; Machany, Main Street; 2 Ballechroisk Terrace

Special mention for a colourful display: 9 Ballechroisk; 9 Fingal Road; 3 Ballechroisk Terrace

Overall Display in Containers Sheena McColl & John Hunter, Dreadnought Place

Highly Commended 6 Dochart Road; 3 Dochart Road;

Garden with summer colour - Joint Winners:

Iain & Mairi Hunter, 6 Dochart Road and Gerald & Jenny Huntly, Rowanbank, Dochart Road

Highly Commended Brackenbrae, The Glebe; Pathways, Manse Road

Commended 3 Pier Road; 12 Ballechroisk; 18 Monemore

Winners Commercial

Floral Frontage Display in Containers Retail/Café etc. Shutters Restaurant

Highly Commended Antique Shop

Commended Corrie Crafts

Accommodation provider Invertay House

Highly Commended Drumfinn

Commended Dall Lodge

Maragowan Caravan Park deserves a special mention for the colourful display around the reception area. It is good to see more commercial establishments brightening up their frontage with hanging baskets, window boxes and tubs and the following deserve a mention for their efforts this year: Falls of Dochart Inn, Killin Outdoor Shop, Craigard Hotel, Killin Golf Club.



A First for Killin



Left Kay officiates, observed by Yvonne pictured below



Christopher Knuckey and Sarah Jorey from Cornwall were married in the Coach House Hotel on Tuesday 12 August. Christopher, a photography student, and his family have regularly visited Killin since 1994 as friends of Roger and Muriel Bedwell.

This was the first marriage ceremony held in a hotel in Killin, a first for the Coach House, and a first marriage ceremony conducted by Kay Dowling in her new role as assistant Registrar, here observed by Yvonne MacPherson, the Registrar.

Congratulations Chris and Sarah.

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Killin Floral Awards





Strathfillan – By The Way

Strathfillan Community Development Trust



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Strathfillan as a whole. We are also advertising for a new part-time book-keeper. Our thanks go to Carol Kelly who has done this job since even before the Trust was formally constituted in 1997 when it was just a twinkle in several eyes, and bookkeeping consisted of an A4 piece of paper. Changed days indeed. Our concentration on funding applications and ongoing projects has meant that 'new' developments like the Kickaround in Mansefield, Tyndrum have seen little progress. This will disappoint the neighbouring houses and young folk. We are sorry about that. Preliminary work has been in progress and we hope for action fairly soon.

Sue Wyllie

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Message from the minister

A minister colleague had quite a go at me when I was a chaplain in the armed forces. 'How can you', he said, be a minister of the Church and a member of an organisation which has so much aggression.' I told him that I had seen far more raw aggression in the Courts of the Church of Scotland than I'd ever seen in the forces. Some people in Strathfillan may have heard me tell that story before, but a particular

event and experience brought it to my mind again. It was being at the General Assembly. No kidding !! The last but one Moderator, the Right Reverend John Miller, is such a gentle soul and gracious man, his spirit pervaded the whole of that Assembly. He lived and worked in Glasgow's Castlemilk, an urban priority area, for thirty years. The lives of the people there were at the centre of the prayers he led at the start of each day. Like his story of the hard, anti-Catholic, Glaswegian Protestant, whose ship was torpedoed during the war and he was in the water for twenty-four hours. He survived only with the encouragement of the ship's chaplain who was a Roman Catholic priest. That experience changed his life, his faith and brought him to the church. He is now a member of the congregation at Castlemilk. As Moderator, John Miller visited the Presbytery of Lorn and Mull; his grace and gentleness were felt by everybody he met, and that strengthened their faith. When anyone who belongs to the church shows that same kindness and concern for those around them, they influence how others see the church and maybe whether or not they want to be part of it.

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The Crianlarich Flower Show Results

The Crianlarich Flower Show was held on Saturday 23rd August. Support was poor and this may be the last Flower Show.

The Committee would like to thank the judges and everyone who helped to make the show a success.

Floral Section

Overall winner J Henderson
Best Exhibit I MacGregor
Floral Arrangement 1 M MacLeod

Vegetables

Overall Winner H Hall
Best Exhibit K MacLennan

Baking

Overall Winner K MacLennan
Best Exhibit K MacLennan

Produce .

Overall Winner I Henderson
Best Exhibit E Scott

Handcraft.

Overall Winners 1st Equal M MacLeod and I Ramsay
Best Exhibit M MacLeod

Photographs

Overall Winner J MacLennan
Best Exhibit J MacLennan
Art Overall Winner L Lawrie

Pre School Girls

Overall Winner Carys Burton
Best Exhibit Carys Burton

Pre School Boys

Overall Winner Iain Fisher
Best Exhibit Iain Fisher

Girls 5-7yrs

Overall Winners 1st Equal L Armstrong and L Ronald
Best Exhibit L Armstrong

Boys 5-7 yrs

Overall Winner Alex Palmer
Best Exhibit Sam Ronald

Girls 8-10 yrs

Overall Winners 1st Equal Pamela Watson and Emma Christie
Best Exhibit Emma Christie

Boys 8-10 yrs

Overall Winner Josh Henderson
Best Exhibit Andrew Anderson

Girls 11 yrs and Over

Overall Winner Siobhan Anderson
Best Exhibit Siobhan Anderson

Boys 11 yrs and Over

Overall Winner Callum Ross

Tallest Sunflower Josh

Henderson

Best Garden J Henderson

Best Hanging Basket

Highland Hotel Crianlarich

Best Window Box

L Wilkie Tyndrum

Best Flower Tub L Wilkie

Pet Show

Kayleigh MacDonald (Alfie)

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Glenda Mardon.



Just starting at Crianlarich Primary School.



Back row left to right James Ronald,
Heather Crothers, Ewan MacLennan,
in front Carys Burton
and James Christie
Drew Riley absent

Across The Pond

John Dover in Denver, Colorado with his new Clachaig Sign 'purchased' with a £50 donation to the Killin Highland Games fund.

John and his wife are regular visitors to Killin since attending Firlush as students. This year, in addition, they celebrated their wedding anniversary during their visit.



Killin and District Agricultural Society

The Annual Sheep Shearing competition was held at Kenknock, Glen Lochay on Friday 27th June 2003.

Machine Section

Judge Hamish Mitchell

Open 1 Murray Johnstone

Local 1 Willie Taylor

21 and under 1 John Little

Hand Section

Judge Ronnie Campbell

Open 1 Willie Shaw

Local 1 Gordon Stewart

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Broadband in the Community

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What is so special about broadband? Broadband is a fast, always on, connection to the Internet. There are many benefits to home and business users.

Broadband rollout The suburbs benefit from BT's rollout of ADSL broadband, where the number of subscribers renting broadband services makes it financially viable to enable the local exchanges. Unfortunately, the rural areas struggle to have sufficient demand for BT to consider enabling our local exchanges. This is why many rural communities are considering adoption of wireless delivery of broadband. This would require installing transmitters throughout our village and surrounding areas. Each PC is fitted with a radio device and broadband is provided from the local transmitters. It is not cheap, and would require a great deal of support from the local community.

What is available to us now? The only broadband solutions available to us at this time, are via digital telephone lines, ISDN, or via satellite technology: ISDN provides 2 telephone lines to your property, and gives you twice the speed of a standard telephone. Using ISDN to access the internet can prove very costly.

as each time you connect to the internet the ISDN will make two telephone calls. Satellite solutions are expensive to install, and there are some technical issues. However, this is the only viable option for broadband at the present time for rural businesses that use the Internet as a core business tool. What can we do? If we, as a community, want to adopt a broadband solution, we need to make ourselves heard. The easiest way is to register your demand online. One of the simplest is available at the website www.vote4broadband.co.uk

Financial support for local businesses In September, the Scottish Executive will announce the Broadband Incentive Scheme, which provides local businesses with grants to adopt broadband, in rural areas, this means satellite broadband. A grant of up to £1200 is available. Details of this scheme, and the application form, are available on the Scottish Enterprise web site, www.scottish-enterprise.com/broadband

Computer Virus Warning

In this recent outbreak of computer viruses the computers of many local residents have been infected. This can result in significant loss of data, and frustration with systems that continually break down. Many viruses infect home and business computers without the knowledge of the computers' owners and may cause damage to data stored on the hard disc. If not caught in time the data will have to be destroyed and the system rebuilt from scratch. By using virus protection software, you will minimise the risk of infection, and protect the information on your computer. Every computer user has a moral obligation to use virus protection software to ensure that they do not propagate these viruses and infect

others in the community. Even with virus protection software it is essential to keep the software up to date, since new viruses are being released on a day by day basis. Each virus protection package instructions enable you to update your antivirus software and scan for viruses on your system automatically when on the Internet. It is recommended that this is done once a week. If you have problems seek expert advice. There are free antivirus software packages on the market, one of which is Grisoft's Anti-Virus Guard (AVG) which can be downloaded from www.grisoft.com.

Blaster

In August, a virus called Blaster was let loose on the internet and has infected computers in Killin. This is not transmitted by email, so even if you are cautious about opening emails with attachments, you may still be infected. You may or may not notice the presence of the virus whilst using your machine. Common symptoms are unusual behaviour, particularly the inability to cut and paste within documents, and the PC shutting down on its own after a few minutes of operation. If you are running Windows XP, Windows 2000, Windows NT4, or Windows Server 2003, then you may be at risk. Users of Windows 95, Windows 98 and Windows ME are not at risk. If you believe you have been infected with Blaster, it is essential that you do not connect to the internet, otherwise your computer will spread the virus. It is strongly recommended that you seek expert advice, in order to remove any traces of this and other viruses from your system.

Mark Lincoln

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Killin Highland Games

They came from far and near, streaming into the village from early morning, to witness this years games. Planning by the new committee brought success beyond their wildest dreams, in bringing visitors to Killin.

The vast crowd round the arena were treated to outstanding competition in Piping, Dancing and Heavy Events. The standard of Piping and Dancing was very high, and the judges all commented on the difficulty in separating the competitors with finite detail. In the field, the heavyweights locked together and each had their moments, with three ground records falling.

The caber was perfectly tossed on seven throws, and the result tied. The Hill Race and amateur caber both had local interest.

The Games Chieftain Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, attending his first games, carried out his duties enthusiastically, and met many of the clan who had travelled over from North America. Grateful thanks are due to the many helpers manning gates, parking cars, setting up and clearing the park.

Thanks also to the local businesses who unreservedly supported the committee.

Plans for 2004 will begin in the

Autumn any who wish to help will be made welcome.

Fiona Stewart Games Secretary

Results

Strength Events

1st Wout Zilstra Holland (Games Champion)
2nd Gregor Edmunds Scotland
3rd Matt Sandford Australia

New Games Records were established in the following events.

Putting the Stone

Gregor Edmunds 52ft 9.50in.

28lb Weight for Distance

Wout Zylistra 84ft 2 in.

Throwing the Hammer

Matt Sandford 139ft 4 in.

Log Lift

Vasyl Virastyuk, from the Ukraine, successfully lifted 160kg, which is 5kg short of the present world record for this event, and 15kg better than his closest rival.

Dancing

Under 12 Years

Linzi Black(Forfar).

12 and Under 14 Years

Jan-Louise Docherty (Newburgh).

14 and Under 17 Years

Angela Ramsay(Forfar).

Over 17 Years

Darra Wood (Tain).

Overall Games Champion with the most points

Linzi Black (Forfar).

Piping

Piping Piobaireachd

Gordon McReady.

Senior Champion

Gordon McReady.

Clan Albanach

Under 18 Champion

Gavin Stuart.

The Nancy Munro Shield

14 and Under

Mairi Ward

Hill Race

Gents

1st Paul Raistrick.

2nd Ian Anderson.

3rd Tony Hay.

4th Duncan MacDonald

Ladies

1st Eilidh Paterson.

2nd Deidre MacLennan.

3rd Kate Forster.

Junior

1st Samuel Rietvelt.

2nd Raymond J. Hole.

Oldest Competitor

George Crossan 67 years old.

Local Amateur Caber

1st Gregor Gillies.

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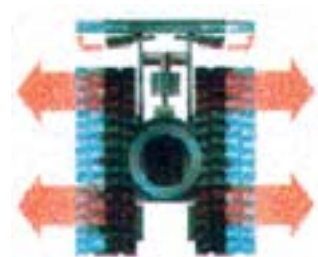
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the prize winning sheep



The locals enjoying the day!



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Killin Show Results

Commercial Cattle Results 2003

*Judge Mr J McGregor, Binn Farm,
Glenfarg, Perthshire*

Champion

P McDiarmid & Co, Shenlarich

Best Calf by Native Bull

McDiarmid Bros., Ben Lawers

Best Calf by Lim bull

P McDiarmid & Co, Shenlarich

Best Calf any other breed

McDiarmid Bros., Ben Lawers

Best Shepherds Calf

Robert Waugh, Croftintygan

Best Young Calf

R Waugh, Croftintygan

Cow with Calf

P McDiarmid & Co, Shenlarich

Stocksman Showing best Calf

Peter McDiarmid

Highest Points

P McDiarmid & Co, Shenlarich

Autumn Born Calves

Native Bullock

1 - McDiarmid Bros., Ben Lawers

Native Heifer

1 McDiarmid Bros., Ben Lawers

Bullock by Limousin Bull

1 P McDiarmid & Co., Shenlarich

Heifer by a Limousin Bull

1 P McDiarmid & Co, Shenlarich

Bullock any other breed

1 McDiarmid Bros., Ben Lawers

Heifer any other breed

1 BcDiarmid Bros., Ben Lawers

Spring Born Calves

Bullock by Native Bull

1 N & E Campbell, Succouth

Heifer by a Native Bull

1 N & E Campbell, Succouth

Bullock by Limousin Bull

1 D Waugh, Croftintygan

Heifer By Limousin Bull

1 D Waugh, Croftintygan

Bullock - any other breed

1 D Waugh, Croftintygan

Shepherds Class

1 Robert Waugh, Croftintygan

Cow with Calf at foot

1 P McDiarmid & Co., Shenlarich

Sheep Results

Blackface Sheep Section

Judge Mr C Little, East Bracklynn,

Champion Messrs McLarty, Ardveich

Best Sheep (opposite sex to Champion)

Messrs McLarty, Ardveich

Best Natural Ewe and Lamb/s

K Taylor & Sons, Dall Farm

Pair of Ram Lambs

Messrs McLarty, Ardveich

Pair of Ewe Lambs

F Wilson, Carie

Pair of Gimmers

N Forsyth, Innishewan

Male group of three

Messrs McLarty, Ardveich

Female group of three

Messrs McLarty, Ardveich

Best Woolled Sheep

Mr F Ronald, Keilator

Best Ram bred by exhibitor

Messrs McLarty, Ardveich

Best Ram Lamb

Messrs McLarty, Ardveich

Best Lamb

F Wilson, Carie

Stocksman showing best animal

John Ferguson, Ardveich

Best female of Blackfaced breed

Messrs McLarty, Ardveich

Shepherds Class

N Forsyth, Innishewan

The Colin J Kennedy Trophy was this year presented to the Blackface Sheep Champion

Best Sheep Shepherd's class

1 N Forsyth, Innishewan Farm

Naturally shown Ewe and Lamb

1 K Taylor & Sons, Dall Farm

Ram 3 years and above

1 Messrs McLarty, Ardveich

Ram 2 years old

1 Messrs McLarty, Ardveich

Ram, Shearling

1 Messrs McLarty, Ardveich

Suckled Ewe, 3+ years old

1 Messrs McLarty, Ardveich

Suckled Ewe, 2 years old

1 Messrs McLarty, Ardveich

Gimmer

1 N Forsyth, Innishewan

Ram Lamb

1 Messrs McLarty, Ardveich

Ewe Lamb

1 F Wilson, Carie

Pair Wedder Lambs

1 N Forsyth, Innishewan

Cross Sheep Section Judge Mr R Paterson, Upper Auchenlay

Pair Cross Lambs of Blackface Ewe

1 N Forsyth, Innishewan

Pair of Cross Lambs of Cross Ewe and Cross Ewe

1 P McDiarmid & Co, Shenlarich

Gimmer

1 G Urquhart, Bovain

Ewe Lamb

1 M Armstrong, Wester, Tullich

Wool Section Champion, Mattress

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Naturally Coloured

Mr J Fisher, Stuckendroin, Ardlui

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Horticultural and Homecrafts Results

Handicraft Cup Elizabeth Lumsden

Homecraft Cup Audrey Sword

Baking Cup Cathie Reid

Produce Cup Margaret Inglis

Vegetable Cup Hector Hall

Flower Cup Margaret MacGregor,

Ian MacGregor and Ian Hunter

Floral Art Cup Helen Taylor

Girls Cup Siobhan Anderson

Boys Cup John McRae

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The Fancy Dress Parade

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2 The Tiddlers and Toddlers

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Frost Report

Summer Skies

On a recent visit to the north, travelling along the Kinbrace to Syre road at about 11 o'clock at night, we encountered a large herd of red deer hinds, their calves and an occasional young stag. About four hundred beasts were grazing around on the wide flat flow land on each side of the road in the dusk. As we drove very slowly through them we could hear the hinds calling to their calves with their soft coughing sound, a truly a wonderful experience. In this area the deer roam very close to houses at all times of the year, several big stags patrolled the edges of the garden, undisturbed most of the time. Several nights later we were woken by the really strange sounds of calves calling to their mothers, like a lost kitten mewling, and it's only when the mother coughs a

reply that you realise what the sound is. Looking out of the kitchen window one morning, I noticed that one of our 'big boys' had a large piece of discarded forestry fence wire wrapped round his horns. He subsequently had to be shot.

The flow country, peat bog land, was particularly dry this year. Peat is still cut for fuel. Often with a small cutting machine but it is still sometimes cut in traditional style. Unfortunately, much of this wild country was planted with conifers in the 50s and 60s. Now there is no profit in the timber but the forests have reached the age when they need to be cut. It all has to be transported on the narrow single-track roads built on unstable bog. They are trying to strengthen the roads using used tyres, sheets of metal, concrete, or mesh, and covering it. Could this be the answer

to the Ardeonaig road?

Even though a large area of flow has been bought by the R.S.P.B. there is a marked decline in the number of greenshanks peewits and golden plovers. This year we saw no baby 'goldies' whereas when we lived there, thirty years ago, we always saw them and their chicks. We noticed a large amount of ragwort on the roadside as we drove south, a weed, dangerous to many animals, which appears to be spreading. This silent peaceful land, with its history of clearances and unnatural re-forestation can be recommended to visitors. Concerns are of further destruction, that politics might lead to a new clearance. Let's hope that the flats remain for both man and beast to enjoy for years to come

Tim Frost

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City Link I don't think.

To cut a very long story short whilst holidaying with Michael, Jordan & Milo in the caravan at Loch Lomond we decided to walk from Rowadennan to Inversnaid, which is part of the West Highland way.

To save walking the 8 miles back we caught the ferry across to Inveruglas where we could catch the bus to Glasgow, then the bus to Drymen and then a taxi to the caravan, a trip of about 50 miles!

The bus duly arrived and left without us. "Sorry we don't take dogs". He simply didn't care and just drove off leaving me stranded with two boys and a dog.

Not to be defeated we crossed the road to catch the bus to Crianlarich, to then get a train to Glasgow and onward.

The bus duly arrived and left without us, same story.

It's just as well I know the telephone number of a taxi in Killin! I contacted Citylink when I had finally calmed down only to be told that it is

company policy not to carry dogs unless they are in a cage or you are registered blind.
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Russell Beeston

The Killin News is very sorry to hear the sad news of Russell's death.

We wish to extend our sympathy and support to Russell's mother, Marion Beeston, and aunt, Ann Smith who live in Killin.

This is an extract from the published account of the event. "A British soldier was killed and another wounded in south eastern Iraq when a convoy of troops were attacked by a mob after they arrested two locals, one of them a prominent supporter of Saddam Hussein. In London, the defence ministry identified the dead soldier as Fusilier Russell Beeston, 26, the 50th British soldier to die in Iraq since the start of the US-led war on March 20.

The British troops, from the First Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers, were returning from a raid on the town of Ali al-Gharbi, in Maysan province, where they had arrested two men for "anti-coalition" activities, said Major Mayo. About 40 kilometres south of there, they were confronted by a road-block of Iraqi vehicles near the village of Ali al-Sharqi. The troops then took another road but were again blocked by a crowd of some 30 clan members, Major Mayo added that it was not clear whether the two road-blocks were linked. The soldiers got out and continued on foot, but were surrounded on all sides. They fired warning shots but the crowd then opened up with rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire, killing Russell and severely wounding another soldier. The troops called in an emergency medical team and an air response unit, who came to their rescue. At least 10 people were arrested in the clash. The troops then returned to their base in the province's capital of al-Amarah."

Lt Col J L N Wilson in his letter to Russell's mother, following the tragedy said that Russell had been an exemplary soldier and was a credit to his regiment.

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Anyone interested in participating should get in touch either with John Atkinson or myself. There will be an open day on Sat 20th Sept between 10 am and 4.30pm to allow people to visit the excavations. Access and parking is sign-posted off the road. There is also a small display and artefact processing going on at the Mountain Visitor Centre throughout September.

Later in the year there will be a half day conference reviewing the results of the project so far. This will be held in the Killin Hotel on the afternoon of Saturday 29th November 2003.

Derek Alexander Archaeologist West National Trust for Scotland.

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*Jan and Caroline would like to thank Adam and Cathie
for all their assistance and we wish them both a long
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Graduation



Karen Hewitt who graduated with a BSc from Stirling University on 3rd June 2003. Karen the daughter of John and the late May Hewitt now lives in Lochearnhead with her son Duncan who is really proud of his Mum

New Housing at Fingal Road

Rural Stirling Housing Association's latest development at Fingal Road, Killin. John McPherson, Chairman of Killin Community Council and Jim Milne, Chairman of the Association at the cutting of the first sod.



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Annually around the 12th August an increased frequency of meteorites (shooting stars) can be observed. These are known as "Persiads" due to their apparent source being the area around the constellation of Perseus, at this time of year being high in the east. In 2003 however, a combination of full moon and cloudy skies deprived us of seeing this phenomenon. Fortunately very few meteorites actually strike the Earth, indeed many are as small as grains of sand but are momentarily lit up by the fierce heat generated by their passage into our atmosphere. Some however are big enough to survive until they do actually crash land, varying from the size of a football to much larger, and indeed, thankfully not recently. So huge as to cause massive damage to the environment. One such struck the Yucatan Peninsula of Central America some 65 million years ago and is said to have had such an impact on evolution that dinosaurs and many marine

invertebrates disappeared about this time. Another significant impact is said to have occurred about 10,000 years ago, around the time of the retreat of the last ice age. Radio Carbon dating and DNA appears not only to have overturned any hitherto firmly held theories but also to have established irrefutable evidence of this fact. It would seem that in this instance not one but seven gigantic meteorites originating from the Asteroids, that band of fragmented rocks circling the sun between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter, crashed into Earth mainly into the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans. This caused untold destruction in the form of tsunami waves, suggestion has it at almost five miles high, sweeping over the rocky Mountains of America from the Pacific Ocean and meeting up with a similar wave from the Atlantic. Proof of this would appear to be the fact that the present day salt in the Great Salt Lake of Utah is sea salt which has a different chemical makeup to that of fresh water streams evaporating. There are many world wide and confusing accounts of "The Flood" which are probably race memories of this occurrence. The book of Enoch and the Dead Sea Scrolls tell the tale of the evil mankind prior to the inundation and of how seven huge "stars" crashed into earth. Probably the meteorites that fell into the Indian Ocean caused "The Flood" that we read about, by rushing up the plains of Mesopotamia and being sufficient-

ly deep to pour into the Caspian and Aral Seas. In the New World and among the Aborigines of Australia there are similar "Flood" stories almost certainly based on fact. The year 2003 however does not seem to contain any of the aspirations of the above comments. Indeed despite my fears of a fine February spoiling the chances of the rest of the year, this has so far not happened. Most of February, March and April were very acceptable and although May was unsettled and quite wet the old adage that "A dripping May and a warm June makes a farmer whistle a merry tune" held true. Large amounts of very good quality hay were secured during June and July, and indeed August in the later areas. When one compares this with the disasters of summers 2001 and 2002, when late August in both years produced the first glimmer of hope for a belated fine spell, but by which time the land was so sodden that tractors and any heavy machinery frequently became bogged down, 2003 is if anything on the dry side.

Leaves on some trees are beginning to fall prematurely and householders becoming short of water. Highland Perthshire has not broken any record temperature wise. While southern England was pulling out all the stops to break the 100F threshold, here we did manage just over 26C or low 80sF, a fairly normal high for this area.

Nights have been warm but again not quite the almost suffocating humid conditions about which we hear from southern residents. With the remainder of August still classified as Summer and then September and early October as the first section of Autumn there is still time for a continuation of these pleasant conditions in the form of an Indian Summer. One can but hope.

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Editorial Comment

Forth Valley Health Board has decided on the Larbert site for the new hospital planned to replace the existing hospitals at Stirling and Falkirk. The business case has now been made to the Scottish Executive who have the final say. The remote areas of Forth valley will now have to travel further adding about 15 minutes to what is already a long ambulance journey. Travel by public transport is almost too complicated to consider but arrangements are likely to be made to facilitate this in the six years that it takes to build a new hospital. The measure of an emergency service is the outcome. Formerly casualties were scooped up and taken to hospital, time being the main priority, but now patients are stabilised before being moved. The procedures used are based on evidence and experience. The training of paramedics is extensive. General practitioners who are Basics trained have a broad understanding of the principles involved. Ambulances are technologically well equipped. Patient awareness is a further factor, while for example, the time to treatment for a suspected heart attack has been shown to be important, patient delay can be the biggest factor. Many patients do not report their chest pain for between two and seven hours. In practice the National Target for the time between pain and treatment can be achieved even if the overall incident service time, which includes the journey to hospital, takes up to an hour and a half from the remote areas. The excellence of our service lies in our relationship with local general practitioners and paramedics who are our first contact. Anything likely to interfere with that would be a serious problem. **W.A.**

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September

7 National Park event contact Rangers Tel No 830430
 7 Gun Club Shoot. The Stance Luib Entries close 1pm
 11 Green Team 6pm Fruit and Nut Case. School pond
 14 National Park event contact Rangers Tel No 830430
 20 Open day Ben Lawers Historic Landscape Project Kiltyrie Farm 10am-4pm
 21 Duck Race Falls of Dochart Bridge 3pm
 25 Green Team 6pm Oh Deer. School pond
 27 Open Day and Scottish Archaeology Month. Free entry for first 100 visitors Crannog Centre
 27 Jazz Supper McLaren Hall 7.30pm
 28 Meet the underwater team. Childrens event Crannog Centre
 29 Killin Carpet Bowling AGM McLaren Hall 8pm

October

2 WRI Reflexology Lesser McLaren Hall 7.30pm
 2 EAK Coach House Hotel 8pm
 3 Heritage Meeting Lesser McLaren Hall 8pm
 12 Bracken Festival 11am Crannog Centre
 18 Country Nite McLaren Hall 8pm
 19 Gun Club Shoot. Stance Luib Entries close 1pm
 31 Celtic Halloween festival Crannog Centre
 31 National park event Contact Rangers 830430

November

6 EAK Coach House Hotel 8pm
 6 WRI Beauty Demonstration Lesser McLaren 7.30pm
 7 Heritage Meeting Lesser McLaren Hall 8pm
 8 WRI Whist Drive Lesser McLaren Hall 7.30pm
 8 Drama Auction
 9 Weaving with wool Crannog Centre
 16 Gun Club Shoot Luib Stance 11am
 23 Annual Wild Harvest Food and Drink Fair Crannog Centre
 29 Ben Lawers Landscape Project Conference Killin Hotel afternoon.

Badminton
 Mondays 7pm
 McLaren Hall
 starts mid Oct

Boys Brigade
 Fridays 9.30pm-
 8.00pm P4-6
 8.00pm-10.00pm
 P7- S5 starts 3 Oct

Brownies
 Mondays
 6.30pm-8pm
 Church Hall
 starts 15 Sept

Carpet Bowls
 Mondays 7.30pm
 Lesser McLaren Hall

Computing
 Tuesdays 7pm
 Killin School
 starts 16 Sept

Gaelic
 Mondays
 Beginners 5pm-7pm
 Intermediate 7pm-9pm
 Church Session House

Internet Class
 Mondays
 10am-12pm and 7pm-9pm
 Sports Pavilion

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 from 15/16 Sept

Playgroup
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Tiddlers & Toddlers
 Fridays 9.30-11.30am
 Church Hall

Tuesday Club
 Tuesdays 2.00-3.30pm
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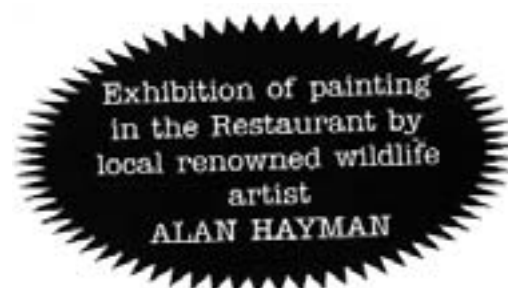
Upholstery Class
 Mondays
 10.30am-1.30pm
 Lesser McLaren Hall

Youth Group
 Wednesdays
 7.00-9.00pm
 Lesser McLaren Hall

Yoga
 Wednesdays
 7.30-9.00pm
 Killin School
 Starts 1 Oct

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Peter George

Lauren Bishop

Many people in Killin who never met her were saddened to hear of the death of Lauren Bishop, who died in July at the age of 14. To those who over the years helped Morag with sales, auctions, barbecues and cookbooks to raise money for the Oncology Department of Stirling Royal and C.H.A.S, Lauren was often known simply as Morag's grand-daughter and the inspiration for Morag's hard work. We send our sympathy to all her family.

MM

James Campbell died suddenly July 28 aged 86 years. Born on Mull in March 1917 he came with his parents to farm at Morenish No 2. He attended Kiltyrie school and on leaving became a gamekeeper at Ardeonaig until the war when he served with RASC transporting tanks in Italy and North Africa. He married Jessie in 1947 at Lochawe and they set up home in Maragowan. He worked with Horwoods driving lorries and school cars. Jim & Jessie moved to Cruachan in 1956 where he enjoyed his building up his croft, and working with neighbours at gatherings, clippings, hay-making, etc and also enjoying the 'crack' at these times. He also ghillied in the salmon season for Ardeonaig and Killin hotels where his love for the salmon fishing and Loch Tayside grew. The caravan & camping park developed gradually which then became the main business at Cruachan. Jim and Jessie loved looking after everyone staying at Cruachan making sure they enjoyed their holiday and over the years made many good friends who look on Cruachan as their second home. Latterly he enjoyed his tending his chooks and ducks, and 'escape' to his love, salmon fishing on the

Loch with friends, and playing carpet bowls in the winter months. He looked forward to old friends returning to Cruachan, Hamish & Cristina, George, Alec, Sheila and Mo, and grandchildren Stuart, Laura, Kenny and Rosie. We recall with love the wonderful stories of life he told to all, the gamekeeping, the war, nature, fishing with Dougal, and everyday things that were so special. Jessie and family would like to thank sincerely the ambulance crew for caring for Jim, Dr DeLaat for her care and support, David Gauld for all the arrangements, the Rev Lincoln for a most comforting and apt service, and to all who paid their respects at the church and graveside, also to those who send cards. And a special thank you to our many friends who kept Cruachan 'going' at this sad and difficult time. *The Nursing Assn. collection raised £428*

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Lochside Developments

As regular holiday makers to Killin over the past twenty years my wife and I were most upset to read in a copy of the Killin News about the proposed development of the old railway line, council yard and cemetery car park. We have come back to Killin many times and do so because we enjoy the tranquillity of the place, the walking, the wildlife and the friendliness of the people. We stay on the caravan park but we support your cafes, hostelrys and shops. We cannot believe that you are considering such wanton environmental destruction for what will probably only benefit relatively few people, and is probably doomed to failure in the long run. It doesn't take an economics student to realise that such a project would require a huge financial outlay but would have limited earning power - probably for about three months in the year and only if you are lucky with the weather. The employment possibilities are only seasonal and, if there are catering facilities on the boat, people are more likely to spend money there than in the village. Also, there are three other places offering boat trips on lochs within reach of major conurbations - would people make another trip to Killin? We believe that on the grounds of health and safety the trees along the railway line would need to be felled to prevent a fire hazard from the new railway and it looks as

though the aspen grove at the cemetery car park will disappear, so there would be considerable loss of habitat for a number of species of flora and fauna - once these are gone it is hard to get them back. There would inevitably be increased usage at the head of the loch which seems to us to be degraded enough already. It may look as though we disagree with the proposed steamboat. In fact we welcome it but believe there must be a better alternative to getting people to it. We would respectfully suggest that some of the field (rather than the aspen trees) should be used to make a car par, and perhaps a small car park for disabled people could be created



Roe doe and fawn in aspen grove beside the cemetery May 2003

at the gate to the head of the loch. Money could be raised by a small car-parking fee. If the development as it is proposed at the moment goes ahead, it could turn Killin into a tacky theme park not unlike Kenmore with all the associated traffic problems,

litter and ice cream vans etc etc. If this happens we along with many other holiday makers we have discussed this with, will not be returning to Killin. **P.Whittaker, Bakewell Derbyshire**

Well done Killin

What a magical place Killin is with it's scenery, walks, pubs and shops. You must be the friendliest village we've visited. We enjoyed our visit to the Breadalbane Centre with its wealth of information about the village's history.

We found everyone friendly, from the cheery helpful staff at the Co-op to the knowledgeable librarian who spent part of her lunch time with us and made us feel so welcome as, following our visit to the Breadalbane Centre we were keen to find out more about the history of the Railway and its links to the cruise boat on Loch Tay.

We were delighted to meet another visitor, an elderly gentleman, Mr McLaren, whose family, grandfather and great grandfather, were local postmen. They lived above what is now the Co-op, and his aunts above the Out Door Shop which was then a grocer's. He reminisced about his boyhood in the village and remembered the McLaren Hall being built. He showed us the route of the old railway line and described the excitement of taking a sail on the steamship, and watching the men shovelling coal to feed the fire in the engine.

Other visitors would find the history of the Killin as interesting as we do. Why not put up information boards in the top area of the village with these fascinating facts, the railway, cruises, and clear directions for the walk? At present you need to lurk around the public lavatories to find the start. Thank you for a wonderful holiday. We would love to live here, maybe one day, who knows?

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Margaret Macdonald.

I was most impressed with the organisation of the Agricultural Show. Almost before breakfast everything had been cleared away. The only evidence of the event was a series of rubbish bins, and boxes of collected broken glass. If you are needing extra funds you could sell your expertise to the City of Edinburgh at the moment. Killin was looking full of beautiful flowers, people and no litter. **Helen Arnold. Fassiefern**
(Still not uplifted early September ed.)

The bric-a-brac sale held in the McLaren Hall on Aug 4th raised the sum of £556 (less hall fees) The committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make the day such a success. We thank those who gave us goods and baking to sell, who transported the goods, who sold the goods, who bought the goods and those who manned the kitchen. We would also like to thank all who set up and cleaned the hall. All the help given was much appreciated and if we have left anybody out, our thanks to them too.
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Allan Brodie



The committee and I would personally like to extend our thanks and appreciation for the hard work and enthusiasm shown by all Volunteers who participated in this year's festival. Without this generous effort on your part, this year's Folk Festival could not have been the success that it was. We would also like to express our gratitude to Central Scotland Police, both Local and Callander based, for the professional manner in which they carried out their duties during an exceptionally busy weekend. **Mike McPartland** (On behalf of the Organising Committee)

The Charity Fair held in the Church Hall Killin from 18th-28th July raised £2,100. Many thanks to the ever-willing helpers and supporters, to all who gave such generous donations and to Bill and Eileen, Liz, Dug and Shep – thanks for keeping things 'running' and 'cool'.

M. McNee for Killin & District

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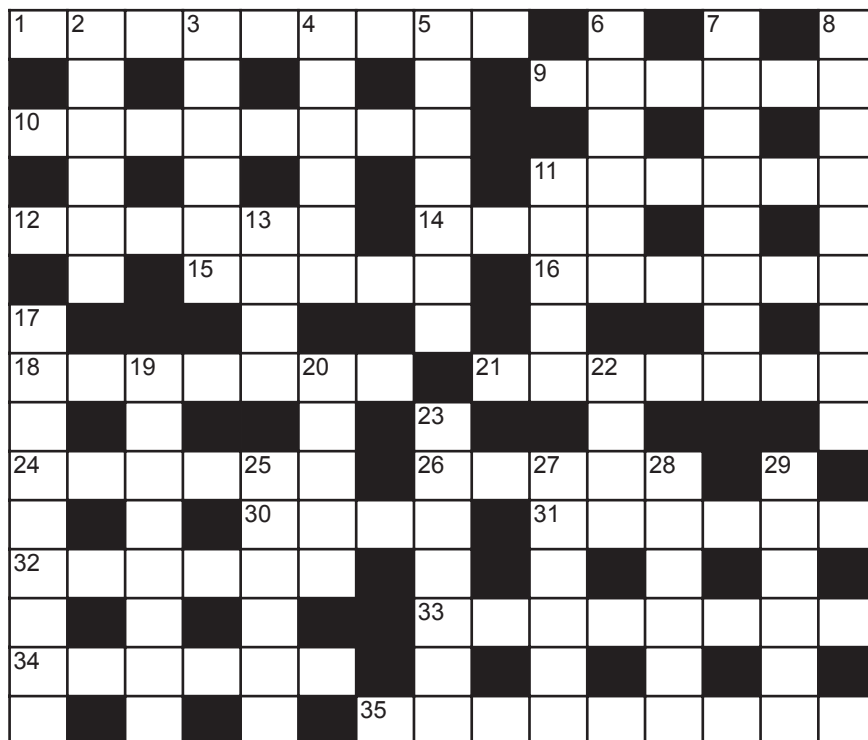
Crossword by Scorpio and Crustacean

Across

1. Out of school, but not middle or upper (9)
9. Not a place for boats in the East End, more like trees (6)
10. A word of appreciation and judging (8)
11. Some of us add leg room for the horse (6)
12. Yes, in fact! (6)
14. One famously spoke of the Tay (4)
15. Some celebrate Scotland in the mall (5)
16. Common feeling in the desert (6)
18. From a tree situated roughly in Italy (7)
21. Used for taking the air! (7)
24. He usually makes the cut (6)
26. Some even try to take part in this (5)
30. Very excited and eager to know more (4)
31. Tidy up a bit (6)
32. A visiting chap probably from part of Italy (6)
33. Eat what you choose (1,2,5)
34. You might look a nasty one in this kind of dress (6)
35. You've been like this for a while now! (9)

Down

2. Bit like a wild dog! (6)
3. Might be a sweet course (6)
4. Known for clearing places in Scotland (6)
5. A wet spot for this kitchen piece (4,3)
6. Hold this in anticipation (6)
7. He lives on the edge (8)
8. Choose your own way in this race (9)
11. Head to head (3,2)
13. Slippery sea creatures (4)
17. In a rotten abseil its not easy to steady things. (9)



19. Fair rig at end of water pipe (8)
20. A great kind of defensive cover (5)
22. Keeping ones head (4)
23. Agree with the reverend and lower the value (7)
25. We indulge in this consuming practice in order to live (6)
27. Take part in, usually with ones better half (6)
28. A tough Glasgow cop (6)
29. Needed by the shot gun men (6)

Solution to Issue 75

Across

4 Rat Pack, 8 Discus, 9 Grandpa, 10 Jarful, 11 Samuel, 12 Beriberi, 18 Ring Side, 20 Hang up, 21 Citrus, 22 Devalue, 23 Marino, 24 Dentist

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1 Odd jobs, 2 User art, 3 Suburb, 5 Abrasion, 6 Panama, 7 Copper, 13 Ear plugs, 14 Air raids, 15 Pension, 16 Raceme, 17 Aghast, 19 Kaiser

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which helps grant some of the wishes of children with life threatening illnesses. Details of their trip can be viewed at www.albisco.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk

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