



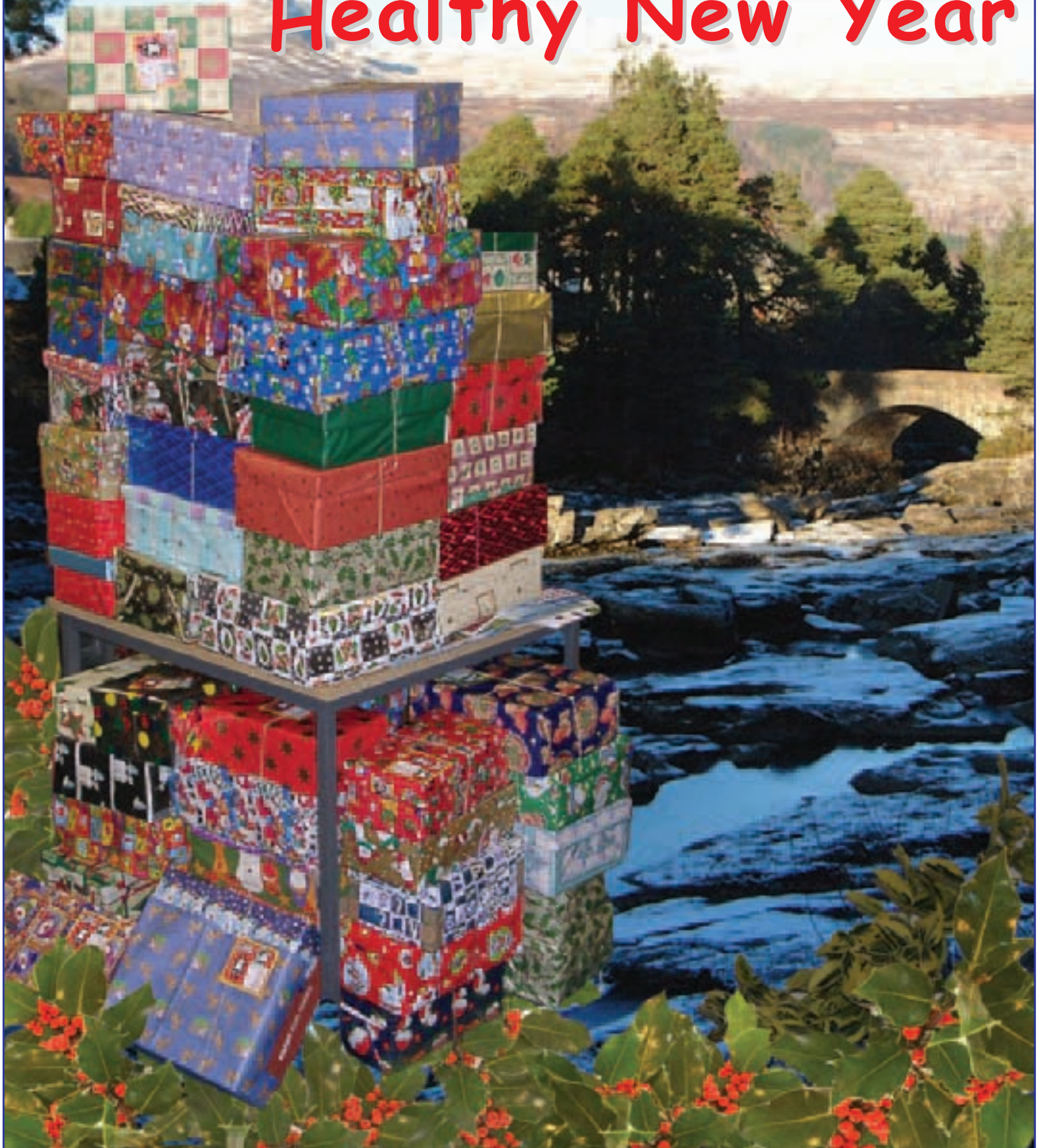
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The Emergency Question

Do we have the answers?

At the public meeting in July, new arrangements for out of hours medical care were outlined by NHS Forth Valley. It was made very clear by those attending that these were not considered adequate for this area. The new system came into force at the end of September, so have these concerns been met? We are now using the NHS 24 system and our own doctors are still covering out of hours for an unspecified time. We understand that the 24 hour emergency ambulance will be sited in Callander and the Killin ambulance will be available only during normal working hours. John MacPherson of KCC is now representing our area on the Local Health Council and the Breadalbane Group of Community Councils is also trying to ensure a satisfactory service for the area. In order to clarify the situation further, the Killin News has asked for more details from the NHS Forth Valley, our MSP and the Scottish Ambulance Service. Here are the replies.

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From Sylvia Jackson, MSP

Since the announcement of the increased salary and new conditions deal for GPs, including allowing GPs to withdraw from 'out of hours' work, there has been considerable local concern about the new structure to be put in place for night time and early morning GP cover.

Like Community Councils in the Killin and neighbouring areas I had hoped that a local GP 'out of hours' service could be retained, but attempts by both the Community Council and myself to achieve that solution did not prove possible. The solution finally agreed was a phasing in of a full time paramedic ambulance cover from Killin, which would link with the 'out of hours' DOCS service in Stirling. It was also agreed that the group (comprising local representatives and members of the Forth Valley Health Board) be set up to secure a solution that would continue to meet to monitor developments.

Recently I have been approached by residents in the Killin and surrounding area to find out what progress is being made with the proposed 'out of hours' provision, and, possibly more importantly, the new full time paramedic ambulance cover.

I wrote to Fiona Mackenzie, the Chief Executive of Forth Valley Health Board for a detailed update of the situation. Also I asked about the operation of NHS24, which is the first point of contact, by phone, in the new out of hours provision. In the reply, which I have received and passed onto the Chair of Killin Community Council, I am informed that with effect from 1st December 2004, the Killin Ambulance staff will operate on a full time basis. Also the Ambulance Service has recruited five State Registered Paramedics to

run a Paramedic Response/Out of Hours support role. In addition the Ambulance Service is currently sourcing training and education courses which will enable these staff to deal effectively with a wide range of illness and injuries thereby ensuring the population of rural Stirlingshire receive the highest possible standards of immediate care. The intention is to introduce these staff to people of Killin at the earliest opportunity once they are in post, which will probably occur over the next four to six weeks.

I know that the Chair of the Killin Community Council has asked for further clarification following this reply and if received in time will be included in this edition of the Killin News.

With regards to NHS 24 the Chief Executive of the local Health Board, Fiona Mackenzie states that she is unaware of any complaints regarding the service within the rural area of the Stirling Constituency.

If Community Councils in the area feel that a meeting with the Health Board and Ambulance Service in Killin is necessary, I will of course support them in asking for such a meeting, and continue to work closely with them.

Sylvia Jackson MSP

From the Scottish Ambulance Service

In relation to "normal" A&E Ambulance Services we have recently recruited a State Registered Paramedic who will be based primarily at Callander but will operate, as required, between there and Killin. Additionally we will, from 1st December, operate the Killin staff on a "full time" basis. This will increase the number of hours they

KILLIN MEDICAL PRACTICE

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

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| Friday 24 th December | 9.00am - 3.30pm |
| Monday 27 th December | CLOSED |
| Tuesday 28 th December | CLOSED |
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| Tuesday 4 th January | CLOSED |

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are available to work each week and enable us plan a more effective service in the Killin/Callander area. There is no plan to take the Ambulance Station out of Killin however there may be occasions when the Ambulance based there is moved within rural Forth Valley to ensure we optimise cover at any given time. In terms of the enhanced service, we have recruited 5 State Registered Paramedics to operate in a Paramedic Response/Out of Hours support role. We are currently sourcing training and education courses which will enable these staff to deal effectively with a wide range of illnesses and injuries thereby ensuring the population of rural Stirlingshire receive the highest possible standard of immediate care. Finally we intend to "introduce" these staff to the people of Killin at the earliest opportunity once they are in post (probably over the next 4 - 6 weeks).

Andrew Wemyss

From NHS Forth Valley

No Reply

Unanswered Questions

We are still looking for clear, fudge-free and unambiguous answers to many questions.

- ? How long will emergencies continue to be attended by our own doctors after calls to NHS 24?
- ? How long will it take to recruit and train paramedics to work in this area up to 'emergency practitioner' status?
- ? Does this status enable them to deal with all emergency treatment previously carried out by doctors?
- ? What cover is there out of hours when the Callander ambulance is out?
- ? Is the use of the air ambulance part of the plan?
- ? How will the ambulance find remote houses and farms?
- ? What happens when Glen Ogle is blocked?
- ? Will paramedics be in direct contact with an emergency doctor or A&E consultant for advice?
- ? Will district nurses and midwives have an emergency role?
- ? Will transport be provided to return patients home from hospital after having been taken there by ambulance?
- ? Will any form of transport be available for patients who need an assessment out of hours when public transport is not



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available and they do not have, or are unfit to drive, a car?

? What is the unofficial role of local doctors who may be informed of emergencies in the area while not on duty?

? What is the current level of acute emergencies occurring in this area?

? Who is responsible for medical assessment and managing casualties at the scene of an accident?

? How and by what standards will the new out of hours system be judged?

? In the case of a death under the new system, what enquiries will be made to see if it could have been prevented?

? If things go wrong, how do we get our complaints registered?

We hope to have answers from NHS Forth Valley in the next issue.

Out of Hours

We are worried about the future of our out-of-hours cover. The acute emergency ambulance service will operate from the vicinity of Callander and the doctor will be situated in Stirling so it will be impossible to have an effective response for those acute emergencies which need rapid intervention or treatment. From that distance it is not possible for the Scottish Ambulance Service to meet its own targets of reaching 95% of Highlands and Islands emergencies within 21 minutes. Nor are we sure that paramedics will have adequate training to enable them to replace GPs in an emergency role. Acute emergency patients often require rapid diagnosis and treatment with drugs that until now only doctors could deliver, to be stabilized for the one and a half hour journey to hospital. It is all very well to say that emergencies are rare. The figures have not been published but even eight emergencies in a year in which lives could be saved by rapid intervention

which is not available, would have a powerful effect on our community. The fact that the ambulance, which now becomes the lifeline for the area, may be absent for up to three hours delivering patients to hospital only adds to the problem.

What we need now is a frank, detailed and candid description of what FV Health Board are planning. Letters from the Killin News requesting this appear to have been ignored. A letter to the Medical Director dated the 12th October remains unacknowledged. Surely we have a right to know about something so important to us as this.

Meanwhile our own GPs will be available until the new system can be set up to deliver what the FVHB consider to be a suitable service. Before then the community must be involved and understand why FVHB have confidence in the new system.

Do have a Healthy Christmas and New Year.

WA (Dr C W G Angus MB BCh FRCGP)

Ambulance Open Day

NHS FV and the Ambulance Service will be holding an **Open Day at Killin Ambulance Station** on Wednesday 15th December from 2-4pm and 5-7pm. They will be available to answer questions and present the new rapid response vehicle. Come and ask your questions.

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Frost Report

Monarchs of the Glens

We are at the end of just about the wettest stalking season that I can remember.

After not only the great landslide of Glen Ogle but also the multi landslides of Glen Lochay, there were several more weeks of mostly wet weather. One landslide on Meall Ton Eich has continued to grow through this time. The Hydro had to bring in a digger to clear intakes on several areas of the hill. Many burns have significantly changed their shapes and many massive boulders have been moved.

On the way back from stalking one evening in the Duncroisk glen, a dark shape crossed in front of us and at a closer view we could identify it as an otter moving from Glen Lochay to Glen Lyon.

Realising that it had been seen, it reacted with cartoon-like ultra speed when the legs appeared to be galloping long before the body actually moved. Doubtless the monsoon season gave it good watery paths wherever it went. Watery paths are not always so good on the hill and can be downright dangerous when burns have to be crossed either on foot or in hill vehicles. One rather mature stalker in a neighbouring glen had a lucky escape when his argocat was washed down the burn but wedged against a large boulder so was retrieved safely the next day. It brings a whole new meaning to the term 'silver surfer!'

Apart from the rain, the stag stalking season held its usual bag of surprises. In Glen Falloch a stag was shot which had a broken off horn of an adversary embed-

ded in its skull and another had a deep wound in its body from a similar affray. It must be said, though, that neither beast came home as stiff as the stag brought in on the pony in a recent episode of 'Monarch of the Glen'. At home we couldn't decide whether it had been hanging in the larder too long or whether it was straight from the deep freeze. Actually it appears that, once gralloched, it had been stuffed with sorbo and stitched up again so as not to offend the viewers. Also, so as not to offend the more politically correct, the stalkers are called ghillies. The term 'stalker' seems to strike fear in the heart of the modern urban dweller, as I found out on a visit to A&E when the receptionist asked my profession. Mind you, I'm wondering if I may have more success with the women if I changed my title – seems to work for Golly the ghillie!

This season we have had an increase in days disrupted by hill walkers, despite the time and trouble put into the hill phone service. While most walkers and stalkers make every effort to co-exist amicably, there are the few who appear to come to the hills not so much for a slice of peace and quiet but spoiling for a fight. One leader who had taken money to bring her group to Glen Lochay met us and asked if we were going stalking. We replied that we were and she left with a cheery

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'Well, we're going walking anyway' - such a considerate greeting for the estate which is helping to sustain local infrastructure and care for the hills and their wildlife. Obviously she was enjoying her 'right to moan'.

When a deer is eventually stalked and shot, the venison will be sold to help towards the upkeep of the estate. Many farmers feel they are being held to ransom by big supermarket chains fixing the meat prices and this may happen with venison now that most smaller game dealers have been forced out of business, mainly due to new E.C. regulations.

A review of the stalking seasons dates and deer legislation may mean that seasons will be extended and closed seasons withdrawn or brought into line with those in England. Maybe this follows the controversy over Glen Feshie earlier in the year and the proposed extensive cull at Mar Lodge Estate belonging to the National Trust.

There has been an increase in the number of kestrels and short-eared owls due to the vole and mouse population explosion this year, both in this area and in the far North. This takes place every few years and it is amazing how the predators know where and when this is happening and are ready to home in to the extra pickings.

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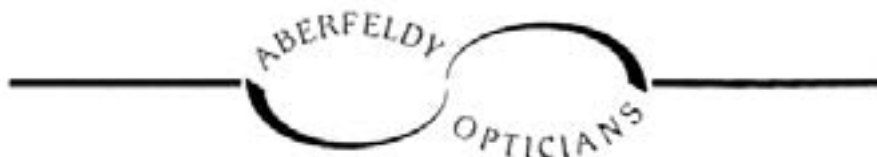
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love that is Christmas without believing in it – the whole 'barraload', the whole story of how, as the angels sang and the shepherds watched over their flocks by night, God sent his Son to be born of Mary in a stable at Bethlehem in Judea in the days of Herod the king, to bring peace and joy and salvation to the world then and now! Have a blessed and joyous Christmas and pray for that 'peace and goodwill to all men'.

Reverend John Shedden
The Manse, Dalmally

BURA Charitable Trust Awards for Community Regeneration 2004

Strathfillan Community Development Trust has been selected as a runner-up (Category B) within the BURA Charitable Trust Awards for Community Regeneration 2004. Lord Jenkin of Roding will officially present the Awards at a morning ceremony on Thursday 16th December 2004 at the House of Lords, London.

Strathfillan Lunch Club

(see picture page 29)

The Lunch Club meets once a month on a Friday in Crianlarich Village Hall at 12.30pm and new members from Crianlarich, Tyndrum and surrounding areas are always welcome. If you're over 55, you can enjoy being served a tasty meal in a friendly atmosphere for only £3. If you're younger, you can help to serve and wash the dishes. The next dates are: 14th January (outing to Killin Drama Club pantomime) 21st January (Haggis, Trifle) 18th February (Chicken and Ham pie, Cheesecake) 18th March (Macaroni Cheese, Bread and Butter pudding) Thanks to Lesley at the Rod and Reel, who cooks for us, and Stirling Council Community Grants for financial assistance.

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from school leavers by surveying S4 to S6 pupils: to investigate the aspirations of adults who may want to enter or re enter vocational training and to explore some of the barriers to employment as seen by potential employers and apprentices.

The information obtained will help to find ways to minimise these barriers and to design and deliver an innovative National Park Apprenticeship Training Programme.

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Remember when venturing out on the river or loch in a boat, a life jacket is an absolute must. Your personal safety always comes first. If you are interested in pike fishing, but unsure about rigs or methods used, contact the Angling Club. There are prized specimen pike in this wonderful water. Every success to all who fish Loch Tay.

Donald Murray KBAC

Salmon, Parr and Fry

At the end of the season we are looking at the health and strength of the fish population on the main spawning areas of the Rivers, Connonish, Fillan, Dochart and Lochay. It is important to maintain a good population, from first year fry to parr stage, with salmon, and to see how the trout fry to adult, are co-existing with their larger cousins. Angling brings revenue to the area, even when there are not many tourists about, so it is important to support the work of the Tay Board and the Tay Liaison Committee. Experimental release of hatchery-reared fry into good gravel areas, where there is a healthy food chain in the Connonish and Lochay this spring has produced results. The electro fishing produced first year fry up to 45 mm in these sections. Inspection of other areas indicated that the natural chain of growth is excellent. A designated area is fished with 4 sweeps of the probe at 5 minute intervals, followed by 5 minutes fishing in a specific strong water flow and a more gentle flow outwith the fished section. Catches are then logged and carefully released.

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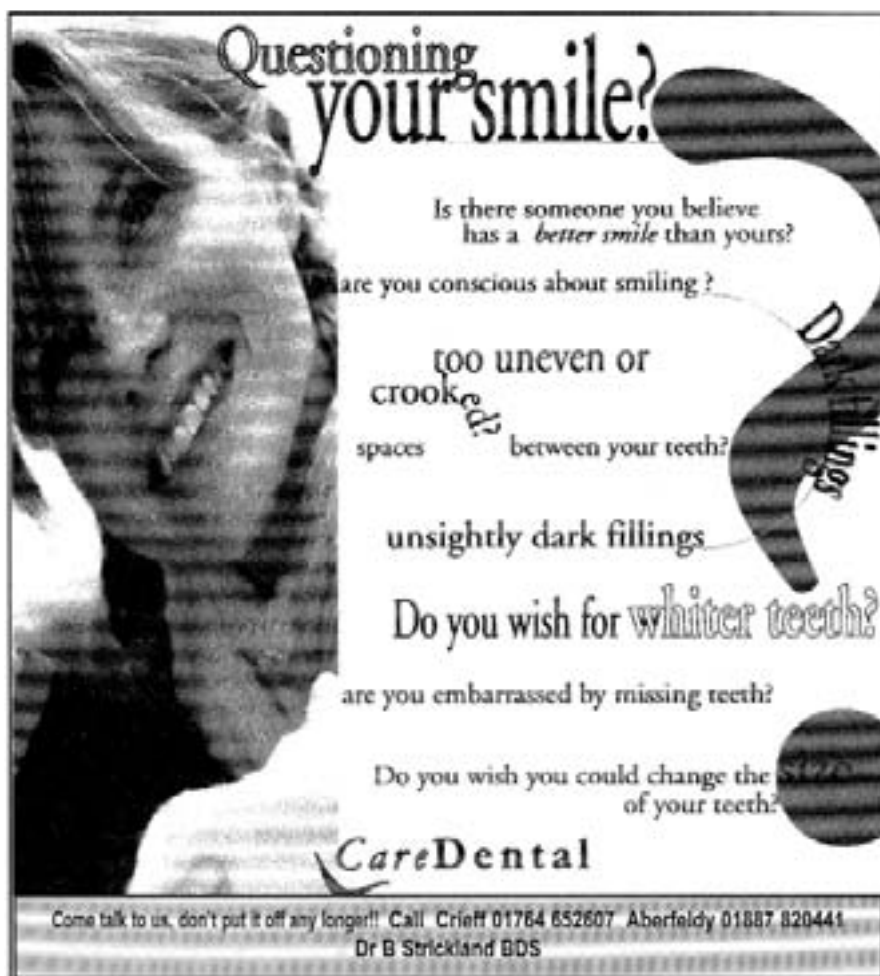
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| First fishing | 48 salmon fry : 8 salmon parr : 7 trout fry : 2 small trout |
| Second fishing | 22 salmon fry : 2 salmon parr : 3 trout fry |
| Third fishing | 9 salmon fry : 1 trout fry |
| Fourth fishing | 3 salmon fry |
| Swift flow of water | 7 salmon fry : 3 salmon parr |
| Slow flow of water | 2 salmon fry : 6 trout fry |

The results from the River Lochay are particularly encouraging, and prove that with care and continued stocking the salmon should come up to a level which the river can support naturally. It is also important to look after the returning salmon over the next few years and not destroy the hard work being done to bring this river back to a natural sustainable population. To assist the Tay Board and the Killin Angling Club, the lift at the Lochay Power Station is to be replaced. An improved ladder is to be made at the upper falls, and the pass through the model dam altered, which will assist fish to ascend unhindered to the spawning areas. The survey also showed that the large parr were males in spawning mode. In the autumn electro fishing caught mature salmon from the spring run to provide for the hatchery. These prime specimens are kept until ripe, carefully stripped then returned to the holding tanks and revived to mature again the following year. Provided the fish are healthy they can produce tens of thousands of ova during their life span for use in for regenerating the upper reaches. The oldest hen

fish, was fourteen, and was truly a magnificent specimen. The fish from this area will be retained for producing fry and ova for returning to their natural river of birth.

The new equipment was first used on the River Fillan and Lochay and the results were good. They will be better during the second week of November when there are more salmon in the pools below the spawning redds. The final survey will count spawning pairs on the redds, to give a comparison with the previous years counts.

Alex Stewart for TLC



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The sweep in operation with club president Ian Downie holding the keep net

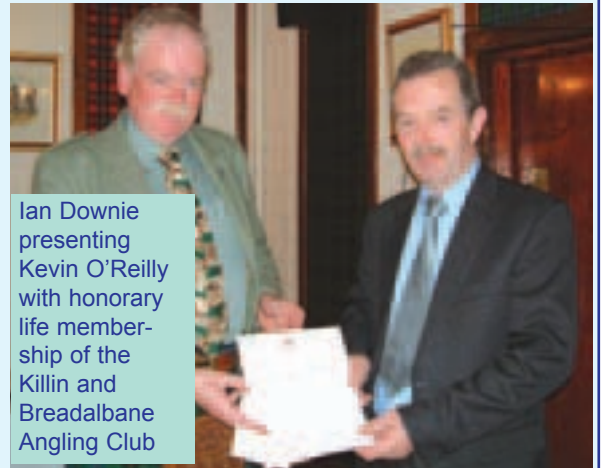


A good sized parr from one of the sweeps



Angling Club Awards

Left to right Alex Stewart, Grant Tigwell, Ian Downie, Dougie Petrie, Angus McLennan, Donald McLarty
Front row Camilla Tigwell and Roisinn McLarty



Ian Downie presenting Kevin O'Reilly with honorary life membership of the Killin and Breadalbane Angling Club

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Royal National Mod Perth 2004 Winners

Siobhan Riddell won a bronze medal in the beginners class Highland Fling

Rachel Lincoln won an award in the intermediate clarsach solo. She also came third in the duet competition with her partner who lives in North Connel, capping off a successful year in music festivals and local mods in and around Argyll.



Siobhan Riddell

Siobhan Anderson

Rachel Lincoln



Siobhan (first left) with Fealla Dha

Siobhan Anderson entered the Individual Fiddle and the fiddle group. Keen competition in the individual class meant that she was not among the medal winners although she gained a high mark. However she and the other five girls from McLaren High School in the group known as Fealla Dha ("a piece of nonsense") were awarded bronze Medals. Already they are making plans to go over the sea to Skye for the 2005 Mod!



Kirsty Baillie

of Auchtertyre Farm, Tyndrum, who graduated BSC in Rural Resource Management from SAC in Edinburgh. Kirsty is the daughter of Rena and Tom Baillie and youngest granddaughter of Pearl Noble of Ardeonaig. She is now pursuing a career in chartered surveying.

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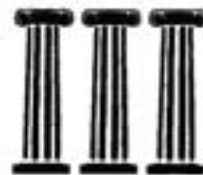
Front Row Catriona Inglis, Jane Allan, Diane Gray, Shona Taylor, Isabel Guild, Pamela Grant, Gary Lawrie

Killin Golf Club

Both the Secretary and Treasurer of the Golf Club reach the end of their terms of office in January 2005 and it is necessary for the Club to appoint a successor for each of these key positions.

Neither job is particularly onerous but both demand a degree of commitment and application. Both posts benefit from the assistance of the Club Steward and the retiring officers will be available to give advice, if asked.

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Farming Matters

By this time of year most farms in the Killin area have sold the majority of their sheep and cattle. Prices at the Autumn sales started on a high and have remained constant throughout the season. The majority of our stock is sold through the auction markets of Stirling, Dalmally and Perth. There is much speculation at present as to the future of these markets as United Auctions, who own these markets, are currently in discussion with a property development company. It seems no time since both Killin and Aberfeldy marts were closed, but we have all become used to travelling further. It is

vitaly important that these remaining centres remain open. The relative good prices that our livestock achieve are not unfortunately felt through all sectors of farming. Dairy farmers are receiving a derisory price for their milk. At a time when the cost of production is increasing their reward continues to be cut. It is a clear example of the power of supermarkets and their wholesale suppliers who fight to undercut each other in order to increase their market share. Supermarkets and wholesalers such as Robert Wiseman continue to rack up huge profits yet dairymen who have to

milk cows 365 days a year make a loss with many giving up each month. Unless a halt is put to this our daily milk will not come from fresh Scottish pasture but in huge tankers through the channel tunnel. The same events will occur if we allow meat wholesalers such as Scot Beef ABP or MacIntosh Donald to dictate the price of our beef and lamb. The transparency of the auction market system is one thing that establishes the true value of our product and must be preserved. On a more positive note, there is much discussion in farming circles of the age imbalance within the agricultural industry resulting in too many old farmers and not enough young. The government is aware of the problem and is considering incentives such as subsidised loans to allow young farmers to enter the industry. Fortunately this is not the case in our area where most farms have a son or daughter willing to work at home with the aim of eventually taking over the running of the farm. This is essential for the future of individual farms but it is also important that they remain in the area for the benefit of the whole of the local community.

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A Visitor Drops By

Following the gales in October, a guillemot, probably chased by one of the resident buzzards, landed, to the amazement of our two cats, in the back garden. Both cats had been with the visitor for some time as I had been aware of them hanging about in the



same spot for most of the morning. When I opened the window I thought I was seeing things, as two feet away from our grey tabby sat a guillemot. Our other cat was sitting peering at the visitor from the back steps and was obviously wondering whether it was too big to eat. She quickly changed her mind after moving closer, as the visitor, seeing a black and white cat and the nearest thing to a guillemot, stood up and hopped his way up the steps towards her. She reversed keeping her eyes on the bird and decided lunch was definitely off. We all breathed easier when the visitor decided to descend the steps and peck lumps out of the greenhouse instead.

We called the SSPCA who told us to put

a clothes basket over the bird until they could collect him. The cats spent the rest of the day glued to the window, as the bird every so often went walkabout under the basket.

When the inspector picked him up, he said that he would be released in Fife and would blow out to sea where he would be able to take off. Several guillemots had been blown from the west coast during the gales and had

been picked up in the central belt suffering from exhaustion.. I hope he survived his trip.

Sue Howard

Killin Parish Church

Rev. John Lincoln and the elders of Killin and Ardeonaig church send out warm wishes for a happy Christmas and extend a very warm welcome to young and old (and in between too!) to come to the church at this special time of Christmas. This is a time for celebrations so why not join the wider family of our village. Our children's Nativity service will be at 10am Sunday December 19th. Why not get a flavour of The Real Christmas? We would love to see you there.



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Killin Community Council

At the meeting on 9th November a presentation was given by David Bright, Emergency Planning Adviser for Stirling Council, who explained Emergency Management Procedures for dealing with the impact of any type of disaster in the area.

Emergency Management was originated after the Lockerbie disaster and has covered many emergencies since then, including the recent landslides on Glen Ogle. There is a proposal to involve Community Councils when an emergency occurs as they are invaluable sources of local knowledge.

Matters arising from previous minutes: No reply from BT about the removal of telephone boxes or from BEAR regarding the flooding and anti skid proposals on Glen Ogle. The question of lighting through the Park is still ongoing. A bus stop in Dochart Road has been approved. **Planning applications** have been received for the Ardeonaig Hall and for a new house behind Myrtle Grove.

Transport: The Area Network has

proposed a shuttle bus to run from Tyndrum to get people to Stirling early. It was reported that the City Link bus service to Fort William and Oban from Glasgow and Edinburgh has been withdrawn without any notification. Transport will be discussed at the next meeting.

Christmas tree lights: A grant had been received and the tree will be obtained and erected.

Fireworks at Hogmanay: An insurance quote of £680 had been received and experts and volunteers previously involved are prepared to be so again. Fireworks would cost over £1000 but if at least £2000 could be raised, the fireworks could go ahead. It was thought that many hotels and businesses would be prepared to help out. It was agreed that, if possible, the display should go ahead and Charlie Grant would make inquiries.

Ambulance Service: Pressure should be kept up to improve or maintain the ambulance service in this area.

Next meeting: Killin Primary School on 11th January 2005.

School Transport

Major concerns over the school bus journey to McLaren High School were raised at a meeting of the Breadalbane Area Network in September. For Strathfillan the issues were the state of the school bus and its safety and comfort. Killin was concerned about the lack of seat belts, the lack of a dedicated school service and the anti-social behaviour of some of the pupils during the twice-daily journeys. Steps have been taken by Children's Services to address the behaviour issue but safety remains a prime concern. Colin McMenemy from Children's Services and Lawrence Stocks, School Transport Co-ordinator, have been invited to attend the Killin Community Council meeting on Tuesday, 11th January. If anyone (including pupils) has specific concerns they would like to see addressed, please put these **in writing** prior the meeting to the Secretary of your Community Council. (Killin: Mairi Hunter, 6 Dochart Road or Strathfillan: Moria Robertson, 3 Glenfalloch Road, Criannlarich). This will be in strict confidence and will allow for a constructive session with Stirling Council.

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West Highland Way

Newly appointed Development Manager, Gill Cox will be liaising with the partners, businesses, land managers and communities along the whole of the 95-mile route from Milngavie to Fort William in an initiative to integrate the management and enhancement of the West Highland Way. She will be making contact with the communities, land managers and visitors along the route and would like to hear the thoughts of those who live and work along the route about the way forward.

The 25th anniversary celebrations in 2005 will be one of many exciting challenges for Gill who has started gathering ideas about events for the celebrations. She can be contacted at the National Park Headquarters in Balloch on 01389 722600 or email. gillcox@lochlomond-trossachs.org

New to Craigbuie



Killin welcomes Vic and Sue Hughes, the new owners of Craigbuie Guest House. Vic and Sue have come from Ipswich and are already enjoying life in the country - walking their Gordon Setter round the head of the loch is a far cry from the hassle of the M25. They are both looking forward to the new challenge of running the B & B, having never done anything like this before. Vic was a computer programmer and Sue brought up two girls and a boy, along with being a playgroup leader and latterly teaching computer studies at a primary school.

Vic is passionate about photography, which is evident in their front hall, and is delighted about the surrounding scenery. Sue spends her spare time doing handcrafts and needlework. Best of luck to you both with your new venture. DG

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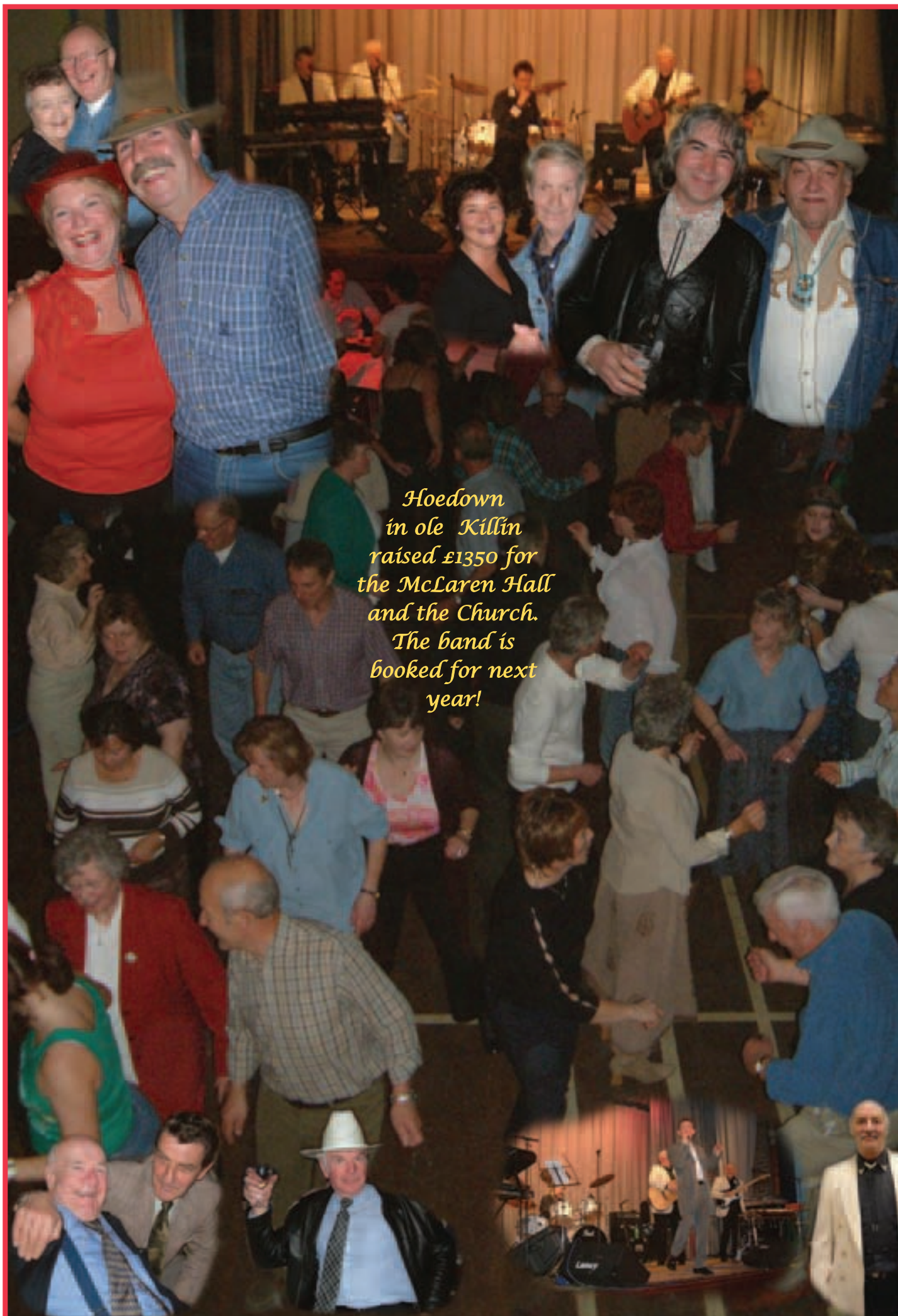
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On 7th October Mrs. Yvonne MacPherson, President, welcomed old and new members and visitors to the first meeting of the year. The new Xmas collection of Virgin Cosmetics was displayed by Mrs. Jamana Caird and tested by the ladies. Mrs. Jane Brown and Mrs. Margaret Mantle served tea.

Competitions:

Toffee Apple

1 Mrs. Margaret Galloway

Favourite Scarf

1 Mrs. Jan Willison

2 Mrs. Margaret Galloway

3 Mrs. Linda Bergin

The President, Mrs. Yvonne MacPherson, welcomed members and visitors from Strathfillan to November's meeting held in the Lesser McLaren Hall on 4th November. Polly Pullar, Author and Field Naturalist, gave a very interesting illustrated talk about her work with rescued birds and animals at her animal sanctuary with slides which included tawny owl chicks, roe deer and bats. The Vote of Thanks was given by Mrs. J Higgins, who then served tea with Mrs. C. Hope. Mrs. MacPherson thanked the Curling Team - Mrs. Jane Andersen, Mrs. Sheena Chisholm, Mrs. Cathie Reid

and Mrs. Margaret Taylor for competing in the recent competition. Although they did not win, a great day out was had by all. **Competitions:**

Jar of Raspberry Jam:

1 Mrs. C Reid

2 Mrs. M. Galloway

3 Mrs. J Willison

Wild Life Photograph:

1 Mrs. J. MacNaughton

2 Mrs. M. MacGregor

3 Mrs. M Galloway

WHIST DRIVE IN AID OF CHAS

On Saturday 6th November a whist drive was held by the Killin W.R.I in the Lesser McLaren Hall. The Card Master was Mr I. MacGregor. Seven tables took part and £91.50 was raised for the Children's Hospice. Mrs Y MacPherson (President) and Mr W Stitt thanked everyone who brought along supper and raffle prizes.

Prize Winners:

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obtained from old maps, census-es, publications and people who have lived in the village or have an interest in local history. So far there are 151 houses on file with details of those who lived in them in 1881. This has been tied in with information from Stobie's map of 1783 and Ordnance Survey maps of 1954 and 2000. Here are two examples:

Police Station

Identified on Stobie's Map of 1783. In the 1881 Census it was still a Police Station inhabited by the McRae family who included Philip aged 37, a Police Constable, Isabella his wife 37, children James



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Clachaig House

14, Isabella 12, Margaret 10, Philip 8, and Jane 6. We also know that this is where Fred Macaulay lived as a child. His father was the last police constable in this house before it was purchased by Margaret and Graham Wilson. It is now called Tigh Muileann.

(We are very sorry to hear that Fred's mother passed away on the 13th November.)

Clachaig House

In the 1881 census this was a collection of five dwellings, home to 13 people and 2 visitors representing families of the names Stewart, McDiarmid, McNab, McLaren, McArthur, Crerar and McLellan.

Occupations included seamstress, house-keeper, coachman, master carpenter, and baker.

It became the Clachaig and more recently its name was changed to Falls of Dochart Hotel.

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Once completed, the list will be an essential tool in enabling Park residents to alter their buildings without diminishing the architectural integrity.

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the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS) to identify significant buildings, which they may wish to record. The public will be able to view the records made in the National Monuments Record in Edinburgh or on their website at www.rcahms.gov.uk. The resurvey work will continue until April 2005. After that it is hoped that an exhibition and booklet will be produced about the resurvey and the architecture of the LL&TNP.

If you have any questions about the resurvey contact Jemma Metcalfe-Gibson by email on jemma.gibson@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or by post at:

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Beatrice Beattie

I would like to thank everyone who assisted when I had my accident and who visited or sent cards and good wishes during my stay in Stirling Royal and at home. Also the kind friends who took Christine in to see me and did many other things for us. All are very much appreciated.

David Buglass

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Ron Allner

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passing. He was impressed with the attitude and passion for rugby from the P3-P7 pupils who come from Callander, Thornhill, Killin, Aberfoyle and Doune. Mini headcoach Jim Chesholm spoke about the biggest challenge facing the

coaches this season. He said: "We would relish the chance to develop a midi section with pupils from McLaren and plan to hold a rugby clinic in the near future to encourage youngsters to be a part of the club. It would be a fantastic opportunity for us to further develop our links with the school and enable the minis to further their rugby development when they reach high school. As it is we are losing them to other clubs when they leave the minis and I feel we have a lot of potential talent here which is just ready to be taken on to the next level. It is a pity that we can't do that at present. We really do rely on the support of the parents and we would love to see more getting involved. We are looking to send people on foundation coaching courses and a referees' course. Anyone thinking about doing either of these does not need to know anything about the game as they are taught the rules from scratch. All potential coaches go through a disclosure check (child protection). The mini section is also keen to encourage girls to join to form a girls' team."

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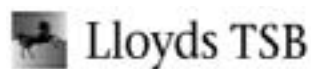
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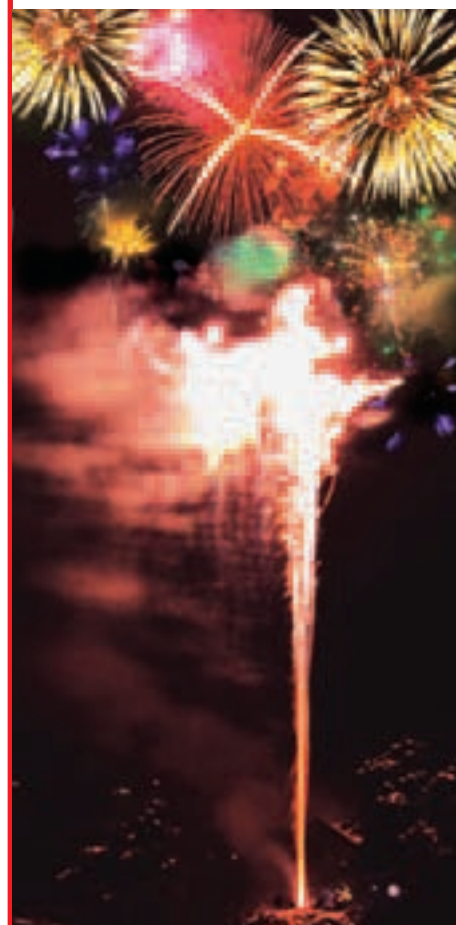
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Louise Smith from Tyndrum and David Crothers, married on 2nd October at Crianlarich Parish Church by the Rev. John Shedden

Louise (also seen in her wedding photograph) took part in a sponsored zip slide across the River Clyde recently in a charitable event for the Princess Royal Maternity Hospital in Glasgow. Louise admits to being terrified by the prospect but she put aside her own fear of heights and managed to raise £261.04 from the Crianlarich and Tyndrum area. Although no final figures are available, it is thought that this event raised well over £10,000 towards much needed paediatric equipment for the hospital.

Mervyn's Weather

"There is so much bad in the best of us and so much good in the worst of us, that it ill becomes the best of us to miscall the worst of us!"

Probably a misquote but the gist of it could probably be applied broadly to weather conditions. In what we would describe as a "bad season" there are inevitably short "good" spells or individual "good" days. Likewise in a "good" season the odd brief unsettled spell intervenes. Few occurrences in life are categorically 100% good or bad.

So what then of the "Summer Season" and indeed most of the Autumn of 2004? Probably the closest comparison is the somewhat similar summer of 1985. In that disastrous season, when virtually no hay was saved on Loch Tayside, on only five days between 5th June and 13th October was no precipitation recorded. Conversely in the period early June until end of October 2004, there were 26 dry days but these were so spread out, with usually not more than two consecutively and almost complete lack of drying conditions so again the minimum of good hay was secured. Probably the main difference between 1985 and 2004 was the intensity of some of the low-pressure systems, which produced torrential down-

pours with thunder and lightning storms at times of unusual violence.

The responsibility for these conditions has been attributed variously to Global Warming, Climate Change, Greenhouse Gas Emissions and even methane released by ruminants, while cyclic meteorological variations which have taken place in the long term over the millennia get passing mention.

The fact is that over the fairly recent past our seasonal weather has definitely become, on the whole, wetter and more humid and winter temperatures have become higher. Individual occurrences, be they brief, fierce snowfalls, short-lived frosts, gales or short summer high-pressure systems, would appear to be more intense.

These conditions seem to be manifesting themselves in the behaviour of some of our floral and arboreal spring burgeoning. For many years larch needles would show green within a day or two of 17th March and beech leaves opened around 22nd April. Now one can expect larches about 6th to 8th March and beeches 10th to 12th April. Other examples include the marked increase of rushes (juncos squarrosus etc) which love damp, cold soil conditions, the spread of bracken (up



5% per annum in some localities) and the proliferation, where not checked by grazing, of scrub type growth - all to the detriment of well managed palatable swards. So many ecological factors seem to hang one upon the other, so that increased damp, humid groundcover and a longer growing period enhance the habitat for pests such as the bracken tick and blue/green-bottle flies. The ticks, if viraeic, can be injurious, if not fatal, to sheep, cattle and indeed humans and the flies cause fly strike and maggots which can and do cause lingering and painful death to sheep. In past years lengthier spells of frost and snow, while they did not eliminate these pests, at least curtailed their activities.

We hear occasional murmurings of a hard, cold winter to come but so far this seems unlikely, as birds are reluctant to come to their proffered nuts and grass grows apace, even if is somewhat soggy and of little food value. But, as in politics, a week can be a long time in meteorology!

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Teamwork and Happy Endings

We see examples in this Issue of how things get done when people pull together.

The New Year Fireworks, a major event for which Killin is now well known, is due to go ahead.

The Sports and Social Club progresses in the face of the occasional vandalism that undermines enjoyment and causes much work for the members. Damage mainly occurs to the bowling green, which requires a very high standard of care and is difficult to repair.

The out-of-hours situation is slowly being teased out as confused messages from Forth Valley Health Board are decoded. The Health Council on which we were not previously represented now has the full picture from John MacPherson and understandably shares our concerns about the plans for care in this area. Sylvia Jackson has helpfully canvassed the Health Board on our behalf to clear the confusion and the messages may soon become understandable. We all need to keep our eye on this ball, attend every meeting, ask relevant questions, and provide our candid opinions to help the Health Board design an efficient and acceptable system. Once it is up and running we need to monitor it by feeding back our experiences.

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Sports and Leisure Club

Goodbye Kay

In 1997 Kay Riddell, who was already on the Committee, became Chair of the Killin and District Sports & Leisure Club. What Kay didn't appreciate then was the wide-range of skills she would need to acquire or that she would still be using them seven years later.

The Club, consisting of Sports Pavilion,



Football Pitch, Bowling Green, Putting Green and Tennis Courts, offers the use of these facilities to both local people and visitors. The Committee's job is to organise this use and the upkeep of all the assets within the money available. The Club faced problems with lack of money, due to the decline in the number

of members and visitors and higher staff wages, so there were lots of jobs that "someone had to do" – and when no-one else could or would, Kay usually found herself doing them. She collected the cash, picked up the rubbish, tidied up the Pavilion inside and out, took phone bookings outside normal hours, worried about the Astroturf flooding, mowed the grass (learning how to keep the lines on the bowling green straight and improving her waistline at the same time, she says) – and once memorably collected lion dung from the Safari Park to keep rabbits off the greens. The Club is an asset to the village and particularly to the young people who were Kay's main concern so, although she would have liked to, she would not give up the job until it could be handed over to someone else who would keep things going. This summer, when Joe Reilly offered to take over, she happily resigned. On behalf of the village, thank you, Kay, for your years of dedication and hard work – you have earned a rest!

Hello Joe

When Joe Reilly met Judy Forster in Killin Library, the unexpected consequence was he left having volunteered for the job of Chair of the Sports and Leisure Committee. Joe and his wife, Margaret,

after various holidays in the Killin area, had decided to take early retirement and move to one of the new houses here. Originally from Glasgow, Joe trained as a PE teacher and both he and Margaret were teachers in Liverpool. On hearing of his interest in sport, Judy suggested he might like to take over from Kay at the Sports and Leisure Club and this he has



now done. Joe is full of ideas for increasing the numbers of Club members and volunteer helpers and would like to expand leisure activities (perhaps with cards and chess, for instance) and attract both a wider age group and more visitors to use the Club facilities. Possible provision of a running track and more varied use of the Pavilion could also be considered. New ideas and new enthusiasm are always welcome and we wish Joe and his team success. As always the challenge is to bring in enough money to cover repairs and maintenance but grants, sponsorship and fund raising activities are all being investigated. Joe is ably supported by Vice Chair Jill Higgins, Treasurer Paula Harris, Maintenance Manager Colin Higgins and Football Rep. Euan MacKenzie. – and Kay is still running the 100 Club.

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Killin Drama Club goes on Tour?

Drama Club members have been busy recently as while rehearsing "Jack and the Beanstalk" for their January production, lots of other shows have been going on in the background.

On two consecutive evenings in October they presented three plays at Fearnan and Thornhill Village halls to appreciative audiences. The idea was to give the club mem-

bers experience of theatre beyond the surroundings of the McLaren Hall, by arriving at an unfamiliar venue about 90 minutes before "curtain up". They then had to rig the portable technical sound and lighting kits as required, set out the seating and refreshments, adapt their plays and sets to the acting area available and hope for the best. The programme included one of last year's festival plays, "The Evergreens", a comedy radio play, "Passion under Fire", written by club members, and the hairdresser's nightmare shown at Killin last year,

"Rattle, Rattle". At the end of each evening the cars and trailer were loaded up ready for the next night's show and we were on the road again! The "Tour" was hard work but great fun for the members and a repeat will no doubt be on the cards for another year. In November the Club appeared at Livingston's Howden Park Centre to present one of the successful plays in this year's play-writing competition "Play on Words 2004". Written by Fiona Walker from Newcastle the play "The Anstruther Light" is set in east coast Scotland and depicts a true to life family problem in a most tender reflective style. The cast at Livingston experienced working on a thrust stage surrounded on three sides by the audience – another first for the club.

So now it's back to Panto. This year's show involves the largest Giant ever on the Killin stage and an enormous beanstalk, goodies and baddies and lots of audience participation. Junior members recently held a special fundraiser for their costumes - a "Non Stop" disco (raising over £300). Morag the Cow will be coming here from Drymen after helping their local club with a show in early December. Our scenery painters, costume and publicity departments are working hard for what promises to be an excellent production to celebrate our 10th year in Pantomime. Watch out for posters with ticket details etc.

Gordon Hibbert



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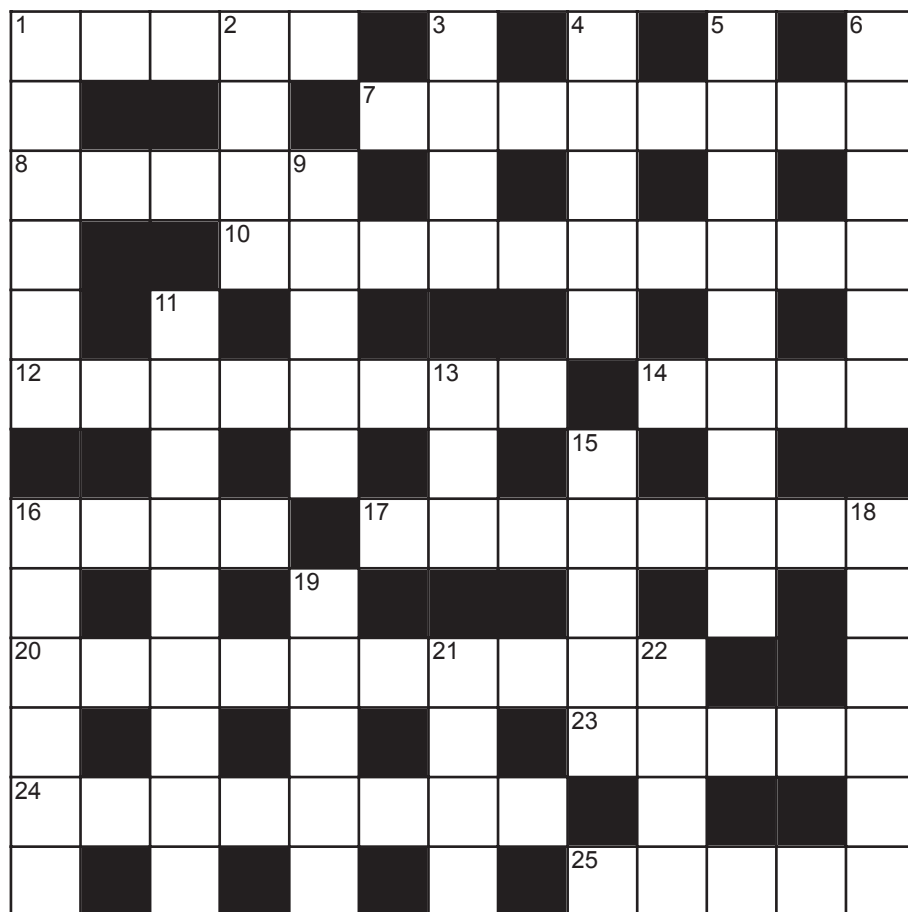
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Across

1. Brag about 2nd class kiln (5)
7. Painstakingly careful (8)
8. Quiet legendary being gets put upon (5)
10. Metal fighter mainly enjoyed by children (3,7)
12. Come as no surprise (8)
14. Tíree is included in mini sledgehammer competition (4)

16. Sea eagle (4)

17. Dare rest in confused apprehension (8)

20. Laundered garment for male, hopefully not the last one needed (5,5)

23. Short in the tooth (5)

24. Referring to oneself in particular (8)

25. No den to finish in (3,2)

Down

1. 'e bides close by (6)
2. Sodium Chloride or tar (4)
3. Present time or place (4)
4. Cook and interrogate (5)
5. Novel old shop (9)
6. Accusation involving the brigadier's men (5)
9. Singing member of the Fringillidae family (5)
11. Over the hill (2,2,5)
13. Auricular organ (3)
15. Seasonal adjective (5)
16. Freedom is found in curious oriental space (6)
18. Another monster in the Hydra gone to ground (6)
19. Johnny brings it over from the continent (5)
21. One definite and one indefinite article combine to produce warmth (4)
22. A densely populated urban area. (4)

Solution to issue 82

Across 1. spell 7. disallow 8. grass 10. schoolboys 12. yestreen 14. many 16. taro 17. tentacle 20. pennyworth 23. eased 24. emulsion 25. mould

Down 1. sugary 2. less 3. ciao 4. pally 5. allowance 6. twisty 9. scare 11. astronaut 13. ewe 15. state 16. tipper 18. evaded 19. gypsy 21. oboe 22. halo

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Fingal's Stone

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advance.

Obituaries

Jacqueline Teevan (MacLeod)

It was so very sad to lose Jacqueline, who died suddenly on 15th October in Stirling Hospital. She was brought up in Killin



and was known in Aberfeldy School by the teachers as "Sunshine". She was such a character, so full of life and very gifted with her hands. She will be sadly missed for her bubbly personality and caring nature.

Jessie MacLeod (Aunt)

In 1996, aged 40, Jacqueline met John Teevan and they were married that December. They spent a few years in the Raploch area of Stirling before moving to Cowie to be nearer John's family. There she became a well-known and much-loved member of the community, especially amongst her neighbours, who looked out for her and took good care of her. She lived with John and her beloved



dog, Benji, supported by her homemaker, Katy, whom she also adored. Although she was away from Killin for 8 years, her heart was always there. Her death was sudden and a great shock. She was loving, warm, compellingly likeable, frustrating, infuriating at times, forgiving, too trusting and vulnerable. Her life was chaotic and sad at times but, as her friend Liz Wilson said only recently, "when God made Jacqueline, he threw away the mould." She was indeed a one-off and we will miss her terribly.

Esther, Stirling Council.

Mary MacKinnon was born in Benbecula South Uist in 1908. After leaving school she worked for a short while on the island, before leaving for the mainland. She began work at the Braes



of Ardeonaig where she later became housekeeper. When she married she went to live on the croft at Bealloch where she brought up her three daughters. On the death of our father Hamish she could no longer live alone where she had been for sixty years. She came to live at 12 Fingal Rd where she was happy to see her family, her nine grand children and three great grand children. We would like to thank all neighbours and friends for flowers, cards and phone calls when we lost our Mum on 20th September 2004. Thanks too to Doctors especially Dr DeLaat and District Nurses for all their care and support. We all loved her and miss her very much.

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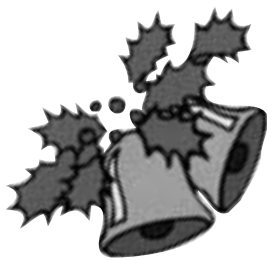
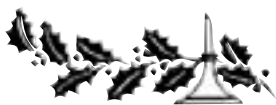
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Frances Bowyer

We are very sorry to report that Fran Bowyer died on 14th October at the age of 47. Her name may not be familiar to everyone in the area but she knew many Killin people well from her work as video editor on the Killin Millennium Video. Sadly the determination she showed in overcoming the problems with the video was unable to defeat the cancer which she fought bravely for many months. We send our sympathy to her son, Jamie, and her mother and family.

IC & MM

Cameron Miller

Visitors to Killin Golf Club will probably have noticed a photo of the opening of the clubhouse in 1922, where a small boy dressed in white figures prominently. This boy was Cameron Miller. Born on the 10th January 1913 in Dochart House, Killin, he was known to have been pushed in his pram by Mrs Annie Allan, still resident in Killin. Cameron was educated at Fettes College and Edinburgh University before beginning his career as an advocate. After war service in the navy he was appointed sheriff at Fort William, where he stayed until, in 1952, he was appointed as legal adviser to British Rail in Scotland. On retiring in 1974 he returned to Fettes as a teacher of general studies. He was also well known as an entertainer and compiler of comic

verse and had a great sense of humour. A keen golfer, he played at Muirfield until the age of 90, and before that would visit Killin regularly and play with the 'old boys', including my husband. Cameron was my mother's first cousin, and a valued member of the family. He died on the 19th October this year, aged 91.

Elizabeth Ingram

Hilda Thompsell passed away peacefully in her sleep on the morning of 2nd September. This came as a bitter shock to her extended family and friends as it seemed that she had recovered well from Frank's passing away only a month earlier and was rallying to cope with a very changed and challenging life ahead.

She was beset by several illnesses and severe disability. Her own doctor remarked that it was only willpower holding her together and it is undoubtedly due to her very positive and outward looking personality that she was sustained into her 90's.

She will be sorely missed by her close family and many friends in Killin. She



had a genuine interest in other people and their well being, supported several charities and in her earlier years played a very active part in the local community. She was at one time secretary of the tourist association and quite recently acted as polling clerk in her capacity as a former local government officer. She loved company and was easily delighted by simple pleasures, visits from friends and relatives who were always made welcome in her home, theatre visits with her friends or just a car ride up the Lochay. Being in her company was always a tonic.

Hers was a happy and fulfilled life and her son and daughter, Gordon and Janice, and their family would wish to thank all those in Killin for helping to make it so.

Gordon Thompsell

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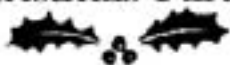
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 13,14,15 Pantomime McLaren Hall 8pm
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