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Editorial Comment

In this issue John Allen asks us to consider the future of the area in which we live. How would we, the local population, like our area to develop? What things should we retain and what changes would add to the quality of life here? Change of some sort is inevitable with new building, new businesses, increasing or decreasing population and changing activities. The drivers for change include the wishes of the local population, visitors' aspirations, landowners, developers, those who provide catering and local activities or amenities. Should we have control over how this development takes place or should people be allowed to do whatever they want? Restraints are in place in the form of planning regulations and the status of the village as a conservation area. The public can raise their views about the acceptability of changes through the Community Council. We are part of the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park whose remit include the support of business, employment and the unique nature of the area, a delicate balance. Would we accept an 'urban style village housing development', a fun fair, or more speedboats at this end of the loch? Do we know what your views are? What attractions do you think bring tourists to the area? How can this attractiveness be enhanced? Everyone has different interests and views but it is important that you promote your own views at every opportunity. How about passing them on to us for publication in the Killin News. Elsewhere in this issue, (see pages 5 and 6) you will read about Mr Brian Hamilton who has surprised some in the village by declaring interests in pieces of land of which the ownership had previously been unclear to local inhabitants. Do you have the full title to the land and access that you use for your home? His activity is totally legal and has not been affected by recent changes in the law. Strathfillan have a new and enthusiastic news-gathering team hence the five pages in this issue. Congratulations. Now we need more contributions from the Killin Area. A little wake-up call perhaps?

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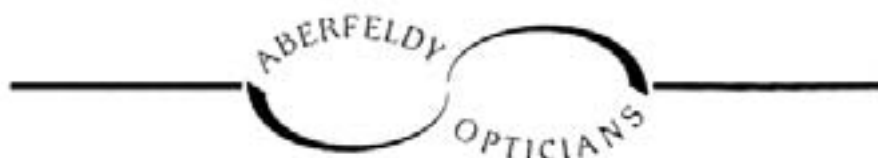
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the good luck that they were able to contact an off-duty district nurse who came immediately and supported the family while they waited for the ambulance and on until the undertaker left at seven that evening. She understood the now out-dated meaning of 'care'.

Where does this leave local confidence in the system? Having been told that the system copes well with emergencies, a failure like this does not reassure us.

Health and Safety enforce rules and regulations, many of which have a low risk when compared to medical emergencies. If it is a matter of finance perhaps the funding could be better directed. On this occasion the Scottish Ambulance Service was contacted as this was an acute emergency but the response time did not meet their or our expectations.

A Fatal Accident Inquiry has been requested by the Community Council and the final decision to hold this lies with the Crown Counsel.

A number of NHS problems seem to be coming to a head. The British Medical Association believes that NHS 24 puts some patients at risk. The NHS 24 review panel will shortly produce a report on its performance. The chairperson of NHS 24, Ms

Christine Lenihan, resigned just before the report was due.

One reason given in a news broadcast about the demise of the Argyll and Clyde Health Board was that it was difficult to balance the conflicting needs of urban and rural areas. That seems to describe our relationship within Forth Valley. There are signs of concern about the whole service nationally in addition to our worries about rural care.

Nowadays much faith is placed on "evidence base". Drastic changes have been made to our medical service resulting in a system that does not appear to have been properly evaluated and for which there is no hard evidence that it functions effectively. It is currently under "trial" and is being judged on its results.

The Highlands and Islands Health Board have recently employed a full time, 24/7 in current jargon, general practitioner for a population of under 200 on the Island of Jura for £100,000. pa.

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Killin Community Council meeting 10th May

Planning: An application had been received from Colin Taylor for the erection of two houses at Dunvegan, Killin. The Community Council has expressed their concern regarding the size of the houses and the proposed entrance. It was now up to the National Park to make the decision.

School Lane and Breadalbane Park:

The feus of the Breadalbane Park, including the lane around the schoolhouse and some ground at the top of the Park, have been bought by a Mr Hamilton. Stirling Council have a 999 year lease on the Main Park but John MacPherson contacted Mr. Hamilton with a view to the Community buying the school lane and top piece of ground. He was told to get back in touch during the next fourteen days. Having arranged funding for the purchase he contacted Mr. Hamilton as arranged only to be told that a deal had been completed with the occupants of the schoolhouse. According to Stirling Council's legal department there would be no difference to access, as the road has been used for over 20 years making it a right of way. Access to Fingal's stone would not be affected. Mr. Ffinch was convinced that the lane was a right of way with vehicular access and he had been given 99% assurance that no development could take place on the land at the top of the Park.

Community Partnerships: John Riley and John MacPherson have both retired as directors of the local National Park area. There were no volunteers to replace them.

City Link Bus: A bus will run from

Dundee to Oban this year but may not come into Killin as it had difficulty turning at the bottom of the village. Discussion is taking place regarding development of the Station Car Park.

Skip and Compost Site: The Skip and Compost site now opens only between 11am and 3 pm and is under the supervision of Mr T Lambie. Responsible use of the skip was stressed, in particular attention to the rules as to what was and was not acceptable. A request for the skip to be open one evening a week during the summer months would be put to Stirling Council.

Emergency Services: There had been a tragedy recently in the village when a visitor was taken ill on a Thursday afternoon. A call to the surgery was answered with a recorded message directing callers to NHS 24. As it was an emergency the caller then followed the advice given by Dr Gareth Davies in the Killin News and rang 999. An ambulance was called and the controller gave advice over the phone. When no ambulance appeared after some time, a neighbour went to the ambulance station and found no one there. The surgery was found to be closed as the doctors were having a

training session. However an off duty District Nurse did go to the patient by which time help was too late. An ambulance eventually arrived from the Perth area and a doctor from Aberfeldy. The family of the deceased were full of praise for the nurse but hoped that the Community Council would do all it could to make sure that the system would not fail this way again. It was felt that it would be in the public interest to have a Fatal Accident Inquiry and it was unanimously agreed that the Community Council should call for one, referring also to the petition which had been made to Parliament about the out of hours provision in the area. The local MSP Sylvia Jackson was appalled by the situation.

There is to be an internal inquiry into the whereabouts of the ambulance and RRU vehicle on that day. The question also remains as to why both Callander and Killin surgeries were closed and no local doctors were available on a weekday afternoon. The bereaved family and friends expressed their thanks to the community for their support.

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Nearly everywhere in Scotland is or has been at some time part of a large estate run by landlords under feudal laws. A lot of these estates are long gone but have left behind forgotten pieces of land and old laws which can turn out to be really valuable. Just as there are antique collectors and people who look for lost treasure in sunken wrecks or ancient ruins, there are some who buy up the remains of old estates to acquire hidden riches. Unlike discoverers of antiques or buried treasure, however, these so-called 'title raiders' often cause great distress and anxiety to other people.

In the 1990s, under laws which were generally thought to have been repealed in 1914, leaseholders on some estates were faced with back payment of 'casualty' fees due on each change of tenancy since the fee was last paid. Tenants either had to pay up or, on the basis that this payment should have been shown in their lease, sue their solicitors and get them to pay. This loophole in the law has since been closed but other old assets remain to be exploited.

Do you own the land on which your house is built? Houseowners who have no deeds – particularly where a home has been in the family for generations –

can suddenly be faced with a demand that they buy their own house because the land under it still belongs to the estate. A house created from an old disused school or church originally gifted by a landlord to the community may be claimed by a new landlord because it is no longer used for the purpose for which it was donated and the land still belongs to the estate. Many other odd – and often very small – pieces of land were left forgotten when areas of estates were sold off at different times. Over the years they have become used as common ground or access or perhaps been taken over or built on by previous owners of adjacent land. The estate can demand money for continued use of such land. All these ways of making money are very familiar to a gentleman named Brian Hamilton who has already caused distress to people in several areas in Scotland. He has recently bought up the residuals of the Breadalbane Estate Trust and has already been looking round Killin. Who knows what he will find but it is likely he will both cause problems and make money. Sadly, awful as it may be for his victims, what he does is legal. But nobody ever said that life was fair.

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If you intend to use broadband for your business, then there may be other areas that you need to consider, including accessing your

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At the time of writing the Killin exchange is due to be enabled with broadband technology on the 27th July. If this date changes I will post a message on the home page of my website www.frogspawncomputers.co.uk

For those of you who are not connected to the Killin telephone exchange, I am afraid that you will have to wait a little longer before broadband is available to you. The Scottish Executive have, once again, promised that all rural areas in Scotland will have broadband by the end of this year. It is not clear, as yet, how this will be achieved but as soon as I have any details I will let you know.

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Crianlarich School News

The school roll is now at 46, which is the highest anybody on the school board can remember. Summer is always a busy term - forthcoming events for the children include a sponsored West Highland Way walk on 20th June. This year it is from Crianlarich to Bein-Glas farm. In the previous 2 years, they have walked the sections from Bridge of Orchy to Tyndrum and Tyndrum to Crianlarich. Children will have sponsor forms soon - in aid of School funds.

Older pupils are taking part in a West Highland Way "relay challenge" on 15th June. This is organised by the National Park with the aim of having a relay of children walking the whole length of the WHW. Senior Crianlarich pupils are probably walking the part from Derrydarroch to Crianlarich.

On 22nd June all are welcome to the end of term prize-giving in the village hall.

The school board, with assistance from the Community council, has been lobbying for more road safety measures outside the school. The board is delighted that a part-time 20mph zone has been agreed, and is

now in the public consultation phase.

Hopefully, this will stretch from the Rod & Reel pub to outside the police house. It will be signified by flashing lights when in use (at the start and end of the school day) and will be a mandatory (rather than voluntary) speed limit. All being well, it should be in place by the start of the new session in August.

The school board is also campaigning for a pedestrian crossing in the village, particularly for access to the village hall, which the school children use on a regular basis. As an interim measure, the school board has just arranged for teachers to be trained and equipped as "lollipop ladies", to be able to safely stop traffic when the school is crossing. However, there is still a need for a crossing, which would benefit all hall users. The School Board and the Community Council are continuing to lobby the Scottish Executive for this.

School Easter Fayre raised a terrific £229 for school funds - thanks to all who supported this.

Crianlarich Primary School Disco

A first combined Primary Schools Disco was held in Crianlarich Village Hall for Crianlarich, Killin and Strathgryre Primary. Buffet and juice was served. A great time was had by all.

A Word from the Minister

Recently a judge in a British court ruled that if swimmers wanted to swim in the sea in freezing cold winter waters it was at their own risk and the local authority had no power to stop them. Hallelujah! Sometimes we can be over-protected to the extent that there is no excitement left in life. Yet during the week before I wrote this, a lad was drowned in the river Orchy having jumped off a bridge well known as a 'dare' among young people.

Where do we draw the line between freedom and responsibility? It is difficult in every area of life but especially for parents.

The radio has just informed me that the best-known part of the Bible is the 'ten commandments' - ten rules for living at peace and in harmony with each other. But, like by-laws made by local councils to control our behaviour, they are always in danger of running out of control. By the time of Jesus, Jewish religious lawyers and teachers had multiplied the ten into thousands of little rules and regulations - too many for ordinary folk to know, never mind keep.

Jesus sorted that. 'Only two laws are needed' he said. 'Love God and love your neighbour - everything else flows out from that.' In other words, be a loving and caring person. You won't always get it right, but your motivation, why you do it, will be good and true. Robert Burns put it like this: 'It's the heart, aye the heart that makes us right or wrong!'

Have a great and a safe summer.

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The other is a 'reality' TV show about one celebrity walker's attempt at walking the Way. The celebrity in question, Ian Kelsey, will be better known, as Doctor Patrick from Casualty. (For Casualty fans

Patrick was the bad guy who turned out to be a good guy. He was going to marry Doctor Lara but he died tragically in an accident a short time before the wedding! OK! enough of Casualty). Ian, who was a bit of a Casualty casualty when he arrived in Tyndrum, was hoping to complete the whole Way. If you want to know if he managed it you will have to look out for the programme (probably called "Celebrity Walks") which will be out later this year.

New Tyndrum Cemetery

Stirling Council's new £60,000 cemetery at Tyndrum was officially consecrated by the Rev John Shedden, Church of Scotland and Mary Wallace, Humanist Society on 31st March. Councillor John Paterson planted a memorial tree and unveiled a stone to commemorate the occasion.

The existing Kirkton cemetery is nearing capacity and the new 0.271-hectare cemetery provides 120 new lairs to ensure that the cemetery will serve the local communities of Tyndrum and Crianlarich for the next 100 years. It is situated in an area of outstanding beauty approximately 150m north of Tyndrum at the top of the Old Military Road next to the West Highland Way footpath and has been beautifully landscaped to intertwine with a network

of footpaths and parking spaces for up to eight cars. Stirling Council is responsible for 60 cemeteries and churchyard sites in the district - from Strathblane in the southwest to Plean in the south east and Tyndrum and Killin in the north.

The Cemeteries Service will soon be starting work on Stirling's first woodland burial site at Killearn next to the existing cemetery on the Gartness Road. The cemetery is just under a hectare in size and will accommodate approximately 2,000 lairs. Families will be able to choose from five species of trees to be planted on top of the lair and, in time, this will create recreational woodland for future generations.

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The SS Sir Walter Scott during the launch of the National Park Plan Consultation day at Loch Katrine on 16th May. The launch was attended by John Riley, Moira Robertson and children from local primary schools within the park.



(L to R) Mary Wallace, Humanist Society, David Crighton, Stirling Council, Rev John Shedden, Andrew Cassells, Head of Environment and Waste, John Riley, Community Council Chairman and Councillor John Paterson

Allan Brodie (Tyndrum) and Cameron Fairbairn (Galashiels) had a trouble free run to first in class two in their Mk2 Group 4 Escort on 30th April at the DCC Stages. A full entry of 82 cars enjoyed 35 miles of dry tarmac on a warm sunny day. Allan is currently lying equal first overall in the Scottish Tarmac Rally Championship.



The Real Food Café, Tyndrum is now open!!

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New Hostel for Tyndrum

A 28 bed hostel is planned for Tyndrum at By The Way campsite adjacent to Tyndrum Lower Station. The hostel will provide budget accommodation, primarily for hill-walkers and West Highland Way walkers.

Jim and Jean Kinnell who run the site said "with the closure of the Pine Trees Bunkhouse there is a shortage of budget accommodation in Tyndrum. We already offer camping and trekker hut accommodation to walkers but the new hostel will offer additional quality budget accommodation designed specifically for walkers. We had hoped to be open in 2004 but the National Park Planners wanted a timber building with a corrugated iron roof. They eventually relented on the timber and allowed us a brick wall construction but still insisted

on a corrugated iron roof. We decided to Appeal to the Scottish Executive against this Planning decision. We argued that corrugated iron was an ugly, cheap and inferior material and that our planned tile roof did not conflict with the aims of the National Park. Fortunately the Scottish Executive agreed with us and consequently decided that the National Park Planners were wrong; our appeal was upheld."

The hostel, which will have a common room, kitchen and dining area along with a mix of dormitory style bedrooms, family and twin rooms, should be completed later this year and will complement the variety of accommodation already available in Tyndrum, and in particular, at By The Way campsite.

Newcomers



The Benmore Hotel in Crianlarich has been bought by Brian and Nicky Cairns. Brian is a chef and an FA football coach. Nicky is a veterinary nurse. They have four children Allana 15, Jess 12, Megan 10 and Charlie 8. Brian runs a vehicle leasing company and plans to start a daily rental company after the summer. They are planning to run the hotel and restaurant as a family and hope to employ local staff. The menu will be changed every month.

New Bobby on the Crianlarich beat



With the departure of PC Ian Carnegie to distant shores, his shoes (and police car) have now been filled by Constable number 725, Alisdair Craig Murray. Craig is a native of Cambus near Alloa. He and his partner Lorna plus children Jennifer and Gareth, have settled in to the Crianlarich police house.

He started his working life as an apprentice electrician and worked in that field for many years before joining Central Scotland Police in 1997. He was originally stationed at Alloa but arrived at Crianlarich via Callander Police Station.

Craig has a keen interest in outdoor activities and has formal teaching qualifications in canoeing and skiing. He has been involved with the SKI AM charity which teaches physically challenged kids how to ski, both at the Tillicoultry Ski slope and the National Sports Centre for the Disabled in the United States.

Craig aims to be as community based as possible and sees his role as serving the local community, addressing local issues and providing local solutions for local problems.

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New look for Crianlarich Store



Crianlarich Store has been refurbished. It now stocks more fresh food, including a small range of butcher meats for which orders can be taken. Chilled wine and beer are also available as well as a coffee machine and a self service microwave, for heating up snacks.

The Real Food Cafe

Tyndrum opened on 27th April and is doing a brisk trade. The staff, pictured here are Back row, Adam, Poland; Sarah & Steve, Killin; John, Tyndrum
Front row, Anna, Poland; Gorza, Poland; Ross, Perth; Ewa, Poland; Marta, Poland



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It is now the middle of May and farmers are cutting back on supplementary feeding because the grass is starting to grow as most people with a lawn will have noticed! The majority of lambs are here now but I am sure there would have been one or two more had the weather not been so wet and cold as this plays a

big part in lamb survival. The other main threat that lambs face is the fox but thankfully I have not had a lot of trouble with them this year.

The next job for me and most hill farmers is to bring the sheep in off the hills for marking. This is when we



castrate the male lambs and lug mark the females to their relevant owners. This also brings the start of shearing of tups and ewe hogs (last year's lambs). Once again the weather plays a big part in getting these jobs done so here is hoping for a dry and sunny summer.

Richard Lewis



The Book Sale in 2004 was a success financially and socially. It was held on the same day as Clanscape and local people and visitors moved between events. However, the Book Sale had the same problems as other events which have gone from the calendar. We had tremendous help from a loyal group of volunteers but much of the work is heavy, especially in setting up, clearing the Hall and removing books.

This year we plan three Mini-sales, to be held in the driveway behind Ballechroisk Cottage on July 30th, August 6th and August 27th (provisionally). From experience, we know that Scots Magazines, National Geographics and Readers' Digest Condensed Books do not sell. As always, we are delighted to have novels and factual books, especially about Scotland.

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The purpose of the Fairtrade Towns campaign is to raise the profile and sales of Fairtrade products so that more producers in developing countries can benefit from a fairer system of trade. The total number of Fairtrade Towns, Cities, Villages, Islands, Boroughs and Zones in the UK is 100. There are well over 200 locations working towards gaining Fairtrade status including London and stretching from Jersey to the Shetland Isles. There are also Fairtrade Universities, as well as Fairtrade Schools and faith communities.

The Fairtrade Town initiative began in 2000 in the small Lancashire town of Garstang. The local Oxfam Group succeeded in getting the Town Council, all the schools, all the churches, a local café, a pub, hairdressers and the majority of other small businesses in Garstang to agree to use or sell Fairtrade products where possible.

The purpose of the Garstang

campaign was to increase recognition of the Fairtrade Mark thereby increasing sales of Fairtrade products. This led to Garstang declaring itself a Fairtrade Town in April 2000.

For Killin to become a Fairtrade Town the following goals must be achieved:

The local Community Council must pass a resolution supporting Fairtrade, and serve Fairtrade coffee and tea at its meetings and in offices and canteens.

A range of products carrying the Fairtrade Mark must be readily available in the area's shops, cafés and catering establishments (targets are set in relation to population size).

Fairtrade products must be used by a number of local work places and community organisations (churches, schools etc).

There must be good media coverage and popular support for the campaign.

A local Fairtrade steering group

must be convened to work towards achieving Fairtrade status and ensure continued commitment to Fairtrade once it is achieved.

A survey carried out in Garstang in the summer of 2001 showed that 71% of local people recognised the mark, compared to a national average of only 12%, demonstrating success of the campaign. There is no doubt that the Fairtrade Towns initiative has played a substantial role in mobilising support for Fairtrade nationally.

To find out more about Fairtrade and also how you can source Fair Trade items near you, contact the Fairtrade Foundation (www.fairtrade.org.uk) or subscribe to New Consumer, the Fair Trade Magazine £15 for a year's subscription for 6 issues delivered to your door.

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W.R.I.

Ardeonaig & District

The youngest ever committee of the Ardeonaig & District WRI organised a fantastic variety of evenings this winter for their members. The season opened in October with a very informative and entertaining evening led by Ann McLaughlin on the history and costume of Egyptian dancing. Members wished Ann lived nearer so that we could attend her dancing classes!

November's guest, Lou Radford, spoke on acupuncture and members thoroughly enjoyed her interesting and humorous style. Food is always a topic which is appreciated and December's menu was no exception when the organisation warmly welcomed Keith & Sheila Mitchell who gave an excellent demonstration on petit fours. A brilliant idea for presents at this time of year.

Members saw in the new year not only with a social evening amongst themselves when lentil soup, cheese and biscuits were consumed with

gusto but also with a trip to Edinburgh to see 'Mamma Mia'. The evening was definitely the high point of this year's events – even if we did miss the earthquake in Killin!

February – well, what can we say about February! Due to a misunderstanding there was no guest speaker but as always we entertained ourselves and spent the time fruitfully by preparing for the Elizabeth Gardener competition. We also had our annual Whist Drive which was well attended.

Sammy Hibbert had us on our toes putting a spring in our step in March. An evening of Keep Fit has inspired us to greater things although she didn't work us too hard!

We also entered 2 teams into the Elizabeth Gardener Call My Bluff competition. Our early preparation paid off as Ardeonaig managed to gain 1st and 2nd places! Well done to all team members for their hard work and enthusiasm.

Eilidh Campbell won the Sue

English Memorial trophy for most points in competitions. Congratulations Eilidh! During the year we managed to give away a total of £300 to CHAS and the Chernobyl Children's Charity. Not bad for a membership of only 13 women! We rounded off this year with our AGM at the Lawers Hotel. A wonderful evening with witty conversation and good food. Can't wait for winter to come around again! Mmmm.....

Angela Hanvey

Killin Outing to Parliament

McLaren Hall car park on 11th May was the starting point for the WRI outing for 32 ladies - mostly members - to the Scottish Parliament.

After an eventful journey, we were met by our courier who gave us a very interesting and educated tour including a visit to the floor of the chamber where seats and desks were duly tried and admired. Afterwards some walked up the Royal Mile and others visited the shops or Dynamic Earth. The return journey was broken by a delicious tea at the Old Bank in Callander then eventually home after a beautiful day out. Thanks are due to the Conservative Office in Stirling and to our Courier at Holyrood for their assistance.

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Glencoe Outdoor Centre

During the week of 21st March, most of our class went to Glencoe. I was in a dormitory with Oliver, David and Jack McRobbie and in my group were Jack, Jessie, Aimee and Stuart.

On the Forest Walk we got really mucky because we were doing army crawls. At one point we decorated our faces with mud. We lay down in a stream while five people made a dam. Then we climbed up a waterfall and we had to help each other up.

Later that day we played a game with 7 squirrels and 2 catchers. If you didn't want to get caught, you had to get past the catchers. The catchers were Chris and Glen. Then we climbed up a giant hill to have a drink. We all walked through a giant puddle and Glen fell in. During the day everyone got the chance to develop skills in: rock climbing, orienteering, archery, and problem solving. In the evening we had lots of fun with Bothy Games, a Quiz Night and a Disco. It was so good that some children wanted to turn the clock back!

Jordan P6

Thursday 24th March was our last day at Glencoe Outdoor Centre. Jinny, David, Luke, Jack, Ms Logan, our instructor Iain and me set off to the Ice Factory in Kinlochleven. We were all excited. We went in and we had to get a helmet, harness and climbing shoes. There were three climbing rooms and one practice wall. We started off walking along the wall in the 8 metre room. Then we went into the 13 metre room and where we had to climb along the wall, pick up a bit of card and bring it back. The girls were in one team and the boys in the other. After that we went back into the 8 metre room. We had to get a safety rope tied to our harness. Only two people could climb up at one time. David and I went up first. I got to the top, so did everyone else. When it was Ms Logan's turn, she was told to let go from the wall and I was below her connected to her by a safety rope. I went flying up and she went flying down. Ms Logan got a big bruise on her leg.

Laura P6

Big Breakfast

In keeping with the national drive to encourage all children to eat well and exercise, Killin Primary School joined together with Crianlarich, Lochearnhead and Strathyre Primary Schools on

Thursday 31st March to have an active day, starting with a Big Breakfast. The funding for this event came from the McLaren Children's Community Partnership.

The nursery children and infants from all four schools had breakfast in Strathyre and the older children in Killin. The school cooks were all at work before 8am preparing and setting out the loveliest spread. As well as fruit, cereal, toast, rolls, fruit juices, and yoghurts, the children could also have bacon, sausage and eggs; boiled, fried or scrambled - not forgetting the tattie scones, danish pastries and hot chocolate. A breakfast fit for a king or queen.

After breakfast the children were organised into groups for games by the National Trust Rangers and taken for a walk before returning to school for lunch. Further activities and decorating hard-boiled eggs followed lunch.

Our local MP Anne Maguire joined the children for breakfast. She was so enthusiastic about our Health Promoting School activity that she spent more than an hour helping to make toast for the children.

After this very busy day, children were bussed back to their own schools, tired but all in agreement that it had been a

brilliant way to end the term. Many new friends were made and some old acquaintances renewed. We may well make this an annual event.

Primary Music Day

On Sunday 15th May, I went to Wallace High School in Stirling to take part in a music making assembly. When I arrived there were lots of children carrying violins, violin-cellos (cellos) and guitars. My music teacher, Mrs Green, told everybody that there would be three music sessions with breaks and lunch in between and at the end of the day, we would perform all the three tunes that we had learnt, in front of our family and friends. The tunes that I had learnt and played were, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Frere Jacques, Merrily We Row Along and the Can Can (they call them a nursery suite). The other tunes I played were Piper O Dundee, My Heart will go on (from the Titanic) and John Ryan's Polka (also from the Titanic). It was a fantastic day and I made a few friends and hope to go next year.

Millie P6



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Killin and District Agricultural Society

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Results

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Champion open - Donald Cameron

Conventional

1. Donald Cameron

2. Donald MacAskill

3. David Noble

Reversible

1 Robert Waugh

2 Hamish McDiarmid

3 Alan Gudmusson

Best Start - Colin Campbell

Levellest - Donald Cameron

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Straightest - Donald Cameron

Best Finish - Donald Cameron

Ladies prize - Anna Wilson

Best retored tractor - Ian Noble



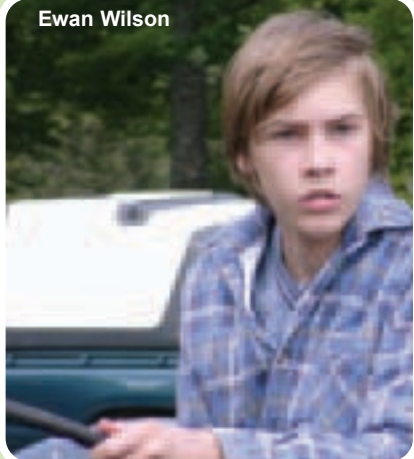
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Heart of Scotland Herb Society

or blowing wind. Ramson, onion, chives all in white or pink blossom, are waiting to be picked and used, be it leaf, flower, stem or root. These and the next flourish are all now available for your pleasure and enjoyment free of cost, but for a garden, woodland or roadside ramble.

Another eventful ramble will be the Open Day at The Herbalist's Garden Pitnacree, June 25th. Consider joining us to view and partake of the garden, displays and events. The arts of willow working, broom making, beekeeping, wool dyeing and spinning will all be on show. Jacqui Hazzard, our local herbalist, and her colleagues will be leading garden tours and also available to answer any questions you might have about herbs, herbal medicine and remedies. This event is open from 11.00am to

4.00pm with an entrance fee of £2-50 for adults with free admission for children. Consider joining us for this, our last meeting of the season.

For further information about the Heart of Scotland Herb Society or to receive notice of our next seasons programme contact either myself, **Patty Hope** on 01567 820408 or **Judy Forster** on 01567 820298.



Butterfly Workshop

On Saturday 23 April a group of ten enthusiasts attended a workshop run by Julie Stoneman, a Butterfly conservation officer based in Stirling. The day began with a slide presentation followed by a practical identifying session and an outdoor exercise with realistic models to name. The final session was presented by a volunteer who has only become interested in Butterflies fairly recently, but it was his fascination and detailed observation which made us realise that it was not as difficult or frustrating as we might have believed. The big revelation for me was the relationship between the

butterfly food plant and choice of plant to lay eggs on. I knew that nettles and buddleia were important but other plants are just as important and many feed exclusively on one species of plant and always lay their eggs on specific species. So to find a particular butterfly find the food source and, if it is a fine sunny day, you could well see the butterfly that is linked to that species. Scotland has just under 30 butterflies and of those 3 are exclusively Scottish. 22 of the 30 are present in the Killin area. So what are you most likely to see? Red Admiral, Small Heath, Ringlet, Meadow Brown, Scotch Argus, Small

Pearl bordered Fritillary, Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell, Painted Lady, Common Blue and Orange Tip. The other workshops are listed in the April edition of the Killin News and on leaflets left by Julie at the Library and at the Tourist Information Centre so if you missed the one held in April you might still be able to get a place on others in the area. **GA**



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Mervyn's Weather

Anyone who happens to be traversing the slopes of the Ben Lawers range or the Tarmachans over the next few months may meet up with a tall, athletic young man laden with all sorts of scientific and technical meteorological instruments. This would be Mandar Travedi, an Oxford University student who, in order to gain a Ph.D., is completing a thesis on climate change. Mandar is of Indian origin, speaks perfect English and is obviously dedicated to his task. This involves the setting up of various recording instruments over a wide area of hill country as well as researching existing records. To this end he approached me last Autumn and requested some information from my records which stretch back to 1958. In return I have been privileged to have the door opened a bit to modern technology.

For some time I had formed an idea of recording snow cover, particularly on the hills and with regard to the longevity of snow beds, by using daily or even weekly photography. This I suggested to the Meteorological Office but did not receive a reply. Then I tried "The Climatological Observers Link" to whom I supply regular reports, and they were quite optimistic but fell short of supplying a suitable camera - even a long range "throwaway" one would suffice. Then Mandar came on the scene and now, with his digital camera, I have, when conditions are suitable, been taking shots of the Ben Lawers range, also for comparison, occasionally, Ben More, Stobinian

and the hills to the east and south of here. This survey will continue, hopefully, until the last of the remaining snow beds vanish.

Normally the cornice on the N.E. ridge of Ben Lawers and "The Cuidhe Crom" on Ben More remain until early-mid-June but Beinn Heasgarnich, between Glen Lyon and Glen Lochay, has occasionally held a snow bed in Coire Ban Mor until September.

The Spring of 2005 has, weatherwise, been fairly mediocre. Late February and first half of March produced a moderately cold spell with fairly minimal snow cover on low ground, indeed from Perth southwards this was more evident than further north. April was wet, 140% of average, with one or two really wild wet days, detrimental to hill lambing. Cuckoo, swallows and swifts however arrived on cue.

Where ewes are lambed on the open hill, particularly in districts of high rainfall, there are days when it is more sensible to dispense with going among them at all and disturbing them. In places such as upper Glen Lyon and Glen Lochay, where the annual rainfall exceeds 100 inches, there are deep burns every 50 to 100 yards. When these are in spate, while the ewe may jump across safely, a young lamb is doomed. Even in lower and more sheltered farms, ewes on a wild day seek shelter behind woods and dykes and are best left quiet.

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New Legislation on Private Water Supplies

For the many businesses in Breadalbane Area with a private water supply, a new European directive affecting the supply and consumption of drinking water, is likely to have serious financial implications. The legislation, effective from March 2006, has been subject to some consultation but it appears that this consultation process did not seek, or include, any input from the tourism sector, ie. the sector most likely to be affected by the legislative changes. The main points of the directive are as follows:

1. Businesses will be faced with a first year assessment and monitoring cost of £630 with additional, as yet unknown, annual costs.
2. Monitoring will be carried out by your local authority who will be given powers to close and fine

operators (around 40 items will be tested and monitored).

3. An estimated 25,000 own water supply situations currently exist in Scotland, mostly in tourist areas.
4. The failure rate is anticipated as around 1 in 4 for large businesses and 2 in 3 for small businesses.
5. The executive estimate that an average cost of changes to meet new standards will be well over £1000 per site (if even half the businesses affected are in the tourism sector the cost of assessment would be around £8,000,000 with costs for correction works estimated at around £5,000,000).
6. Grant aid may be available to businesses to partly assist with required works.

The documents for the consultation, which closes on 17th June, can be found at www.scotland.gov.uk/consultations David Williamson, the consultation co-ordinator can be contacted at david.williamson@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Alzheimer Scotland

Action on Dementia

Dementia Awareness Week

runs from Sunday 5 June to Saturday 11 June and will be marked by activities days at Lecropt Church Hall on Tuesday 7 and Friday 10 June from 10.30am to 4 pm.

Anyone wishing to find out more about dementia and how to help people with it can just drop in.

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<http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org>
 where names and contact numbers are available.

Week 15

Ref No: LT/2005/0056/HAE/S
 Crombie Cottage, Clifton, Tyndrum
 Household Alteration/Extension to dwelling house

Week 16

Ref No: LT/2005/0129/DET/S
 Dunvegan, Manse Road, Killin
 Demolition of existing dwelling, erection of two dwelling houses with detached garages and formation of new vehicular accesses off Manse Road and Monemore.

Week 17

Ref No: LT/2004/0454/DET/S
 Little Chef, Tyndrum
 Alteration and extension to restaurant

Week 18

Ref: LT/2005/0111/DET/S
 Green Welly Stop
 Proposed store extension
 Ref: LT/2005/0036/DET/S
 Tearmunn, Chalet 2, Wester Lix
 Extension to holiday chalet

Week 19

Ref No LT/2005/0150/HAE/S
 31 Fingal Wynd, Killin
 Extension to dwellinghouse

Week 20

Ref No LT/2005/0166/DET/S
 Playground Mansefield Tyndrum
 Change of use of area of scrubland to form kick about area and erection of 4 metre high fence along western boundary.

Ref LT/2005/0037/DETS/S
 Wester Lix near Killin
 Erection of chalet for holiday letting purposes

Ref LT/2005/0062/DET/S
 Ardchyle Farm Cottage Killin
 Retrospective change of use of land to form separate residential planning unit and the formation of new access and retention of existing residential caravan on a temporary basis (Five years)

Tragedy on Loch Tay

Sadly John Halliday (52) was lost on Loch Tay on 8th May when he went into the water to try to recover his boat which was being blown away from the shore. His family have asked all who may be out on the loch or walking the shoreline to be extra vigilant over coming weeks as they would dearly like to have him brought home to them.

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Safe Cooking

Local businesses in Stirling have just over 8 months to prepare for new food safety laws – and Stirling Council's Environmental Health Service has been given £72,988 to help them.

One business keen to get to grips with the new law is Killin's Bridge of Lochay Hotel with Chefs Elizabeth Begley and Gareth Roberts taking part in the fourth 'Cooksafe' course run by Stirling Council.

Funding for the courses has come from the Food Standards Agency (FSA) to ensure local businesses have a new food safety system in place by January 1, 2006.

The new scheme is known as the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) system. All businesses involved in food preparation will be required to have an HACCP based food safety system. To help prepare for this change, the Food Standards Agency has provided local councils with funding to provide businesses with a "CookSafe" system manual; a free one day training course run by Falkirk College and up to two free on-site guidance visits by trained advisers to help businesses draw up an HACCP based system.



(L to R) Falkirk College of Technology Lecturer Dianne Hutchison, Stirling Council's Food Safety Service Manager Leslie Fisher and Killin's Bridge of Lochay Hotel Chefs Gareth Roberts and Elizabeth Begley

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Results

Best Scratch

George Smith (Killin) 71

Best handicap (Kiltyrie Trophy)

A Buchanan (Aberdour) 64

Handicap Trophies

(Killin members only)

Lix Toll Trophy - George Smith 65

McTaggart Trophy - Jock Guild 66

Handicap Age Categories 55-65

1st A Buchanan (Aberdour) 64

2nd R Bartlett (Taymouth) 65

3rd R Johnston (Dalmally) 66

66 and over

1st G Sumner (Macclesfield) 65

2nd J Greaves (Perth Artisans) 65

3rd A Nicol (Bishopshire) 66

Nearest the Pin (handicap 15 - 28)

G Bell (Turnhouse)

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D Copper (Cardenpark)

G Bell (Turnhouse)

J McLaren (Dundas Park)

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Youngsters Tee-off for top heart charity

Colin Woods, Stuart Laurence and Daniel Holden swung their way onto the road to success in April when they began their bid for the acclaimed British Heart Foundation Junior Golf Championship 2005 at Dunblane New Golf Club. The team representing Killin Golf Club came second in this preliminary round of the competition, competing against local schools and junior golf teams from the surrounding area, whilst raising crucial sponsor money for the BHF's fight against heart disease.

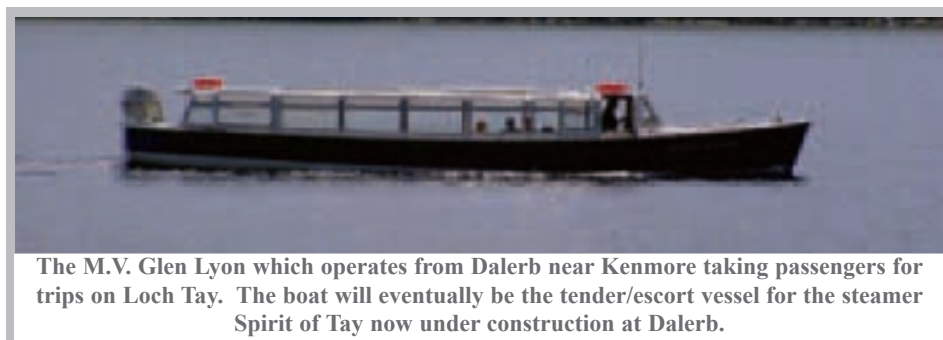
The Championship gives young golfers the chance to play at some of the UK's finest golf courses. It is the only contest in the UK open to players of all levels under the age of 18 - making it a firm favourite in the junior competition calendar. Now in its twelfth year, 30,537 teams have taken part in the annual event, raising more than £1,200,000 for the BHF to date.

The top three teams from each of the preliminary rounds were awarded medals for their achievements, with the highest scoring teams now going to the regional final at Murrayshall Hotel and Golf Club near Perth in June. The six highest fundraising teams from all the preliminary rounds in each region also win a place in the regional final, thus rewarding their fundraising efforts.

Colin, Stuart and Daniel will be looking forward to a good round of golf at Murrayshall and hope to win a place at the National Final to be held at The Belfry in September.

Good luck lads!

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National Park Consultation



The National Park Plan is now in its consultation period and between now and 2nd September everyone is invited to comment on the content. Then, until December, those comments will be examined with a view to making any necessary adjustments to the Plan before it is submitted to the Scottish Executive for ministerial approval. We hope that an approved Plan will be in place by early summer 2006. But first you have to have the chance to know what is proposed and how you can make your comments.

If you were unable to attend the meeting on 1st June in McLaren Hall, Killin you can obtain a summary version of the plan and a comment form with the

Consultation Special Edition of a phairc magazine or see the web site:

www.lochlomond-trossachs.org

Please remember that under the National Parks (Scotland) Act, the National Park Authority, Scottish Ministers, Local Authorities and any other public bodies or office-holders must, in exercising functions affecting the National Park, have regard for the Park Plan. It is therefore a very important document. So help us to make it the right one for the Park and its communities by making your comments.

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Lochearnhead

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A Medal for Graham Wilson

It is now over 60 years since the Arctic Convoys carried supplies and weapons to Murmansk and Archangel. They are credited with having provided vital support for the Russian Front. More than 3000 British crewmen were killed in the attacks by bombers and U-boats as they fought savage seas and Arctic conditions. Graham Wilson was one of those who contributed to this heroic wartime effort and was one of six veterans who were honoured with 60th anniversary medals by Vladimir Malygin, the Russian Consul General in Scotland to coincide with the Russian VE Day celebrations.

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The Killin Web Site has now been changed to a new design. Feedback from visitors to the site told us we needed to simplify pages and identified the most popular sections - the Killin News Archive, the Gossip Board, and articles with local photographs. So we decided to expand on our strengths.

The Killin News Archive now includes every issue since 1991 when the vital spark between Sinclair Aitken and Allan Walker created it. The archive is fully searchable using Adobe Acrobat Reader and includes Ian Lithgow's Killin News Index File. The whole archive is available to buy on CD-ROM online at www.killin.info/kn or via the Killin News Committee.

The Public Gallery now holds over 1,000 images.

The Gossip Board used to allow any individual to post a message but new more advanced forum script requires a valid e-mail address to register, eliminating spontaneous postings and giving more control over editing. The Community Calendar has been upgraded and is updated whenever new events come to our attention. Please let us know if you have anything to add to it.



Every local business and service is now included in the Village Guides, which are a valuable source of information for visitors. If your business or service is not included, please let us know so that we can add your image free of charge. Adverts now automatically expire and deactivate, articles are added automatically via an online script, and a lot more features on the site are completely automatic.

What we want to expand upon in future is local involvement. If you have any articles, obituaries, photographs, club news and history, events or anything else that we can upload to the site, please send it along. Contact us via the online Support Forum or directly to Iain or Gregor.

We can't tell you everything here - the best way to see the difference is to go online and check it out NOW.

Gregor MacKenzie



160 Years plus Susan

Sheona MacAskill, Sheila Aitken, Lesley Stitt, Sandra Laurence, and Susan Fraser, all forty years old this year except for Susan, completed the Race for life in aid of Cancer Research UK in Perth on 22nd May.

Killin Carpet Bowling Club

The annual dinner and prizegiving was held at the Falls of Dochart Inn on 9th April. After a most enjoyable meal and a wee dram the following trophies were awarded.

League before Christmas J. Guild, C. Higgins, T. Bolton, B. Goodwin

League after Christmas J. Willison, S. Aitken, T. Bolton, A. Stewart

Points Cup C. Higgins

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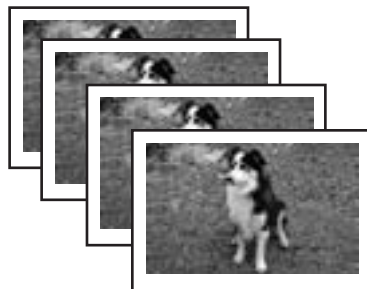
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Submissions to be accompanied by full details, name, address, category.

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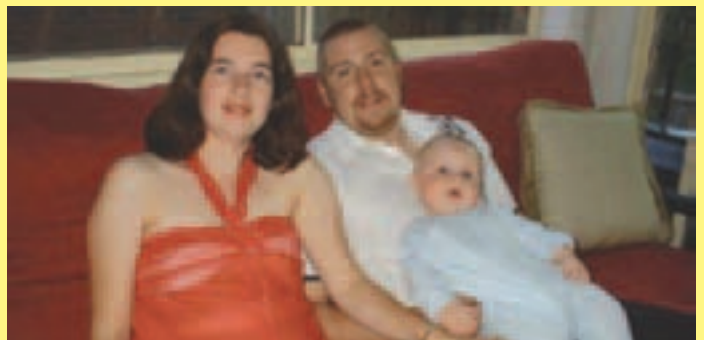
Ali Ritchie, Iain Campbell, Paul Norris and John Chisholm at the border of the Slovenska Republic



Mandy & Colin with Seonag (Gaelic for Joan) Amanda Hay born 26 Nov 2004, a granddaughter for George & Joan Bickerton



Golden Holiday
May and Sandy Graham celebrate in Tenerife thanks to cousins Hector and Kathleen MacColl seen here with them



Stewart & Janice with Nathan born in Sydney, now living in Melbourne. A first grandchild for Stewart and Kate Winton and 7th for John and Gemma MacLarty, Lochgilphead



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The web site is likely to be jammed with calls now that this has appeared in the Killin News so try www.ourproperty.co.uk

Award for Golf Club

Killin Golf Club Junior Section has just been awarded a grant of £4589 from Awards for All to complete the new Junior Practice area and 3 hole mini course at the entrance to Killin Golf Club. The practice area has already been part funded by clubgolf for a double driving bay. This new practice area will provide an excellent area in which the juniors can be taught without taking up areas on the main course, and will be an ideal short course for beginners to practise their skills without holding up players on the main course. The practice area will be available to all outwith junior nights, so dust off your clubs ladies (and men!) and await the new facility.

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Obituaries

W.D.McRobbie (Mac) 1910-2005

Mac's life was so long and varied that many people knew only part of who he was. As a child, he was a member of a large Crieff family. He never forgot the pride he had in being a pupil of Morrison's Academy and a member of the Pipe Band.

Mac left Scotland to carry on to higher education at Birmingham University, where he studied Civil Engineering before he started on a varied career with different firms in different parts of the UK.

During World War Two, Mac was involved in defence installations, particularly with the Admiralty. After the war, as hydro power was developed, he worked at the Pitlochry scheme and later moved to Killin as part of the large workforce on the Lawers and Glen Lyon schemes. Although working hours were long, Mac enjoyed the social life in the area and was proud of his success as an international

Clay Pigeon Shot. He was also a keen bowler on the green which he did much to maintain. Officially "Retired" in 1976, Mac could not remain idle and the building of Kirk Care gave him a new interest as an unofficial adviser. He made friends with the new residents as they moved in. For many senior citizens, the slogan became "Mac'll fix it!". He expanded his horn work and made sure that there were bird feeders throughout the village. Mac became very interested in local history and, for him, the preservation of Finlarig Castle was almost a crusade. He was saddened by the castle's gradual decay. His work was recognised when he became Honorary President of the Heritage Society. Gradually, Mac's activities were reduced but there was an opportunity at their Golden Wedding in 2004 for Molly and Mac to celebrate with Marion, Douglas, extended family and friends.

Moira Meek

Anne McEwen 1937-2005

Anne McEwen was born in Longford Ireland in 1937. The happiest time of her life was after she moved to Killin when she would disappear for hours with her dogs and enjoy the craik with neighbours, friends and anyone she met on the way.

She had a deep love of animals, birds, plants and all natural things and a wicked sense of humour. She is sadly missed by her husband Clem, her son Michael, step-daughter Cassie and extended family.

Clem would like to thank everyone for the support and expressions of sympathy received.

Clem McEwen

Correction Issue 85 page 18

In the article on the closing of McRae's butcher shop it was mentioned that Bob McGregor opened the fruit and veg shop in 1961. In fact Bob McGregor opened the shop in the 1920s but it was taken over by Sandy Webster, Gordon's father in 1961.

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Letters

View to the future

Has anyone noticed that there has been no rain for a fortnight, and that springtime and sunshine have co-incided since the beginning of May? The outlook from the shores of Loch Tay, or from a leisurely boat, or from the hillsides all around has been stunning. New growth, new sounds, nature waking from hibernation, and hardly anything to disturb the eye or the ear from appreciating this little bit of Scotland. Now then: press 'fast forward' on your computer brain. What will it look like in 10, 25, 50 years? Will the agricultural land look the same (sheep, cattle, occasional deer, forestry)? Housing developments along the north and south sides of the loch? Wind farms on the skyline to power both these and the bigger conurbations further south? Boating marinas with cabin cruisers and speedboats in every nook and cranny? Traffic sounds throughout the area, pollution? If only I could stop the world in 2005 and get off! As I can't, I'll take myself off to have another look while the sun shines, and wonder what those people will think of us in a hundred years time when they open the time capsule locked inside the cairn opposite the Killin Hotel.

John Allen

Visit to the Scottish Parliament

We set off at 8.30 am in a Caber Coach on a beautiful morning. Our guide made things as interesting as he could. For myself there are so many beautiful old buildings in Edinburgh that the brash modernity of concrete did not appeal to me. Some very pleasing wood had been used in

the furniture and fittings.

Personally I would have found the building claustrophobic to work in. We had a lovely lunch and Babs, Bunty and myself headed up the Royal Mile to the "Museum of Childhood". It was much more to my liking, three floors of wonderful childhood memories. We had a truly traditional Scottish High Tea in Callander, in the building which was presumably the Old Bank and now is an excellent Restaurant. There was much hilarity as our driver was unable to get back into the bus. However he was very unruffled and soon had us on our way home, a truly enjoyable day

Jean Henderson

Thank you

Golden Wedding

May and Sandy Graham would like to thank everyone for all the cards, gifts and good wishes on the occasion of their golden wedding on 12th March.

House Fire

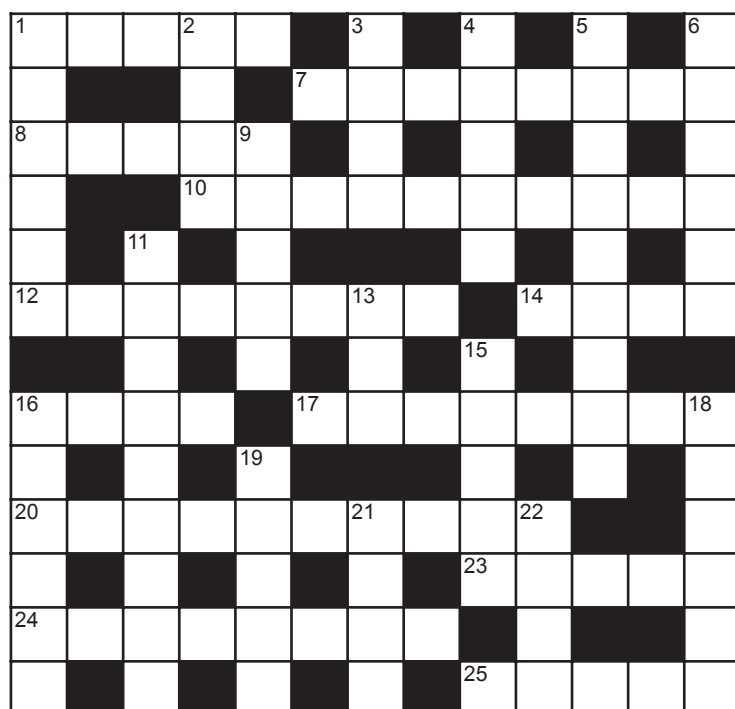
My brother and I would like to say a big thank you to the Members of Killin Fire Brigade who attended a chimney fire at our house on 26th April. We were very impressed by every aspect of the service they provided for us. We would also like to make special mention of the help provided by John Wyllie and the kindness shown to us by our neighbours in general.

Dot Southern and Tommy Lambie

80th Birthday

Margaret Mackenzie would like to thank family, neighbours and friends for the gifts and cards received on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

Crossword by Scorpio



Across

1. Decorate a pint (5)
7. Islands or birds (8)
8. Vacuous in a new position (5)
10. Estimating the worth (10)
12. It never comes (8)
14. Edible though sometimes made of mud (4)
16. Junction to lubricate for labour (4)
17. Porridge with hesitation makes one a guest of H.R.H. (8)
20. Avoid being parched (5,5)
23. It arrives daily (5)
24. Eastern gentleman dined on old copper and issued forth from it (8)
25. Totalled by joining little Edward (5)

Down

1. One in a factory becomes flexible (6)
2. Baseball team members in mini necklets (4)
3. Endless tally is not short (4)
4. Nautical (5)
5. The lady has dreams that end in sections (9)
6. Customs (6)
9. Nothing and no - one omitted (5)
11. Knowledge gained from experience (9)
13. Behead the boar for a paddle (3)
15. Be void of colour (5)
16. I tried to be neater (6)
18. Worn by corrosion (6)
19. Also called lady's fingers (5)
21. Encourage a gamble? (1,3)
22. Outer layer of spore producing fungi (4)

Solution to Issue 85

Across

1. composure 9. deface 10. doormats 11. fodder 12. assist 14. user
15. arson 16. marvel 18. askance 21. reforms 24. mentor 26. aphid
30. paid 31. eleven 32. travel 33. childish 34. avowed 35. elemental

Down

2. oboist 3. portia 4. starts 5. resound 6. fedora 7. handover
8. heartless 11. femme 13. sron 17. farmstead 19. kangaroo
20. coral 22. foil 23. radical 25. opened 27. helium 28. deaden
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What's On in Killin and District

June

- 9 Green Team "Who Needs Flowers" School Garden 6pm - 7.30pm
- 10 Cheese and Wine (Cancer Research UK) 8pm McLaren Hall
- 15 Butterfly Conservation workshop McLaren Hall 1pm - 4pm
- 22 Herb Society "Midsummer Magic " Open day at the Herbalist's Garden Pitnacree
- 23 Green Team "Grass Grass everywhere" School Garden 6pm - 7.30pm
- 26 "Round the Bend" National Park event. Strathyre. Booking essential Tel 01567 830430
- 27 Community Bus AGM McLaren Hall 7.30pm
- 28 "Timedrum" National Park event Tyndrum 1.30 - 4.30 booking essential Tel 01567 830430

Bowls

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Thurs eve Bowling Green

July

- 4 "Wild in the park" National Park event Lochearnhead 2 - 4pm Booking essential aimed at 8 - 14 year olds
- 6 "Live it Wild" National Park event for families Strathyre car park 1.30pm Booking essential 01567 830430
- 12 "Strath-hours" National Park event Strathyre 2 - 4.30pm booking essential Tel 01567 830430
- 12 Community Council Meeting McLaren Hall 7pm
- 16/17 Celebrate 25th anniversary of the West Highland Way. Walk starts 10pm at Tyndrum, ends next day at Inverarnan. Booking essential phone National Park 01567 830430
- 17 Auction McLaren Hall in aid of the Highland Games
- 18 "Wild in the Park" National Park event for children Strathyre 2pm booking essential 01567 830430
- 25 "Wild in the Park Fly By" National Park event for children 2pm Booking essential 01567 830430
- 27 Church Sale and Coffee morning McLaren Hall 10am
- 27 Concert McLaren Hall McCallmans McLaren Hall evening
- 30 Mini book sale behind Ballechroisk Cottage

Aug

- 3 WRI coffee morning Lesser Hall 10am
- 3 Killin Highland Games Breadalbane Park
- 4 - 7 Fearnan Art & Craft Exhibition McLean Hall Fearnan 10am - 4pm

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