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There is little in this issue about emergency medical cover. However not much has happened to reassure us that all is well and the emergency services work like a well-oiled machine. Indeed anxieties still continue about ambulance manning and availability for local emergencies. The Air Ambulance was called out recently to attend to a patient in the village during the day, which could be reassuring but we have no knowledge of the details surrounding the event as all involved must, quite correctly, maintain patient confidentiality. Reports on how well the emergency services respond are discussed at meetings with representatives from the organisations involved and we would hope to give you some more positive news as information accrues so that local concerns can be addressed. Letters and comments on this subject are very welcome both here and at Community Council meetings. Summer increases the pressure on emergency services on account of the large number of visitors, as does the increased traffic on local roads which we now know are among the most dangerous in the whole of the UK (see opposite). Stirling Royal Infirmary and the GP centre that covers all patient demand out-of-hours, are often on the other side of road blockages and may not be accessible for up to 4 hours making it more difficult to obtain help during the out-of-hours period for what could be urgent medical problems. Taking the circuitous route may add an extra hour or so on to journey time depending on whether the diversion is through Aberfeldy or Crieff. Is this factor taken into account by NHS 24? Do they have details of closures and diversions and do they advise accordingly? The good news comes from youth activities and events to raise money for charity (p 18, 19), local Mod winners (p18, 19), fund raising activities and fishing (p 23).

Remember to mark Clanscape and the Killin Show, highlights of the village year, in your diaries ("What's On" p 35). Don't forget your camera so that you can take that memorable photo for the Killin News Photo Competition (details p 17). Computer addicts might be tempted to attend the volunteer-run Linux and Open Source Software demonstration in the McLaren Hall (p 22). Whatever your interest, hills, glens, lochs and rivers, enjoy what Killin has to offer.

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# Dangerous Roads

Very few weeks pass without disruption to the road network in the Breadalbane area. Locals will often be made aware of this when they return home only to find they have to wait for two to five hours while forensic teams clear accident sites, requiring them to return by Crieff or Aberfeldy. Thank goodness for Radio Scotland who are often first with the news but surprisingly the big notice board on the A9 does not report these closures and so allow drivers to take avoiding action some distance from the accident site. It was not surprising to find that the A84 is one of Britain's five most dangerous roads. There were 29 fatal or serious collisions in the 2001-03 period, a rate of 156/bn vehicle miles. The UK national rate is less than one tenth that at 12.4/bn. Almost half of our local collisions are head-on and most involve motor

cyclists (European Roads Assessment Programme 2005).

The A85 is also classed as dangerous between Perth and Criarlich. This includes Glenogle.

How often are these roads blocked and is it really necessary for the traffic to be stopped for up to five hours on all these occasions? These are the main routes north and disruption directly affects the cost of running businesses and ultimately prices in the shops.

It is not surprising to learn that accidents where property damage or injury does not occur, for example where a car slides off the road, no reporting or record of the event occurs. Unsubstantiated reports filter through the grapevine that it is not uncommon for cars to slip off the A85 down the hill on the approach to Lix Toll. These go so far as to say that one year here 12 vehicles came off in one day and this year the maximum in one day was 7. It often happens when rain follows a dry spell. Temporary road signs showing 'slow' lie beside the road and 'slow' is also marked on the road itself. No anti-skid surface covers the area and it is devoid of

barriers to prevent vehicles sliding into the very deep ditch. Surely run-offs that occur at this rate require some sort of action. Meanwhile we continue to look for cars in the hole as we pass in case help is needed. Surely there should be permanent and effective signposts approaching such notorious areas especially now that the area, which is not covered by a mobile phone signal, has lost its telephone box. Perhaps BEAR should be named and shamed or maybe it is time someone took legal action to see if these omissions, which could result in a death, constitute corporate negligence that could make executives and planners liable. **WA**

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## Road Closures

Sylvia Jackson MSP commented: "Since this issue was brought to my attention by Killin Community Council I have raised their concerns with the Scottish Executive and I am currently seeking to organise a meeting which will include community representatives, Central Scotland Police, BEAR Scotland and Roads Officials from the Executive to seek a solution to this problem".

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## Killin Community Council meeting 12th July

### Health Matters

The petition to Parliament will not be heard until after the summer recess. A response to the request for a Fatal Accident Inquiry is still awaited. (*This has not been granted. Ed.*)

Meetings are still being held every 4-5 weeks with the Ambulance and Health Service and John MacPherson is getting a weekly report on all local call outs and response times. No complaints had been received recently but things were still not right with NHS24. Tayside is to get a new call centre as it is felt the South Queensferry centre does not understand the geography of rural areas.

The simultaneous surgery closures in Killin and Callander are still being questioned as it was felt someone should be on call.

It was confirmed that no local doctors are working Out of Hours from Killin.

### Planning

No objections were raised to a renewal application for the Chip Van at the McLaren Hall or the erection of three houses at Mansefield with a new access into Stewart Road.

### 20mph Speed Limit

A 20mph limit from the Dochart Bridge to the Episcopalian Church is planned for the autumn.

### Parking and Street Cleaning

The double yellow lines in the Craiglea

area of Main Street need repainting as cars are parking and blocking access. Councillor Ffinch will investigate this and the possibility of having a replacement Village Officer when Jake Green is off sick.

### Station Car Park

The Council agreed to try and get a grant to take over the ground opposite Stitt's Yard to make a larger car park with new toilets. This would also give the City Link bus room to turn. Complaints about caravans parking overnight in the Station Car Park have been referred to the police.

### Footpath Lighting

Stirling Council have provided a grant for lighting along the footpath from the Breadalbane Park gate to Fingal Road and verbal agreement from the owners of the piece of private land involved has been received. It was suggested that signposts should be erected at each end.

### Road closures

Roads in the area are frequently blocked by accidents and closed for many hours at a time. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman should take action to try and get the length of such closures reduced.

(See also page 3)

### Next meeting

7.30pm 13th September in Killin Primary School.



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# Morenish Meadow 2005

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began to favour the first spring growth (including midges). The combination of wet, dry and sultry days brought the last trees into leaf, and intermittently the sun fetched out the last of the primroses and wood anemones, to be followed by orchids, wild roses, globe flowers and ragged robin. I even came across tiny oak tree saplings not more than a foot high and hoped they might get a chance to grow into mature trees. On the best days the brilliance of sunlight on the broad range of grasses reminded me of days of childhood spent in meadows just like this, hard to experience in 2005. Occasionally a roe deer would make balletic leaps until out of sight, or small groups of red deer would skulk off over a horizon. Spring birdsong was always

present, hidden in tree thickets at a distance, but occasionally something would show itself to the patient watcher. I saw a whitethroat, picked out a reed bunting, and couldn't be sure if I was hearing a blackcap or a garden warbler. A cuckoo would pipe up; a sparrowhawk whizzed past; a merganser with ten chicks scurried out onto the loch and arrowed a ripple across to the opposite bank.

The experiences I enjoy here make me so pleased that someone before me took the trouble to make sure that original things can survive. Will our children, and their children, and their children's children be able to say the same of us?

**John Allen**



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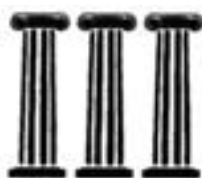
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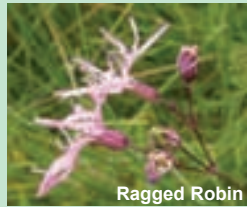
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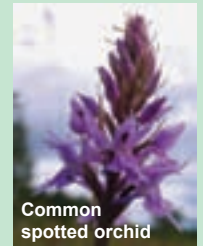
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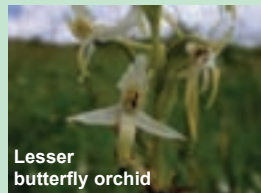
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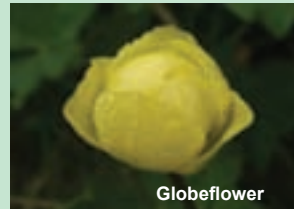
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Badger Set

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Talking of birds and bird tables; remember the window sill which attracted mice and an owl with the bird food? A while ago the feeder was replaced with a nesting box which was duly rented by a nice respectable pair of blue tits who raised a family in it. Two weeks ago a loud rattling at the said window late at night startled one of our sons. Who should be looking in through the window but a pine marten. Luckily the baby blue tits had flown but the nesting box will be placed in a less accessible place next year! Pine martens seem to be getting more and more common and have been seen at the end of the glen near the village. Swallows always nest in one of the old coach houses at Boreland and one cunning marten tried to get at the babies by climbing over the roof of the car – leaving his muddy footprints.

There is still a lot of controversy about whether badgers are responsible, at least in

# Frost Report

## All Creatures Great and Small

part, for the spread of T.B. in cattle. Certainly badgers are on the increase and there are quite large populations over much of the countryside. The fact that they are rarely seen is more to do with their nocturnal habits than their rarity. Certainly they are seen fairly often around Killin. I hear that one is taking up golf in the late evening, or is it very early morning?

One woman in Gloucestershire was horrified to find that her sister’s grave was excavated by the stripy night visitors. Plans were made to surround the graveyard with a two-foot high fence. Obviously the planners did not know how surprisingly well badgers can climb. Recently an elderly woman called the police fearing a night-time burglar as she claimed to hear footsteps downstairs followed by the noise of articles being knocked around and broken. She then heard the sound of feet on the stairs followed by glass breaking. The police found that a badger had got in through the cat flap, caused the mayhem, walked upstairs and finally jumped out of the bedroom window. You will be pleased to hear that the badger was unharmed, ‘though whether this was due to wearing a parachute or not we are not told. The woman could have easily been misled as badgers, like bears and humans, walk on the whole surface of the foot. Believe me they can make a tremendous racket.

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ago and on his visit to the vet for his hardpad/distemper jag he 'rearranged' the neat floor-level shelves of bottles and boxes. Another thing which a badger can do, that virtually no other animal can, is to unroll a hedgehog. Not to play with but to eat. The unearthly noise made by the unfortunate hedgehog as the badger tries to unroll it, is something to make Dracula's blood run cold. Maybe the increase in badgers has some bearing on the seeming decrease in hedgehogs. Apparently there are said to be fewer hedgehogs as we see fewer squashed on the roads. But could this be due to the fact that hedgehogs are beginning to evolve to run rather than roll since in today's environment this gives them a much better chance of survival?

Of course all clever creatures are not necessarily wild ones. Pets can be smart too. Spider is a spaniel owned by Barry Atkinson. The pair spent every day of last season beating at shoots and raised sixty thousand pounds for The Institute of Cancer Research and The National Gamekeeper's Organisation. The money was gratefully received by the N.G.O. but the I.C.R. refused to accept it for fear of opposition and retaliation from animal rights activists. Eventually it was offered to Cancer Research U.K. who gratefully accepted. Maybe there is a virus spreading amongst people - of being over politically correct. We seem to be living in an increasingly topsy-turvy world. Equally topsy-turvy was the report recently from North Yorkshire that the Council was gritting the roads in the blistering sunshine because the tar was melting!

**Tim Frost**

## *To the Red Squirrels at Craiglinn*

Fit taks yer fancy to Craiglinn?  
A gerdin fit for squirrellin'  
Wi' sycamore to nestle in ?  
But there's a snag!  
Nae a' yer freens are welcomin',  
And here's the drag:



For birdies at their table spread  
The sicht o' you fills them wi' dread.  
They wid prefer that you were fed  
Some ither nuts,  
So that it never could be said,  
'They hate yer guts!'

Mind you, some birdies hae the cheek  
A nut or twa frae you to sneak,  
But you're o'er occupied to keek:  
It's just as weel!  
How foolish it would be to seek  
Swish o' yer tail!

I mine the day when one o'thee  
Thocht my left leg was trunk o' tree  
And climber my breeks as far's ma knee  
Then fell to grun!  
Were he or she to bear the gree  
I could but swoon!

Yet, you're bricht and bonnie beasties,  
Russet broon, white bib on breasties,  
A'ways ready for yer feasties,  
An' weel deserved!  
E'en the birdies pit the whishties  
On you being served.

A' snug up in your treetop drey,  
You plan to meet the rainy day,  
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# Killin & District Tourist Association

The Argyll, the Isles, Loch Lomond, Stirling & Trossachs Tourist Board has changed to VisitScotland, requiring the Killin & District Tourist Association to alter its constitution and make interim arrangements for 2005. With the demise of AILLST, members of the Area Tourist Board no longer have automatic membership of KDTA, so the committee is contacting "businesses" in the Killin area inviting them to support the work of the KDTA by taking out an interim membership until the 2006 AGM. The reaction to date has been extremely encouraging. Membership of KDTA is now open to all those involved in tourism, regardless of whether they are members of a Quality Assurance scheme.

However, whereas AILLST and Stirling Council have previously provided funding towards various projects such as the popular visits to Killin each summer of the Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band, it is highly unlikely that this will continue under VisitScotland. From April 2006 it is likely that small associations like KDTA will no longer have access to general funding assistance for such local group activities. With that in mind the Breadalbane Tourism Group was set up

to look at ways of involving the wider community in tourism strategy for the future.

Currently the Breadalbane Tourism Group (KDTA; Loch Earn Tourism Initiative; Strathfillan Tourist Association) is working closely with the LL&TNP on a new leaflet to promote the Breadalbane area of the Park, with emphasis on the wealth of local and natural history and the many outdoor activities throughout the area. This should be available in early autumn. The BTG recently hosted a very enjoyable butterfly workshop and hopes to organise a follow-up field visit. The area is home to a surprising number of butterflies and moths, some of which people will travel miles to see. After the successful day workshop last November, the BTG hope to hold further workshops this autumn on a variety of tourism related topics, to which all those involved in tourism activities will be invited.

Anyone interested in supporting the KDTA or inadvertently missed off the mailing list, should contact

**Mrs. Gillean Ford**  
Chairman KDTA  
01567 820492

## Wanted!

New tenant members for the Stirling Tenants Assembly.  
Stirling Council tenants are currently facing a period of major change. Plans to ballot tenants on a Housing Transfer to Housing Stirling are still on track. We want to make sure tenants get a chance to shape these plans and influence the housing service.  
Hugh McClung, Chairperson of the STA says "there is a growing need for tenants to influence council policy and transfer proposals". Joining the STA can help to influence matters to the benefit of us all. We are extremely flexible and we try and move our meetings around the Council.  
For more information on the STA please contact **Theresa Robertson**

**STA Meetings:** Tuesday 9th August, Cowane Centre. 2.30pm  
Tuesday 6th September, Mayfield Centre. 10.30am  
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**Killin - Tuesday 16th August 2005 (10:00 -14:00)**

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If you would like more information, please contact:

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## NEW COMMUNITY ROOMS

The Community Rooms attached to Killin and Ardeonaig Parish Church are now available for use. Annie McNee looks after the bookings. The hope of the Church is that the Rooms will be an asset to the village and useful as a comfortable venue for small group meetings. The funding for the Rooms came from a number of sources including fundraising and donations, and the efforts and interest of all who helped is very much appreciated. We hope you like the end result. **Phil Simpson**, Session Clerk



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Anyone who goes out and about on the hills and countryside around Killin should know that they could be bitten by ticks. Although very many people are bitten only 10 to 30 cases of Lyme Disease are reported annually in Scotland. The disease is difficult to diagnose as the common symptoms of rash, tiredness, aches and pains, and joint stiffness mimic arthritis or flu. It can also affect the central nervous system, cause encephalitis, and affect the heart, liver and spleen. Tests are not always reliable and doctors are unfamiliar with the disease in their day to day practice. The Health Secretary is trying to raise public awareness of the problem as the numbers of those affected appear to be increasing. Dr Darrel Ho-Yen, an expert based in Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, says that the number of cases in Scotland is an underestimate by a factor of ten and has actually gone up from 430 to 580 in the past two years due to lack of awareness, under-diagnosis, under-consulting and under-reporting. Lyme disease is a notifiable disease in Scotland. It is caused by bacteria, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, which are passed on

by the bite of a tick. About 40% of ticks in Scotland are infected. A small area of redness immediately around a tick bite is usual but Lyme disease should be considered when a wide area of redness up to 6 cms in diameter is associated with the bite after a three to thirty day incubation period. The disease is treated with antibiotics and patients treated in the early stages usually recover completely.

Visitors and others who walk or work in the countryside are advised to take precautions. As ticks are carried by deer, rabbits, voles, sheep and other animals they are found in areas where these are common. Exposed skin likely to come in contact with grass, bracken and shrubs should be covered and trousers tucked inside socks. Light colours make surface ticks more obvious and they can be removed before they bite. Insect repellent sprayed around ankles and wrists can prevent ticks entering under the clothing. Wear clothing with a tight weave. It is wise to stick to pathways without high borders of grass or bracken and lying or sitting down directly on



grass in areas where ticks are common will make you vulnerable. Ticks should be removed as soon as possible. If a tick is removed within 12 to 24 hours the risk of infection is low.

Inspect your entire body surface when you have a shower on your return. Wash infested clothing in a hot wash.

Many ways of removing ticks have been suggested in the past but it is believed that some, like methylated spirit, heat and petroleum jelly may provoke infection by making the tick bring up its stomach contents. Forceps or tweezers have been advised to pull the tick out using a slow steady pull. These unfortunately can squeeze the tick, or leave the mouth parts embedded. One very effective and simple tool is the O'Tom tick remover (above) sold by veterinary surgeries and pet shops for the removal of tick from dogs. This is quite cheap to buy and will easily remove the very smallest tick by catching and removing the insect complete with mouth parts. **WA**



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## Mervyn's Weather



Friends either look amused or appalled when I tell them I had a bird in my bedroom for a month, but 'tis true. From late May till late June, a swallow took up residence each night on my wardrobe. He, for I am sure it was a male bird, as the hens are busy laying and hatching their broods, was not in the least fazed when I would pass within three feet of him back and forth. Around 4am each morning he sang for some minutes before flying out of the window. In the half conscious state between sleeping and waking his twitterings wove themselves into dreams of the burbling of small burns! At the end of June presumably his wife had hatched out her first brood and he was detailed to go off and collect material for a midge-pie for his offspring - more power to his elbow!

June, despite a few brilliant days, was disappointing. As in April 140% of precipitation was accrued. After a somewhat barren May, growth suddenly began in early June and now silage making is fairly general, even some doubtful attempts at haymaking. Global warming is now a relished media buzz-word and much involved with the G8 conference. Obviously Greenhouse gasses contribute towards GW but whether G8 will control these emissions or indeed any other of the factors involved ie. sunspot activity, cyclical variations, possible geo-physical, subterranean increase in temperature or whatever, remains to be seen or will G8 just be yet

another "Tower of Babel"?

In the snow patch league table Ben Lawers, Ben More and Ben Heasgarnich all lost their late lying beds more or less simultaneously by 28th June, though a visit to upper Glen Lyon at that time showed that there still remained two patches on Creag Mhor, next door to Ben Heasgarnich.

The thundery activity of the early hours of the 19th June, while not as dramatic as the storms of 18th August 2004 and Glen Ogle fame, was quite severe. The River Balvaig, which drains Loch Voil in Balquhidder, has two tributary burns, the Kirkton Burn and the Calair. These streams converge on the main stream from opposite sides, soon after it leaves the loch, and they came down in full spate much sooner than the Balvaig, the waters of which were slowed down by their passage through lochs Voil and Doine. The result being that the waters for a time flowed backwards into Loch Voil much in the manner of The Falls of Lora at Connel in Argyll.

The family who somewhat unwisely camped on a low island in the River Almond, in the Sma' Glen, no doubt will in future either put their tents on an eminence or not at all!

Mervyn K. Browne Ardtalnaig

## Killin and District Agricultural Society Annual Sheep Shearing Competition

Held on 1st July at Kenknock, Glen Lochay, by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Cameron.

### Results:

#### Machine Section –

Judge: Andy Rankin, Luss (22 competitors)

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2nd Mark Armstrong

3rd James MacDonald

**Local:** 1st Alan Wright

2nd Mark Armstrong

3rd Willie Taylor

#### 21 and under:

1st Calum Shaw

2nd Robert Wilson

3rd Jimmy Wright

#### Hand Section –

Judge: Sandy Kennedy, Fort William (12 competitors)

**Open:** 1st Donald McColl

2nd Peter McDiarmid

3rd Willie Shaw

**Local:** 1st Peter McDiarmid

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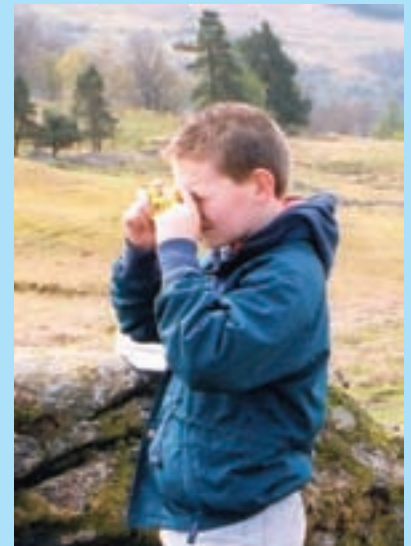
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# Ben Lawers Historic Landscape Project

## Involvement with Local Schools

Local schools have taken full advantage of having this in-depth research project within their area, participating in a range of activities with the National Trust for Scotland's regional education officer, Debbie Jackson, and archaeologist, Derek Alexander.

Between April and September each year, pupils from Killin, Kenmore and Glenlyon Primary Schools have been learning about archaeology and their local history.

A set of school-based activities allowed pupils of all ages to test their skills. The older pupils went on to excavate trial trenches on land adjacent to Meggernie Outdoor Centre. They experienced the process of archaeology - mapwork, survey, excavation and finds processing. They recorded their work in words or photos and were able to work with professional archaeologists from the National Trust for Scotland and Glasgow University (GUARD).

Their local history studies included visits to Moirlanich Longhouse and the Crannog Centre, while some Killin pupils also investigated a shieling site. The visit was led by Sue Mackenzie, NTS education officer for Highlands & Islands. Although the weather was not ideal, it did not dampen the pupils' enthusiasm - instead they saw why and

where the shieling huts had been built. Pupils from Killin, Kenmore and Glen Lyon took part in another excavation this year, and also three new projects - working on a low level history trail with NTS staff, an oral history project with Dr. Gary West from Edinburgh University, and a study on landscape with Camilla Priede from Aberdeen University. The two latter projects have involved, or will be involving, local people of all ages over the next few months.

Breadalbane Academy has also participated in the Ben Lawers Historic Landscape Project. Senior pupils spent a few days on the main excavations organised with the backing of the history and geography departments. Thanks to the enthusiasm of headteachers, classteachers and pupils, the NTS education officer has been able to pilot new projects that can now be used with other schools around Scotland. Thanks must also go to the wardens at Meggernie Outdoor Centre, the landowners and farmers for their help and support.

The aim of the schools project was to allow pupils to learn about and enjoy archaeology and their local history. However, we also hope that they will understand why the National Trust for

Scotland conserves important historic landscapes such as Ben Lawers and its surrounding area. **Debbie Jackson**  
The National Trust for Scotland

## What is the Ben Lawers Historic Landscape Project?

It is a five year multi-disciplinary project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Scotland and The National Trust for Scotland

The core project consists of over 22 weeks of archaeological survey and excavations.

We are also working with Project Partners covering oral and documentary history, geophysical survey, underwater archaeology, soil science, vegetation history, grazing history, woodland history and place names.

The area of the Landscape Project is owned partly by the NTS and partly by private farmers - without the goodwill and interest of the local farmers, the project could not take place. It covers many hectares of land between Killin, Kenmore and Glenlyon, and is the largest project of its kind in Britain.

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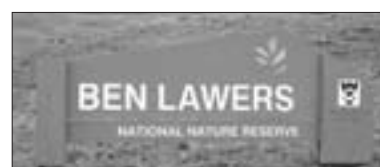
the highest mountain in the central Highlands.

The survey and excavation work focuses on the medieval or later rural settlement remains (MOLRS)

All fieldwork will be undertaken by volunteers as part of the NTS Thistle Camp programme (in spring and autumn each year). All these camps will be supervised by Glasgow University's Archaeological Research Division (GUARD). The education element (working with schools) has been part funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and runs for three years (2002-2005) What are we investigating? We are focussing on the post-medieval (18th and 19th century) farming remains such as farmsteads, shielings, fields, kilns, quarries and trackways. However, it is likely that earlier remains belonging to the medieval period and even prehistory will be recovered. The work therefore ties in well with the existing visitor attractions which interpret settlement in the area at the Crannog Centre, Kenmore, and at Moiralanich Longhouse, Killin. What do we hope to achieve? A better understanding of how people lived around Ben Lawers in the past.

Project Manager **Derek Alexander**  
Regional Archaeologist, West, NTS  
Project Director: **Dr. John Atkinson**  
GUARD

Schools: **Debbie Jackson**  
Regional Education Officer, West, NTS



**Professor Roger Wheeler**  
Chairman of the National Trust  
for Scotland, **David Mardon**,  
Property Manager and Senior  
Ranger for Ben Lawers and **Dr**  
**John Markland** Chariman of  
Scottish Natural Heritage at  
the redeclaration of the Ben  
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Reserve to include the new  
boundaries.

## Ben Lawers Historic Landscape Project

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Submissions to be accompanied by full details, name, address, category. Entries can be in electronic format on disc or on photographic paper. Only one submission will be accepted per person. There will be prizes for first and second in each category. Include a stamped addressed envelope if you wish your photograph or disc to be returned.

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Since Ireland taxed all plastic carrier bags, trees are no longer adorned with strips of plastic shredded by the wind and the demand for the manufacture of disposable plastic bags has been reduced. Extending this to all plastic and polystyrene packaging would decrease the pressure on landfill sites. Could we help by leaving redundant packaging behind in the shops for disposal? Just think of the vast amounts of waste packaging shops would have to deal with at Christmas. Forward thinking companies already use packaging components such as cardboard which are easily re-cycled, requires less energy in manufacture and use renewable resources in their manufacture. In Ireland people are charged by the weight of rubbish in their bins and this provides an additional incentive to reduce rubbish

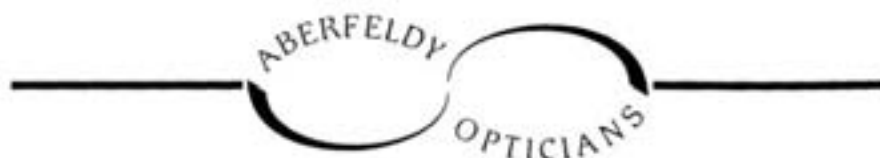
that is not re-cycled.

In our throw-away culture where few items are repaired and fashion dictates new purchases surely there is a place for re-using some of that throw-away material. Redundant items such as wood, bicycles or old-fashioned but working washing machines could be re-distributed within communities through re-cycling pavilions or similar schemes. The COPE Scrap Store in Shetland provides such a service that in addition provides work experience for disabled members of the community.

Many items in shops travel vast distances to the point of sale and so increase carbon emissions, particularly when brought in by air. The trucks that bring in the produce increase traffic congestion and pollution. Many things could be sourced nearer to home perhaps at a slightly increased financial cost but to the advantage of our environment.

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Jack McRobbie winner in the Piano Accordion section at the Gaelic Provisional Mod held in Aberfeldy in June



Fingal, the wicker giant, artistic creation of Georgia Cooke watches over the children in the playground of Primary Killin School



**Cheese and Wine Night**

Congratulations to the staunch Killin supporters presented to volunteers, Buntie MacGregor and MacRobbie for 25 years, Margaret Mantle for 10 years, MacRae and Elizabeth Wood for 10 years and dedicated service in raising funds for Cancer in this part of Scotland. Thank you all who g

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**Fingal Road Ga**



On Saturday July 2nd we had a Garden Tea to raise funds for the Home. Many thanks to all for the help and support. Donations were donated for the raffle, Duncan for piping, Barbara and Dave who came from Dunkeld. It was a happy





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## arden Tea Party



raise funds for the Falls of Dochart Retirement  
port I received. Thanks too for baking and gifts  
ra and Bunty who opened the day and Barbara and  
day and we raised £635.00. Well done everyone.  
**Jessie McLeod**

## Primary 7 school leavers



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## Congratulations Carl



On 26th May 2005, Chief Petty Officer Carl Robertson from Crianlarich, now a submariner based at Faslane, received a Commendation from Rear Admiral C.B. Young, United States Navy, after spending a week with the US Navy in December 2004 assessing a systems programme for the Trident missiles.

"Demonstrating superior initiative and extraordinary technical knowledge of the Trident Navigation Subsystem and unending initiative as a senior fleet representative, he played a major role in identifying and documenting over 60 deficiencies [in the software] and his meticulous review and superb recommendations concerning proposed changes to the system were invaluable to the Director, Strategic Systems Programs and the 2 major navigation contractors", reads the citation. It also says that Carl's "exceptional professional ability, initiative, and loyal devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

## Last word from the Minister

"Strathfillan by The Way", the page in the Killin News, and Strathfillan 'by the way' the village and community, have been part of my life for the past three and a half years. The number of people who walk the West Highland Way, whatever the season, is impressive. I suspect that those who do this are not dissimilar in what they are seeking from those who walk the old pilgrim ways.

We all need a sense of meaning, purpose and direction in our lives. We have an obvious starting point in our birth and an inevitable end point in our death but in

between we are on a great journey, a walk, a pilgrimage. There is a traditional Chinese painting of a fisherman sitting by a riverbank. All around him are the daily means of supporting life: fish, animals and fields of crops. In the far distance rise the mountains that represent the highest aspirations of our lives. The middle of the picture, however, is blank, because that's the bit we are left to fill in by ourselves.

For me, the riverside and the fields of everyday life are where I try to live out my Christian faith - 'Strathfillan By The

Way' has been a huge part of that - and the mountains represent the Kingdom of God to which I and all Christian souls aspire. The bit in the middle of the picture - my own journey - leads me onto Southern Spain, to work with a congregation in Fuengirola. Thank you for allowing me to share part of your journey for a time. I hope and pray that we meet again at the end of our way.

**John Shedden**

*Goodbye, John. Good luck for the future. Thank you for your contributions to the Killin News.*

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# "By The Way"

## Crianlarich Primary School on the West Highland Way

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the West Highland Way (WHW). To help celebrate the occasion a baton was passed along the 95-mile route. On a very wet morning in June some students from P5/6 started with the baton at Beinglas Farm and walked up to Carmyle Cottage in Glen Falloch, where they passed the baton onto Luss Primary School.

Then the entire school, along with Strathgryre Primary School and teachers and parents, walked from Crianlarich to Beniglas Farm. The walk up from the village had everyone searching for the midgie repellent but once we were on the WHW a pleasant breeze ensued. The day turned fine and the weather was ideal for walking. We looked at various plants and insects along the route and talked to many walkers from different countries. Everyone was surprised to see our large group and a couple of teachers from the USA even took our photograph.

Halfway down Glen Falloch we stopped for lunch beside some big rocks and after lunch the sun came out as we followed the river south towards our destination. Our arrival at Beinglas Farm was met with cheers - we had just completed seven miles of the WHW. Everyone enjoyed the juice and crisps, but for me the highlight was an ice cream!!

Gavin Skipper



## DIY Does it

The plethora of DIY makeover television programmes spilled over into Tyndrum recently with a new DIY paint job for the Village Hall.

Strathfillan Trust committee members were joined by volunteers from several local businesses including The Real Food Café, By The Way campsite, Glengarry B&B and The Green Welly Stop. After much plastering and painting (and a bit of 'peching and panting') the village hall facelift is now complete and the volunteer workers can rest on their laurels - and their paintbrushes.

A big thank you to all concerned.

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# Computer corner

## Broadband

As of 27th July the residents of Killin have access to broadband technology. We can now leave the kids in front of the computer, accessing all of those educational(?) web sites, without tying up the telephone line.

Over recent issues of the Killin News, I have provided information that will help you to choose a supplier for your broadband services. There is a lot of research required to get the ideal product for your needs and it would be very easy to choose the wrong product or supplier.

Once you have broadband installed, you may decide to look at using other technologies that make use of the faster internet connections. For instance, you could install a wireless network in your house or office and allow more than one computer to share the internet connection, or you could use an up-and-coming technology called Voice over IP - basically this is the means of using the internet to

make telephone calls, thus saving on call charges.

For businesses in the area, there are potential commercial benefits of broadband and I would suggest you talk to an expert to see how the technology can maximise your competitiveness.

I hope you enjoy the new lease of life that broadband offers - if any new developments occur, I will post these on my website. I also provide links to the popular broadband providers on my site.

BT has announced "Ready For Service" dates of before 7th November for all our local exchanges. It is expected that 99% of us will have fast internet access available before the end of the year.

## STOP PRESS 27th July

I have been in communication with BT's senior management and they provided me with the following information. The dates for Broadband activation have slipped due to delays in traffic management as a result of security measures for the G8 Summit. This meant that the laying of cables was postponed due to road closures during the G8 period. This has resulted in many delays to deliver broadband to the local villages - in particular, for Killin, our activation date being now set to be 31st August 2005. BT will do its best to bring this date forward.

I will update the home page of my web site the moment that I have any further news, and I will also post a message to the bulletin board on the Killin.info website.

**Mark Lincoln**

info@frogspawncomputers.co.uk    www.frogspawncomputers.co.uk



## Penguins come to Killin in August

You may well see a few more penguins than you're used to around Killin this summer, thanks to an event called LBW, which is coming to the village from the 6th to the 14th of August.

The LinuxBierWanderung, to give it its full name, is an annual event, now in its seventh year, which is held in a different European country each summer, and attracts around 80 people from many countries around the world. The common interests are Linux software, beer and good food, and hiking in the local region. As the event was first held in Germany, it got the German name LinuxBierWanderung (the Linux Beer Hike).

Linux is probably the best-known example of Open Source software, and its official logo is a penguin, called "Tux". You will see Tux posters, lapel badges, and more than a few stuffed penguins around Killin for the duration of the event, which is based at the McLaren Hall, but will no doubt include many visits to the local inns and hostleries during the week, as well as several walks in the surrounding hills. LBW has teamed up with the Breadalbane Virtual Learning Centre to install ADSL in the Lesser Hall, which will make it one of the first ADSL lines in Killin after the exchange gets converted on 27th July.

LBW is an entirely volunteer-run group, and people from the Killin community are welcome to come and visit us at the McLaren Hall to find out more about Linux and Open Source software, or to take part in some of the activities. We have a website where you can find out more information about this year's event at <http://lbw2005.ziggur.at>

**Antony Stone**

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The event will not be affected by the delay in Broadband installation as alternative arrangements are being made.

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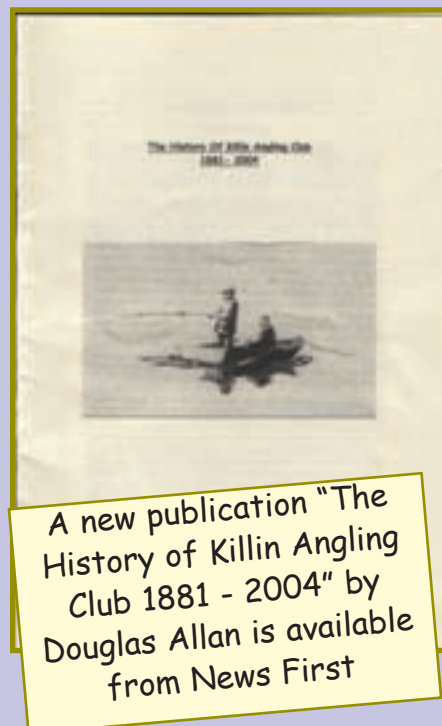
# Fishing Fun for the Youngsters



Local children enjoying a evening of rainbow trout fishing near Killin.

Photos:- Gregor MacAulay

Top Left:- Donald  
Above:- Billy  
Top Right:- Rosie  
Below Left:- Josh  
Bottom Right:- Omega



A new publication "The History of Killin Angling Club 1881 - 2004" by Douglas Allan is available from News First

## Long Awaited Return Match

In May of this year a long awaited return match between the Killin Breadalbane Angling Club and the Edinburgh Breadalbane Angling Club took place on Loch Tay. What is remarkable about this is that the first match between the two Breadalbane clubs took place in 1895 making it a gap of one hundred and ten years between the two events. The records show that the Edinburgh club did invite their Killin counterparts to a return match on Loch Leven in 1896, but the Killin club regrettably had to "decline the invitation because of the expenses the trip to Loch Leven would entail". The Edinburgh club was formed by an Ardeonaig man called John Fisher in the 1880s hence the name of the club. John had settled in Edinburgh becoming a successful wine importer in Leith. As far as the fishing went, history repeated itself, as the Edinburgh club won the competition in 1895 and then proceeded to win the 2005 competition. It is interesting to note that in 1895 over eighty trout were caught while in 2005 the total was only eleven. As the two clubs have now been successfully reunited and many new friendships formed, the members of both clubs are determined that another century is not going to pass by before their next meeting, and have decided to compete for a new trophy every year on Loch Tay and also on the Lake of Menteith.

Douglas Allan

# Planning Applications

## Week 19 ending 29th April

LT/2005/D150/HAE/S  
31 Fingal Wynd Killin  
Household alteration/extension

## Week 20 ending 16 May

LT/2005/D166/DET/S  
Tyndrum Change of use of area of scrubland to form kickabout area and erection 4 metre fence along western boundary SCDT

LT/2005/D037/DET/S

Wester Lix erection of chalet for holiday letting purposes  
Decision refused

LT/2005/D062/DET/S

Ardchyle Farm cottage Killin  
Retrospective change of use of land to form separate residential planning unit and the formation of new access. Retention of existing residential caravan on a temporary basis (5 years)  
Decision approved with conditions

## Week 21 ending 23 May

LT/2005/D159/DET/S  
Dalkell Tyndrum Change of use of dwelling house to Guest House (retrospective) and alterations and change of use of garage/workshop to self contained owner's accommodation

LT/2005/D111/DET/S

Green Welly Stop Clifton Tyndrum  
Proposed store extension  
Decision Approved with conditions

## Week 22 ending 30 May

LT/2005/D167/OUT/S  
Mansefield Manse Road Killin Erection of 3 dwelling houses

LT/2005/D184/DET/S

Meadow Grove Crianlarich  
Change of use of lower station yard to form play area and amenities base including ball court playscape picnic area landscaping and associated car parking.

LT/2005/D150/HAE/S

31 Fingal Wynd Killin  
Extension to dwelling house  
Decision Approved with conditions

LT/2005/D060/DET/S

Clematis Cottage Main Street Killin  
Proposal single detached dwelling house  
Decision Continued for consideration of section 75 agreement

## Week 23 ending 6 June

LT/2005/D069/DET/S  
Bothy Strathfillan house Tyndrum  
Alterations and change of use of former bothy to form one self catering holiday cottage  
Decision Approved with conditions

## Week 24 ending 13 June

LT/2005/D18/DET/S  
McLaren Car Park Killin Renewal of planning consent for the change of use of car parking for siting of hot food snack bar

## Week 25 ending 20 June

LT/2005/D143/HAE/S  
Fiarach Tyndrum Formation of raised decking area

LT/2005/D199/DET/S

Loch Iubhair Crianlarich Change of use of land for the siting of mobile snack bar

LT/2005/D208/DET/S

Windrush Manse Road Killin  
Erection of two No. extensions to detached dwelling house

LT/2005/D373/DET/S

Joiners Yard Main St Killin Erection of dwelling house Decision Approved with conditions

## Week 26 ending 27 June

LT/2005/D079/DET/S  
Fairview House Main Street Killin  
Replacement of timber sash and casement windows with UPVC windows.  
Decision Refused

## Week 27 ending 11 July

LT/2005/D080/DET/S  
Glen Airlie Main Street Killin  
Erection of dwelling house and detached garage  
Decision Approved with conditions

LT/2005/D208/HAE/S

Windrush Manse Road Killin Erection of two No. extensions to be detached dwelling house  
Decision Approved with conditions

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4. Media coverage and public support must be demonstrated.
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**For more information**  
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## A Great Family Night Out

Dannsa came to the McLaren Hall on Tuesday 19th July. By 8pm the hall had filled up and after only a few minutes, the audience were convinced that they were in for a fantastic family experience. Mary-Ann Kennedy's sensational singing and classy Clarsach playing had us all awestruck. The fiddle and pipes played by Karen Steven and Fin Moore had everyone foot tapping, hand clapping and eager to take the floor. However, it was the relaxed but incredibly spirited dancers who won the hearts, minds and bodies of the whole audience. Every child from 5 to 85 years waited eagerly for their opportunity to become part of this magical arrangement of movements. We were spellbound, and when the audience were asked to participate we found ourselves magnetically drawn into every dance. The dancers Frank McConnell, Mats Melin, Caroline Reagh and Sandra Robertson performed Step dancing, Highland dancing, and Quadrilles so well that it looked almost spontaneous. They never missed a step and had obviously rehearsed each set to outstanding perfection. This was Dannsa's first

visit to Killin but they now have a fan base who can't wait until they visit again. In the words of one seven year old in the audience "that was the best". This is definitely the best of Scottish Culture presented in a comfortable, congenial way.

**Sandra Logan**



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# Times Change

At the end of June Dr. Elaine Turner left the Killin Surgery after twelve years. She joined in 1993 as a half-time partner of Dr. Syme and Dr. Blainey, going full-time in 1998. Full time working became too difficult with a family and, as job-sharing was not a possibility, Elaine resigned as partner in 2000, staying on for two days a week under a scheme to keep doctors with families in practice. This she could do for five years before returning full-time but, with no vacancy to return to, she is now moving on. Her colleagues presented her with flowers and gifts and took her for a night out at the Craigard to mark the occasion.

Elaine is currently working one day a week with NHS Forth Valley developing systems to ensure the quality of primary care, particularly diabetes, asthma and heart disease and does a half day session weekly in a diabetic clinic, while exploring the possibilities of other local work. Killin has been part of her life since she visited Firlush Point Field Centre in 1977 as an Edinburgh University student and came to regard it as her 'spiritual home' – so much so that in 1994 she married Les

Berrow, who is an instructor and warden in charge of Firlush. Apart from her medical work, Elaine is a founder member of EAK (Environmental Action Killin), which led the campaign for local composting and did a lot of work on footpaths and the cycle routes before the National Park took over. A keen cyclist, she is a Sustrans Ranger for the maintenance and development of the cycle route to Crianlarich and Tyndrum. Her work for a possible Resource Centre, helped show up the need for the Nurses Clinic, the day-centre for the elderly and the community rooms at the Church and

she is also a Director of the Breadalbane Lifelong Learning Trust. On the personal side, she plays badminton and 5 years ago took up running. Now that she has more time, she is taking violin lessons and shares a music tutor with her son, Stuart, who is learning guitar. (Can we look forward to a Craignavie Ceilidh Band?) Elaine is a valued member of the community and we hope that her environmental objections to commuting and her aim to find more time to be a friend and neighbour will keep her as exactly that.

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We are hoping to have a similar facility start in Killin during September or October - Watch this space !

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Recent tests, kindly subsidised by local organisations, with examiner Fiona MacNeil from Bishopton brought results as follows:

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**Introductory Two:** Highly Commended: Anna Holden, Drew Riley, Georgia Third

**Introductory Three:** Highly Commended:

Nicola Craig, Lois-anne Townsley

**Beginners Sword:** Highly Commended: Iain Fisher

**Bronze:** Highly Commended: Catherine Allan, Kirsty Cordner, Ishbel Hayes

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## Killin Youth Club

### Needs You

Killin Youth Club is in real danger of fading away if we cannot get greater community support behind it. The current committee has been in place for the past two years and now feels that for most members it is time to move on. Thanks to a lottery grant the club is well equipped with Sony Playstations, a laptop computer, music decks and much more. We are calling on the parents and residents of Killin to give up a little of their time. The more volunteers we have the less time each would need to give up. We are aiming to create a rota system with each volunteer working one Wednesday in six. We would also welcome people willing to do one off workshops in music, art, sport etc. We need new committee members so if you feel you can contribute to the young people of Killin or if you just want to give a little back to the community, please contact **Caroline Larkin**, Rural Stirling Youth Project Worker on 01877 331 766 or **Suzanne Player**, Community Worker on 015670 820 154 or fill in the Questionnaire (see enclosed flyer).

### Killin Playgroup

In June the Playgroup Committee held an open meeting regarding the continuation of the Group. This was attended by the 5 Committee members, the Playleader, our Voluntary Worker and one parent. Taking into consideration the four replies to the survey, which was distributed to all child carers on the Playgroup and Tiddlers and Toddlers outing, the decision was taken to disband the group at the AGM.

The major factors in the decision were:

1. The lack of support from parents/carers to form a committee
2. A lack of children for future years to cover the cost of running the group
3. A number of changes in the child care legislation making it difficult to continue

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 24th August at 8pm in the Church Hall.

Our thanks to all those who have been involved in the Playgroup for their hard work in keeping it running this long.

**Norma Lang**, Acting Chairperson

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# Killin Golf Club

## Mixed Open 28th May

### Scratch

**1st** R. Clark & J. McCartney (Erskine) 76

**2nd** George Smith (Killin) & Morag McQueen (Routenburn) 80

**3rd** D. Brown & H. Dalgleish (King James) 82

### Handicap

**1st** Ian Donaldson & Audrey Weaver (Killin) 64.5

**2nd** T. Lang & Helen Lang (Harburn) 66

**3rd** John Guild & Liz Stevens (Killin) 70

### Best Killin (Bill Mitchell Salver)

Ian Donaldson & Audrey Weaver

### Nearest the Pin

Ladies (5th) - void

Gents (8th) Dickie Lewis (Killin)

### Magic 2's

T. Smith & V. Woodburn

R Wiseman & Wiseman

I.Kittle & L.Kittle

## Ladies Open 4th June

### Killin Cup (best overall handicap)

Maggi Seymour (St Andrews) 65

### Bridge of Lochay Salver (best local handicap)

Katie McRae 69



Katie McRae  
Killin Golf Club Ladies Open  
Best Local Handicap

### Dochart Trophy (best overall scratch)

Morag McQueen (Kelburn) 80

### Silver Division Scratch

**1st** Morag McQueen (Kelburn) 80 (BIH)

**2nd** Wilma Frew (Oban) 80

**3rd** Maggi Seymour (St Andrews) 83

### Silver Division Handicap

**1st** Isobel Cullen (Cardross) 66

**2nd** Ruth Ross (Oban) 71

**3rd** Joan Walker (Carrickvale) 72

### Bronze Division Scratch

**1st** Diane Colewell (Oban) 91

**2nd** Lucy McNulty (Dalmally) 83

**3rd** Audrey Weaver (Killin) 96

### Bronze Division Handicap

**1st** Katie McRae (Killin) 69

**2nd** Ruth Dick (Vale of Leven) 71

**3rd** Liz Stevens (Killin) 72

### Longest Drive Silver

Donna Copland (Muthill)

### Longest Drive Bronze

Karen Ritchie (Strathtay)

### Nearest Pin (5th)

Joan Walker (Carrickvale)

### Sweep Scratch

Ann Wison (Strathtay)

### Sweep Handicap

Liz Stevens (Killin)

### Magic 2's

Sheila Tollan (Dalmally) 5 & 14

Maggi Seymour (St Andrews) 14

Joan Walker (Carrickvale) 14

## Breadalbane Killin Curling Club

The Killin Curling Club finished for another season and held its A.G.M on 25th April in the Capercaille Restaurant.

### Trophies - 2005

**Winnipeg Cup:** Brian Hibbert

**Gregor MacGregor Medal:** Eilidh Campbell

**Midwood Cup:** Eilidh Campbell, (Points)

**McGibbon Medal:** James Reilly, (Points runner up)

**Stroyan Cup:** Jo Scott, (Ladies Points)

**Countess of Breadalbane Medal:** Sheona McAskill, (Ladies Points runner up)

**McGibbon Cup:** Margaret Taylor (Club League)

**Jan Rough Brooch:** Jo Scott (Club League runner up)

**Dr Mairi Salver:** Jane Anderson

**Centenary Shield:** Sheila Aitken (First Breadalbane League game)

**Fraser Cup:** Douglas Willison and Eilidh Campbell (Killin Pairs)

**Galloway Medal:** Colin McRae

### Come and join us

The Curling Club are always looking for new members and would welcome new members, whether beginners or experienced curlers. The season begins in October and, if you are interested in coming along, please contact either **Eilidh** (01567 820005) or **Sheila** (015670820249) before 1st September.



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Louise Simpson & Andrew Harbit



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**Rolf and Helen Thornqvist** of Acharn renewing their wedding vows on 18th May. Rolf celebrated his 60th birthday at the same time. They were joined by family and friends from Australia, Jersey, Germany Sweden and Scotland and were entertained by soprano Kirstin Sharpin of New Zealand, tenor Alistair Digges of Scotland and pianist Maki Yoneta from Japan all students at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow.

**Jamie O'Reilly** of Thornhill and **Maia Holmstrom** from Finland married in Killin on Sunday 8th May without anyone finding out until after the event.

**Capt David Bowser** after morning worship in Killin and Ardeonaig Parish Church on Sunday 3rd July when he was presented with a certificate by the Minister to mark 50 years as an elder. The inscription on the certificate reads: 'To the glory of God and in grateful appreciation for the Christian service shown by Captain David Bowser during 50 years as an elder in the Church of Scotland'. The presentation was a complete surprise to Capt Bowser, his response was a short but sincere "It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve my Lord in this way". For many years Capt Bowser was also the convenor of the Stirling Presbytery Property Committee.

**Phil Simpson**  
Session Clerk

**Louise Simpson**, formerly of Killin Primary School and a past head girl at Breadalbane Academy, is pictured with **Andrew Harbit** of Strathtay in the Palace of Holyrood House on 30 June, when they met the Duke of Edinburgh and received their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards.

**Phil Simpson**

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This was held on Monday 27th June. Two Killin pupils Rachel Lincoln and Siobhan Anderson gave musical performances on the day and Daniel Holden was appointed as one of the two depute head boys.

Well done all three.



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On leaving the army, she joined in the great Scottish Hydro Electric boom where she met and married my father. After many moves we settled in Killin in 1958.

Up until retirement she worked mainly in Killin's Hotels (all of them) and also enjoyed a spell working alongside Nellie at Dr. McColl's.

She was particularly fond of driving but

had to stop due to ill health. Although undergoing some major surgery, she never gave up and was overjoyed when she returned to the village, moving into the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home, where she spent her last two years and where she got to meet someone she thought she'd never see – her daughter, Lynda. With the family finally reunited, mum passed away peacefully in Stirling Royal Infirmary in June.

We'd like to thank everyone in Killin and beyond for their cards, phone calls, flowers and kind words. Your support has been very much appreciated.

**John, Kathleen and Lynda**

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### September

- Fri 2 8pm Patsy Cline
- Thur 8 7.30pm Lonnie "D" -  
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- Sat 17 9am-1pm Stirling Council  
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- Sun 18 7.30pm Julie Felix -  
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- Tue 20 8pm Midge Ure
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# Letters

## View from the past

In the last edition the question was asked at the opening of the millennium cairn in 100 years time what will the people of the day think of us? But if we could go back 100 years, and the people of that day would say what have you done to the land we gave you? Did it not feed you through two world wars and never failed to support you. And yet you see fit to put the land in set aside to waste and grow weeds. The hill grazing cleared of sheep and cattle, now covered in scrub and stunted trees, the land we gave you wasted. Why have you chosen to live in a Fools Paradise?

John Stewart

## C.H.A.S.

Many thanks to all those who helped and supported the C.H.A.S. fair in May. We raised £2,200. Thanks too to Cruachan who donated £200 and the Gun Club for £100. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Morag MacNee

## 20mph speed limit

At the last meeting of the Killin Community Council, a subject of

discussion was the establishment of a 20mph speed limit extending from the Ardeonaig Road junction to the Episcopal Church.

Some days ago I was on the pedestrian crossing and was nearly struck by a car. Had that car been travelling at 20mph, it could have stopped but, like many motorists, the driver had chosen to disregard the present speed limit. I for one am in favour of the 20mph limit

John Stewart

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# Thank You

I would like to thank all my friends, colleagues and patients for their gifts and good wishes on my leaving Killin Medical Practice.

Elaine Turner

I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards, flowers and gifts when I was in hospital. I am now staying in the Falls o Dochart Retirement Home and getting very well cared for by all the staff. Thank you all again.

Murial McNicoll

I would like to thank all the people who helped us when my father went missing in Loch Tay at the beginning of May, especially those at the Ardeonaig Hotel and the Loch Tay Highland Lodges. We really appreciated your assistance and support.

John Halliday



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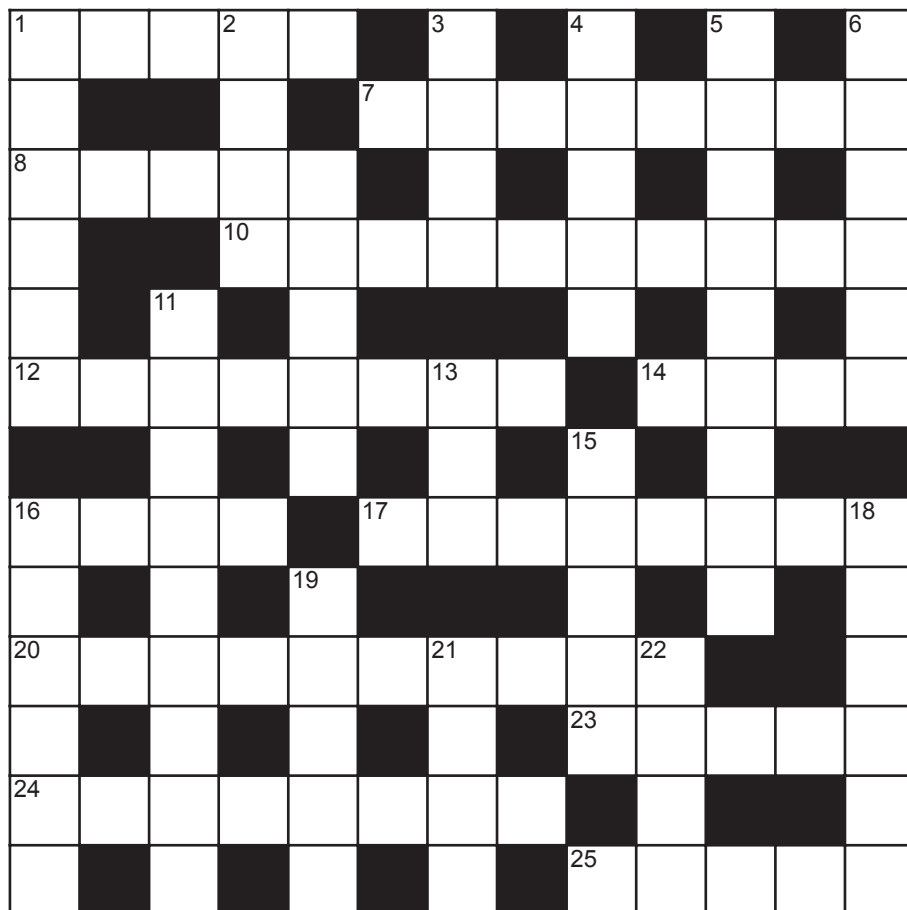
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# Crossword by Scorpio



## Across

1. The beginning (5)
7. Left-over bits and pieces of rubbish (8)
8. In the mixture is something which belongs to thee (5)
10. Curiously all grew and formed a barrier round the flower beds and lawn area (6,4)
12. Well above the average (8)
14. Speak informally of a century of head covering (4)
16. Plain, simple and a lake (4)
17. Have the right in Aintree to put down a deposit (8)
20. Oddly scattering person is Di (10)
23. Citadels that last (5)
24. Log Defoe as having a sense of well-being (4,4)
25. Wedding (5)

## Solution to 86

**Across** 1 paint 7 canaries 8 inane 10 evaluating 12 tomorrow 14 pies 16 toil 17 prisoner 20 drink water 23 night 24 emanated 25 added

**Down** 1 pliant 2 nine 3 tall 4 naval 5 divisions 6 usages 9 every 11 empirical 13 oar 15 ashen 16 tidier 18 rusted 19 okras 21 a bet 22 rind

## Down

1. When moments of high drama come to a ridiculous conclusion (6)
2. The aroma of a dynasty (4)
3. Dispatch to southern extremity (4)
4. Railway fluid at the edge (5)

5. What to do if no seats are available on public transport (5,4)
6. Single severance? (15)
9. Humber estuary tidal bore (5)
11. Subjugated (9)
13. Initially only Nell earns the right to be single (3)
15. Stuffing not suitable for a chicken (5)
16. Not a silly sort of sports position (3-3)
18. Why in Korea, sonny? (6)
19. Is it in a southern border that this grass grows?(5)
21. Grass or retail outlet (4)
22. Form of lighting (4)

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- 6 Mini Book Sale Lyon Road (behind Ballechroisk Cottage)
- 6 Gents Open Killin Golf Club
- 6 Art & Craft Exhibition McLean Hall Fearnan 10am - 4pm
- 6-14 Open Source Software event LBW group McLaren Hall
- 9 Childrens Guided Walk Ben Lawers Visitors Centre 10.30am
- 10 Guided Walk for Adults (Flora of Ben Lawers) Ben Lawers Visitor Centre 1.30pm
- 13 Clanscape Breadalbane Park 11am - 4.30pm
- 14 Lochearnhead Village Fete 1pm
- 16 Childrens Guided Walk Ben Lawers Visitors Centre 10.30am
- 17 Guided Walk for Adults (Flora of Ben Lawers) Ben Lawers Visitor Centre 1.30pm
- 17 Illustrated Talk "St Kilda" Lynedoch 8pm
- 18 Introduction to Navigation Ben Lawers Visitors Centre 10.30am
- 18 Green Team meet at school 6pm
- 20 Killin Show Breadalbane Park
- 20 Killin Show Dance McLaren Hall 9pm
- 23 Childrens Guided Walk Ben Lawers Visitors Centre 10.30am
- 23 History of Lochearnhead and Glen Ogle National Park event L'head 1pm booking essential Tel 01567 - 830430
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- 25 Drama Club AGM Lesser Hall 8pm
- 27 Mini Book Sale Lyon Road (behind Ballechroisk Cottage)
- 27 National Park Event "Bats" Tyndrum 9.30pm - 11.30pm
- 28 Annual Fun Fishing Day Contact Gregor Macaulay Tel 820117
- 28 Car Boot Sale McLaren Car Park 12 noon £5 per car Contact Glenda 820248
- 30 Childrens Guided Walk Ben Lawers Visitors Centre 10.30am
- 31 Illustrated Talk "Recovery of Endangered Species" Lynedoch 8pm

## Sept

- 1 Green Team Meet at school 6pm
- 4 Alloa Bowmar Pipe Band Falls of Dochart Killin 2pm
- 6 National Park Event "History" Killin 2pm Booking essential 01567 - 830430
- 8 Organ Concert Killin Church 3pm
- 11 National Park Event "Strathfillan Gold" 11am Booking essential 01567 - 830430
- 13 Community Council Meeting Killin School 7.30pm
- 15 Green Team meet at school 6pm
- 16 Jazz Supper McLaren Hall 8pm
- 17 Ben Lawers Historic Landscape Project Conference see page 16
- 29 Green Team meet at school 6pm
- 30 Flu Jab Coffee morning McLaren Hall morning

## Oct

- 6 WRI Meeting McLaren Hall 7.30pm

### Carpet Bowls

Mondays Lesser Hall  
7.30pm  
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### Jumping Beans

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# Loch Tay Highland Lodges

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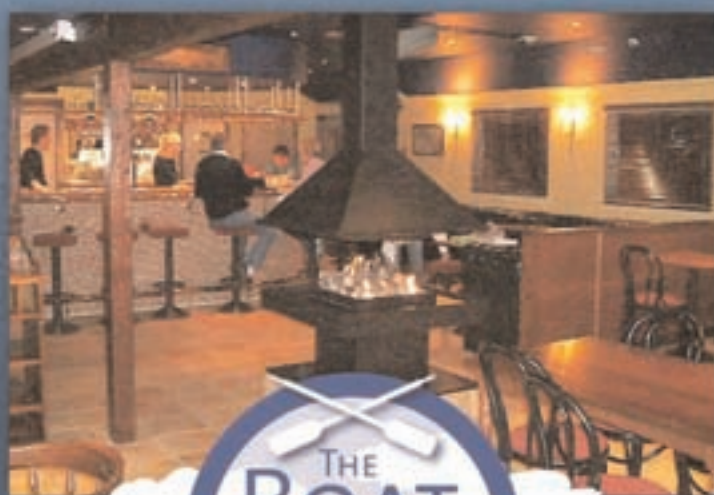


A warm welcome awaits at  
The Boathouse Restaurant & Bar

The restaurant offers a varied menu featuring  
excellent home cooking & Chef's Daily Specials

Open fireplace and a warm cosy atmosphere  
combined with stunning loch views and friendly  
service assure an ideal venue for that special  
evening out or family get-together

Children are welcome



## SUMMER OPENING HOURS

Open every day  
Weekdays  
11.30am - 11.00pm  
Weekends  
11.00am - 01.30am  
Food served  
12.30pm - 9.30pm

Light meals and snacks  
12.30pm - 6.30pm  
Evening Meals  
6.30pm - 9.30pm

## Samples from Menu

### **Mussels £4.95**

*Fresh Mussels poached in  
white wine & cream  
with herbs and garlic*

### **Chicken & Apricot Pate £3.95**

*Homemade Pate served with  
oatcakes, redcurrant Jelly  
& salad*

### **Fillet Stilton & Bacon £15.95**

*Scottish fillet steak stuffed  
with blue stilton, wrapped in  
bacon, pan roasted & served  
on creamed red onion  
potatoes with red wine sauce  
& roasted vegetables*

### **Salmon & Watercress £8.95**

*Grilled salmon fillet & butter  
roast baby potatoes served  
with a creamy  
watercress sauce*

### **Large Freshly Cooked Evening Menu with Numerous Daily Specials**

**Extensive Fish & Specials  
on Friday and Saturday  
Night**

**Booking Highly  
Recommended**

**Tel: 01567 820853 / 323**