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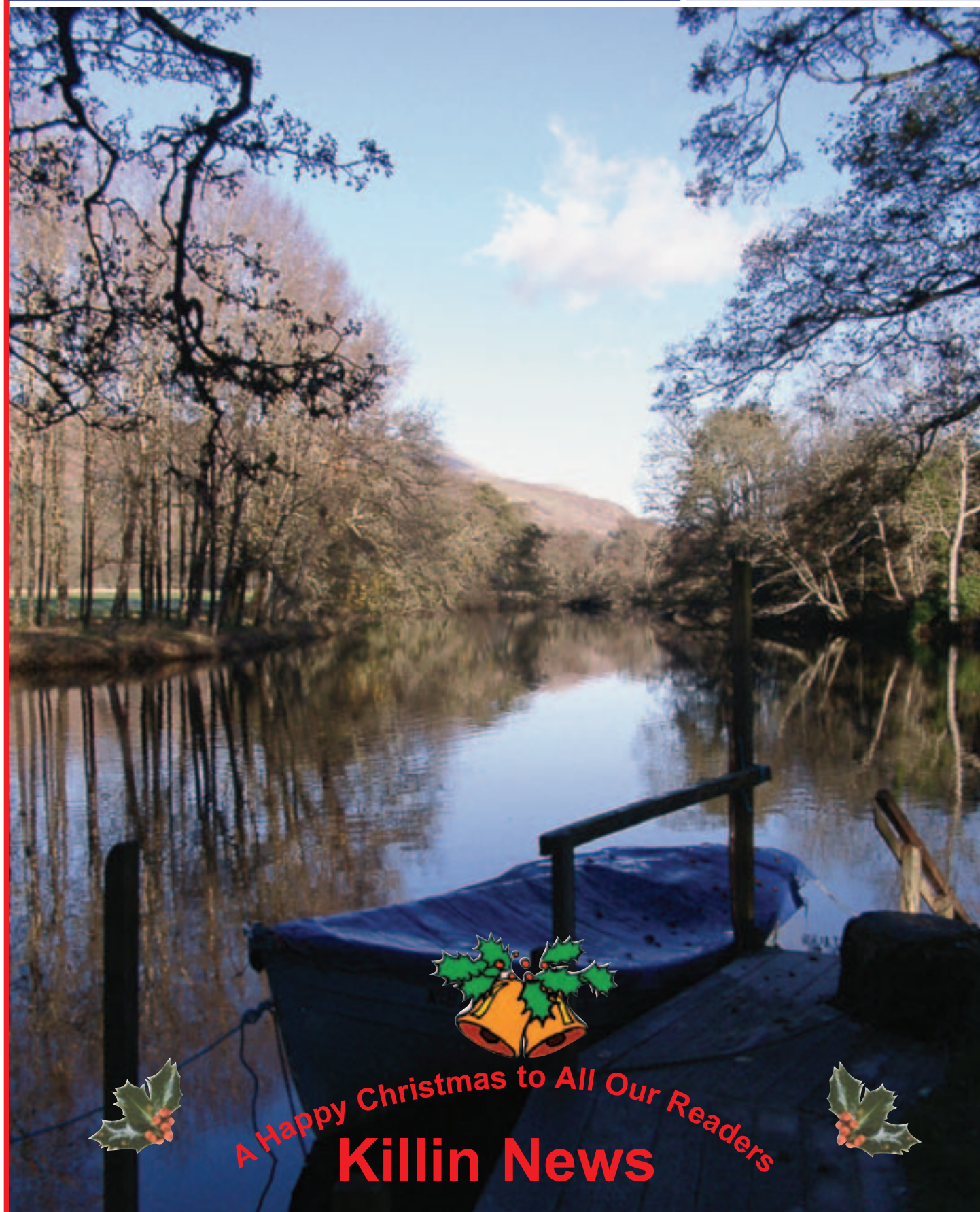
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Editorial

It seems that we have extracted everything that Forth Valley Health Board are prepared to tell us about our out-of-hours service (page 4). The way the Highland Health Board communicated with the rest of the population of the Highlands and the 22 page booklet of explanation they distributed may be seen at www.show.scot.nhshighland.



We must congratulate the Scottish Ambulance Service who have shown that in the months of September and October they attended every call in the 'Breadalbane Area' within 30 minutes. The ability of the paramedics to work as "independent practitioners" and treat patients close to home is mentioned in the FVHB article. We hope this will save many patients from travelling all the way to the out-of-hours Primary Care Centre in Stirling and relieve some pain and distress for non life-threatening conditions prior to travel.

On the theme of 'change for the better', the new road surface has enhanced the appearance of the Main Street and work on the downhill stretch from Glenogle to Lix Toll appears to have reduced the risk of vehicle run offs that used to reach high numbers when the road surface became slippery.

Broadband has arrived, essential for many businesses and individuals who have been restricted by the capacity of the telephone lines.

Mark Lincoln's article provides yet more helpful advice. (page 30) It is with sadness we hear of the financial problems of the Masonic Lodge that is disrupting their work and hope that recovery will not take too long. (page 11)

School vandalism is reported on page 20. This is a sad event both for the village the perpetrators.

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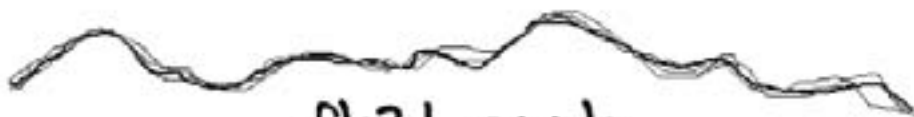
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Paddy Retires!



The 31st October 2005 saw the end of an era in Killin when Paddy McKinnon retired from the staff of the Breadalbane Folklore and Tourist Information Centre after 43 years of service to the tourism industry. Never one to want a fuss, she was overruled on this occasion when the Tourist Board honoured her with a dinner and a presentation, to which, at Paddy's request, only a small group of present and former colleagues were invited.

Her involvement with tourism began in 1962 when, after a public meeting, the Killin & District Tourist Association was founded and a committee was formed. They asked for volunteers to provide a tourist "bureau" and as a result, one was established by Paddy in 1963 in the F. Smith & Son shop belonging to her father. She has been welcoming tourists and providing them with information on the area ever since.

Her "bureau" closed in 1971 and a tourist office was opened in a caravan in Breadalbane Park. Paddy's association

continued when the TIC moved into premises on the Main Street in the 1980's and then in 1994 to the present location in St. Fillan's Mill.

She became the Secretary of the KDTA in 1972 and Chairperson in 1985, a position she held for a number of years. Although retiring from the Association in 2000, after 37 years of commitment, she continued to work for the Argyll, the Isles, Loch Lomond & the Trossachs Tourist Board (now VisitScotland), latterly in her capacity as manager of the Killin TIC.

Paddy's knowledge, and her enthusiasm for her work, will be greatly missed, not only by all her colleagues but by the many in the Killin area who have benefited from her promotion of the marvellous opportunities on offer to the thousands of visitors who have "crossed her doorstep" during the past 43 years. Thank you Paddy and we all hope you enjoy a long and happy retirement.

Gillean Ford

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There are two ways services can be accessed during this period:-

In the event of an emergency or even if you are unsure you should dial '999'.

The Paramedics are now regularly getting to emergencies much quicker under the new arrangements. If it turns out to be a real emergency treatment will start straight away and transport to hospitals will be put in place. If it turns out to be less urgent the paramedic will organise what happens next whether it be giving the treatment required or arranging the next step at the treatment centre or with your own doctor. The paramedic may converse with others in the Out of Hours service such as other doctors and nurses to ensure the most appropriate action.

Patients access the Out of Hours service by telephoning NHS24 on (08454-24-24-24) and speaking to the call handler.

Some basic personal information will be

taken and your call will be passed to the Nurse Advisor. The Nurse Advisor will then usually check your personal information and embark on a series of questions which will allow them to "triage" your call and to offer a solution to your problem.

The range of services include:

- * Self care advice being provided by the Nurse Advisor
- * An appointment to visit the nearest Primary Care Centre (usually Stirling)
- * An agreement that the Doctor will visit the patient at home

If necessary:

- * You may be directed to Accident & Emergency
- * We will send a '999' ambulance, with paramedic, while giving supportive advice and help over the phone.

Increasingly, within Breadalbane, local ambulance staff will be sent to treat a number of patients with minor injuries and others where they will work either as independent practitioners or under the direction and guidance of a doctor in one of the Primary Care Centres. The ultimate aim of the service is to treat as many patients as possible

close to their home.

Details of any consultation you have with NHS24 or with the OOH Service are sent to your own practice when it opens, to ensure that your own GP is aware that you required assistance. Your practice may arrange to follow up this contact with you if that is appropriate.

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In the early days the post bus route was Killin to Ardeonaig and Ardtalnaig in the early morning. Then it was down to Callander and Brig O Turk, before the Callander post bus service commenced. After lunch it was back to Ardeonaig Hotel to take anyone who had come up on the morning run. The bus carried staff to Ardeonaig Hotel and occasionally walkers to Ardtalnaig to walk from there to the Sma' Glen.

On my trips to Callander I met many interesting people and collected prescriptions for the residents in the Lochearnhead and Strathyre areas. I was also asked to bring goods from Callander to local shops when necessary. Tanks of Calor gas were sometimes requested by Ardeonaig people when they ran out of it unexpectedly. One elderly gentleman used to ask me to bring cigarettes and leave them in the phone box at the hotel if he couldn't manage down to meet me, for any reason.

I have many fond memories of my years on the Killin post bus. To say I was dismayed is to put it mildly when I heard, at very short notice, that it was being withdrawn for reasons known only to the Royal Mail. The Post Bus was a familiar sight round the area and the present drivers will miss the regular customers and the banter that went on between them on its daily journeys.

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Mervyn's Weather



In Broadford, Isle of Skye there is a sign in Gaelic outside a cottage proclaiming "GUN AINM" - "without a name". It is, of course, possible that the owner is attempting to mislead his "white settler" neighbours, who are unlikely to be Gaelic speakers, into thinking that this cottage is just the retirement home of a pistol packin', Sgiathanich, AL CAPONE!

Throughout Skye, the Western Highlands and indeed probably any upland area in the UK, one cannot fail to notice the green oases surrounding crofts and hill farms, contrasting with the subdued colouring of the rough grazings. Sadly the majority of these improved areas of inbye land, the results of generations of applied hard graft and the post war encouragement of hill farming schemes, are reverting to bracken and rushes. Perhaps signs in appropriate linguistic sites denoting "GUN STIURADH" - "without management" - in keeping with the present trend by environmentalists of leaving everything to revert to nature. However this article is intended to deal with the weather

trends rather than a dirge for a way of life fast disappearing.

Summer 2005 went out on a high note on the glorious Sunday of 4th September, since when conditions have produced almost daily rain. Even during the relatively settled spells, cloud cover has again been very much the order of the day. One is reminded of the old American Mid-West ditty, "Oh give me a home where the buffalo roam and the deer and antelope play. Where the graceful white swan goes gliding along like a maid in a heavenly dream and the skies are not cloudy all day". So even USA has overcast spells!

Twice each year, should there be cloudless conditions - pious hope! - for a few evenings around February 6th and again around November 4th, the sun as seen from Ardtalnaig may be observed to touch down on the summit of Stobinian then appear to slide down the North face of this hill towards the gap known as "Bealach Eadar A'Dha Bheinn" or "the pass between the two mountains", thereafter disappearing behind Ben More only to appear some

minutes later low down on the North slope of the Ben, thence to move over Crianlarich and to set behind the hills of Glenfalloch. Meanwhile the Earth shadow, again if conditions are clear, turns the sky to the NE a delicate shade of pink, merging lower down into grape purple near the horizon.

Under entirely different conditions, and an entirely different story, I remember well a very wet and sultry August evening outside Lochearnhead village hall, seeing two worthies of Killin and Glen Lochay, Callum Marquis and Hugh Haggart, both of whom sported magnificent tonsures, obviously having enjoyed generous libations, arguing vigorously about some profound subject. The column of steam rising in the lamplight into the humid air above these two glistening, pallid, pates would have done justice to that emanating from the engine of the Killin Puggy as it waited for the guard's whistle to proceed west to the Junction!

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Killin Community Council

November Meeting

Waste Skip

Mr. James Marshall from Stirling Council Cleansing Department gave a brief talk about the skip. There have been problems with unauthorised vehicles using the site and complaints have been received from SEPA about waste being thrown over the gates. This also happened in Aberfoyle, and SEPA withdrew the licence and skip. It was suggested that a charge be made for putting waste in the skip but Stirling Council were against this. If someone local could be engaged as skip operator they could ensure that only household waste was being dumped. SEPA are not interested in skips being located in small rural areas, so if we are not careful we could lose this facility.

Proposed Community Trust

Colin Roxburgh spoke about the role of Community Development Trusts. About 3 years ago Killin felt no need to have a Trust but it may be the time to have another look at this. A Trust could help communities to buy land when and if it became available, and help acquire funds for recreational, educational and heritage purposes. Money from this Trust helped in the buying of the local retirement home. Funds come from various sources, including the Scottish Land Fund. Under the Land Reform Act, communities would have first right to buy property/land for community use. The Trust would sit alongside the Community Council and Community Council members could be members of the Trust Fund.

Health Matters Update

Dr. Syme helped to clarify some points raised at the last community council meeting. The surgery is manned from 8am until 6pm Monday to Friday. He has not yet established why the tourist from Tyndrum could not get a doctor as there were doctors at the surgery at the time reported, but he was continuing to investigate the incident. When asked if local doctors would attend during the night, he replied only in exceptional circumstances such as road closures. Dr. Syme feels that the Health service is providing a better service than before. The change to NHS 24 and OOH has happened too quickly in this area, but he was not aware of anyone whose medical condition had suffered since the system was put in place.

The system will improve as they get more staff although in the next few years there will be fewer doctors. It is very difficult to get doctors to come to rural areas.

There is still confusion about who to telephone in an emergency. If it is life threatening one should dial 999 or the surgery. He was asked if local GP training could be split into two half days to ensure that there was always a doctor on call, but he felt this would not be practical. Another questioner asked if police could ensure that the services were informed when the road was closed. At the outset of NHS24 the Ambulance service thought they could cope from day 1, but it has taken longer than expected to train the personnel. Do the helicopters work at night? Helicopters can

only work in good weather - if it was needed a military helicopter would be used. Patients should not have to wait longer than 30 minutes for a paramedic to attend. Could the surgery be open one evening or Saturday morning for people working outwith the village? Dr. Syme thought this was a fair point and perhaps worth thinking about. Dr. Syme suggested that if anyone had any complaints they should address them to the appropriate services and he is available to answer concerns in the surgery.

Planning: No objection was raised to the application of a new house in Ardeonaig for Neil Campbell. No objection to the application for 8 chalets for Mr. Malone at Ardeonaig.

Mr. McKie will make enquiries about the rumours circulating that planning application has been withdrawn from the builder responsible for the houses at the Mart.

Correspondence: A letter was received from BT to inform us that Broadband should be available from 4th November 2005.

Waste Services: Stirling Council have spoken to the crews about returning wheelie bins to their original place but they still seem to be left on the wrong side of the street. Cllr. Finch will take up this matter.

Post Bus: There is no Post Bus serving Ardeonaig. A complaint had been received regarding the price rise for passengers travelling to Stirling. Passengers have to buy a ticket to Callander then another from Callander to Stirling. We should campaign for through ticketing. A question was asked as to why the Post bus no longer ran to Callander. It was thought that the contract was lost as they would not supply a bigger bus and passengers were being left at Strathgryne. The Community Council expressed concern about the lack of consultation in connection with the post bus service. It was agreed to write to find the reason.

A.O.C.B. There has been a complaint about presence of lighting on the footpath through the Breadalbane Park. It was agreed that the installation of the lights had made the footpath safer for all users particularly schoolchildren.

Christmas Tree: Cllr. Finch to ask Paula Baillie Hamilton if she could supply the village with a Christmas Tree. M. Grant to be asked to put on the lights.

Hogmanay: C. Grant informs us that the plans are the same as last year.

Resurfacing of Killin Main Street:

It was agreed that the efficient way that the Main Street in Killin has been re-surfaced with the minimum of disruption should be acknowledged.

Chairman: The Chairman felt that due to ill health he should hand in his resignation, but the members assured him that he was fulfilling his work admirably. He agreed to stay on meantime.

The next meeting will be in Killin Primary School on Tuesday, 10th January, 2006

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Executive will "write off" the Council's housing debt, ensuring that every £1 rent paid by tenants can be spent on providing good housing services and improving homes. Council tenants will have the

same rights as at present including the right to buy, tenancy agreements will be the same and tenants won't have to move. If the housing transfer does not go ahead, 25p in every £1 of rent is basically "dead money" spent on servicing the Council's old housing debt.

All Council tenants will have the chance to vote in a ballot in Spring 2006. If the majority of those voting vote "yes", then homes will transfer to Housing Stirling about 6 or 8 months after the ballot. Housing Stirling is the new not-for-profit housing organisation that will then manage the housing service. Every penny of its income will be used to provide a high quality housing service and improve tenants' homes. An unpaid Board of 16, including 6 tenants, 5 councillors and 5 independent people, is now setting up Housing Stirling. We have all volunteered because we are committed to making things better.

Housing Stirling's fully-costed business plan will show tenants how we can pay for improvements to their homes for the next 30 years while keeping rents affordable. We are guaranteeing a maximum rent increase based on inflation (the cost of living) plus 1% and Housing Stirling will consult tenants before setting rents in the future.

Housing Stirling will have a contract with the Council to ensure they deliver on their promises to tenants including those on rents and investment and they will be regulated by the government's housing watchdog, Communities Scotland. Every tenant will be able to become a member of Housing Stirling and decide who is on the Board and Housing Stirling's policies. Housing Stirling will take over ownership of the Council's 6,700 homes and deliver the housing and repairs service. Most of the housing employees who now work for the Council will transfer across, as will employees in Building Services, so tenants will deal with the same faces as they do now.

There will be no change in the way repairs are done. Building Services trades people will transfer to Housing Stirling and carry out repairs as now. A ballot paper will be sent direct to every tenant in Spring 2006. Joint tenants will each be able to vote and by then more details will be available about Housing Stirling's plans.

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The three main issues were Estate Management, Building Services and Rent & Investment.

Due to a delay in the Scottish Office, it was not possible to present the full

business plan but groups of delegates discussed the themes as part of the initial consultation and comments were taken back to the Community Ownership team for their consideration.

Following the Conference, the STA AGM was held and a new Committee of 14 - including Moira Robertson from Crianlarich - was elected for 2005/06.

A resolution proposing that ex-

Council tenants be allowed 3 places on the new Committee was defeated. Meetings:

Tuesday 13th December
Mayfield Centre, 2.30pm

Monday 16th January 2006

Cowane Centre, 10.30am

Tuesday 14th February 2006

Hillview Centre, St Ninians, 2.30pm

Monday 13th March 2006

Kippen, 12.00pm noon

KILLIN MEDICAL PRACTICE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR



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Sunday 25 th December	CLOSED
Monday 26 th December	CLOSED
Tuesday 27 th December	CLOSED
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The day was one of 3 filming days, one for each scenario, shared use on the river, responsible use of field margins, and using a gate when one has been provided. The scenario shot on this day will show the responsible way for canoeists and fishermen to behave at the river – sharing their responsibilities by respecting each others' sports, recognising each others' needs and being courteous to each other.

A lot of the entertainment on the day was provided by the 'art department' (who admit to enjoying a good challenge!). They had the task of setting up a working pedestrian light in the river and could be seen in

dry suits in the river with masks and goggles...

The day was filmed in reverse. The end of the scenario, the meeting of the canoeists and the fisherman, was filmed in the morning. In the afternoon some exciting whitewater activity was filmed representing the canoeists at the start of their trip and this included fixing a camera to the front of one of the canoes to get some fast action



shots from the perspective of the canoeist.

This scenario will be represented in about 10 seconds in the final 40 second advert. The actors were chosen because they are all keen participants in their sport as well as being photogenic!

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The members of the Killin Lodge have unanimously decided to officially publicise the difficult situation in which they find themselves and to appeal to the community for understanding and support.

The Killin Lodge was founded in 1895 and for the first eleven years the members met in various locations in the area. In 1906 The Earl of Breadalbane granted the Lodge use of Sawmill Cottage, with permission to make such alterations as were required. The premises were used from that time to the present, with all the expenses and necessary upkeep being carried out by the

members as and when funds permitted.

There seems to have been some confusion as to whether a title was granted and not registered, or if the use was ongoing at the discretion of The Earls. In 1994, as the lodge was preparing to celebrate its centenary, a final search was made, but no trace of any title was located. In 1997 a document was prepared and lodged in court, to create a new title, which document, if unchallenged for ten years, would become the title.

In 2004 two major problems arose. Firstly there was a major outbreak of dry rot, resulting in stripping out the entire

floor and half the wall linings on two walls. A new concrete under floor was put in, drainage repaired, replaced wall linings and floor, treatment was injected and sprayed on walls and timber, new carpet, electrical work and decoration. In all the cost was over £5,000, which was paid from funds, depleting these drastically. Then there was a phone call from Mr. Brian Hamilton, a name now known to many in the area, stating that he owned the building and ground. Taking legal advice and through negotiations, the members were faced with the fact that Mr. Hamilton, having control of the residue of the Breadalbane Estate, was legally the owner, despite close on one hundred years of occupancy. A full debate was held, options considered and financial implications aired. The resulting vote was to purchase through a loan or mortgage. This has placed a severe burden on the members, and over the next years great effort will be concentrated in meeting the now in place financial commitment.

The Masonic organisation contributes to many appeals, most recently the Tsunami disaster. Closer to home there are annual commitments to the Masonic Homes and benevolent funds which are used for a variety of causes. The Lodge has given annual donations to organisations within the area and remembers anyone who is going through a difficult time.

Over the next years there requires to be close internal financial house keeping. Contributions to local organisations will be continued on a rota basis, donating to a few each year as funds permit and benevolence will be met as appeals are received. There will be various fund raising activities to assist in getting back to a secure financial base as quickly as possible.

We ask for support from all our members. Those who are presently active within the lodge will hopefully continue to be so, but we appeal to those who are lapsed. Think seriously about the commitment that you made when joining and get back in good standing. We are asking for all who joined, however many years ago, to examine their conscience, remember what the organisation stands for and the part you can play. The Lodge, rightfully, asks for your attendance and support.

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Frost Report



The pendulum swings?

This year's stag season has just finished. It began with gorgeous Summer weather in August and early September and finished with a very wet October. Maybe this weather affected the stag rutting, which seemed to be very late in beginning and then a very 'stop and start' affair. There were a couple of interesting occurrences. My son had stalked and shot a stag with guests and, after waiting for the others stags to move off quietly, he slowly walked down through the edge of a cairn to gralloch the stag. He then witnessed a fox trotting out of the rocks and down to the newly shot stag. He was really quick off the mark for an easy 'ready meal'. We also watched a big stag with a large harem of hinds going about his amorous adventures and then settling down to recharge his batteries only to be cajoled back into activity by a very flirtatious hind who persisted in kissing and nudging him and licking his ears. She finally persuaded him into action - perhaps deer are going for female equality too.

There has recently been a consultation by The Deer Commission into the close season for all deer. This has resulted in a

recommendation to ministers that seasons stay as they are now for the next five years and it would appear that after this time the seasons are to be done away with. Apparently, this would mean a free-for-all could happen with deer being shot at any time of year. Farming seems to be going through a very in-depth look at animal welfare issues whereas the end of close seasons would seem to be a large step in the opposite direction for wild animals. It would also appear that people who are going stalking will have to "demonstrate an appropriate level of competence". Most of us assumed that was the reason why guests were taken out by competent and experienced professional stalkers. At present, before being taken to the hill, a guest has to satisfy the stalker of his competence by shooting at a target and he will not be taken out if he does not show adequate ability. If a formalised test becomes compulsory, will it mean fewer people able to come stalking and their having to pass the test before they can even try the sport? A veteran and excellent guest whom I have been taking to the hill for the past 25 years has pointed out that this will mean a considerable drop in income

to the local economies of many rural areas of Scotland.

Now that avian flu may possibly come to Britain with migrating wildfowl, the help of the much-maligned wildfowlers is being sought to take swabs for analysis from shot birds. Presumably if it does arrive, the shooting community will be expected to take a major part in the ensuing cull. The Ramblers Association are jumping on the environmental bandwagon regarding the eyesore of a pylon line coming down Southwards from Beaulieu. Many of us look forward to the day when the same people notice the great amount of damage done to the hills by their many feet, and are looking forward eagerly to the time they are willing to make some monetary contribution to the conservation issues that this causes.

There seem to be changes afoot with the Common Agricultural policy regarding the reduction of sheep numbers throughout Scotland. Is this the clearances in reverse and what will be the long-term changes to our hills, glens and villages?

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Morenish Ospreys 2005

By early March winter storms had blown away much of the 2004 nest, but by 25th a pair had returned and were hard at it - you know what I mean, rebuilding the nest watching out for usurpers, warding off stooping attacks by common gulls, and mating. Whether they were the original pair is not certain, but I am inclined to think they were.

By the end of the second week of April the female was sitting low in the nest, a sign that she had laid eggs. If only the noisy speed boats would keep away at this time. Other boats that approached below the tree couldn't possibly have seen anything there, as they looked up, since the tree canopy obscures a good sighting; better to view from 200 yards horizontally, from across the loch, with binoculars or fieldscope. Anyway, the female sat tight, or took short flights to find sticks to improve the nest, or tore off bits of flesh from the fish delivered by the male; amazing really, especially during some horrendously wet nights and days. Then one day she tore at a morsel and tenderly offered it below the edge of the nest. An egg must have hatched. There must be a chick. By the end of May two chicks had showed their heads over the edge.

Then in the middle of June, and possibly

after a very wet night with a violent thunder storm, only one chick appeared. No longer were there two offspring. The survivor indulged in wing-stretching exercises, with feathers instead of downy fluff.

By July the weather improved, 11th July being especially hot, with everlasting sunshine and calm conditions. Could the youngster die of heat exhaustion, or dehydration, I wondered? The chick, unable yet to leave the nest, gets no water except what it draws from raw fish supplied by its parent. By now it could preen its feathers and eat independently from fish brought in by the male. Wing stretching became more vigorous until one morning (14th July), on a breeze perfectly suited to flight, the chick, now as big as its parents, took off, circled the top of the tree and landed back on the nest. This was 12 days earlier than in 2004 (2 fledglings), and 18 - 19 days earlier than in the year 2003 when ospreys first nested here (1 fledgling).

In the next few weeks I saw various ospreys in the area but without close checks for marking (rings or tags), it is impossible to know where individuals originated. On one day there were five, all interacting in flight, circling higher and higher. I fondly imagine that in congregating after fledging, the birds extend their relationships with each other

and the local landscape and maybe return here after wintering in Africa.

Our thanks are due to everyone who cares for the wildlife around the Tay watershed, to Tayside Police Wildlife Liaison Officer (Alan Stewart), and to all boat users and walkers who for a short period in the year show responsibility and respect for the needs of these remarkable birds.

John Allen

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Farming Matters

Summer time has passed now and the autumn leaves are falling. The clock has been put back an hour, so winter is fast approaching. It has been a fine hot summer, great warm spells, making for plenty of grass for the hill stock, which were all in good condition coming off the hills. It has been especially good for hill gathering, the tops clear and free of mist. It is very difficult to get men with dogs to gather, some travelling 30 - 50 miles to get here - changed days. I started looking after a hirsle in 1943, and have been doing that more or less ever since. Fortunately I still manage to help with gathering and fank work for friends and neighbours.

Over the years I have seen many changes in hill farming, the demise of family farms to big business and blanket forestry. Both these things have done a lot of damage to rural life, dispensing with shepherds and their families, and letting their houses for holiday lets. Blanket forestry has killed off all under growth and wild life. The nesting and feeding grounds of moorland birds have been ruined, resulting in no curlews, peewits or skylarks, what a mess. Where are all the conservationists we read about? It looks like they are non-existent. The year 1947 was the worst winter I have ever experienced. There were hundreds of dead ewes on the hills

and very few lambs survived the cold spring. Each dead ewe had to be buried, sloched* and the sloch carried home. The ewes that did survive were mainly "kebs". Despite modern technology, it still needs a shepherd, his stick and his dog to gather and tend hill sheep. Thank God for that.

Douglas Willison

(Sloched - to remove the skin and fleece from a dead ewe which can be done more easily once the animal is cold

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Project Woodland at Leskine Farm

Fife Air Cadets Conservation Group (FACCG), in partnership with The Burt Family Trust, purchased 40 acres of land from Mr and Mrs Grindlay of Leskine Farm beside the river Dochart.

Five years ago FACCG was established following the Air Training Corps 60th anniversary project, during which the Air Cadets carried out over 1323 hours of conservation work across Fife. FACCG consists of 200 volunteers from various Air Training Corps squadrons throughout Fife, Explorer Scouts groups, and other adults and youngsters. Its aims are to educate and promote environmental awareness. FACCG works alongside Countryside Rangers in Fife and takes part in a wide variety of environmental tasks two weekends a month, with around 30 volunteers on each task. It carries out conservation work twice a year with the National Trust in the Lake District, and recently visited the Czech Republic for its first international expedition to promote conservation volunteering and the John Muir Award.

FACCG hope to create a wildlife reserve as a lasting memorial to the husband of Caroline Burt, one of the Group's members' of staff. Colin was tragically killed in a road traffic accident in August last year. He was a very devoted and caring father of three, and a loving husband. He was committed to caring for the environment, and devoted many hours to various voluntary

conservation organisations and projects.

This project, one of many, is called 'Project Woodland' and the name of the reserve will be 'The Colin Burt Reserve for Wildlife Conservation'.

Project Woodland will provide many new opportunities for volunteers to experience the enjoyment and fulfilment of creating a haven for wildlife and an area of countryside to share with the local community. The youngsters will be involved in the decision-making process as well as practical conservation work and there will be many educational opportunities including camping out on the site and developing a greater understanding of nature and wildlife. The work will contribute to the John Muir Award in which many of the youngsters are involved.

Fife Air Cadets Conservation Group welcomes school, youth and adult organisations, as well as individuals in the local community who would like to join in with practical conservation work on the site and anyone who has skills they feel would be useful such as knowledge of environmental survey and monitoring techniques. The Group's 'Green Trailer' contains enough tools, equipment and safety clothing for 50 people to carry out conservation tasks at any one time. The trailer will also be available for other conservation tasks around the Killin area. We have already held two residential



weekends to erect a 250m stock proof fence along the Eastern boundary of the land.

Both weekends went well and the group stayed at the YHA Hostel in Killin.

If you wish to find out more information about the Group and Project Woodland, or if you would like to join the Group to do practical conservation work please contact:

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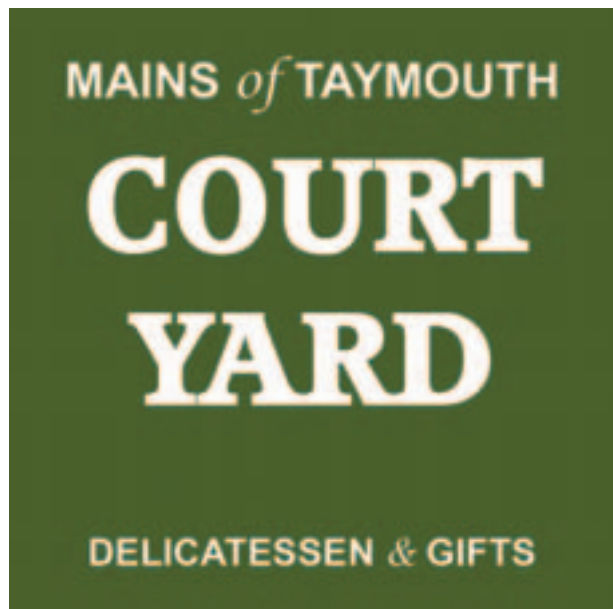
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For more information contact Jacqui Kaye, Development and Fieldwork Co-ordinator Tel 01786 466560 or email Jacqui.Kaye@bto.org

Otters

National Park Countryside Ranger Alison Wilkie is heading to Italy to attend a three-day European Otter conference, where she will present the work being carried out in Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park. The workshop will help the National Park Otter Monitoring Group to update its information and link with other organisations to benefit the otters in the coasts and freshwater systems throughout the National Park.

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Ruth Crosby
National Park

Heart of Scotland Herb Society



Now that our herbal harvest is cut and laid by for cooking, decorating and winter activities, we can concentrate on more mental issues as we did last month, with speaker, chiropractor, Trish Waite of Aberfeldy. The subject was Kinesiology for treating various medical problems including those of a musculo-skeletal nature, sometimes in association with other disciplines like acupuncture. After our AGM in November we will be celebrating Christmas with a luncheon at Kinnaird House. Judi Campbell will take the January 18th meeting with a session on herbal paper making. February 15th should be particularly 'tasty' as Chef, Chris Tamblin presents "Bouquet Garni" as another lecture introduces us to new and varied ways with the herbs we produce during the growing season. Feel free to join us for any or all meetings that may be of interest to you.

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News from the Crannog

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These tales were exacerbated when what seemed to be a whole pack of wolves was heard on 31st October. Halloween, of course or Samhain!

The howling came from 100 children and their parents enjoying a Crannog party and who were just driving away the evil demons in the surrounding woodlands.

This reminds us that the Crannog Centre is not just an educational centre, but frequently plays host to some splendid entertainment and entertainers. For instance a full house was enthralled recently by Dougie McLean and his band. Dougie acclaimed the acoustics within the crannog to be "just great" and the glowing fire added to the general ambience and even prompted that age old song, "Smoke gets in your eyes". As a quid pro quo our Chairman, Nick Dixon gave a talk about Perthshire crannogs at the Pitlochry Theatre to a large and appreciative audience. This was during the period of the Dougie McLean Festival being held at the Theatre.

Although the main visitor season has ended, a considerable number of groups are booked in for visits during the coming months. In other words, we really never close. Repair and

maintenance works on the Crannog itself will be carried out over the winter months by staff and volunteer helpers in preparation for the anticipated influx of visitors in 2006.

Old friends will no doubt join the many thousands of newcomers who will



**Tam Baker from Aberfeldy
at the Halloween party**

come to learn the enthralling story of the Crannog folk who lived all those years ago on Loch Tay - some 27,000 this year. In addition, the Crannog Centre is pleased to announce its achievement of a Visit Scotland 5 Star award.

Readers can keep abreast of our programme of events by referring to What's On in the Killin News or going to our website: www.crannog.co.uk

Colin Scott

Killin School Vandalism

Pupils and staff were shocked and upset to come to school on Monday 21st November to find that their playground had been vandalised by spray painted graffiti.

This is the first time in the long history of the school that this has happened and we hope that it will never be repeated.

The matter has been reported to the police.

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As you move into this holiday season, in all your good times with family and friends, make sure you do not leave out the Lord from heaven. Give Jesus Christ the honour he deserves.

Among the baubles, trees and toys Are many signs of Christmas joys, But where's the Christ, whom God sent down, Who laid aside His throne and crown? Remember, there is always the danger of keeping Christmas and losing Christ. May God bless each of you at this season of gladness.

Rev. Ladd Fagerson

Fairtrade

Killin and Ardeonaig Parish Church are pleased to be involved in helping Killin on its way to becoming a recognised Fairtrade Village. Over the last wee while, the Kirk Session has been considering Fairtrade and how the church can be helpful in promoting this policy and recently received a certificate from the Fairtrade Foundation recognising the church as a Fairtrade Church. But what does this mean? The church will:

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Angela Hanvey

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Sunday 1st Jan Killin 10am
Balquhider 12 noon

St Fillans Episcopalian Church Killin
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Country Night



Mad Hatters' Party?

No - just the Country and Western Evening held in the McLaren Hall in October. But was it Country and Western? The very popular Irish band which performed last year had been immediately rebooked but then decided not to tour this year so another Irish band was booked. That had to cancel in September as the singer had to have a throat operation and a band from Oban was then found - but they cancelled a week before the date, leaving the organisers - the Hall Users and the wives of Masons - with a nightmare scramble to get a band in time. Thanks to an agency they were able to do so - but it was not one which specialised in Country and Western. However, despite some initial disappointment, the 149 people who attended, including parties from Balquhidder, Callander and Aberfeldy, enjoyed themselves dancing, drinking and eating an excellent buffet meal. The hope is that last year's band will come again next year. This year's event raised £1753, of which £200 was given to Dr. Syme for the British Heart Foundation and the rest split evenly between the McLaren Hall and the Masons.

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Remembrance Day

Few in Killin today know the people whose names grace the War Memorial. The database of the houses and farms in the area gives an insight into the sadness and unhappiness that must have been part of life here as a result of both World Wars. Duncan and John Marquis were both killed in WW 1. They came from Greenbank Killin. Duncan died aged 26 on 26th January 1916 and John his brother on the 4th September 1918, both in France. They were the sons of the widowed Catherine and the late Archibald Marquis.

In the 1901 census everything appeared normal and stable for the Walker family in Gray Street. John, a carpenter and his wife Grace were living with their family - Maggie, Alexander, Gilbert, James, Peter and Allan. Peter was aged 8 years. Little did they know that he would die as a Lance Sergeant in the 38th Bn Machine Gun Corps aged 25 on the 12th June 1918. Each of the names on the Memorial is part of the story of Killin and how lives were sacrificed on our behalf.

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Roy MacGregor, Tony Weaver, Syd Davidson, Ethel and David Dowling, Judge Stroyan, Pat Sandeman, and Duncan McNee the local British Legion Representative (see Bob Kirk below)



David Dowling



Bob Kirk

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Lynne on 01877 331157
Sheena on 01877 330569
Email: info@hearttoheart.org.uk

Heart to Heart

Heart to Heart is an organisation that offers support to those affected by divorce or separation.

They offer a unique service which is not only accessible to all who have direct experience of divorce or separation, but also to those helping friends or relatives through this difficult time.

They currently operate from Callander, but funding from Stirling Council and the Church of Scotland mean they can cover the surrounding areas having recently appointed a Development Co-Ordinator.

There is a wide range of support offered through 6 weekly talks at informal, relaxed and friendly meetings.

There will be an opportunity to talk and share experiences in a

safe and confidential environment.

Various topics covered in the meetings will be: the effects of the past; communication and conflict resolution; forgiveness; legal issues; relationships & boundaries and moving on. Support in the form of practical information, helpful books or just a friendly chat is also available.

As time progresses, it is hoped to develop the service further to enable it to help children who are affected by of divorce and separation.

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Anyone felling more than 5 cubic metres of timber from a group of trees or a woodland is required by law to obtain a felling licence from the Forestry Commission. There are several exemptions where a felling licence is not required, for example for the felling of trees in a domestic garden or churchyard. For enquiries about felling licences please contact Forestry Commission Scotland, Algo Business Centre, Glenearn Road, Perth, PH2 ONJ. 01738 442830. For further information on proposed works to protected trees, general tree protection and advice in the Killin Area please contact Iona Hyde,

Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority, National Park Headquarters, The Old Station, Balloch G83 8BF. 01389 722635

Killin has been designated a Conservation Area – which gives its trees special protection as they are part of the character and appearance of Killin. Anyone intending to undertake work on any tree located in a Conservation Area is required to give the National Park Authority six weeks notice in writing of their intention and failure to do so is an offence liable to a heavy fine. If the NPA feels that any tree is threatened by inappropriate work, a TPO may be served to ensure its protection.

The NPA may also impose conditions on planning permissions in order to protect



existing trees on a development site. Again, it is necessary to obtain their written permission before undertaking any work on trees covered by such conditions. For further information on tree protection in Killin, please contact

Iona Hyde

National Park

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An advertisement for CareDental. It features a black and white photograph of an older couple smiling warmly at each other. Overlaid on the image is the text 'Speak Smile Eat with confidence...'. Below the photo, the headline reads 'Are you dreaming of a white Christmas?'. This is followed by two lines of text: 'Treat yourself or somebody else to a new dazzling smile.' and 'Give a Christmas present with a difference!'. The main offer is 'Tooth whitening vouchers available now.' The CareDental logo is centered below this, and at the bottom, the contact information is given: 'Call Crieff 01764652607 or Aberfeldy 01887820441'.



Ancient Holly Tree at Finlurig

Killin Library

If you have not visited a library for a while, why not pop into your local library here in Killin and see what we have to offer. Libraries nowadays are not just about books. You can surf the net (first half hour free), borrow DVDs, videos and do your photocopying. A fax service is

also available. We have a good stock of books including paperbacks, large print books, audio books, a reference section and a good children's section. Also available for viewing are Community Council minutes, weekly planning schedules and a full set of back copies of the Killin News. KR



New Year's Night Dance



The Traditional dance will be held in the McLaren Hall on the evening of 2nd January 2006

Tickets are priced at:

16 and over **£8**, under 16 and over 65 **£6**

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If you've recently begun your life change or are getting ready to take the plunge, Five would like to hear from you now. They're looking for people not just planning to exchange cramped city flats for idyllic country or coastal cottages but who want to create their own homes to their own designs by renovating or modernising buildings such as ruined barns or disused water towers. At the same time you must be adjusting to a new life in a new environment, perhaps starting a new job or setting up your own business.

If you do make it onto the show, you'll be guided every step of the way by an architect who provides seasoned advice and vital moral support as you work towards achieving your new lifestyle.

If you would be interested in appearing on the programme, please contact the producers on 0871 210 8871 or email

build@shinelimited.com More information can be found on the Five website:

www.five.tv/programmes/buildanewlife

80 on April 21st?

You could lunch with the Queen!

On Wednesday, 19th April 2006, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will host a reception and lunch for the Queen's 80th birthday at Buckingham Palace for some of those people also born on 21st April 1926. Those eligible should contact their local Lieutenancy and all applications must be returned to the Lieutenancy office by Monday, 16th January 2006 including a copy of the applicant's birth certificate for verification. Invitations will be distributed on a pro rata basis between Lord Lieutenants' offices and ballots will be held locally to achieve the fairest possible spread throughout the country.



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Thank you to everyone for the help and support we have received since Killin' Time opened in March.

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Scott, Gillian and Skye.



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The Storytellers

The storytellers came on the 27th/28th October 2005. They told the pupils of Killin Primary School amazing stories. One of the stories that were told was about a man and a lady and the lady was about to have a baby but they were poor, it sounds great don't you think? Anyway the men that told the pupils the stories were called Paraig MacNeil who came on the Thursday and a man called Scotty Wilson who came on the Friday. They were all dressed up in their highland gear and their weapons. I am sure that the pupil's of Killin Primary School enjoyed those stories.

By Skye Farmer P6

The Storytellers

The storytellers came in on Thursday the 27th and on Friday the 28th of October. They told us about the Jacobites and Scottish folklore. They came dressed as Jacobites one of the storytellers had a sword and brought some women's cloths the girls got to ware them. The names of the storytellers were Scotty Wilson and Paraig MacNeil. Paraig MacNeil had a kitchen, living room and his tent. They both told us stories on the Jacobites. Scotty Wilson told us a spooky story. Paraig MacNeil told us about a man how came out the hill. He told us some Gallic songs.

By Omega Cox-Hyatt P6



Paraig MacNeil the Story Teller

A couple of weeks ago a story-teller called Paraig MacNeil came to our school to tell us stories and myths about the Jacobites. He told us tales of the massacre of Glencoe and the battles of Killiecrankie and Culloden. Paraig also came to the schools Halloween party. He told us a ghost story about a man who lived in Glenlochay. The story goes that he shot a deer with his bow and arrow for food, but he was hung by the neck at Finlaraig Castle. This was because the deer belonged to the Campbells who owned Killin, Glenlochay and Glenlyon.

David Macaskill Age11



Scary Photos of The Halloween Party



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Notice Board

Interactive Whiteboards

Every class gets an Interactive white board. They are 1 meter and a half by 1 meter. Promethean made them. Stirling Council provided every school with one but the P.T.A bought two for us. You can play DVDs on it and you can listen to music on it. It has two speakers. They will be very useful.

By Harry McRobbie P6

Playground Squaddies

In 2004 playground squaddies started. This is the second year it has been going for. It was primary 6 when I started so I joined. The days it is on are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after lunch, outside on the football pitch or inside in the gym {when wet}. There are all types of games chasing, statue, circle and ball games ect. All the primary 1-5's enjoy it and the primary 6/7's {who organised it, with the help of Claire Peebles sports co-ordinator} enjoy it too.

By Millie Tigwell P7

Stamp Out Malaria Appeal

Mrs Frost has placed a box in the entrance hall to the school to collect stamps for the Malaria Appeal.

Please tell your friends and neighbours to cut their stamps from any letters and hand them into the school for this worthy cause.

Rugby

On October the 21st two rugby trainers came into teach us how to play rugby. When you are going to play rugby you have to warm up by playing something like British bulldogs. Children can play touch rugby were you can't pass forward and there is also another one were you have to pass to your goalie who is at the other side and that is where you can pass forward.

To start playing you need to know different types of passes the different types are, Chest pass, Spin pass, Side pass. What you need for indoor rugby is trainers, shorts and t-shirt and if you are playing outdoors you can wear a tracksuit.

On Friday the 18th we are going to a rugby festival in Callandar with all the Mc Laren cluster primary schools.

Ishbel Taylor P6

Christmas Fayre

This year's Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 2 December, 7pm-9pm.

Posters will be on display throughout the village from next week. Donations for the Tombola, Cake & Candy, Toys and Books stall would be welcomed.

Please see any member of the PTA Committee or hand in donations to the school.

Interactive Whiteboards

On the 8th November Killin Primary School had their Interactive Whiteboards fitted, P6/7 had theirs and then the P3, 4 & 5's had theirs on the 9th and finally the P1/2's had theirs on the 10th November.

These whiteboards are just like a computer screen, but you use a special pen instead of a mouse. Stirling Council bought one whiteboard and the P.T.A. bought the other two, so that there is a whiteboard in each classroom. The sizes of the whiteboards are 1m x 11/2m they were fitted by a company called Promethean, the whiteboards also have surround sound. We all really like the interactive whiteboards and I think we will have fun with them.

By Catherine Allan, P6

Walk To School Week

From the 3rd to the 7th of October we had an international walk to school week. We had to walk to school and home as many times as we could in one week. This was to try and get us into walking to school more to get us active and healthy.

By Megan

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Christmas 2005



Santa has delivered us an early Christmas present. Broadband has arrived – not only in Killin, but also the local villages, including Lochearnhead, Tyndrum and Crianlarich.

After a lot of frustration waiting for fast internet connection, we can now enjoy connection speeds that were once only available in large towns.

One of the benefits of broadband is the ability to make voice calls (similar but not quite the same as telephony) to other internet users - this is free of charge. One of the main products in this market is called Skype – more details are available from the website.

Basically you install a microphone and headset and you can connect to the Skype network to make free calls to other Skype users. This is

very useful if you have friends and family spread throughout the world.

Similarly, if you have a camera attachment, microphone and headset, then you can go one step further and use Video Conferencing, i.e. making a video call free over the internet to another video conferencing user. Broadband also provides the means of sharing internet connections within the home, office or groups of buildings. By using what is called a router, you can have several computers accessing the one internet connection at the same time. In fact you can even share the internet connection without wiring up your computers by using a Wireless network.

With Christmas coming, many of you will be considering buying a

new computer – now there is no need to box up the old computer and consign it to the loft, by just adding some cheap hardware to the old machine, you can easily use both computers together, sharing files, programs and information as well as the internet connection. Setting up a network is relatively simple and there is a vast amount of information about wired and wireless network configuration available from the internet.

I am sure you will all see significant benefits of fast internet connections. I wish you all well for the holidays.

Mark Lincoln

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Lamb Shank in a Red Wine & Rosemary Sauce

Pasta Milanese with Garlic Bread & Salad

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(all served with chips or potatoes)

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Poached Pears in a Mulled Wine Sauce

Banoffee Pie

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Freshly Filter Coffee and Mince Pie

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A Selection of Canapes & Bucks Fizz

*

Smoked Salmon & Tiger Prawns in a Warm Vinaigrette Dressing

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Haggis Stuffed Cannelloni in a Spicy Tomato Sauce

Cream of Broccoli Soup

Pear and Walnut Salad with Parmesan Shavings

*

Fillet of Aberdeen Beef with a Peppercorn Sauce

Lamb Shank in a Red Wine & Rosemary Sauce

Spicy Salmon Fillet with a hot Mustard Dressing

Breast of Chicken stuffed with Haggis in a Malt Whisky Sauce

Mushroom & Potato Pie

*

Poached Pears in a Mulled Wine Sauce

Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce

Selection of Scottish Cheeses & Oatcakes

Banoffee Pie

Cranachan

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Fresh Filter Coffee & Whisky Truffles

CHRISTMAS DAY MENU (£25.00)

Selection of Canapes and Bucks Fizz

*

Cream of Broccoli Soup

Smoked Salmon and Tiger Prawns in a warm Vinaigrette dressing

Pear and Walnut Salad with Parmesan Shavings

Chicken Liver and Brandy Pate with Date & Tomato Chutney

Grilled Goats Cheese with Cider Apples & Black Pudding

*

Roast Turkey with Traditional Trimmings

Lamb Shank in a Red Wine & Rosemary Sauce

Spicy Salmon Fillet with a Hot Mustard Dressing

Fillet of Aberdeen Beef with a Peppercorn Sauce

Mushroom & Potato Pie

*

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Shoe Box Appeal Thanks to all who donated a total of 65 boxes which were handed into Killin Library. We hope to have pictures of them being distributed in Romania in the next issue of the Killin News.

K.R & J.F



Killin Golf Club Champions 2005

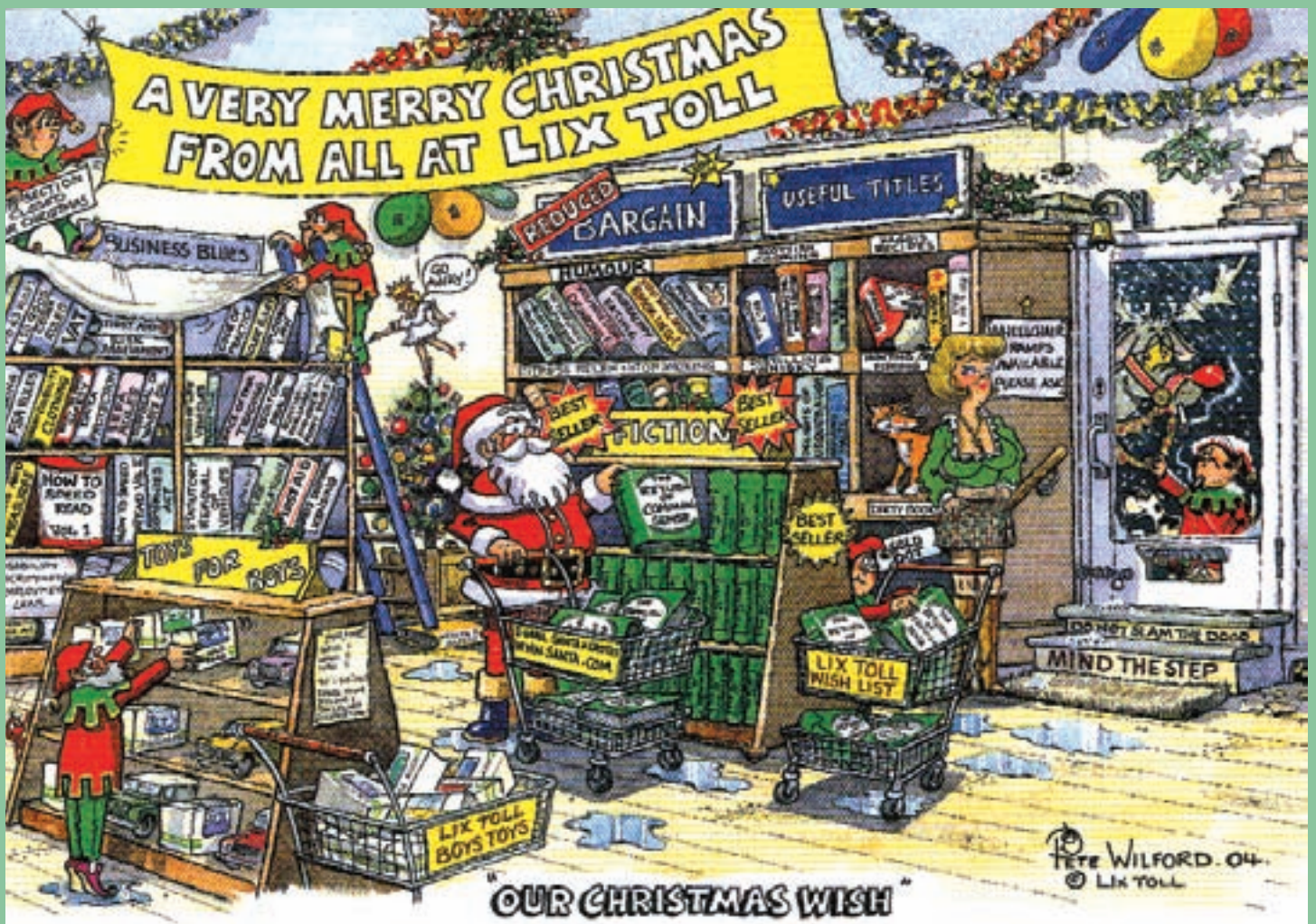


Bowls The return match with the Carpet Bowlers versus the green Bowlers was played on the carpets on 27th Oct. The Green Bowlers came out the winners for the first time since 1991 of the Alec Cameron Trophy. The score was 27 points for the Greens and 23 points for the Carpets

Hazel Guild



Foursomes Matchplay Winners



Killin Golf Club 2005 Prizewinners

Ladies

Silver Medal: Sheena Chisholm
Bronze Medal: Audrey Weaver
McKay Cup: Sheena Chisholm
Chrissie France: Cathie Reid
May Wilson: K McRae & C Reid
SLGA Brooch: Cathie Reid
Cancer Relief: Elizabeth Ingram
Eclectic (Scr): Fiona Ramsay
Eclectic (Hcp): Cathie Reid
Captain's Prize: Katie McRae
Flag Competition: Audrey Weaver
Coronation Fours: J Henderson & S Chisholm
Children First: C Reid, K McRae & S Chisholm
Pendant: Katie McRae
Daily Mail Foursomes: M Gauld & F Ramsay
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Seniors

Alistair Robertson Trophy: A Muller
McTaggart Trophy: J R Guild
Lix Toll Trophy: G Smith
John Hall Cup: G Smith
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Ivor Noble Quaich: G Smith
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Mixed

Dr Stevenson: L Stevens & W MacPherson
Lochay Trophy: T Bolton & K McRae

Juniors

Junior Club Champion: D MacAskill

Gents

April Glass: G Smith
May Glass: R MacDonald
June Glass: C Forsythe
July Glass: J Ronald
August Glass: B Ford
September Glass: J W Guild
Arrochar Trophy: G Flynn
Jack McLean Trophy (2 Ball): H Campbell & I Donaldson
Shotgun Foursomes: G Aitken & D Lewis
Jack Noble Trophy: I Ramsay
Fred France: P Melia
Medal Play Off: B Ford
Dr Wilson: G Flynn
Captain's Putter: J McLennan
Melia Quaich: A Heron
Gleneagles Medal (Sargent): S Laurence
Fourball Matchplay: H Campbell & K Campbell
Foursomes Matchplay: C Taylor & G Flynn
George Smith Trophy: C Woods
Club Champion: G Aitken

Taymouth Golf Course

The company behind the £74 million development of the 450-acre estate and historic Taymouth Castle in Perthshire into a unique luxury resort has announced it expects the upgraded golf course 'to be the best conditioned course in Europe'. The layout of James Braid, the original designer in the 1930s, will be kept but it will be slightly longer, with improved drainage and upgraded greens. Work will start next April so the course will be closed to all players at the end of March for a period of up to two years. Details of new membership will be decided by the new operator. Taymouth Group Ltd. will also be restoring the Castle, developing it into a hotel whilst retaining and restoring all the A-listed Principal Rooms and building new properties in an appropriate architectural style with an extensive state-of-the-art health spa. Proposed outdoor activities include river and loch fishing, as well as golf. The target opening date is spring 2008

Taymouth Postscript

Kenny Campbell became Taymouth Club Champion again this year. This makes him Champion for the third year running. Perhaps in future the Taymouth Golf Club Champions will be the likes of Tiger Woods and Ernie Els. **Cristina Campbell**

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The little booklet, available for a donation of 15p at the Church's Summer Fayre, proved so popular that over the next seventeen years Church members produced another five versions. The first two cost 50p for 20 pages and were also typed and duplicated, pages, but the 1988 edition, also 20 pages, progressed to a printed card cover with a map and cost £1. The 1992 and 1995 editions were entirely printed and cost £1.50 for 24 pages.

In 1998 Killin News took over production using a computer and for the first time advertisements and a classified section were included. The 1998 52-page and the 2001 68-page editions cost £2, with the 76 pages in 2003 going up to £3. Modern production should be easier but in earlier times it was possible to get a list from the telephone company of all the numbers in the area and which just had to be typed and everyone was automatically included.

Nowadays, because of the Data Protection Act, each person has to fill in a form to be included. This involves a lot of paperwork and more time and trouble following up queries on handwriting or inconsistencies on forms. It also means that, whether from lethargy or choice, some people get left out.

The 10th version of the book will shortly be available - at the lower cost of £2 - from News First, the Killin Post Office, Crianlarich Store and Brodies Minimarket in Tyndrum. Killin News is very grateful to Ian Lithgow who, for the fourth time, has compiled the main section.

MM

Congratulations All Round



Sarah Heward and Steve Wolsey, married 28th October at Tyndrum Village Hall with champagne and fish 'n chips afterwards at the Real Food Cafe, Tyndrum



Sarah Thompson who graduated BSc (Hons) Animal Science at the Nottingham Trent University



Grad Girls

On Wednesday 9th November we graduated at Stirling Castle with an HNC in Early Childhood Education. It was a long two years of study with weekends put on hold sometimes as assessments had to be in. Distance learning is not the easiest way to gain a qualification but with support from our family and friends and staff at Killin Nursery we managed it. Thank you everyone. Alex, Maggie, & Pat



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1st Killin Guides



The newly re-formed 1st Killin Guides, run by Linda Bradley with Isla Craig as Assistant Guider, were presented with the unit registration certificate, by the Division Commissioner Sheila Roger. In place since the summer there are now 12 very enthusiastic Guides, all of whom also made their promise in a lovely candle-lit ceremony on the same evening.

As well as the promise ceremony, other activities this term have included arts and crafts, cooking, themed fancy-dress party, first aid session and a "mother & daughter" evening.

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Development Worker in a supporting role.

In the first year the project received funding from Leader+, Stirling Council, Carnegie UK Trust, Direct Grants and Awards for All. In this second year Leader+ and Carnegie UK Trust have continued to fund the project with the additional help of the Hugh Fraser Foundation, HBOS and the PF Charitable Trust. Many thanks to all the funders.

The management team are now working hard to find the funding and support to keep this community initiative going. To find out about courses or discuss your learning needs call

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SWRI Belly Dancing!

A very interesting and entertaining demonstration of Eastern Dancing followed by a talk on the culture and background of belly dancing was given by Ann McLauchlin on 3rd November. *(Sorry no photographs provided KN)* Yvonne McPherson thanked Jenny Huntley and Sheena Chisholm for taking the crafts to Perth and making a lovely job of the Federation window display. Thanks to Jane Anderson and her rink who represented Killin in the area curling but were unfortunately unsuccessful. Congratulations to Ellen Stewart who won the Marjory Finlayson Salver for her apple tart at the Group meeting held at Dull in October. Anne Watson won 2nd and Bunty McGregor 3rd with their babies' bonnets.

The WRI will receive £75 for supplying refreshments on Tuesday 29th November at the Breadalbane Tourism Leaflet Day. The birthday dinner has been arranged at Cruachan Restaurant on 6th January. £15 to Bunty as soon as possible.

Competition Results

Turkish Delight: 1st Ellen Stewart 2nd Margaret Galloway 3rd Jenny Huntley
Fine Scarf: 1st Jane Anderson 2nd Janice McLean 3rd Jenny Huntley

Planning Applications

Week 39 ending 26th Sept

Ref LT/2005/0321/TCD/S

Proposed time extension to temporary installation of telecommunications apparatus at Kirkton Farm Crainlarich by Tmobile

Week 40 ending 3rd Oct none

Week 41 ending 10th Oct

LT/2005/0184/DET/S

Proposed change of use of former Lower Station yard to form play area and amenity space including ballcourt, playscape, picnic area, landscaping and associated car parking. Location: Vacant land from Lower Station yard, Meadow Grove, Crainlarich. Strathfillan Community Council

LT/2005/0256/HAE/S

Erection of conservatory and porch Carmyle Cottage, Crainlarich
Approved with conditions

Week 42 ending 17th Oct

LT/2005/0351/DET/S

Renewal of planning consent for the change of use of car parking for the siting of hot food snack bar (retrospective) McLaren Hall car park Killin

Week 43 ending 24th Oct

LT/2004/0351/DET/S

Erection of one holiday lodge. Portnellan Crainlarich
Approved with conditions

LT/2005/0072/DET/S

Proposed rear extension
Drumfinn Guest House
Decision The reporter has allowed the appeal concluding that the proposal was acceptable in the context of the Killin Conservation area

Week 44 ending 31st Oct

LT/2005/0255/OUTS/S

Outline application: Change of use of garden ground and agricultural land to form camping site, erection of up to 6 bunkhouse units, toilet and cooking block and formation of car park. Garden ground of Inverardran House Crainlarich

Delegated Officer Decision

LT/2005/0044/NST/S

Construction of new forest road
Location: Arinabea Road around Tyndrum
Decision: No objections

Week 45 ending 7th Nov none

Week 46 ending 14th Nov

LT/2005/0386/DET/S

Alterations and change of use of restaurant to staff accommodation (associated with the Royal Hotel)
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Application type: Detailed consent.

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Tyndrum woodlands

The Trust now has a new Woodland Officer in place. Bill Scott from Crianlarich began work on Oct 1st and is doing a sterling job for us. At last we have been given the go-ahead from the Scottish Executive to purchase the Tyndrum Woodland from the Forestry Commission. A great asset for the community.

Tyndrum kickaround

The fencing is now going up and if the weather is kind, should be completed by week ending Friday 18th November. Many thanks to our contractor David Burton for his patience and hard work.

Tyndrum village hall

The first wedding took place in the hall on 28th Oct. Even the stormy weather died down for the wedding party. With hundreds of candles, fairy lights and gossamer on the walls, the hall was magically transformed much to everyone's delight. So if you're planning to tie the knot, get in touch!!

BVLC (Internet Cafe)

The Internet Café continues to provide its services on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10am - 4pm. Increased numbers of visitors to the Café have come through the West Highland Way website - a service which is much appreciated by the many walkers.

Café SCI

Originating in France, the aim is to give communities the opportunity to learn about science in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

Wed. 15th February 2006 - Who lives in Strathfillan besides the people? (John Holland BSc PhD)

Wed. 22nd March 2006 - What is cancer?

(Irvine Delamore MB ChB PhD FRCP FRCPATH - a consultant from Manchester Royal Infirmary)

How can you resist such diverse and interesting subjects?

Further information - 01838 400 545 - Joyce or Gwyneth.

(strathfillancdt@onetel.com)

AGM

Our AGM will be held on Monday 5th December at 7.30pm in Tyndrum Village Hall. I would encourage all who are interested to come along. There will be changes to the Board this year and we are seeking people with fresh ideas and enthusiasm to come and join us. Please feel free to call us for an informal chat if you would like to become involved. At the very least come along to the AGM for a blether, a glass of wine and to renew your membership. A bargain at £2 per year.

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Letters

Raising Funds for C.H.A.S.

The most recent shop and tearoom event raised £1,263 making the total contributed to CHAS so far this year £4,500, a wonderful total that could not have been achieved without the fantastic support of the community. Donated items, the tea and cakes partaken and the raffle all combined to make this a very successful year.

I wish to thank everyone for their support, all who visited the shop over the past year, locals, visitors and helpers. It is always a great thrill to be able to give substantial funds to a very worthwhile cause, but without your fantastic support this would not be possible.

We were all very saddened by the passing of Tony Whitehead. Tony was a great supporter of the fund raising activities and donated any hire fees from his car being used for weddings, to the cause. At his funeral a collection was made for CHAS. Our thoughts are with Sue and the family.

Morag McNee

Tony Whitehead

I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their support and kindness shown on the sad loss of my dear husband. Thank you also to everyone who came to Tony's service, to Ronnie Anderson of Andrew Anderson and Sons Funeral Directors, to those who gave beautiful flowers, to the Bridge of Lochay Hotel and for the generous donations which amounted to £630 to be divided between Killin Medical Practice and C.H.A.S. We have both been so happy in the 17 years that we have been in Killin and the love and respect shown to both of us means more than words can say. Love

Sue

Thank you

Tom and Gregor would like to take this opportunity to thank all their friends and passengers who loyally used and supported greatly the Royal Mail Post Bus that ran from Killin to Callander 5 days a week in all weather for 30 years. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Tom and Gregor

Corrie Crafts

After nearly 10 years in business, Elizabeth and Tom will be closing the door on Corrie Crafts for the last time. We started April 1996 selling our own hand made gifts and giving local like minded craftsmen the opportunity to sell their produce, thus giving the visitors to the area a chance to purchase a gift made in Killin. This proved very successful for us, with people coming back year after year to buy local arts and crafts. We will be sorry to close and have many happy memories of our wee shop, but we feel this is the time to change. Our sincere heartfelt thanks goes out to the many people who supported us especially the local community who have kept us gainfully employed over the years and to the wonderful children of the village who dragged their parents in to buy many an ice-cream. Many thanks,

Elizabeth & Tom

Lyme Disease

I happened across your August Killin News on the internet and noticed that you had included a short article on Lyme Disease. Thank you very much for raising awareness of this disease. I am part of a group of Lyme Disease patients and their carers/partners who are fighting to get this disease recognised as a serious

problem in Scotland and across the UK. Due to inadequate testing procedures and lack of reporting, people still see this as a rare and easily cured disease.

Regrettably this is not the case - the group to which I belong has just under 1000 members who all suffer from Lyme Disease and have either failed to get treatment or have got inadequate treatment.

There may be only 40 - 50 cases reported in Scotland every year but, as you say, the real figures are much higher. Just for interest, 7 cases have been reported from Tayside Health Board area in the past 3 months - more than all reported in the previous 2 years. This could signify a worrying increase in the disease in that area.

Thank you once again, on behalf of sufferers everywhere, for your contribution to raising awareness.

K MacDonald

Birthday thank you

I would like to thank all my friends and neighbours for their presents, flowers and kind wishes on my 7th birthday in October.

Mary Masterson

Surprise 40th

I was absolutely speechless which is very unusual for me, when I walked into the Killin Hotel and was greeted by Duncan McKinnon and his Surprise 40th pipes. Although I was reduced to tears, they were tears of happiness as I embraced friends and family who had flown up for the night. I would like to thank everyone who came and for the wonderful gifts and kind words. I really have so many good friends here in Killin. Also to Grant and the children who organised the night and kept the secret so well. Thank you.

Alex

Correction

Happy Memories Photo

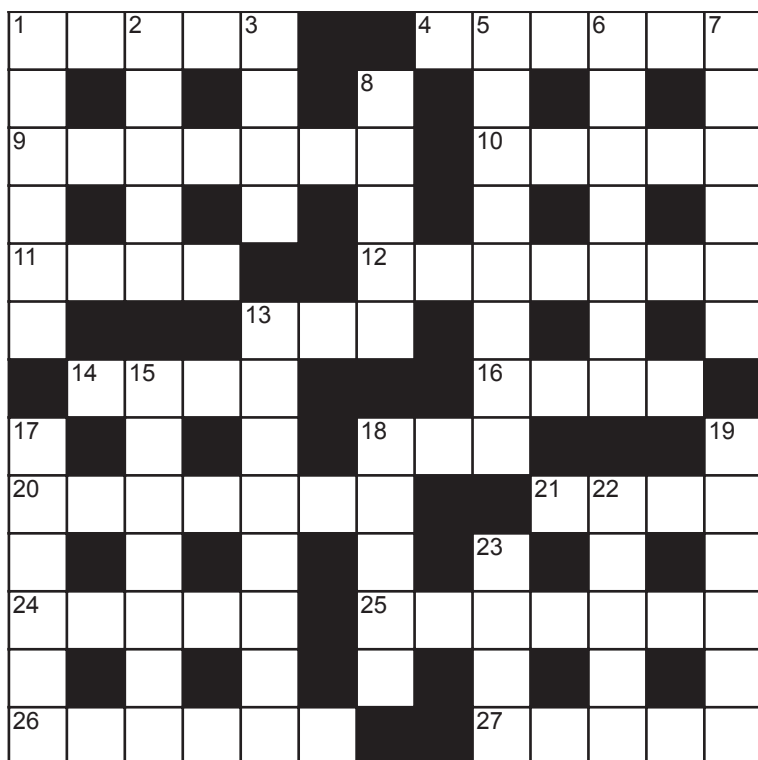
Killin News Issue 88 page 6 Betty Keeling was pleased to see this photograph but told us that the lady on the right of the photograph is not Chrissy Stewart but is Betty's sister Joan Banton.



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Crossword by Scorpio



Across

1. Sounds like an invitation to an Indian meal (5)
4. Damage reputation (5)
9. Absconder (7)
10. Serious when wearing the correct robes (5)
11. Cry of pain when sense loses time (4)
12. Total and can be worn for protection (7)
13. Prison slang (3)
14. Sicilian hothead (4)
16. Send out scraps (4)
18. A little bit (3)
20. Reformulate expel or search (7)
21. Short and stunted branch of a tree (4)
24. No nose for a rope with a loop (5)
25. Discussed winged mammal in title (7)
26. Street upset examiner (6)
27. Detain strange eastern female (5)

Solution to issue 88

Across 1. overt 4. rumple 9. serpent 10. caste 11. even 12. garland 13. bee 14. stir 16. eden 18. dud 20. primate 21. eggs 24. radio 25. oatcake 26. adapts 27. merit
Down 1. oyster 2. eerie 3. then 5. uncurled 6 and 15. passage to India 7. emends 8. stage 13. breakout 17. sparta 18. decoy 19. assent 22. glair 23. stem

Down

1. Box on after wagon (6)
2. Crazy person in charge (5)
3. Novel type of amphibian (4)
5. Chief leader writer overwhelmed (8)
6. Repackage Bernard (7)
7. Scotsman's rival messenger? (6)
8. Only 1p for power cable carrier (5)
13. Yellowish orange pigment found in plants (8)
15. Leaders of the pack (3,4)
17. Underground pod seed (6)
18. Nurses end in extremities of tests (5)
19. Weekend castaway companion (6)
22. Type of plate or coloured leaf (5)
23. Resting place in drab educational establishment (1,3)

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December

7 Herb Society Christmas Lunch at Kinnauld House Hotel 12 noon

15 Church Guild Meeting Church Hall 2pm

31 Hogmanay Fireworks: Dochart Bridge 11.45pm

January

2 New Year Dance McLaren Hall

10 Community Council Meeting School 7.30pm

18 Herb Society Meeting: The Art of Papermaking by Judi Campbell Grantully Hall 10am

19 Church Guild Meeting Church Hall 2pm

19, 20, 21 Panto McLaren Hall

27 Burns Supper for the Senior members of the Community in the McLaren Hall

Guides

Wednesdays

Church Hall 7.30pm-9pm

Bowls

Lesser Hall

Mondays evenings

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Mondays

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