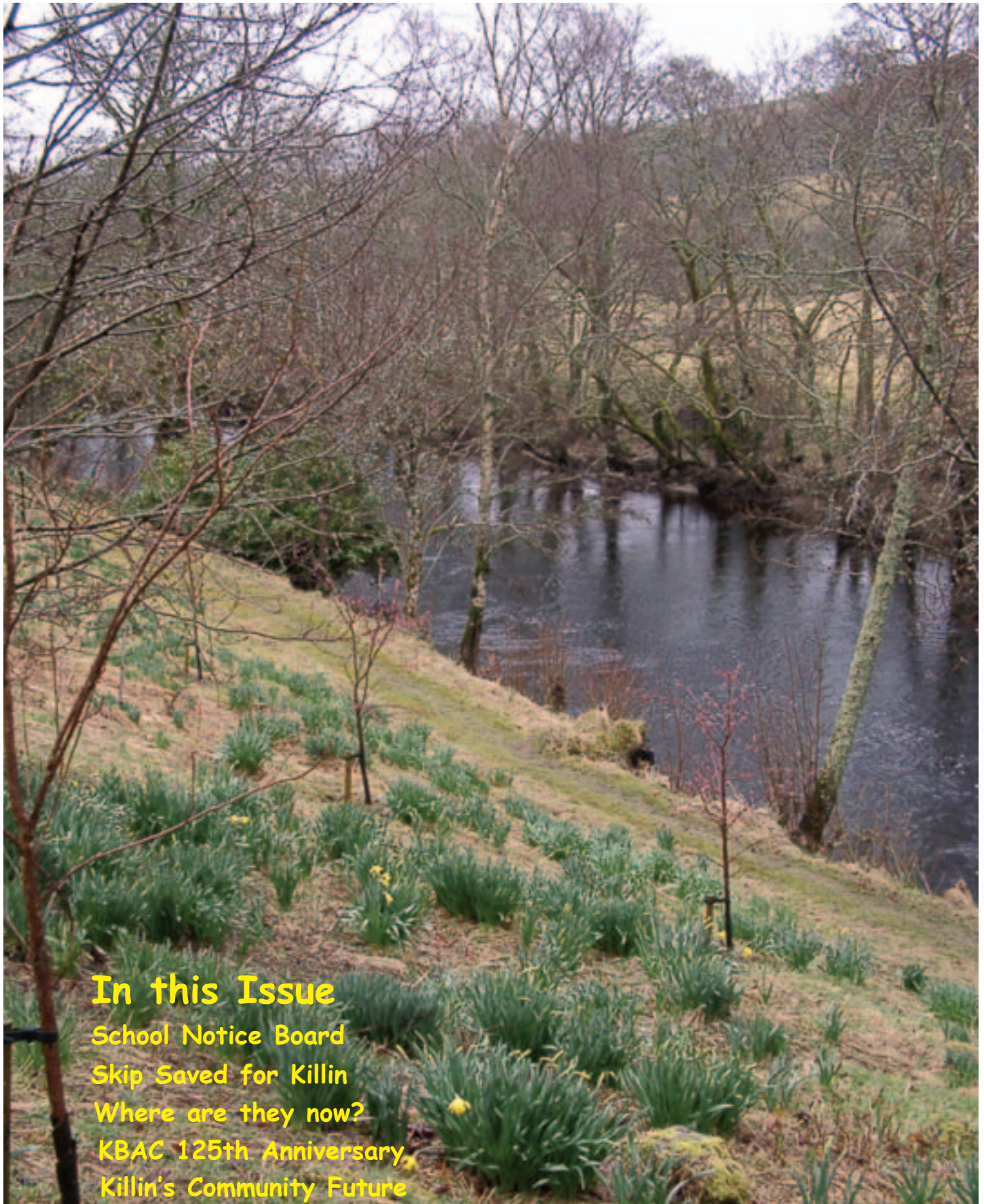


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## Editorial

### Designing Your Future

The Breadalbane Area Community Plan is available in the Killin Library ready for your inspection and awaiting comments.

Local ideas are important when it comes planning for the future which is why your input is so valuable. The Plan explores ideas likely to enhance the quality of life for locals and visitors. It addresses the issues of traffic, roads, road safety, public transport, school buses, car parking, road spending, winter gritting, tourist trails, cycle paths, litter, alien plant species, and hedgerows. Other items such as community facilities, planning and affordable housing are still in the pipeline.

One example, the problem of Glenogle road closures strikes a common chord as does bullying on school buses, both of which can have serious consequences. Road maintenance is a concern. We all know that the Ardeonaig Road is not up to the standard required to support articulated logging vehicles. Coincidentally the Accounts Commission report stated in 2005 that *"The Council's road network is in a serious state of disrepair following years of under-investment. Stirling is one of only four councils where more than 20% of the roads network has deteriorated to a point at which it needs resurfacing to prolong future life. The Council has chosen to spend less than half its GAE (Grant Aided Expenditure) allocation on roads maintenance. This makes it one of only three councils spending such a small amount"* If you are interested in helping to design Killin's future please contact Suzanne Player. See articles pages 14 and 24.

### Out-of-Hours Saga

Two years after the responsibility for covering emergencies in the out-of-hours period devolved to Forth Valley Health Board, the arrangements are beginning to resemble the service promised at the public meeting held on 8th July 2004. In their meetings with the Health Board, the Community Council Chairmen have tried, over the years, to obtain a detailed description of the proposals, but because of the metaphorical distance between officials and those representing the public, the meetings were not as informative as we would all have wished. We are still not sure if a detailed plan on paper actually exists. The meeting on Monday 27th proved slightly more productive. At last the training of paramedics will pay off and at least one will begin dealing with minor injuries and ailments in the community so that many patients will not have to travel to the Out-of-Hours Centre in Stirling. Space in the Nurses Clinic is to be allocated for paramedics as a treatment room. This is planned to start in August this year. Paramedics tend not to want to come to work in Killin. This is understandable and due in part to the lack of available housing. Housing emergency workers is no longer a Stirling Council priority. One of our ambulance workers travels for more than 100 miles to Killin and back for his shift. Surely an agreement can be reached or flat/house rental obtained.

We were pleased to hear that paramedics are using their contacts and links with hospital when they need advice for problems that go beyond their usual training and we are reassured that air ambulances will continue to be used when they are the most effective response to an emergency. We were told that helicopters are not as expensive an option as we all thought. As always we are grateful for the excellent service given by the individuals in the front line. The minutes of this meeting are available in the Killin Library.

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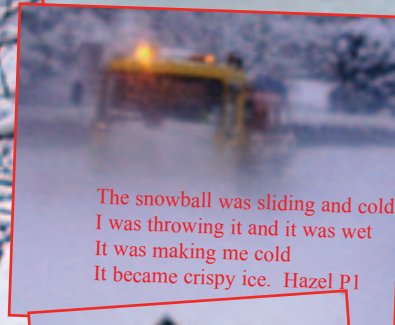


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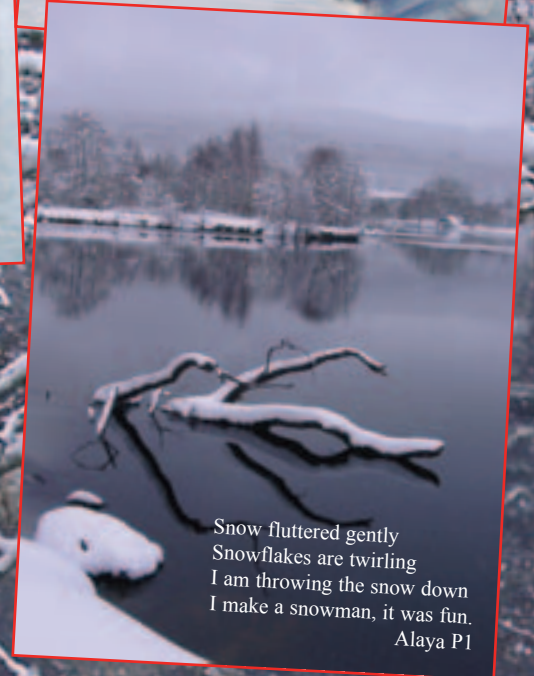


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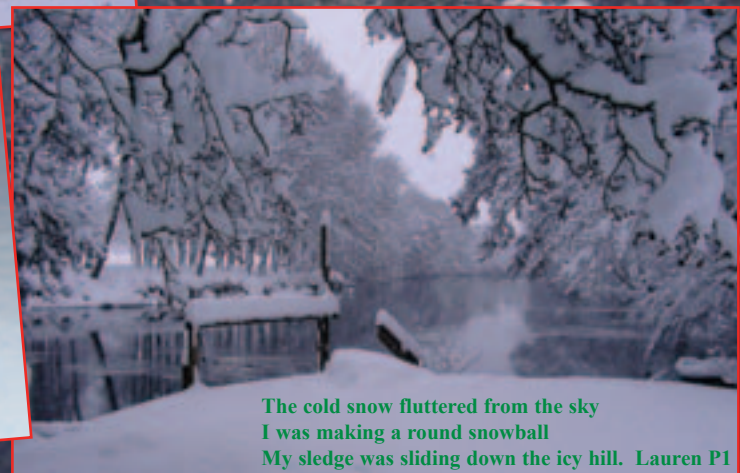
The snowball was sliding and cold  
I was throwing it and it was wet  
It was making me cold  
It became crispy ice. Hazel P1



Snow fluttered gently  
Snowflakes are twirling  
I am throwing the snow down  
I make a snowman, it was fun.  
Alaya P1



John Stewart



The cold snow fluttered from the sky  
I was making a round snowball  
My sledge was sliding down the icy hill. Lauren P1



"Quacking Weather"

The snow fell gently down  
It was making my feet cold  
The snow felt crispy and icy  
Snowflakes fluttered around. Liam P1

John Stewart



# Drama Review

The district heat of this competition was switched from Fintry to Killin because of renovations at the Fintry venue.

The opening play presented by Killin was "A Jolly Sinister Jape". This was a veritable cornucopia of comedy, suspense, drama and crash dieting. Susan McRobbie excelled as Fatty, a born again weight-watcher on a thwarted mission of revenge. Her colleagues, Bill and Suzanne McAlpine and Gordon Hibbert, were equally good as her foils. The lighting lacked mood and atmosphere but this was a fine play. Thornhill Players followed with "When A Man Knows" a tale of holiday romance, AIDS, betrayal and vindictiveness. It was bleak and uncomfortable watching. It was noticeably longer than Killin's production and would have benefited from some vigorous cutting.

The final Friday night play was "A Familiar Face". Killin's Glenda Mardon and Gill Hunt featured in a marvellously vibrant comedy. The simple scene of a couple of tables and chairs was cleverly embellished with a few extra props, the most significant being a human head in a bottle. Their timing was perfect, so important in comedy. This was as good

a performance as I have ever seen in the McLaren Hall. A sure winner we all thought.

On Saturday, the evening began with a 'non-competitive' presentation from Stirling's Riverside Drama Club. "Radio Scotland Presents" was a play within a play set in the blitz but the true focus was the sound effects team using the most banal props such as buckets of water. Fiona (the bank) Inglis was supported by Jim Mitchell.

Next came "The Doctor in Spite of Himself" an adaptation of a classic comedy by Fintry Amateur Dramatic Society. This was the longest production taking just under the permitted time of 55 minutes. But it was conducted at a sort of breakneck speed and in this reviewer's opinion should have been at least half an hour longer to allow actors time to develop non-verbal forms of expression. It lacked elegance subtlety and timing and was a sadly misconceived production.

"Cinderella" by Killin Drama Club rounded up a great weekend in style. It was very much good, old fashioned wholesome family entertainment. Anything that could go wrong did and the few things going right were promptly

sabotaged. It must have been a nightmare for the adjudicator trying to find anything in it corresponding to his checklist of 'good practice', but then I think he may have been holding it upside down for most of the weekend, such was the controversy to come.

Then we all settled down with our drinks and the adjudication began. Myrica Reid received the award for the 'best moment of theatre'. So far so good, now would "A Familiar Face" come first or second? It did neither - it wasn't even mentioned in dispatches. An eerie silence settled over the hall as Fintry and Thornhill took winner and runner up awards. Now this is not just sour grapes. I know there are criteria to be fulfilled, but there is one criterion that should be paramount - audience appreciation - and 'A Familiar Face' was well ahead of the competition. Well done Fintry and Thornhill but Killin's little gem of a comedy, although it will go no further in the competition, will go on tour so, if you live in a village near here, look out for 'A Familiar Face' coming your way. It's not to be missed. On June 24th the McLaren Hall will host the Scottish One Act Youth Finals. It should be a great night and worth a visit.

**Andy Aitken**

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# Killin Community Council

## Meeting held 14th March

The seat gifted by the family of the late D. Clark is to be sited at the pond at the foot of Fingal Road.

**Planning:** The CC had no comment to make on the application for Pink Cottage requesting to use the Barn for B&B.

**Litter:** The Community Service litter clearing work is to go ahead. Perth & Kinross Council are said to be willing to assist with the clean up of the shores of Loch Tay if Stirling Council would help. The CC would write to Stirling Council seeking support for this.

**Areas of grass** in Breadalbane Park and Fingal Road cut by the Council are to be limited, with more left wild.

**A decision** will have to be made shortly as to whether the grant of £29,800 to Breadalbane Area Community Planning Forum will be divided three ways (Strathyre, Balquhiddie & Lochearnhead, Strathfillan and Killin) or be used to cover the area as one. A meeting of the CCs concerned will formulate a plan before August.

Sylvia Jackson MSP is still in contact with BT regarding **Broadband in remote areas**. The Breadalbane Area Community Plan is to be studied by CC members and comments forwarded to Fiona McLeod.

**The local community action plan** should be reviewed in the next couple of months.

**Learning Group:** Dr Elaine Turner gave an insight into the new Breadalbane Lifelong Learning Trust comprising the

Balquhiddie, Lochearnhead & Strathyre Learning Group and the Glen Dochart Adult Learning Group. The drop in Café and Broadband at Tyndrum has proved very successful, with access to accredited courses through Clackmannan and Falkirk Colleges. The Virtual Learning Centre has three directors but is looking for a director for this area. It hopes to have a centre in the McLaren Hall after Easter. Anyone interested should contact Dr Turner or a member of the CC.

**Community Trust Update:** All were agreed that the Community Council should go ahead with the Trust. The £1,000 grant has been received and this would be used to set it up with the help of Colin Roxburgh.

**School Transport:** A meeting would be held with Stirling Council, First Bus, Kingshouse Hotel, Moira Robinson, Alan Clarke and John Macpherson. It was unsatisfactory for one driver to supervise 50 children on a bus with no seatbelts.

Behaviour on the buses has not improved and, as the bus is a service bus, responsibility does not lie with the school. CCTV cameras or adult supervision might be solutions. Pupils who misbehave should have their passes withdrawn, making it parents' responsibility to get them to school. The school should deal with bullying and listen to and monitor complaints. A questionnaire should be put to drivers, pupils and parents. The promised new bus had only been used for a few days.

**Breadalbane Health Service Update:** The

Petition with the Scottish Parliament was again raised last month and it was agreed to make a further request to the Ambulance Service for letters which they were still refusing to show. Any concerns or comments about the NHS should be passed to John MacPherson as he is the representative on the Stirling Community Health Partnership. He is still pushing for evening surgeries in rural areas.

**A.O.C.B.** Cllr. Ffinch would attend to complaints about the lack of snow clearing in Lyon Road, at the doctors' surgery and in Fingal Road.

**Sports Pavilion:** This is not generating enough money to stay open. Suzanne Player is helping to apply for grants. Volunteers might solve this problem. It was felt that it should be open in the summer for visitors. Cllr. Ffinch said Stirling Active Trust would shortly be formed and would eventually cover all sports activities in the area.

**Twinning:** A small town in Poland wanted consideration to be given to being twinned with Killin and this would require further looking into.

**Roads:** The Chairman had taken people from Stirling Council down the Ardeonaig road to show them the disgraceful state it was in. Cllr. Ffinch will try to establish a date when the Forestry work will be finished after which repairs can be done.

**The next meeting and AGM** will be in Killin Primary School on Tuesday, 9th May 2006 at 7.30pm



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# Where are they now?

Have you ever wondered what happened to someone who grew up in the village but never lived here again after leaving school? Whatever their achievements or adventures (or lack of them) we like to hear about it. This is the first in what we hope will be a series of articles about people who left Killin when young - however long ago. If you fit this description and are reading this, we invite you to write and tell us what you have been doing since you left. If you have friends or relatives in this situation, please encourage them to contribute - and if you remember someone you have lost touch with, tell us and maybe another reader will have news of them to share.

"What on earth is she doing up there?" is usually what Mum is asked when people discover that I am currently living in Shetland. After leaving McLaren High in 1998 I went to Glasgow University to study History and Politics.

Once I graduated I didn't know what I wanted to do but working during university for Direct Line had taught me that Sales definitely wasn't for me!

I was offered a 1 year graduate trainee post in Shetland Islands Council and decided to take it. Shetland is very windy and bleak but also very beautiful and when after 10 months a permanent job was advertised I went for it. I'm now the Lifelong Learning



Officer for the Museums and Archives Service and thoroughly enjoy it. The short explanation of what I do is that I work with people from 3-93 years old so they can learn from our collections. We're about to move into a brand new building that will house the main museum and the archives so it's a really exciting time to be working here.

One of the things I enjoy the most is that I don't have a typical week - I can be visiting schools one day, doing policy work the next and be developing community projects the following day.

I enjoy meeting people and travelling to the different islands. I'm lucky, too, that through work I have visited parts of Britain and Europe that I never would have otherwise, from Uist to Hampshire and Finland.

The worst thing about being here is how expensive and time consuming it is to get to mainland Britain. However despite this, Mum, my sister Janet and I do manage to meet up fairly regularly - though they always fly up - not being brave enough for the 12 hour ferry journey from Aberdeen!

**Kirsty Kennedy**

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# Frost Report



## Chookits and changes

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The amount of snow must have been a bit of a shock for the birds returning from the coast for the Spring. The sea magpies or oyster catchers are around again, they seem to arrive at Ardeonaig a week earlier than Glen Lochay but can be heard and seen all around by mid-March. They spend the Winter months on the Scottish coast where it is easier for ground-probing feeders during the freezing weather. A few curlews are also back and the occasional peewit after an absence of a few years. They are otherwise known as chookits, hence the snow we get at this time of year is called the chookit storm. For some reason there seems to be a decline in their numbers at least on the mainland.

There were a few small packs of grouse on the hill moving from clump to clump of heather which the deer had scraped clear of snow. Some interesting results from Game Conservancy research state that there has been an 80% reduction in their numbers in the last 30 years. Much

of this is due to the poor chick survival caused by tick infestation. 15 years ago the average grouse chick carried 0.5 ticks whereas now it carries 9.5. Apart from weakening the bird, the ticks carry the louping ill virus, which is often fatal.

This increase is thought to be due in part to climate change as the ticks are active above 7 degrees C. As the climate has warmed the ticks have a longer active season. Another recent factor is the decrease in hill sheep numbers. As there are fewer woolly mops to take up dormant ticks, so the grouse get an extra helping of them. This increases the risk of contracting Lyme disease which can have very serious consequences for humans. Woolly sheep mops also have the advantage of being dipped, which kills countless ticks.

It was nice, on the last day of counting, to see eight black grouse swaying in the treetops in lower Glen Lochay. These shy residents are seldom seen. Even rarer to see are the males strutting their stuff in the mating dances or lecks on flat areas high up on the hill. This will occur later in the early Summer.

I have just been disturbed from writing this by my son ringing to say that he had just shot a fox by his house in a field occupied by two large bulls. The dogs were barking but the fox was not bothered by either dogs or bulls as he

enjoyed varying his diet by eating the cow pats (or is it bull pats?) They are always coming up with a new surprise.

We are still keeping some of the pheasant feeding hoppers topped up with grain although the shoots are well over. This helps the pheasants that have lived to fly another day through this leaner time of year and it is a godsend to many smaller wild birds. In their turn the raptors use the feed rides to feed on the small birds. With their keen eyesight it is never too long before some species of bird adapts to using a new food source. How many of you regularly have woodpeckers feeding on bird nut feeders now?

At the moment a bill seems to be going through to ban tail docking of all dogs. It appeared that a sound case had been put for exemption for working dogs due to the damage that they can suffer from injured tails and problems following necessary amputation, but this sensible proposal will probably be thrown out by town and city based politicians. Farm animals such as lambs, can have tails docked if deemed necessary, be ear-tagged for traceability and be de-horned. But maybe the politicians just haven't noticed this yet.

**Tim Frost**

P.S. Does anyone know how to spell 'chookits'?



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Their three grown up children, Kerrie, Kimberley and Fergus, along with Kerrie's boyfriend Robbie, have joined them to help with their extensive renovations and running of the Hotel. They may be the most qualified hotel staff in Killin as Kerrie has a degree in drama and Kimberley a degree in textiles! Kerrie and Robbie are getting married on 20th October this year after, they all hope, a busy season. They are overwhelmed with the welcome they have received in Killin and look forward to meeting many new friends.

DG



On Tuesday 28th March, Killin Kutz opened for business. This is the first hairdressing salon in Killin for 10 years. Pamela Curley and her mother Mary McKay/Hood are the stylists running this new much needed salon. Both are from Arden by Loch Lomond and, if all goes well with the business, intend moving to Killin in the future. Pamela who is qualified as both a ladies' stylist and as a barber, has worked in a number of hairdressers before coming to Killin to set up the business here. Mary is the junior of the operation and is going to college in September to study barbering. All the alterations to the premises, over the last 6 weeks,

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no sightings. On the fourth day, barking was heard at Auchmore as two tired and very hungry dogs announced their arrival. They gratefully wolfed down scrambled eggs from Norma Lang while she made contact with Sam. As he had come back to Killin that day with a search party, he was quickly on the scene for a happy ending to the story. Sam said how grateful he was for all the support he had been given while the dogs were missing.

MM

## Killin Gun Club



Killin Gun Club held its AGM at Suie Lodge Hotel on 19 February 2006. Following the meeting a celebration and presentation was held to mark the retiral from the Club of two long serving members.

The photos show Club President Eric McAllister presenting Emma Paterson with an engraved quaich, after many years as Treasurer, and George Coyne who received an engraved decanter and glasses after 21 years as Secretary.

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# Computer

## Corner

### Rural Broadband Issues



Even though all the local telephone exchanges have been enabled with Broadband technology, there are still a few homes and businesses in our area that just cannot get Broadband. Unfortunately, apart from very expensive satellite technology, there currently is no solution. I have been in contact with John MacPherson from our Community Council, who has corresponded with our MSP, Sylvia Jackson. The recommendation from Dr Jackson is to apply for Broadband, so that British Telecom can identify that you are in an affected area. Additional advice is for you to contact Harry Emambocus, Scottish Executive Telecoms Policy Unit, 2nd Floor, Meridian Court, 5 Cadogan Street, Glasgow G2 6AT. By contacting Harry, you will make the Scottish Executive aware of your situation.

### Killin Gets Wireless Hotspot

There is a little known secret that I shall now divulge. There is a BT Openzone Wireless Internet Hotspot in the telephone box next to Shutter's Restaurant. This means anyone with a device with Wireless connection can access the Internet. This may well be useful during the summer months for visitors to the area.

### Frogspawn is Changing its Name

I am in the process of collaborating with colleagues of mine to establish a computing services company, and to this end, unfortunately, Frogspawn Computers is no more. I have recently started up a new company "Your Computer Manager" which is aimed at both the home and small business market. I will keep Frogspawn's website for the time being, still providing local information, but I hope to have a great deal of information by summer time on my new website,

**Mark Lincoln**  
Managing Director  
Your Computer Manager

# Safari Supper 2006

Once again the annual safari supper has come and gone. This was the village's eighth supper and tickets for this event sold out in 2 hours. Approximately one hundred and twenty people were involved in this event this year. Included were 14 brave households who were willing to host at their own expense guests who enjoyed the prepared meals. 78 tickets were sold to people from all over the district. The taxis, driven by Brian Hibbert, Richard MacPherson, Duncan Anderson and Kay Riddell, set off to collect the first of many travellers and the movement of people began. Most of the travellers were on foot, as many of the hosts live on the Main Street. At 7pm the first guests started arriving for their starters, then on at 8pm to the next host for their main course. Part of the fun was not knowing until the last moment

who your next host would be or who you would be meeting. Once the main course finished, the task was to get to your sweet. All arrived safely and in good spirits at their designated home. For all the hosts, the most difficult part of the evening was moving the guests on time. It was a truly social evening, with old friends meeting new ones. The last port of call was the Killin Hotel, who kindly provided coffee free of charge. The raffle over, it was time to depart. All enjoyed a truly superb evening. This event raised £1392 for the McLaren Hall. On behalf of the McLaren Committee, we sincerely thank all hosts, participants and helpers for making the evening such huge a success, for the future, we will be looking for some new hosts for next year.

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## Mervyn's Weather



*"Of in the stilly night ere slumbers  
chains have bound me  
The thoughts and memories of other days  
gather around me!"*

This interlude between waking and sleeping permits one's mind to wander untrammelled; future plans, past experiences, possible solving of problems, and indeed the sowing of the seeds of "The Killin News" contribution, which may explain its, at times, erratic and zany content!

More and more we are being influenced by the news media which churns out a maelstrom of subjects ranging from the rise and fall and peccadillo's of politicians, the cantrips of pop and football idols and their frequent and short-lived relationships, to the daily update of the soaps and other matters of profound national importance, not forgetting the frequent references to climate change and the causes thereof. Concerning the latter an input frequently aired (pardon the pun!) is the effect of the release of methane gasses from domestic and other animals on Global warming. However, over the millennia, herbivores/ruminants have been emitting methane to a varying degree, from the

Yaks and Bactrian Camels of the Gobi to the Rhinos, Hippos, and elephants of the Savanna to the tiny Duiker and Klipspringers of the Bushveldt and many others, with presumably no alteration to the climate. In passing one might consider that for a giraffe to burp would involve a certain amount of preconception and would in any case be a time consuming operation!

However it appears that the boffins have developed a pill which not only curtails methane charged emissions but, in an age when speed is of the essence, ensures that the growth rate for cattle and sheep is increased. At one time this enhanced "finishing" of animals was achieved by hormonal implants, now illegal in the UK. Could it be possible for a similar pill to be devised with a reverse intent, to be implanted in the human lug? This might obviate the necessity to reconstruct the derrieres of jeans and dampen down the plaintive query, "Does my bum look big in this?"

This winter season Dec – Feb 2005/6 has been milder and drier than average. With the onset of Spring on 1st March came a spell of fairly normal winter weather. As so often happens, a mild winter can be

followed by a hesitant and recalcitrant Spring. West Perthshire has however escaped the worst of this colder snap, being spared the deep snows and drifting of NE Scotland and areas to the west. Infallibly however the seasons progress and already daffodils are coming into bloom, the oyster-catchers are vocal on the Claddich and "Willie" Wagtails are flirting their tails, in delight of just being alive!

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## Killin Breadalbane Angling Club 125 Years Old

Founded on the 12th May 1881, the initial meeting of the KBAC was attended by twenty-five anglers and included many well-known village names such as Gilbert Christie, Peter Ross, Jim Christie, Danny Campbell, Arthur Forster, Bill Walker and Willie Allan.

125 years on, it is encouraging to be able to report that the club is in the very best of health financially and in terms of its membership - which tends to float around 220 with local residents representing about one third and the balance drawn from every corner of the UK.

There are plans to celebrate its 125th anniversary with a dinner dance to be held on Saturday 18th November 2006 in the McLaren Hall, Killin.

The legendary accordion player and band-leader, Fergie MacDonald from Loch Shiel, Moidart, will provide the music. It will start at 6.30pm with pre-dinner welcome/drinks followed by a formal dinner, after dinner speaker, and the presentation of KBAC competition trophies, followed by a traditional Scottish ceilidh.

We are keen to see local people - irrespective of whether they are

club members - involved in what should be a special evening. Anyone wishing to obtain tickets should contact the club Secretary (Gerry McCarron, Rowancroft, Main St, Killin FK21 8UT Tel: 01567 820833) not later than Sunday 30th April with numbers of tickets required for the dinner/dance or for the dance only. Note that payment for tickets is NOT required at this stage - further information will be sent in due course to those who have requested tickets. This is a big event for the club and we are determined to make sure it's a successful and enjoyable evening for both members and any local residents who may wish to attend. A good turnout will get us half-way there - don't miss it!

And finally ...

Just to get the ball rolling, we'll provide **two dinner/dance tickets free** to whichever local resident (KBAC members excluded) can answer the following question (first correct answer out of a hat takes the prize) -

A famous trout fly - widely used by serious trout anglers in every corner of the globe - was invented by a former member of Killin Breadalbane Angling Club. Who was he?

**KBAC Committee**

### Killin's Alluring Algebra, X=Y

#### Land Lines = X

From Boreland by Finlarig to Kinnell,  
From Morenish by Auchmore to Auchlyne,  
Are lines that in Killin do cross and tell  
Of history in unremitting time.

#### Water Lines = Y

The Dochart and the Lochay flow around  
By Sron a Chlachain hill, the village nose,  
Then unify before Loch Tay is found,  
Dependent variation to expose.

#### The Killin Equation: X=Y

But, when the twain in superimposition  
Connect and coalesce, they then evoke  
The beauty of Killin and, in addition,  
The estimable oneness of its folk.

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## Council Crackdown on Brown Bin offenders

Stirling Council is set to crack down on households that put the wrong type of waste in their brown bin. In future any brown bin with waste that cannot be composted will be stickered to let the owner know that the waste must be removed before the bin can be emptied. The bin will be emptied at the next scheduled uplift a fortnight later. The contact centre will also be alerted that this has happened.

A campaign has been launched to deal with the persistent offenders who continue to use their brown bin for general waste that belongs in the grey bin. Garden waste and cardboard is all that should be in the brown bin. 95% of homes now have the two bin and

box recycling system which Stirling Council started in 2003 in order to meet government targets to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill each year.

Failure to comply with these targets in future could mean a financial penalty to the Council of up to £200 per tonne in excess of agreed limits.

The biggest problem is the inclusion of plastic waste in the brown bin. Time and money is spent removing the plastic from the compost and this is a resource that could be better used elsewhere.

The Convenor of the Environment Committee said "The citizens of Stirling have played a huge part in helping us to smash the recycling target set by the Scottish Executive a year early. The

system that we operate now, needs to be expanded to deal with more recycling and we will have to ask households to recycle more. I'd like to thank citizens for their participation so far and request that they keep up their commitment to recycling. Council officers work with families who find it difficult to recycle and where they have spent time in these communities, the results speak for themselves."

Last year SEPA reported that Stirling Council had the third best recycling record in the country, with 27.5% of all waste being recycled by the end of March 2005. When only household waste is taken into account this figure rises to 33%.

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## School Transport to McLaren High School

Difficulties with student behaviour and safety of the transport provided on the school bus journey to McLaren High School continue to be an issue for the Breadalbane community. A meeting was held on Friday 17th March between Community Council reps from Killin, Strathfillan and Balquhidder and reps from McLaren High School, Stirling Council and the bus companies to allow all parties to express concerns, agree the major issues, clarify the constraints and propose possible solutions.

Whilst no definite actions were agreed, there will be smaller group meetings held to follow up on the suggestions for improvements that were put forward. The School would like to urge all students and parents who experience or witness any incidents, no matter how small, to contact them direct, so that they can get a fuller picture of the problems and take appropriate action. Jonathon Anderson, Depute Principal, is the main contact for school transport issues but reports to Guidance Teachers and others are also acceptable as a route to enable the school to resolve problems. Further updates will be given through the Killin News as progress is made in trying to make this a safer and happier journey for our High School students.

**Suzanne Player**

Stirling Council  
Rural Development Worker



# Skip Saved for Killin

Just when we were concerned that we might lose the skip in Killin Donald Campbell, Council Worker and Village Officer for Lochearnhead volunteered to give up his Saturdays and manage it and the Community Composting Site for us. Donald came from Lancashire but his roots are in Scotland. He has been in Lochearnhead for four years and recently worked in Killin, in Jake's absence, so will be familiar to most of us. Busy episodes alternated with short breaks as Donald helped those bringing rubbish to the site and by 3 pm the skip was full, showing how useful the facility is to local residents. At a rough estimate, if all those who brought rubbish to the skip today had to go to Callander, it would probably have needed 30 to 40 carloads with an average round trip of about 60 miles, a total of over 2,000 miles. The saving in terms of carbon emissions, fossil fuels and health and safety is quite considerable and reduces



the likelihood of rubbish lying around destroying our local environment. What do people throw away? The idea of throwing out the car when the ashtray is full has not and is not likely to reach Killin but our consumer society with limited space does throw out many working and useful items that

have been replaced which could have given enjoyment to others. Most notable are outdated computers, toys and furniture. The concept of a re-cycling pavilion has been discussed in Killin over the years, as a means of reducing waste, without success. When Donald finds items he considers

useful to others he sometimes places them carefully aside for a while in case it might be just what someone else requires. We both hope the golf clubs pictured here find a new owner before they head off for that final place as landfill.

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Strathfillan

## Strathfillan Community Council News

**School Transport.** Suzanne Player, Moira Robertson and Theresa Elliot to attend a meeting on School Transport 17th March.

**The E Community Council project** has produced a final report and a meeting is planned to discuss the way ahead. It was agreed to put £500 of the £1000 **Community Council Project grant** to the purchase of the Tyndrum Woodland and £500 to the Crianlarich improvement project. £29,800 has been allocated for each Area Community Planning Forum. Suggestions are car parking in the Lower Station Yard Project and help for BVLC. Any other suggestions to John Riley on 400303.

**Breadalbane Lifelong Learning Trust** has operated with 3 directors and would now like to invite more Directors to join the Board. It will meet a maximum of 4 times a year.

Anyone interested please contact John Riley on 400303

**Brown Bin** Please no Plastic or Rubbish in Brown Bins.

Stirling Council makes compost from garden waste and cardboard from brown bins but a small minority of residents are spoiling the result by putting in plastic bags, polythene, polystyrene etc. If even one bit of plastic is shredded it becomes hundreds of little bits which are impossible to remove. Failure to meet the required standard by December 2006 will bring financial penalties affecting us all.

**Core Path Plan** All 36 communities are to be visited - Gwyneth will find out why we are not mentioned. .

New volunteers to collect litter will be welcome – contact Effie Crompton or Gwyneth Scott.

**Planning Application** by Ian Armstrong for a change of use of dwelling house and adjacent vacant land has been approved with conditions.

Scottish and Southern Energy has applied for permission to upgrade of Sloy-Killin Towerline.

The Rod and Reel Public House and Restaurant has planning approval for a new external terrace with ramp.

**Train noise at night** The number of nights that the train will run is being increased to five. John will contact Dr. Sylvia Jackson MSP.

**Speed Limits** The 30mph limit in Tyndrum has still not been enforced. The 20mph limit past Crianlarich Primary School is still on track.

**Lower Station Yard Project** Funding to be applied for. No progress on fighting the Environmental Health's request for a survey to find any contamination of the land.

**Co-option.** It was agreed unanimously that Alan Smailes be co-opted as a Community Councillor.

**A Highland Railway Partnership** meeting on 29th March at 10am in Crianlarich village hall will invite the community to adopt our stations. Lunch will be provided.

**Wheelie Bins** Stirling Council to be asked for advice on wheelie bins being left at the end of the drives/paths and not returned to owners.



## “By The Way”

### Strathfillan Community Development Trust

#### Tyndrum Woodlands

The Trust would like to express its thanks to Strathfillan Community Council for their generous donation of £500 towards the Woodland purchase. We are now only £1,000 away from our target – so if anyone out there is feeling particularly extravagant and full of largesse please don't hesitate to get in touch!

A new Deer Management Plan has now been put in place. This will help the Trust to monitor Red and Roe deer numbers in the Woodland and control the deer population as necessary.

#### Tyndrum Village Hall

If you have any ideas for events you'd like to organise or things you'd like to see happen locally, please get in touch with Joyce or Gwyneth to discuss details and highly competitive hall-hire rates!

#### BVLC (Internet Café)

The Internet Café continues to provide its excellent services in Tyndrum Village Hall on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10am – 4pm.

Did you get a digital camera from Santa? Haven't got a clue? Then come along on Wednesday from 2pm 'til 4pm to the



Digital Photography class. All abilities will be catered for in friendly drop-in sessions. For more information call Gordon on 07816 374 252.

The local EXIT Youth Group has held successful Internet Café evenings with the kind permission of BVLC.

#### Café Sci

Originating in France, the aim is to give communities the opportunity to learn about science in a friendly and informal atmosphere. Tea, coffee or a glass of wine and nibbles are available for a small donation. Our thanks go to Dr John Holland for making the last Café Sci so interesting, informative and inspiring!

For those of you who couldn't come along – you missed a memorable evening. Further information Joyce or Gwyneth 01838 400545

(strathfillancdt@onetel.com)

Planning is under way for the next season of talks. If you want to know more about a particular subject or know of someone who would give a talk, please get in touch.

**Joyce Russell**

Development Officer  
07816 374252



## Song Book Launched



The song lyrics for this collection were chosen by local people who play at informal gatherings. The print run of 300 copies is sponsored by the Killin News and the proceeds, £5 per copy, go to “The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home” run by the Killin Care Trust.

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## A Trip to the Bear Factory

Primary 1 and 2 have been doing a topic on toys. We were very lucky to have a trip to the Bear Factory in Stirling. On the bus I felt really happy because I was sitting next to Erin. We played I spy with Mrs Cameron and Euan's mum. We played it for a long time but we did not do it all the way because we got tired and hungry and we got tummy ache. Soon we were there and we had an apple and some juice and a biscuit, it was really yummy. When we went in to the Bear Factory we played musical statues. I saw a bear that was medium sized and I wanted it but we got another one. It was soft and we stuffed it up and it was fun. How we did it was by putting our foot on the pedal. It was easy to do. I soon saw that the bear that I had seen was the one we were getting, so we stuffed it up again and it was fun also. When it was done we went to the end of the room and we got a heart for the bear. We also got a snore for him and when we put the heart in him we made a wish on it and kissed it and then we sewed him up. Then we had our photo taken because we did so well at the Bear Factory. We got some fun bags to take to school and we got a name for our bear. It was just bear, it was not a good name for me. We went back down the stairs, and when I looked behind, we looked like a big crocodile going down. It was so funny. We went down the big stairs again but Shannon did not like it so she went in the lift. Then we went back in the bus and played I spy again and it was fun. We got back to school to have lunch but first we got a balloon each and they were nice.

Olivia Ridgewell P2

## World Book Day

Today is World Book Day  
Please come and celebrate  
The joy of book reading  
Before it's too late.

A day full of wonder  
A day full of laughter  
Come along and choose a book  
And read it right after.

Children can party  
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Look to the stories  
And decide which book is for  
you!

Catherine P6



## World Book Day Competition

### Winning Entrants

P1/2 Olivia Ridgewell (Colouring in)  
P3/4/5 Ewan Watson (Poem)  
P6/7 Catharine Allan (Poem)  
Well done to all

## Interact Drama

Interact is a drama lesson to do with drugs. The primary sevens who are going to McLaren High are doing this. The Primary sevens from the Northern Cluster come to Killin to do Interact. We have been split into two groups Dave Scott-Watson takes group A and Mary Scott-Watson takes group B. I am in Mary's group and we do our lesson in the school gym hall. Interact goes on for six weeks. The first four weeks are one hour sessions, the fifth week is a two hour session and the last week all the Primary sevens that are going to McLaren will go and show an eight minute drama about drugs. We all enjoy doing this a lot and find it very interesting.

Jinny Dowling P7

## Book Fair

The recent Book Fair held by the PTA was, once again, a fantastic success. Thanks goes to all members who helped make this so. The school received £323.51 in books. Pupil Councillors helped select books for the school.

### Netsafe

The police have organised Netsafe sessions for all Primary 7 pupils in the McLaren Cluster. Killin pupils will attend McLaren High on Wednesday 31 May for their session.

## Celebration

I wonder why the poor people cry.  
It's Chinese New Year when laughter's gone by.  
See twinkling fireworks in the night.  
Firecrackers banging give me a fright.  
When the dragon dances through the street,  
Happy Chinese children meet.  
Christmas is celebrated in December.  
Chinese New Year is the party to remember.

Ewan P3



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## Salmon in the Classroom

P6/7 got about 50-70 Salmon eggs from a lady called Elspeth English from the Scottish Natural Heritage. We have had the eggs for 12 days and 11 nights. We only had 2 dead alevins. All of the eggs have hatched and all the alevins are swimming about

Every day one group of 3 or 4 clean the tank and makes sure it's clean. What you have to do to clean the salmon

1. Take out frothy water and put fresh water in.
2. You take out the dead alevins with a pair of tweezers.
3. You take out the dead eggs with a pipette.
4. When you leave, make sure the water is at the right temperature.

On the 22nd of February P6/7 did Assembly on the Salmon and all of the school was amazed at the salmon.

Michael Crow P6

## Wallace Monument Abseil

The Anthony Nolan Trust in Scotland has been given permission to hold a Fundraising Event on Saturday 20th May at Wallace Monument. Two of our staff, Sheona MacAskill and Sandra McKellar have taken up the challenge to abseil the 220ft from this historic monument. Neither has abseiling experience, and both are a bit fearful of heights, to say the least!

To help take back lives from Leukaemia, please donate/sponsor what you feel you can afford. Sponsor forms are available at the school office. Any monies for this worthy cause, can be handed into the school at anytime prior to 20th May. Cheques made payable to the Anthony Nolan Trust.

(Photos to the Killin News for the next edition please KN)

## Releasing the Salmon

On Thursday 9th March we went to release the alevins that we had been keeping for 22 days. We took waterproof trousers, wellies and a waterproof jacket. We were releasing them at a burn called Allt Na Lice, about 2 miles up the cycle track. We set off at 9:45am. When we arrived at the burn it was raining. We got into groups. I was with Megan, Laura and Katie. There was a sheet called "River Study". It had a lot of questions on it such as, "What is the temperature of the water?" and "What is the depth of the water?" The sheets got all soggy because of the rain. When we had finished, Elspeth English from the S.N.H. got a bucket with a hole in the bottom and dug it into the ground and poured the salmon into it. Very slowly she lifted the bucket and all of the salmon hid themselves under rocks. We all went home. It wasn't raining any more. We will be going back to the burn to stun all of the salmon and see what they look like. We will also be going to Almondbank Hatchery, a place where there are specialists who know all about salmon.

Aimee P7



## Releasing the Alevins

On the 9th of March Helen Cole and Elspeth English came back to Killin Primary School to P6/7 class to release the alevins. We went to a burn named Allt Na Lice. It is a very nice name for a burn but it was very sad to let the alevins go because everyone liked them. We had them for quite a long time and everyone misses them and I hope we see them again.

Tyla Graham P6

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# Killin Rovers



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David Blaney, Kit/Equipment.



## Crianlarich U12 Team

Back Row, Ewan Palmer, Alex Palmer, Gareth Gilchrist, Josh Henderson, Lee Reilly  
Front Row Andrew Clement, Nathan Pyefinch, Scott McKenzie

## Killin Rovers

On Thursday the 22nd of December I started at Killin Rovers. I am the goalie. We play at the Astroturf in Killin. The first game we played we drew 5-5 but we won 12-2 in the last game. Jordan and I are the captains for Killin. Tony Webb is the manager for Killin and my brother Richard is the coach. The sponsors are Douglas McRobbie, Bridge of Lochay Hotel and the chip van. Our kits have Douglas McRobbie on them, and our training tops have Bridge of Lochay Hotel.

Jack Gibson



The newly formed U-12 football team under the guidance of Tony Webb & Richard Gibson are pictured top left with some sponsors at a recent game against Crianlarich U-12s. All involved with the team are indebted to the sponsors for their valuable financial assistance. Their money goes towards kit, subsidising travel to away games and the occasional trip to Hampden Park in the future to see the national team in action. Thanks to all Sponsors.

Tony Webb & Richard Gibson



# Breadalbane Tourism Group Leaflet Exchange Day

Killin & District Tourist Association, Loch Earn Tourism Initiative and Crianlarich and Tyndrum Tourist Association were the joint hosts of another very successful leaflet event held on Thursday 16th March in the McLaren Hall. This is the third year that the BTG has organised the event. 2006 saw the launch of the new Breadalbane area leaflet, produced in conjunction with the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park.

Twenty visitor attractions and activity providers distributed their leaflets and presented what they have to offer. And what a choice - wide ranging outdoor activities, castles, military museums, glorious gardens, folklore tales, fishing trips, NTS, a literary jewel, bird of prey trail, and much more- and all within



easy reach.

Inverawe Smokehouse gave a presentation about their delicious smoked fish and country park. Some of the other activities and special events timetabled for the day were altered due to the recent heavy snowfalls. Unfortunately, Mid Lix Shooting School had to cancel clay pigeon shooting but the archery



took place in the local park. A display by Phoenix Falconry, which was due to take place outside, simply moved indoors! This was perhaps the highlight of everyone's day, but especially for the pupils from Killin Primary School who joined us at this point and for the adults who volunteered to be trees! The falconers demonstrated just how manoeuvrable their birds are - even indoors - whilst at the same time giving an informative and highly entertaining talk.

There was a great atmosphere in the Hall. Stall holders took the opportunity to exchange leaflets and information with others in the room. Local businesses, and a pleasing number of members of the general public, gathered up information for their own use and to pass on to tourists. The ladies of the Killin Cancer Research UK committee provided excellent light refreshments throughout the day.

The opportunity to meet and talk, to put a face to a name, a location to a business and a context to an activity provider or an attraction is one of the most important aspects of this event.

**Gillean Ford**

## Last gasp Conference before Housing Transfer Plan

The plan to transfer the Housing Stock to a not for profit landlord is being prepared for tenants to examine, and will be distributed to tenants doorsteps soon. An official notice by Stirling Council informing tenants of the proposal (Stage 1 Notice) will be issued at the same time. This will mean that a ballot of tenants will take place in the late spring to seek approval for the transfer.

Stirling Tenants Assembly are telling tenants that now is the time for tenants to ask serious questions of the proposals. For example, How much is the rent going to be? What service improvement are we going to see for our money? If we have a five year rents freeze, (inflation only rents increase), are we going to see a hike in the rent charges after that? Tenants should ask serious questions of the proposals so that they can make an informed choice when the ballot arrives. If tenants say no to the proposal, then they remain Stirling Council tenants. If a majority say yes then they will have a new landlord, called Housing Stirling, by the end of 2006.

There will be a chance to ask questions at a Conference in the Golden Lion Hotel, King Street, Stirling to be held on Saturday

22nd April, 2006 at 09.30am till 1.00pm with lunch provided. A children's crèche is also available. Speakers from Housing Stirling and Stirling Council will be there, as will speakers from TPAS, the Independent Tenant Advisors. Places can be booked by telephoning 01786 443543.

**Hugh McClung**  
01786 473205

[hughmcclung@hotmail.com](mailto:hughmcclung@hotmail.com)

## Loch Tay Association

The Association held its AGM at the Kenmore Hotel in early March. Chairman Alistair Inglis told the meeting that, during the year, contact had been maintained with The Lomond and the Trossachs National Park staff, particularly regarding shared problems such as speeding, noise, vandalism, fly camping and litter. Meetings had also been held with one of the directors of the Taymouth Castle development group, mostly touching on the use of the loch and its surroundings. He had stated that his company was committed to co-operate with and involve the local community in the project, but, as of the AGM, he was no longer with the company.

Various other Lochside plans had been discussed during the year, some of which

were going ahead, others seemed to have been put on hold. The chair noted the changes round the Loch with a number of new homes having been built and many more planned, in addition to the 50 homes for staff at the Taymouth Castle development.

The main problems affecting the Loch over the past year were vandalism, fly-tipping and litter which had increased tremendously in recent times. The Association is committed to tackling the litter problems and is currently involving as many bodies as possible in an effort to improve the situation for both locals and visitors to the area.

Regarding the River Tay Protection Order, Mr Inglis urged all riparian owners to send their completed fishing returns to the Tay Liaison Committee. The Protection Order may be lost if there is insufficient proof of public availability of fishing.

David Noble then gave a brief summary of the results of the survey on loch use carried out by the Association in the spring of 2005.

For further information on the Association please contact

**The Secretary**  
Loch Tay Association, Offizone, Kenmore  
Street, Aberfeldy PH15 2BL.

Tel 01887 820956



# Birks Cinema Campaign



The time was when people could travel along the lochside to Aberfeldy by public transport for a Saturday evening at the Birks Cinema, but in 1976 the cinema closed, due to the decline in public transport and growth in home based entertainment. Having been a bingo hall and an amusement arcade, today the former cinema, sited in a prominent position in Aberfeldy town square, is for sale and a group of local people are campaigning for the building to be purchased on behalf of the community. It would be converted and managed as a community cinema with the intention of showing a range of old and new films appealing to a wide audience of all ages. The facilities at the Birks would also include a café and the cinema group is working with the local 'PUSH' group to further these proposals jointly. PUSH is a voluntary organisation pushing for social inclusion for people with learning disabilities and has developed the concept of a training



café, opened in the Aberfeldy Recreation Centre in December, where 12 people with learning disabilities are working as apprentices. With the imminent rebuilding of the new school, PUSH is exploring different location options, at least for the short term, and the community cinema is an exciting possibility. In order to access funds for purchasing and converting the Birks cinema, a feasibility study is required to examine the building conservation plan, proposals for converting the building, the cost of purchasing and renovation works, a business plan for running the building and last (but not least!) community need and market demand. This is the stage we are at now. The 'Friends of The Birks Cinema' Group would welcome additional support and assistance at the beginning of our journey! If you would like to tell us about the Birks Cinema in its heyday, register an interest in the project, or are able to play a more active role within the group, please contact us. We would be delighted to hear from you.

**Charlotte Flower** 01887 830307  
**Sue Manning** 01567 820500  
**Dot Rodger** 01887 820175

## He is risen

Right in the middle of this spring time month of blossom and new life, we will celebrate Easter Day, a day of unparalleled triumph. At this season, I often recall an incident which happened a few years ago when a Russian lecturer, a member of the Communist party, was addressing a large crowd on the subject of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. He spoke for a long time seeking to discredit it. As he finished, a Russian Orthodox priest rose and asked if he might reply. He was warned that he could only have five minutes. "Five seconds is all I need" he said. Then turning to the great gathering he gave the joyful Easter greeting, so characteristic of the Eastern Orthodox "Christos aneste", he cried, "Christ is risen", and back came a deafening roar from the people - "Alethos aneste" - "Truly, He is risen" This is the heart of the Christian gospel from the 1st century to this very day -- amongst rich and poor, educated and simple, black and white it is the same - Christians all bear witness to the truth that Jesus is risen, alive and at work in the world. I greet you then at this glad season with Easter joy.

**Rev. J.L.L. Fagerson**

On Good Friday 14th April there will be an hour beside the cross at St Fillans from 2 to 3pm. All are welcome.

## Scribblers Stroll

This year's Scribblers stroll takes place in Stirling on Sunday 30th April between the Stirling Rugby club and Mc Q's (Tartan Arms), Bannockburn. No entry fee and no minimum amount of sponsorship, just as much as you can raise for our charities - Strathcarron Hospice, CHAS, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Macmillan Cancer Relief & Maggie's Centres. Stroll starts 1pm (booking in from 12.30). Walkers can, at their own pace, make their way along the route using the refreshment & toilet stops where necessary. Entertainment will be provided at start & finish so why not make it a day out as an individual, group or family?

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### Scribblers Picnic

Stirling County Rugby Grounds at Bridgehaugh, Stirling is the place to be on Sunday 18th June for the annual Scribbler's Picnic. Music, food & drink from 12 noon until late plus entertainment & charity stalls suitable for all the family, and all profits donated to 5 cancer charities. Stallholders application forms available now for community groups & charities. Entertainers and helpers should contact [www.scribblerspicnic.com](http://www.scribblerspicnic.com)

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## Killin's Community Future

In 2002 people from Killin and Ardeonaig completed questionnaires and held a workshop to formulate the Killin Local Action Plan as part of the Community Futures Programme in the National Park. This Plan detailed the profile of the community at that time and our vision for the future, with priority actions and projects to try and achieve our vision.

Nearly 4 years have passed and many of the actions have been achieved, others are still in progress and some have not happened for a variety of reasons. During that time there have been changes within our community: new housing in Fingal Road; closure of several shops; NHS 24; dissolution of some community groups.

At the same time there has been the development of Area community planning with the opportunity this provides for us to try and influence service delivery within our community, coupled with budget cuts within the service provider organisations.

All these things together are changing our experience of living here and it feels that the time is right for us to review where we are now and where we want to be in the future.

Negotiations are currently taking place with the National Park and Stirling

Council about what shape this review might take and how it might be funded. The main outcome is that in the early summer Killin will probably be the first community within the National Park to take part in a review

This will give everyone an opportunity to have their say in how they would like our community to be in the future. Perhaps even more importantly, it will give everyone a chance to share both the positive and negative aspects of life here. Many groups within the community are struggling at the moment with a lack of volunteers to help run and sustain them - this review of the Local Action Plan will be an opportunity for everyone to hear about the problems and offer their expertise and assistance. Newcomers to the area will also hear at first hand how they can contribute to community life. Before this Review of the Local Action Plan, it has been suggested that a direct appeal for volunteers to take part in community activity might be a good place to start. To this end you will find a flyer enclosed with a tear off slip which you can complete and place in the Library if you would like to become involved.

**Suzanne Player**  
Stirling Council Rural Development Worker Tel: 820154  
Email: [players@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:players@stirling.gov.uk)

## Fingal Stone Trust

Last year, for several reasons, we hesitated about organising our usual Book Sale. We are very grateful to those who gave help in the past selling tickets and books and organising the cafe. We hope that our loyal supporters continue to assist us. We are, however, desperately in need of man/woman power to move books and set up tables on the Friday before the sale and to clear away the tables and unsold books after the sale closes on the Saturday. We plan to have the sale on August 5th, success will depend on this assistance. Please phone **Julia Thornton** on 820784, **Fergie Meek** on 820071 or **Moirra Meek** on 820127 if you can help.

We are going to make an early start, weather permitting, on tidying up the site round the stone. Rowan trees will be planted and we would ask anyone with spare rowan seedlings to offer them to us. We would like to be able to donate a share of the Book Sale profits to The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home.

**Moirra Meek**

## Floral Display Sponsorship Appeal

The Killin Floral Association consists of a small group of volunteers who organise the village floral displays through local sponsorship/donations and oversee the annual children's, domestic and commercial floral competitions in order to enhance the appearance of our village. We currently plant twelve barrels and three hayracks and also maintain the garden area around the Millennium Cairn. To enable us to continue this work and hopefully reintroduce the hanging baskets, we appeal to the community for assistance.

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 With your help, we look forward to making Killin a brighter community this summer. **Marion MacRae**

### Killin and District Art and Craft Group

Since its formation in 1974, the Group has run an Exhibition at least every second year in early August. These have proved to be highly successful and popular attractions for both local people and summer visitors and have also provided welcome opportunities for local artists to demonstrate their talents and sell their wares. A valued by-product has been the sizeable donations made to worthy local charities. In 2002, for example, £650 was distributed between seven organisations.

Unfortunately in recent years there has been a reduction in support for the Group's activities, the main reasons being that there are fewer people in the village painting and producing craft work for sale, those who still do so are less productive and public backing is not quite as generous as it was in the past. To add to this there are unfilled vacancies on the organising committee and two of the most prolific contributors are moving house during the summer. When the situation was reviewed at a recent meeting, it was, with great reluctance, decided not to proceed with this year's Exhibition.

The Group wish to make it clear that they are not disbanding but merely suspending their activities until they are able to reform. It is possible the way ahead may be to change the format and content of future exhibitions e.g. perhaps using more photographs in place of paintings.

One thing is certain, if the Group is to continue, it must become a forum for new ideas and new methods and, more than anything, attract new blood and fresh talent. If you feel you have something to offer and would like to help, the committee would be pleased to hear from you via the Killin News.

### Fearnan Art and Craft

*A second Arts and Crafts Fair will be held at Fearnan on 3rd-6th August.*

### Strathfillan Art and Craft

*It is hoped that an Arts and Crafts Exhibition will be held in Strathfillan at the end of August.*

### Get Active

There has been an increase in physical activity and sport at Killin Primary School lead by Stirling Council's Sports Development team as part of a national drive to get more children, more active, more often. Active Schools Co-ordinator Claire Peebles is involved in providing opportunities for physical activity both in and after school whilst Sports Development Officer Ailsa Robertson concentrates on developing community classes and establishing links with local clubs. Children have already had an opportunity to take part in playground games, Top Play, curling and rugby. This term Clubgolf and jump rope will also be on offer.

We currently run after school activities, one of our main projects, through the TOPS programme, which is a range of physical activity and sport aimed at primary aged children.

We are currently looking for enthusiastic and motivated volunteers to help out at after school clubs at Killin Primary School. All volunteers receive full

training and are subject to a Disclosure Scotland check. If you are interested in helping the young children of Killin get more active or you would like more information on active schools or sports development please contact

**Claire or Ailsa**  
 01786 432323 or  
**Killin Primary School**  
 01567 820265

## Local Groups

**Not everyone is aware of the wide variety of groups and activities available in Killin. We are featuring some of these in this issue and will give details of others in the next. Any group wishing to be included should please send details to the Killin News.**

### Moirlanich Longhouse

The National Trust for Scotland property, Moirlanich Longhouse, Glen Lochay, is unique in that it is "manned" entirely by volunteers. The house is open to the public on Easter Sunday and then on Sundays and Wednesdays, from 1st May until 30th September, 2-5 p.m. Killin Heritage Society organise the volunteer rota. Two volunteers are present on each opening and are usually asked to do a maximum of four dates on the rota. It is not an onerous task but an opportunity to meet some very interesting people, especially those who have personal recollections of the house and its former residents. Additional volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Even if you can only do a couple of dates it eases the load for the others. For further information about joining the rota please contact

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### Go Green with the Green Team

The Green Team is a group where children can learn about nature and their environment through activities and games. It is run by the National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service in partnership with Killin Primary and is open to all pupils. We meet every other Thursday evening in the summer and usually go out and about. If the weather is really awful and for our winter monthly meetings we stay indoors at Lymedoch (the NTS office).

The pond which forms the focus of a small wildlife garden at the school is where we start our meetings. We investigate anything living; birds, bees, flowers, trees and Killin has a lot to offer! We have looked at and listened to bats, grown trees from nuts and also think about how the way we live affects life around us. We sometimes venture outwith the village and recently went to a local power station see how water is used to generate electricity.

Our summer meetings begin on 20th April. If you would like to join us contact

**Mrs Frost**  
at Killin Primary School or  
**Helen Cole**  
NTS office on 01567 820988

### Heart of Scotland Herb Society



HSBS has approximately eighty members who meet ten times yearly on Wednesdays. Meetings are morning or evening sessions to accommodate members and allow for weather/driving conditions. For similar reasons, the venue varies but is usually around the Aberfeldy area.

We cover a wide range of herbal topics, each meeting specific to a subject, be it history, propagation, harvesting, or usage of herbs in cooking, medicines, cosmetics or household. Discussions are followed by 'herbal' refreshments. We are associated with the Herb Garden in Pitnacree, which is available to members for interest and hands on activities. Outings and field studies occur during the growing season. Members hail from far and near and many walks of life. Our aim is to encourage the wider use of herbs by exchanging knowledge and ideas in friendship. We are affiliated to The National Herb Society, The Royal Horticultural Society and communicate regularly with our sister group in Wisconsin, USA. Most of all we get together, have fun and share information about herbs - plants that have something for everyone. **Patty Hope** 01567 820408 or **Judy Forster** 01567 820298

### Killin & District Sports and Recreation Club

Offers bowling, tennis and five-a-side football and equipment to hire and a pavilion for private hire for a limited period or a longer time. Showers and changing rooms can be hired in addition or separately. Non-members have to book in advance. Enquiries for booking to 31 Fingal Road, Killin FK21 8XA Tel: 820010 Memberships for 2006 are now due and should be paid in full by 1st April. Cheques payable to Killin Sports Club to Donald Third, Treasurer, Karmen, Manse Road, Killin The fees are as last year £30 Seniors, £20 Juniors and £50 for Family Membership Members can use facilities at any time provided that the area is not booked. We require responsible adult volunteers to administer these arrangements as there may be no kiosk staff in attendance this year.

**Joe Reilly**

### Killin Heritage Society

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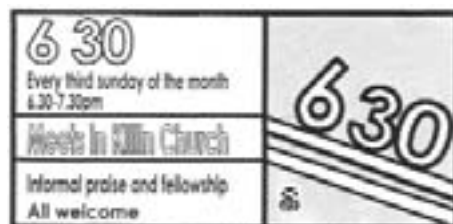


Friday in the month from October to April (excl. January). These open meetings are held in the Lesser McLaren Hall, Killin, 8.00pm. Non members welcome. Outings are organised during the summer months. The Society holds a considerable archive of material, not directly accessible to the public at the present time, but hopes to establish a display area in the near future. Donations of photographs, documents and other small items are always welcome. A catalogue of items is kept in the Killin library and they may be viewed by appointment. **Gillean Ford** Chairman 01567 820492

### Killin & District Tourist Association

KDTA membership is open to all those involved locally with tourism, directly or indirectly, for an annual subscription of £10. Current membership consists of 28 accommodation providers and 2 shops. All members are encouraged to participate in a quality assurance scheme of some kind although this is not a condition of membership. KDTA promote the Killin area, to the benefit of the wider community, by

producing promotional leaflets, maintaining a website, funding some visitor entertainment and working with other groups and tourism organisations. Since 2004 we have worked with Loch Earn TA and Strathfillan TA as the Breadalbane Tourism Group, promoting the Breadalbane area of the LL&TNP. Our aim is not only to encourage visitors to come but to stay longer and the BTG has worked directly with the LL&TNP to produce a new "Breadalbane" leaflet. Contact: **Gillean Ford** Chairman 01567 820492 invertay@btinternet.com



**6 30** meets on the third Sunday of the month in the Community Rooms of the Killin and Ardeonaig Church of Scotland from 6 30 to 7 30. During this time Christians from Killin and beyond meet together for some songs, a short, practical address and a chance to stay and chat over a cup of tea or coffee and usually some home made goodies! **6 30** has now been running for three months and each

meeting sees approximately 50 folk turning up. Everyone is welcome, no matter what age you are or whether you usually come to church or not – it'd be great if you came to see what you think! For more information or if you would like to contribute in any way, please get in touch with **Claire Woolsey** 01567 820 523 claire@ardeonaig.org

### The Killin Gun Club

This was first established in 1928. The Club is affiliated with The Scottish Clay Target Association. During the course of a year we will hold 10 shoot days. Currently we have 50 members. We are always looking for new members and day visitors are also welcome. We offer an extensive range of targets with something to suit everyone from complete beginners to the most experienced clay target shooters. We shoot at the stance, by Luib, near Killin. Cartridges can be purchased and we have on-site catering. The next shoot will be on Sunday 23rd April. Come along for a great day - the craic is always good. Joining Fee £10 per year. For more information contact:-

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### Environmental Action Killin (EAK)

EAK is a group whose interest is the local natural heritage. It actively promotes the natural environment by conducting walks, birdwatching, path clearing, rubbish clearing, erecting bird and bat boxes and taking stock of what can be seen by nature watchers living in and visiting Killin. An audit of the flora and fauna is on-going and data collected so far is available in the Killin Library. It has about twenty members and meets informally on the first Thursday of the month to discuss ecological matters. In addition it plans local walks, visits and activities. The group is supported in all its activities by the National Park Rangers. Annual fee £5 (family £8).

**John Holland** 01567 820509

**The Killin Early Years Activities Group (KEYAG)** has recently been formed by local parents to offer activities to children in the area aged between 3 and 5. We are hoping to offer a programme of monthly events, usually on the last Friday of the month although this may vary, so watch out for posters around the village with details. The following activities are being organised for the next few months.

17th April Easter Eggstravaganza  
26th May Close encounters at Ben Lawers  
23rd June Visit to Killin Fire station  
28th July Teddy bears picnic

All children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. There may be a small charge to defray costs. Come and join us.

**Helen Cole**



# Junior Golf

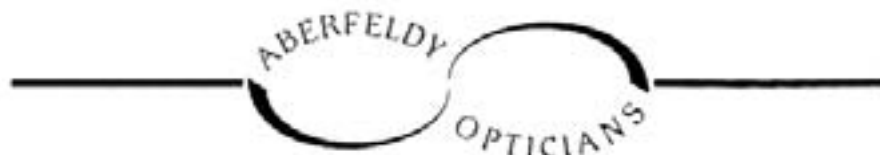
Junior golf starts on Friday 12th May. Children of 8 years and over are welcome to come along and have a go. We do ask that each child joins the golf club (£15 for u13, and £45 for 13 - 17 years). For new starts we give you a 3 week trial period to see if you like it. We provide coaching each week for clubgolf level-1. Clubgolf level-2 coaching will be run alongside more advanced coaching by Allan Knox the assistant professional from Crieff Golf Club. Allan will not be available every week, so level-2 coaching will be provided on those weeks he is not available by our level-2 trained coaches.

Beginners should come along at 6pm and parents should be aware that we ask for a contact form to be completed. There is a £1 charge for each night which goes towards prizes. We also operate a signing in and out system so that we can be sure that the children have been collected and are no longer our responsibility.

Don't worry if you haven't got your own golf clubs - we have a good selection available for you to borrow - just make sure you have suitable clothing, shoes & money for juice, sweeties etc.

If there are any adults out there who would like to volunteer to walk round the course with the juniors, please contact me. We are trying to get everyone through Disclosure Scotland and to attend Adult and Child protection courses (all free of charge) to comply with our Child Protection Policy, but this is not a difficult process.

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## Killin Golf Club Catering



The golf club have appointed Merlyn Donaldson as the new Club Steward for the 2006 season. This is a new venture for Merlyn, but she is looking forward to her new position. There was an excellent turnout for the Opening Mixed Competition on Saturday 18th March and Merlyn would like to thank those who attended for the warm welcome she received.

Working alongside Merlyn will be Carlotta Fraser who has many years of experience in the catering business and also runs her own outside catering business. Carlotta has used her experience to develop an extensive and varied menu for members and visitors alike. Another important member of the

team is Colin Woods who has worked at the club for the past few seasons. The restaurant will be open 7 days a week and a warm welcome is extended to all. Bookings can be made by telephoning 01567 820312.

There will be a golf shop which will stock clothing, clubs and the usual accessories.

## Greenfield Burial Site

A cemetery overlooking Strathearn owned by the Strowan Estates is now available for those who wish to have a greenfield burial. The site is managed by Gaulds Funeral Directors who can also offer environmentally friendly coffins made of Wicker or Bamboo. The graves are marked but no headstone is permitted. This allows the natural environment to remain unchanged. The cemetery has a memorial board to which a small remembrance can be added. An area is available where trees can be planted in memory of those buried.

For details contact

**Strowan Woodland Cemetery**  
Addison Terrace  
Crieff, PH7 3AT  
Tel 01764 656567

## Gill Bastock



Following several brain haemorrhages which left her unable to read, write or talk and forced her to leave her job in Killin Primary School in 1999, Gill was awarded Scotland's Champion Learner of the Year by Learndirect Scotland in recognition of her fight to regain her ability to communicate. Her award prompted the Provost to commission her to write a play to mark the celebrations of 500 years of Stirling's connection with Golf. The play "Golfing Genius" is a comedy set on the Golf course. Two of the characters are living but the third is a ghost who looks on with amusement at the sport in the present. The performance was staged at the end of March at the Smith museum in Stirling.

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## Raising the Roof in Killin Church

It does sound like another village fund raising effort but in fact it's quite the opposite. The first Come 2 Sing event will be held in Killin Church on Saturday 22nd April at 7.30pm.

The evening will be an exciting event and will feature a popular live band called Born 2 Worship who have attracted audiences in a variety of venues, most recently around 150 people rocked for nearly 2 hours at a similar event in Alloa.

There's more going on at the local church than we sometimes realise, including the Sunday School and the 6.30 which is led by the Abernethy Trust every 3rd Sunday of the month and features informal worship and guest speakers. Born 2 Worship are currently demonstrating their instrumental and vocal talents on a tour of Crieff, Auchterarder and Stirling. Admission is FREE (donations welcome) and it is hoped that the people of Killin will come along and have a really good time. We hope to get a full house, enjoy some fantastic music and Raise the roof in Killin Church. All enquiries to

**Kate Allan**  
01567 820496

## Letter

Dear Sir/Madam

I have just been reading my way through the latest issue of the Killin news with great interest, as always. Reading "John Allen's" column I immediately noticed he attempted to write the names of three well known local mountains and failed to get a single name correct. Meall Tarmachan should have been **Meall nan Tarmachan** (hill/mountain of the Ptarmigan). Beinn na Caillich should be **Creag na Caillich** (Crag of the Old Lady). Sron na Clachan should be **Sròn a Chlachain** (Nose of the village).

I can't help but feel this has been written in a "who cares" manor (*sic*).

A quick look on a map would have given the correct names and spelling so there is little excuse. If we treated the English language in this way there would be uproar. In the end this is disrespectful to anyone who speaks, or is learning the native language of this area. I very much hope more care is taken with the use of Gàidhlig in the Killin news in future.

**Ronald Macnab**  
Weem, By Aberfeldy

## Thank You

Dear friends

I just want to say thank you all very much for all the flowers and get well wishes that I have received during my prolonged illness. It is very gratifying to know that so many of my friends remember me. With all the care that I am receiving from the doctors, nurses and staff at the surgery I am feeling much better. I would be very pleased if any of you would care to pop in on your way past to say hello. As I am rather house bound I miss all the friendly chats.

Again many thanks

**Maud Muller**

I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me recently for my parachute jump at Strathallan. I raised £870 for the children at the Riverside Autism Facility in Stirling. We also raised £610 from a Mufti Day at McLaren High School for this cause. Thank you.

**Kathleen McRae**

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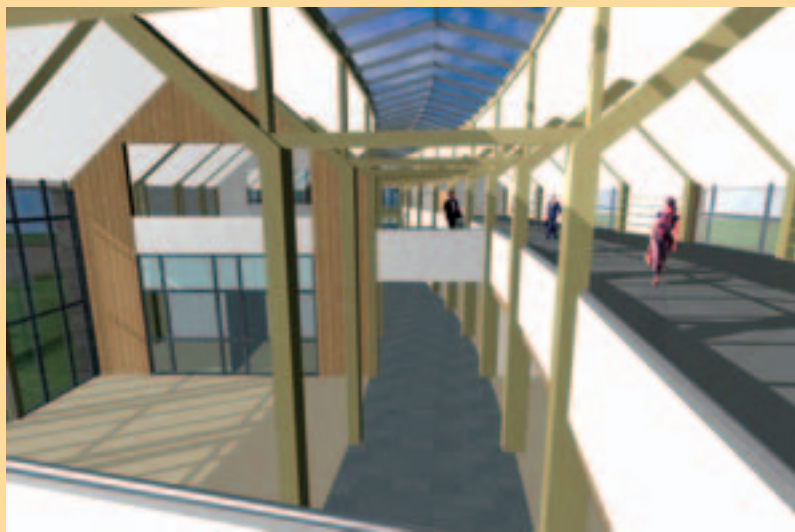




# £9 Million for New National Park HQ



The National Park "Green Plan" for its new headquarters has been submitted for planning approval. To be located at the roundabout junction of Carrochan Road and Lomond Road in Balloch, the plan is for a two storey curved timber structure with a stone and glass frontage,



twin pitched slated roofs and a central glazed atrium. It will have meeting and conference facilities available for use by community groups and partner agencies. The green elements include a structural frame made from Scottish Douglas Fir, local timbers for secondary framework, Scottish oak veneers, a biomass boiler as the main heating source, natural ventilation, sheep's wool insulation, a reed bed drainage system, natural slate, stone and paving. This, together with high levels of natural light will provide an example of how buildings can be constructed using local materials and reduce carbon emissions.

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parents Gillian Smith and  
Stephen Stuart. Grandson of  
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## Graduation



**Laura Stewart,** granddaughter  
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## Loch Tay Fishing and Boat Trips

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I wanted to get back to work, but I am not able to work full time. So I decided to work for myself again, doing fishing trips and boat trips. A lot of people have helped me to get Loch Tay Fish 'n' Trips off the ground and I should like to say "Thank you!"

I took a VHF radio exam and my Boat Masters 3 licence which Stirling Employment Connections arranged, together with the purchase of the lifejackets needed for the passengers.

The Killin Hotel has been very supportive of my new venture and has given me permission to use their staging for boat trips from May to October and we have a web link for potential customers. Alex and I designed the web site but had problems getting it to work, so I gave all my ideas to Fergie Meek and he managed to get us up and running on the internet. After designing the leaflets I took them to be displayed to various hotels and restaurants and to self catering holiday homes, some of which have helped my business by a link on their web site as well.

Lastly, I would like to thank Cheryl Campbell and Mark & Susan Russell for their support. So to every one who has helped me "Thank you!"

**Grant Tigwell**

## Jazz-up-the-Trossachs

This is the official slogan that will be used to promote Callander's first major Jazz & Blues Festival which will take place throughout the town on Friday 29th, Saturday 30th September and Sunday October 1st 2006. The official not-for-profit company, Callander Jazz and Blues Festival Ltd, has been incorporated to plan, organise and promote the first of many music festival events for the Trossachs Region.

The board has been encouraged by overwhelming support from Visit Scotland, Scottish Enterprise, Stirling Council, Stirling Enterprise, Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority, Callander Community Council, Callander Community Development Trust and many other official bodies.

Feverish activity has been seen amongst the five members of the festival board to originate business, marketing and logistical plans essential to the credibility of all the official funding applications that have been submitted to meet rigid February deadlines. Funding has already been received from Stirling Council and this, linked with a number of early donations from Callander based business owners, has been very much appreciated. There are now 18 participating venues across the town, which will host the various musical events performed by specially invited bands and artists

contracted in for the festival dates. The next stage, once all funding efforts have paid off, will be the advertising and promotional campaign, which will highlight the festival performers appearing at the jazz and blues festival with a detailed "what's on where" for each of the festival venues. The festival internet website will be updated on a regular basis with all relevant information.

Please contact any of the following board members for current information

**Graham Oliphant** 01877-330556

**Malcolm Bidwell** 01877-331466

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# Planning Applications

## Week 4 ending 30 January

LT/2005/0321/TCD/S

Proposed time extension to temporary installation of telecommunications apparatus

Location Kirkton Farm Crianlarich

Decision Approve with conditions

## Week 5 ending 5th February

LT/2005/0248/DET/S

Restoration of fire damaged self-catering accommodation to one unit

Location the steading Wester Lix

Application type Detailed consent

Decision Approve with conditions

## Week 6 ending 12th February

LT/2006/0016/DET/S

Proposal Formation of new external terrace including ramped access

Location The Rod and Reel Public House and restaurant Crianlarich

Application type Detailed consent

Approve with conditions

06/00235/ALEXET

Alterations to convert building to dwelling house at North Byre, Tombreck, Lawers

06/00332/ALT

Alteration to remove internal walls and chimney at Morenish Cottage

## Week 7 and 8 ending 26th February

LT/2006/0023/HAE/S

Proposal Extensions to dwelling house conversion of existing garage to residential accommodation and erection of detached double garage-scheme 2

Location Rowan Croft 8 Auchtabh Lochearnhead

Application type Household alteration/extension

LT/2006/0052/HAE/S

Proposal Erection of garage

Location Kilbryde Cottage Station Road Lower Tyndrum

LT/2006/0054/ADV/S

Proposal Erection of non-illuminated hoarding

Location Post Office Lochearnhead

LT/2006/0069/DET/S

Proposal Variation of condition 8 of planning permission

S/98/00415/DET to permit continued use of 'the barn' for bed and breakfast purposes

Location Land rear of Pink Cottage Killin

Application type Detailed consent

LT/2005/0429/DET/S

Proposal Replacement of timber sash and casement windows with

UPVC sash and casement windows

Location Fairview House Killin

Decision Approved with conditions

## Week 9 week ending 5th March

LT/2006/0060/OUT/S

Proposal Proposed tourist and mixed use retail, commercial and business development

Location Former Lochearnhead Hotel Lock-Up Lochearnhead

Application type Outline Application

## Week 10 week ending 12th March None

## Week 11 week ending 20th March

LT/2006/0082/DET/S

Proposal Extension to Primary School comprising medical suite and office

Location Crianlarich Primary School

Application type Detailed consent

LT/2006/0054/ADV/S

Proposal Erection of non-illuminated hoarding

Location Post Office Lochearnhead

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The Scottish Assessors Association website. [www.saa.gov.uk](http://www.saa.gov.uk) also lists the addresses of all domestic and non domestic properties with either the council tax bands if a domestic property or the rateable value and details of the owners and occupiers if a non-domestic property.  
Stirling Council property information can be found at [www.saa.gov.uk/central](http://www.saa.gov.uk/central).

## Obituary

### John Willison 1929 - 2006

Johnny passed away on 24th February at his home with his family by his side. We extend our deepest sympathy to Jan and all the family. He was a farmer born and bred and farmed Acharn all his working life. He took great joy working with the hill cattle and sheep, which were all home bred. He sold their produce at the livestock mart in Killin, which usually was a good day out. Most days he drove his "Wee Gray Fergie" tractor either feeding beasts or working in the fields. When ploughing he made sure the furrow was straight and true. He was a regular attender of the local ploughing match and show where he enjoyed "the craic" very much. Johnny took part in many local activities and was a keen green and carpet bowler in which he was very successful. He was a longtime member of the Killin Curling Club and was its President for 22 years. Not so long ago the RCCC presented him with their 50 year membership medal. His other activities included being a Special Constable for several years and a member of the Killin Mountain Rescue team. He was also a founder member of the Killin Young Farmers Club and an office bearer in the National Farmers' Union. Johnny had a good and full life and had many friends scattered over a wide area. He will be sadly missed.

**Douglas Willison**



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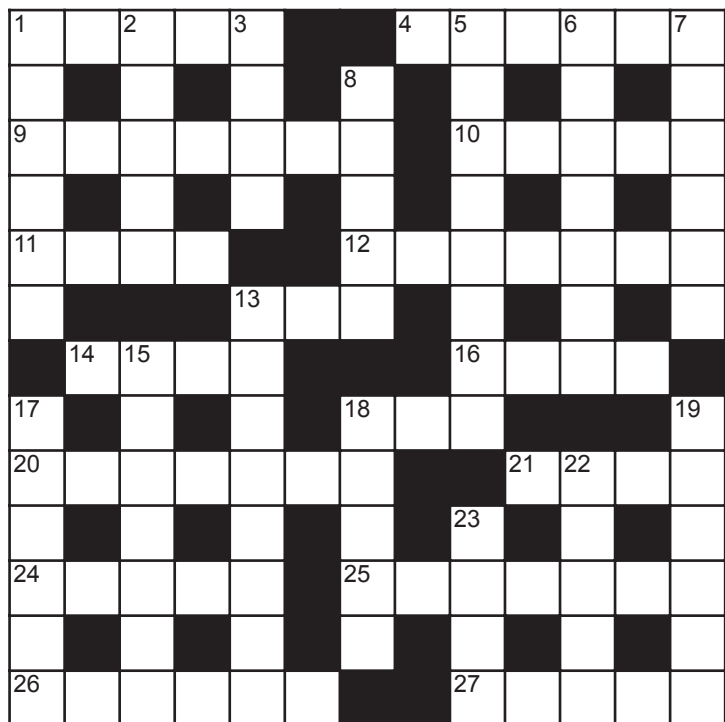
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## Down

- 1 Memory relies on clear 50 being used (6)
- 2 Tropical relative of the horse (5)
- 3 Disreputable Frenchman (4)
- 5 Pattern created by stand-in typist being tardy (8)
- 6 Each are needed for painful sensory organ (7)
- 7 Lose a ton from floor covering and start pairing off (6)
- 8 Rude to reset reset (5)
- 13 Monocle (8)
- 15 Do oceans drag along this marine creature? (3-4)

## Across

- 1 Combustion engine palindrome part (5)
- 4 Holy man finds a bundle of paper by the water (6)
- 9 Crate up or otherwise apprehend (7)
- 10 Deserve new remit (5)
- 11 First to rise for a bit of fun (4)
- 12 Non metallic element sounds like a ridiculous swindle (7)
- 13 First lady at every function (3)
- 14 Confession of a secret agent (1, 3)
- 16 Junction edge for things already mentioned (4)
- 18 Short thoroughfare (3)
- 20 Ohio mountains produce these fruits of an evergreen tree (7)
- 21 Gives a faithful reproduction of sound (2-2)
- 24 Mansion for the sick in Virginia (5)
- 25 European politician enjoyed mixed diet poured out (7)
- 26 Practice of physical and mental disciplines (6)
- 27 Feline hesitation can supply food or entertainment (5)

## Solution to 90

**Across** 1 cable 4 toucan 9 unaided 10 takes 11 seed 12 limited 14 bush 16 sent 18 bit 20 bulrush 21 tent 24 trash 25 nowhere 26 Danish 27 muted

**Down** 1 course 2 brave 3 eddy 5 optimist 6 cake tin 7 no-side 8 adult 13 thoughts 15 unlearn 17 abated 18 bhang 19 attend 22 elect 23 swim

- 17 Fleet of merchant ships travelling together (6)
- 18 Donkey and French make a valuable skill (5)
- 19 Tries for a lot (6)
- 21 Mentally disadvantaged (6)
- 23 A chance or gamble on something (4)



## Guess Who?

It was Freda Cairns in the last issue. If you have suitable photos for this slot please let us have them.

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Fortnightly Fridays

Apr 7, 21 May 5, 19, Jun 2

Tyndrum

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Clifton 11.15 – 11.40

Mansefield 11.45 – 12.00

Crianlarich

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1.40 – 2.30

Benmore 2.35 – 2.55

Suie Lodge 3.05 – 3.25

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# What's On in Killin and District

## April

- 8 Nest box building in the woods Crannog Centre 12pm-4pm
- 13 WRI meeting Lesser Hall 7.30pm
- 14 Good Friday an hour beside the cross St Fillans Church 2-3pm all welcome
- 15 Fire Cadet open day Fire Station Killin 10am-2pm
- 17 Easter Eggstravaganza (under 5s event) contact Helen Cole 820497
- 19 Heart of Scotland Herb Society meeting Herbed Wine by Patty Hope Lesser McLaren Hall 7pm
- 20 Church Guild meeting Church Hall 2pm
- 20 Green Team meet school pond 6pm
- 23 Celtic food and drink festival Crannog Centre 11am-4pm
- 23 Gun Club Shoot

**Brownies**  
Mondays  
Church Hall 6pm

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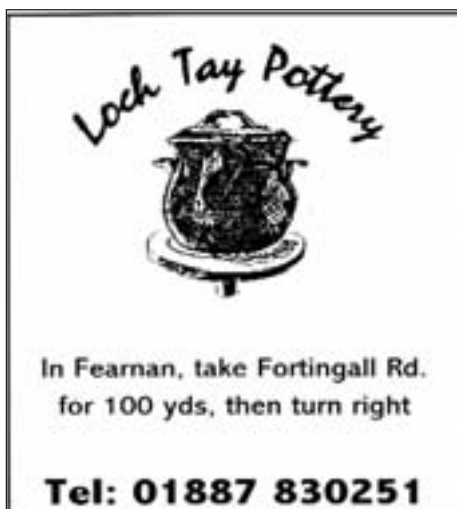
## May

- 1 Celtic May Day and Beltane Fun Crannog Centre 11am-4pm
- 4 WRI meeting Lesser Hall 7.30pm
- 5 School Concert McLaren Hall evening
- 6 EAK Dawn Chorus Day Head of the Loch 5am
- 9 Killin Community Council meeting and AGM School 7.30pm
- 12 Junior Golf first session Killin Golf Club beginners 6pm
- 13/14 Festival of nettles Crannog Centre 11am-4pm
- 26 Close encounters at Ben Lawers (under 5s event) contact Helen Cole 820497
- 14 Gun Club event Charity Cup Bolting Fox Trophy 1pm
- 17 Heart of Scotland Herb Society meeting Bluebell woodland walk with Ric Worrell Strathhtay 2pm
- 18 Church Guild meeting 2pm Church Hall

**Bowls**  
starting end May  
Mondays and Friday afternoons  
Tuesday evenings  
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