

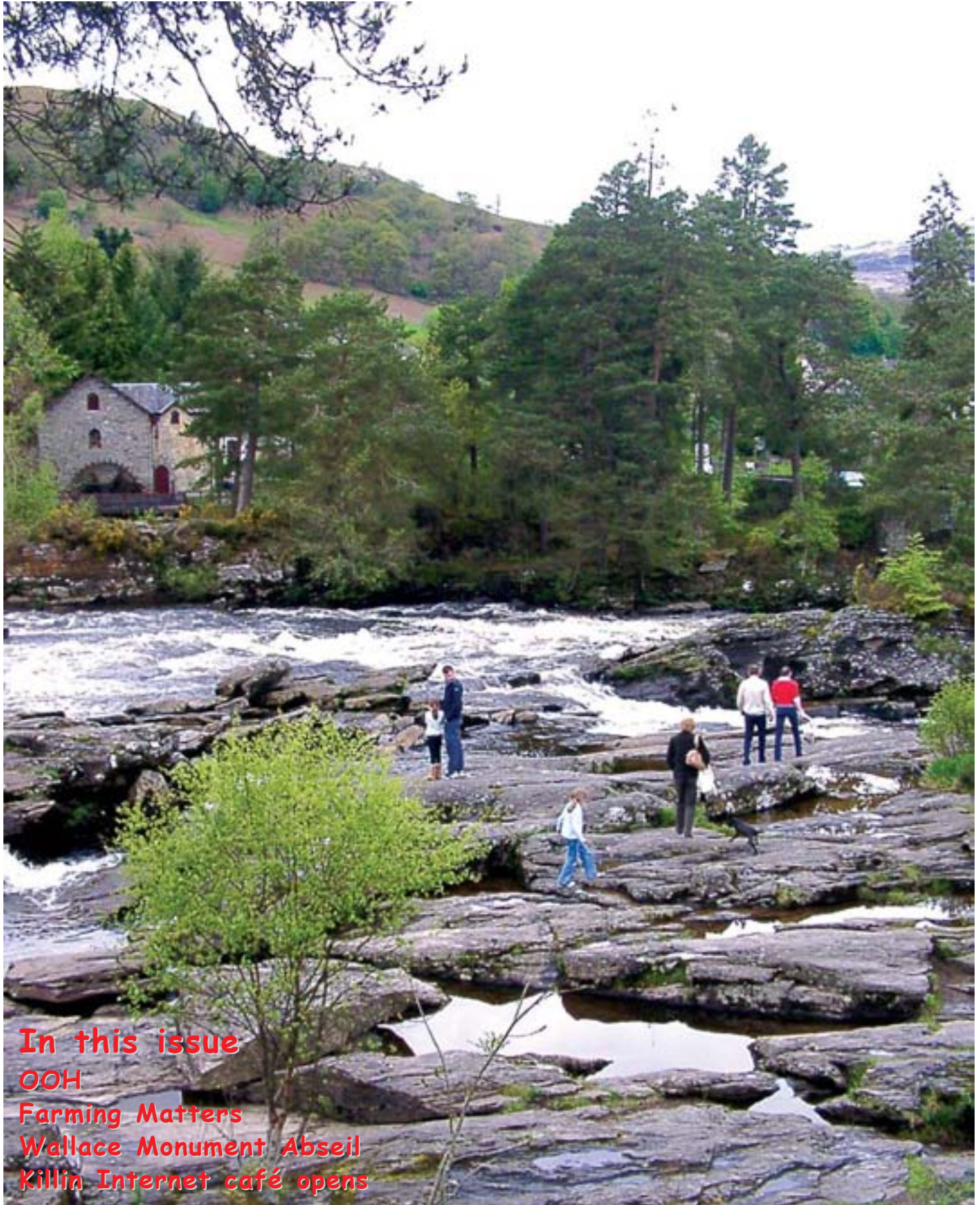
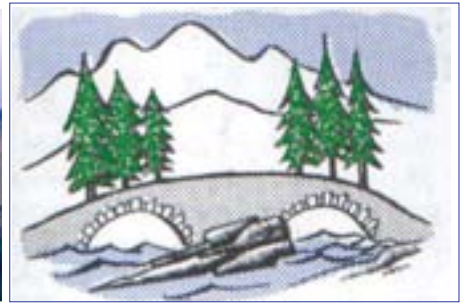
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## Editorial

We mourn the passing of Pat Sandeman, the familiar figure in the village, an authority whose knowledge of birds and their whereabouts in the area was second to none. (page 24)  
 Farming Matters (page 5) reports on problems of rubbish in the countryside that go well beyond just being an eyesore. What can we do about it? We all have a duty and a part to play. Leaving rubbish is a criminal offence and this makes it a police matter (page 6). It appears that items of camping equipment have become disposable with chairs, sleeping mats, pots and pans being left "in the wild". Identification details are important when reporting incidents. Your involvement with the Killin Community Action Plan (page 7), even if only by replying to the questionnaire when it arrives, would be very much appreciated on this topic and on many others that should involve you.

Concerns about planning and new housing have been raised. We are all aware of the need for housing to support the local workforce, paramedics for example, but other places have reached a stage where locals are in the minority and many expensive, unaffordable on local salaries, homes lie empty except during holidays and weekends. That is another reason why you should reply to that questionnaire.

Out-of-Hours is a continuing problem (page 3). We are pleased to learn that John MacPherson is to meet with Andy Kerr the Scottish Health Minister to discuss his concerns about the way in which out of hours services are delivered in this rural area. We hope there will be progress to report on next time.

We are sad to hear of the sudden death of Steve Wolsey of the Real Food Cafe Tyndrum on Sunday 21st May. We offer our sympathy to Sarah and their families

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## Fire Cadets

First of all we would like to thank everyone for their interest and support.

By the time you read this the local branch of Central Scotland Fire & Rescue Fire Cadet Scheme will be up and running. The scheme has proved very successful at other stations and we are sure it will also be successful here in Killin. It should be a

fun packed first few months for the new cadets learning the different disciplines of the Fire & Rescue Service.

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# Does Our OOH Work?

Confidence, security and trust are essential in any service that supplies medical cover out of hours. It is a life-line for those who depend on it, the sick, the vulnerable and the young. In the Forth Valley area, while we experience the best of support from those who work locally, we are constantly reminded that the system under which they work has faults and failings. We are aware that it is not possible to have a service equivalent to that available close to hospitals but we are entitled to expect that our remoteness should be taken into account. Was "Rural Proofing" part of the initial planning process?

The best part of our service is the response to an acute emergency from a 999 call. A

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paramedic or an ambulance almost always reaches the site of an emergency within half an hour. True the ambulance is occasionally single-crewed and, as a driver is not able to monitor patients during the journey, it cannot transport ill patients so another duty technician or another double-crewed ambulance must be called from further afield.

## What is Rural Proofing?

Rural Proofing is a commitment by Government to ensure that all its domestic policies take account of rural circumstances and needs (Rural White Paper, 2000). It is a mandatory part of the policy process, which means that, as policies are developed, policy makers should systematically:

- consider whether their policy is likely to have a different impact in rural areas, because of particular rural circumstances or needs
- make proper assessment of those impacts, if these are likely to be significant
- adjust the policy, where appropriate, with solutions to meet rural needs and circumstances

The real concern comes when an ill patient living alone seeks help. Asking NHS 24 to deal with an urgent problem requires that full details, personal and about the illness, are repeated three to four times. This is difficult as anxiety, illness and pain can affect judgement or level of consciousness. Even someone else making the call on their behalf can find the system frustrating.

This is how it works:

Call Handlers take full details of personal information and reason for calling.

They will either

- call the local ambulance service
- advise simple measures
- suggest attendance at an accident and emergency or out of hours centre
- pass the call on to a trained nurse who will usually phone back

The NHS 24 nurse advisor will take full details again

- advise simple medical management
- advise you to attend your own doctor when the surgery opens
- ask you to attend the accident and emergency department
- ask you to attend the local out of hours centre
- arrange for the doctor to visit you at home
- get the out of hours doctor to speak to you

They will know what dental help and

pharmacy is available in your area

The doctor, having taken full details, may:

- advise on management
- ask you to attend the local out of hours centre
- may visit you at home
- send an ambulance to take you to the hospital

Surprisingly the National Audit Office found that in England, when the patient eventually reached the doctor, the doctor had no idea how long the process had taken since the patient first contacted the NHS system. In former times the GP would take details, assess the patients condition and assume the continuing responsibility of ensuring that the patient reached the most appropriate help. Once you had seen your doctor there was no need to worry as you knew that your GP would act on your behalf to ensure that the system worked for you. There is no such continuity of care provided by NHS 24. An ill patient whose judgement is affected, is unable to drive or who may not have a car, will need to find someone to take them to the out of hours centre which from here is over an hour away. A return taxi trip may cost £80 or £100, not affordable by everyone. In Highland NHS such transport may be provided free to those who need it. Forth Valley Health Board tell us that in such cases the doctor will always come out and visit yet we know of cases where the doctor has expressed reluctance to come so far from the centre. Those who attended the meeting in the McLaren Hall two years ago will remember that the plan was for specialised paramedic cover to replace the out of hours GPs after training to take over every aspect of the GP's role in diagnosis and treatment. Paramedics were to become a virtual out of hours centre with a local base so that anxious patients would not have to travel all the way to Stirling at weekends and public holidays. Two years later we can report that, although some of training has taken place, this has not been achieved. Other Health Boards have sent leaflets to each household about the details of their services and have them on their website. NHS Forth Valley has made no such concession to its rural areas. View them and compare them. Go to [www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk), click on "Out of Hours services", and see the detailed instructions. On [www.nhsforthvalley.com](http://www.nhsforthvalley.com), click on "Find out about accessing 24 hour healthcare", and you will be told to contact 999 or NHS 24 but with further explanation or mention of rural areas.

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# Farming Matters



## More Litter

Iain Campbell took these pictures in Finlarig meadows in April this year. This mess was left by one group who stayed, as is their right, for two to three days in one large grey tent. There were several people in that group aged late teens/early twenties. At least one of them must have heard or known that littering is illegal and subject to fines. I found out later that this group, despite being almost surrounded by bins of various sorts, also left litter in the Council car park where they had parked their cars.

In early May I know more rubbish was collected along the riverbank in the same field. There is more there now. This is not a small minority spoiling it for the majority. We have been farming here for twenty years and I am sick and tired of clearing up other people's garbage. It is a never-ending task - as the Angling Club, Green team and many other local organisations and individuals will testify. It is not a tiny minority problem. It is a much more widespread and inherent problem. I have had to destroy sheep that have had fishing twine wrapped around feet, effectively cutting them off. I have found an owl, ducks, seagulls and herons all killed or irreparably damaged by the same thing. We have had cow's feet cut by broken glass, a calf with a can on its foot and another with its leg through a plastic beer can holder. In my view this littering is not a lack of education, it is "I don't care" and should be countered by more enforcement and a much more proactive approach by relevant authorities. The Killin Angling Club and Loch Tay Association have been pressing Councils on the litter issue for some time. However the Councils' view has been that on private land it is the landowner's problem. I disagree.

MSPs voted for access and should take responsibility for the consequences and put in place measures to deal with them. Going back to the pictures, John Wyllie saw this from the top of Stronaclachan, duly investigated and cleared up the mess by himself, for which I am grateful. Personally I would like to have invited some MSPs who voted for the Access Bill to buy their own bin bags and in their own time clear up the mess, like the rest of us have to.

**Anthony Dowling**

*(Littering is a criminal act- see overleaf)*

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## Criminal Behaviour

Rubbish dumping, dropping litter, lighting fires and tree damage are classified as criminal behaviour. It is justifiable to report such events to the local police. While most people who camp or fish around the head of Loch Tay are responsible, some, as shown in the example on the previous page, commit criminal acts. People causing damage or using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour, allow their dogs to worry livestock or let them loose in a field containing sheep, are all examples of criminal behaviour. This includes allowing a dog to foul a footpath or footway without "pooper scooping" it right away and taking it to the nearest appropriate disposal point. It is an offence to drive a vehicle (including motorbikes) off road except in an emergency without the landowners permission. Vehicles can go within 15 yards of a road for the purpose only of parking the vehicle. Anyone who, without reasonable excuse, wilfully or recklessly destroys or damages another's property commits the offence of vandalism.

**References:** Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003, Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953, Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (S.9-10) and The Conservation (Natural Habitats and etc Regulations 1994), Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Section 87), Trespass (Scotland) Act 1865 (Section 3), Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980 (Section 78).

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From 2nd to 12th March this year I went trekking in Patagonia with the British Heart Foundation. I had some heart problems when I was young and this was a way of putting something back. I celebrated my 50th birthday in 2004 but wouldn't have seen 30 without a heart operation, so I have reason to be grateful. Patagonia is at the southern tip of South America and lies half in Chile and half in Argentina. We were trekking in the Torres del Paine National Park, which lies at 50 degrees south of the equator. (Killin is at 50 degrees north and I was struck by how similar the area was to the Scottish highlands). It took two days of more or less constant travelling to arrive at our destination, the campsite on Lake Pehoe. From there we had 5 days of walking on good trails, averaging 12 miles per day. Highlights of the trip were the Grey Glacier and the Torres del Paine themselves.

The Grey Glacier is one of the tips of the Southern Icefield, a sheet of ice 200miles long. It constantly calves small icebergs into Lake Grey. The trek to the glacier was demanding and only some of the party reached it. This was when I was glad I had put in some training

beforehand.

The Torres del Paine (Paine means "blue" in the local Indian language) are 10,000 ft high (Ben Lawers is 4,000ft) and were, sadly, obscured by cloud on the day we visited. It was worth the trek, however, just to get an idea of the scale of these peaks, which isn't so easy to grasp from pictures. (And also to get my "Killin News" picture)

What really made the trip was the company! The other trekkers were a great bunch of folk - another three GPs, practice staff, teachers, civil servants, designers, an engineer. Perhaps because we all had a common goal, everyone got on well together and we had a great time, despite being wet and cold sometimes. It's worth looking at the British Heart Foundation website ([www.bhf.org.uk](http://www.bhf.org.uk) "events" then "world experiences"). There's bound to be a trek to suit you. To everyone who helped with sponsorship: "Thanks". To those I didn't catch up with, there's still time to donate, either via the surgery or to Loch Tay Cottage

**Dave Syme**

*(See also Across the Globe page 37)*



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## Help Plan the Future of Killin

Having agreed at the Community Council meeting that Killin will pilot the Local Community Action Plan review process under the Community Futures Programme, a steering group of local people will be meeting at the end of the month to begin the process.

Questionnaires will be delivered to every household during the summer, asking you about Killin now and your hopes for the future and some interviews with representative community people will take place. An updated community profile showing how our community is made up will also be produced. This work is to be carried out by a paid local volunteer.

This will culminate in an 'open to all' Workshop Event in September when all the information gathered will be brought together and local people will be able to discuss Killin's future in more depth. From this an updated Local Community Action Plan will be produced and delivered to every household. The Steering Group will guide the process with the support of Suzanne Player, Stirling Council Rural Development Worker and Gillian Barrie, LLT National Park Development Officer.

If you would like to find out more about the Review please contact:

**Suzanne Player**

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## Killin SWRI

### Elizabeth Gardiner competition

A team of six ladies recently represented the Killin WRI in the The Elizabeth Gardiner group Competition. The competition took the format of a comedy sketch on a rural committee meeting. Very few props were allowed, only a pen and note pad so the ladies decided to portray their characters through dress (with tongue in cheek) and antics. The team consisted of the formidable President, a typical straight-laced rural woman, a goody secretary who couldn't spell, a jolly, eccentric loud dresser, a frightfully posh lady and a young racy "tart". The group had great fun rehearsing and putting their costumes and characters together and when it came to the first leg of the competition, at Fearnan Village Hall, were successful in winning through to the next round. The team along with numerous supporters travelled to the Birnam Institute, Dunkeld for the final. When the ladies saw the large hall with microphones and lights they fell silent! Then realising they were competing against another Seven WRI teams they felt sick. However once on the stage they assumed their characters and gave an almost word perfect performance. Throughout the evening there was a wide interpretation of WRI meetings including a sketch from outer space! However the Killin team were successful in winning second place and a lovely trophy.



### April meeting

A demonstration on paper craft and card making was given by Hedi Straw and the proceeds from the sale of cards went to charity. The President congratulated those in the Elizabeth Gardiner competition on winning through to the next heat of the competition.

A trip to Hill House was arranged.

**AGM.** The New Committee: Y MacPherson, J Anderson, J Huntley, M MacGregor, M Hunter, S Chisholm, M Galloway, A McNee, E Woods, N Lang, and E Stewart



## Please Give us Your Support

The National Federation of Subpostmasters is running a national

petition opposing the Government plans to remove the Card Account by 2010. This card, used by many pensioners and other benefit claimants to receive their benefits was introduced in 2004, when the Government withdrew the old style benefit books. The Government now wants all benefits to be paid directly into bank accounts, despite the fact that many claimants do not have a bank account and live many miles from the nearest bank.

Withdrawal of the Card Account will be a

major problem for many pensioners and will further reduce the income of Post Office Limited so threatening the survival of rural offices. TV licensing work has already been removed from Post Offices.

Rural Post Offices are currently supported in part by a Government subsidy. This subsidy runs out in spring 2008. The new plan, which is likely to include a closure programme for some rural post offices, will be announced this August. In the meantime, as well as signing the petition, people are asked to use their local post offices and all the services it offer as much as possible.

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## Killim Community Council 9th May

**Community Action Plan:** It was suggested that after 4 years it was time for Killin to have another look at the Community Action Plan and perhaps become a 'pilot' community. With businesses and shops closing and all the new houses perhaps now was the right time to see where we were going. John MacPherson thought we should push ahead to do things in the village and asked for ideas. A budget of £4,000 is available for each community to pay for publishing, printing and a volunteer worker and an application could be made to the Scottish Executive for funding for small awards. A lot of the original action plan has been achieved but it is time to update it as views might now be different. The National Park is keen on local priorities and, although Ardeonaig and Glen Lochay are not in the National Park, they are covered by Killin Community Council. The Community Development Trust might take more of a lead. The Community Council agreed to go ahead with the Action Plan and a Steering Group was set up consisting of Fiona Kennedy, Charlie Grant, Ken Taylor, Roger Twigg, Cllr. Ffinch, Owen McKee, Sandra Laurence, Pamela Farquharson and Donald Third. Kay Riddell would help with any distribution of literature. The group will meet and come up with ideas.

**Planning:** An application has been made

to change the use of the tea room at Station Cottages to additional living quarters.

**South Loch Tay Road:** Another letter would be sent about the lack of work done.

**Litter:** Community Services would be doing a litter pick up on the Lix Toll to Killin road. The Council would contact Alec Stewart about the litter pick up on Loch Tay side. The National Park had started a litter campaign in other areas and it would do no harm to have wardens in this area even with Stirling Council Community Services doing a pick up.

**Grass Cutting:** Stirling Council had informed the Chairman that this would only be done twice a year in Fingal Road

**School Transport:** No-one was certain whether the new bus took fare paying passengers. It was asked whether the Kingshouse mini bus could take the fare paying passengers and the big bus be used solely for schoolchildren. Concern was raised about fares, as there appeared to be no through bus or ticketing between this area and Stirling

The 20 mph sign outside the Primary School should soon be in place.

**Ambulance and Health:** John MacPherson felt that no progress was being made at meetings. Part of the Ambulance problem seemed to be shortage of staff. The petition to the Scottish Parliament is still on going and a

few further complaints regarding the health service had been received.

Evening surgeries, even on occasional days, may still be a possibility

**Car Park:** Money has been allocated for a bus and coach turning area on the waste ground opposite Stitt's yard in Station Road. The Community Council to write to Transerv regarding overnight parking of their vehicles in the Station Car Park.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 11th July 2006 at 7.00 pm in the McLaren Hall.

### A.G.M. 9th May 2006

It was agreed that the Chairman should receive £250 and the Treasurer and Secretary should each receive £100 for their work.

The following committee members accepted appointment until the 2006

#### Election:

John MacPherson - Chairman

Pat Christie - Vice Chairman

Mairi Hunter - Secretary

#### Other posts agreed were:

Treasurer - Fiona Kennedy

Planning Officers - Charlie Grant and Alda Noble.

Park Convenor - John Stewart

Executive Group - J. MacPherson, P.

Christie and J. Stewart

and Auditor - Bill Douglas or Sheila Aitken

### Scottish Community Drama Scottish Youth Final

After successfully hosting other festivals, Killin Drama Club are delighted that the Scottish Youth Final are coming to the McLaren Hall. This prestigious National event takes place on Saturday June 24th.

Four teams from Perth, Grangemouth, Kirkintilloch and Dingwall will perform their entries in this one act play competition. They are the winners from their respective Divisions and a treat should be in store for the audience.

Tickets are keenly priced at £6 for all adults and £4 for under 18s and are on sale at News First, Killin.

We hope that as many local people as possible will come and see some of the young talented actors of Scotland on stage. The first play starts at 6 p.m. Four plays for £6 is a great bargain and has to beat whatever's on the box that night.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Lesley Syme



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# Where are they now?

Continuing our series about people who left Killin when young however long ago. If you fit this description 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.

Born in 1960 Brenda Simpson (daughter of Douglas and Andrea Simpson) attended Killin Primary School and then McLaren High School, Callander. In 1976 she left Killin and went to work as a care assistant in a Deaf Children's Home in Dundee and, when the children's home closed a couple of years later, she went to work as a sales assistant in the department store, Arnotts, Dundee.

Brenda moved to London to work in Harrods in 1985, ultimately working as assistant buyer in the



**Chito and Brenda**

lingerie department. In 1986 she went on holiday to California, USA to visit her friend June from Dundee. Two trips later in 1989 she went to stay in San Diego. Brenda's first job was nanny for the Long family. 16 years and

four families later she is still working as a nanny and the USA has become her adopted home.

In October last year Brenda got engaged to Chito Torres and in March 2006 she moved to San Jose in the San Francisco Valley to be with him. They are now setting up home together, Brenda has a new nanny job and plans are afoot for their wedding in 2007.

**Jackie Bremner and  
Wendy Simpson**  
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## Mervyn's Weather

Nature, like many other subjects, is full of anomalies. While here in the Central Highlands the remnants of the snows of March are retreating to the highest ground and, aided and abetted by the regulation April showers, are quietly topping up our already possibly over-generous water supplies and ensuring, meanwhile, that the land is sodden, the SE quadrant of England suffers a hose-pipe ban. On the subject of H<sub>2</sub>O, we are told that, should Global Warming decree that the ongoing demise of the ice caps and glaciers of the world continues at the present rate, the time will come when most of the lowlands of the British Isles will be inundated under many feet of water. Could this then mean the possibility of hordes of denizens of inner cities migrating lemming-like to take up residence in our high corries? To live in flat-pack mobile homes or teepees from where they might cavort in their bikinis – or less – on the sun drenched and snowless ski slopes,

while in sheltered hollows that once “Till June held December snow” they could grow cannabis and cocaine? Just the ponderings of a peasant, but truth can sometimes be stranger than fiction! However the prognostications and predictions of the said Global Warming, its progress and rate of establishment could be derailed by the imponderabilities of Earth’s mechanism. Say a tectonic incident of even greater intensity than that which caused the 2004 tsunami, another Krakatoa-like eruption, or even – perish the thought – another Chernobyl, spreading unrestrained, would confound the pundits. It is, though, probably safe to surmise that, before all these events may or may not take place, certainly the majority of those who today read this journal will have sprouted wings, indented for halos and be seated on damp clouds playing harps (hill farmers, second hand) !

**Mervyn K. Browne, Ardtalnaig**

## Chookit or Teuchat

Regarding Tim Frost’s query on the spelling of the Scots word for lapwing/peewit/green plover, “TEUCHAT” is the recognised spelling. The spell of cold, unsettled weather often occurring in mid-March was known as the Teuchat Storm and coincided with the return of these birds to inland and upland habitats from their coastal wintering grounds. There are several of these “cold snaps” recorded by various sayings and descriptions. The first three days of April were known as “The Borrowing days”. April borrowed these three days from March, it is said, to ensure that some ewe hoggs returning from wintering would be “smoored” (smothered) in a snow drift and as the couplet quoted “It snaw and it blew” and so on, but the Hoggies survived. Then we would talk of “The Cuckoo Storm” in mid-late April about the time of the return of that bird. Early May often produced an unseasonably chilly interim known as “The Gab O’May”. In early June when the cattle were finally out to grass came “The Coo Quak” (The Cow Quake). In August, late summer deluges were known as “The Lammas Floods”.

**Mervyn K. Browne, Ardtalnaig**

*Thanks to all who replied to my request in the last issue as to the correct spelling of ‘chookit’. The consensus of opinion seems to be ‘teuchat’ or ‘teuchit’ which comes not only from the North but also the North East Scots.*

**Tim Frost**

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# Frost Report



## The New and the Old

On an annual visit to check foxholes in the Loch Lomond area of the National Park, it was very noticeable that the area had greatly deteriorated in the last twelve months. There was a large amount of litter such as cans, plastic bags etc. and also many branches which had fallen and were blocking the West Highland Way so that in places walkers needed to leave the paths and scramble round or crawl underneath. I think we were all under the impression that National Park status would enhance our rural surroundings, not allow them to deteriorate as never before. Is this because more people are around now? Surely there were plans for someone to attend to these things in a National Park. Also noticeable was the number of boats abandoned or sunk around the perimeter of the loch and on the islands. Some have obviously been there for a considerable length of time. Couple this with the anniversary of many years of traffic lights on the main Loch Lomond/Glasgow road and we do not have a very good or inviting advert for our first National Park. The unacceptable condition of this tourist road, like so many more in our area, must send out a very

discouraging message to any visitor.

Twenty years after Chernobyl, a fellow keeper and I have been wondering if any research has been done on the lasting effects of Chernobyl on the grouse population and vegetation such as heather. Places that were most affected by the radio active fallout seem to have seen the most significant decline in the grouse population. There are still places where sheep are under restrictions as they carry high levels of radiation. I'm not a scientist but it would seem logical that, if sheep are affected, then other 'grazers' on the vegetation are likely also to be affected.

Poor old Prince Charles is still getting 'fallout' too, after giving a prize of deer stalking on Balmoral in an auction to raise money for a locally based charity for motor neurone disease and breast cancer. A reserve of £2000 was put on the gift but apparently it was thought to be in bad taste by animal rights activists and P.E.T.A. Apparently it is more ethical to allow excess deer to starve.

Once more checking fox holes, this time in more local woods, we could see a gap in a fence where a fox had been going under. I waited while my son checked

holes below. As I sat quietly I became aware of a rustling in the dry leaves behind me. On turning slowly around, I saw the back end of a fox disappearing into some blackthorn bushes. When I walked up to the bushes to investigate half a lamb was lying, dropped by the fox in his haste. On a stone in the gap under the fence was fresh blood where the fox had carried the lamb through. If it hadn't been for the slight rustle of those dry leaves we would still have been wondering how the blood and the half lamb had suddenly appeared. I'm just disappointed not to have seen the expression on the fox's face when he saw me.

Most of our migratory visitors seem to have returned to Boreland. There seem to be far fewer swallows, house martins and swifts so far. Maybe others have thought the same or do you have a good population back in your area this year? It is questions like this that make so many of us wildlife watchers miss Pat Sandeman so much. It will be a long time till we find anyone as keenly interested in, and knowledgeable about, our local area and its natural inhabitants. **Tim Frost**



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## Roof Raised in the Killin Church!!

The 'Come 2 Sing' concert in Killin Church really raised the roof on Saturday 22nd April when almost 200 people enjoyed the fantastic sounds of a live band called 'Born 2 Worship'. The church was vibrant with a mixture of old and new style songs with the emphasis on praise. Both young and old sang their hearts out for two fun packed hours! The evening was a great success and people attended from Killin and a number of surrounding towns and villages. The feedback was clear; "We want more of this!!"

It was exciting to see so many people having a great time at a local church event and showed that rural churches need not suffer declining numbers. The church caters for all ages and methods of praise. The 'Come 2 Sing' evening demonstrated that we can cater for everyone in our own local church! It is clearly not possible to get a professional band every month but we could arrange something twice a year! Informal worship and praise takes place at the '630 evenings' every 3rd Sunday of the month led by the Abernethy Trust in Killin Church. It is exciting and suits all ages as was demonstrated in this event. We hope to raise awareness of this and increase the numbers attending.

Thank you all who supported me and helped to make this a fantastic evening!

The next 630 service will be held in Killin Church on Sunday 18th June at 6.30pm.

Kate Allan

## Friends of the Birks Cinema Group

Update from Friends of the Birks Cinema Group 12th May.

The cinema action group is now a formally constituted voluntary association, "Friends of The Birks Cinema". In order to be flexible about the possibilities for the building, our constitution states "The Object of The Friends is to establish a community business in the Birks Cinema building that will provide employment for local people as well as a valuable service."

Perth & Kinross Council, Rural Development is helping to source funds for the feasibility study. Once funding has been approved, Ron Inglis, an independent arts and media consultant, who specialises in community cinemas, will be able to start work.

The Highland Perthshire Youth Initiative is to carry out a separate feasibility study. They are looking for facilities in the town which would include a Youth Café, child care facility and a flexible use building.

PUSH, a voluntary organisation which runs Café Aroma at Breadalbane School as a training café for people with learning disabilities, are currently undertaking their feasibility study to look at options in the town, including the cinema building, while the new school is being built.

From these studies we will then undertake a wider community consultation, and funding is currently being sought for this.

We have been discussing the various routes towards buying the cinema building, including the "Community Right to Buy" option, forming a Community Company, and are consulting with a local solicitor.

Sue Manning

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## So what IS happening at the Falls of Dochart Inn?

The Falls of Dochart Inn - still referred to by many locals by its older and simpler name the Clachaig - is part of the scene at the Falls for which Killin is known world-wide and, as such, has an important part to play in the impression of Killin given to visitors. At present, however, things are not going as planned by the latest tenants.



Lynda

Beverley

At the end of 2005 Beverley Socas and Lynda Littlewood took over the tenancy, having sold their houses in Yorkshire and moved to Killin with Beverley's mother and two children. They were full of ideas of what Killin could do to encourage more tourists and had plans, not only for the Inn, but also for premises in the Main Street which they want to open as a gift shop and healing centre offering a variety of treatments. As well as having experience working in bars and restaurants, Beverley is a qualified homeopath, herbalist and spiritual teacher and Lynda is qualified in Swedish Body Massage and Aromatherapy. The intention was that the Falls of Dochart Inn would offer jam sessions, games nights and spiritual retreats in addition to the normal accommodation, food and drink. They also planned to organise another Killin Folk Festival.

Unfortunately the necessary paperwork, including the all-important licence, did not immediately follow the money they had paid over, leaving them unable to serve alcohol or even non-alcoholic wine and beer or to allow customers to bring in their own wine to the restaurant. After a short closure, they reopened the hotel but legal matters are taking time to resolve so, frustratingly for them and for visitors, they are still without a licence which means that, while the Tea Room is doing well, predictably the hotel and pub side is not bringing in the customers as it should. As they are currently doing a lot of the hotel work themselves, the healing centre is on hold for the moment.

Both Beverley and Lynda say they have no regrets in coming to Killin and, with true Yorkshire grit, they are determined to keep going through the present difficulties and carry on with their plans as soon as possible. They would like to thank everyone for all the good wishes and help they have been given. Let's hope for their sake and for the sake of Killin and its visitors that the Falls of Dochart Inn is soon back to the best it has been in the past and that the new services they hope to offer prove to be an asset to the village.

MM

## A New Dimension to 'Eye Testing'

A new contract was introduced for Optometrists on 1st April 2006. This service is free.

Optometrists can now perform examinations appropriate to a patient's needs, symptoms and general health as well as testing sight for spectacles. A repeat visit is allowed in certain circumstances in order to reduce inappropriate referrals to hospital. Optometrists will be encouraged to dilate pupils, measure internal eye pressures by contact tonometry and perform more comprehensive visual field tests. They will manage and monitor more conditions in the community, on their own, in co-operation with your GP, by referring to your GP or directly to hospital, depending on urgency. It is hoped that this will lead to an increase in cooperation in the management of patients between optometrists, hospital ophthalmologists and community GPs. The new contract will improve the viability of rural and low volume optometrist practices. The NHS audits the frequency of routine eye examinations which should take place once every two years, but more frequently for the young, the aged, diabetics and people with ongoing eye conditions. Most importantly, the optometrist will be the first point of contact for the great majority of acute eye problems such as flashes & floaters, red

eye, sudden visual loss etc. and a visit to the optometrist may be quicker and give a more satisfactory outcome than previous arrangements. More people than ever before will be able to have rapid diagnosis and treatment without going to their GP or waiting for a referral to hospital.

Although eye examinations are free at point of use to all, the arrangements for spectacle vouchers remain unchanged. Also, some items such as contact lens work, VDU examinations and others, are not covered by the Health Service. The optometric profession will be working harder and at a higher level of competency. Optometrists, in collaboration with patients, will be in a position to agree their ongoing treatment and care. 850 practices and over 1,000 optometrists in Scotland provide an excellent choice for patients. **(A summary of the new General Ophthalmic Services contract for Scotland)**

*(Note: This does not include Out-of-Hours or emergencies. If you are worried and have urgent visual problems or eye pain you must contact NHS 24 as these symptoms can indicate more serious underlying or even life threatening problems. WA)*

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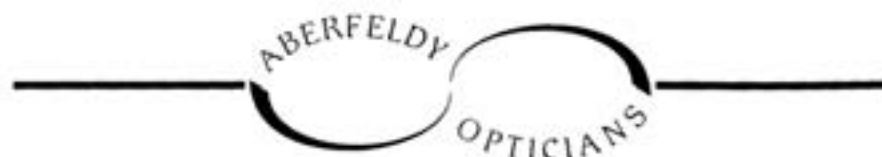
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# Moirlanich Volunteers

Violet Dalton, head of Volunteering for the National Trust for Scotland, addressed the annual Moirlanich meeting in Lyndoch on 10th May. She spoke about the many types of volunteering activities in which the National Trust is involved.

'Thistle Camps' are camps which participate in different activities such as repairing old buildings, supporting activities in Historic Houses and conserving Scotland's natural landscape. Locations include Fair Isle, St Kilda and Barn Building in Brodick.

'Trailblazer' allows those of 16-17 years to work and play in a safe controlled environment and includes whitewater rafting. Companies can become involved in a 'Corporate Challenge' which might involve repairing buildings or improving the environment. Local 'Conservation Volunteer Groups' exist in Lothian, Tayside and Glasgow. They are generally involved in technical environmental projects including litterpicks.

Lastly 'Project Scotland' allows youngsters aged 16-25 to volunteer full time for 30 hours per week for 3 months. They can become involved in a wide choice of placements. They receive an allowance of £55 per week with travel and clothing provided.

In all the NTS profits from 97,000 hours of volunteering per year. Anyone who volunteers for over 40 hours receives a card from the NTS to allow them to visit any of their properties and obtain discounts at NTS shops.

The real purpose of Violet's visit was to recognise the value of the work done by volunteers. Moirlanich has long been supported by the Heritage Society but being 'out on a limb' the volunteers had not been recognised by the Trust until now. Her visit was to award them all cards.



Margaret Fenna receiving her NTS card from Violet Dalton

## Everest Conqueror to Open Balquhiddar Fair

Vicky Jack, the only Scotswoman to climb the seven highest mountains on all seven continents, including Mount Everest, at the age of 51, will be opening the first ever Balquhiddar Fair on Saturday 5th August this year. Vicky said "it is a great honour and privilege to be asked to open the Fair and such a fantastic idea to donate all of the proceeds to charity. I know how much time is involved in organising such events and it is a testament to the team involved in pulling this whole thing together. Moreover, what a fantastic venue. I have been all over the world and there is no finer place than the middle of Balquhiddar Glen. It will be a wonderful spectacle. The team has organised a superb and varied day to meet all ages and tastes including archery, fun fair, fly fishing, horse events and much, much more. I believe there is even a hog roast and Hoedown in the evening. Well done to all those involved." Jim Hannah from the organising committee said "It is quite a daunting prospect organising such a large event as this but the team are very dedicated and hard working and have been beaver away for at least three months now and it is all coming together really well. It will be a fantabulous day.

### Vicky's Triumphs

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# News from the Crannog

The Crannog Centre's Managing Director, Barrie Andrian, tells me that "the current season promises to provide an eventful summer". The pun was lost on me until I delved into the overall programme.

A very busy May Bank Holiday weekend saw nearly 250 revellers enjoying the Crannog's Celtic May Day celebrations in honour of the first day of Spring. Young and old made floral crowns and Green Men masks, creating a very festive atmosphere on the day.

Our second annual Festival of Nettles continued the green theme on the 13th/14th May when visitors watched demonstrations of processing dried nettles for spinning into cloth by Danish expert Birte Ford, now of Tulliemet, Perthshire.

Archaeology then comes to the fore as Perthshire Archaeology Month runs from 27th May to 25th June. The extended programme has grown by popular demand from the previous week-long events. The Scottish Crannog Centre plays a prominent role with several events. Shortly afterwards, on 15th June, the Scottish Crannog Centre is delighted to be

holding a fundraising Iron Age buffet in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Meanwhile, the Crannog Crew have created a new eco-heritage trail in the adjacent loch-side woods where it will be possible to see the locations of several crannogs, local wildlife and there will be an explanation about the human interaction with their environment in the past. The trail is due for completion in early June, and it will be freely accessible to all. This summer's underwater archaeology programme will continue the survey of the submerged Neolithic forest in Loch Tay discovered last year, along with exploring crannogs in other lochs across Perthshire. Led by Dr Nicholas Dixon and the Scottish Trust for Underwater Archaeology, the projects will aim to recover samples for further radio-carbon dating. Make a note in your diary of all the above events plus many more, all shown in the Killin News "What's On" page.

Colin Scott

## Scottish Crannog Centre/Macmillan Cancer Support Event

The Scottish Crannog Centre is hosting its first-ever charity fundraiser on Thursday, 15th June 2006. The event entitled "Iron Age Inspiration: Crannog Cooking for Macmillan" will be an authentic Iron Age buffet. The menu, inspired by the discoveries from the team's underwater excavations, will serve soup, nuts, savouries, wild boar stew, salmon, and creative vegetarian dishes based on some of the Iron Age plant remains. It will provide a tantalizing glimpse into the ingenuity of Crannog chefs, washed down with suitably themed beverages. The evening will include live Scottish music around the fire in the Crannog to complete the Iron Age atmosphere. A limited number of tickets are available at £20 per person for the event, which will begin at 7:30pm. All money raised locally in this rural area is used to benefit the local community of Aberfeldy, Strathray and District. For further details [www.crannog.co.uk](http://www.crannog.co.uk) or phone The Scottish Crannog Centre on 01887 830583.

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## Strathfillan Community Development Trust

### Tyndrum Kickaround Opening

The washing machines of Breadalbane must have been working overtime on Easter Sunday!! Despite reasonable weather on the day, a wet week beforehand made playing conditions a little muddy! Not to be deterred, the teams from Killin, Crianlarich and Tyndrum battled it out for the trophy kindly donated by Mr John Burton of Dalrigh. Congratulations to the Tyndrum team who triumphed on the day. A big thank you to all the supporters who came. So successful was the day that the players want the competition to become an annual event. Well done to everyone who made Easter bonnets and decorated Easter eggs. Thanks also to David Burton and Fulton Ronald for marking out the pitch and to Tony who brought the team from Killin and acted as referee. The community barbecue built by Neil Carson was duly christened, much to the enjoyment of all. To Gwyneth Scott,

Andrew Russell (assistant burger-flipper), Lamond Gosden and Tom Reynolds thank you for all your efforts and hard work on the day.

### Tyndrum Village Hall

The pavilion used at the Kickaround opening is available for rent locally. It measures 3m x 6m, has detachable walls, an awning and is fairly simple to erect. So if you plan to entertain or have any ideas for events or happenings locally, please get in touch with Joyce or Gwyneth.

The Hall Committees would also welcome ideas for improvements or upgrades to the Crianlarich and Tyndrum Halls as they have had a small windfall from Stirling Council.

### Crianlarich "Pretty-Up"

The Trust has been awarded £3,150 through the Local Community Development Fund and Strathfillan Community Council has donated £500 towards this project. Mick Thompson of Crianlarich will continue to keep the green public spaces neat and tidy and will plant more bulbs later in the year. The "Pretty-Up" team's first priority will be improving the car park opposite the Railway Cottages.

### Volunteering

The car park tidy up is a great opportunity for the village to come together and get the work done in no time! A BBQ or a community picnic could be arranged to help sustain the hard work. Volunteering not only gets the work done and makes a valuable contribution to the community but you will also probably make new friends, discover new talents, learn new skills, feel satisfaction in a job well done, enhance your self-esteem – and have a laugh! Having community work on your CV will stand you in good stead – employers just love volunteers!! So go on, do yourself a favour and get involved.

### "Planning for Real" Lower Station Yard Development

The Trust has been given an "Awards for All" grant of £2,275 to carry out an exercise called "Planning for Real". This allows for a 3D scale model of the proposals and Strathfillan residents will decide what will be included and can have their say at workshops now being arranged. Sean Russell, a young local model-maker, has been commissioned to do the construction and preliminary work is underway. The 3D design means that there will be no unpleasant surprises for anyone – the model will show the final plan and will help in putting together our funding bids. This project is another fantastic opportunity for all you volunteers out there!!! For further information Joyce or Gwyneth

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Joyce Russell Development Officer

## Strathfillan Community Council

### The Minister of Transport


Tavish Scott MSP is to visit Crianlarich to consider the complaints about noise from shunting EWS wood trains. Other items such as the A82 upgrade and Crianlarich Western by-pass, the need for a pedestrian crossing in Crianlarich, the introduction of the promised 20mph speed limit by the school and the reduction of the speed limit in Tyndrum will be brought to his attention.

### Police file

To access the new police website for Crianlarich type into the address line <http://www.centalscotland.police.uk>,


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## “By The Way”

click on community policing, then Dunblane and in the list under Crianlarich you will find an email contact for Craig. He would appreciate it if people would email him with their concerns as soon as they notice a problem. Rapid responses may help to justify the local police station. Police now have access to a database that can check who owns a vehicle and whether it is insured, taxed and has an MOT.

### **Pamela Abraham**

The Association of Community Councils for Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park deeply regret the death of our colleague, Pamela Abraham, a good friend and ardent community activist.

### **The Ecommunity Council group**

This group met on 26th April and agreed to make funding applications to AOL Innovations and to the Electoral Commission. It would be appreciated if community councillors and the general public were to comment on an item on the website, entitled 'Is the E-CC Website Useful?'

John is delighted that Louise Crothers, Mure Smith and Alan Smailes wish to become community councillors.

Unfortunately Louise will not be eligible until June 2006 but we welcome her presence at the meetings.

### **Adopt a Station**

Gwyneth Scott and Joyce Russell attended the Adopt a Station Seminar and the SCDT and CC agreed to adopt the Crianlarich Station. Either organisation can match fund Highland Rail Partnership's £100 to provide tubs and plants.

Highland Rail Partnership is looking for an entrepreneur to run a business at Tyndrum Upper Station. If anyone has any ideas or is interested, please contact Gwyneth or Joyce [400545].

### **For SCDT Activities**

The CC gave 2 cheques to the SCDT of £500 each from the CC Project Grant of £1,000 towards purchasing the Tyndrum Woodland and the 'Pretty up Crianlarich Project'.

### **Litter Pick**

5 bags have so far been collected in the local litter pick-up between Crianlarich and Tyndrum. PC Craig Murray provided 2 SLOW signs to use in view of the danger of passing traffic.



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## Wallace Monument Abseil



On Saturday 20th May, Sandra McKellar school secretary and Sheona MacAskill S L A abseiled down the Wallace Monument in Stirling. The monument is 220 feet tall and the rain and the cloud (below us) all added to this absolutely terrifying experience. With only one abseiling lesson under our belts (thanks to Gus Cameron), no amount of practice could ever have prepared us for standing on a small ledge at 220ft, with heels hanging over, holding onto a rope and leaning backwards. It is the most terrifying thing we have ever done, but what a sense of achievement when we reached the ground!

We raised

£1580.00 for the Anthony Nolan Trust, who provide bone marrow transplants for people with leukaemia. We would like to thank everyone who sponsored us and helped us to raise this fantastic sum for a very good cause. Thanks also to all the friends and relations who came along to the event to lend us their support. I don't think we could do this it next year! Any volunteers?

**Sheona MacAskill and Sandra McKellar**



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### Internet and Learning Café Opens in Killin

The new BVLC Internet Café opened in the McLaren Hall, Killin, on 18th May. Every Thursday from 10 am to 4pm it offers a tutoring facility, broadband internet access and a full range of flexible and on-line courses from Forth Valley College.

For £1.00 per hour you can get help from a tutor with a particular computing problem - perhaps something to do with digital photography, designing a website or a spreadsheet or poster. Or you may just want to come along to access the internet on the fast broadband connection.

The most exciting news is that you can access an extensive range of flexible & on-line courses (not just computing courses!) with Forth Valley College and have our tutor on hand to help if you get stuck. Our first day in Killin started off quietly but by mid afternoon we had 6 local people in for some computing tuition and three enquiries from local businesses about courses for their staff. Several other people also popped their heads round the door to say they would be in next week. We hope this venture will take off like the café in Tyndrum so we can extend our opening hours to several days & maybe into the evening to suit more people. Tyndrum has opened 3 days a week for the last 18 months and there tourists, walkers and learners mingle with locals.

Tourists can empty their digital cameras and save their pictures to disc and send messages home by email. Locals are taking advantage of the courses available through Forth Valley College.

Initially the Killin service will be open just one day per week but will respond to local demand.



Come along for a coffee & a bit of help or just pop in for a chat. Don't miss out!

**Julie Rhys**

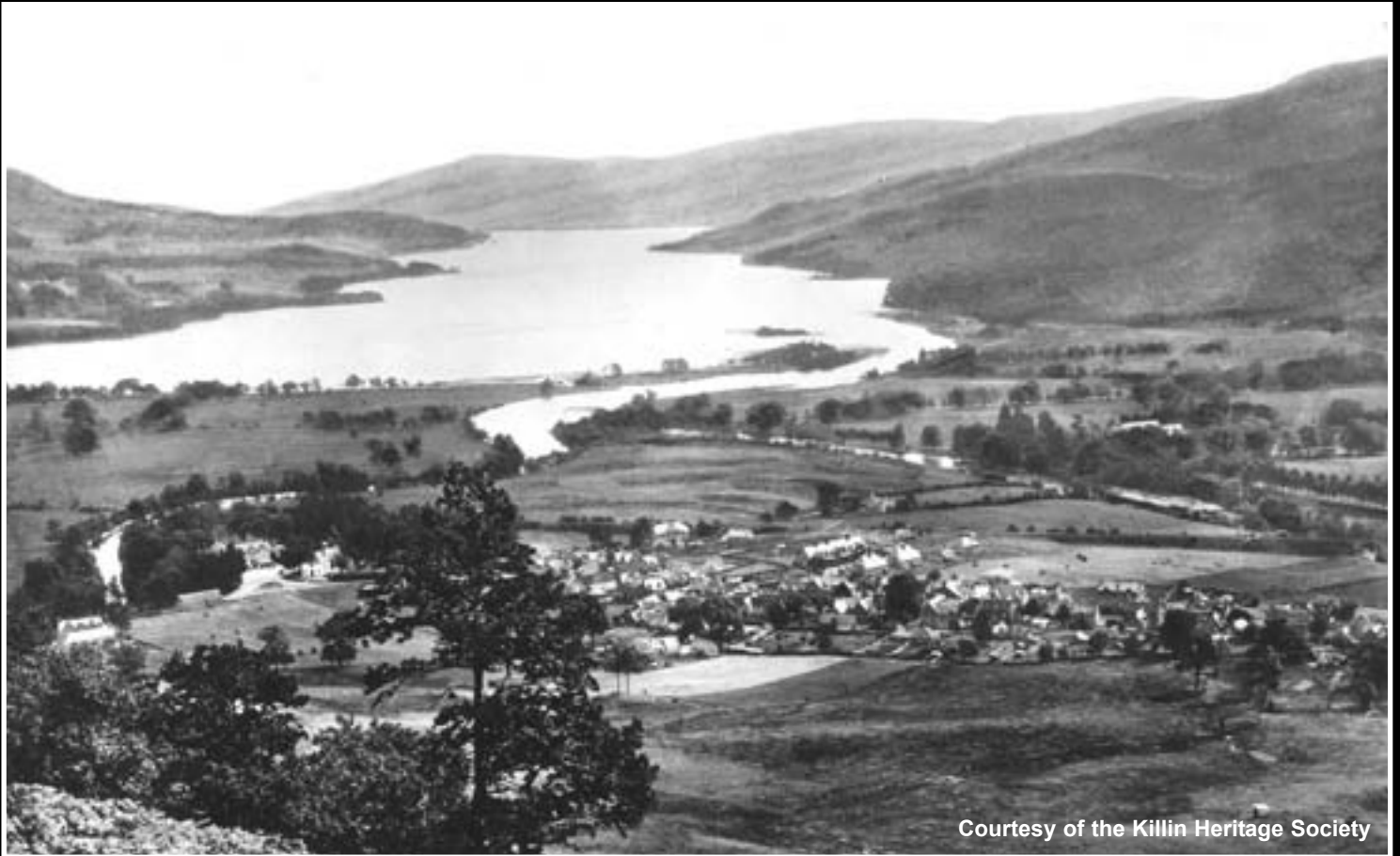
### Have you seen this cat?



Here is Leo in News First's window  
Where have you seen him?  
Please send photos!



# Then and Now



Courtesy of the Killin Heritage Society

Can anyone suggest a date for this picture?



20 May 2006

## 1st Killin Brownies

Brownies are for any girl between the ages of seven and ten. 1st Killin Brownies meet from 3.30pm to 5.00pm every Monday.

During the winter we meet in the Church Hall for all sorts of fun activities such as games, computing, crafts, acting, golf etc. In the summer months we like to be outside and we will be canoeing, playing tennis and rounders as well as having a bbq on our last night.

Every December we offer a local Christmas post in Killin which raises money for us and the Killin Guides. It's great fun to sort out all the post. We usually get together with the Guides for a Christmas party or for a theatre outing for a special Christmas treat. Killin Brownies is informal and fun. We will make you very welcome if you want to come along for a night to see what it's like.

**Fiona Mitchell & Julie Rhys**

## Guides

Guides are open to any girl aged 10-14, and girls are encouraged to work together in small groups (patrols) on a wide variety of activities. Recent activities in Killin included an international evening, crafts for Mothers Day & Easter, outdoor trails & treasure hunts, a debate entitled

"who wears the trousers in your house", and lots of chocolate-tasting! The Guides have also been busy at home, working towards individual badges of their choice. Plans for the summer term include a trip to the Oban sea-life centre, and an evening bike-ride and bbq. We meet in Killin Church Hall on a Wednesday from 7.30- 9pm. New members are always welcome.

**Linda Bradley**  
01567 830301

## Killin Community Bus Company

This Registered Charity provides community bus services for the people and other groups in Killin. We look for volunteer drivers and for groups and individuals to use our services. The bus can take passengers and has a ramp for wheelchair access. The Booking Diary is held in News First. Clubs in Killin pay an annual fee of £15 and 35p per kilometre to use the bus. Killin residents can use the bus as the Residents Association pays an annual fee on their behalf. Those wishing to volunteer to drive must be aged between 25 and 70 and have a clean driving licence that covers them to drive a minibus.

**Jill Higgins**  
01567 820679

## Loch Tay Association

These are times of great changes which affect Loch Tay and its surrounds. An outstandingly beautiful area, a valuable natural asset which is a haven for wildlife, a place of recreation for visitors and residents, it should be protected from developments which endanger its peace and tranquillity. The Loch Tay Association aims to act as the representative body of all persons, commercial enterprises and organisations who have an interest in the management and use of Loch Tay. Whilst accepting that change and development is inevitable, this should be sensible and sensitive in order to preserve its special nature. The Association has a steering committee which meets several times a year; the A.G.M. is held in a local hotel annually. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the Loch and costs £10.00 annually. Contact is through the secretary at Wordwright Aberfeldy (01887 820956), e-mail sandie@wordwright.info

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- \* Telephone calls or mailings offering investment opportunities in valuable shares, fine wines, art, or gem stone with very high returns
- \* Websites offering top of the range gadgets as free gifts in return for spending £20 on other inexpensive products and joining a waiting list
- \* Invitations by bogus Holiday Clubs to presentations where you will be pressured into paying for promised cheap holiday and travel services

In all these examples you are unlikely to get what is promised and can lose more than you expect. You are also likely to be put on a ‘sucker’ list and be targeted by other scamsters. Never give out personal financial information and never send money up-front.

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Andy Fleming (below) checking out traffic as it passes Killin Primary School. This and the rest of Andy’s local policing news can be seen on his web site [http://www.centralscotland.police.uk/localpolicing/stirling\\_dunblane\\_killin.php](http://www.centralscotland.police.uk/localpolicing/stirling_dunblane_killin.php)



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# Obituaries

## Maud Muller

Born in Birmingham in 1922, Maud enjoyed her young days with the Church Girl Guides and the Church Choir. As soon as she was of age, she joined the Auxiliary Territorial Army as a Telegrapher and there she met and got engaged to Alf, who was serving with the Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Due to his commitments in Europe and Palestine they waited until his service with the Army was completed before getting married in 1947.

She brought up three children as well as finding time to run the Church Cub Pack, and to give a hand to Alf who was then the District Senior Scout Leader and running the local Youth Club.

They moved to Scotland in 1973 where Maud enjoyed working with the WRVS, serving patients around the wards from a trolley at Falkirk R I.

Maud and Alf moved to Killin in 1986. Here she enjoyed golf and bowls and made many long-standing friends. She also had a passion for quilting and sewing, again making many friends. It is these friends, doctors, nurses and good people of Killin that I would like to thank for making her feel welcome and happy during her life here. A donation of £289 collected at her funeral was sent to Strathcarron Hospice.

**Alf Muller**



## Pat Sandeman

A dynamic person is one who really makes a difference in the world, who does something that changes things or people and the world is different because that person lived and worked. My father, Patrick Watt Sandeman, who died on 24th April 2006 at the age of 93, was a such a person. His mother died giving birth to him, the youngest of the first family of five; his father married again and completed the family of nine. He came from an era of horses and carts, no TV, early cars and aeroplanes, Zeppelins flying over Edinburgh in the first world war when he watched soldiers during bayonet practice on the Meadows. He experienced the horror of the 2nd World War for himself serving in France in many fields. He was very proud not to lose any of his men, even during the small boat evacuation from Belgium. During the Normandy landing on two occasions a sniper's bullet just missed his head and his was the only heavy regiment that was never out of action on the march to the Rhine. Pat was very thankful that he never had to kill anyone face to face.

He met Mary his wife during training in Devon. They were married on 24th April, 1941. How strange that he should die on the day of his 65th wedding anniversary. After the war Pat and Mary moved back to Edinburgh and Pat joined the family business of Sandeman Scotch Whisky. In peace time he was able to pick up all his pre-war hobbies: walking, climbing, ornithology and learning to play the pipes. Through his love of piping he met Pipe Major George Stoddart and they founded the Eagle Pipers Society which met at the Eagle Bar on the High Street. His love of ornithology led him to walking in the Highlands. At one time he knew every eyrie and the location of every breeding pair of golden eagles in Scotland. In the 1950s he experimented with the introduction of sea eagles from Norway to the West Coast of Scotland. He was also part of the team that guarded the pair of ospreys at Loch Garten and was delighted when a pair came to breed successfully at Loch Tay.

By the end of the 50s the family, now with children David and Mary, had a weekend bolt hole near Wester Tullaich Farm, which enabled Pat to further his interest in the Gaelic language and his family to compete at the Aberfeldy Mod in Gaelic language and piping. In 1975 David and his co-pilot were tragically killed in a plane crash on Loch Tay. Pat picked himself up with the help of Tom Weir and they enjoyed many excursions together.

Pat and Mary found the home they wanted in Killin to spend their final years. Even in his last years he enjoyed walking and bird watching but it was a massive blow when Mary passed away in 1999. With my help he was able to maintain his independence until 2 weeks before he died. He had a great faith, having been raised in a small family church and latterly enjoyed coming here to church regularly.

For as long as I can remember he was the rock on whom all the family leant. Pat was buried alongside Mary and son David at Balquidder Cemetery.

He will be greatly missed.

**Mary Sandeman**

## John Taylor 1943-2006

After a long and painful illness, which he faced with tremendous courage, John passed away on 28th March.

From childhood John's main interest was the farm and stock. He left school at fifteen and went right into the job of looking after the hirsels of Succoth. He was one of the few folk left in the industry with the gift known as "kenning", and mothering-up

straggler ewes and lambs at marking-time was something he loved to do.

Most of his hobbies were connected with his work and he was well known for his prowess with the hand shears, both as a competitor and as a judge. His opinion was regularly sought in the Blackface Sheep and Highland Cattle rings at shows across the country where his forthright views were held in high regard.

A keen carpet bowler, he enjoyed many sociable evenings in various parts of Scotland and held his own with the best. In his youth an active member of Killin Young Farmer's Club, he later went on to

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**Pat Sandeman**  
left watching ospreys  
and on right the  
passing of the Pipe  
Band at the Killin Show



### John Taylor

judging sheep and enjoying a break at the Killin Ploughing Competition



support Aberfeldy J.A.C. when Eilidh became a member there, and was an Hon. President of the club. He will be sadly missed by all his neighbours and many friends throughout the country, but most of all by Helen, Eilidh and Neil. Although for the last few months he was unable to do much physical work, he was always at hand to offer them sound advice. To them we offer our deepest sympathy. The huge turnout of mourners was tantamount to the respect and affection he was held in. John was the type of person Robert Burns must have been thinking about when he wrote of "A Man of Independent Mind" in his classic poem "A Man's A Man". There are not many of his calibre around in today's world - we will miss him sorely.

**K.J. Taylor**

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We have two outdoor events coming up which, rain or shine, should be well worth the effort. The Open Day will be an eventful ramble at The Herbalist's Garden, Pitnacree, Saturday, June 24th, from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Jacqui Hazzard, our local herbalist, and her colleagues will be leading garden tours and will also be available to answer any questions you might have about herbs, herbal medicine and remedies. Consider joining us to view and partake of the garden displays, plant and craft stalls, demonstrations and workshops. The summer outing this year will be to St. Andrews Botanic Gardens with a tour of the new herb border. This is a full day of activities with stops for coffee and plant purchases, and a tour around the pottery works at Ceres. Also included are lunch and a berry farm stop on the way home. For further details about any of our meetings or outings, or information about HSHS contact either myself,

**Patty Hope** 01567 820408  
**Judy Forster** 01567 820829

## Your view of Loch Tay

Landscapes of the Scottish Highlands have more diverse uses now than any time in their history and all these uses, from recreation to infrastructure, alter the character of the countryside. Often, when making planning decisions, land managers find it hard to determine what it is about landscapes that people actually value and make decisions on landscape futures based on financial grounds or 'expert witness' based studies.

The Highland Landscape Values Project aims to examine what people actually value in a landscape and why. With this research, I am attempting to determine the landscape perceptions of a wide cross section of Loch Tayside residents and visitors. Last summer a new method for examining these perceptions was piloted with local primary school children and National Trust for Scotland Conservation volunteers. These pilots proved to be successful and I am now looking for local volunteers (aged 12 +) to participate in a more extensive study planned for this summer. To avoid people going into the study with too many preconceived ideas, I cannot give much information about the methodology for study. (That sounds far more cloak and dagger than it actually is!) Participation will involve about 3 hours of your time on specific 'landscape afternoons' through the summer when you will be taken to a field site close to the village to undertake a short outdoor exercise, to be followed by an indoor exercise which will take place (with refreshments) at Lynedoch, the NTS property in Killin. Neither stage of the exercise is too strenuous and the process has been enjoyed by previous participants. If you are interested in taking part or just want more information about the project and its aims, please contact me in any of the following ways. Email [c.prie@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:c.prie@abdn.ac.uk), Postal address: St Mary's, University of Aberdeen, Elphinstone Road, Aberdeen AB24 3UF Tel (office) 01224 273772 Thanks

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summed up in this poem by  
Catherine Allan.  
Sandra Logan Headteacher**

Thank You

To the helpful and willing people,  
Our thanks we cannot show,  
You helped us in a big way,  
So we looked gleaming for our  
show.

You spent most days sewing and  
helping,  
And then the show night came,  
And you looked at us with a great  
big smile,  
Then onto the stage we went,  
We were just about to perform!

And on the stage you were the  
helpers,  
You were the ones to keep us right,  
Then on went the show,  
The Victorian Historian.

At the end everyone cheered,  
And thanks to you we had a fantastic  
night,  
All we can say now is:  
"We luvs ya all ya helpers"

Catherine Allan Primary 6

## Strathcarron Hospice Visit

Strathcarron Hospice is to receive a  
visit from Her Royal Highness, The  
Princess Royal on Tuesday 13 June  
2006. As Killin Primary is one of the  
schools that support the Hospice,  
they have invited three children and  
one adult to join them on that day.  
Omega Cox-Hyatt, Camilla Tigwell  
and Callum Watt had their names  
drawn from 'out of the hat'. The  
pupils will be accompanied by P6/7  
Class Teacher, Mrs Linda Frost.

## Mammals Trust UK

During April we received a letter  
from the Mammal Trust UK telling us  
that a visitor to our village has donated  
a subscription for one year. Mr Fisher,  
from Essex, had been on a cycle ride to  
Glasgow and came upon the children's  
Nature Interpretation Leaflets set out on  
the Old Railway Line. Mr Fisher was  
impressed by the school's on-going  
project and wrote to the Mammal Trust  
about it. The school is delighted that  
the work we do for the environment is  
appreciated by the visitors.

## The Victorian Historian

A School Show that reflected  
Community Drama at its best.  
Every child from 5 years to 12 years  
gave an enthusiastic performance.  
As one member of the audience  
said, "I was sitting in the back row of  
the hall and could hear every word".  
I was so proud of all the children;  
they sang well and kept in character  
throughout the show. We're sure  
the community of Killin learned a lot  
about Victorian History on Friday 5  
May in the McLaren Hall.

## Gaelic Choir

On Friday 9th June, the School Gaelic  
Choir will defend their title for unison  
singing at the Aberfeldy Mod.  
Mr Lincoln has kindly given his time to  
rehearse the songs with the children.  
We're sure that everyone in the village  
will wish them well.

## Newspaper Recycling

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us in the past with our  
Newspaper Recycling. However, we have been informed that from now on the  
school will be charged for newspaper uplifts. We ask for residents of the  
village to please use their blue recycling bins and NOT to bring their  
newspapers to the school shed.

## Hobbies Club

This year the School Hobbies  
Club met on Wednesdays from  
3pm-4.30pm. We've had lots of  
visitors who have supported us in  
trying out their hobbies.  
Our thanks go to: Liz Stevens and  
John Guild from Killin Golf Club;  
Sheila Aitken and Sheona  
MacAskill from Killin Curling Club;  
Ailsa Robertson, Sports  
Development Officer, who gave  
us the chance to try Racket  
Sports; Joe Reilly for Tennis  
Coaching; The Shinty Club;  
Elaine Turner from the Badminton  
Club; Elizabeth Woods who  
helped us to make sweeties; Jo  
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School Staff have been helpful in  
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# Killin Sports Club Open Day

Wednesday 14th June

Killin & District Sports and Recreation Club invites you to come along on June 14th and try some traditional sporting activities.

We can offer bowling, football, tennis and putting. You will be able to participate in more than one activity absolutely free of charge. We hope to introduce a new sport to you or revive your interest in one you previously enjoyed. Events start at 3.30pm and will continue till dusk.

**N.B.** Participants must have correct footwear, i.e. flat shoes for bowling, trainers for tennis and trainers or football boots for soccer on the pitch.

The hard-working committee of the Club have been trying to promote the Sports Pavilion as a place where the community can enjoy sport and recreation all year round. We stayed open this winter and welcomed some much younger visitors to our Pavilion. We have converted some of those visitors to membership of the Club and would like others to follow suit.

We also welcome holiday visitors from far and wide and they particularly enjoy our bowling, tennis and putting. We shall be opening our facilities in July and August and will be looking for staff to

look after the kiosk and the sports ground on a part-time basis. Let's hope the good weather continues and that we are very busy throughout the season.

When the kiosk is not manned, a team of volunteer key holders will endeavour to provide a service for visitors who wish to play bowls, tennis or soccer. The key holders' names and phone numbers will be on display at the Pavilion and are listed below. In addition, Kay Riddell will take bookings for tennis at the Library and bowlers can join the bowling section at their regular meetings on Mondays and Fridays at 2.15 pm and Wednesdays at 6.45pm. (Please note change from Tuesdays to Wednesdays.) Members using the facilities will receive details when they join as to days and times to play their particular activity. This summer we particularly wish to see people of all ages taking part in sport together and encourage local families in Killin & District to join us.

**WE NEED YOU TO SURVIVE AND  
YOU NEED US TO STAY YOUNG  
AND HEALTHY!**

For more information regarding membership or the hire of the Pavilion please contact

**Joe Reilly** on 820010  
**Jill Higgins** on 820679  
or **Donald Third** on 820723

## STOP PRESS NEWS

The club will be holding a duck race later in the year to raise funds for much needed extra storage space. Watch this space!

## Watch out for bikes!

On Saturday 24th June 600 cyclists and support cars in the Rob Roy Challenge will stop off for refreshment in the helicopter field in Killin on their way to Kenmore. The Challenge is to walk 16 miles from Drymen to Callander before taking to bikes to ride the 39 miles from there to Kenmore where they will camp and hold a ceilidh. The money raised will go to Cansearch Research UK, CHAS and Habitat for Humanity. For more information go to [www.robroychallenge.com](http://www.robroychallenge.com) **MM**

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## Kate Downie – New and Recent Work

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After Kate Downie, Fife artist, **Mairi Clarke** will be exhibiting her vibrant work from 1 July – 29 July. Starting 5 July, also until 29 July we also have an exhibition of work by **Niall Riddell** based on his recent visit photographing the pink flamingos of the Andean Altiplano. Stunning!

## Great Books to Read Aloud

This fantastic book by Jacqueline Wilson is a 'must' for every parent and grandparent. It is packed with ideas, including brief reviews of 70 great books for reading to or with children from 0-11 years old.

We think this book is so important that we have got a large stock and anyone buying a children's book can have a copy of *Great Books to Read Aloud* absolutely FREE (while stocks last)! What's more, if you order any four of the books in the guide, we will give you the cheapest one free.

## Adult Reading Group

We always welcome new members – anyone interested can contact the Watermill or come along to our next evening on Wednesday 14th June, 7.30 pm when we are discussing *Cloud Atlas* by David Mitchell.

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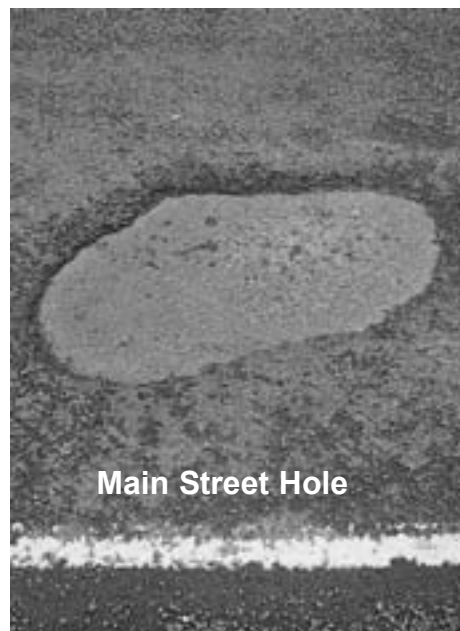
## New tourist attraction?

Come and holiday in our road works. The new road surface of Main Street Killin is to be ripped up and replaced as the quality of the surface is not up to the required standard. No doubt, with a bit of luck, this will all take place during the busy tourist season and provide continuing entertainment for all who wish to stand and pass the time hankering after their city roots.

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The three children in  
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# Letters

I would like to say congratulations and thank you to Kate Allan for all her hard work in organising 'Come 2 Sing' in Killin Church on Saturday 22nd April. Iona and I had a really enjoyable evening and it would be great to have more events like this happen locally. Congratulations to all those involved and I look forward to the next time.

**Lorraine Pritchard**

Thanks to Kate Alan for bringing the "Come 2 Worship" group to Killin Church on Saturday 22nd April. What a different way to spend a Saturday night! It was a really fun-filled evening with lots of excellent singing and music. Lovely to see a mixture of young and old all enjoying the same thing. Hopefully it's not just a one-off and they can be persuaded to come back again some other time.

**Kay Riddell**

We would like to thank all those who sent kind expressions of sympathy and also those who came to Pat's funeral. Donations received amounted to £285 each for the Killin Parish Church and the Mountain Rescue.

**Mary, Duncan and Iain Sandeman**

On behalf of my 6 friends who regularly attend the Weaver Room from 10am-3pm every Thursday, I would like to thank the helpers who look after us all so well. We are all collected by the Community Bus and the morning begins with a good breakfast. We have become especially good at the crossword in the morning paper. There is a lovely lunch from the school kitchen and we play darts, dominos, chair hockey, croquet golf and bowls. We all look forward to Thursdays.

**Jean Henderson**

On behalf of many local friends I would like to say how disappointing it is to see deliberate damage in our village. To see the lovely daffodils wantonly scattered about the Main Street appalled me. To pull up all the posts round the putting green seems to be a pointless occupation. To destroy seats which villagers and visitors use is stupid in the extreme.

**Jean Henderson**

## *Cullen Skink and Killin Skunk*

I am a skink fae Cullen toon  
That's a'ways in the soup,  
But noo that I'm a Killin skunk  
I'm tryin' to regroup.

For skink and skunk are fae abreid  
And nae like you at a':  
The sicht o' skink and stink o' skunk  
Wid pit ye aff them a'!

So I'm a chiel fae ither pairts  
Wha should na be aroun',  
Collectin' a' the benefits  
That are to me a boon.

But fowkies are richt freenly here  
And could na care a hoot,  
Acceptin' skinks and skunks like me  
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## Boys Brigade Outdoor Centre Re-opens

Boys Brigade members in Edinburgh and Leith, Midlothian and East Lothian are celebrating the re-opening of their Outdoor Centre -

Craggan. The outdoor base is situated on the south side of Loch Tay in Perthshire and has been closed since November for a £350,000 refurbishment. The building was re-opened by The Boys Brigade National President The Very Reverend Professor Alan Main, TD MA STM PhD, on Saturday 22nd April.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Professor Main said "Craggan is an amazing facility and I know it has had a place in the heart of many Boys Brigade boys. Adventure activities are an integral part of the Boys Brigade programme and I am sure the boys will continue to enjoy taking part in many different activities in such a tremendous setting."

During the course of the six month building project the centre, which was originally built in 1975, has acquired new shower and bedroom facilities along with disabled access, up-graded fire alarm, heating and lighting systems. The centre now has additional rooms for adult

leaders and four other bedrooms; overall it has a total capacity for 32 people.



Canoeing and many other adventure activities can all be run on site at Craggan.

Alistair Knowles, the Battalion Vice-President who has acted as project manager, said "We are delighted to be re-opening Craggan."

At the end of the opening ceremony the Battalion President, Mr. James Ralston, thanked the builders Stitt Brothers from Killin, the Architect Frouin & Bell and all the other consultants and contractors involved in the project. Bookings can be made through the Boys Brigade Office in Edinburgh. For further details please contact **Robert Boyter** 0131 551 1200.

## Killin Kids Activity Days



Abernethy Trust will once again be providing an opportunity for Killin kids to take part in a variety of adventure activities at its outdoor centre in Ardeonaig.

Children can come along and take part in some of the following activities:

high ropes course, open canoeing, kayaking, gorge exploring, archery, low ropes course, treasure quest and orienteering.

This year the activity days will run from Tuesday 4th-Friday 7th July and from Mon 10th-Friday 14th July.

The price for activities will be £15 per day and includes transport to and from Ardeonaig.

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# Loch Lomond and Trossachs National



## New Member for National Park Access Forum

Loch Lomond and the Trossachs Local Access Forum has a new member. Colin Scott lives at Ardeonaig, Killin, and is a keen walker and sailor. He has experience of outdoor access provision for wheelchair users as well as having professional experience as an estate factor and managing land for public recreation. The Local Access Forum was set up to advise the park authority on the duties and responsibilities under the Land Reform Act and issues such as core path planning, issues relating to the exercising of access rights and promotion of responsible behaviour.

Speaking about Colin's appointment, Bridget Jones, National Park Senior Access Officer, said, "Colin's knowledge will add to the already wide range of experience on the Forum including lowland farming, commercial forestry, local path group members and outdoor activity providers. I am sure he will soon get to grips with the wide range of issues

discussed and in particular core path planning which is currently the Forum's main focus."

Next Meeting of the Local Access Forum will be held on 13th June, National Park Gateway Centre, Balloch at 7.30pm

**Ruth Crosbie**

[ruth.crosbie@lochlomond-trossachs.org](mailto:ruth.crosbie@lochlomond-trossachs.org)

## National Park's New Solar Powered Boat for Loch Lomond Sustainable, green and environmentally friendly help wanted

Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority is looking for groups to help try out Scotland's first solar-electric powered boat, based on Loch Lomond. The boat arrived in Balloch in January and the park authority is planning a series of trial cruises during the summer to test the viability of solar power on a Scottish loch. The boat is part of a European-funded project, known as MoPark, to try out sustainable ways of getting about in National Parks and new ways of providing information. Ecosol II, built in Germany by Kopf Solar Design GMBH & Co, is practically silent when running on batteries and generates no emissions. It accommodates 12 passengers, is fully adapted for wheelchair users and has space

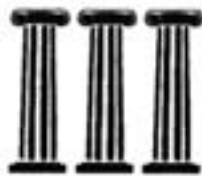
for bicycles and other equipment. Loch Lomond & The Trossachs is one of eight European National Parks taking part. The partnership project includes contributions from the National Park Authority, Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Enterprise Forth Valley and Scottish Enterprise Dunbartonshire.

The boat will be used to try out different ways of presenting information to passengers about Loch Lomond and its islands and will provide various levels of information about plants, animals, geology and history, using the boat as if it were a floating classroom. The project will compare a traditional leaflet with this more high tech approach by which people will see and hear information on a small hand held IT device (PDA or Personal Digital Assistant). The purpose is to encourage less damaging ways of visiting and enjoying the more sensitive areas within National Parks. European partners include National Parks in The Netherlands, Germany, Norway, Denmark and Sweden and British Waterways here in the UK. We need various groups to take part to ensure a spread of ages, abilities and interests and we still have places to fill. The Authority is also testing this on the island of Inchcailloch, part of the Loch Lomond National Nature Reserve and is looking for individual volunteers not only to try it out, but also to help monitor the use of the PDAs on the island and talk to visitors. If you want to be considered for either trial, please contact National Park HQ, Tel 01389 722600 or email [info@lochlomond-trossachs.org](mailto:info@lochlomond-trossachs.org)

## Last Chance to Influence the National Park Local Plan

Over the summer months I will be banging the drum to draw your attention to the fact that the National Park Authority will be drawing up a new Local plan for the whole of the National Park area. At the moment the Park Authority is operating under the Local Plans for each of the Local Authorities which govern different parts of the Park. Stirling's Local Plan covers us at present.

The Local Plan details the policies which encourage or restrict development. It identifies specific areas where building may take place and what types of activity can be conducted therefrom. The good news is that we all get a chance to influence what goes into it. The best chance comes when there is a good community consensus. It follows therefore that community views have to be gathered and the Killin community is in a



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favourable position, as a group has just been set up to review the Killin Community Action Plan. I would ask you all to use the opportunity that the Action Plan Review will give to express your views. That information can then be fed to the Park Authority for consideration in their preparation of the Local Plan. Ideally I would like to see that information going to the Park Authority by the autumn but I can assure you that it will still be taken into account even it does not materialise till the Local Plan goes out to consultation early in the new year. The important thing is to think about it now and respond to any request from the Action Plan Group.

**Owen McKee**

Tel 01567 830214

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## Accolade for National Park Community

### Futures Programme

The Loch Lomond & The Trossachs Community Futures Programme was awarded a Commendation in the 2005 Scottish Awards for Quality in Planning, presented by the Scottish Executive in association with the Royal Town Planning Institute in Scotland on 27th April. The Community Futures Programme was set up in 2001 in the lead up to the National Park's designation in 2002. It assisted 24 communities – every community in and around the park – to produce their own local community plans. These identify the themes and issues that matter most to the community, the vision for the future and the priorities for action. The community plans and profiles are linked to the State of the Park Report 2005, the community planning process and the National Park Plan 2005, which was published for consultation last summer. Common themes were identified through this action planning work, which led to the establishment of four Area Networks, where neighbouring communities meet to exchange experience and work together on issues and projects. Judges considered that the programme was a good example of effective community engagement. They were impressed with the significantly high number of participants. They liked the Area Networks that were established after the action planning process identified common themes in neighbouring communities. The judges also recognised that they are an important way for communities to engage with the development of the National Park Plan and the Local Plan.

## Mountain Rescue Search Dog in Killin



Local Killin Police Constable, Andy Fleming and his German Shepherd Dog, Angus, successfully passed a recent assessment in April as a Search and Rescue Dog team for SARDA (Southern Scotland). The Search and Rescue Dog Association (SARDA) have dog teams throughout Scotland and are a non profit making, voluntary organisation which assist the Police and Mountain Rescue Teams to search for missing people. The dogs are trained to detect human air scent and teams train regularly throughout the year. In order to train the dogs SARDA depends on dedicated teams of 'bodies' who lie out on the hillsides, acting as injured casualties for the dogs to find. This success for Andy and Angus has been the culmination of nearly 2 years of hard training in all weathers and often treacherous hillside conditions. This regular voluntary commitment to the training allows SARDA the ability to provide search and rescue dogs at any time - 24 hours a day 365 days a year. Andy is also a member of the local Killin Mountain Rescue Team. If you are interested in becoming a SARDA 'dogs body' please contact Andy or visit the website to find out more ([www.sarda.org.uk](http://www.sarda.org.uk)).

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J.L.L. Fagerson

## Local Planning Applications

### National Park

#### Week 12 ending 27th March

Proposal: Change of use and alterations of Tea Shop and Flat to form single dwelling house  
Location: Station House, Main Street, Killin  
Application type: Detailed consent

Proposal: Demolition of remains of small flood arch, reconstruction of existing main masonry arch and construction of new large flood arch  
Location: Edinample Bridge, Lochearnhead  
Application type: Listed building consent  
Decision: Approve with conditions

#### Week 13 ending 3rd April None

#### Week 14 ending 10th April

Proposal: Erection of garage  
Location: Kilbryde Cottage, Lower Station Road, Tyndrum  
Application type: Household alteration/extension  
Decision: Approve with conditions

#### Weeks 15/16/17 ending 1st May

Proposal: Extension to Primary School comprising medical suite and office  
Location: Crianlarich Primary School  
Application type: Detailed consent

#### Week 18 ending 8th May

Proposal: Reinstatement of former cottage to residential use and erection of replacement porch  
Location: Bovain Farm Cottage, Killin

Application type: Detailed consent  
Decision: Approve with conditions

Proposal: Erection of poly tunnel  
Location: Rubble Cottage, Main Street, Killin  
Application type: Detailed consent  
Decision: Approve with conditions

#### Week 19 ending 15th May

Proposal: Erection of 3 dwelling houses and formation of new access  
Location: Mansefield, Manse Road, Killin  
Application type: Detailed consent  
Decision: Refuse

### Perth & Kinross

#### Week ending 1st April

Land At Rynachulaig Farm Killin  
Erection of dwellinghouses (plots 1,2 and 3) (in outline)  
Pending Consideration

#### Week ending 15th April

Land At Rynachulaig Farm Killin  
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#### Week ending 22nd April

1 and 2 Tombreck Lawers  
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Phishing is a type of deception designed to steal someone's identity and using

this information, access online accounts or buy products over the phone using their credit card number. In all cases the fraudsters try to get you to disclose valuable personal data - like credit card numbers, passwords, account data or other information - by convincing you to provide it under false pretences. Phishing schemes can be carried out in person or over the phone or are delivered online through spam e-mail or pop-up windows.

A typical Phishing email appears to be a legitimate communication from your bank and uses the same graphics and language as the bank's website. These emails typically recommend that you change or confirm your personal or security details by clicking on a link that appears to go to the bank's site, but actually redirects you to a completely different site. You are then asked to provide login details and may even be redirected from there to the bank's actual site - by which time the damage has already been done, the fraudsters have access to your personal information and are able to steal money from you.

As a general rule banks will never communicate with you in this manner so, if you are doubtful about an email you receive, phone your bank to check if it really did come from them. Many Anti-Spam software products identify these sorts of emails as "spam" and filter them before they reach your mailbox, so please keep your anti-spam software up to date.

### **Rural Broadband:**

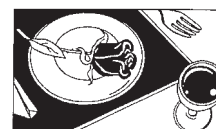
I have no further information regarding getting broadband to the remote parts of our community but as soon as I have I will post a message on the gossip board of the Killin web site [www.killin.info](http://www.killin.info)



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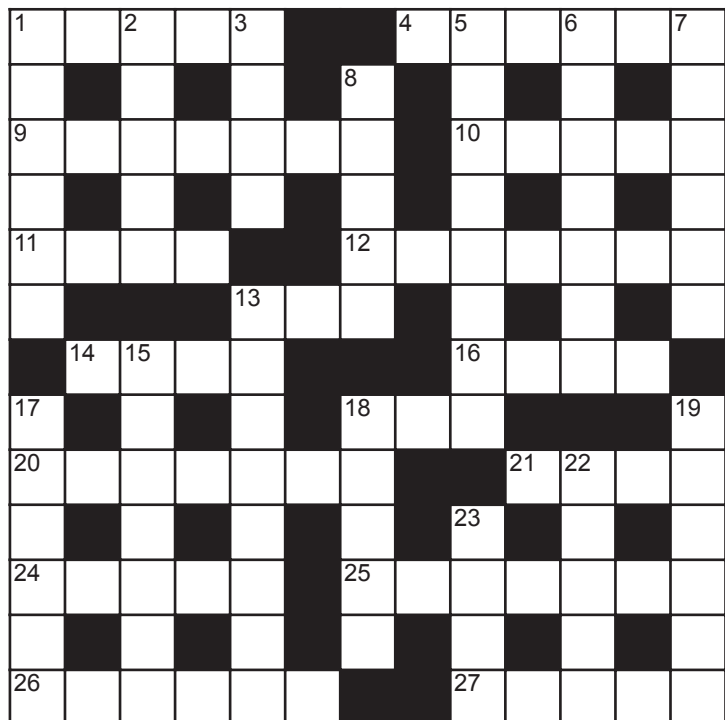
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# Crossword by Scorpio



## Across

- 1 He can be mistaken for towelling (5)  
 4 Adds to the meaning of a verb or adjective (6)  
 9 It can come from an Eastern team (7)  
 10 Painful Scottish waters (5)  
 11 Paintings gallery (4)  
 12 Interfere rudely by untried method (7)  
 13 & 18 Bird attacked small piece of gossip (6)  
 14 Blemish caused by car's crash (4)  
 16 Lacking all good qualities or taste (slang)(4)  
 18 See 13 across  
 20 Move forward to offer cash ahead of time (7)  
 21 Pleasure beach with no cover (4)  
 24 Fires quenched by a short decorative line (5)  
 25 Hobo joined little Edward for a long walk (7)  
 26 Leave in the middle of tirade partly stunned (6)  
 27 Praise sounds like bridge charges have been lifted (5)

## Solution to 91

**Across** 1. rotor 4. stream 9. capture 10. merit 11. lark 12. silicon  
 13. eve 14. I spy 16. them 18. ave 20. oranges 21. hi fi 24. villa  
 25. emptied 26. yogism 27. cater

**Down** 1. recall 2. tapir 3. roue 5. template 6. earache 7. mating  
 8. terse 13. eyeglass 15. sea-slug 17. convoy 18. asset 19.  
 bidder 22. idiot 23. spec

## Down

- 1 Pact - not a childish goody (6)  
 2 Obese rodent confused about Sunday dinner (5)  
 3 Yearn loses 1 point and gains 365 and sometimes leaps to 366 (4)  
 5 Bat tuned to come out when the time is right (8)  
 6 Fashioned to keep an organ warm (3,4)  
 7 Street entertainer (6)  
 8 Mitre can be reformed to send money (5)  
 13 Reposition (8)  
 15 Disguise an error or indiscretion (5,2)  
 17 Asphyxiated by indulgence in idle chatter (6)  
 18 Find salt's resting place in chamber that's comfortable (5)  
 19 Scottish country dance figure (6)  
 22 Data passed into computer (5)  
 23 Remove backward old man from summer house and give him a fixed look (4)

## Cross word by Sammy



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 15 Church Guild meet Church Hall 2pm  
 16 Cancer Research UK Savoury and Wine evening McLaren Hall evening  
 18 6.30 Group Informal praise and fellowship Killin Church 6.30 - 7.30pm  
 21 Heart of Scotland Herb Society, Herbalist's Garden Festival Open Day Pitnacree 11am - 4pm  
 21 Concert to celebrate Summer Solstice Crannog Centre 8pm  
 23 Killin Early Years Activities Group (3-5 yr olds) visit Killin Fire Station morning  
 23/24 Junior Drama Festival McLaren Hall

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 contact Liz 820369

### Brownies

Mondays  
 Church Hall 6pm

## July

- 6 SWRI meet Lesser Hall 7.30pm  
 7 Community Bus Committee AGM Lesser Hall 7pm  
 8,9 Woodland Quest, ancient loch-dwellers, woods and wildlife Crannog Centre 10am - 5pm  
 11 Community Council Meeting McLaren Hall 7pm  
 13 Concert Crannog Centre 7.45 - 9pm  
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 22 Highland Games Lochearnhead + National Park Biodiversity event 12 noon  
 26 Church Craft Fair and Coffee morning McLaren Hall  
 28 Killin Early Years Activities Group (3-5 yr olds) Teddy Bears' picnic

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**Which bin  
which week?**

**Week beginning**

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**Jun 19 brown**

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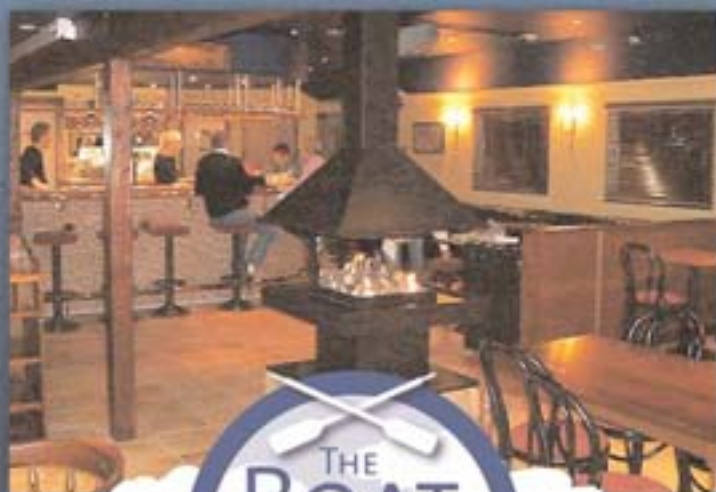


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