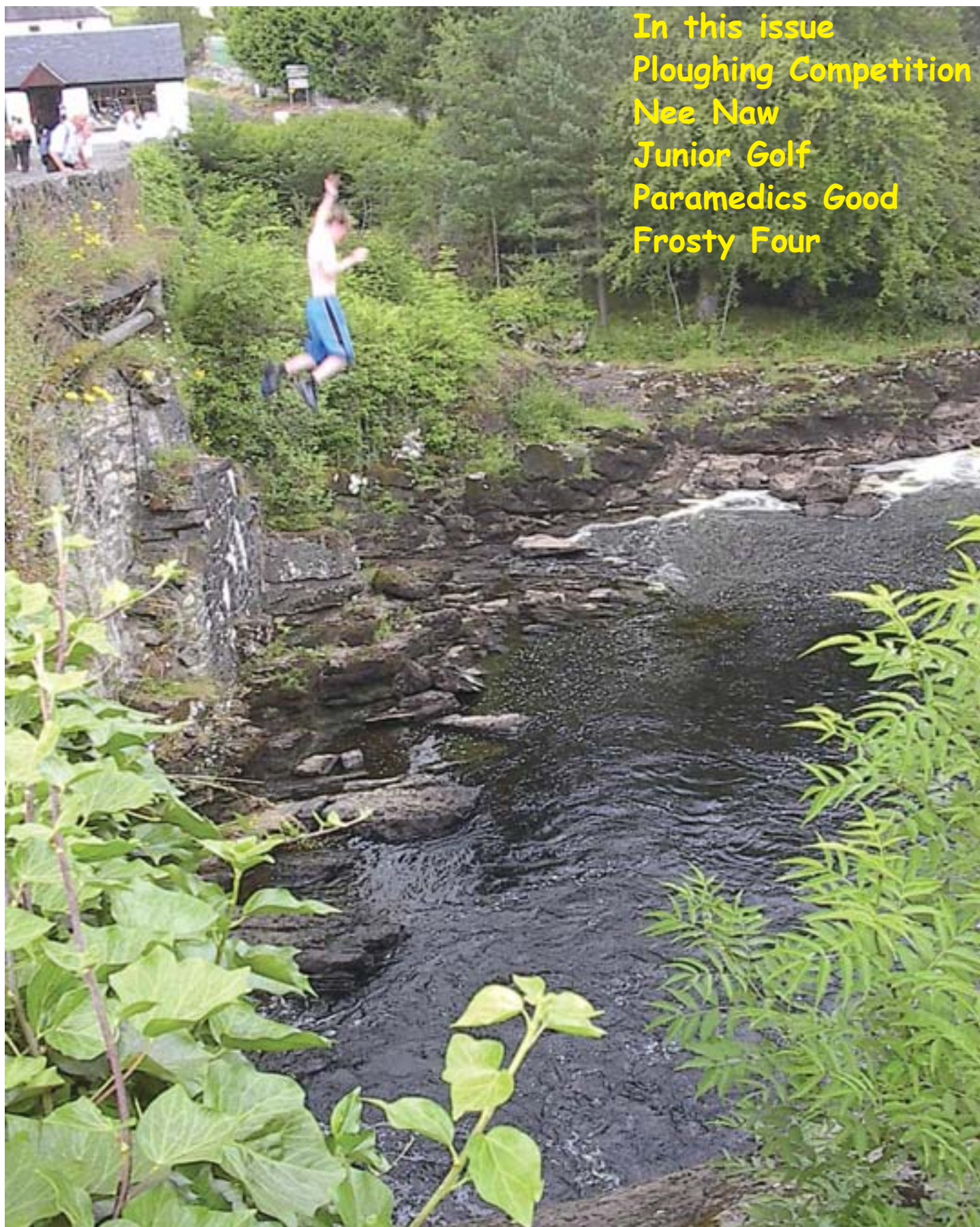
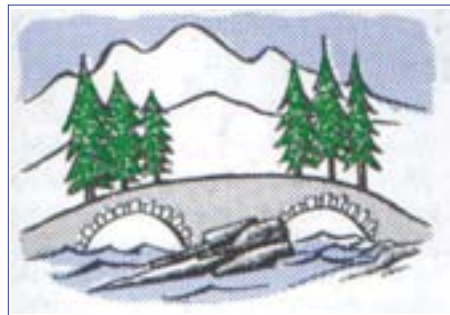


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Emergency Services "Fit For Purpose"?

More concerns are raised by personal stories in this issue (page 4). Why do FVHB not see that this problem will not go away nor will confidence be restored until they enter into a meaningful dialogue with local representatives? Meaningful here means listening and taking action on the major concerns. Instead they have failed to let local representatives know details of the out-of-hours system. They have misinformed or omitted information from the discussion and failed to establish a rapport to the extent that the Community Council Chairmen do not feel their contributions are even considered. The meetings do however allow FVHB to declare to Quality Improvement Scotland that they have regular 'discussions' with local representatives in this area.

Why Come to Killin?

This area is an attractive destination for holiday makers and tourists for more reasons than any one of us understands. It is awash with resources, mountains, scenery, rivers, lochs, farms, organised events, forests, wildlife, special habitats, historical artifacts, archaeology and cycle tracks to mention a few. What brings people to Killin? Are many just passing through? Soon all houses in Killin will be circulated with questionnaires and we will be asked about how we would like Killin to develop in the future. This gives us all a chance to influence how Killin is likely to develop. How proactive can we be? Do we need to look at the needs of visitors so that we can develop their areas of interest? Should we encourage those interested in our local history, family history, crafts, produce, and facilities to stay for a while to enjoy their pursuits? Does the village need a serviced camp site within walking distance? Should we make Killin the venue for the discerning tourist or should we let it slide into rural decline? Now is your chance to enter the debate. On page 12 there is an example of an enterprise that seeks to attract specialised groups of visitors, one that could be adapted in ways that could attract other niche markets. We can't afford to wait for the world to find Killin.

Where Have all the Worms Gone?

New Zealand flat worms have been found in Killin before (see KN Issue 32 page 9). This more recent find seems to indicate that it could be more common than anyone realised. Do you have them in your garden? What happens when their food, the common earth worm, becomes a rarity? See page 31.



Leo Wuz Here

One Saturday morning in June
Leo couldn't wait
To visit the local fish shop
But came two days too late.

He found a seat in the office
Curled up and fell asleep,
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culvert
under the
road by
Morag and
Archie at
Burnbank,
made their

home in their garden pond where they were supplied with one wholemeal loaf per day.

Applications for this Des Res for next year should be made ASAP, deposits actively discouraged.



NEE NAW! NEE NAW!

Many thanks to Iain Campbell & Darren Webster who invited over 30 children under the banner of Killin Early Years Activity Group (KEYAG) to visit the fire station at Killin. The children had a look inside a 'real' fire engine and used the hose for target practice! We hope this thoroughly enjoyable visit will be repeated some time in the future. KEYAG organises a variety of activities throughout the area for pre-school children. Look out for the posters for future events...

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Paramedics Good - System Flawed

Two years should be enough for the Forth Valley out-of-hours service to sharpen its act and respond to local anxieties and emergencies. We have been talking to two friends who had the misfortune to have lost their husbands with acute illnesses over the past two months. They both feel that, while it is likely that the outcome would not have been different, the episode could have been managed more efficiently and humanely. They are both extremely grateful for the help they received from the paramedics, professionals and others at the time of their husbands' emergencies and for the community support they have received since. They hope this publicity might lead to improvements in the way the emergency service is organised.

Steve Wolsey

Sarah Heward-Wolsey recently moved to this area, married Steve Wolsey and set up a thriving business. On the 21st May their life together was dramatically cut short when at about 10.10pm she and Steve went to the Ben More bar after work. Quarter of an hour later Steve experienced severe abdominal pain, and collapsed. The paramedic arrived within 10 or 15 minutes and attempted to resuscitate him. As the paramedic was alone, he had to seek the help of others present in the bar to collect equipment from the vehicle and help with cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Fortunately an off duty policeman with CPR training was called and they were assisted by their friend and the landlord of the Ben More Hotel. This activity continued for about 40 minutes until

an ambulance from Arrochar arrived. Eventually all resuscitation was stopped and the paramedics cleared away their equipment and left. Sarah was left standing in the bar unsure of the reality of the situation and still concerned that Steve might be breathing. She was reassured that he was indeed dead. The police then questioned her as is usual when a sudden death occurs and she arrived home at ten minutes past midnight. The following Tuesday she was telephoned and asked if she wanted a full postmortem on her husband or an external assessment. Sarah found that a difficult decision and said that she really wanted to know why he died and also wanted to see him again before the funeral. Surprisingly the Death Certificate gives the cause of death as Hypertensive Cardiovascular Disease.

Mure Smith

Sandra and Mure Smith lived in Tyndrum. Mure had numerous admissions for heart failure and was awaiting quadruple bypass surgery. On 6th June he rapidly developed acute breathing problems similar to, but worse than, previous episodes. 999 was dialled at 7.45pm. The local firemen were called as they had helped on previous occasions by providing oxygen. The paramedic arrived in 30 minutes. He was unable to attach electrodes from the cardiac monitor to Mure's chest as Mure was sweating profusely. It was apparent to the relatives that there was not much that the paramedic could do alone. An ambulance did eventually arrive to take him to Stirling and



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death was certified at 8.30pm. Sandra was not aware when he left on the ambulance that he might die. No one explained to her the details of what had happened or checked to see how well she could cope. On her return home from Stirling she was interviewed at 1.20am by police as Mure's death was treated as a sudden death.

Could it be better?

The highly skilled paramedic in the Rapid Response Vehicle (RRV) works alone. The plan requires that he or she deals with the emergency situation until the ambulance arrives. It is very difficult, if not impossible, to perform all these activities alone. The paramedic has to clinically assess and support the patient, perform immediate life saving procedures including CPR which is more usually performed by two people, collect equipment from the vehicle (more than one journey), set up monitoring equipment, control the scene and keep relatives informed, all at the same time. Support from another paramedic or ambulance technician is needed. Having to depend on the presence of whoever by

chance happens to be in the vicinity is not a realistic option. We feel that a double-manned ambulance, one of whom is a paramedic, would be an improvement and provide greater reassurance to both patients and the paramedic involved. The RRV should be used only where it can be rapidly supported by another ambulance. Being suddenly bereaved is a great shock and it is difficult to think rationally. Bereaved people need to understand what has happened, why their loved one has died, and what needs to be done next. For an individual this is a rare and very distressing event. The bereaved need to be assessed to ensure that they are able to cope and are not likely to be a danger to themselves. Formerly this was part of the responsibility of the General Practitioner and is now replaced by this new system. Some days later the paramedic told Sarah he was aware that Steve died very shortly after he arrived but he was not allowed to pronounce life extinct so had to continue CPR for a stipulated length of time. These attempts went on for about an hour. Surely continuing resuscitation well beyond the point of usefulness is even more distressing to the relatives. Police were involved in both these events as they were considered as sudden deaths. A sudden death used to mean that in the doctor's opinion there was insufficient evidence as to why the patient died and the doctor was not

prepared to sign a death certificate. If, due to the patient's state of health, death was considered likely and the sequence of events leading to the death supported that likely diagnosis, the doctor would usually be prepared to sign the death certificate and there would be no need for police involvement. As doctors are now rarely involved out of hours police are more likely to be routinely involved and deaths, no matter how predictable, will be treated as "sudden deaths". It is time to make changes to improve the system for paramedics and patients. Forth Valley Health Board informed the Health Meeting some months ago that a feedback form is sent to all who use the out-of-hours emergency service and that there are very few complaints. We wonder if the form is distributed here in the Killin/Tyndrum area. If you have used the service John MacPherson the Chairman of the Community Council would like to know if you did indeed receive the form. So far we have not found anyone who has.

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Happy School Memories P7
I liked it when we went to Glen Coe.
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Dale Pritchard

Happy School Memories P7
My funniest moment was at Glencoe,
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a muddy trench.
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The computer industry has been eagerly awaiting the launch of Microsoft Vista - the newly developed operating system replacement for Windows XP. This is due for release over the next few months and will revolutionise the computing experience.

Nowadays, nearly everything is stored on a computer - documents, photographs, music and even TV programmes and films. All your interaction with others is likely to be stored on a computer somewhere and a lot of your shopping and banking is processed on computers. Windows Vista will provide a brand new interface to computing and will change the way you use your computers for the better, helping you to manage your information and media more easily.

Other Microsoft products are also being upgraded. The Office suite of programs has been re-written and currently Office 2007 is under testing.

Now this is all well and good but it has consequences for some of us. Firstly, we will need to get used to the way in which Vista and Office behave. The user interface is different and, in some situations, we may need to be taught how to use the system. Most modern computers should be able to run Vista and Office 2007, but some machines will need to have more memory (RAM) installed to bring the system memory to at least 512MB - the minimum required to run Vista. Older machines are unlikely

to be able to run this new software and will not be able to benefit from the latest applications and functionality of Vista. If you are about to buy a new computer, then I strongly recommend you ensure that the machine has at least 512MB of memory and I would urge you to consider having as much memory as you can afford. This should enable you to move to Vista when it becomes available without the need to add expensive hardware.

Currently Vista is planned to be released for the business community around November, with a scheduled release date for home users next January. I have no indication of pricing at this time but will let you know once I have further information.

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Killin Community Council 11th July

Community Action Plan: A general meeting is to be held in the McLaren Hall on 21st October 2006 from 10 am - 2 pm.

Footpath: The plans for the proposed footpath and pedestrian improvements to Manse Road are available.

Scool Representative: The McLaren High School proposed that an S5 pupil be appointed to the Community Council but no application has yet been received.

Wheelie Bins: Complaints have been received that these are left on narrow footpaths and in entrances to private homes.

Christmas Lighting: There will be no grant for lighting and festive activities this year.

Community Futures: There is to be a meeting on Monday 24th July 2006 in the McLaren Hall from 7 pm - 9.30 pm on 'Running a Healthy Community Development Trust'.

West Highland Animation have asked for support for an exhibition promoting Highland Oral tradition, Gaelic Language and supporting minority cultures.

Ambulance & Health Update: The Chairman attended a meeting in Balfour with other Killin Community Councillors. Two new members of staff have been appointed to the Killin Ambulance Station. The Chairman also met the Health Secretary, Mr. Kerr, and is to attend Forth Valley Health Board's annual review in August.

Difficulties in obtaining the emergency

ambulance have been reported.

Litter: Angling Club members met Bill Davit of Stirling Council about litter round Loch Tay. Community service people will help with the clean up.

Grass Cutting: Complaints have been received about the lack of grass cutting in various parts of the village.

Road Closure: The A827 from Lix Toll towards Killin may be closed from 7pm - 7am on Monday 25th September for re-surfacing.

Path closed: The walkway from Fingal Wynd through the Breadalbane Park to the Main Street will be closed for pedestrians on the days of Killin Highland Games and Killin Show.

Funding Proposals for Breadalbane Area: The initial £8,000 to be put aside for the proposed extension to the Cemetery Car Park has been cut to £2,300. Roger Twigg and Charlie Grant to approach the owners of the land. The Community Council will apply for planning permission and agreed to go along with the funding proposals.

Church Monument: This has been made a listed monument by Historic Scotland. It was unclear who actually owned this piece of ground.

Backpackers Hostel: Owen McKee to find out about the backpackers hostel at Killin Hotel.

Next meeting: Tuesday 12th September in Killin Primary School at 7.30pm

Bins as we left them please!

Thanks

Killin residents have had their bins 'tagged' by Stirling Council workers in a bid to make the bin collection service more efficient. On 26th June a pilot project using the new refuse collection vehicles was launched which aims to work closely with residents and take advantage of the design of the new bin lorries, which can lift two bins at the same time and empty them in a matter of seconds. Residents were leafleted them about the pilot, and asked if they could:

- *Place bins where the bin crew left them
- Take care when moving their bin over a kerb or across the street
- *Where possible, place their bin close to the edge of the pavement with its back handles and wheels facing away from the road
- *Make sure waste is safely inside the bin with the lid closed
- *Put the wheelie bin at the kerbside by 7am on day of collection
- *Not put out excess waste (this won't be collected)
- *Please put only garden and cardboard waste in the brown bin

It would be helpful if, on collection days, cars could be parked away from the collection points or on the opposite side of the street to collection points.

The crew will leave bins where they should be put out for the next time. To date the pilot project has been a great success, with residents working together with the bin crews to make the service work more efficiently. Residents are placing bins next to their neighbours' bins, ensuring the lorry can pick up in pairs. If you have any questions about where your bins should be placed and what should be put in them, please phone 0845 277 7000.

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Happy School Memories P7

My favourite memory of Killin Primary School would have to be the Mr Bean play in last years talent show because everyone enjoyed it and so did I.

Jordan Farquharson

Happy School Memories P7

My favourite memory of Killin Primary School was when I was in P5 and we had the power cut and we had to go home.

Jack Gibson

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The best thing about primary school was when I went to the museum of flight and I got to sit inside one of my favourite planes.

Callum Watt



Leo at lunch



Rev John Lincoln and The Gaelic Choir who won the section “Small School Choir Singing in Unison” at the Mod in Aberfeldy. They will now go on to the National Mod in Dunoon in October



P7 Leavers

Back Row

Camilla Tigwell, Megan Rhys
David MacAskill, Stuart Berrow

Middle Row

Callum Watt, Kevin McKenzie
Jack Gibson, Jordan Farquharson

Front Row

Dale Pritchard, Jinny Dowling
Aimee McLeod, Laura Aitken

Happy School Memories P7

One of my good memories from primary school is from when I was in Primary 3. Our teacher did cartwheels and handstands in the classroom.

Aimee McLeod

Happy School Memories P7

Our teacher in P3, Mr McFadyen, did a headstand, handstand and a cartwheel. It was really good; we never thought he would do it.

Jinny Dowling

Happy School Memories P7

My best memory of primary school is when we went to Edinburgh, to the theatre and then to dynamic Earth.

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Transport Issues: A visit from Transport Minister Tavish Scott gives us confidence that many important issues will be addressed including locomotive noise at night, resolution of the 30mph issue in Tyndrum, the 20mph by the Crianlarich school (which has been put out to tender by TransServ) and possibly the pedestrian crossing near the school. Rules pertaining to pedestrian crossings on trunk roads have been overturned in Callander; it is hoped therefore that one will be allowed in Crianlarich across to the village hall. We will be consulted on the design of the Crianlarich Bypass and need to continue lobbying for improvement in the A82 from Tarbet to Inverarnan.. A letter was received from Scotland TranServ introducing themselves as a joint venture between Balfour Beatty and Mouchel Parkman. They recognise the importance of listening to and forming good working relationships at all levels with all the agencies who can contribute to road management and that by working together the best interests of the road user can be served. John McFadzean, Customer Service Manager,

01463 784300. It was agreed to try to get road signs erected in Crianlarich
Community Councillors: In the last year, a number of our colleagues have resigned and we recently lost Mure Smith. Alan Smailes has rejoined and Louise Crothers has expressed her interest in joining. It was unanimously agreed that she should be co-opted.
Strathfillan By the Way: The Committee were happy that Strathfillan By the Way should continue to be part of the Killin News.
Litter Removal: Thanks to Effie Crompton and her team of volunteers for persisting in organising litter clean ups. We don't seem to be able to convince the authorities to replace litter bins in laybys.
The Lower Station Road Project: Progress has been very slow. We are waiting for a letter from Stirling Council, stating their support for the project as an essential requirement of grant aid foundations.
NHS 24 OOH: John MacPherson, chairman of Killin CC, deserves our great thanks for his efforts to improve the service. There are 2 ambulances and 1 rapid response vehicle [RRV] on call between Callander, Balfour and Killin. 2 other incidents have been documented for the Minister's attention. Minor injuries will be dealt with at the Nurses Station OOH starting in August. Single crewed

Strathfillan

ambulances are still being sent out, but 2 new paramedics have been recruited. The Scottish Ambulance Service strategy is to send a RRV with an ambulance following. If the RRV can stabilise the situation, then a stop is put on the ambulance; otherwise it will continue and transport the patient to hospital.
The e-democracy project: The rapidly expanding public access to the internet offers an opportunity to individuals and community groups to discuss issues together and lobby Authorities for policy changes.
Signage: A local business has received a letter asking for removal of signage, believed to be from Stirling Council. They were informed that they could put up brown and white signs which must be purchased from a specific supplier costing £1000, after obtaining planning permission. Other businesses have signage which is not brown and white. Every few years, when signs proliferate, there is a clampdown. There are differences between what a business and a resident sees as a reasonable number of signs. If Stirling Council is unhappy with the amount of signs in Strathfillan, we would request that they work with the CC and the Tourist Association to come to an agreement.

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“By The Way”

Owen McKee was congratulated on his re-election to the National Park Board.

Walks and cycle routes: Leaflets on routes in Lorne Forest District, including our 2 forest walks were received. For further copies contact Forestry Commission, Lorne Forest District, Millpark Road, Oban PA34 4NH Tel. 01631 566155.

Unpaved road: Cllr Tony Ffinch was asked to try to get the unpaved part of the road between Tyndrum village hall and the new cemetery tarmaced. It was agreed to gauge the general feeling through an item in the Killin News.

Gold Rush!

Not quite, but in early June over 20 would be gold-panners, from as far away as Portsmouth, arrived in Tyndrum for a Gold-panning weekend. The intrepid panners, staying at By The Way Hostel and Campsite, spent Friday evening in the classroom learning the art and technique of gold-panning. Saturday, as the photo shows, saw great activity in the Cononish water as Friday nights lessons were

put into practice. In fact everyone found some gold, although nobody needed Securicor to escort them home. On Saturday evening Callum Ritchie, one of the National Park rangers, gave a talk on (Chocolate and) Geology, and on Sunday Gavin Skipper, also of the NP ranger service, took most of the group through Cononish to the old gold mine, pointing out the flora, fauna, and geological features along the way, with a bit of history thrown in. Gold does catch the imagination and everyone left delighted with their ‘booty’.

The next theme weekend will be a Writers' Workshop in November and is open to local residents at preferential rates. Tel 01838 400333 **Jim Kinnell**



Strathfillan Community Development Trust

“Cattle Creep” Path: The final draft of the “Cattle

Creep” path management agreement has been signed off by the board of Directors and the Forestry Commission. This will ensure this popular pathway is cared for and well maintained over the next 10 years.

Tyndrum Woodland Management Plan

“Thank you for the revised management plan on CD. I enjoyed reading this together with the excellent photographs and I thought it was a first rate management plan.” With these encouraging words Mr John Hunt of the MFST (Millennium Forest for Scotland Trust) was pleased to formally approve the plan as satisfying the relevant grant conditions required of the SCDT. The Trust is deeply grateful to Dr John Holland for the enormous amount of time and expertise he has devoted to the management plan. The Trust has received an order for 20 copies which will be printed and bound by BVLC who provide the Internet Café service. It’s not just a fascinating read; it’s lovely to look at too!!

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Craft Fair and Car Boot Sale:

The Trust is holding a Craft Fair and Car Boot sale on Saturday 2nd September. An £800 grant has been received from SNH to cover expenses. We plan to have demonstrations of: chainsaw carving, greenwood turning, wool spinning, basket making, willow weaving and other country crafts. There will be a BBQ, tombola and refreshment stall. If you wish to reserve a car space or table then please get in touch as soon as possible as we expect demand to be high. We know you are a generous lot out there, so we are asking for donations for the tombola stall. See below for contact details.

"Planning For Real":

Lower Station Yard Development

The Trust and Community Council will be assessing opinions and comments on the design for the Lower Station Yard in Crianlarich following the public consultations held at the end of July. Local input from the consultations will inform the final plan. The steering group would like to thank Sean Russell, our model maker, for all his hard work. His model will be a great asset to the Trust and CC to find funding for the project.

Battle of Dalrigh Commemoration:

Although the exact date isn't known, it was 1306 when Robert the Bruce and between 200 and 500 weary men, outnumbered two to one, fought John of

Lorne and his followers at Dalrigh.

Legends have it that Bruce dumped arms and armour in the lochan to lighten his retreat or that Bruce's own sword lies there still. The Trust plans to commemorate the battle with help from our local primary school (and anyone else who cares to join in the fun). It is hoped that our pupils will design and make their own swords and shields and march on Dalrigh again - this time in peace - , with a story teller and a BBQ at the end of the afternoon. We'll keep you posted on developments. For further information contact Joyce or Gwyneth, Tel 01838 400 545 or email strathfillancdt@btconnect.com

Joyce Russell (Development Officer)

New Hostel at Tyndrum



Sunday 2nd July marked the start of a new venture by Jim and Jean Kinnell at By The Way campsite, Tyndrum. Jim and Jean moved to Tyndrum in 2002 driven by their love of the Scottish outdoors, climbing mountains and walking in the countryside. Experienced in running a hostel in Glasgow, they embarked on their new life here providing camping and trekker/mountain hut accommodation for hillwalkers, climbers and West Highland Way walkers. On 2nd July their latest development at By The Way campsite, a 26 bed hostel, was opened to visitors. This new addition to their business enables them to provide budget quality accommodation for some of the many visitors with interest in exploring local peaks and rock faces and climbing Munros in a variety of conditions. Their hope is that By The Way will become recognised as a good base for serious climbers, walkers and outdoor enthusiasts in the area.

The 'official opening', attended by many with a local interest, was appropriately performed by Killin Mountain Rescue Team, with Team Leader Willie Stitt and Teddy Inglis officiating. Jim thanked Willie for the help provided to climbers and walkers by Scottish Mountain Rescue teams and handed over a cheque for £250 for Killin Mountain Rescue Team Funds.

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Lin Music

Lin Music died on 9th May in Florida. Although Lin (Lincoln) was born in the United States of America, he moved to the UK as a young American GI during the later stages of World War II. At the end of the war Lin settled in the North of England, where he met and married his wife, Jean (formerly Bogle). After building up and running a successful haulage maintenance and repair company for many years, Lin was looking for a quieter life, and a holiday in a friends touring caravan opened his eyes to the world outside haulage. He decided to open a caravan park. Searching for a suitable site in the right part of the country took Lin from the Lake District to the far North of Scotland and back again, but through a contact in British Rail he heard about a disused railway siding in Tyndrum that was for sale. Lin bought the disused siding and, after a lot of hard work, opened it as Pine Trees Caravan Park. Shortly after this the West Highland Way opened and Lin found he needed to expand, so opened a sister site, Pine Trees Leisure Park, also in Tyndrum. Lin ran these two sites for almost 30 years, before ill health forced him to sell and very reluctantly contemplate retirement. In 2002 he and Jean left Tyndrum and moved to a retirement home in Ilkley, in Yorkshire, where they lived until earlier this year when he realised a long term wish and, with Jean, moved back to his native USA. Lin is survived by his wife Jean, son Mike and daughter Barbara.



Happy School Memories P7

My most memorable moment of Killin Primary School is last year's talent show, when I performed in a comedy version of Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles wedding. It was good fun and I'm sure you all would have enjoyed it.

Camilla Tigwell

Happy School Memories P7

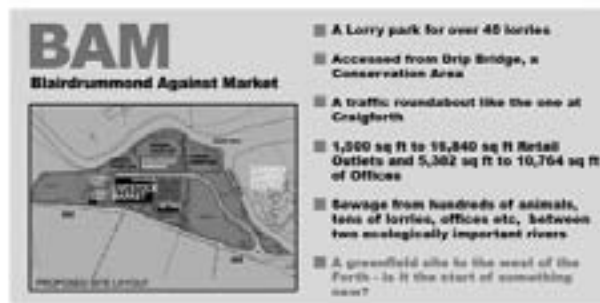
My funniest memory of primary school is when myself, Jordan Farquharson and Billy Graham acted out a Mr. Bean comedy show. It was also rather embarrassing when the skirt that I was wearing (because I was dressed up as a woman, Mrs. Wicket to be precise) got wheeled up and revealed my legs (which were in tights).

David MacAskil

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Highland Dancing Results

We have had another successful year with the highland dancing and held our annual show and medal presentation evening. The tests were held in May with the examiner Jacqueline Aird travelling from Fife. All the pupils did very well and the results are as follows :-

United master plaque and red badge - Iona Fisher, Jady Mc Caffrey

Intro one - Jamie Christie, Megan Pease, Caitlin McCaffrey, Lauren MacKenzie, Carys Burton

Intro two - Euan MacLennan, Natalie Christie, Caitlin McCaffrey, Anna Whitaker, Beth Whitaker, Carys Burton
Beginners Sword - Anna Holden, Georgia Third, Nicola Craig, Lois-anne Townsley, Emma Aitken

Silver - Ishbel Hayes, Catherine Allan, Kirsty Corder

Silver Bar - Lauren Third, Ailsa Taylor, Roisin Owen

Gold - Katie Holden, Ishbel Taylor, Emma Christie, Catriona MacLennan

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"La Fheill Eoin 's an t-shamradh theid a chuthag gu'taigh geamhraidh."
 "On St. John's day in Summer the Cuckoo goes to her Winter home."
 This old Gaelic saying is somewhat incorrect. On Loch Tayside Cuckoos would continue calling into July. I have recorded this as late as the 9th of the month. Now the statement is even more adrift as for several years the bird has ceased calling well before St. John's day (24th June) and indeed this year the cessation of "the twofold shout" occurred on 11th June, the earliest I have known. Having said this, on the 11th May at 4.15 a.m., on a glorious morning, the Cuckoo, there was but one here this year, called at least 350 times without a break! Up until the 1980's one might hear five Cuckoos calling simultaneously. Not any more. Fairly recently it was reported that an articulated lorry was stopped en route from Italy to Spain loaded with 28 tons – yes, 28 tons! – of small birds, Larks, Finches and Cuckoos etc. No wonder many of our birds are becoming scarce. It is also reported that in Malta a net is stretched across the water to the small island of Gozo to catch passerines. Tim Frost mentions in his Killin News article a dearth of Swallows, Swifts and House Martins. Here at Ardtalnaig we

have our usual complement, indeed Swifts have noticeably increased over the past decade. Other good news is that Black Grouse, nationally showing a decrease in numbers, since my coming to Ardtalnaig in 1950 the count has remained fairly static in the glen, perhaps even a small increase. Oyster Catchers, despite the depredation of Mink, seem to be holding their own as do Sandpipers, Woodpeckers, Goldfinches and Siskins. Larks however are virtually absent, as are Yellowhammers. The latter disappeared when we stopped growing grain and having a stackyard. Ring Ouzels are very scarce and of course the poor old Red Grouse are under great pressure despite vigorous programmes to assist their recovery. Contributing to the paucity of numbers is the presence of the tick (Ixodidae). These insects, if vivaemic, can cause various ailments to animals and birds, and even though not carrying a virus the sheer weight of numbers can debilitate and even kill chicks. Milder winters have increased both habitat range and virility of these pests. Some measure of control can be achieved through the dipping of sheep and using "Spot-On" or "Crovac" on sheep and other livestock. Deer and hares however, being the main hosts,

cannot as yet be treated, so some landowners wish to reduce their numbers to break the cycle. It is perhaps significant that, while it was generally known that the various tick borne ailments affected livestock, it was only when it became apparent that Lyme disease, also transmitted by some ticks, could affect Ramblers and other humans that government bodies began to take note. Let it be hoped that those in power will put their money where their mouth is and provide funding for, not only research into tick control, but also into control of the habitat, bracken and unburnt, under-grazed birch scrub, so beloved of some conservationists. "A dripping May and a warm June makes the farmer whistle a happy tune"! Well, we have had our dripping May and the first half of June was pleasantly settled and warm though as these notes are written at the Summer Solstice, wild showers and a near gale are the order of the day. Perhaps we should keep whistling for a warm and dry July!

Mervyn K. Browne
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Farming Matters

Where have all the sheep gone?

Is this a question people will be asking in the next few years? Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) has seen the main livestock subsidy change from one based on the number of animals a farmer had, to one based on the average subsidy received between 2000 and 2002. This historical payment, known as the Single Farm Payment (SFP) is no longer related to livestock numbers. In order to receive the SFP, farmers need to comply with a number of conditions known as cross-compliance. Farmers must keep their land in Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition (GAEC) and comply with a number of specified legal requirements relating to environmental protection, public health, animal and plant health, and animal welfare. EU reforms have been put in place in order to enhance the environment, reduce over production and promote the sustainable development of rural communities. We will see in the coming years whether these aims are achieved here in rural Scotland.

Because of the subsidy changes, the numbers and types of livestock kept by farmers will be driven much more by market forces than they have in recent years. This is likely to lead to changes in livestock numbers, particularly on the hills, and possibly to changes in the types and breeds of livestock. More productive and economically viable breeds of sheep may replace some of the traditional Scottish Blackface flocks and production may concentrate on the lower more fertile inbye ground. Although land abandonment and under-grazing of the vegetation are not allowed under cross-compliance, sheep numbers on the hills are likely to decline in many areas. This will have a considerable impact on the vegetation and landscape. Some habitats, such as heather moorland, scrub, bracken and woodland, may benefit while others, such as species-rich grasslands, which require grazing in order to maintain their species diversity, may suffer. We will see what actually happens over the next few years, but I hope people won't be asking 'Where have all the sheep gone?'

John Holland

Festival of One Act Plays

The Killin Drama Group was privileged to host The Scottish Youth Final at the McLaren Hall, on 24th June. Paul Fowler Adjudicated.

The four plays were: The Musicians by Patrick Marber, played by the Young Portonians Theatre; From Failing Hands by Joel Houck, played by the Unmasked Drama Co. (Youth); It'll Be a Lovely Day Tomorrow, written and played by the Kirkintilloch Players (Youth) and The Spiriting of Burd Ellen by Ron Nicol, played by members of Dingwall Academy.

The players, some only 7 years old, gave remarkable performances, totally engaging and enthralling the audience. The winners were the Unmasked Drama Co. who, with a novel and very moving presentation, portrayed the death, lives and emotions of people who were caught up in WW2.

Congratulations to the volunteers from the Killin Drama Group for their technical and management role and for managing the after-event activities. A special acknowledgement to Daniel Holden, Stage Manager/Compere, Millie Tigwell, Raffle Caller and Luke Melia who gave the Vote of Thanks.

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Trust Housing Association



On Thursday 22nd June, the tenants at Trust Housing Association (formerly known as Kirk Care), celebrated their 20th anniversary with a buffet lunch at Ballechroisk Court, Killin. The complex was originally opened by Rev. Bruce on 25th June 1986. Numerous guests were invited, including the new Chief Executive, Bob McDougall and other staff from the Head Office. Also included were local people who have had connections with the complex over the past twenty years.

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Mary Cameron the oldest tenant on Jimmy McLarty's memorial bench

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from Callander and filling in till I arrived on 1st April 1989.

During the twenty years there have been 58 tenants in the complex, 57 of whom I have looked after. We have celebrated one Diamond wedding, two Golden Weddings and one Silver Wedding (that's me), as well as five 90th birthdays and my oldest tenant being Mrs Horsburgh, who reached the grand young age of 94 years.

Sheltered Housing was originally set up to help elderly people to live as independently as possible, but with more security. Hopefully we have achieved this over the past twenty years and, more to the point, will continue to do so in the future.

Margaret Fenna



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The Frosty Four



The Killin-donian Challenge

The eleventh Caledonian Challenge took place in June this year. It is a team event for 3 to 6 members who walk 54 miles in under 24 hours from Fort William to Ardlui along the West Highland Way. It is a test of endurance, fitness and teamwork and also a challenge to raise at least £2000 sponsorship by each team for The Scottish Communities Foundation which distributes money to small local charities throughout Scotland.

Falcon, Morven, Cameron and Calum ('The Frosty Four') were generously sponsored by The Hydro Board, Boreland Estate and Glenfalloch Estate and Charlotte (Calum's fiancée) organised a sale in Killin which raised a fantastic £1,200. John Millar from Aberdeen, was so impressed that he matched the amount. Many thanks to a wonderful village for its generous support, especially Wendy, who gave items to sell and her time on the Saturday, and Yvonne, Kim and Alma who helped The Frost Womens Appreciation Society (F.W.A.S).

On the day Charlotte's mum taxied the Frosties to Fort William at 4-30 a.m. for the 7am start and the Frosty parents set off as the support team, itself a challenge.

The Frosties prepared by repeated visits to the toilet as stress began to kick in. They were called to meet the press as they were the first all brothers team - no pressure then! - and the commentator then tried to pair them off with 'The Fat Lassies' team, which spurred them on a bit.

For the first 12 miles to Kinlochleven Morven established a good pace passing a woman with an annoying packet of Tick Tacks only to be overtaken by her following a recurrence of Cameron's old knee injury.

Meanwhile the Frosty support team were admiring the scenery in Glencoe until a phone call told them that the four were 15 minutes from Kinlochleven! Mr. and Mrs. Backup just got to Kinlochleven in the nick of time to mix the isotonic drinks, find towels, dry clothes, bananas and walking poles and put on an expression of being bored with waiting just before the boys checked in. Another competitor's support vehicle had a gazebo, a set of seven non-stick cooking pots and a small generator to blow up something, probably an armchair - no, they already had four of those under the gazebo. The Frosties luckily didn't notice this luxury, just changed, collected food and were off - probably to ensure being ahead of Tick Tack woman! As we

piled several tons of wet clothes into a bin bag, next door were blowing up an inflatable dalek, presumably to identify their van. Well, we had a spotlight on the Landrover.

The team made the top of the Devil's Staircase in about an hour but it's a long slog to the ski centre in Glen Coe and they had to resort to karaoke to take Cameron's pain away (or maybe just replace it with another). The support team arrived at the car park which resembled a Sunday market with stalls a cross between a cafe and outdoor clothing shop. Soon our lookout with telescope on the landrover roof could see them coming.

From Glencoe to Inveroran Morven coaxed Cameron along and tried to persuade him to take his knee support off as his leg was going blue. When they finally reached Strathfillan wigwams we had set up camp knowing this time we would be the posh lot. Morven's beloved comes from there and her mum let us have sole use of a barn. We had armchairs and a well set out table plus all the F.W.A.S.

The climb to Crianlarich raised the pain barrier for them all. Their spirits were lifted as Falcon entered home ground and saw that the local farmer had left a diversion sign claiming the West Highland Way was down a ditch. Going under the railway bridge mental energy was draining and landmarks were not visible with head torches but again spirits were lifted as they outpaced others who had not brought torches so when the boys went ahead those behind went in the ditch, if the sounds could be relied upon.

As they approached Beinn Ghlas they knew that they were 2 miles from the finish at Ardluish. They had seen themselves through together without a cross word till 500 yards from the finish when Calum stopped dead as he thought he saw a fox - which made Morven ricochet into him and the ditch. It was probably a ghostly foxy come to haunt the Frosties and get its own back. They checked into the finish and boarded a speedboat to cross Loch Lomond for the presentation of medals.

Well done boys! We are proud of you and especially for your teamwork in all staying with Cameron. Their time was 17 hours 41 minutes. They finished 79th, 80th, 81st and 82nd out of 1,479 who started. (Over 400 dropped out.) Well done Killin for your wonderful support.

Linda Frost

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Killin Golf Club Results

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Age groups 55 - 63: J.P. Campbell (Killin) 60 BIH
64 - 68: R. McDonald (Killin) 61
69+: B. Morris (Stirling) 66 BIH
Mactaggart Trophy (h/cap 15 - 28): J. P Campbell (Killin) 60 BIH
Lix Toll Trophy (h/cap 1 - 14) R.D. Lewis (Killin) 61

Mixed Open 2006 Saturday 27th May
Scratch: G.Smith (Killin) & Morag McQueen (Largs-Kelburn) 81
Handicap: G.Aitken (Killin) & P.Rew (Lothianburn) 66
Best Killin (Bill Mitchell Salver): R.D. Lewis & Jean Henderson 71.5

Ladies Open 2006 Saturday 5th June
Scratch
Silver Division: Lucy McNulty (Dalmally) 75
Bronze Division: Claire Thompson (Killin) 87 BIH
Handicap Silver Division: Marj Clark (Dalmally) 68
Bronze Division: Kathryn Storey (Killin) 57
Killin Cup (Best overall Handicap) - Kathryn Storey (Killin) 57
Bridge of Lochay Salver (Best Local Handicap) - Kathryn Storey (Killin) 57
Dochart Trophy (Best overall Scratch) - Lucy McNulty (Dalmally) 75

Tay Valley June 17th 2006
The Tay Valley competition is held annually, each of the five clubs involved take a turn to host the competition, which is medal play. A team of 6 players from each club is entered, and the 4 best net scores count. This was the 40th Anniversary of the competition.
Tay Valley Shield (lowest aggregate of 4 best net scores): Taymouth Castle 271
Runners up - Dunkeld & Birnam 275 (BIH) (beating Killin on countback!)
Tay Valley Trophy (Best individual scratch): Gwen Lambie(Dunkeld & Birnam) 76
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Best Killin - Audrey Weaver 67



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Killin and District Sports and Leisure Club Open Day

The open day was a great success with the young and not so young of Killin mixing on the bowling green, tennis courts, putting green and enjoying a spirited football tournament. This level of involvement is surely what we as a village should be aiming for to promote a more "get up and go" approach, especially amongst the youth of the village. We are fortunate that we have a facility like the Sports Club in the village so please come along and use the facilities and support the club. The Sports Club, like so many clubs, relies on a dedicated team of volunteers to organise the day to day running of all the facilities. Nobody has worked harder than Joe Reilly, our Chairman and Secretary over the past two years, to promote and secure the future of the club so it is a great sadness to us that he has decided to move to Perth. He will be sorely missed and we wish him and his wife Margaret every happiness in their new home. Consequently the club is hoping that some new people will come forward to help on the committee.

Kiosk open: 2:00pm-5:00pm and 6:00pm-8:00pm daily.

Donald Third (Treasurer)



Killin and District Agricultural Society



See page 24 for details



Would a community cinema really be a viable business in Aberfeldy?

To answer this question and others, the Friends of the Birks group, with a grant from Perth and Kinross, have engaged St Andrews based cinema expert Ron Inglis. He spent a day in June meeting group members and will be working with us until mid July, when his final report will tell us whether the idea is a good one.

Ron has worked on a wide range of cinema projects across the UK and we were enthralled as he described modern digital cinema technology that would enable even a small cinema to show blockbuster movies the day they come out in London, or even premiere in Aberfeldy! No waiting in line while the big cinemas hold the large film reels for the first few weeks of a release. Digital technology, according to Ron, will be almost standard by 2007 and a real boost to small cinemas in remote locations! It would also offer versatility - a varied programme over the week and possibilities of live broadcasts of events of all sorts from around the world. Aberfeldy is a small town and the possible catchment area of up to 30 miles does not cover many people so, despite digital technology, would this be

enough to ensure the venture is viable? Ron was clear that this would not normally be considered sufficient to run a small cinema but he also knew of other small cinemas that do manage to run in similarly challenged positions, so it is not impossible. Much would depend on having a really good manager, who would actively market the cinema to locals and visitors, and an adaptable space and system that would enable flexibility. Everyone agreed that a café as part of the project would be essential.

Ron will be working with us to develop the initial project outline and, if it looks realistic, then the Friends of the Birks will really have their work cut out, raising more funds for surveys, architects plans, planning permission, etc. - and for buying the building. So, easy really.....

Over the summer we are going to work within the community to assess interest in the project. We plan to hold a stall at the Aberfeldy Show on the 12th August. If you want to know more please contact

Charlotte Flower (01887 830307)
or **Sue Manning** (01567 820500)

National Park News

May I start with a thank you to all those who voted in the recent National Park Elections, although the turnout was not quite as high as I had hoped. As a trial for next year's elections the count was done electronically which is speedy and gives the ability to highlight on screen any ballot sheets which do not show clearly for whom the vote is cast.

There have been a number of trial trips of the solar boat and so far it is performing very well. One feature is that it is equipped for wheelchair access.

Callander at last is to have a National Park administrative office in the early autumn at the old Clan Bookshop on the Main Street. With the Callander office dealing with planning for the area there will now be no need for those awkward journeys to Balloch.

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Camilla Tigwell



Who's 60 this year!

The photo in the last edition showed L-R Catriona Campbell (baby), Evelyn (Petrie) Brown, Janet (Ferguson) Macdonald, Mairi Cunningham, Irene (Campbell) Orr, Fiona (Campbell) Inglis, Mary (MacColl) Watson and Christine (MacMartin) Winton. The pictures was taken on Fiona Inglis' 5th birthday in her mother's garden (nextdoor to Websters) not long before they all started school.



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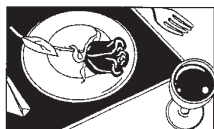
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Robert at Auchmore



The Lanarkshire Motor Cycle Club was persuaded by Bobby Lafferty, who was the clerk of the course, to hold one of their trial events in Killin in May. The event was staged in Kinnell and Cuilodchart and attracted participants from many clubs. Spectators were rewarded with thrilling events staged over challenging courses both in the woodland section and hill ground. Although Bobby did not feature in the winners, his son Robert came second in his class Youth C on 6, he was just pipped at the post by Duncan MacDonald on 3 a very close margin. **GA**

Killin and District Agricultural Society

The Annual Ploughing Match was held at Kinnell, Killin on Saturday 3rd June 2006 by kind permission of the Dowling family. There was a good turn out of tractors and the weather was perfect.. A new quaiach was presented this year by the Christie family in memory of the late Gilbert Christie.

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- 2 Donald McAskill
- 3 Finlay McAskill

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- 1 Alan Gudmunson
- 2 Fraser Wilson
- 3 Donald Hancock

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- 2 Finlay McAskill
- 3 Andrew Anderson

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Photographs, see page 21

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Duncan McKellar and Shaun Campbell presenting a cheque for £500 to John MacPherson for the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. This is the third year in succession that money has been available for charities because Scottish Hydro Electric achieved their Environmental Plan of a year free from injuries that require employees to be off work, no road traffic accidents at over 20 mph and no environmental incidents. John MacPherson said that the Trustees of the Home and the residents were absolutely delighted to be one of three charities to benefit this year from this fund. It is always reassuring to know that businesses care for communities.



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LS



Age 9-10 group Calum Wyllie (Killin), Steven Young (Perth area)
Robert MacIntyre (Oban), Alexander Fagerson (Kirkmuir)
Antonia Dowling (Killin), Jennifer Patrick (Pitlessie, Fife)
Lucie Ronald (Killin), Steven Walsh (St. Fillans) & Alby Palmer (Killin)

The winners were:-

Age 7-8 Girls

- 1 Emma Aitken
- 2 Sophie Thomson

Age 7-8 boys

- 1 Kyle Merrit (St Fillans)
- 2 Mathew Fagerson (Kirkmuir)
- 3 Cameron Patrick (Pitlessie, Fife)

Age 9-10 Girls

- 1 Jennifer Patrick (Pitlessie, Fife)
- 2 Lucie Ronald
- 3 Antonia Dowling

Age 9-10 Boys

- 1 Robert MacIntyre (Oban)
- 2 Stephen Young (Perth area)
- 3 Calum Wyllie

Age 11-12 girls

- 1 Laura Aitken
- 2 Nicola MacIntyre (Oban)
- 3 Camilla Tigwell

Age 11-12 boys

- 1 William Patrick (Pitlessie, Fife)
- he managed to get on to the 11th
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Killin To My Rescue Again

I find myself once again turning to the Killin News to express my feelings about my latest predicament. I have been so overwhelmed again from the continuing care and support given to David and myself since I broke my ankle. I'm sure a lot of you said "Oh No, not again!" when you heard, but no one louder than me when I found myself sitting on Lizzie's and Mark's driveway. I just couldn't believe it! However I shouldn't have feared as despite being off duty I had Fiona, Michael and Susie rushing to my aid. I would like you to know that, despite a delay in getting me to the hospital (thankfully it wasn't urgent) I can only praise our local Paramedic, Scott, who rode up in his flashing ambulance like a knight on a white charger and administered to me until the Perth Ambulance Crew arrived. I have to say "Scott, your cannula was used at P.R.I., well done." (Not a great lover of needles after last years Chemo!!) To you all my heartfelt thanks.

I feel I must also mention my Drama Club friends without whom I would surely have lost my sanity - Gordon, Lesley and Elizabeth for dragging me out to the pub and Tam for coordinating

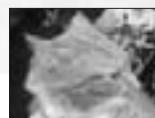
transport drivers for our needs like shopping and being on call for emergencies. Of course I can't forget Lizzie, who has told her driveway off sternly and kept us well provided with Melons!! (B.O.G.O.F.) I mean, how else can I get a foot (ouch) in the door of the Killin News. My thanks also to Lesley K and Gill for helping me to look presentable for my visitors (the water is now out of the ears) and to Jimmy, Betty and Elizabeth for transporting Mum magically so that we could watch Wimbledon together. Last but not least I must thank our Doctors and nurses, without whom I certainly would have felt bereft and panicky. To Cilla, Susie and Kay for providing me with the aids I need for my personal and nursing care to date and to Dave Syme for popping in when I came out from hospital to check all was OK. I mustn't forget the Nursing Association in the guise of Bunty who, after one phone call from me, had a wheel chair despatched for us to borrow. Although I do have crutches, I'm afraid I'm not very adept and am quite a liability to those around me!!

My thoughts, for what they are worth, are that, although our NHS system is undergoing troubles, some of the people who work within it

are trying their best. Over the last 2 years David and I have "tested the waters" so to speak and by and large we have been treated extremely well. If only the overall health system were as good as the individuals who work in it.

Marissa just wonders when she will next receive "one of those phone calls" in London and Myrica just wonders which hospital she will be visiting next!!

Glenda Mardon



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Sponsored Run

Earlier this year I decided to start training for the Glasgow Women's 10K which took place on Sunday 21st of May. It was excellent for raising my fitness levels but I also had an added incentive of raising money for the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. My Granny is a resident in the home and it has proved to be a comfortable, happy place for her to spend her later years. Therefore, it felt appropriate to raise funds for this worthwhile local cause.

I thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the run, along with approximately 13,000 other women, which started and finished in Bellahouston Park. It was a lovely sunny day and I had the support team of my Mum, aunt and uncle, plus James and the kids to meet me at the finishing line. Only one problem, they all missed seeing me finish! I clocked a time of 56 minutes 26 seconds coming in number 2272.

Finally, a big thank you to all those who kindly sponsored me and gave donations the final sum being £500. Here's to next year.

Aileen Fisher

Killin Kutz

We would like to thank all clients for their patronage of Killin Kutz. We received so many 'Good Luck' cards,

bouquets of flowers and gifts including bottles of champagne, we were overwhelmed. Lots of people were just popping their heads around the door and wishing us good luck in our new venture. It was a very warm reception.

Thank you once again,

Pamela and Mary

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, letters and flowers to me when I was in hospital. Thank you to the district nurses and doctor for the care they have given me since I came home. Thank you to my family for the love and care they gave me at all times.

Jean McLarty

On behalf of our father, Bill Rew, we would like to thank everyone for their many kind wishes and cards which he received during his recent stay in hospital. A special mention to all the senior golfers for their visits, gifts and humour.

Jean and Patricia

We sincerely appreciate the welcome from the village and people around Killin. A special thanks goes to Stitt Brothers, A.C. Fraser, Forster Electrical plus A&B Services. All staff have worked hard with us and managed the total renovation in record time to make ours a comfortable home.

Kris, Matthew, Rolo & Foxy

Killin News on Holiday

In May my wife and I went on holiday to the Canaries. I took along the Killin News to while away the hours on the flight. As usual the magazine was packed full of interesting and informative features - no sooner had I finished reading it and we were at our destination. In the hotel foyer there was an information desk where books and magazines could be left for others to peruse whilst on their holiday. As I had finished with the "News" I placed it on the table.

Over the next two weeks I couldn't help but notice that the Killin News kept being removed and returned on a regular basis. I have no doubt that many new readers have now discovered the delights of Killin through the magazine and, you never know, they just might decide to holiday in these parts the next time! Keep up the excellent work it's a cracking good read!!

Willie the Ghillie, Keltneyburn

Happy School Memories P7

My funniest memory of primary school was when Mr McEwen dressed up as Elvis and played his guitar and sang. I will also remember when Mrs Mardon, Ms Logan, Mrs Frost and Mrs Cameron dressed up as Abba and sang an Abba song and when David, Jordan and Billie did a Mr Bean comedy that made everyone laugh.

Megan Rhys

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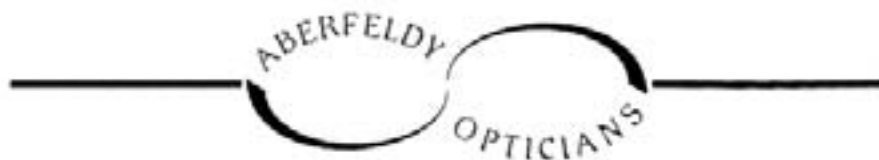
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We had lived such a short time in this beautiful place. As many of you know my oldest friends are in London. I know that I could not have found the same wonderful generosity there as I have been shown here

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Aliens from down under

Have you got New Zealand flatworms in your garden? I and several others in Killin, have.

I found mine under black polythene sheeting laid across the bare earth. A small patch of mucous like material, the remains of an earth worm, with a horrible looking creature curled up nearby - a flatworm. They are easily killed by dropping into salt-water solution. Do not handle them as they can cause skin irritation.

If you find one, don't panic, their only prey is the humble earthworm - a favourite food of moles, hedgehogs, shrews and many birds. Thanks to the flatworms moles are now extinct in the area from Dunoon to Loch Eck.

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Colin Higgins



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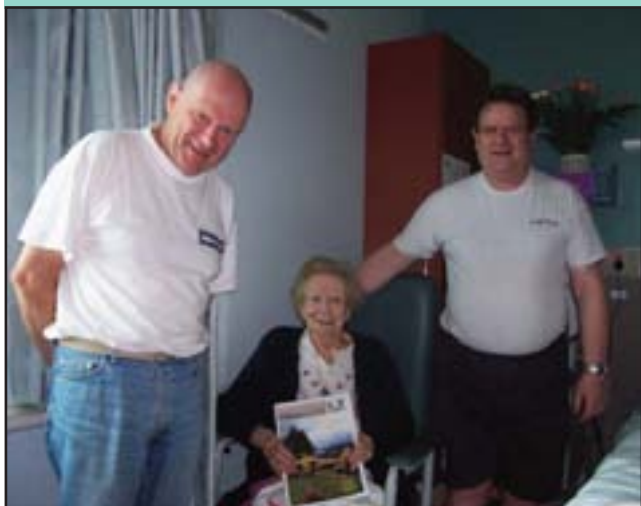
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Across the Globe



Tommy Bickerton and Davie Osler visiting Davie's mother, Ena (Osler) Paton, in hospital in Australia. Both Tommy and my mother send their best wishes to all in Killin who remember them. My Mother has made such a good recovery that she plans to visit Scotland this summer.

Davie Osler

Aspens of Killin



Aspens were once very common in Scotland but have become rare. They can be recognised by their small circular shimmering leaves, which move in the lightest of breezes, and by their vivid brilliant yellow colours that persist, looking like patches of autumn sun, after many of the other autumn leaves have fallen. At that time all the remaining sites of the few surviving aspen trees around Killin can be easily seen. Aspens in Scotland rarely produce seed, possibly because there are now so few trees left and many groups of aspens are clones of a single tree that may be either male or female. As aspens become less common so the flies and insects that depend on them become rare and endangered. The large patch by the cemetery car park is an excellent local example and is a part of Killin's diminishing heritage.

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National Park

Week 20 ending 22 May

Proposal: Erection of 3 metre high stone compound. Installation of 2 antennae supported to wall with total height of 7 metres. Permanent retention of existing equipment cabin and relocation of cabinet
Location: Glenfalloch Farm Crianlarich
Decision: Approve with conditions

Proposal: Creation of new access to existing dwelling house (retrospective)
Location: Muileann Sabh Main Street Killin
Decision: Approve with conditions

Proposal: Change of use and alterations of Tea room and flat to form single dwelling house.
Location: Station House Main Street Killin
Decision : Approve with conditions

Week 21 ending 29 May

Proposal: Mixed retail and tourism related development (include retail units, local interest centre and travel lodge) renewal of consent
Location: Adjacent to Ben Doran Hotel Tyndrum
Decision: Approve with conditions

Week 22 ending 5 June

None

Weeks 23/24 ending 12 June & 19 June

Proposal: Erection and upgrading of various signs
Location: Breadalbane Folk Centre Main Street Killin

Weeks 25/26 ending 26 June & 3 July

Proposal: Removal of existing felt roof tiles and PVC guttering with replacement in new Burlington slate and cast iron guttering (retrospective)
Location: Invertay House Main Street Killin

Week 27 ending 10 July

Proposal: Erection and upgrading of various signs
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Perth and Kinross

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Killin Rovers

On Wednesday 14th June, Killin Rovers organised a big football match. The teams competing were Tyndrum, Callander and Killin Rovers. Thank you to all the parents and team managers who helped. It was a fun day for all players and spectators. Since then, Killin Rovers and other teams in the area have been invited to play matches at the Callander Highland Games.

All our members would also like to thank Mr. Mackay of Fiddlers Bay for his kind donation to us. The money will be used to provide team equipment as we intend joining the Perth U-12 League after the summer.

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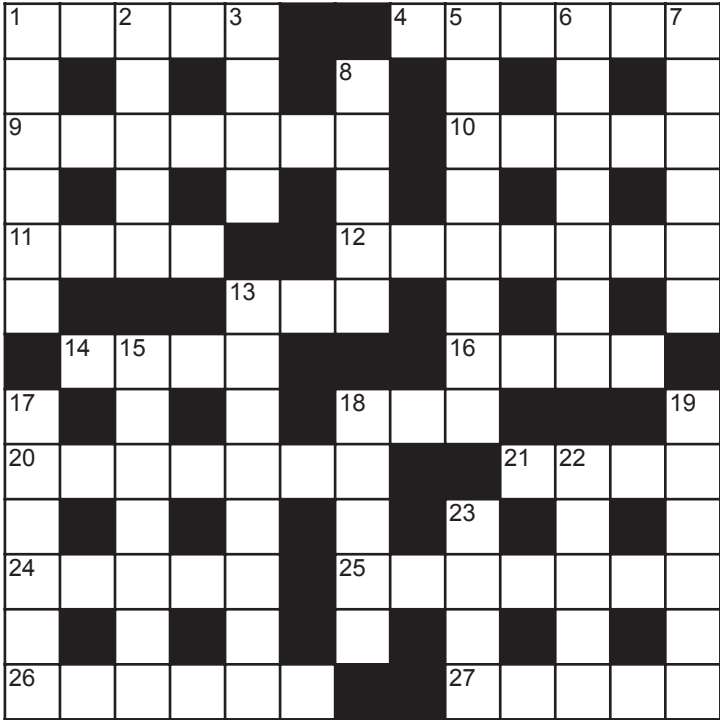
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Crossword by Scorpio



Across

1. Man-made fibre embraced by really crafty people (5)
4. Not absent during trial (6)
9. Sounds like a mythical animal needs podiatric treatment to one foot (7)
10. African ruminant mammal (5)
11. Totally engrossed (4)
12. Former moralistic pamphlet can be a chosen piece (7)
13. Love zilch (3)
14. Greek nymph who pined away till only her voice remained (4)
16. Necessity (4)
18. Initially baby Angela gurgled with pleasure over a little handbag (3)
20. I'm a liar puzzled by flying letters (7)
21. Ellipsoid (4)
24. -----Hempstead, Hertfordshire (5)
25. A Scotsman and the first man joined forces to produce a firm surface (7)
26. Except on the condition that ----- (6)
27. Theatrical performance from medical man with one degree (5)

Down

1. Has the Paris museum got a slatted window? (6)
2. Christmas roses invite major problems initially, for a tight curl (5)
3. Promise held in a vowel sound (4)
5. Trot gin square in altered but sprightly manner (8)
6. Eastern chap consumed with outward flow (7)
7. Contaminates ants it seems (6)
8. Curiously the backward french nag a heavenly body (5)

13. The not so fit can be remarkable (8)
15. Employ backward painter in ship of the desert as a browning agent (7)
17. Sweet breath lozenge (6)
18. Second class confused chap becomes culpable (5)
19. College graduate (6)
22. The spirit of Russia (5)
23. Turns litmus red (4)

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Solution to 92

Across 1. terry 4. adverb 9. emanate
10. burns 11. tate 12. intrude 13. tit
14. scar 16. naff 18. bit 20. advance
21. lido 24. serif 25. tramped 26. depart
27. extol

Down 1. treaty 2. roast 3. year
5. debutant 6. earmuff 7. busker 8. remit
13. transfer 15. cover up 17. gassed
18. berth 19. rondel 22. input 23. gaze

Happy School Memories P7

The thing that stands out the most for me at primary school was when it was my first ever day of school and I started to cry because I didn't want to go inside.

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Sonia Hewitt (nee Grant), here with Peter Sinclair, is now a qualified plumber and gas technician, having just finished her plumbing course and her apprenticeship with A.C. Fraser Licensed Plumbers. She was the only female on her course.
Well done Sonia!



Leo checking your bank balance



Robert Niall Brown, after his Passing Out Parade at H.M.S. Raleigh Plymouth on 7th July He is going to the submarine RN school to start his training



Andrea Gauld (centre) daughter of Jimmy and Maureen Gauld of Killin, with Lubna Malik and the Youth Category Race in the Media Award for the BBC2 programme Race: Changing Attitudes



Hector and Irene Hall celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on

June 15th at the Drummond Arms Hotel in St Fillans with all their family. They were married at Ardclach Parish Church Nairn in 1956

What's On in Killin and District

August

- 3 - 6 Fearnan Arts & Crafts McLean Hall Fearnan
- 5 Book Sale in aid of Fingal Stone Trust McLaren Hall all day
- 5 Balquhiddel Country Fair Auchleskine Farm Balquhiddel 9.30am
- 8 "Push those Pedals" National Park cycling event from Glenoglehead to Callander 10am
meet Callander 10am booking essential Tel 01567 830430
- 13 Car Boot Sale in aid of Cancer Research UK McLaren Car Park 12noon - 4pm
- 13 Clanscape Breadalbane Park 12 noon
- 13 Duck Race 2pm Falls of Dochart
- 16 Illustrated Talk 'Ben Lawers - Portrait of a Nature Reserve' Lyndoch 8pm
- 18/19 Killin Show
- 25 "What Bat is that" National Park event Lochearnhead Car Park 7.30pm
- 27 "Lost in Breadalbane" National Park navigation event.
Contact Gavin Skipper for details 01567 830430 12 noon
- 30 Soup lunch in aid of Yorkhill Hospital Bank House Main Street 12 - 2pm £5.00
- 30 Illustrated talk 'Wild Isles' Pete McHugh NTS area manager Inner Hebrides
Lyndoch 8pm

Bowls
Mon & Frid 2.15
Wed evening
Bowling Green

Guides
Restarting September

Internet Cafe
Thursdays
McLaren Hall 10am - 4pm
Tuesdays, Fridays & Saturdays
Tyndrum Village Hall

September

- 2 Craft Fare and Car Boot Sale Tourist Information Centre Tyndrum
- 9 "Strathfillan Gold" National Park event Tyndrum 11am Tel 01567 830430
- 9 Jazz Supper Cancer Research UK event McLaren Hall 8pm
- 16 Ceilidh concert in aid of McLaren High School Orchestra trip McLaren Hall evening
- 17 "Location, Location, Location" National Park event on the history of Glenogle
booking essential Tel 01567 830430
- 21 Church Guild Open meeting. Speaker Joan MacLeod Yorkhill Children's Foundation
Church Community Rooms 7.30pm
- 23 Whist Drive Church Hall 7.30pm All welcome
- 29,30 & Oct 1 "Jazz up the Trossachs" a jazz and blues weekend various locations Callander

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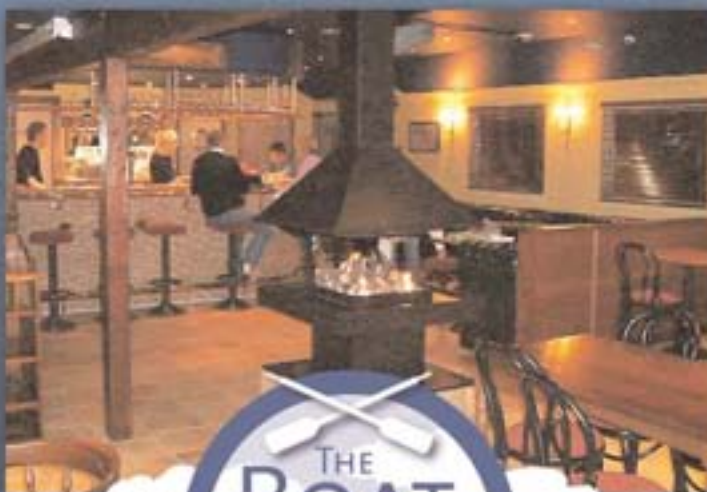


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