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Editorial

Resource Centre- will it turn a dream into reality? Does Killin need a community facility to house societies, clubs, small retail outlets, small rooms for committee meetings and space for educational activities? It could be a place to display or sell crafts, a place for activities for the young and not-so-young. It could have facilities to display items of historical interest, have family history resources, charitable activities and be just what you want it to be. Seeking funding for a venture like this is easier than you think but needs village support and involvement. That it is well within our grasp has been shown by the success of other rural villages, some with population numbers as low as 200. Look at the examples of the Crianlarich and Tyndrum community woodlands and Killin's own success, the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. Visit the Kilmadock Information & Heritage Centre in Doune. A resource centre is an opportunity waiting to be grasped - by you. Attend the public meeting on 28th October and let your opinion be known.

Killin Events: These are all run by volunteers bringing visitors and business to the community

The Highland Games successfully attracted visitors to Killin perhaps in lower numbers this year on account of the vagaries of the weather. Dampness in no way interfered with the enjoyment of the event, even if the Highland Dancing had to be held indoors. While the wet caused difficulties for all but the cream of competitors who handled the McGlashan Stones and affected the outcome in some of the other events, the day was a great success. (see page 16)

Clanscape celebrated the cultural heritage of Killin with stands demonstrating spinning, pole lathe turning, beer making, story telling, rope making, willow weaving, archery, herb usage, fly tying and simulated archaeological digs. Displays of artefacts and photographs of local history, flora and fauna could also be found. A yurt provided an interesting background to the event and a coracle revealed its deceptively simple construction. The Killin Mountain Rescue involved the public in their demonstrations. All the stands were supported by experts and enthusiasts ready to answer questions. (see page 7)

The Killin Show is an annual event that belongs to the village and local farming community. The Show is a good time to catch up with old friends and view the excellent quality of local stock. Judging commences early in the day before the parade. Visitors, while numerous, are more peripheral to this event and are encouraged to join in by a colourful parade led by the Comrie Pipe Band that marks the start of displays on the field.

Events this year included a demonstration of the remarkable skills of trials bike riders, husky dog driving, highland dancing, bonny baby competition and a dog show. The associated Flower and Produce Show demonstrates to the rest of us how talent can produce remarkable if not surprising results that need to be seen to be believed.

(see centre pages)

A big thanks is extended to all volunteers for making Killin such a remarkable place.

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Community Newspaper of the Year 2006



The Killin News won the award at the Stirling Community Newspapers Awards ceremony. It also received an award for the best photograph associated with an article for the cover photo of the Air Ambulance in Issue 88. This is a great boost to the Killin News Committee. Some of the Committee are shown receiving the award from George Thomson of Volunteer Development Scotland.

Ducks Take to the Water



800 ducks took part in the race and raised nearly £600 for the Highland Games. **Winners 1st** Morag Shaw £100
2nd Rhona Muirston £50 **3rd** Paul Ireland £25
Best Name Margaret MacIver "Luvva" £25

Gibby's Ceilidh

I was just one in a packed McLaren Hall on Saturday 16th September. We had all come to support the members of McLaren High School Orchestra and help them raise funds for a trip to Italy. What a wonderful evening we had. All the youngsters who took part showed an amazing amount of talent and gave us a feast of music.

We watched some superb highland dancing from the Primary School age group and listened to some excellent singing from the Killin Primary School Gaelic Choir. 1st and 2nd year pupils of McLaren High School gave us some very

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Siobhan Anderson

good fiddle and accordion playing and we enjoyed wonderful playing from an older all girls fiddle group called 'Fealla Dha', the school jazz band called 'The Teith Valley Stompers', an excellent accordion player; a brilliant acoustic guitar player and, on clarsach and fiddle, two girls who attend The National Centre of Excellence in Traditional Music in Plockton. Two soloists - sisters - sang beautifully in both Gaelic and English. They are both entering the Mod later this year, as is 'Fealla Dha', who played their Mod selection for us. A Ceilidh wouldn't be complete without some general dancing and for this the band 'Sgiobalta' played. All its members are young musicians in the

Stirling Region. They were brilliant and all our young folk danced the night away. The village has to thank Jane Anderson for organising such a wonderful event. Siobhan Anderson, in her vote of thanks, reminded us that the Ceilidh was in memory of her Grandpa, Gibby, who loved music and was a great box player and who would have been thrilled to hear such music from so many youngsters. Traditional Music is far from dead, if Saturday's ceilidh is anything to go by. I am delighted to say that is very much alive and in good hands. Full marks to the younger generation.

Sheena Chisholm

(see pictures page 25)

The Ceilidh raised £1,600

Award for Falls of Dochart Retirement Home



Jenny Martin

The Home was one of few in the Stirling area to achieve an award for excellence when Jenny and Mairi Martin were among many who completed the Cooksafe course of the Food Standards Agency run by Falkirk College in Callander last year. This is designed to help catering businesses understand and implement a HACCP-based system to ensure that high standards are met in all aspects of food preparation, cooking and distribution.



Floral Award Winners



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Full Results on page 24

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Community Futures Programme

Primary School
Village Display

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**Join in the discussion about Killin and
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Interpretation and Signage?
Station Car park?

Resource Centre?

Updated Community Profile?
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Heart of Scotland Herb Society



We have all had a long and lovely summer with lots of sunshine - perfect for growing herbs. It has been a bumper year for these special plants, with the Mediterranean varieties showing bountiful growth and enhanced flavour. Oregano, thyme, sage, bay, lemon verbena, dill, parsley and lavender have all thrived and produced a good harvest for drying, freezing, making jellies, vinegar etc. to use during the dormant months. At the Herbalist's Garden Jacquie Hazzard has had a good crop of medicinal herbs for use in the clinic over the next year or two. With autumn approaching we turn our attention to the new season of herb society events. Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday October 25th in the River Room of Pitlochry Theatre at 10.30am. As our meeting coincides with 'One World Week' we have arranged a cookery demonstration with Mike Cullen. Mike, who lives in Derbyshire, is the Fair Trade chef for the Co-op and presents regular cookery demonstrations in their stores and at major fairs throughout the country. He recently appeared on Gardener's World Live. He

has a passion for herbs and Scotland and has agreed to come to the Pitlochry area for a short holiday and at the same time do a cookery demonstration for us, using Fair Trade food and herbs. The Co-op is the main sponsor of this event, making it possible to keep the ticket prices down to £3 per person. Tickets are available from any committee member and, as with all our meetings, is open to the general public. We have a full and varied programme this season with something of interest for everyone:
November 15th AGM Full display of dried and preserved herbs
December 6th Christmas Luncheon at Kinnaird House Hotel
 Each meeting we will feature a specific herb for characteristics, habitat and uses, as so many grow readily and thrive in our area. We look forward to another season of exchanging ideas and information on these wonderful plants. For further information on the Herb Society or any of the events please contact

Patty Hope
 01567 820408
 or **Judy Forster**
 01567 820298

1st Killin Guides

The Guides restarted on 13th September and will meet every Wednesday evening (during term time) from 7.30 - 9pm in the Church Hall.

Guides are open to any girl aged 10-14 and new members are always welcome.

Guides will be working on a varied programme of activities this term, as always covering each of the 5 Guiding "programme zones" - Healthy Lifestyles, Global Awareness, Skills & Relationships, Celebrating Diversity and Discovery.

A fundraising beetle drive evening is being planned to raise funds for the Church Hall. The provisional date for this event is 15th November - watch out for posters nearer the time!

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CLANSCAPE



Killin Community Council 12th September

Travellers parking: Mr. John McNee, Travel Site Manager for Stirling Council, said there is now a non-harassment policy which must be seen to be fair. After receiving an eviction notice, travellers have 72 hours to leave before lawyers take court action. Private landowners have to go to their own lawyers and eviction notices can cost £3000-£6,000. He will try to get more 'No Overnight Parking' notices put up in the Station Car Park. Mr. McNee can be contacted on his mobile 07717 545112 about problems with travellers.

Proposed Loch Tay Bye-Laws: These propose that boats over a certain size using engines must be registered with the Council and that normal navigation rules must be followed. Local people will soon be invited to put forward their views at a public meeting. Sea-planes are governed by the Aviation Authority. Boats with Loch Lomond registrations have recently been using the loch. Patrolling the loch during summer months and a speed restriction might discourage jet and water skiing.

Matters arising: £3,000 had been received from the Scottish Executive for the Action Plan.

Community grant: The £1,000 grant had been given to the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home and will be used for staff training.

20 mph speed limit at the school: This should be in place very shortly.

Ground for Extension of Cemetery car park: The owners of Finlarig will under no circumstances give this ground to the village.

Planning: No applications.

Christmas Lights: Strathfillan, Balquhider and Killin Community Councils will write to the Council asking for help from their £50,000 budget.

School Transport: The Killin school bus now has seat belts and parents have been informed. A push is on to get someone from this area on to the McLaren High School Board. Anyone interested should contact Suzanne Player

Petition: Allan Clarke, Balquhider Community Council, and John MacPherson attended the Scottish Parliament last week when the petition came up again. Unfortunately Sylvia Jackson could not attend due to illness. The Parliamentary Committee decided that as responses had been received from the Ambulance Service, they would now close the Petition. Charlie Grant congratulated the Chairman for all the work he has done to try to improve the conditions in this area.

Lochside Litter: Stirling Council Criminal Justice Services Department will help communities with vandalism and litter problems and hopes to do a weekly clean up in winter and probably one twice weekly in summer. Some areas are being closed off and some refuse bins are being re-instated. Killin Angling Club has spent £700 - £1,000 on litter cleaning.

Community Futures: There has been a good response (40% return) to the questionnaire.

Bus Travel: Passengers - even those with travel cards - are advised to book seats on City Link buses, as priority is given to pre-booked passengers.

Floral displays: The Chairman thanked all those in the village who have brightened the streets.

Community Council Elections: These will take place in November. The present Community Council will remain until mid-night on 2nd November. John MacPherson announced that he would not be standing for re-election due to ill

health. He thanked all Community Council members, Suzanne Player, Cllr. Ffinch and Owen McKee for all their assistance and the wider community for their patience and forbearance during his time in office. He said he had had an enjoyable and challenging time as Chairman and a good relationship with Stirling Council and other agencies over the years. Owen McKee thanked John MacPherson for leading Killin Community Council over the last years and asked for a hearty vote of thanks.
Next meeting: 7.30 pm Tuesday, 14th November 2006 in Killin Primary School

Your Council Needs You

The three yearly elections for the Killin Community Council take place this Autumn and it is vital for the village that we have a strong and active Committee. John MacPherson, who has been an outstanding Chairman for six years, is retiring and several of the Committee will not be restanding.

Nominations are invited to fill all 12 vacancies. If there are more than 12 nominations, an election will be held. Anyone over the age of 18 can be nominated as long as they're living in Killin Community Council area and on the current Electoral Register. Nomination forms are available from libraries, local offices, Stirling Council's website (www.stirling.gov.uk) or from the Elections Office, Room 33, Old Viewforth, Stirling FK8 2ET phone 01786 443306 from 13th October 2006.

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Frost Report



Changing Times

Recently I gave a short talk on the effect of new legislation on the ecology of the local red deer population. I had my eyes opened as to how little people understand the relationship between stalking and hill management. Little thought has gone into the funding of hill paths - The Core Paths Scheme - which takes more account of visitors wishes rather than locals. No money is available to fund toilets in these areas so estates have to provide visitor facilities.

There is confusion over the definition of "wild camping". These matters need to be clarified and possibly amended before harm is done to the ecology of the hills. The survival of any species is dependent upon its ability to adapt to its habitat. Red deer had a sudden change thrust upon them in the mid to late 1800s when forests were cleared and sheep were brought in. The land offered less shelter, cover and food and, in order to survive in this new environment, the average body weight of the species became much reduced. From the mid 1800s, stalking as we know it began. It is far more challenging to shoot on the open hill than in a forest. The popularity of the sport grew rapidly with Queen Victoria's participation. Deer

numbers in general were controlled so individuals did not starve and the general health of the species improved with good practice and management. During the two world wars, when stalkers were called up to fight, the habitat and health of the deer deteriorated. After the second world war things began to improve. Then in 1977 the deer act was passed and close seasons were brought in. During this period, due to work commitment, walkers and climbers only visited at weekends and could only access some areas in relatively good weather. Most knew the country ways and the importance of conserving the habitat. Nowadays hill use has increased tremendously with visitors using the hills all year round seven days a week either walking, biking, skiing, snow boarding or using other activities to damage the environment. This has greatly reduced the availability of undisturbed habitats for use by deer. In the last 30 years at Boreland, areas which used to be favoured by deer but which also include Munros or Corbetts, have been vacated in favour of quieter Munroless areas. Females are less tolerant of disturbance especially in June when the hills can be very busy. They need quiet and seclusion for calving and for suckling their calves during these early weeks.

Wintertime is more difficult for both males and females when the less abundant food supply is made worse by disturbance. Deerstalking makes a significant contribution to both the sustainability of Highland estates and to the local economy - helping to sustain rural villages, schools and even shops. New legislation requires more record keeping and form filling for the stalker and estates must provide new larders as hygiene and quality assurance legislation comes about. Many of us older ones find the change hard but my two sons in the profession are able to take this on board. The hill is the factory producing an end product, the difference being that a factory would not have the general public wandering around at will. What is certain firstly is that pressure by other hill users will increase. Secondly this will have a detrimental effect on the habitat availability for the deer and thirdly we have to communicate better with the non-stalking majority, from the MSPs to the trials bike rider who rides over the hill on a Wednesday afternoon. Only with better knowledge and understanding can the access bill and the Scottish hill habitat survive into the 21st century.

Tim Frost

New for autumn!

The stars of the show this month are two Scandinavian companies new to Homer; **Lexington** with a shabby chic New England look, lots of stripes and checks and **Greengate** who are known for their fresh country look, with a more floral slant. Both companies supply exceptional collections of bed linen, towels, cushions, throws, rugs and accessories.

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Mervyn's Weather



The summer season 2006 bowed out right on cue, on the night of 31st August, with a fall of 27mm of rain (over 1 inch).

This represents the heaviest 24 hours precipitation since 10th November 2005. 2006 has produced so far 45 days when the maximum temperature has reached or exceeded 70F (21C), thus comparing it with other vintage seasons such as 1959 - 29 days and a maximum reading of 77C, 1976 - 41 days maximum 85.2F (29.3C), and 1984 - 49 days and a maximum 84F (28.2C). So that, while being a warm and reasonably settled summer, it has not broken any records. Indeed in a number of other seasons during the years, in which I have been involved in recording here at Ardtalnaig, there have been numerous occasions when higher temperatures have occurred over short spells. Incidentally 30.1C on 11th July 2005 is the all time high that I have clocked up.

So much then for statistics, though, of course, these are among the main criteria for determining the facts of global warming/climate change, which has become an almost daily "whipping boy" for many departures from normality. Facts, however, are "chiels that willna' ding" and there are many observations that point to a general rise in temperature.

The Eiger mountain in Switzerland we are told has lost so much ice cover that the almost perpendicular rock faces, a fearsome challenge to climbers, are disintegrating rapidly. Kilimanjaro, Mt Kenya and other equatorial snow covered mountains, which so intrigued the explorer Livingston, are losing their snows at an increased rate.

Closer to home, plant and animal life would appear to be undergoing subtle changes, for instance the spread of the soft rush (*juncus effusus*) seems to be accelerating, as does the growth of many types of willow, bog myrtle and other lovers of damp environment. Is this attributable to higher rainfall or less intensive agricultural methods or both? Weeds, "like the poor will always be with us", but many of the less desirable species seem to be on the increase, dockens, nettles, and ragwort to name but a few and as I write a blizzard of rose bay willow herb floats past the window. Fireweed, as I think it is called in the USA, for a short while in August has a bonny pink flower but later pollutes the environment with seeds that take root in any cranny.

Many migrant birds over the past few years have been arriving earlier, though conversely, for the second year running,

swifts have departed 10 days early. There are so many imponderables involved in the subject of natural phenomena that it is difficult to single out any ruling cause for changes, which in any case are always happening - nothing is static - but higher temperatures overall, higher rainfall and more frequent gales must surely be an important ingredient in the present inconsistency of the environment.

Mervyn K. Browne
Ardtalnaig

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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.

Writing is very much part of my job, so it should be easy to talk about growing up in Killin and what's happened since the family flitted to Aberfeldy in 1990. But I've struggled to get going - being distracted by all sorts of memories from what seems like a long time ago and which have only been prompted now by being asked to submit a wee update on the Argo 'clan'.

For those that don't remember - or don't know - I am the eldest of four, the other three being Sally, Gordon and John. Mum and Dad - Florence and Sandy - moved to Killin when Dad worked with 'the Hydro' and it was work that led us away 11 or so years later.

All my primary schooling was in Killin and I attended McLaren High for four years (which left me with a permanent dislike of bus journeys). I probably served some of you in Shutters restaurant or washed your dishes when I worked in the Capercaillie!

Mum and Dad are still in Aberfeldy, but I was only there for two years, before going off to university in Aberdeen. During those two years, I was involved with Heartland FM - just as it got on air - and the experience helped to get me my



first job after uni, working for BBC Radio Shetland.

I returned to Aberdeen a few years later - having really enjoyed my time in the far north - and shifted from journalism into public relations (from poacher to gamekeeper!). For those that believe the 'spin' about 'spin doctors', I can assure you that real-life PR is very different from the worlds of Alastair Campbell and Max Clifford. I cut my teeth with Grampian Health Board (no pun

intended) then got a job with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

Now things get interesting! Anyone who has read the farming press this year will probably realise that I'm kept quite busy. I used to do SEPA's PR in the north of Scotland - covering Dounreay and fish-farming issues mostly - before getting the national PR Manager's job. So, now I work in Stirling trying to get our messages across to the many people who think we don't do enough for the environment and those who think we do too much!

Working for a regulator is a definite challenge but it's very rewarding. SEPA is also where I met my partner Emma, who works in Edinburgh - which is where we both live.

Meanwhile Sally trained as a saddler and lives in Aberfeldy, Gordon is in landscape gardening - also in Aberfeldy and John is a hotel manager in Glasgow. All are well settled, which is no doubt very pleasing to Mum and Dad. Both of them are retired - sort of - never quite managing to give-up work completely.

If you've read this far, thanks for sticking with me! After a slow start, I'm just getting going but I suppose I've answered the question: 'where are they now?'

We may have moved on, but I still enjoy the occasional visit to old haunts in Killin.

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Software Licensing

The area of software licensing and ensuring

that you actually have the legal right to use software on your computer is complicated to such an extent that a great number of

businesses and home users are inadvertently using software illegally. This article will look at licensing for Microsoft products and I will explain the different licence types, and where and when you can and cannot use software. Typically the software is owned by the company that developed it in the first place and they issue the end user a licence to use the software for a fee. The terms and conditions related to the software licence determine how the software can be deployed. For instance, Microsoft typically offers two types of licence for the same software (actually in many situations Microsoft have even more than this)
*Retail Boxed version – which can be

installed on any computer, as long as it is only installed on one computer at a time
*OEM (Other Equipment Manufacturers) version – which can only be installed on a brand new machine. The licence runs for the life of that machine and the software can not be installed on any other computer.

It has come to my attention that many computer users, both commercial and domestic, in the area have illegal software installed on their machines. Furthermore, there have been instances of so-called professional engineers installing this illegal or pirated software and having the cheek to state to their clients that the software is legitimate. There are also websites offering so-called cheap software – please beware of these sites, since the software they are “licensing” is illegal.

In order to prove that the software is in fact legal, you need to have the original media, along with, for Microsoft products, the corresponding label entitled “Certificate of Authenticity”. Typically your Certificate of Authenticity for Microsoft Windows is on a label that is physically attached to your computer. Otherwise, if you don’t have the original

media, you are potentially breaking the law.

If you are worried that you have unlicensed software, there is, at the time of writing, a website, HYPERLINK “<http://www.microsoft.com/genuine>” where you can verify that your Microsoft software is legal.

If you really do not want to pay for software, then there are plenty of free alternatives available to you, many of which are compatible with the leading brands. An example of this is OpenOffice HYPERLINK “<http://www.openoffice.org>” which has a word processor, spreadsheet and database which can read files created by Microsoft Office.

If you still have any doubt as to the legitimacy of software installed on your computer, I suggest you seek expert advice.

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Strathfillan Community Development Trust



Tyndrum Woodland Millennium Forest for Scotland Trust (MFST)

SCDT have completed the purchase of the Tyndrum Community Woodland (85.611ha.). Our thanks go to Marna Diack of the Scottish Land Fund for her help, encouragement and support through the process. We were successful with our funding bid to the tune of £7,667 from the SLF. We have also just received news of our Completion Certificate from the MFST along with a cheque for our final claim of £3,000. The MFST has come to the end of their 3 year project throughout Scotland and to mark the project completion a reception is being hosted by Rhona Brankin MSP (Dep. Minister for the Environment and Rural Development) at Edinburgh Castle to which Gwyneth and I have been invited. We'll try not to disgrace ourselves!

Craft Fair and Car Boot Sale

Thank goodness those of us who live in the area are made of tough stuff! It would seem that the ability to keep smiling in spite of the rain and wind is a prerequisite of residence in this unpredictable part of Scotland. I think we can say the event was a qualified success. Certainly all our demonstrators in the big marquee had a good day and are keen to come back if we hold a similar event next year. Thank you to the Ben More for the loan of the marquee and to the local muscle with camping badges who helped to erect it on site and dismantle it the next day. Our thanks go to everyone who helped before, during and after the event; the NP Rangers, Killin Mountain Rescue Team, the Oban re-enactment group, the Forestry

Commission, Milly and Roy for the tombola, Isla for the BBQ, Crianlarich hall for the tables, everyone who donated raffle and tombola prizes, all the demonstrators, those who tended damp car boots and everyone who braved the weather on the day to give their support. We made a small profit on the day in part due to the generous support we received from Scottish Natural Heritage and Stirling Council a big thank you to them both. Does anyone out there know how to pick a dry Saturday in a Scottish summer?

Battle of Dalrigh Commemoration

On Wednesday 4th October the Battle of Dalrigh will be fought once again, but without the blood and gore this time! The Trust has organised a return trip to Strathfillan of the Oban based re-enactment group who came to the Woodland event. They will be giving a hands on experience of how life was for our ancestors in the time of Robert the Bruce. The occasion will offer the children of Crianlarich Primary School the chance to learn about local history and we look forward to seeing them brandishing their swords and targes on the day.

Café Scientifique

Now that the nights are drawing in again, it's time for the welcome return of Café Sci. The relaxed, informal atmosphere and diverse topics covered in 05/06 proved very successful and the Trust is delighted to support this new session. The meetings will be on Wednesday evenings between 7pm and 9pm in Tyndrum Village Hall.

Wed. 11th October Stem cells can cure human disease: hope or hype?

(Dr Marilyn Robertson BSc PhD)
Dr Robertson (Exec. Director of the Scottish Stem Cell Network) will outline stem cell research and its potential for curing disease. Stem cells are found in most organs of the human body where

they may have a role in constantly repairing the wear and tear of everyday life. We know that very early embryos contain stem cells capable of developing into all the cells and organs of the adult body. Will we ever be able to harness the power of these cells to cure Parkinson's disease, diabetes and other illnesses? Will this technology be condemned to be a costly and ethically unacceptable possibility?

Wed. 15th November Who needs chemistry? (Dr Joe Connolly PhD DSc FRSE)

Wed. 21st February Are nutritional guidelines based on scientific evidence? (D Crompton OBE MA ScD FRSE)

Wed. 21st March The risk business: turf accountants and insurance companies from an actuarial perspective. (Graeme Robertson BSc FFA)

We look forward to seeing you at what is always an enjoyable and engaging evening.

Deputy Education Minister's Visit

David Brown MSP paid us a visit in mid August, as a follow up to last year's World Youth Congress project and to find out what was happening with our young people and the problems they face living in the further reaches of the Stirling Council area. Our thanks go to those who attended and helped make the visit a success, especially our youth representatives on the day. Their contribution was particularly valued by Mr Brown who said he left much better informed on rural youth issues than he was when he arrived.

A.G.M.

The SCDT AGM will be held on Wednesday 22nd November at 7pm in Tyndrum Village Hall. Members and non-members alike will be warmly welcomed to what is always a very friendly bit of a do. For further information Tel Joyce or Gwyneth 01838 400 545

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Firefighters Fundraiser

On Saturday 2nd September Tyndrum fire fighters held their annual fundraiser in aid of the Fire Services National Benevolent Fund at the Green Welly Stop in Tyndrum. The lovely Scottish weather didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the crew or the locals and visitors who came over to share a few laughs and stories. Tyndrum fire station would like to thank all those who gave generously and helped raised a final total of £545.00. **Allan Brodie**

“By The Way”



Strathfillan Community Council

Workmen have tidied up the cemetery in Tyndrum. Litter bins still need regular emptying.

There was concern over the impact on local businesses of the proposed Crianlarich by-pass.

Council members met John MacLeod, Lead Design Engineer, Scottish Water Solutions, to discuss new water treatment proposals at the River Cononish and a new water treatment plant to replace existing facilities. It is envisaged that this would be in place by August 2007 and would release the moratorium on house building in Tyndrum and also improve the quality

of the water.

Proposed changes to the Post Bus could mean that passengers would not be able to get back from Killin in the afternoon. Stirling Council will try to get the timetable altered.

Trans Serv and Stirling Council both deny responsibility for providing street name signs for Glenfalloch Road and Main Street Crianlarich. Sylvia Jackson will see who is responsible.

School Transport: It is now mandatory for all pupils to wear seat belts where they are provided, but we don't know whose responsibility it is to enforce it or what sanctions are in place for those who

do not comply. It is imperative that we have some input into the standards for next year's new 5 year tender, and that all buses should have forward facing seats. A planning application from Fynegold for renewing extraction from the goldmine at Cononish has been withdrawn before the NPA had considered it, perhaps because the Crown Commission will not renew the licence to extract gold or silver as the current licence has not been used for several years.

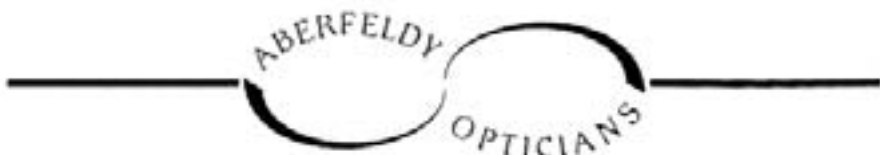


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Kits for Kids

Thanks to all those in Crianlarich and Tyndrum (and further afield!) who worked so hard at collecting the Daily Record "Kits for Kids" tokens in the spring. Crianlarich & Tyndrum football team have now received a full set of kits - rain jackets & full team strips - and are looking forward to trying them out in a match sometime soon!

Isla Craig



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Bowls

Alex Cameron Trophy Part 1

On Sunday 6th August the sun was shining as 12 Carpet Bowlers arrived to play their outdoor counterparts at the Sports and Leisure Club after the original date in July had to be postponed due to very heavy overnight rain. The competition, as always, was very fierce and was accompanied by some excellent banter. At the end of a



very successful afternoon, the Green Bowlers emerged winners of part 1 of the Alex Cameron Trophy by 70 shots to 46, winning 26

games, drawing 1 and losing 7. Thanks went to the Green Keeper, Jim Beattie for all his efforts in looking after the Bowling Green. Part 2 is eagerly awaited in October.

Jill Higgins (Green Bowler)

Fire Cadets



Fire Cadets from Central Scotland Fire & Rescue (Killin) made their 1st appearance at the Killin show albeit only in a fund raising capacity. They walked around the show rattling collection boxes and answering questions from visitors and locals about the Cadet scheme.

We did not have a Fire Cadet demonstration this year as we have only being going for 3 months but, in hindsight, there should have been as they have progressed faster than any of the instructors could have expected.

The Cadets fundraising is for the Firefighter Benevolent fund and for their own equipment and activities. They will be involved in more fundraising soon including the compulsory car wash scheme. Look out for flyers. Finally we would like to thank all the Cadets and volunteers involved. Watch out for them at next year's show.

Lucy & Lorraine

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Where Are We?

We are based in Killin Primary School

When Are We Open?

Monday to Friday 3pm - 6pm term time
Extended days are available during in-service days and holidays

How Would My Child get to the Service?

A member of staff collects the children from the front door of Killin Primary School and ensures they arrive safely to Out of School Care.

Monday and Tuesday the minibus brings children down from Crianlarich Primary School to Out of School Care.

How Much Does It Cost?

After School Costs - per session - £5.50 for the first child and £5.00 for subsequent children

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Mothers, Babies and Tiddlers

To enable the Tiddlers and Toddlers group to continue, new members are required.

The group welcomes all mums, babies and tiddlers. Held in the Pavillion every Friday 9.30am-11.30am. We provide a cup of coffee for mums and playtime for the children. We are also responsible for helping with the organisation of the Halloween and Christmas parties and provide an outing each year. The AGM will be held at 8pm Wednesday 11th October at the Killin Hotel.

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Cultural Show



Notes From the Crannog



I came across a couple of unexpected words when browsing through some of our recent Crannog research material; they were 'Wiggle Matching'! The Crannog Crew are

well known for some interesting activities, but surely not Well, I ask you? I was intrigued, and for an explanation I turned to the Oracle, Dr. Nick Dixon. He tells me that The Scottish Trust for Underwater Archaeology, the Crannog Centre's parent body, has been awarded a grant from Historic Scotland to sample timber from Oakbank Crannog on Loch Tay. These samples will be radiocarbon dated at the Scottish Universities Research Centre in East Kilbride. They will be cut into 10 year sections, so a 150 year old tree for example will produce 15 sub samples, and the resulting dates should be much more accurate than those available so far. There are

already 9 radiocarbon dates from Oakbank Crannog ranging from 600-400 years BC, placing the site in the early Iron Age. However, these dates have to be calibrated against Pine Trees from high in the Colorado mountains and this broadens the effective date range to between 800-200 years B.C. The dates from the new timbers, using a system called 'Wiggle Matching', should produce higher resolution and therefore more accurate dates. Got it? I thought you would!

Here's something much easier to digest; The Scottish Crannog Centre has been successful in the National Business Awards for Scotland, being highly recommended in the Environmental Awareness Award category. Nick and Barrie attended the presentation in Glasgow on the 14th September.

The various functions held at the Crannog have been well attended during the season and for our programme of events covering the remainder of the year turn to the 'What's On' section on page 39.

Colin Scott

Fritz Kreisler

Fritz Kreisler (1875-1962), the world renowned violinist, earned a fortune with his concerts and compositions, but he generously gave most of it away. Because of this, when he discovered an exquisite instrument on one of his journeys, he lacked the money to buy it.

Later, having raised enough money to meet the asking price, he returned to the seller, hoping to purchase that beautiful instrument. But to his great dismay it had been sold to a collector. Kreisler made his way to the new owner's home and offered to buy the violin. The collector said it had become his prized possession and he would not sell it.

Being very disappointed, Kreisler was about to leave when he suddenly had an idea. "Could I play the instrument once more before it is consigned to silence?" he asked. Permission was granted and the great virtuoso filled the room with such glorious music that the collector's emotions were deeply stirred. "I have no right to keep that to myself" he exclaimed. "It's yours, Mr Kreisler. Take it into the world and let people hear it."

To those who have discovered the love of God in Christ, the gospel is the glorious harmony of heaven. We have no right to keep it to ourselves. Jesus tells us to take it into our world so that people may hear it.

J.L.L.Fagerson



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upsurge in 'wild camping' and the lighting of fires was also raised. While both of these activities are allowed, the cutting of 'live wood' is theft and can be reported.

Sgt Watson recommended calling the Perth Police Station (01738 621141) at the time of the event and requesting an 'incident number' when making the call. Police depend on the person reporting the incident as a witness. Full and accurate

In response to growing concerns about how to cope with the increasingly irresponsible use of the local countryside since the passing of the Land Reform Act, the Loch Tay Association invited Sgt John Watson of Tayside Police to address some of the problems. Litter is the major problem. Local volunteer 'litter picks' have taken place and Perth Council will consider litter bins and distributing rubbish bags to local groups. Sgt Watson confirmed that fishing without a permit is illegal, as is fishing for trout with a fixed line. Ways of checking permits involving local angling clubs, wardens and the police were explored. Sgt Watson said that parking is illegal only if it obstructs access for emergency vehicles. Yellow lining certain areas is to be investigated. The



Fire damaged ancient oak

descriptions should be taken of the perpetrators and car registration numbers.

This was a useful meeting and will help inform how to deal with the problem. The next meeting

will be held in the McLean Hall, Fearnan on Wednesday 18th October, when local artist and naturalist Keith Brockie will talk on Ospreys.

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The Scottish Executive recently published a report on 'Improving Council Tax Collection Rates in Scotland' emphasising the need to ensure as many people as possible who could qualify for Housing & Council Benefits were encouraged to apply. This new online calculator will make it very easy for people to check if they are eligible and it can also be used by welfare rights workers and other advocates to boost applications.

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Week 33 ending 21 Aug

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Week 34 none

Week 35/36 ending 11 Sept

Proposal: Installation of 2 300mm transmission dishes on to existing 30m lattice tower, 2 equipment cabinets and associated ancillary development

Location: Glenogle Radio Mast

Decision: Approve with conditions

Proposal: Erection of dwelling house

Location: The Old Flax Mill, Glendochart

Application type: Detailed consent

Decision: Approve with conditions

Proposal: Extension to hostel

Location: Inverardran Cottage, Criannlarich

Application type: Detailed consent

Decision: Approve with conditions

Perth and Kinross Council

Week 36 ending 11 Sept

Proposal: Formation of access to agricultural land

Location: Land at Rhynahulig

Application type: Full application

Decision: Pending consideration

Stirling Council: None

Shoebox Appeal

What happens to the shoeboxes filled with goodies when they leave Killin? This is the 40th year that Blythwood Care have been collecting shoeboxes filled with goodies as Christmas gifts to distribute them from their centres throughout the UK to those less fortunate than ourselves. Blythwood have strong links with Romania, Albania, Moldavia, Hungary and Serbia. Shoeboxes last year were sent to needy people in homes, orphanages, hospitals and on the streets who have little chance of any presents or

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Your donation could make a big difference to someone and bring a little joy into their lives. We ask you to join with many others in this area and leave your completed shoeboxes with Kay in the Killin Library by Friday 3rd November.

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Commercial Section

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Killin Produce Show

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Syllabus for Oct 06–May07

This year a very exciting syllabus has been arranged to take us through the winter months. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30 in the Lesser McLaren Hall, beginning 5th October 2006.

All meetings are open to ladies at a cost of £2.00 per meeting or £12.00 for an annual membership.

This year's syllabus of demonstrations and talks are as follows: -

5th Oct 06

Energy Therapies with Jane McLeish.

2nd Nov 06

*Travellers Tales with Jess Smith.

Sat 11th Nov 06

*Whist Drive proceeds to the MacMillan Nurses. Please attend and support this worthwhile cause.

7th Dec 06

Christmas Cooking with Pete Gottgens, Ardeonaig Hotel.

11th Jan 07

Birthday Party at Cruachan Café.

1st Feb 07

Members Evening Craft & Cooking Demonstrations by our talented local ladies.

1st March 07

An Evening of Fragrance with the Alticane Apothecary.

5th April 07

"The Pampered Chef" Demonstration Annual General Meeting

May 07

Annual Outing (venue and cost to be arranged)

*Gentlemen welcome to attend.

Please come along for informative and interesting evenings. Your company will be very much appreciated.

Norma Lang
Committee Member

Ardeonaig & District

Another great season awaits us as we look back at last year's activities. In October we were transported to Africa when one of our own members gave a slide show of her recent trip to Kenya and Uganda. HIV/AIDS and child sponsorship were the two key themes. Heather Clement, our guest speaker in November, delighted us with an informative and fun demonstration of Kinesiology. In December, food was very much on our minds as we visited the Ardeonaig Hotel for an evening of fish and wine tasting, an enjoyable experience that may be repeated this year.

Our Members' Night in January is always a good start to the New Year with home made soup, cheese, biscuits and wine. Time to relax after the stresses of the holiday season. February was a busy month for members who visited Pitlochry Theatre to watch Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty, organised our annual Whist Drive and enjoyed a wonderful demonstration of crafts by Elizabeth Murphy. An interesting and informative evening spent at Lix Toll with Billy Noble in March gave us a 'behind the scenes' look at their service department and ensured that we now know how to change a tyre as well as spot some other basic problems with our vehicles. We also entered a team into the Elizabeth Gardener drama competition. No prizes this year but a heartfelt thanks to all who took part. Jo Scott won the Sue English Memorial trophy for most points in competitions. Congratulations Jo! Our AGM was held at Killin Golf Club this year and was, as usual, a great social evening with fantastic food and friends. I wonder what the committee has in store for us this year?

Church Guild

Mrs Angela O'Neill was guest speaker at the first meeting of the Guild when she spoke of the work of Yorkhill Children's Foundation. Mrs Sheila Aitken presented her with a cheque for £735 being the proceeds of a soup lunch held in the aid of the foundation.



The Guild meeting on Thursday 26th October 2pm in the Church Community rooms will have Mr Howard Espie from the House of Cattle as guest speaker. The 16th November meeting will have Captain Carol Tucker as guest speaker to talk about the work of the Salvation Army.

The Quilters group meet in the Church Hall at 2pm every Wednesday from 4th October. The Tuesday Club meet in the Church Hall every Tuesday at 2pm from 10th October.

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Crianlarich

Willow Square

12.05 – 12.35

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Suie Lodge 3.05 – 3.25

Glen Lochay/Ardeonaig

Fortnightly Mondays

Oct 16, 30 Nov 13, 27

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Ardeonaig 2.00 – 2.45

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Highland Games Winners

Dancing

Premier under 12

Highland Fling: Anthea Bundy
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Seann Truibhas: Clare McLaughlin

Flora: Anthea Bundy

Lilt: Anthea Bundy

Premier 12 & under 14

Highland Fling: Morgan Bamford (New Zealand)

Hullachan: Morgan Bamford

B.J.: Morgan Bamford

Jig: Morgan Bamford

Premier 14 & under 17

Highland Fling: Emma Lowson (Forfar)

Seann Truibhas: Mairi McLaughlin

Highland Laddie: Emma Lowson

Hornpipe: Emma Lowson

Premier 17 & Over

Highland Fling: Angela Ramsay (Forfar)

Strathspey & Tulloch: Kara Broughton

Hornpipe: Angela Ramsay

Jig: Emma Hirtsch

Dancing Champions

Under 12 years: Anthea Bundy

12 & under 14 years: Morgan Bamford

14 & under 17 years: Emma Lowson

Over 17 years: Angela Ramsay

Overall Winner: Morgan Bamford

Judge: Christine Lacey

Piper: Bruce Hinch

Perthshire Highland Games

Association Confined Events

Putting the Stone:

Lorne Colthart 38ft 8" (Games Record)

28lb Weight for Distance:

Lorne Colthart 54ft 10" (Games Record)

16lb Hammer: David Colthart 97ft 11"

(Games Record)

Tossing the Caber: Peter Hart

Overall First: Lorne Colthart 24pts

Open Events

Women

Weight for Height: Julie Dunkley 16ft

Caber:

Summer Pierson 12.02

Julie Dunkley 12.01

Gemma Taylor 30'

Mhairi Porterfield 10'

K. Halsey 20'

Weight for Distance:

Julie Dunkley 74ft9"

Hammer: Julie Dunkley 92ft8"

Overall First: Julie Dunkley 20pts

Men

Putt: Sebastian Wenta 55ft9.5"

Weight for Distance:

Gregor Edmunds 82ft5"

Caber: Gregor Edmunds & Ryan Vierra

Hammer: Ryan Vierra 126ft

McGlashen Stones: Gregor Edmunds

Overall First: Gregor Edmunds 43.5 pts

Hill Race:

Iain Anderson (Kirriemuir) 26min54secs

First from Killin (Third):

Herbie McLean 30min59secs

First Lady - Trix Peter (Lucern, Switzerland) 40min16sec

Juniors:

1. Max Staley (Glen Lyon) 25min

2. Alice Wigram (Glen Lyon) 25min45sec

Oldest Competitor:

Ian McManus (64) (Kilwinning)

35min52sec

Junior Shot Putt

Age 8-10

Girls: 1. Rosemary Wilson 24ft 8"

2. Laura Aitken 24ft 4"

Boys

Robby Wilson 40ft 6"

Ages 13-16

Girls: Ellen Wilson

Boys: Charlie Wilson

Piping

Senior

Piobaireachd: Gordon McReady

March: Donald McPhee

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Jig: Cameron Drummond

Games Champion: Gordon McReady

18 & Under

March: Craig Muirhead

Strathspey & Reel: George Stewart

Jig: Craig Muirhead

Clan Albanach 18 & under Champion:

Craig Muirhead

14 - 18

Piobaireachd: Nathan Drysdale

Pat Sandeman Trophy:

Nathan Drysdale

14 & Under

March: William MacAskill

Strathspey & Reel: William MacAskill

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Junior Golf Prizegiving

The junior golf season came to a close on Friday 1st September. We were worried that the course would be closed due to the torrential rain. But our worries came to an end when Allan McHenery reopened the course at 4pm - phew! After playing on the course the juniors (all 35 of them), along with all the helpers sat down to an excellent feast. The noise levels were quite high as you can imagine with probably 70 or more people in the clubhouse as many of the parents and siblings came along to watch. Gordon Aitken, our Club Captain, welcomed everyone. Clubgolf level 1 awards to the beginners were handed out by Scott Farmer and Jim Ronald. John Guild presented the remaining achievement awards and several juniors received promotions before Gordon Aitken handed out the main prizes:-

Beginners: 1 Euan Palmer

2 Cameron Patrick

3 Alex White

Category 4: 1 Michael Crow

2 Luke Melia

3 Adam Kyle

Eclectic Winner: Luke Melia

Knock-out Winner: Adam Kyle

Category 3:

1 Calum Wyllie

2 Harry McRobbie

3 Josh Maxwell

Eclectic Winner: Josh Maxwell

Knock-out winner:

Calum Wyllie

Category 2: 1 John McRae

2 Michael Farquharson

3 Andrew Anderson

Eclectic Winner:

John McRae

Category 1:

1 Donald MacAskill

2 Stuart Laurence

3 Adam Mitchell

Eclectic Winner:

Donald MacAskill

Best Beginner: Euan Palmer

Most Improved Golfer:

Millie Tigwell

I would like to thank the juniors for the lovely card and present - that was very thoughtful and I really appreciate it. Thank you to all the helpers who have supported us over the year, and to our volunteer coaches Jim Ronald, Scott Farmer, John Guild and Mark Lincoln, and also to Allan Knox the PGA Professional from Crieff, who has



Back: Millie Tigwell, Donald MacAskill, John McRae
Front: Euan Palmer, Luke Melia, Calum Wyllie, Harry McRobbie, Adam Kyle



Back: Alby Palmer, Alex White, Euan Palmer
Front: Emily Crow, Sophie Thomson

provided coaching. Thanks to Allan McHenery and his helpers for maintaining the junior course and the practice area, to Ian Donaldson for designing the new practice area and to Merlyn Donaldson and her team for providing the catering and a warm welcome in the clubhouse. I hope everyone enjoyed their season and that will spend the winter practising ready for next May.

Liz Stevens

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Letters

Not All Roses

I have been visiting Killin with my wife for a number of years. We are, of course, not locals but we know many of the people here. We caravan at Maragowan and walk to the village every day, sometimes several times a day and have noticed a deterioration in tidiness. We applaud the efforts of the local traders and villagers who brighten up our lives with beautiful floral displays. These efforts are being offset with neglect of the roadside where weeds grow along the kerbs and walks from the Glebe, through the village and right up to the Falls. Surely it calls for an old fashioned roadman with a brush and a shovel to tidy up this lovely wee village. I met a local person, Jill, and discussed it with her and she suggested that I write to the Killin News to see if anything can be done by the powers that be to tidy things up. Yours in hope.

James Malloy (visitor)

Our View of Killin

My wife and I have been visiting Killin about 2 or 3 times a year for the last 34 years and have been fortunate in reading most editions of Killin News, thanks to a local resident and the post office. An article on page 2 of the August Issue caught our eye, asking why the area attracts so many visitors. A list of attractions was given and we agree that they are all things we travel so far to enjoy.

There is however another very important resource you have not included, that being the local people of Killin and the surrounding area. Over the years we have met and become firm friends with many locals, too many to list here. But without exception we have been treated with fantastic help, hospitality, generosity and friendship.

We recommend all our friends visiting Scotland to include time in your area and 'Enjoy'. Thanks to you all

Roger and Janet Finch
Burnham-on-Sea

Thank You

I would like to thank the paramedics who came to take me to hospital. Also my good neighbour, David Sutherland, for his help in getting the ambulance, which came in less than ten minutes. They were very caring and kind. I would also like to thank my daughter, Jenny, and Lesley for their care in coming with me and staying till I was safely installed in Ward 23, and Jessie, who came over to help when I got home.

Margaret Martin

Do You Know This Farm?

(see opposite)

My son, Andrew Warwick, who works for the National Trust for Scotland and lives at Tombreck, suggested I write to you about the painting 'A Hillside Farm near Killin, Perthshire' by Ethel Hall. I recently bought this watercolour from a friend as it seems well executed and it lovingly depicts a bygone era.

Can your readers shed any light on the name or location of the farm?

Many thanks,

Colin M. Warwick

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Thank You

I would like to thank my friends in Killin for their good wishes and offers of help during my recent spell in hospital. I am delighted to report that the whole affair was a false alarm. I should also like to say that the treatment I received from the NHS staff in Stirling and Glasgow was superb - a five star MOT, enabling me to rejoin my pals on the golf course!

James Ingram

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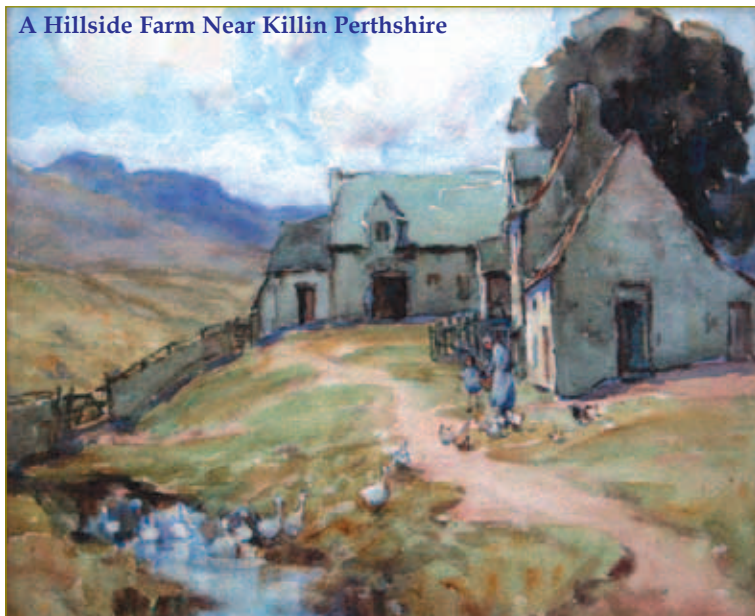
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A Hillside Farm Near Killin Perthshire



Pussed Off!

I felt the need to write to you concerning your feature in the last issue of Killin Mews on "Where is Leo?" I will not pussy foot about, it was not Leo catnapping on the church wall (page 8 top left paw); it was me. Obviously, someone has made a catastrophic mistake and assumed Leo is the only Ginger Tom in town. While Leo has found fame roaming the village far and wide, me, I prefer a quieter life. I know which side my paws are buttered on, you mainly find me stretched out on my sofa at Dreadnought Place or occasionally I do partake in the odd half hearted mousing expedition. Curiosity? You can keep it. Although it does puzzle me how I could possibly be mistaken for my wanderlust brother. One look at my photo (without any catcalling) and you can tell I am the most handsome. Leo may have inherited the whole litter's, and some, spirit of adventure, me I got the catwalk looks. On that note, I would like to thank you for allowing me this oppurr-tuna-ty to put the record straight.

Rhu

Dear Killin News,

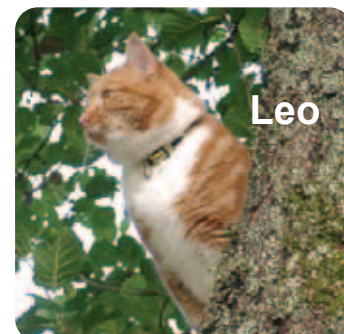
Leo was here! Leo frequently visits the garden at Barnacarie Cottage. He likes to sleep in the sun on MY garden table, and he once had the temerity to sleep in the

summerhouse. As you can see, I soon sorted THAT nonsense out!! Disgusted,

Dusk Thornton

During the Glasgow Fair Leo was treated to ice cream by some campers along the lochside – they were much taken with him and wanted to know if he was a stray. I assured them he wasn't and is much loved and would they please leave him here!! Lets hope that this extraordinary cat doesn't get into any trouble due to his friendliness.!

Julia Thornton



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What happens in Killin

In the over 3s room a learning group has been formed. The children have been busy developing the outdoor area, growing plants, herbs and vegetables. The group held a plant sale and raised £17.58. They have still to decide what to do with the funds raised. Thank you to all the parents who supported the sale.

The over 3s will be visiting the MacRobert Arts Centre to see a Christmas performance called "The Snow Dragon"

The under 3s have been settling back into routines and welcoming new children to nursery. We are hoping to re-establish the parents group meetings at Killin as soon as possible. Surveys have gone out to find the most convenient time for parents.

What happens in Crianlarich

Crianlarich Nursery is up and running again after the summer break and the children are all settling back into routines. We welcome back old faces and new and look forward to another exciting year. We have already braved the weather and visited the station to see the steam train which passes through Crianlarich on the West Highland line. The children always enjoy a trip to the station and a drink at the tea-room.

Parents evenings will be held on
Mon 6th Nov Crianlarich Nursery 3-7pm
Wed 8th Nov Killin Nursery 3-7pm

Julie and Lucy



We made the most of the good weather this summer and took children on various short trips. Here are a group up Stronaclachan with binoculars to bird watch.

School Events

Killin Primary 5 meet celebrity golfer

On Thursday 22 June P5 had a day at Gleneagles following their Introductory Level Clubgolf. Some had coaching and fun playing with the Clubgolf team. Imagine our surprise when we got the "Full Monty". We got to meet one of Scotland's top professional Golfers. We all got his autograph and we think some of our parents were just a little bit jealous.

Meeting with author

Children in P5, 6 and 7 from Killin, Crianlarich, Strathyre and Lochearnhead schools all gathered in Killin School to meet Keith Charters. Keith is an author who writes for children and adults. The funding for this event came from the Scottish Book Trust. As well as working with the author the children had the opportunity to participate in some unusual physical activities involving giant air balls, circus skills and a parachute. A fun and inspirational day for all involved.

Killin Primary School Pupil Council

(see pictures on page 34)



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New P1

Back Ben McLarty, Peter Hayes
Ruairidh Munro
Middle Tyler Montgomery-Windsor
Joshua Douglas
Front Beth Allan, Erin Rosendale
Amy Forster



Children from local schools meet author Keith Charters (page 33)



Mrs J. Hamilton
Support for Learning



Mrs. Jane Anderson
School Cook



P5 at Gleneagles with
Colin Montgomerie (page 33)

Then and Now



Ben Lawers from the head of Loch Tay

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May Cruickshank



Colin



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Congratulations



A Highland charge (above) at the wedding of Sandra Campbell and Willie Taylor (seen left with an uninvited guest) at Killin Parish Church 25th August



Mairi MacPherson photographed with parents John and Margaret, married to Jonathan Keddie from Skye at Balquhiddy Church on 25th August



Elizabeth Devaney graduated in July with a First Class Honours Degree in Software Engineering at Napier University Edinburgh. Elizabeth is the daughter of William and Elizabeth Devaney of Crianlarich

Marion Jean Stewart granddaughter of Jean McLarty graduated with MA (Hons) in History/Economic and Social History in June from the University of Glasgow



Georgia Kane with mum Linda latest granddaughter for Jim & Frances Cushley

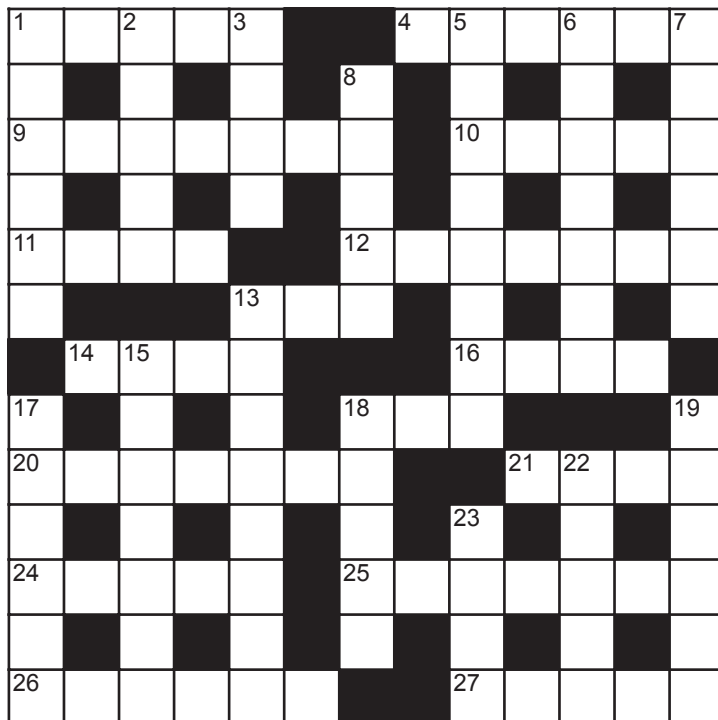


Laura Sarah Louise Hill born 5th Aug seen with father Simon, grandfather Bill and sister Lydia



Caitlyn Campbell with her new brother Alexander born 31st July

Crossword by Scorpio



Down

1. Strudel gets upset after losing 50 and becomes a household cleaner (6)
2. Remove period of self denial from superb and do very well (5)
3. Uncommon but some beef eaters like it thus (4)
5. The animal lurks in the portals at Ian's home (8)
6. Dual gin mixed when feeling lethargic (7)
7. He hangs around (6)

Across

1. A medical person with hearing aid may be dull (5)
4. The foreign office go to the wall to give the earth a rest (6)
9. Dry wine sure oddly frees from danger (7)
10. Biblical mount (5)
11. Sometimes jellied in steel saucepans (4)
12. Show interest then use badly (7)
13. Keeps man and beast warm (3)
14. Initially zircons expect real opportunity with low temperature (4)
16. Government adviser (4)
18. Twenty hundredweights imperial (3)
20. Hat can be efficient (7)
21. Small needlecase (4)
24. Temporary film part (5)
25. Perceive by upsetting cinders (7)
26. Inflorescence occurring in lilac and grape plants (6)
27. Radio waves from either direction (5)

Solution to 93

Across 1 lycra 4 attest 9 unicorn 10 okapi 11 rapt 12 extract 13 nil 14 echo 16 need 18 bag 20 airmail 21 oval 24 hemel 25 macadam 26 unless 27 drama

Down 1 louvre 2 crimp 3 avow 5 trotting 6 emanate 7 taints 8 angel 13 notables 15 caramel 17 cachou 18 blame 19 alumna 22 vodka 23 acid

8. A showy flower (5)
13. Shows patience and tolerance (8)
15. Pay them haphazardly to have sensitivity (7)
17. Bill with small coin becomes brogue (6)
18. Roosevelt toy (5)
19. Formal repast (6)
22. All the rage in fashion (5)
23. Employer (4)



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8 "Nuts About Squirrels" National Park event Strathyre 12 noon to 4pm Booking essential 01567 830430
 11 AGM Tiddlers & Toddlers Killin Hotel 8pm
 13 Heritage meeting Lesser Hall "Selected Placenames in Breadalbane" Speaker Gregor Hutchison 8pm
 16 Bracken Festival Crannog reduced entry fee for those bring a sack of bracken 11am - 4pm
 6 Church Guild meeting Church Community Rooms Speaker Howard Espie House of Cante 2pm
 25 Herb Society Cookery with Mike Cullen, River Room The Pitlochry Theatre 10.30am
 27 Flu Clinic and coffee morning McLaren Hall morning
 28 Community Workshop Lesser Hall 10am - 2pm
 28 Country Western Night McLaren Hall Doors open 7.30pm
 31 Celtic Samhain Festival Crannog (family event) Booking essential Tel 01887 830583 6pm - 8pm

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 Mondays
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 7.30pm

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 Mondays McLaren Hall
 Juniors S1-S6 6-7pm
 Adults 7-10pm

Tuesday Club
 Church Hall 2pm

November

2 SWRI meeting Travellers Tales with Jess Smith (Gentlemen welcome to attend) 7.30pm
 3 Heritage meeting Lesser Hall "Perthshire Picts" Speaker Mark Hall Perth Museum 8pm
 4 "Enchanted Forest" National Park event Tyndrum 11am - 3pm Booking essential 01567 830430
 5 "Weaving with Wood" Crannog (family event) 11am-3pm
 7 AGM of the McLaren Hall committee evening
 11 WRI Whist Drive in aid of the MacMillan Nurses Lesser Hall 7.30pm
 16 Church Guild meeting Church Community Rooms Speaker Capt Carol Tucker Salvation Army 2pm
 17 "Drover Tales and the trek to Crieff" Breadalbane Heritage Society Grandtully Hall 7.30pm
 18 Annual Wild Harvest Food and Drink Fair Crannog 11am-3pm
 25 Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Research UK Lesser Hall morning
 25 Herb Society AGM
 25 Trivial Pursuits Night Killin Drama Club McLaren Hall evening

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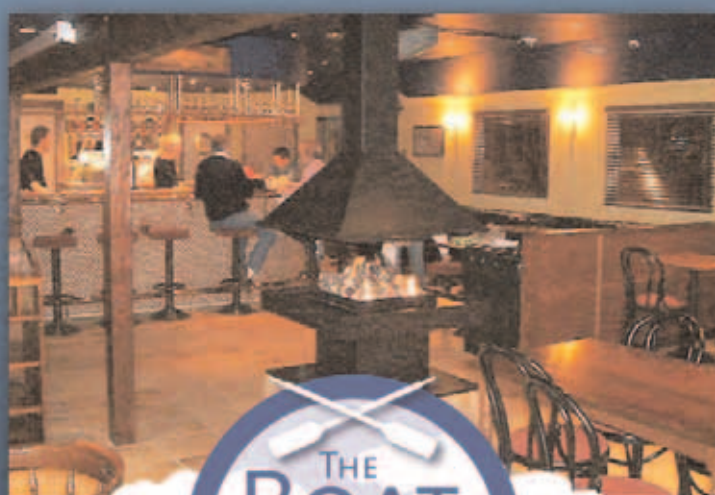
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