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### Killin News



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### Editorial

### Killin Action Plan (see page 15)

The results of the Killin Action Plan Review represents the wishes of the people of Killin. They are derived from the questionnaire circulated to all houses and the public meeting. Now the plan will need to be driven through to completion and that will need your help and support. Help make Killin an even better place.

#### **Telephone Working** (see page 12)

Do you rely on your telephone? Now that Broadband gives many the chance to work from home it is vital for many businesses. When contacted BT informed us that the two faults, north and south of the loch, were not connected. The fault on the north shore should be rectified soon. Some telephone lines have already been restored. The Ardtalnaig fault which lasted 87 days seems to be back on line as we go to press.

#### Golf Club Land Sale (see page 11)

An area of land adjacent to the Golf Club that was originally considered for an extension to the course has been sold to a developer. We hope that developments here fit in with the needs and wishes of the people of Killin as buildings on that location could impinge on the view of the Tarmachan Ridge.

#### **Out of Hours**

At the last out of hours meeting with the chairmen of the community councils, Forth Valley Health Board and the ambulance service, we were told in no uncertain terms, that the paramedics do not replace our local doctors out of hours. Since that meeting we have found out from the ambulance service that they do not carry all the emergency medications that would be normally used by a GP attending emergencies. This means they cannot treat some emergency conditions such as congestive heart failure. John MacPherson has written to FVHB and a reply is awaited. The doctor on call for emergencies in Stirling is responsible for the GP response to acute emergencies in this area but we feel that to be too remote to be effective in this sort of emergency. All that remains now is to give support to the paramedic in the Rapid Response Vehicle with a fully manned ambulance, when necessary, within 20 minutes, to supply the RRV with all drugs normally used by general practitioners in an emergency and train the paramedic in their use. We are informed that the paramedics are in close telephone contact with doctors on duty

emergencies. A bit of good news is that FVHB have enclosed a leaflet with this issue of the Killin News for distribution to all houses in the area that explains how to access medical help out of hours. We are informed that it is perfectly acceptable to submit comments to the Complaints Officer even if you do not wish to complain.

who are able to advise them on the more difficult medical



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# **New Killin Community Council**



Standing: Fiona Kennedy, Donald Allan, Darren Webster, Anthony Dowling, Stewart Christie, Pamela Farquharson

Seated: Charles Grant, George Bickerton, Tim Frost, Helen Sinclair, Kay Riddell Inset: Alan Hewitt

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### Harvest Thanksgiving Service in Killin and Ardeonaig Parish Church



Sunday 1st October was Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Traditionally different groups take turns to decorate the building. This year the Sunday School had great fun gluing, glittering, arranging branches and creating the display helped by Parents, grandparents and friends. The theme was thanksgiving for the wonderful world around us, and a reminder that there is enough food in the world for all; the problem lies in the way we share it



### New Killin Community Council

# New Office Bearers were elected:

**Chairperson:** Fiona Kennedy **Vice Chair:** Charlie Grant **Treasurer:** Helen Sinclair **Joint Secretary:** Tim Frost and Pamela Farquharson

### Planning Correspondents:

Anthony Dowling and Kay Riddell **Park Convener:** Darren Webster **Executive Committee:** Fiona Kennedy, Charlie Grant, Anthony

Dowling The model constitution prepared by

Stirling Council was adopted and signed.

It was agreed to maintain the bimonthly meetings to take place on the 2nd Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November. The £3000 grant from the Scottish Executive for Action Plan review had not yet been received.

It was not known if a response had been received from Stirling Council about the lack of Christmas grants to rural communities.

Ways people might be encouraged to clean up their litter were

discussed and suggestions would be put to the Angling Club.

Streets are supposed to be cleaned 3 times a year but Stirling Council are unable to do this, though they will react to complaints.

Discussion of the proposed By-laws for Loch Tay would take place after the public meeting had been held. Landowners would be approached about possible Christmas tree donation.

Community Council would pay for the entertainments £51 licence for the Hogmanay firework display and for costs associated with Christmas tree.

Proposals for the development of a bus turning circle in the Old Station Car Park would be put to the January meeting.

Discussions have been continuing with all parties to try and improve both standards of the school transport and behaviour on the buses.

The Community Workshop held in October had been well attended. A new Community Action Plan would be produced and delivered to every household in the new year. The Steering Group would discuss next steps and it is hoped that working groups will be set up under each identifed theme.

A Community Development Trust to purchase land or buildings for community use and also possibly be the lead organisation for the Local Action Plan would be discussed further at next meeting. Plans for proposed pedestrian footways on parts of Craignavie and Manse Roads had been received for

comment. National Park transport timetables booklet has the wrong number listed

booklet has the wrong number liste for Kingshouse.

A rumour about the ambulance



service moving to share premises with the fire station would be investigated.

As there is no representative from Ardeonaig on the Community Council, C Scott and K Taylor would be invited to attend meetings. Next meeting: Tuesday 9th January 2007 at 7.30pm in Killin Primary School.

### Festive Season Waste Collection

**Monday Collections:** If your normal collection falls on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, please present your bin two days early, on Saturday 23rd Dec and Saturday 30th Dec.

**Tuesday Collections:** If your normal collection falls on Boxing Day and 2nd January, please present your bin two days early, on Sunday 24th Dec and Sunday 31st Dec.

All other collections will be on your normal collection day.

Real Christmas trees can be left in the brown bin where possible or next to it between 8 and 19 January. Please remember that much of the extra waste generated over the festive period can be recycled. Additional recyclable waste can be presented in bags next to the boxes.

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### Crianlarich

We would like to express our thanks to everyone, who has handed in Tesco vouchers. This will enable us to obtain some new equipment for the children. We are now collecting Nestle BoxTops for Books, so would be delighted if you could look out for them and hand them into nursery. Crianlarich Parents group held a cheese and wine evening in October during which we discussed the development of the garden at Crianlarich Nursery.

### 3-5 Room - Crianlarich

One morning a child asked the question "Where's Killin Nursery"? - which prompted a visit to Killin Nursery. After the short ride, taking in the doctor's surgery and ambulance station, the children arrived safely. They spent their day experiencing some new activities, making new friends and some rekindling old friendships.

### 0 – 3 Room - Killin

In the 0 - 3 room in Killin the children have been learning to manage themselves at nursery and how to form relationships.

### 3 – 5 Room - Killin

In response to a child's question "Why are there trees in the puddles?" the 3 – 5 room has begun an investigation into reflections and shadows.

### Balquhidder Braes Holiday Park and Killin Nursery Woodland Project

We were pleased to welcome a group of nursery children to the park where they had a walk along the wildflower meadow trail, followed by pond dipping for beasties. Then we had a walk in the oak knoll and looked at lots of



Comrie PH6 29F 01764 670567 0788 759 7455 the beasties both dead and alive. These visits are now set to be a regular occurrence, led by Wendy Garnett. Much of the activity will be centred in the Oak knoll (Oaks support over 1000 other species) experiencing the changing seasons. They will also have the opportunity to 'help' with tree and hedgerow planting, with most activities being chosen by pupils. What the children learn outdoors will be supported back in the classroom. Wendy is hugely enthusiastic and passionate about the Woodland Project and we look forward to working with her.

### Killin and Crianlarich nursery

welcome Sandra Campbell Taylor and Claire Grant onto the staff team, Sandra as a supply Early Childhood Educator and KOSC playworker and Claire as minibus escort. They have both recently obtained their HNC in Early Childhood Studies at Perth College.

In the week before the Christmas holiday we will carol singing in the village. The staff in both nurseries wish parents and children a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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### **Killin Internet Café**

Killin Internet Learning Café has been doing steady business. It is lovely to see so many local people coming in to learn - setting up email; sending photos to family; we even have a new local star photographer! So please come along to the McLaren Hall on Thursdays from 10am to 4pm and make use of this facility. We also offer one to one lessons to individuals, groups or businesses in your own home or wherever suits. If you have a specific need or want to find out more-

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# Thínk about ít

A few years ago a group of historians coauthored a book called 'If - or History Rewritten'.

Some of the 'ifs' those scholars considered were questions like these: What if the Moors in Spain had won? What if the Nazis had been victorious in Europe? The attempt to reconstruct the past on the basis of these 'ifs' was only a historian's game. But suppose we apply it for a moment to the central event in history - the birth of Jesus Christ . This had been foretold with pinpoint accuracy hundreds of years before by the prophet Micah. (Micah 5: 2-4) Perhaps then the greatest 'if' - the most challenging question of all is "What if Jesus had not been born as predicted?" This is an ' if' which staggers the mind. It's like imagining the earth without a sunrise or the heavens without stars. Yet this 'if' must be taken seriously, especially at Christmas, because so many in our world are oblivious to the true meaning of Christ's coming.

Can you imagine what the world would be like without Christ? What would history have been like without Him? And on a personal level - what would your life be without Him? A world without Christ would be a world without hope. Thank God that there are no 'ifs' in history and remember "History Matters!" May I take this opportunity to wish you all

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Christmas.

J.L.L. Fagerson





As August 31st 2006 announced the demise of Summer, so October 31st produced a somewhat abortive attempt to introduce cooler and more seasonable conditions to those which we have been experiencing.

In past contributions to "Killin News" I have suggested that our weather pattern may be ruled by two mythical giants, "Zephyr", who inhales the warm, humid vapours of the Caribbean and Azores which he then expels over us in this form of mild southerly and southwesterly winds. Then there is his sparring partner "Boreas" domiciled in the frigid north. Using this analogy, Summer and early Autumn of 2006 have been dominated by the attentions of "Zephyr" who has had his nose to the grindstone for many weeks -months, while we have basked in the results of his efforts our temperatures have been 2C to 3C above average.

On October 31st however, "Boreas" must have stirred in his sleep, curled up, possibly among the icicles in his outsized igloo somewhere in Spitsbergen or Novaya Zemlya, but it would appear that, for the moment, he has turned over and gone back to sleep, much to the disgust of his



mate who must by now be heartily sick of reading the instruction book of Global Warming and implementing same, as well as needing a break from duties. The short Northerly gale-induced cold snap ended as suddenly as it began. The extreme summits of the Ben Lawers and Ben More ranges bore a brief and stinted dusting of snow for a couple of mornings - all gone by 5th November. Due to protracted Autumnal mildness grass has continued to grow unchecked, although its quality must be somewhat suspect, and the conditions which can contribute to hypomagnasaemia (staggers) in livestock could be - and possibly has been - in evidence. "St Luke's Little Summer", that spell of quiet settled weather which occurs in October of most years, came in a somewhat fragmented manner; some days of brilliant sunshine separated by spells of anti-cyclonic gloom - cloudy skies and haze.

The reduction of chlorophyll in trees and shrubs, which heralds the Autumn colouring of woodlands, has arrived in somewhat haphazard styles. While Oaks, Alders and other trees are still decked in Summer greens, Rowans, Birches etc., range from bronzes and coppers to merely bare branches with a few berries left by the hordes of Fieldfares. Beeches however, possibly in contrast to the aforementioned greenery, are sporting a magnificent range of Autumnal glory.

The high hill grazings which have until recently retained their Summer verdure are now becoming more subdued and in keeping with this season.

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# Killin Golf Club land sold to developers

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### **Community Funding**

Voluntary and community groups needing help to access funding and plan their funding strategies are being urged by Stirling Council to get in touch with the Council's new Funding Officer, Jean Cowie, to help them find their way through the funding maze.

One of the funding programmes is the Local Community Development Fund (LCDF) for capital projects up to £20,000. (Revenue funding for salaries and running costs is not eligible). The next deadline for applications is Friday, I5th December and groups are asked to apply soon or they will miss the deadline. Contact Jean for application forms and help with applying by phoning 01786 432268 or emailing cowiej@stirling.gov.uk

### 100 Club Killin and District Sports Club

Any person wishing to renew membership and who has not already done so or anyone wanting to join, please contact either Kay 820 571/291 or Jill 820 679 a.s.a.p. There are still some numbers available for new members. The 100 Club is a fund raiser for the Sports Club, paying out £100 on a monthly draw. Your support is vital to the survival of the club.

Jill Higgins

members, was told that the proposal was to sell the land to an individual who wished to use it for clay pigeon shooting and, by a majority of just 2, voted to sell. Subsequently it was discovered that the legal papers were in the name, not of the individual, but of a development company of which he was a director.

It had never been the intention of either Committee or members to sell to developers and in fact questions had been asked at the EGM about the inclusion of a clause preventing development or giving the Club some benefit if the land were o be developed subsequently. They were told this was 'too much legal hassle' so one was not included - although this is a standard legal practice. When they found they had clearly been misled, they were then threatened with legal proceedings if they did not hold to the agreement to sell. So the sale is going through, with the developers acquiring the site for a fraction of what they could have been expected to pay.

A sad outcome for the Club - and for the community if the land, which is very much part of the view from Killin, is developed

unsympathetically. The Club's Secretary/Treasurer, who is not a Killin resident, has since resigned.

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### **Church Services**

## Church of Scotland (Killin and Ardeonaig)

24th Dec Christmas Eve 10am Sunday worship 11pm Watchnight service 31st December Hogmanay 10am Sunday worship

### St Fillans Episcopal Church

24th Dec Christmas Eve 10.30am Holy Communion 25th Christmas Day 10.30am Family Service with Holy Communion 31st December Hogmanay 10.30am Holy Communion

### Roman Catholic Church

24th December Christmas Eve 7pm Lix Toll House 25th Dec Christmas Day 11.30am St Joseph's Church Callander

### XMAS

Today Xmas means, Xhauston, Xcuses, Xchanges, Xcesses, Xtravagances, Xpectations, Xhibitions and worldly Xcitement. How much better to make the Lord the centre of our Xmas observance. Take the X out and put the Christ back into Christmas. A little girl once said that some people couldn't hear God's inside whisper and so he sent Jesus to tell them out loud. May you hear the voice of Jesus this Christmas in the middle of all the hustle and bustle.

#### Happy Christmas from Jim McCruden St. Fillans parish

### Bowling

The return match with the carpet bowlers versus the green bowlers, was played on the carpets on 28th October. The carpet bowlers came out the winners, unlike last year when the green bowlers were the winners of the lovely Alec Cameron trophy.

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### **Telephone Disruption**

The telephone and the benefit it brings to rural communities is something we take for granted. Transport, services and communication are vital in maintaining the way of life we all expect in the countryside. It comes as a surprise to discover that some of the farms, businesses and homes around Loch Tay have been without their telephone service for over two months.

### **BT's Response**

We have had 29 fault reports on two cable routes in the Killin exchange area with lines affected in a variety of ways including, for some, complete loss of service. Extensive damage appears to have occurred as the result of lightning strikes and an overhead cable damaged by shot. Engineers and contractors have been working to replace 1500 metres of overhead and underground cable. The repair work is a significant challenge, involving replacement of poles set in rock requiring boring by contractors, tree cutting and overhead work in dense forestry, gaining necessary permissions to work on private land and statutory permission for, and the installation of, traffic lights, all in torrential rain. We hope to complete complex cable work by Friday 24th November, however we cannot foresee problems that might arise so we are reluctant to offer a completion date, but we would like to assure customers we are doing everything possible to restore full services. In the interim we have endeavoured to keep those affected connected where possible by diverting lines to mobile phones. It has taken us longer than we would like to carry out this substantial repair work, and we would like to apologise to all those affected. Anna Steven

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#### **A Computer** for **Christmas?**

It's that time of year again and parents will be under pressure to buy a

computer for Christmas. For those who already have a computer, there will also be a need to share the internet connection between the old and new computers.

This article will look at recommended minimum specifications for new computers and provide information about the equipment required to connect all the computers in the house to the internet. There is no doubt that a new home computer is an expensive item, costing anything from £400 to about £1000, so it is essential to have enough information to make an informed decision about your purchase.

I thought it might be useful to provide a few guidelines to help you to select the right machine for your needs.

### Performance

Operating System: Nearly all new home computers come with Windows XP Home operating system installed. This is the best version for home use. Soon Microsoft will be releasing a brand new version of Windows, entitled Vista. I recommend that any new computer meets the minimum specification for Vista.

Processor: The basic processors should be sufficient for most home uses. If you need additional processing power, then vou should consider Dual Core processers, which will result in faster response times and are likely to be significantly quicker. These processors, however, cannot improve speed of download of information from the internet.

Size of Disc: If you are going to copy CDs/DVDs or download music files or videos from the internet, then you are likely to need large amounts of disc space. Typically entry-level computers are fitted with a 60Gb disc. (Gb=Gigabytes ; 1 Gigabyte = 1 billion characters) This is usually more than sufficient for general needs but, for large storage of video and music, I would consider a minimum of 120Gb disc and maybe even more.

Memory (or RAM - Random Access Memory): A major consideration with any computer is the speed of operation. The more RAM a computer has, the faster the performance. Many computers are sold with 256Mb of RAM (Mb=Mega Byte, 1Mb= 1 million characters). Nowadays this is not really sufficient to run today's computers. In order to be compatible with Vista, the minimum RAM should be 1024Mb (commonly denoted 1Gb). Realistically, I recommend you buy as much RAM as you can afford. Screens

Nowadays you can get really good deals on flat screen monitors. Entry level 17" flat screens can be obtained for around £100. For serious gamers, or if you

intend to do a lot of desktop publishing, then I recommend even larger screens, 19" or even 21".

#### Sharing Internet Connections or Setting up a network

For homes and businesses with more than one computer and with a broadband connection, installing a box called a router will enable all the computers to share the internet connection at the same time. Routers come in various types, some can connect directly to the phone line, others need to be connected to the existing modem.

You can set up certain routers to provide the shared internet connection throughout your home/office via wireless connections. However, some of the older houses may have problems with wireless networks.

Setting up a network can be a tricky business and needs to be carefully planned, and if you have any doubts, I recommend seeking expert advice.

### **Broadband Update**

There are still premises outside the village centre which cannot get broadband. It is important that those of us who are not able to get broadband let Scottish Executive know. If you contact me before Christmas, I will draw up a list and forward it on to the relevant people within Scottish Executive.

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#### Now it's up to us to make things happen! As the final part of the Review

As the final part of the Review process, about 40 people attended a Community Workshop in the McLaren Hall on Saturday 28th October. The results of the Questionnaire and interviews and the updated Community Profile were on display. These will be displayed in the library and we also hope to put them into booklet form.

From the work already done we were able to identify 6 main themes where local people felt things could be better and under these headings people at the workshop identified some priority projects and actions:

### Sustainable Killin

- Locally planned, integrated and sensible, "well publicised" transport system
- □ Real & virtual **Resource Centre**
- Killin Free-bay, re-use/ swapping project
- Market garden produce more, buy locally, allotment system, get existing stores to stock local produce.farm shop.
- Small scale projects demonstrating best practice – wind, solar, biomass and hydro energy schemes

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### Facilities & activities

- Resource centre including heritage /.Killin News
- Vocational training for young people and throughout working life
- □ Cultural outreach projects /



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travelling projects – how do we access these?

### Scenic Village

- Acceptable infrastructure regular maintenance
- Better litter maintenance,
- New village officer
- Take litter home signs not accepted, more litter bins needed (regular service). Lack of understanding of rural issues
- □ Maintenance of shrub areas, with regular grass cutting
- □ Improved **car parking** decent signage?
- New Public Conveniences central and modern
- Building improvements

### Jobs & housing

- □ Affordable housing for residents
- Quality local business for locals and attractive to visitors
- Less business prevention attitude by National Park planning

### Tourism

- □ Signs to Killin look at what they say and positioning
- Signs within Killin
- Interpretive panels
- Marketing website & leaflet (national & local)
- Cleanliness of village toilet facilities available

Many thanks to everyone who attended the workshop, completed a questionnaire, attended an interview

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or in any way expressed their views. Thanks to those local groups who prepared displays for the workshop. Particularly to the Primary School – we hope to include some of their fantastic work on Killin in the new action plan

### So what now?

- Copies of the New Action Plan will be delivered to every household early in 2007.
- The Steering Group of local people will meet and agree the way forward together with the new Community Council.
- We plan to set up a Killin Community Development Trust in 2007 which could take the lead in getting these actions going.
- It is likely that working groups under each theme will be invited to meet, so if you think you would like to help make any improvements to our village, please get in touch and watch out for advertised meetings.

### We need you!

Suzanne Player Stirling Council Rural Development Worker Tel: 820154 Email: players@stirling.gov.uk

The review process has been funded by the Scottish Executive Rural Development Small Awards Fund and the LLT National Park working in partnership with Stirling Council and the people of Killin.

Steven Dow





# Morenish Ospreys

Unfortunately 2006 was not a good year for ospreys at Morenish. On 25th March Duncan Twigg reported that he had heard of a sighting at Loch of the Lowes - later than 2005 - but heavy snowfall overnight on 11th March that blanketed our area and continuing cold weather had led me to expect late arrival of the birds. On 31st March Mary Sandeman saw one over Loch Tay with a fish. On 6th April I saw an osprey standing on the Scots pine nest site. By 9th April a second bird arrived and mating took place - great news - a male and a female! On the day of the EAK group visit, 15th April, the small assembled group were delighted by a flying and mating display. But that was probably as good as it got. By 1st May Hamish Campbell was confirming another report that they were not in residence here. What went wrong?

I doubt if there was human disturbance from either land or water. It is more likely that the birds themselves failed. One of the original pair maybe perished on the migration journey, with the result that birds seen mating on 15th April were in fact a new pairing, perhaps inexperienced youngsters from the area in earlier years. Unusually, the birds did not undertake anv real maintenance of the old nest that had suffered in the winter. A new factor this year was the presence of a nesting pair of Canada geese that were already in residence at the foot of the Scots pine at the time the ospreys returned. Could they have spooked the returning ospreys at a critical time? Geese are big birds and these did make a lot of noise before fledging their brood so close to the ospreys' nest. Other birds (gulls, crows) did mob this year's ospreys, but that is not unusual and ospreys easily chased them off or simply ignored them – size matters in the world of raptors! Happily, ospreys are now quite well established elsewhere in Perthshire. Other pairs are known to have bred this year successfully within a few miles of the Morenish site. Roll on 2007, and keep your eyes open!

John Allen

# Pantomime News!

It's that time of year again and Drama Club members are busy rehearsing this year's production – Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, by Jo Smith. As the name suggests, a large cast is involved, of which no less than 34 are youngsters bringing their usual enthusiasm and excitement to the show! The production dates are Thursday 18th, Friday 19th and Saturday 20th January – curtain up 7.30pm at the McLaren Hall.

Last year some members of the public were disappointed to find that, though they arrived early, many of the best seats had already been reserved and they were unsure how this had been done so the Club invites all members of the public to pre-book their seats, in the following way......

On the following Saturdays in December, 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, tickets will be on sale from 10am to 1pm in News First - a big THANK YOU to them from Killin Drama Club. A Drama Club member will be "on duty" behind the counter and seats can be reserved on purchase of your tickets but please note this is the only opportunity to pre-book seats. From 27th December, tickets will be on sale as usual in News First but no seats can be reserved after 23rd December. We look forward to lots of support once again from our friends in the village. The goodies and baddies are learning their lines - the scenery painters and costume makers have been busy for weeks - there'll no doubt be lots of special effects once again and if you see a camel train outside the hall - don't be surprised!



### Killin Parent Teacher Association

The AGM was held on Thursday 28th September and the following committee members were elected. **Chairperson**: Norma Lang **Secretary:** Lorraine Pritchard **Treasurer:** Jane Forster **School Representatives:** Sandra Logan, Miss McMinn and Miss Connelly

**Committee Members:** Mhari Riddell, Karen Lafferty, Fiona Petrie, Catriona Ridgewell and Sammy Hibbert

We have had a very busy year and have helped the school to raise (and spend!) a substantial amount of money. Recent events have included a table top sale (thank you to all who supported the event by buying or selling) and a monstrous Halloween Party.

If you would like any more information about the PTA or would like to help out in anyway please contact any member of the committee or email me on purplelorri@aol.com

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### Wild but Mild

It is the end of the stag season, the hardest I can remember to achieve the required cull number. This was mainly due to the weather and the increased number of walkers, especially in new areas of the hill. The rut as such never really happened, apart from a short version at the end of October. The extremely wet spell at the beginning of the month caused a few problems. While using the argocat to collect shot stags I was almost washed down a burn. While returning home, I parked the argo for a few minutes and while walking back towards the vehicle there was an eerie click as the handbrake was released and the argo went off down the hill by itself. It was not a graceful descent! After many rolls it eventually landed on its wheels looking very sorry for itself. I was only glad that I hadn't been in it at the time.

During stalking on one occasion, as we

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were standing spying the hillside for deer, there was a sudden rush of wings at knee height as a sparrow hawk flew past killing a meadow pipit twenty yards in front of us. As I write this we are busy preparing for our first pheasant shoot of the year. It has been increasingly frustrating as we watch pheasants wandering down the glen due to the mild weather and the abundance of acorns and beech mast on the road. The result is that they are spread further afield which will make beating more difficult as they will be in areas of tree cover. Head high bracken will further complicate the process. A pine marten that came in and killed a large number of birds and scared and scattered the rest has not helped the situation. The culprit was found in a large cage trap and was hastily relocated to an area where he could do less damage. It is scary to see the carnage they can do. Being skilful

climbers, what a threat they must be to red squirrels.

There does not appear to be the number of geese heading over us to the south as in previous years, I wonder if this, too, is because of the milder weather.

Today, while putting deer mineral blocks out on the hill, I watched an eagle flying over the treetops stooping and breaking off some of the topmost branches. Presumably this is what they do at nesting time. I'm not sure but is this another sign of the seasons being confusing this year?

I will leave you, or rather the Scottish and English parliaments, with this little brainteaser. How will they cope with hosting the shooting events in the Olympic and possibly Commonwealth games when all pistols are banned? Tim Frost

### Brownies Christmas Post



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### National Park Litter Pickers

No less than 1,534kg of litter was collected on Saturday 28th October by Board Members, staff and volunteers from Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park, together with staff from The Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department (SEERAD). Everyone gave their time voluntarily, showing that they can make a difference by adopting a coordinated approach to litter collection.

Nearly 50 enthusiastic 'litter pickers' met at Callander Meadows on Saturday morning, led by the Convener of the National Park Authority, Dr Mike Cantlay. The volunteers made their way to Loch Venachar, Loch Lubnaig and Loch Earn. These sites demonstrate littering at its worst, having been

frequented by large numbers of visitors during a particularly busy season.

There were 23 bags of glass (including broken glass in buckets) and 18 bags of cans for recycling. Some of the more unusual items were 2 oil drums, 5 car wheel tyres and rims, a go-kart and a post box. Discarded fishing line, harmful for wildlife, especially with hooks attached, was retrieved from most beaches. In a typical day during the summer season the National Park waste team of two staff collect an average of 400kg of litter and waste from remote National Park sites. Dr Mike Cantlay, a local resident as well as Convener of the Park, spoke about the day's achievements. "We wanted to show an example by clearing away as much litter as

possible at some of the places that have higher pressure this year". In August this year Mike showed his support for the joint campaign with the National Park and the Community Partnership which was launched to focus on the root cause of the litter problem - to stop people dropping litter in the first place. Saturday's 'Litter Pick' is all part of that campaign and a continuation of the drive to raise awareness of the problem, which is ongoing, to educate the public, and to keep the Park as litter-free as physically possible.

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### Heart of Scotland Herb Society

It was easy enough to tidy away at the end of the season in the herb border. There were plenty of dry cool days to complete the harvesting of our annuals, which are now ready for winter use, and to move those tender plants like lemon verbena and kitchen bay to a less threatening and more congenial environment. With a little attention to trimming, some splitting and a dry blanket of leaves for warmth and protection, our perennials rarely fail us in the Spring. Lovely fennel remains a statement, sways with the blowing winds and yet maintains a supply of seed for the garden birds. We are also lucky enough to have some continuing colour with the evergreens for show and use throughout the dead of winter. The sages, winter savoury and rosemary are more readily available for use than the boots, gloves, and clippers needed to brave the weather and snip for roasts or winter stew pots! Our Christmas Luncheon is once again being held at the Kinnaird Country House Hotel on 6th December and it is a great occasion

to savour (effortlessly!) some of the traditional Christmas herbs and spices with pleasure and in good company and surrounds. On 17th January Gillean Ford will be presenting a cookery demonstration with a 'Herb and Honey' theme. We are looking forward to warming ideas and her well-renowned expertise. Pharmacist, Life Coach and Author Elizabeth Roddick will be taking our meeting on 21st February and discussing her views and book "Look Better, Feel Better, Live Better." This could be your day to contemplate a change or improvement in your health, fitness, diet, life. Our next featured 'Herbs of the Month' include Mistletoe, Thyme and Chamomile. For further information about our organisation as we move into our 7th season, or for additional detail on these events, please phone either me, Patty Hope, at 01567 820408 or Judy Forster at 01567 820298. All our meetings are open to the general public as we try to encourage wider use, information and ideas with herbs.

**Patty Hope** 

### Killin Primary School try to "Mend the Manger"

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### Sat (am)

- 10.10 Tyndrum
- 10.25 Crianlarich
- 11.00 Killin
- 11.30 Crianlarich
- 11.40 Tyndrum

### Mon – Fri (pm)

- 14.45 Crianlarich
- 15.00 Tyndrum
- 15.15 Crianlarich
- 15.45 Killin
- 16.00 Lochearnhead
- 16.15 Strathyre
- 16.25 Lochearnhead
- 16.35 Lix Toll \*\*\*
- 16.50 Crianlarich
- 17.00 Tyndrum

\*\*\* Stirling Council are planning to introduce a new service running Killin – Lix Toll – Killin which will connect with the Postbus at 16.35.

### **Postbox Collections**

The collection times from some Postboxes will also change on 20th November. Details are on individual boxes. The latest collection times from each village (boxes outside each PO) will be:- Tyndrum 15:00, Crianlarich 15:15, Killin 15:45, Lochearnhead 16:00.



# **Mobile Library**

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Crianlarich Willow Square 12.05 - 12.35Police Station & School 1.40 - 2.30Benmore 2.35 – 2.55 Suie Lodge 3.05 - 3.25

### **Glen Lochay/Ardeonaig**

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### Something "Fab" is coming!!

Come on it's time to sit down and relax. P6/7 are doing the most perfect show ever. We will be presenting live "The Battle of Britain, the story of the few. We will be in the McLaren Hall waiting for you at 7:30pm on Friday 15th December. This story is a musical play, and guess what? The best thing is Killin Primary School's P6/7s will be showing you this fab show. If you want to come, tickets will be sold in the school at 8:45am and 3:00pm from 4th December, or you can pay at the door (if there's any left). P6/7 have been working so hard to organise this enterprise, so PLEASE, PLEASE come and see us perform. Ailsa Taylor



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# Local Planning Applications

### **National Park**

### Week 37 ending 18 Sept

Proposal: Installation of 2 No 300mm Telecommunications dishes, 2 equipment cabins & associated ancillary development to existing 30m high lattice tower Location: Glasgow Road Crianlarich Application Type: Detailed Consent Decision: Telecommunications Development

### Week 38 ending 25 Sept

Proposal: Erection of two chalets for staff accommodation Location: Acharn Farm Killin Application Type: Detailed Consent

Proposal: Erection of 3 dwelling houses with detached garages and formation of new access Location: Mansefield, Manse Road, Killin

Application Type: Detailed Consent

### Week 39 none

### Week 40 ending 9 Oct

Proposal: Erection of dwelling house Location: Bridge of Lochay Hotel, Killin Application Type: Detailed Consent.

Proposal: Replacement of two 132kv Sloy/Killin double circuit overhead transmission steel lattice towers

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Location: Sloy/Killin Overhead Electricity Line, Inverarnan, Crianlarich Application Type: Statutory Notification

Proposal: Overhead line works including creation of new 275kv steel lattice entry tower between two existing overhead transmission towers Location: Windyhill to Dalmally Overhead Electricity Line, Inverarnan, Crianlarich Application Type: Statutory Notification

Proposal: Deviation of existing 275kv overhead transmission line on two temporary spans Location: Windyhill to Dalmally Overhead Electricity Line, Inverarnan, Crianlarich Application Type: Statutory Notification

Proposal: Erection of dwelling house Location: Land Rear of Pink Cottage, Main Street, Killin Application Type: Detailed Consent

### Week 41 ending 16 Oct

Proposal: Conversion and extension of domestic garage/store to one selfcatering accommodation unit Location: Ewich House, Strathfillan, Crianlarich Application Type: Detailed Consent.

Proposal: Construction of new footpath

Location: Auchtertyre Farm, Crianlarich Application Type: Detailed Consent

## Weeks 42 to 43 ending 30 Oct none

### Week 44 ending 6 Nov

Proposal: Installation of 2 300mm transmission dishes onto existing 30m lattice tower, one equipment cabin and associated ancillary development Location: Glenogle Radio Mast, Glenogle, Lochearnhead Application Type: Telecommunications Development

### Perth and Kinross Council

### Week 41 ending 16 Oct

Proposal: Formation of access to agricultural land Location: Land at Rynachulaig Farm. Application Type: Full Application Decision: Approved

Proposal: Temporary formation of jetty, siting of kiosk, change of use for assembly of steamship, siting of portable office/store and change of use for boat sailings Location: Dalerb, Kenmore Application Type: Full Application Decision: Approved

Stirling Council – None

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### Strathfillan



### Strathfillan Community Council

Meetings of the newly elected council will be held on the second Monday of the month except for August and December when no meeting is held. Election will be held to fill the remaining 2 places in February/March 2007; no co-option can take place until after these elections.

### Proposed bus interchange in Strathfillan

David Brown, Public Transport Coordinator, Stirling Council, explained the feasibility study into the possibility of a public coach interchange in Strathfillan. There are problems with the current location in the extended lay-by near the Upper Station Road Tyndrum. Coach traffic has increased, there are recognised funding problems for local authorities and regional transport partnerships have been established. TACTRAN covers this area A safe and efficient system supported by the community is needed possibly involving other local services, buses and taxis situated in a village. There may be funding support through TACTRAN. The feasibility study, which cannot be



Standing: Mary Anderson (Treasurer) Moira Robertson (Secretary) John Riley (Chair) Gwynneth Scott, Angela Sclater, Louise Crothers Seated: Alan Smailes, Joyce Russell (Vice Chair)

completed until after the community input, is looking at Crianlarich and Tyndrum to see where an interchange could be placed and will not take land ownership, existing plans etc. into consideration.

Keith Cornwall of Atkins, the consultants involved, explained their progress to date. The options are to the left of Meadow Grove, the right of Meadow Grove, the EWS yard at Crianlarich station, the TIC lay-by at Tyndrum, or the south bus stop at Tyndrum. Any other suggestions should be made to local Community Councillors.

SE Transport Scotland indicated a possible route for the proposed Crianlarich by-pass which appears to start from the EWS yard, making it a good site for the interchange but is remote from existing facilities and businesses in the village.

Concerns about various aspects of the interchange were expressed A vote was taken and the majority was for a site in Tyndrum.



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### "By The Way"

The meeting was told that the options by Meadow Grove already have planning permission for a community facility but it is unlikely to be used. John Riley proposed that the EWS yard at Crianlarich station and the south bus stop at Tyndrum be considered and a clear majority voted in support. Comments can be passed to David Brown Tel: 0845 2777000 or Keith Cornwall Tel: 0141 220 2000 Further details are available at www.ecommunitycouncil.org.uk

### **Macmillan Cancer Relief**

Elma Scott would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the Coffee Afternoon held on 30th September in Crianlarich Hall. Also the Coffee Morning held in Crianlarich Hall after the flu injections on Friday 3rd November. The total sum raised was £850 which will all be donated to Macmillan Cancer Relief.

# Crianlarich Bypass

Most people will have read the recent press reports regarding a Crianlarich Bypass, and many will have seen contractors over the last few weeks, taking measurements as part of the preliminary work. In due course, we expect there will be public meetings regarding the proposed route and, we hope, the community will be given an opportunity to comment on the plans.

We, the undersigned businesses from Crianlarich, are extremely concerned about the impact of a bypass on our village, and ask each member of the community to take our concerns into consideration when any consultation does take place.

We all agree that the roads are



extremely busy during the summer, and of course a bypass will take a large amount of traffic away from the village, making it a quieter place to live. However, a significant amount of business within the village comes from passing tourist traffic heading further North or West, who choose Crianlarich as a convenient (but unplanned) stopping off point on their journey. If the village is bypassed, the number of tourists stopping here will, without doubt, reduce.

Every business relies upon the profits from the busiest four months of the year to subsidise the rest of the year. If tourist volume is reduced, this may mean that businesses cannot make enough money to comfortably subsidise services for local people during the winter months. The end result may be rising prices, job losses, reduced hours and, in the worst case, businesses closing.

Any bypass will have a huge environmental impact on the area. If the route follows that proposed 10 years ago, the western end of Crianlarich will lose a large area of woodland to the bypass, and the housing at Willow Square and Tyndrum Terrace would end up sandwiched between two trunk roads. Popular local walking routes, including Bogle Glen and our link to the West Highland Way will almost certainly be affected. Surely the money earmarked for Crianlarich would be better spent further down the A82? At the moment, the proposed work further south is only for a short stretch of tunnel to remove the traffic lights at Pulpit rock. Currently, no money has been allocated to upgrade the rest of the Tarbet - Inverarnan stretch of road. Unless this whole stretch is upgraded, the majority of goods vehicles will continue to use the A85 from Stirling - so while the much needed tourist traffic would bypass the village, the heavy lorries will still come through the centre. At the moment this is all a long way off, and may (as many people believe) never happen. However, should the time come when we are asked for our views, please remember that the eventual impact of a bypass on our village may be far greater than just a guieter road.

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### Strathfillan - "By The Way"



### Strathfillan Community Development Trust

### Woodland News

The woodland working group has produced the first draft of a condensed version of Dr John Holland's excellent Woodland Management Plan. The Trust will be more than happy to make copies available to those interested in our local landscape, flora and fauna for a modest fee.

Another first draft came from the NP seasonal Ranger Stephen Bly, who has been working on a habitat survey of the eastern side of the Lower Station Yard site in Crianlarich for the Trust. As his contract with the NP comes to an end soon I'd like to thank him for his help to the Trust this year. He's off to France to build some dykes and then to the Caribbean as a volunteer on a building project. We wish him bon voyage and hope to see him back in Strathfillan again next season. The weather obligingly held good for the 4th October Battle of Dalrigh event. The Crianlarich primary school pupils enjoyed the opportunity of taking part in "handson" history lessons courtesy of the Oban based history re-enactment group. As well as learning a few

pointers about dispatching the enemy with a broadsword, they took part in the less gory practices of drop-spinning, wool dyeing, bannock making (and eating!) and saw buttons, coins and cutlery being smelted. It was lovely to see the children - and the parents - so absorbed in their outdoor classroom.

### Café Scientifique

The relaxed, informal atmosphere and the diverse topics covered last season proved very successful and the Trust is delighted to support the new session of talks. The meetings will again be 7-9pm on Wednesday evenings in Tyndrum Village Hall. Our thanks to Dr Marilyn Robertson, the first speaker of the year, for her fascinating talk on stem cell research.

Other topics lined up for this session are;

21st February: "Are nutritional guidelines based on scientific evidence?"

(D Crompton OBE MA ScD FRSE) 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 are always enjoyable and engaging evenings.



Early in the New Year the Trust will be



updating and renewing our local Action Plan. This project is being facilitated by the National Park and will include the growing number of Trusts established across the Park. Informing the plan will include a questionnaire to each household, face to face interviews with residents and the updating of our community profile. All the information gathered will be distilled and honed at a public meeting to help set out our goals and define projects for the future in Strathfillan. Killin has already gone through this process as the pilot community for this second phase and is currently establishing its own development trust. It should be an interesting exercise to which we can all contribute.

On behalf of the board of directors, trust members, Gwyneth and myself, I would like to wish all Killin News readers a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year. **Joyce Russell** (Development Officer)

For further information on any of the above Tel 01838 400 545 – Joyce or Gwyneth. (strathfillancdt@btconnect.com)



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Silver Medal: Sheena Chisholm Bronze Medal: Rhona McColl McKay Cup: Kay Dowling Chrissie France: Kay Dowling May Wilson: R Hunter & J Crossan SLGA Flag Brooch: Claire Thompson Cancer Relief: Rhona McColl Eclectic (Scr): Barbara Pitney Eclectic (Hcp): Kay Dowling Captain's Prize: Rhona McColl Coronation Fours: E Ingram & S Chisholm

Children First: Kay Dowling L.G.U. Pendant: Rhona McColl Daily Mail Foursomes: K Dowling & S Chisholm Birdie Tree: F Ramsay/ R McColl

Ladies Champion: Barbara Pitney

### Seniors

Alister Robertson Trophy: G Smith McTaggart Trophy: H Campbell Lix Toll Trophy: R Lewis John Hall Cup: W MacPherson Senior Trophy: J Guild Medal Play Off: W MacPherson Willie Allan Trophy: P Rinaldi Ivor Noble Quaich: W MacPherson Super Senior Trophy: A Muller Kiltyrie Trophy: H Campbell

### Mixed

**Dr Stevenson**: G Aitken & L Stevens **Lochay Trophy**: G Aitken & A Weaver At the meeting of the Killin SWRI held in the McLaren Hall Killin 2nd November author & storyteller, Jess Smith gave a colourful account of her life as a travelling "bairn". As well as storytelling she sang and recited poetry all relating to life on the road.

SWRI

An excellent turnout of 50 people attended this open meeting and had a very entertaining evening. Elizabeth Woods thanked all WRI ladies who donated food and raffle prizes to the Country & Western Evening at which the marvellous sum of £2000 for the Hall funds was raised.

The committee congratulated Mrs Ellen Stewart who won the Low Road SWRI Curling competition at Kinross in a team made up with Killin & Ardeonaig members.

### **Competition Results**

Holiday Souvenir 1. Margaret Galloway 2. Elizabeth Woods 3. Ann Watson Chocoate Truffles 1. Margaret Galloway 2 Ellen Stewart

Jane Anderson



### **Micro Renewables**

Climate change is becoming more of a risk and can no longer be ignored while decisions are made on our future environment. We all need to consider how we can reduce carbon dioxide emissions. One of the easiest and most effective ways of doing this is to carry out simple measures to use energy more efficiently. Generating more of our energy from renewable sources will also have a role to play.

The National Park Authority is keen to set a good example.

The new National Park Authority HQ building will be very energy efficient and will be heated by a wood-fuel heating system. The National Park Authority is keen to encourage more small-scale and micro renewable energy developments.

Technologies such as micro wind turbines, solar panels and wood fuel are all becoming more readily available and affordable for householders and small businesses.

While development of large-scale renewable energy plant is unlikely to be acceptable in the National Park, smaller generation projects could be possible. The National Park Authority will be supportive and sympathetic of most small-scale installations. However it must be stressed that planning permission will often be required.

If you are thinking of embarking on your own micro renewable project we recommend early contact with Planning Services at the National Park. They will be able to guide you and ensure the proper consents are obtained before you embark on any installation.

You will find contact details on our website or by telephone on 01389 722600.

### Jottings and notices from school

### **School Board Minute Secretary Wanted**

The School Board is currently looking for a minute secretary. We need someone to take minutes and type them up for which we are willing to pay £25 per meeting. There will only be 2 or 3 more meetings between the New Year and the summer holidays. Anyone interested in this post should contact John Wyllie 820 714 or the school 820 265

We are working on a project about William Wallace and Robert the Bruce. On Friday 22nd of September the whole class went right to the top of the Wallace Monument. It was fun, On the bus, me and Tegan played I spy. Then I saw his sword.

We went to Bannockburn; we dressed up In coats of armour. I almost tripped up, it Iwas so heavy. But then I took the helmet I loff and the chain mail, then we went to 1 the shop. Me and Tegan bought a bear. Then Ms Logan bought us a drink.

**Georgia Third** 

My big field trip

We went to the Wallace Monument, I had good fun. We walked all the way up the Wallace monument. I was brave going up it. I was glad I did it and it had 246 steps. Next we went to Bannockburn heritage centre. I had a good time. I was running up Ithe hills. I looked up at the flag, it had a battle axe. It had a big statue of Robert on his I horse. Robbie Player



On Friday 22nd September we went to Bannockburn. The lady told a story about the Battle of Bannockburn. Emma was dressed up as a soldier's wife and Alex was the farmer. Douglas was the knight and Cairan was the archer. We went to the Wallace Monument and went up, up, up up, up and up to the very top. We saw the water and the train tracks. We saw builders building and we saw the Thistle centre and the whole of Stirling. It was excellent because we learned a lot.



The Wallace Monument On Friday 22nd of September I went to the Wallace Monument. I was so scared of heights! I eventually got to the top. I looked down, I was terrified. I tried not to llook down. On the wall of the monument was a statue of Wallace. There were 246 steps to climb.

Then we went to Bannockburn. We saw the actual battlefield. When we went in a lady told us a story of John, the farmer. dressed up as a knight. We got a gift from the gift shop.

See Photographs on page 35

Euan Lang I

# Killin Primary School



Back: Lauren Third, Katie Holden, Skye Farmer, Catherine Allan and Ailsa Taylor Centre: Ishbel Taylor Front: Calum Wyllie, Sophie Thomson and Finn Rhys

### The National Mod

Killin School Gaelic Choir sang at this year's National Mod in Dunoon. Thanks go to Rev. John Lincoln for his Gaelic Tutoring and Conducting. We didn't win but had a great day out, including Fish and Chips on the way home. Despite the lack of trophies the choir came out fighting with most saying "next year when we go to the Mod ..... "So here's hoping we win our class at next year's Aberfeldy Mod to allow us to qualify for the the National Mod 2007 which will take place in Fortwilliam. It was a wonderful experience to be part of a National Competition.

**Northern Cluster Singing Day** Pupils in Primary 4, 5, 6 and 7 from Killin, Strathyre, Lochearnhead and Crianlarich Primary Schools gathered on Tuesday 3rd October to learn some new songs and practise some they had already learned in class. The day ended with a performance open to parents and friends. Despite the small but very friendly audience, the children gave a performance that was enchanting and at times very uplifting. The sound of so many children singing in harmony was an emotional and enjoyable experience. Our thanks go to Anne Murphy from the National Youth Choir of Scotland, Rosie Series the specialist music



teacher and school staff for organising the day.

Halloween Party

Thanks to Killin PTA for organising and running a fabulous Halloween Party for all pupils at Killin Primary School. The children all came in Fancy dress, with a prize for the best and second best dressed in each group. The judge was Lucy Paulin, Head of Killin and Crianlarich Nursery. There was also a competition for best home - made mask. Then the fun really began we dooked for apples, we ate sticky doughnuts from a string, we dived into a bath of gooey jelly in search of sweeties and stuck our faces into a bowl of flour in the hope that we'd find some toffees. Particular thanks goes to Sammi Hibbert whose endless energy and enthusiasm kept the games and hilarity going in the gym hall.

### Musical of World War 2

Primary 6/7 are doing a musical on The Battle of Britain, the story of the few at the McLaren Hall on Friday 15th December at 7.30pm. P6/7 have organised the casting, directing, producing, wardrobe, make-up and props, all by themselves with no grown up help what so ever. Tickets will be on sale from 4th December at the school office at 9.00am and 3.00pm. **Skye** 



# Halloween High Jinks

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### Silver Wedding

Neil and Morag would like to thank Gregor and Euan very much for the lovely surprise party they had for us in the Craigard Hotel. It was a very big surprise and such a great night with family and friends. The DVD shown on the night was a very special part of this, bringing those who were unable to make it to the party and all the people involved in the last 25 years of our lives, nearer and dearer to us. We are very proud of Gregor and Euan for doing this for us.

We would also like to thank everybody for the lovely cards and presents we received on this occasion. They were very much appreciated. Thank you again.

Neil and Morag MacKenzie PS Neil's hair was real.

### **50th Birthday**

Thank you to all relatives and friends for making my 50th birthday party a night to remember. A special thank you to Donna for baking and decorating the cake and



to Joan for helping to organise the part as well as many extras. A big thank you to Pete and Emma for running the bar so efficiently. Thank you so much to Emma, Jo and Margaret for helping to get the hall so nicely decorated. Thanks again to all who helped serve tea and for the lovely food people brought. Lastly a big thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts which are so greatly appreciated.

Janet Anderson



### House Fire at Barnacarie Cottage

My thanks go to Alexander McPherson, Iain Campbell and Jonathan Campbell for their speed in alerting Killin Fire Brigade to attend to the fire that occurred in my house on Sunday October 8th. Without their prompt action things could have been a great deal worse and I am deeply grateful to them. Thanks also to the Fire Brigade for their professionalism – in the aftermath I was impressed by the lack of mess they made!!! Thanks also to John Sinclair and Allan Grant for their speedy responses.

Lastly my thanks to my good friends who held me together over the first day or two afterwards; for all the practical help they gave, and for preventing me from cancelling my long awaited trip to New Zealand. Julia Thornton

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#### **Gibby's Ceilidh**

I would like to thank all who helped to make "Gibby's Ceilidh" the great success it was. A great night was had by all but it should be noted a lot of people gave freely of their time and worked hard behind the scenes. I would especially like to thank my team of helpers. Jo, Janet, Heather, Alex and Sue who put so much in and helped me to keep sane! Also everyone who donated food and raffle prizes, highlighting once again what a generous village Killin is. Also thanks to Douglas, Tam and Killin Drama Club who did a great job of the sound and lighting. Not forgetting the Artistes without whom the show would not go on. McLaren High received the marvellous sum of £1,700 towards their orchestra trip to Italy. Many thanks again. Jane Anderson

#### **House Move**

We would like to say thank you to everyone who helped with the move to our new house, especially to Jane and Laurence, Neil and Morag, Clem and Simon, Duncan and Jessie, and to our new neighbours who have all made us feel so welcome. Your help, support and kindness are appreciated more than words can say. Thank you all.

Mystery man



The fisherman in this issue 93 photo found under Liz Stevens' carpet has been identifed as Bill Naismith.





# What is the criterion for a hospital car?

My husband has been unfortunate this year to have had three hospital appointments in Glasgow, all in the early morning. No mention was made of hospital cars so we arranged our own transport, which is not easy when only the two of you work in your own business. On the first occasion someone working in Glasgow kindly gave him a lift into the city, he got a taxi to the hospital and on his release the next day got a lift back with the same person. The next time, as it was an overnight stay, we thought "hospital car" but the hospital said it was nothing to do with them and to contact our doctor. The surgery said it was too early in the morning for a hospital car! Again we had to arrange something with friends helping out. On the last occasion my husband was informed by the hospital that he would only be there a couple of hours and would be able to drive back but once there was told he could not drive after the treatment for four weeks so I had to arrange to get to Glasgow to collect both him and the car, which involved taking another car with a second driver. We also had to pay for the parking in the car park for the first car that had been there all day. Thanks to all who helped and sorry for no pizzas that night as it was late when we all got back. But what are the rules for hospital cars - or next time do we simply have to shut the shop? **Mary Lewis** 

\*\* If you have had problems with transport to hospital, please let us know either by letter, leaving a message on the Killin News phone 820 014 or simply by telling one of the Killin News team - see names on page 2.



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### Lin Music

It was with sadness that I read in your August 06 issue of the death in USA of Lin Music, past proprietor of the Tyndrum Caravan Park. As a 14 year old I emigrated from Glasgow to Australia with my family, to then return years later and spend some time (1977 - 80) working with Derek Wilkie and the Gosden family at the "Clifton Coffee House" (The Green Welly Stop).

I have great memories of living several seasons in the caravan park, of getting to know and love such a great part of Scotland, - and reading Lin Music's story brought home just how small our world is. Our lives be they in the USA, Australia or Scotland are all touched by each other.

May I congratulate you on your newspaper's achievement as a great means of communication, for both past and present residents of the Killin and surrounding areas. You are such an important record of past and present history!

> Maggie McNab Adelaide South Australia

### **Defence of hillwalkers**

Whereas I agree with Tim Frost on the abuse of the hills by trial bikes, mountain bikes, etc., I find his obvious dislike of hillwalkers a little strange. My wife and I have been hill walking in Scotland now for more than 20 years (mostly using Killin as a base) and have found that the majority who use the hills tend to look after them and the families who take along their children are, on the whole, introducing them to a healthy life style. I can only surmise that Mr. Frost is financially secure and doesn't want, or need, the revenue generated by the hill walking public. He obviously didn't get a copy of Killin News Issue 62 (May 2001) in which the front page was given over to a plea for the visitors to return and a thank you to the West Highland Way walkers who raised a staggering £6,600, most of which went to the Killin Nursing Association. As I say, it must be nice to be able to disregard the majority and concentrate only on your own backyard, but out in the real world most of us have to accept that life is much more complex.

Alan Thompson Tyne & Wear



# Where are they now?

Please write and tell us what you have been doing since you left Killin however long ago and if you have friends or relatives who have left please encourage them to contribute



We left in 1989 for Edinburgh when I was in Primary 5 at Killin Primary. My mother, Satya Stead, was warden at Ballecroisk Court and my brother Michael and I have fond memories of the piles of chocolate at Christmas and Easter we received from the residents!

At the moment I live in Cairo having moved to Egypt after studying Arabic in Edinburgh four years ago. Despite living in one of the word's largest, busiest, dustiest and noisiest cities, I love being here. I worked with a project that trained village midwives to deliver babies safely and provided them with sterile birthing kits. Village life in Egypt is remarkably tough for the majority. The land is worked by hand,

families are large and incomes are extremely low. Villagers often avoid medical care, including ambulances, as it is not always free and the low wages can rarely cover it. This project provided a cheap, safe alternative.

Life here in Cairo is always on the go. Shops are open until 10pm every day, streets are bustling until the early hours - you can even go riding (horse or camel!) at the Pyramids in the middle of the night! Egyptians are extremely friendly, welcoming people and love the Scots. People often ask about security and I have to say that I feel safer here than the UK. Egypt itself has a lot to offer: the old Islamic, Christian and Jewish buildings of Cairo, scuba-diving and windsurfing on the Red Sea, swimming in the Mediterranean,

cruising down the Nile visiting ancient Pharaonic sites, desert safaris... The list is endless and I am enjoying it!

Anna Stead







Sarah, Angus (Sarah's brother) and all the team wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year

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We will be open on New Years Day so come and see us and shake off the previous night's excesses or if you have been busy looking after everyone else, let us take care of you. If you bring your Killin News along or mention this ad on New Years Day we will give you and your family and friends a 25% discount. So start 2007 off the easy way by having us cook for you. We hope to see you and look forward to welcoming you



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# **Remembrance Day**





Bob Kirk, Tony Weaver, Ethel Dowling, Judge Stroyan, David Dowling

### 



Macfarlane was born on 27th June 1918 at Monemore in Killin to parents William Burns Macfarlane, who came from **Callander** and Catherine Macfarlane (McCowan) who was from Killin. He was the youngest of

William Forbes

seven children, 4 girls and 3 boys. When he left school, he worked at one of the mills in the village. War broke out in 1939. Forbes and his brother Andy joined the army. His oldest brother John was in a reserved

occupation so did not enlist. Forbes served with the Black Watch but only fought for a few months before being killed in action in Belgium aged 21. He is buried at Haverlee in Belgium. His



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brother Andy survived the war. Two of his nieces Mairi Hunter (daughter of his brother John) and Andrea Simpson (daughter of his sister Mary known as Tot) live in the village although they never knew him.



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# Obituary

### **Gordon MacGregor**

It was a very sad day for Killin on 13th October when word got around of the sudden death of Gordon at the Western Infirmary in Glasgow. He had gone there for treatment and everybody expected him back home after a few days.

Gordon, born in Greenbank Cottage, was very much a Killin person. After a short time in the Navy, he worked at Macgregor's Garage, driving lorries, driving the ambulance and even the snow plough in the 1950s. He then went to hydro schemes and many more public works jobs and long distance lorry driving. After

he retired, he spent most of his time in his shed, making bird tables, wishing wells etc. He will be sadly missed by his many friends but most of all by Helen, Duncan, Rhona, Sheena, grand children, two little great-

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grandsons, Kyle and Nathan who he adored, and all other members of the family. We wish to express our sincere thanks to all the medical team who looked after Gordon so well. Also very many thanks to everybody for the overwhelming kindness shown to us with cards, gifts and visits at this very sad time and to Andy, Rev. Scott and Alister for compassion shown to us. £770 was raised in aid of Cancer Research at Gordon's funeral service.

Thank you each and every one.

Helen and all the family



# Crossword by Scorpio

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1 Tuber - a top to mix, fry or boil (6)

- 2 Was once a d but is now a p (5)
- 3 Giant in Norse mythology slain by Odin and his brothers (4)
- 5 Use this "tool" well to improve a handicap (4,4)
- 6 Behaviour in front of a group of musicians (7)
- 7 Average plus celluloid abreviation for a package (6)

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Across

- 1 November floral display (5)
- 4 Suitable piece of crockery for a hen party (3,3)
- 9 Xsing to maintain steady pressure (7)
- 10 Large passenger ship (5)
- 11 Playthings (4)
- 12 Large bat (7)
- 13 The missing link in wwwco (3) 14 Northern greeting or centre space in church (4)
- 16 Archaic for to (4)
- 18 Scots puddle (3)
- 20 Put away again or just repair (7)
- 21 Hero initially in dark olive leotard (4)
- 24 Starchy food (5)
- 25 Small moment put a thousand oddly to best use (7)
- 26 Use rudest mixture to get rid of powdery material (6)
- 27 Clever constellation (5)

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- 8 It needs a mannerly man to become a spy (5)
- 13 Use deer coat for improved appearance (8)
- 15 Donkey sits still but is helpful (7)
- 17 Take a y from podiatry and you're left with 3 legs (6)
- 18 County, minnow or rex (cat) (5)
- 19 A Scots chimney with sodium no a U.S. graduate (6)

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- 22 An evil spirit (5)
- 23 A large male animal can become indivisible (4)

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# Kia Ora\* from New Zealand



We realise we are never going to manage to keep up with every one from Killin by letter or email while we are in New Zealand, so, having just read the latest Killin News on line, we thought we would send a reply! First of all we need to say a big thank you to every one for their

good wishes before we left on our trip. Our friends organised such a lovely farewell party at Firbush that we really did not want to leave. So thank you to every one for making us feel so wanted – we do miss you all and look forward to coming back home. We also look forward to progress on plans for the Killin Resource Centre!

We are now well settled into our second rented house in Christchurch, set in a jungle of a garden with a lovely view of the estuary and sea. Stuart goes to a primary school close by, as it was half way through the school year when we arrived, and has been learning cookery and technical as well as the usual subjects. He has taken part in a massive school show, with over 300 other children, all dressed as native New Zealand creatures. Les helped to make costumes and I helped with make up and got guite slick at hoohoo grub and possum faces. Les is enjoying being a house husband and helping out at the school. He has joined a really good kayak club and is working his way around New Zealand rivers. I am enjoying work at the 24 Hour Surgery as a medical officer, and feel I have met most of Christchurch by now, as there is a non-stop stream of patients. Most unusual so far has been an injury caused playing underwater hockey - they wear snorkels and whack a puck around underwater! Sport and competition are high on the agenda here. They even have competitive maths teams where

they have to answer questions then run round a big hall with the answers -'Cantermaths' - which Stuart took part in. When Stu is at school, Les and I have been cycling over the Port Hills, which rise up behind Christchurch. The hills are the rim of an old volcano and rise very steeply so we choose the lowest gradient route up and then fly down from 1000 feet up to sea

level at the end. All these lycra-clad road bikers whiz past us on the uphill - we see lots of cycling injuries at the 24 Hour Surgery! At weekends we are gradually visiting other parts of the South Island and had a lovely trip up to



something I have always wanted to do.

Health care is very similar over here but you do have to pay for more services - \$60 for an ambulance, \$110 for a house visit and \$28 for an adult GP consultation (\$3=1GBP). Our Centre is open 24

hours/day and covers the whole of Christchurch at night. We deal with minor trauma and fractures and have X-ray facilities, as well as the usual GP workload. It is very well organised with very good staff. We can phone any of the specialists at the hospital for advice so we are very well supported. It's a bit different to be on call on your own in the wilds of Perthshire!

Hope you all have a great Christmas and New Year – we will miss the fireworks, but plan to be having a great time on the beach and in

Queenstown instead!

**Elaine Turner Berrow** 

\*Kia ora is the Maori greeting which means "Be well be healthy" Tena koutou to the Berrows from all their friends in Killin.





Abel Tasman National Park and Marlborough Sounds. It is really beautiful up there with gorgeous beaches and hills covered in native bush. We have been skiing in the Southern Alps in very good snow when we first arrived. The roads into the snow fields involve 10-15km drive on zigzag gravel roads up the

mountains with huge drops at the sides and no barriers – it's exciting! We are having a week in Queenstown when family come to visit over Christmas - this is where all the extreme sports are done. The first week in December we are going to Samoa for a week to relax on a South Sea Island and to visit Robert Louis Stevenson's grave -

# What's On in Killin and District

### December

- 7 SWRI meeting Lesser Hall 7.30pm
- 10 Christmas Fair Lesser Hall
- 15 School production "The Battle of Britain" McLaren Hall 7.30pm

17 Heart of Scotland Herb Society Cookery Demonstration "Herbs and Honey" Aberfeldy Town Hall 10am

- 22 School production "Mend the Manger" McLaren Hall morning
- 31 Hogmanay Fireworks Dochart bridge midnight

### January

- 1 New Year Night Dance McLaren Hall
- 9 Community Council meeting Killin Primary School 7.30pm
- 18, 19, 20 Drama Club Pantomime "Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves McLaren Hall 7.30pm
- 26 Burn's Supper McLaren Hall evening

### February

- 1 SWRI meeting Lesser Hall 7.30pm
- 2 Heritage meeting AGM + "Memories" 8pm Lesser Hall

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Mondays
Church Hall 6pm

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Wednesdays	
Church Hall	
7.30 - 9pm	

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