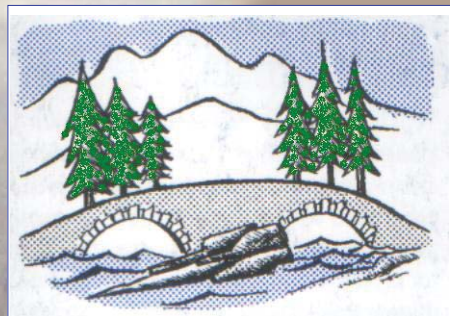


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Editorial

If what we hear is to be believed Killin is about to undergo great changes. We mentioned in the last issue that some Killin Golf Club land had been sold to a development company. We have since heard from Mr Colin Taylor, who is involved in the company, that the proposed development is likely to include over 100 houses, a swimming pool and leisure facilities. Part of the intention is to benefit Killin by an increase in the number of visitors and provide a larger market for local traders. It is proposed, we are told, to further benefit the Golf Club by money donated for every house built on the land. All developments or changes come with advantages and disadvantages. The land lies outside the main boundaries of the village in what is designated as "An Area of Great Landscape Value" in a position likely to become part of the view that includes the Tarmachan Ridge. Of course this and the environmental impact will be taken into account by the planning office and if it goes ahead some restrictions and requirements are likely to be imposed. When the outline plans are presented the people of Killin will be able to make their views, for or against, heard through the Killin Community Council who can influence the Planning Committee on their behalf.

Killin suffered a few setbacks in the past year with the closure of two hotels. You will have seen that the Falls of Dochart Hotel reopened and the Killin Hotel is about to do the same in good time for the tourist season. (Page 17)

The unusually warm winter brought with it a remarkable amount of rain. Quite how much can be seen on page 9 where a graph shows how this was distributed throughout the year. If this pattern is to be repeated we will need to increase our awareness of the risks of flooding and water run off from the hills and plan local holidays in the first half of the year.

Since it was last mentioned in these columns the out-of-hours discussions have made no headway. Community Councillors do not feel that the representatives from the Forth Valley Health Board or Scottish Ambulance Service listen to what they say or respect their concerns. We know that similar problems exist elsewhere as they are periodically aired by the national press. If local communication does not improve it is likely that the Community Councillors will have to withdraw from the meetings and consider a new strategy. Meanwhile the service continues to show the limits of its capability and problems continue to be reported.

The Hogmanay Fireworks were a success thanks to the efforts of all those involved. They were as spectacular as ever in spite of the high winds, set off against the cascading water of The Falls of Dochart and dark background of Sron a Chlachain. Killin is a good place to come to enjoy Hogmanay.

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W Siddall

**Hogmanay Fireworks
despite the high winds**



**Santa and his helpers
tour the village**

Heart of Scotland Herb Society

HSBS members were treated to a wonderful show and taste sensation in January when Gillean Ford presented a cookery demonstration on 'Herbs and Honey.' Fresh home grown fruits and vegetables were prepared with delicious and innovative recipes. Smoked salmon, pheasant and duck were also featured, cooked and served with a wide selection of herbs and Invertay honey. All aspects of Gillean's presentation were a delight to the senses and inspiration for our own creations.

Our next meeting will be February 21st and features Pharmacist, Life Coach and Author, Elizabeth Roddick. Consider coming along for her discussion and views on health, life style and her book "Look Better, Feel Better, Live Better." Perhaps you would prefer a totally different topic. 'Herbs and Fungi' will be discussed on March 21st by John Holland and Willie Angus, both well-versed in these two botanical subjects. Featured 'Herbs of the Month' for the next two meetings are camomile and horseradish.

For further information or details on these events 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



Van Demonstrates Sustainability

A workshop run by the Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park, 'Renewable Energy for Communities and Householders' took place on Saturday 18 November in Gartocharn attended by more than 60 people from local community groups. Short presentations and workshops explored small-scale technologies, such as wind, biomass, solar, hydro and ground source heat pumps. A van brought along by Kerr MacGregor on behalf of the Scottish Solar Energy Group was on show. Propelled by bio-diesel it demonstrates that it is possible to supply all the vehicle's energy needs (both electricity and heat) from renewable energy sources. The van has a solar space and water heating system, solar panels and a roof-mounted wind turbine. It demonstrates that solar energy is well suited to Scotland and that here renewable energy is more efficient than wind.

The National Park Authority also talked about planning and sustainability as incorporated in its new HQ design.

The workshop was in partnership with the Scottish Community & Householder Renewables Initiative (SCHRI), supported by the Energy Savings Trust and Lomond & Rural Stirling LEADER

Gillian Barrie

Think about it

Recently when I was visiting a hospital I overheard two women talking outside the door. Evidently the husband of one of them was in a critical condition. She was under great stress and was much concerned about his recovery. She said to her friend, "You know, when you're as worried as I am, you just have to smoke." That started me thinking about how people handle their fears. Some turn to alcohol, others turn to food, and still others immerse themselves in work. David, "the sweet singer of Israel", in one of his psalms has given us a better solution to the problem of fear. He said "Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You." It is tragic when we turn to something other than our Maker to fill the void or cover up the pain we are feeling. In times of distress we can place our trust in the Lord. He wants us to call on Him so that He can encourage us with His presence and give us His peace. When you rely upon Him, you will be able to say with the psalmist, "Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You" (Psalm 53: 3)

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Pier Road Floods (see also front page)

In February 1990 the Madeira sun was shining on us as we dined on the balcony of our hotel at the start of our holiday when we were surprised to learn from the concierge that I was wanted on the telephone. It was Roger Lambert, telling us that Pier Road was impassable except by boat or breast-high waders. Ducks were swimming in the garden of our cottage and he was taking up our carpets. It was hard to reconcile sunny Machico with waterlogged Killin but there was nothing we could do except offer moral support. Happily the water never reached floorboard level and, when we returned a few weeks later, the flood had gone and the daffodils were coming out.

There have been one or two floods since then but they have been only short term and not so deep until those just before this last Christmas, when we were marooned for the best part of a week. Fortunately we were well stocked with food, drink and fuel and received several

kind offers of help from friends and neighbours. It was particularly nice to be visited each day by one bearing our papers and to be sure that if things became worse we would not starve or die of thirst. We did wonder what would have happened had we needed to contact NHS 24 for medical help. Is there provision for amphibious call-outs? But we were confident that the same knights in shining armour - or waders - would have come to our aid.

Peter George



Nursery News

Before Christmas the 3-5s went carol singing at the National Trust, Kirk Care, the Falls of Dochart Home, the Primary School and the Library where they received warm welcomes and a visit from Santa and gave and received gifts.

Since the holiday the children 0-3s have been interested in mirrors and their reflections in them, while the theme for the 3-5s is imagination. In an effort to raise money, the Parents' Group is to run a 50 Grid Club for six months. You simply choose your lucky number on the grid and pay £6. Each month a child will pick a number and the winner will get 50% of the money taken, with the rest going to Nursery funds.

If you have any Nursery sweatshirts or poloshirts at home that your child no longer wears, the Nursery would be glad to have them back to be resold at a modest cost to go to Nursery funds.

Finally a really big thank you to everyone who attended our bingo evening. The turnout was very impressive and the dining room at the Bridge of Lochay which Lesley had kindly let us use was packed. Thank you to all the businesses that donated excellent prizes. The top prize was a DVD player which was won by George Cull.

Julie Mitchell

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Now people are curious about what is happening down that road, where it goes, who lives there and what else could be going on. Well one thing is for sure, as several holiday visitors have discovered it doesn't go to the loch. There is a new

footpath for that so our visitors have to get out of their cars and walk the mile or so through the farm and woodlands before arriving at the shore. What else is happening? Tombreck is in the process of rejuvenation, in a manner that could be

described as 'farm diversification'. The old farm house has been renovated, the steadings are being converted into housing, and the former cart shed into an office/studio/exhibition space. Tombreck is now home to three families, a current total of 10 people, with two, maybe three or four more households arriving over the next few years.

Other developments are in the pipeline; we are planning to build 'commercial/industrial/workshop' units on the site of the old sheep fank. This will be a flexible mixed use of space, with the potential to house several small businesses and new enterprises. The units will be available for use by Tombreck residents and others needing a work space locally. If the proposals go

according to plan, there will even be a flat grassy area in front of the Big Shed, large enough to erect a marquee or play a game of football. Earlier this year we obtained planning permission from Perth & Kinross Council for two new build 'straw bale' houses to the south side of the courtyard. Stories and jokes about 'The Three Little Pigs' apart, these houses are capable of being as comfortable, secure and attractive as any other. What may interest readers of the Killin News is that we are currently looking for a buyer for the second of these two serviced building plots.

A desire to live in a 'house of straw' is not obligatory however; more importantly we are looking for people who would genuinely like to make Tombreck their home. We think that our ideal purchaser would be a local family able to participate in the ongoing growth of Tombreck farm. They may wish to be involved in a land based project or be looking to set up, or have an existing small business that needs workshop space. For anyone interested in coming to Tombreck, please contact us to arrange a visit. But first have a look at our website www.tombreck.co.uk, for more information on the various projects and developments and to get a flavour of our aspirations for the future.

Katy MacLeod

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Qualification for a hospital car is on medical grounds only and these are defined as:

- * Needing skilled assistance to transfer to or from a vehicle
- * Having a condition or disability making it difficult or undesirable to be conveyed by any other means
- * There being a reasonable possibility of an event occurring during transport requiring you to need skilled assistance

You do not qualify if:

- * You have your own transport or have access to transport from a friend or relative
- * You can travel by public transport
- * Your appointment can be altered to fit in with public transport
- * You can't afford other forms of transport (*Those on benefit will be reimbursed and expenses for private car journeys can be applied for*)

Hospital transport for those who qualify is arranged by the surgery for a first appointment and by the

hospital for subsequent appointments and is provided by the Scottish Ambulance Service between 8am and 4pm but are not bookable after 3pm. In cases where early morning appointments are essential, transport will be available for those qualifying on medical grounds.

The system is apparently being abused by people who perhaps just don't know where the hospital is or don't like driving in towns but there are many cases, particularly in a rural area like ours with limited public transport, where patients who don't qualify on the specified medical grounds nevertheless have real problems getting to and from hospital.

What happens if you:

- * Are elderly and only drive in your own village and never in the dark?
- * Are not at all well or only slightly disabled but find public transport difficult?
- * Have no-one you can ask or who can spare the time to take you by car?
- * Have to close your business and let down all the people relying on the service you provide so that your partner can drive you?

(In this last case, we're told, it is considered that your health is more important than earning your living or letting down your customers.)

The Surgery feels a natural obligation to try and help patients but has to keep to the rules. In times gone by there was a local voluntary Hospital Car service in Killin and such a service, started 30 years ago by the doctor's wives, still exists in Aberfeldy and works well. 30 volunteer drivers provide transport as reasonably required and are reimbursed 25p per mile for petrol by the patient. The co-ordinator rings the surgery each day to take 'bookings' and administration is kept to the minimum. Maybe our communities should consider something similar?

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The rain it raineth every day, upon the just and upon the unjust, but it raineth more upon the just than upon the unjust, cos the unjust fella has the just's umbrella!

The transition from 2006 to 2007 weatherwise might be likened to the emotions of the birds of the air on the death of poor Cockrobin, asobbing and asighing, the difference being that the sobbing in this case is represented by yet another monsoonlike deluge in keeping with the many we have experienced this autumn and early winter. The sighing was accentuated into the roar of a force 8 gale, the gusts of which could be felt actually shaking this fairly substantial house, and almost eclipsing the bang of the midnight fireworks of my neighbours across the burn!

When reporting regularly over the years on events such as weather conditions, which occur with seasonal conformity, though obviously with many differences in the severity/longevity of ruling situations, it is easy to fall into the trap of becoming repetitive, using the same phrases and descriptions,

even regurgitating adages, saws, and sayings to emphasise a point. This, of course, may be just incipient senile dementia, so I apologise in advance to any readers of this column!

Subsequent to the comparatively dry and warm summer months, the decline of the year seems to have become increasingly unsettled and disturbed, with November having clocked up 276mm of rainfall and December 367mm, probably much more to the west of Killin. Until October the annual rainfall total was lagging behind the 10-year average but by the end of the year it had surpassed it by over 100 mm. The threshold for growth of grass is 5 degrees C at 10 cms below the surface. For about 10 days in late December the values fell below this level but now (10th January) the figure has been 6 degrees C or above so that grass is growing in a manner of speaking: snowdrops flowering and daffodils well through the ground. The almost unprecedented wetness of the land negates any benefit that this unseasonal growth can afford to

livestock, as grazing animals soon turn everything into a quagmire. The deluges and floods, which occurred when the tups were out with the hill flocks, must surely have put a dampener on their enthusiasm. It would not have been surprising to have seen snorkels in use!

Mervyn K. Browne
Ardtalnaig

It's Only Water

The dry, sunny days of summer seem long gone and it feels as if it hasn't stopped raining since September. So how wet was 2006? Overall it was wetter than average with Kirkton Farm in Strathfillan recording 2912 mm (114.6 inches) of rainfall, some 318 mm above the ten year average, and Killin recording 2153 mm (84.8 inches). However, it was a case of two halves to the year, the first half drier than average and

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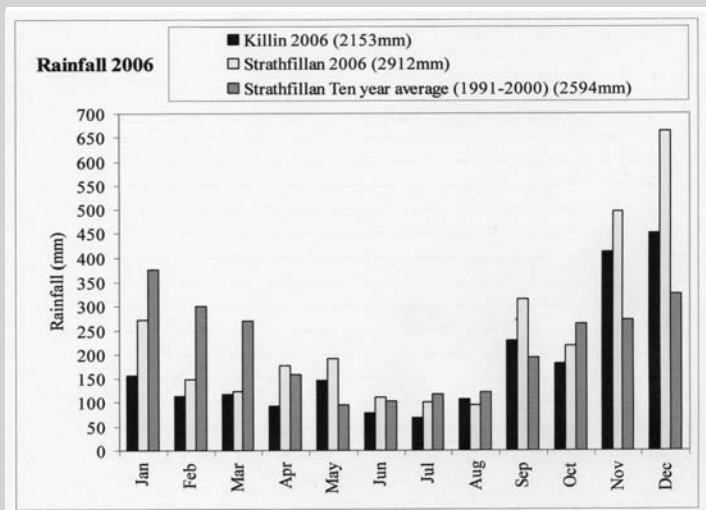
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the second half considerably wetter than average (see graph). Rainfall decreases rapidly as you move east across Scotland so although Killin is only 22 km east of Strathfillan the rainfall was some 759 mm less (which is more than the average annual rainfall for Edinburgh). The highest single day's rainfall in Killin was 85 mm recorded on the 30th November. December was the wettest month with 451 mm recorded in Killin and 663 mm (26.1 inches, almost an inch a day!) recorded at Kirkton Farm. To add to the misery a thunderstorm on 12th December caused some damage when

lightning hit a telephone wire in Strathfillan causing phone sockets to explode and damage to computers. Although at the moment it seems difficult to imagine that it has been wetter than this, you don't have to go back very far to find even wetter years. The Kirkton rainfall totals for 1994 and 1999 were both higher than 2006. Unfortunately January seems to be continuing along the same theme of wet and windy weather with over 400 mm already recorded at Kirkton up to the 17th January.

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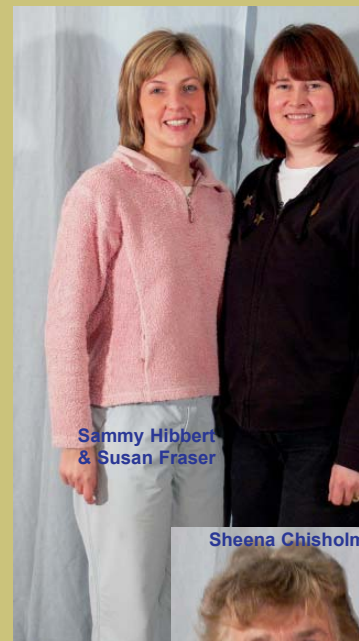
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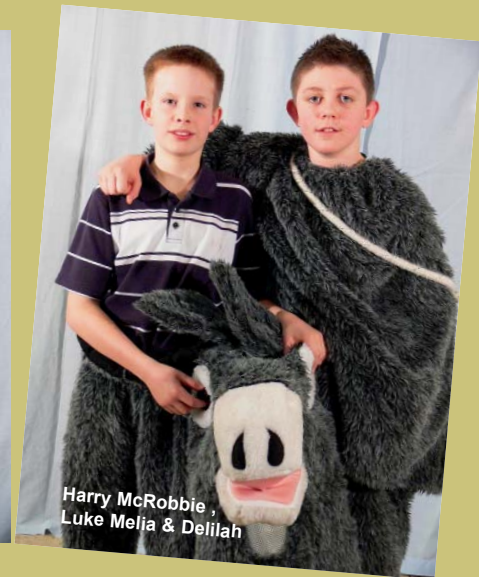
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Killin Community Council

Old station car park: Stirling Council has made a proposal for the creation and upkeep of a turning point for buses. Improved facilities could lead to an extension of service buses to Edinburgh and Fort William which might continue through the winter months. Toilets would also be included in the area and construction is planned to start in 2008.

Christmas tree and fireworks: Charlie Grant and Donald Allan were thanked for the tree arrangements and Mr. Booth would be thanked for donating the tree. Payment to be made to Stitt Bros (£50) for erection of tree, Forster & Sons (£20) for lights and £30 donation to the church for electricity. Charlie Grant was thanked for organising the fireworks with help and funding from the Community Council.

A litter campaign starts in March.

School transport: The bus has been upgraded.

Community futures: Group comment on an action plan draft due 12th January. An action plan to be produced over next month. Funding is available for fingerpost signage to complement village walks.

Business development

workshop: McLaren Hall 28th February - all businesses in the area

deriving income from tourism are invited.

Ardeonaig: If a lottery funding application is successful it is hoped to start the Community Hall project in autumn 2008. Charlie Grant to attend proposed meeting with roads department and Ardeonaig residents about the state of the Ardeonaig road.

Killin Zebra Crossing: More police presence to make sure people stop at flashing lights was suggested and school to ask children and parents not to stand in the vicinity of the crossing when not intending to cross and not to park illegally during collection of children - or let them walk to school.

Giveway lines: It was suggested that those on Stewart Rd, Fingal Rd and at the start of Station Road be re-done.

Cemetery car park: £2,300.00 has been awarded by Stirling Council to upgrade the car park - to be spent by 31/3/07 or money is lost. Stitt Bros could do the work at a cost of £2,700.00 and as time is short the go ahead was granted.

Rubbish collection: Many complaints had been made about bi-monthly litter pickup but without result.

Next meeting: 7.30 Tuesday 13th March 2007 in Killin Primary School

Be a National Park Volunteer

It's that time again when we all make New Year resolutions. But if you want to do something different in 2007, why not become a National Park volunteer? If you want to get involved in the great outdoors, meet new people and learn new skills, the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs volunteer programme includes a whole host of activities - everything from assessing path damage to wetland bird counts, building nest boxes and creating wildlife gardens. More than 150 volunteers of all ages and abilities regularly take part in conservation projects in the Park. The 2007 programme is now available and includes work in Callander woodlands, squirrel surveys in Glenbranter, bird counts on Loch Lomond and guided walks through Glen Fruin. Volunteers enjoy the opportunity to access different parts of the Park, learn more about what the Park does and contribute to an area they care about. It's a great way to get some fresh air and exercise without having to join a gym. If you are interested in volunteering, contact

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VISTA - The new version of Windows from Microsoft

Microsoft has just announced a release date of 30th January

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development in the computing industry. Microsoft Windows Vista is designed to improve dramatically the computing experience of every kind of computer user - from people at home who use their machines for simple web browsing, to business people who must organise and act on large volumes of data and scientists who routinely perform complex mathematical analyses. To make sure that everyone has an offering tailored to meet their specific needs, Microsoft will deliver five different editions of Windows Vista in the UK. Each edition is focused on the needs of a specific type of person:

- * VISTA Home Basic - basic home operation, perhaps emails and simple word processing.
- * VISTA Home Premium - ideal for advanced home users, who use their machines for Gaming, TV/home cinema, complex photography.
- * VISTA Business - for small businesses,

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- * VISTA Enterprise - for larger businesses with more than one location and several computer users.

For all editions except Home Basic, there is a new interface named Aero, which will require some getting used to before you can fully experience the benefits of VISTA.

For machines that have recently been purchased, perhaps as Christmas presents, there may well be options to upgrade from XP to VISTA for free, or a small charge to cover media costs - check with your supplier/manufacturer for details.

Otherwise, if you wish to upgrade, the costs are expected to be (roughly):

VISTA HOME Basic £95
VISTA HOME Premium £153
VISTA Business £177
VISTA Ultimate £247

I do not have prices for the Enterprise edition, as yet.

The minimum hardware requirements for VISTA will mean that not all machines will be able to take VISTA

A Windows Vista capable computer should be able to run the HOME Basic edition and the minimum specification includes at least: a modern processor (at least 800MHz), 512 MB of system memory (RAM), a graphics processor that is DirectX 9 capable.

To get an even better Windows Vista experience, including the Windows Aero user experience, you will require a

Windows Vista capable computer that is designated Premium Ready, or a computer that meets or exceeds the Premium Ready requirements described below. Features available in specific premium editions of Windows Vista, such as the ability to watch and record live TV, may require additional hardware. A Windows Vista Premium Ready computer includes at least:

- * 1 GHz 32-bit (x86) or 64-bit (x64) processor.
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There is a lot of technical information here, so please don't worry if this does not make any sense, I would suggest you just ask someone who is technically aware if you need help.

Rural Broadband Update

I am still collating names and addresses of those who live and work in areas that can not get broadband technology, so that I can write to our local MSP and MP. This is important and may well help, but I need many more names on my list before I can act. So, please, for those who are affected, could you let me know who you are, and also ask your neighbours to put their names on my list.

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Frost Report



Water, Water everywhere

For some of us it continues and 'and not a drop to drink.'

Because, if you are one of the people living outwith the village with a private water supply from the hill, it has probably clogged up in the recent spates. Usually at about 11pm! Unblocking water supplies is one of the jobs which is necessary more often these days like cutting up fallen trees and clearing out roadside ditches.

Working on the hill is difficult with stalkers having to get argos through swollen burns and a younger Frost had to wade up to his neck to drag his vehicle home. Quads are refusing to climb tracks that are too muddy and the same young Frost resorted to carrying the hind home in the old-fashioned way across his shoulders. It's maybe as well that we do not still rely on hill ponies. In many ways they were better than our vehicles of today but it was a tragic end of the road if they became bogged. Even the deer

are finding moving around difficult in many areas. Watching a group of twenty hinds running the other day we saw more water spraying from their legs than we'd ever seen before. Certainly the hills and flats are wetter than in the last 30 years. Maybe red deer will evolve to have larger spreading feet resembling flippers to cope with global warming.

It is astonishing how some animals have evolved to be adapted to the water. During a spate in December an otter was not only out in a terrible storm but fished the swollen Lochay catching a salmon for himself. Unfortunately he wasn't so well adapted to country roads and was found by a farmer out checking stock lying dead still with the salmon clutched in his teeth.

But still these conditions do not deter the sturdy hill walker. In the teeth of one of Januarys storms a bus carrying walkers was attempting the Lawers to Bridge of Balgie road, passed a

sign saying 'Road not advisable in the Winter'. It got stuck on the ice near the centre. On the same day two other cars had to be pushed up the braes. They had no shovels or winter gear. Maybe irresponsible behaviour can be blamed on global warming too?

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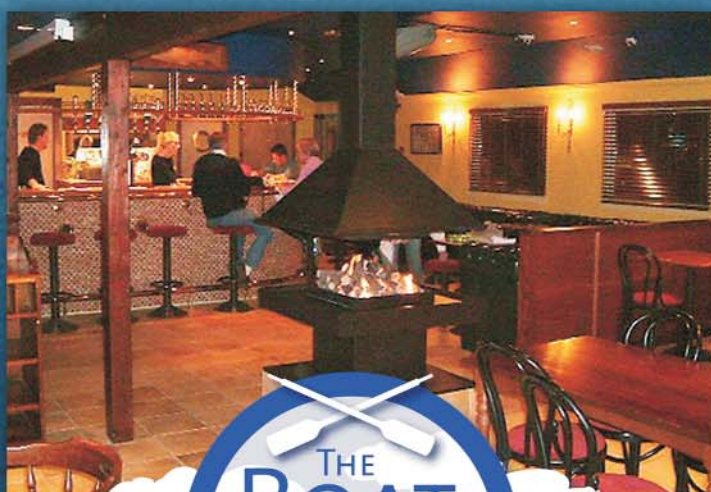
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Strathfillan Community Development Trust

Woodland News

The Trust has been invited along with other local landowners and land managers to a meeting with the National Park Authority to discuss a proposed pilot project to be run in Strathfillan/Glendochart. The NPA is keen to develop its support services to land managers within the Park area. The "Land Futures" project will follow the now familiar Community Futures approach – assessing what we own/manage and then prioritising work and local projects. It should be an interesting experience for the Trust.

Café Scientifique

Wednesday evenings 7pm - 9pm in Tyndrum Village Hall.

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

Nutritional guidelines urging adults to maintain their ideal body weight seem to be highly reasonable and topical in western society where there is much concern with heart disease, obesity and late-onset diabetes. Are there any useful ways of attaining and maintaining the elusive ideal body weight?

21st March: The risk business: turf accountants and insurance companies from an actuarial perspective. (Graeme Robertson BSc FFA) Risks in life and nature have to be investigated so that premiums can be calculated. What are the secrets of this process? Does the bookie use similar methods to decide the odds for the 3 o'clock at Ayr?

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

Futures Action Planning

In March the Trust will be taking the opportunity to update and renew our local Action Plan. Facilitated by the National Park a steering group will be formed to manage the project and employ a local person as a community profiler. Informing the plan will include a questionnaire to each household, face to face interviews with residents and the updating of our community profile. All information gathered will be distilled and honed at a public meeting to help set 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. An extra dimension to the process this time will be in the form of a "Local Plan Day" which will be a

drop-in session run by the NP planning department. This will be a hands-on exercise which everyone will be encouraged to attend as the results will form a new local plan for the area, superseding the existing local plan produced by Stirling Council.

Volunteer Day

A huge thank you to NP Ranger Gavin Skipper and his band of merry volunteers (including 3 plucky/mad locals) for turning out in dreadful weather to work on the Dalrigh car park. The next volunteer day has been organised for Saturday 21st April. Please feel free to come along.

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“By The Way”

Crianlarich Primary School

Following a visit to the Scottish Parliament as part of their project 'Rights and Responsibilities' the pupils of Crianlarich Primary School invited a group of MSPs to visit. On 8th December the children welcomed Andrew Arbuckle, Bruce Crawford and Sylvia Jackson. The visitors were asked some very challenging questions about important local issues such as rural housing and provided very comprehensive answers to them all. This visit marked the end of an interesting project for the children which saw them visit the Scottish Parliament, learn about the democratic election process, research current local issues and hold a mock election.

Crianlarich Nursery

Crianlarich Nursery welcomes back Natalie Moffat after her maternity leave. She is working with the 3-5s and the children are presently learning about Burns and traditional songs and poems. They are also learning about the Chinese New Year and we already have a very impressive dragon hanging from the ceiling. The under 3s are learning about movement by investigating moving of toys and other equipment and exploring movement with their bodies through music, dance and physical activity. **Julie Mitchell**



Senior Citizens Burns Supper



Senior Citizens of Killin enjoyed an evening of music, song and dance to celebrate Burns Night. Douglas McRobbie was in the chair and the Haggis (provided by D Gourlay butchers) was piped in by Colin Clement from Tyndrum. Douglas Willison addressed the Haggis with great style. After the traditional fare, provided by hotels and restaurants, entertainment was kicked off by Anna Holden and Emma Aitken dancing the sword dance. Jack McRobbie (accordion) and Andrew Clement (fiddle) played a short set, then Kirsty Garrick sang traditional songs. Scotty Wilson had everyone splitting their sides with his story telling followed by more dancing by Ailsa Taylor, Ishbel Taylor, Catherine Allan and Ishbel Hayes. Gordon Hibbert made an entertaining toast to the lassies, followed by a wonderful set of songs on fiddle and guitar by Siobhan Anderson and Andrew Watt. Sandra Logan gave a very entertaining reply from the lassies. Camilla Tigwell and Katie Holden's dancing was followed by more tunes from Siobhan and Andrew. The evening ended with Tam Bolton leading everyone in singing, a vote of thanks and finally Auld Lang Syne. Scotty Wilson also gave a vote of thanks. Well fed and watered, the guests made their way back home.

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Archaeological Field Survey in Glen Lochay - Year 16

A sigh of relief reverberated down Glen Lochay in June 2006 when we completed our work in Learg nan Lunn; the Pass of the Staves or Spears, the two kilometres length of ground that links Glen Lochay to Glenlyon. The team working in the pass had been separated from the main group, busily working its way steadily along the lower slopes of the glen, across Innisraimeach and into Tomochrocher and that special camaraderie, engendered in a group dynamic, had fragmented somewhat. After all, what brings us together in the glen once a month, travelling from widely dispersed homes, is not only the archaeology or the spiritual shot in the arm resulting from just being there, but also the interaction between like-minded and some of the kindest and friendliest people one could hope to meet. The same description can also be applied to the individuals living and working in the glen and Killin whom we have had the pleasure to meet over the past sixteen years. The year's surveying had revealed many small huts scattered over the slopes, some isolated but also a number of nucleated groups interpreted as sheilings. The National Archives gave a name, Ruidonn, for one of the groups that belonged to Kenknoc. It is not known which site that is but it is clear, however, that Daldaimeh and Innisdaimh, on the south side of the River Lochay, were shieling grounds belonging to

Kenknock several hundred years ago. We were fortunate to have a visit from Audrey Henshall, the leading expert on Bronze Age chambered tombs, who designated the site as 'highly probable'. Thus the number of Clyde-type cairns in Perthshire is increased to nine, including the one recently noted on North Lochayside. There is not much to see of our cairn as most of it was probably used for dyke, road and house building, etc. in the past.



With the Kenknock report now published, the Innisraimeach paper is under way. From an Iron Age hut circle and medieval houses and sheiling huts to 20th century 'Hydro' activity, the survey on Innisraimeach again highlights the range and variety of archaeological remains in a part of the glen that luckily has remained largely untouched by conifer plantation.

The recording of the Corrycharmaig

sheilings is nearing completion. A small pocket of bracken-covered slope remains to be looked at but it is certain that there will be something of interest.

The survey of Tomochrocher is almost complete. A high density of hut footings, especially towards the western portion of the ground, is testimony to a greater population in the past, even taking into account that not all the remains would have been occupied at the same period of time.

We are also now working on Badour, the reputed one-time home of the bard, Duncan Ban MacIntyre. Again, hut foundations of all shapes and sizes spring out at us from all corners, with any disagreement about the original functions of these ancient bumps being met with the oft-stated cry, 'Only excavation will tell!' Scott Wood, our 'resident' architect, has produced an outstanding paper on Finlarig Castle which, must be one of the most detailed of such surveys.

His drawings are a joy to behold. Other papers to be published in the coming year are Innisraimeach, Dalgirdy and on part of a large sheiling group at the head of the glen.

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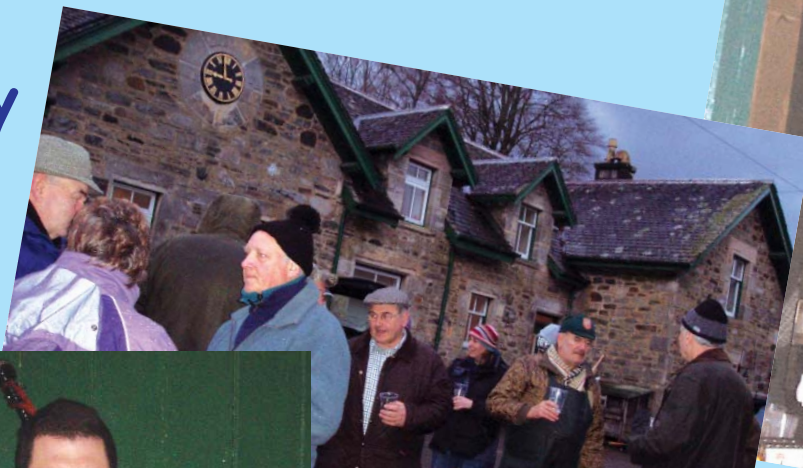
At Auchmore the high level of the loch meant the boats could not be launched so the opening ceremony took place in the Auchmore courtyard. German sausages, lager and whisky were, as is now traditional, donated by the German visitors and the Famous Grouse. Duncan McKinnon played the pipes and the boats, still on trailers, were blessed by Rev. Lincoln, before being driven round to Morenish to launch. Two salmon were caught on the first day - by Bill Hill of Killin and Pete Gottgens of the Ardeonaig Hotel. Pete's guests were treated to a taste of his catch.

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Spark in the Park

A steering group of local representatives, the National Park Authority, Stirling Council and Scottish Enterprise Forth Valley has developed a destination development framework for the Breadalbane area of the Park,, to help draw together the aspirations of communities, businesses and visitors alongside the agencies with a focus on tourism development in the area. Breadalbane has a wealth of cultural and natural heritage features which are not

necessarily that well known and a fantastic range of outdoor activities. Together, through effective marketing and pursuing key infrastructure projects, these assets could encourage visitors to stay longer and invest more in the local economy.

The framework has been informed by the Community Futures Action plans and developed by the Steering Group. Completed last year, the framework initially developed the Breadalbane Corridor concept. This

explored the importance of the existing and historic transport links through the area, the wealth of features along these routes and also highlighted the distinctive qualities of Breadalbane from other areas of

the Park such as The Trossachs, Loch Lomond and Argyll Forest. This was developed into the Breadalbane Parkway concept and is now included in the National Park Plan, currently with

Scottish Ministers for approval. The steering group has now turned its attention to the all important aspect of implementing the framework with a series of projects, not least the Killin to Tyndrum cycle route. Meetings have been arranged with the roads authorities and the Scottish Executive. The group is seeking to draw together local business interests to explore ideas and develop key initiatives that will build on the considerable work already achieved with the leaflet days. Interpretation is a key theme and linking into the National Park's 'Spark in the Park' strategy,

work will start on improving interpretation to visitors through leaflets, display boards, events, guided walks and talks. For more information and details about how to get involved, contact local representative or

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Community Engagement in Scotland's First National Park

This new book written and illustrated by Colin Roxburgh and Alan Tufts of the Small Town and Rural Development Group gives an account of the Community Futures programme in the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park. The Scottish Executive, in association with the Royal Town Planning Institute in Scotland, commended the Community Futures Programme as a model of good practice in local community planning in its National Awards for Quality in Planning in 2005. The launch of the book is particularly timely as the National Park Authority is about to embark on a new Community Futures Action Planning Programme to assist communities to review and reset their Community Action Plans. More details may be found at <http://communityfuturespartnership.org.uk/>



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Where are they now?

For this series we would be interested to hear to hear about anyone who was brought up in Killin and moved on

'Sunny' is my usual reply to Mum wondering what the weather is like here – Sevenoaks, Kent. The area around is Green Belt, surprisingly hilly (not in the Scottish sense!) and wooded, reflecting a time when it was part of the ancient forest of the Weald that stretched across much of the South East. Due to the proximity of London (30 mins by rail), airports and the Channel ports, there is a strict planning regime to balance development pressures. Needless to say, house prices are staggering. How did I make my way to Sevenoaks?

For someone who marks the passing of the years by the number since leaving McLaren High – after all, that's when life really begins – I left school a while back. For me, June 1980 was a magic time.

For four years at the University of Glasgow I studied (and partied a bit) history and archaeology for joint honours. Archaeology had all the best field trips! I still keep up with my good friends from uni. days. After graduation I became a management trainee with Marks and Spencer in Guildford then Stirling. Shopkeeping wasn't for me and I later joined British Rail Property Board, Glasgow, where I worked toward chartered surveyor status. Looking back the office was



Dickensian and that was the mid-late 80's! I was one of the first female professional associates; there were undercurrents of chauvinism and sectarianism. There even was a mainframe computer that spat out reams of green and white stripy paper which I only ever remember using for scrap. Worse, mobile phones were only for emergency use and definitely were not pocket-sized!

MRICS qualified, I joined Scottish Enterprise at a time (1990-98) of really absorbing opportunities. Over the years I worked with many different people on a portfolio of highly varied projects and moved into professional

areas that were much broader than my initial property-based remit. At this stage everybody was using desktops, soon to become laptops with floppy discs. By now I was living in Edinburgh and life was fun. I was lucky enough to secure a year's sabbatical and went off to City University, London, to study for an MBA. It was here I met Patrik my husband-to-be. Later I headed south to Tunbridge Wells to manage NPI's (remember the squirrel) Partnerships Team. Sometime mid 1999, Patrik and I moved to Sevenoaks, a really lovely town where we chose to make our home, now with our 5 year old daughter Mia. There are loads of Scots here, just one of Sevenoaks' many redeeming features! For those of you who are curious, the town lost many of its original 'seven' oaks in the great storm of 1987, but has since planted many more!

Nowadays, strictly on a part-time basis, I am a self employed consultant and sometimes lecture for the University of Surrey, Guildford. All my inclinations have grown 'greener' over the years and I spend as much time as I can at my allotment - after all Kent is the Garden of England! What more do I need? Mia and I think dogs and horses wouldn't go amiss but just don't tell Patrik!

Margo Willison

P.S. it really is sunnier here but we've got water shortage problems - kind of unimaginable in Killin.

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Killin SWRI

7th December

Pete Gottgens from the Ardeonaig Hotel gave a most interesting and mouth watering demonstration of Christmas cookery which all were invited to sample.

11th January

An 83rd birthday party for Killin SWRI was held at Cruachan and attended by 30 members. All enjoyed an excellent meal provided by Maureen Campbell and staff. It was followed by competitions for the best limerick (won by Sheena Chisholm) and the best hat made from a plastic bag (won by Ellen Stewart). Even shy members enjoyed singing along with the Karaoke to a programme from 'Bohemian Rhapsody' to 'Bob the Builder'. The cake was cut by Mary Twigg, who has been a rural member since 1947.

Jane Anderson



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Ardeonaig and Ardtalnaig Community Hall

Project Progress Report

For well over a decade the Ardeonaig and Ardtalnaig Community Association has had the Old School Hall at Ardeonaig as its meeting place, thanks to the generosity of the owners John and Helen Taylor. The old adage - all good things must come to an end - rings true. The Old Hall is now required for other purposes and the Association must find another home. Thanks once again to the generosity and foresight of the late John Taylor, the Community Association's future can be assured as John and Helen have given the Community an area of land at a peppercorn rent on which to build a Community Hall. A questionnaire to all members of the Ardeonaig and Ardtalnaig communities in 2004 confirmed overwhelmingly that a purpose-built Community Hall is required to serve the many needs of what the joint local authority, Stirling and Perth and Kinross over which we spread, describe as a 'dispersed community'. Under the guidance of previous Association Chairmen Bill Nicoll and Joe McLaughlin, the overwhelming decision was made by the Community to erect a purpose-built log cabin style community hall on the offered site. Following many

wrangles, formal Planning Approval was granted on 13th April 2006 for its construction at Ardeonaig. The current Chairman of the Ardeonaig and Ardtalnaig Community Association, Neil Campbell, son-in-law of the late John Taylor, presently shoulders the overall burden of ensuring that this wonderful project is brought to fruition. The building will most surely ensure the future of the Association and will commemorate the wishes of John Taylor. A project such as this requires a very considerable amount of money and a great deal of dedication from a group of volunteers within the Community. The finance to fund the hall will come from a number of grant aiding bodies and already Stirling Council has injected some £12,000 into the Hall Development project. Applying for grant aid can be a lengthy and intricate exercise itself and the Association is greatly indebted to Stirling Council's Rural Development Worker, Suzanne Player, for her very considerable help and expertise in assisting the Association's various quests for funding.

Colin Scott
Project Co-ordinator

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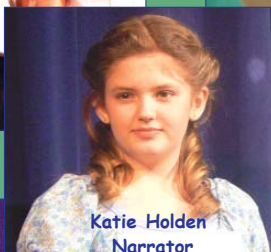
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Ishbel Taylor P6/7

The Battle of Britain was performed on the 15th December. P6/7 put a lot of effort into the enterprise from painting to acting, to lighting and sound. On the night we were nervous. We had fun and hopefully we entertained a few too.

Katie Holden Primary 7

Thanks to everyone for coming to the show it wouldn't have been a show without you. Thanks to all who helped us put on the show and thanks to the Drama Club for helping us.

Harry McRobbie P7

On 15th December, Killin Primary School's P6/7 put on an enterprise musical called The Battle of Britain, In the musical a Granddad called Dizzie used to fly a spitfire in World War 2. Dizzies grandchildren, Marie and Tom, have a school topic on World War 2 so they ask Dizzy some facts. Dizzy travels back to his old life telling his grandchildren along the way.

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An enormous thank you to Santa who took time out of a very busy work programme and braved the weather in Killin to deliver joy to lots of children (and adults) and to raise a whopping £437.03 for the school fund.

Parents and children can attend Spanish classes at Killin Primary on Wednesdays 3.15 - 4pm

Eco-School

P6/7 are going to be very busy with eco-school. A committee will meet weekly on Wednesdays to lead the school in this.

They are currently concerned about litter in the front garden which comes mainly from outwith the school. They ask for the support of everyone to

help eliminate this, especially those who leave cigarette ends at the front gate at 3pm.


All children are included in the rota for composting each day and will soon be included in bird feeding, litter and energy saving initiatives.

Road Safety

For safety reasons all adults collecting children are asked to stand inside the school gates. Vehicle drivers are unsure whether pedestrians are waiting to cross the road or not, which makes the pedestrian crossing unsafe.

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A big thank you to all Brownies, Guides and parents who helped sort and deliver cards around the village before Christmas. We couldn't do it without you and it does mean the children get some great activities.

As this is currently the only fundraiser we do during the year, it's very important to us. The service will be repeated next year and we hope we can carry it on nearer to Christmas Day because of the day Christmas falls on.

Christmas Quiz

We hope you all had a bit of fun trying our Christmas Quiz. The winners were Angela and Chris from the Abernethy Trust, Ardeonaig, and we're sure they will enjoy their meal out at the Ben Lawers Hotel! The quiz raised £142, which will go towards the refurbishment of the Church Hall. Thank you to the Ben Lawers Hotel for such a fabulous prize and to everyone who supported us by taking part. Many thanks.

Fiona, Julie, Linda & Isla

Come and see the big B

A public meeting about plans to revive the old Birks Cinema in the Square, Aberfeldy, will be held at the end of February. Afterwards, the cinema building will be specially opened for attendees to view its faded charms.

This is your chance not only to express your views on the cinema, but also to step behind the orange spangled walls of the later amusement hall and see the old screen workings and the dusty proscenium arch with its giant, Art Deco 'B' for Birks.

Organised by the Friends of the Birks Cinema, the meeting will take place at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, February 24th, in the Locus Centre. The Friends hope that as many people as possible will join them for tea, coffee, discussion - and the tour. Ron Inglis, the Fife-based cinema expert who produced a preliminary feasibility study for the group, will be there to talk about the potential for a new cinema in Aberfeldy and to answer questions.

The next stage in the campaign to bring cinema back to Aberfeldy will be an application for Lottery funds to carry out a full costing of the project, but before that it's vital to find out what local people think about the scheme. Come along and make your views known.

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Fifty years ago

I arrived in Killin in May 1955. It was an interesting and peaceful village, with a small station served by a push pull train, which ran a shuttle service up to Killin Junction to connect with the main line and the outside world - except on a Sunday. It was almost impossible to travel anywhere in Scotland on a Sunday in those days unless you had a car. Getting back to Killin, especially in the early hours of the morning, was not all that easy either. The main line train arrived in the early hours at the Glen Ogle halt but the train was not scheduled to stop there and the guard had to be told before setting off to make sure the driver did stop. The train stopped at Killin Junction but the shuttle service didn't run until about 7am. You could scramble to the main road near Lix Toll if you had arranged for someone with a car to meet you or were prepared for a long walk.

I joined the staff of the consultants on the Breadalbane Hydro Scheme and worked for two years on the tunnel connecting the Stronach dam in Glen Lyon to the power station in Glen Lochay. The site offices were in Glen Lochay on the hillside close to where the steel pipe now emerges to descend to the Lochay Generating Station. They had a fabulous view up Glen Lochay with the finest toilet window view in Scotland, which is why it had clear glass in it!

The nice quiet village of Killin changed on a Friday night. Pay day

for the 'Tunnel Tigers' or workers on the Hydro schemes was a Friday. The Tigers worked long shifts on sites around the glens during the week and tried to get into Killin on a Friday or Saturday night to visit hostelrys offering alcoholic refreshments and make up for lost time. Inevitably those from different contractors formed rival groups, which often ended up fighting about their achievements, usually outside one of the pubs. One Friday night, driving towards the Bridge of Lochay Hotel, I came round a bend to see a drunken man lying with his head in the gutter and his feet in the road and had to swerve violently to save running over his legs. We moved him into the safety of the gutter and next day local policemen said they had found him and sobered him up very quickly by dropping him into the river. At that time extra police were drafted in to help the local police and one visiting police sergeant's first action on arrival was to walk into the middle of a fight outside the Bridge of Lochay hotel and show his three stripes, which he seemed to think gave him the authority needed to subdue any fight. He was immediately laid out cold by a shovel swung by one of the fighters, who did end up in the Magistrates' Court at Perth.

Killin was a great place to live in 50 years ago. In summer there was Loch Tay to sail on and a selection of mountains to climb. A real regret I

have is that I didn't climb many mountains whilst I was in the area. One engineer, John Jolly, went off on his motorbike and sidecar every weekend to do another couple of Munros and I have often wondered whether he ever bagged all 284 of them. In the winter, we had great times skiing nearly every weekend on Ben Lawers. Often at the end of the day we had to help carry an injured person - nearly always the biggest and heaviest on the ski slopes - down to the car park. But this made the après ski drinking in the Bridge of Lochay really good and well worth it, if one could keep awake. Skiing was usually possible right up until June if you were prepared to drive to the Cairngorms or Glen Coe. On weekday evenings there was Scottish Country Dancing and badminton in the MacLaren Hall and, for special films only, we went to the cinemas at Callander, Crieff or Aberfeldy.

In 1957 I moved to Tyndrum for two years, living in 'Jack's Shack', a timber bungalow behind 'Glengarry' - not the bungalow that is there today. I worked up the glen at Auch, diverting water that would have flowed west into Loch Awe to flow east down into Glen Lyon and eventually into Loch Tay - which it has done now for fifty years. I have always felt slightly guilty when the river Tay floods in the Perth area. Great memories of a very special village.

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Crainlarich and Tyndrum under 16s with their new football kit, thanks to a great community effort collecting Daily Record token. To get enough football kits they needed thousands of tokens but it was proved impossible for Mums, Dads, Grannys, Grandads and friends to reach the target so, with still not enough tokens and time running out fast, Scott Atkinson of Tyndrum contacted Daily Record, who in turn appealed to anyone with extra tokens to give them to Crainlarich and Tyndrum. Now they have full strip and enough tokens were donated to get rain jackets and tracksuits as well.

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Fire Cadets' Night Out



Just before Christmas, over twenty Fire Cadets and instructors travelled down to Stirling to the AMF Bowling. The cadet group from Larbert Fire station joined us and we all had a very entertaining evening. On the last cadet night of the year, cadets showed off a remarkable display of pump, hose and ladder drills to the stations retained fire-fighters. An open night for parents, friends and public is planned just before the school holidays in June. Two of the cadets Robert Grant and Jinny Dowling, who displayed great self-discipline and qualities of leadership, were promoted to Leading Fire Cadet. Further promotions will take place before Easter. Some of the group will be travelling to Germany in July to attend summer camp along with around several hundred other cadets from around Europe. More fundraising will have to be done beforehand to supplement the money raised at last year's Killin Show and kind donations. Look out for the posters!

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- * Insufficient stewards
- * Complaints on alcohol and personal belongings being interfered with

Suggestions

- * Reduce number attending by 50 and not use the Lesser Hall except for a short time for queue for kitchen.
- * Only give concession tickets to OAPs and family groups
- * Any unaccompanied persons in the 12 to 17 age group refused admission
- * Any under age person seen with alcohol removed from hall
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Scott Farmer, Killin' Time



Elizabeth Murphy



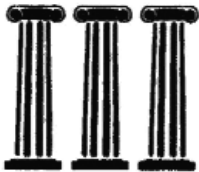
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Obituaries

Graham Moore 1925-2006



Into everyone's lives, so they say, comes a little sunshine from time to time. For many of us this sunshine comes along in the form of a chance meeting with a person who becomes a life-long friend and influence. For many people in Killin, Graham Moore was such a person.

He grew up in the Midlands in England in what he called an ordinary family. In the thirties he should have attended an ordinary secondary school but Graham won a scholarship to Grammar school. This is where his love of, and respect for, education began. His further education was interrupted by the war. One day he was a schoolboy and the next he was making his way south alone and in the blackout. A very sudden growing up experience he called it. He joined the Fleet Air Arm and trained as a pilot, spending time in his mother's native country of America.

After his war service Graham trained as a teacher, married June and had two daughters. He soon gained headships and, in 1973, followed his daughters north to become the head of a much smaller school in Killin. During his twelve years his skilled teaching and generous personality made a great positive impact upon the school. There was a happiness springing from the mutual respect between himself, education, colleagues, parents and pupils. After the death of June and because of increasing arthritis Graham retired in 1984. He then filled his time with family, visiting both far and near, gardening and driving around the countryside. He continued his education ties by

helping the disabled at Aberfeldy's Tuesday club.

As he became less able his daily drives became limited to the local loch sides and glens and he continued to read, do crosswords and follow cricket and rugby on the T.V. With help he continued to enjoy his garden. "I played sport and gardened when I could, now I do it second-hand and I have no regrets," he said.

The last day of his life was his 81st birthday and also wedding anniversary and he was in great form, still doing his crosswords, reading and sharing his witty and mischievous sense of humour. Although he will be missed by many of us we are proud and blessed to have known such a gentleman.

Linda Frost

Michael Graven 1934-2006

Michael was born in Polranny Achill in County Mayo Ireland in 1934. He helped on the family farm till he was 14 then, with his father, travelled to the UK to find work. He eventually arrived in Scotland and there he met his wife, Cathy. They married in 1958 and went on to having three children, Michael, Annette and Amanda. He trained as a welding



inspector and this work took him all over Europe, The Far East and eventually Asia, where in Bangkok he became ill and had to come home to Killin where the family now stayed. He helped first with the running of the bakery and then later the chip van. Michael deplored waste and often when sent to the skip to get rid of something he would bring back twice as much saying "you never know when you might need it". He also thought of himself as a good driver and would often let people know this by waving his glasses out of the window at them. He also loved animals and it was quite fitting that Leo came into the Chapel to say his own farewells.

Annette McLarty

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In reply to the letter from Alan Thomson regarding Tim Frost's "obvious dislike of hillwalkers", Tim has a very important job to do in controlling the deer population in Scotland, as do all deer stalkers/managers. Maybe Mr. Thompson doesn't appreciate this and so fails to see that, if hill walkers are going to roam willy-nilly across the hills during the stag and hind stalking seasons, this makes Tim's job very difficult to do. During the stalking season, from 1st July to 20th October, walkers, via the Hillphone System, are asked to keep to recognised routes when heading for the tops. Apart from anything else, safety is of utmost importance and, if a hill walker pops his or her head up over a knoll in an area when not expected, a nasty accident could be on the cards. This is something that neither party would want. So please, Mr. Thompson, enjoy our hills around Killin and elsewhere but realise that some of us are trying to earn a living from these hills and, while they may be your playground, for us they are our workplace.

Emma Paterson

Tim Frost and other readers might like to take a refresher course on the rights and responsibilities of both hill walkers and land managers in Scotland by reading the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. This is the main reference point for what is now enshrined in the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003. Even before this, about ten years ago, a trial idea was initiated by the local deer management group in the Breadalbane area in co-operation with Scottish Natural Heritage and the Mountaineering Council of Scotland. This invited walkers to phone on the day of their walk to find out from an up to date message on the deer estates' answerphones where stalking might be taking place that day and so avoid that area and a conflict of interests. Known as the 'Hillphones' scheme, it has now spread to 17 areas of central and northern Scotland and is well-known and respected where deer estates keep up with daily messages. Estates can hardly complain if a walker blunders into a shoot if a message is not left and nor can they impose a blanket ban on walkers for the whole stag (1st August-20th October) or hind (20th October-15th February) culling seasons. Unfortunately some estates don't follow the voluntary 'Hillphones' scheme and, if a walker disturbs a shoot on such estates, a bitter

conflict can ensue that is not of the walker's making. When a walker meets an angry man with a gun, he is off guard, unprepared, intimidated and downright frightened. Although this does happen, it is only rarely, but the results can be detrimental to both sides. Access rights and responsibilities should be respected daily by all - it's no different in the hills from normal life in the city. Obviously income derived from stalking is welcomed by hotels, guest houses, shops, game dealers and so on in the Scottish rural economy but basically this occurs in the very short period of time of stag shooting (1st August-20th October) and most shoots don't begin until September. Rural hotels, pubs, shops and the like need income for the rest of the year and are happy that there are walkers over the full twelve months. Remember the 2001 foot and mouth epidemic? Rural economies were devastated because walkers, water sports enthusiasts, bird watchers etc. did not spend time or money in the outdoors in the UK. People can easily book a flight abroad instead of to Scotland and, without mutual goodwill, rural economies will suffer. Hillwalking, like stag shooting, means money to local economies - and for twelve months of the year. Just thought I'd get that off my chest.

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Letters

Little Darlings

I have been fortunate enough to have visited and lived in the Killin area for over 20 years and have recently noticed a strange occurrence involving the younger generation attending Killin Primary school. On a normal day when the school is called to order there is a grand prix style attack when parents deliver their precious cargos within one metre of the gate. This leads me to believe that the little darlings now fit into the following categories:

- * They are allergic to rain water
- * Their little legs no longer allow them to walk further than a metre
- * Their lovely parents need to see them for that extra few minutes in the morning in the car
- * The Chelsea tractor seats need to be broken in by bouncing children on them every morning
- * The 400 metre car journey gives the children a chance to finish that Pro soccer evolution game (at last)

I am now getting old and have started to say things like 'I remember when' and groaning when bending down. Although I still fondly remember being packed off to school on wet days with a duffle coat, wellies and nae hat, they were for sissys. I then had the great pleasure of hanging my soaking wet duffle on a hook over my wellies and when it was time to head home again the duffle was, sort of, dry but had dripped into the wellies which

stank and wet the socks for the journey home (luxury). The little babies of today are missing this pleasure and many more by being dropped off at the gate. Their little voices are not being heard. No self respecting child needs a mummy and daddy to take them to school every day. Their mates laugh at them for being wee softies. My mother took me for the first three days only and they laughed at me 'cause she waved after day one!!

As a final thought, remember to give a pleasant wave and a splash from your big wheels to the few kids that have taken upon themselves to walk to school within the village boundaries as they are ones who are soaking, miserable and may be late, but at least they are water proof.

Concerned of Killin
(name and address supplied)

Thank you

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.

Carole and Aimee

(We apologise for omitting the names of the senders in Issue 95)

New Year Crackers

On behalf of Killin's residents and visitors, Killin Community Council would like to thank Charlie Grant and all his little elves who helped with all aspects of this year's fantastic firework display, which welcomed in the New Year in such a festive way. Many have said that it was the best yet and went ahead, despite very difficult weather conditions causing many larger subsidised displays to cancel. Well done and thanks to all.

Graham Moore

Cheryl, Malcolm and family would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral and sent messages and cards to us. A big thank you to everyone who visited dad over the last few months. He was so pleased to see everyone. Thank you also for the donations at the church and since the funeral. £701.80p was raised for McMillan Nurses.

80th

I would like to thank everyone for the gifts and cards I received on my 80th birthday. Special thanks to all at the Falls of Dochart and all friends and relatives who came along to make it a special day.

Billy Hunter

Thank you all for your help

My wife and I would like to thank the two Killin paramedics, Matthew and John, the two road surveyors, Lix Toll garage and Mr and Mrs Murray Smith from Scone who all came to our assistance when I fell and broke my arm on Friday 26th January at St Fillans.

Charles Wilson
Falkirk

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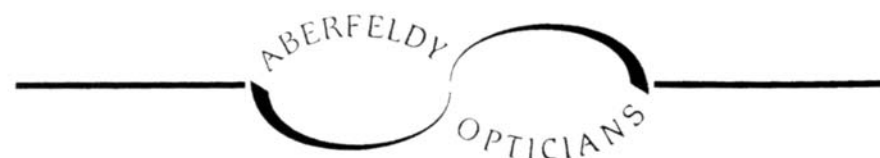
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Letters

Thanks

I would like to express my thanks to all those who visited me, sent cards or enquired of Margaret as to my wellbeing during my time in hospital over the festive period. Many many thanks to you all for your kind thoughts, and I'm pleased to be back in Killin.

John A MacPherson

Michael Graven

I would like to thank the doctors and staff at the Killin Surgery and also the nurses and ambulance crew for the help they gave my dad over the last few years. Thanks also for all the cards and flowers that were sent to my mum.

Annette McLarty

Thank you

I would like to thank the many kind people who sent me good wishes for recovery from my recent short spell in hospital. I assure you these were most appreciated and I am sure they helped me greatly. I have personally thanked most of my friends and hope I have not missed anybody! Again my thanks and best wishes to all for 2007.

Graham Wilson

The Killin posties would like to thank everyone for all the nice presents they received at Christmas and to wish you all a good new year.

Killin Mountain Rescue Harry Lawrie B.E.M Memorial Cup

The 1st February 2007 marked 20 years since the dreadful accident on Ben More in which Sgt. Harry Lawrie was killed. Sgt. Lawrie was based at Killin Police Station and was assisting a Search and Rescue operation on Ben More when the Wessex helicopter that he was aboard was hit by a sudden squall while trying to manoeuvre onto a ledge and crashed into the mountainside. The accident also seriously injured Constable Ian Ramsay then based at Crianlarich. I never met the Harry Lawrie but I often hear of him being mentioned and remembered fondly during his time in Killin. He was clearly a well respected and popular man. In 1987 the Killin Mountain Rescue Team in commemoration created an award which was known as the Harry Lawrie BEM Memorial Cup. This cup is awarded to team members who have displayed a commitment to the team and mountain rescue over the year. It was a very pleasant surprise indeed that at the recent Killin Mountain Rescue Team's annual



dinner dance that the team awarded me the cup in recognition of my work with the Search and Rescue Dog Association. To be awarded this accolade was a great honour and privilege and reflects the recognition that the team has in the commitment needed to train a Mountain Rescue Search dog and to maintain the high standards to pass the annual assessments. I think it is very fitting that the award still occupies a prominent position at Killin Police Station 20 years after the event.

Andy Fleming

Details of the event were covered in Issue 90 of the Killin News. and the detailed account by Bill Rose is available at www.incallander.co.uk/rescue.htm

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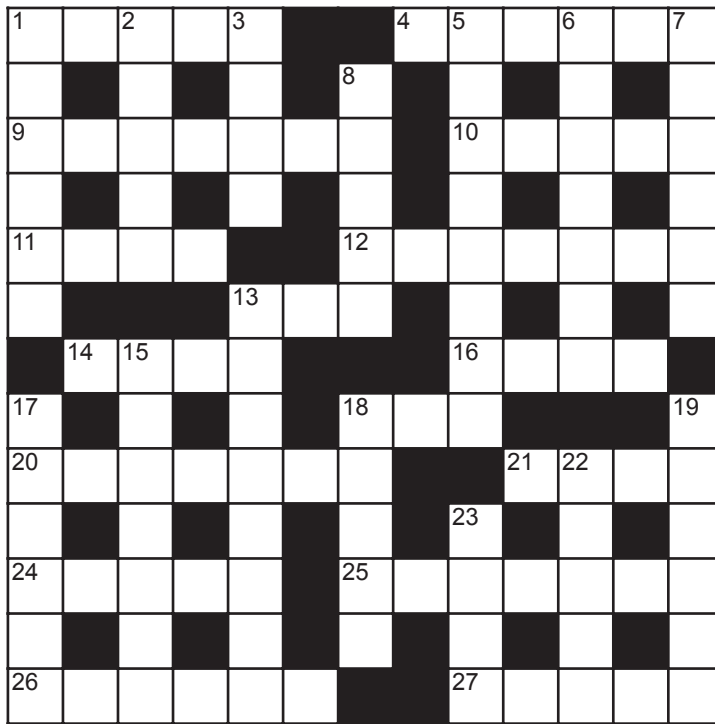
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Across

- 1 Calcium + erosion will form a covering (5)
 4 Scottish game. Modest round in time (6)
 9 Sailor with a blemish will decline (7)
 10 A herb with purgative properties (5)
 11 These will help to sate (4)
 12 Points with a pleasant surprise, one to beg for (7)
 13 Knight - stir with time off for title (3)
 14 A member of a tribe of celts (4)
 16 Those who do not agree (4)
 18 Perform by removing force from fact (3)
 20 Fuss before circle to show great admiration (7)
 21 Elba will turn for those with skill (4)
 24 Unit of heat in another material (5)
 25 Trim pin carelessly and leave a mark (7)
 26 Rest in secret Ireland location (6)
 27 The depth of despair (5)

Solution to 95

Across 1 poppy 4 eggcup 9 tensing 10 liner 11 toys 12 noctule
 13 dot 14 nave 16 unto 18 dub 20 restore 21 idol 24 pasta
 25 optimum 26 duster 27 mensa

Down 1 potato 2 penny 3 ymir 5 golf club 6 conduct 7 parcel
 8 agent 13 decorate 15 assists 17 tripod 18 devon 19 alumna
 22 demon 23 atom

Down

- 1 One hundred blackbirds were cowardly (6)
 2 Unhappiness caused by careless physical training use (5)
 3 Flat carrier sounds like a characteristic (4)
 5 Chap's connected to an alien and an insect but remains uncertain (8)
 6 Everyone here has a habit (7)

- 7 Initially yodeleers earn a salary that's y and bread like (6)
 8 Assume from finer changes (5)
 13 Join short man and long man and the result becomes a gardening tool (8)
 15 Tenement entry in road becomes nearest (7)
 17 It's quicker when hunger and hesitation join up (6)
 18 Once more, not a loss (5)
 19 Send men to Rio and find a trusted adviser in it (6)
 22 Screen to shut out light (5)
 23 Unwrap and reveal (4)

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New Arrivals



Eva Pamela Sinclair, born Saturday 13th January to Forbes and Julie Sinclair in Aberdeen. Granddaughter for John and Helen Sinclair and Doug Ireland.



John Mackenzie Turnbull, born to Sally (nee MacDonald) and John on 1st November 2006 at 6lb 4oz. Thanks to all who sent gifts and cards and special thanks to Aunty Di for all the beautiful knitting!

Killin website has been commended in the communications category of the Calor Scottish Community of the Year Awards

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February

- 6 Coffee morning Littlecroft Main Street 10am - noon
16 Auction Sale Crianlarich Hall viewing 5pm Sale 6pm
16 NFU Dance McLaren Hall
21 Heart of Scotland Herb Society Look Better, Feel Better
Aberfeldy Town Hall 10am
21 Take Five Choral Concert St Fillans Church 7.30pm
23 Opening of the Killin Hotel

March

- 1 WRI meet Lesser Hall 7.30pm
2 Heritage Society meet "The Work of the John Muir Trust" Lesser Hall 8pm
3 Stirling Gaelic Choir concert McLaren Hall 7.30pm
10 Official re-opening party of the Killin Hotel 7.30pm
13 Killin Community Council meeting School 7.30pm
17 Safari Supper
18 Spring into Wildlife Gardening National Park event
Locheearnhead Village Hall 11.30am - 3.30pm
24 Spring into Wildlife Gardening National Park event
McLaren Hall 11.30am - 3.30pm

April

- 4 WRI meet Lesser Hall 7.30pm
6 Heritage Society meet "Working with Nature" Lesser Hall 8pm

Carpet Bowls

Mondays
Lesser Hall 7.30pm

Guides

Wednesdays
Church Hall
7.30pm - 9pm

Badminton

Mondays
McLaren Hall
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Adults 7pm - 10pm

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Church Hall 6pm

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Fire Station 6.45pm

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Mondays
Lesser Hall
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Quilters Group

Wednesdays
Church Hall 2pm

Local Planning Applications

National Park

Week 45 ending 13 November 2006

Proposal: Erection of single garage and formation of new access.

Location: Dunvegan, Manse Road, Killin

Application Type: Household

Alteration/Extension

Proposal: Erection of 3 dwellinghouses with detached garages and formation of new access

Location: Mansefield, Manse Road, Killin

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Weeks 46 & 47 None

Week 48 ending 4 December 2006

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse

Location: Land Rear Of Pink Cottage, Main

Street, Killin

Application Type: Outline Application

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Week 49 ending 11 December 2006

None

Week 50 ending 18 December 2006

Proposal: Erection of canopy to form

covered seating area

Location: The Real Food Café, Tyndrum,
Application Type: Detailed Consent

Week 1 ending 8 January 2007

Proposal: Installation of one dish on existing pole and auxilliary equipment cabins.

Location: Glenfalloch Farm Crianlarich

Application Type: Telecommunications development

Perth and Kinross Council

20 December 2006

Proposal: Modification of existing consent

(04/02364/FUL) Residential holiday accommodation units and ancillary unit comprising restaurant/bar and retail facilities

Location: Tighanloan Hotel, Fearnan

Application Type: modification of consent

Decision: Pending Consideration

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Week 1 None

Week 2 ending 17 January 2007

Proposal: alterations to form two dwelling houses including extension at Kenknock



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