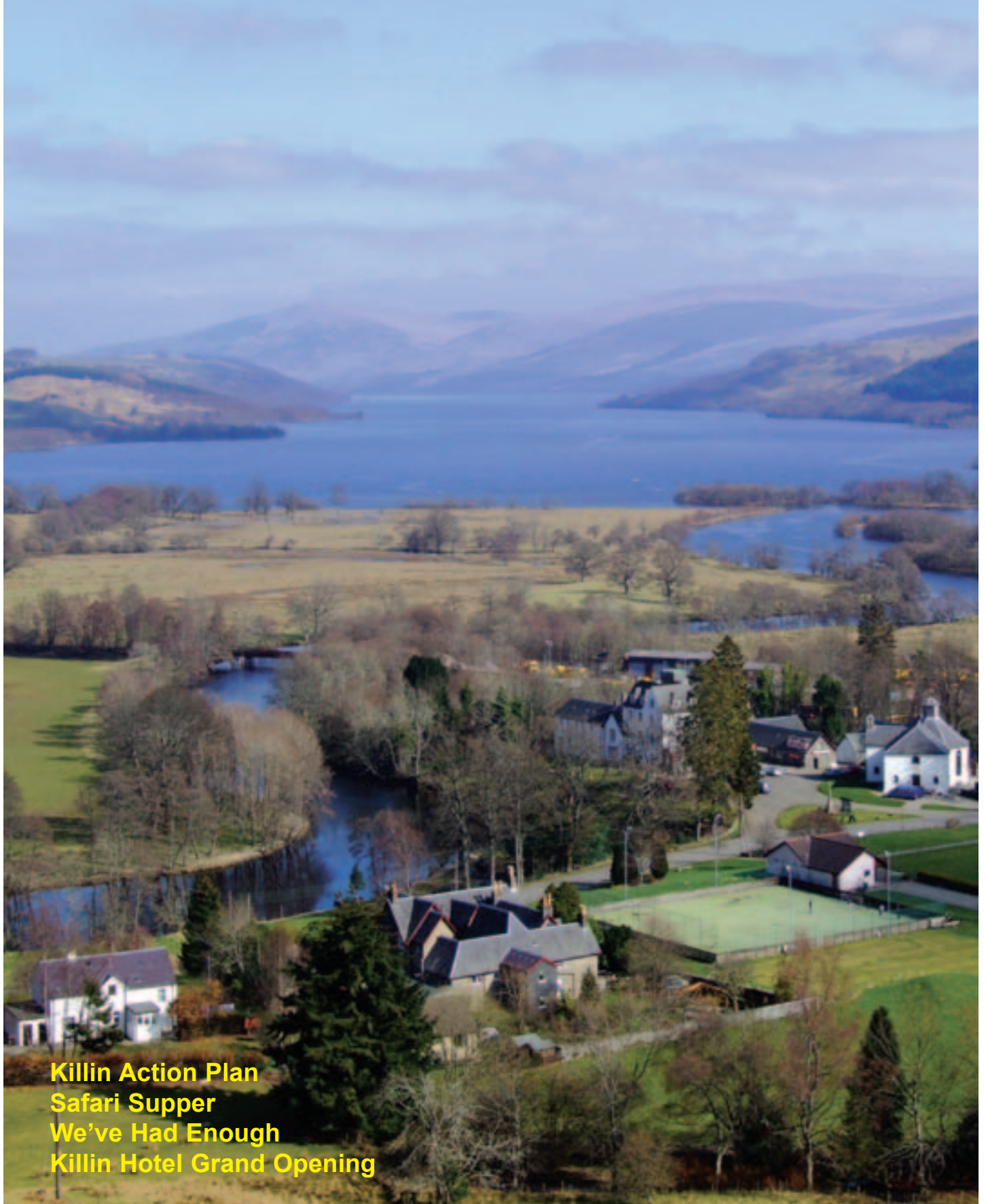


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Editorial

Time for consultation again. Your views will be sought on the Stirling Council Draft Core Paths Plan in the McLaren Hall on 2nd May 7-9pm and 5th May 10-12 noon. At the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park Open Day in the McLaren Hall on 14th May, the Park will be looking for your opinion on a new Local Plan (see pages 15 and 23) and, if you are interested in an Arts Week, a meeting on 17th May of the Breadalbane Area Network would value your ideas (see page 5).

The Community Action Plan will be delivered with this edition of the Killin News and draws on information from the extensive interviews, workshops and questionnaires. Unlike the other consultations, this is a plan developed by the people of Killin for Killin. Having identified areas for future development and change, further meetings will be arranged. If you have an interest in any of these areas, your opinion will be valued and considered. Miss the meeting and you miss the opportunity to influence change.

The Bob MacGregor Memorial Trial brings new opportunities for tourism, business and the youngsters of Killin (see page 36). The organisers look for your support. We hope to keep you up to date with results as the Killin competitors perform in trials throughout Scotland.

The reopening of the Falls of Dochart Inn and the Killin Hotel is good news for locals and visitors. We all hope this will be a successful tourist season with an increase in UK tourists reducing their carbon footprint by making Killin their holiday venue. Is there anywhere better to improve fitness, participate in fishing, canoeing, cycling, climbing, walking, bird watching, paragliding and magnificent scenery? May all our visitors leave with happy memories.

The Killin Out of School Care is to close as the funding is being diverted to other and supposedly more important things. The average attendance was reported as a very small number that did not reflect the experiences of those using it. It could be that the average over the month in which it was calculated included a holiday period, when it was closed, so gave an inaccurate representation of its use. But Stirling

Council will not reconsider.

There are no registered childminders in Killin and many grandparents live some distance away so it is difficult for parents to find alternative arrangements. In an area that relies on part-time often seasonal work, it will both make it impossible for many to take jobs and also affect services available to tourists.

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Killin Action Plan

So now we've got the action plan, what happens next? The Plan has been a while coming, but progress has already been made on a few of the actions – some of it planned and some of it coincidental.

Scenic Village

A meeting has been held with Stirling Council Streetscape. This is the beginning of the process to get a new Village Officer in post, more litter bins, more dog waste bins, improved grass cutting and speedier pothole repairs. Meantime, there will be a request for one of the newly appointed Community Wardens to come to Killin as the services of the twice weekly mobile unit are having little effect on the

overall problem.

EAK are planning a litter clear up day in some of the areas around the village in the near future. Please look out for advertised date.

The National Park is about to start a grant scheme, in partnership with Historic Scotland, which will enable those within the conservation area of Killin to apply for help to improve their buildings. It is hoped that this will improve the run down appearance of some of the buildings in Main Street.

With the development of the Bus turning circle in Station car park next year, new toilets are planned – provision of toilets also features in the Breadalbane Destination Framework and is recognised as a Park wide issue which we hope the National Park will help to resolve.

Jobs and Housing

By the time you read this a meeting will have been held to discuss ideas of how to progress with the actions under this theme. There is a housing needs survey currently being carried out and Rural Stirling Housing Association will make decisions about any further development in Killin after that has been completed.

We need more people with an interest in this theme to get involved in taking the actions forward, so please get in touch.

Tourism

Many of the identified actions under this theme are linked with the Scenic Village theme.

Signs within Killin are already partly being actioned by the National Park. Gavin Skipper and EAK have identified where to place signs within the village to the various walks which should be in place shortly. Signs to Killin remain a problem and will be a more long term project.

The marketing of Killin is already being worked on through the Killin and District Tourist Association and will increasingly be marketed through the Breadalbane area wide Tourist Group. In addition, a workshop was recently held in Killin with Scottish Enterprise Forth Valley, Stirling Council and the National Park inviting tourism businesses to look at different ways of marketing their own businesses as well as the Breadalbane area as a whole.

Facilities and Services

The development of a Resource/Heritage Centre is still a dream but with the planned creation of a Killin Community Development

Trust in the near future, there will be a community organisation to take the project forward.

Our cultural needs have been served quite well lately with the Opera in the Park event, the Gaelic evening organised by the Tolbooth and the Take Five Choral Concert, on top of our own Drama group's activities. The next Breadalbane Area Network meeting will focus on Arts and Culture in the area. This will be held on May 17th in the McLaren Hall. It is hoped that this might lead to the creation of a Breadalbane Arts Week.

Health Care and Services

The Community Council will continue to support John MacPherson's efforts to improve the out of hours service, although meetings with Health Service and Ambulance Service have discontinued due to lack of progress. Many of the other actions are to be taken forward with the Community Council's lead.

Sustainable Killin

EAK are already active in this area and the Community Council will work with them to try and achieve the actions highlighted under this theme. They are also planning an awareness raising day which they hope will include examples of renewable energy projects as well as ideas about how to reduce, reuse and recycle.

The public transport system is a longer term project under this theme. However, the Community Bus Group plan to explore what local needs there are and whether it can provide any kind of service to meet these needs.

EAK meet on the first Wednesday (note change of day) of every month in the Coach House Hotel at 8pm. If you are interested in any of the actions under this theme, please go along.

How can you get involved?

If you have a particular interest in any of the actions or themes, please go along to some of the meetings already happening.

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Hazel would like to thank everybody for donating to her appeal for Red Nose Day

She sat out in the rain playing guitar and xylophone and raised £ 5.79 from passers by

Breadalbane Arts Week?

There are moves afoot to try hosting a "Breadalbane Arts Week". This might start small, and - who knows - grow into something that puts Breadalbane on the map in a few years' time. It might be just fine arts or it might include crafts, drama and music. There might be travelling exhibitions, workshops, training sessions - we don't know. But we do know that there is a wealth of talent of all sorts among us.

**17th May
Creative ideas wanted!**

The National Park Community Partnership holds quarterly "Area Network" meetings and at the next one, on 17th May in the McLaren Hall, we would like to discuss this idea. So if you are interested in exploring the possibilities of an Arts Week, then please contact Joyce Russell, details below. We don't know the scope at the moment, so we are interested in hearing from anyone whether a painter, sculptor, photographer, musician, actor, craft-worker, writer, or poet; professional, keen amateur or beginner. Please contact Joyce on 01838 400 545 or joyce.russell@lochlomond-trossachs.org to let her know what you think of the idea and perhaps book a place for 17th May meeting!

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Killin Compost and Recycling Centre

The Killin Community Compost site has become a bit disorderly through a lack of direction and management. I have just started work as the Community Compost Development Officer with Forth Environment Link (FEL), a charity providing education and action for sustainable living and I am keen to work with people in Killin in getting the compost site back into a state that can be used as a drop off for larger items of garden waste such as small branches, cut grass and hedge trimmings, with the opportunity of taking away rich organic natural compost.

The 'brown bin' form of collection for recycling items is most valuable in more urban settings, for the collection of cardboard and starting the process.



However ideally households would deliver bulkier garden waste to larger community sites, whilst composting smaller garden and non-meat kitchen waste at home, using inexpensive bins that can be bought from the council. Meat should be composted using cones, such as:
<http://www.greencone.com/home.asp>
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The Killin compost site is well located conveniently next to the community recycling facilities. I hope people will use both facilities to their capacity, dropping off larger items of garden waste that will become compost and bottles and cans into their respective recycling containers. The road side collection will continue to be a function of Stirling Council services but centralising the collection when visiting the compost site would lessen the environmental and disturbance impact of large council vehicles stopping and starting outside every house. All that is needed is a willingness to use the site and in a methodically prescribed fashion. The site will soon be reopened through FEL in partnership with Killin community.....watch this space! Please get in touch for further information.

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Comic Relief

On Friday 16 March, Killin Primary School celebrated Red Nose Day in style! Following the BIG theme of this year's Red Nose Day, as a school, we voted to 'BIG UP' our school uniform. The children were able to come to school in all their bling! They dressed up their uniforms, added any accessories they liked; hats, jewellery, trainers, belts, wigs, and so on. As part of our fundraising for RND, pupils were asked to bring in a voluntary £1 donation for this privilege. In addition, all through the week, red noses and badges were available to buy in the school at the cost of £1 each.

In the afternoon, the pre-school children and their parents were invited to join us. Some wacky BIG challenges were set for everyone to take part in. The children had great fun whilst helping to raise money for the poor and disadvantaged in the UK and Africa.

To raise even more funds we published a BIG joke book. The book, filled with the children's favourite jokes, was on sale in the school, the Post Office and the Newsagents at a cost of £2. A BIG, BIG thanks to Julie Rhys for giving her time and efforts to help make the book a BIG success. Thanks also to Finn and Harry, our Editors.

We also give a BIG thank you to Miss Connelly and the Pupil Council for organising Killin Primary School's Red Nose Day; purchasing noses and badges and setting the games. The school raised £358.20 for Comic Relief.

Daffodil Tea

On Wednesday 7 March Primary 3 entertained some invited guests. We baked scones, muffins and chocolate cake. Terracotta pots were customised with our paintings and then they were planted up with miniature daffodils. This was a project to help us develop enterprising skills and as part of our good citizenship we invited our grandparents and other senior members of our community for afternoon tea. Everyone enjoyed themselves as you can see from our thank-you letters.

"We would like to thank Ms Logan, Mrs Cameron and the children of Primary 3, who invited us for a lovely afternoon."

"The entertainment by the children was very good and they all seemed so happy and enjoyed what they were doing."

"The baking was wonderful - they must have had a very busy morning."

"Thank-you also for the lovely pots of daffodils."

"We did enjoy our experience and we learned a lot too."

We'd like to do something like this again.

Primary 3

Gaelic Concert

The Killin School Gaelic Choir, led by John Lincoln, opened the Blend concert featuring the Stirling Gaelic Choir on 3rd March in the McLaren Hall. Some of the younger children had only been singing in the choir for 3 weeks but they all gave a very impressive performance which delighted the audience. Siobhan Anderson also played the fiddle with her usual high standard of playing.

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World Book Day

It was Thursday the 8th; you would think it was a boring day. actually it was World Book Day!!!! It was all day at Killin Primary School and pupils dressed up as book characters. I dressed up as Jade the Rock Angel. Everyone was fab and I was soooo nervous! We had a book tent it was great. Miss Connelly was Professor McGonagall. I was so excited and anxious. My favourite part was the tent because it was so comfortable and fluffy and I liked going down to the gym hall. I was soooo happy!!!!

By Leah Graham P4

World Book Day

On Thursday the 8th March it was World Book Day at Killin Primary School. Everyone dressed as book characters and I was Woody the Cowboy from Toy Story. I wore cowboy boots and a sparkly hat. I felt happy. I won first place for my costume. I went to the story tent in the library and Professor McGonagall read Robbie's book about Pedro the Brave. My favourite part of the day was winning my prize!!!!

By Brett McKenzie P5

Our Gymnast Star!

Adele, a pupil from Primary 6 is a very talented gymnast star! She has been doing this active hobby for over 2 years. Over these years she has been practising for competitions round about us. But this is the big one! She has been selected for the Perth and Kinross team and will represent the area in Belgium at Easter. We wish her the best of luck and hope she has a great experience in Belgium too!

Catherine Allan Primary 7



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Strathfillan Community Development Trust

Woodland News - Land Futures

Following the preliminary meeting held in January, the Trust's views have been sought concerning the issues and priorities for action in relation to land management in the Glen Dochart/Strathfillan area. As part of this process the Scottish Agricultural College at Kirkton Farm invited the land managers/owners involved along to an "Options for Hill Farms Workshop" and encouraged us to brainstorm ideas (no matter how outlandish!) about how to improve its economic and environmental sustainability. Our thanks go to all the staff at the SAC for an interesting and thought provoking visit.

The follow-up workshop for the Land Futures project considered; the current state of the land management sector, an agreed vision for the future of land management, identification of the main challenges and opportunities for land management, detailed

priorities for action and set out the next steps needed for the delivery of the Land Futures Plan. A summary will result in the production of a working document which will help land managers to develop and deliver agreed actions and projects for the area.

Café Scientifique

Another season of talks and discussion has come to an end. The Trust would like to thank all those involved for their contribution to Café Sci's success – especially our speakers who give their time and expertise for free. If any readers have suggestions for future topics and speakers please get in touch.

Community Futures Action Planning

The Strathfillan steering group has now been formed: comprising three Trust directors and three Community Councillors (one representing the views of the local Tourism Group), these volunteers will manage the project over the next 4 months. Our Community Profiler will shortly be in place to conduct interviews with residents and begin 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 and actions for the future in Strathfillan. An important extra dimension to the process this time will be the "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 should attend as the results will form the new local plan for the area, superseding the existing local plan produced by Stirling Council.

Volunteer Day

The next volunteer day for the Trust has had to be changed – such are the demands placed on Breadalbane's excellent team of National Park Rangers! – instead of Saturday 21 April, the date is now Sunday 22 April. So if you fancy a fun day in the open air, please feel free to come along.

Breaking News

The Trust has just received news of our Community Grant application from Stirling Council and we have been awarded £250 towards a new picture hanging system for Tyndrum Village Hall. Not quite the amount we asked for, but our thanks go to SC for their continuing support. The hanging system is needed as the Trust is planning an art exhibition/competition for the Autumn. I will be in a better position to give more details in the next edition of the Killin News; meanwhile I'm off to find some more money! A happy Easter to you all from the Trust. For further information Tel 01838 400 545 – Joyce or Gwyneth

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Strathfillan Community Council

John Riley, Chairman, said that the E-democracy project has become Scottish Communities Together (SCT). A new interactive website had been designed which it is hoped will be far more reliable than the current site.

There is a proposal by S&SE to build a substation at Inverarnan. Residents from the area attended the CC meeting to ask for support in objecting to this on scenic, noise and health grounds. It is a huge development and the proposed site is very close to two cottages and clearly in view from all the tourist establishments. The CC agreed to write with objections.

Moirra attended a National Planning Framework seminar on 19th February, concerning Economy, Sustainability, Communities and Connectivity (rail, roads, Internet etc) for the whole of Scotland.

Following a presentation, the four groups discussed the topics and it was surprising how they are all integrated.

Singing in the Park in Crianlarich was a great success and it is hoped it will be repeated.

The Local Plan (LP) consultation has started and will go round the whole Park. This is true consultation to get ideas before the draft Plan – so please take part. Joyce gave information on the Community Action Plan, which is being organised and funded by the NP. A steering group of three volunteers from SCDT and John, Gwyneth and Brian for CC, has been formed. This group will manage the whole project and the community profiler. Each household will get a questionnaire. The CC and SCDT worked together to plant bulbs around Crianlarich to ‘pretty it up’. Several crocuses from the bank below Strathfillan Terrace were thrown on the ground. This is very disheartening for local volunteers. It was hoped that a member of the community would explain the situation to those responsible to avoid this type of vandalism in the future.



Witness Event

Following last year’s successful ‘Come 2 Sing’ event in Killin, another dynamic evening has been arranged for 2007.

The ‘Witness’ event will be held at the McLaren Hall on Saturday 28th April at 6.30pm. The evening consists of three powerful speakers from Stirling and Alloa supported by a live band. A supper will be provided followed by question time. A Christian bookstall and gift stall will also be there. Last year’s event demonstrated that rural church events are vibrant, informative and fun and the feedback was clear; “we want more of this!” The Witness event this year looks set to build on that. Last year nearly 200 people attended and it is expected that this year will be even bigger and better! All ages are welcome so come along and experience a night to remember!

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Killin conservation area regeneration scheme:

Sarah Parkinson, Park Planning Officer, announced a £62,500 grant from Historic Scotland for Killin Conservation area, which covers the Falls of Dochart and all Main Street Killin down to the Killin Hotel and could possibly be extended. This amount has to be matched by the Park and other parties to make a total of £125,000 to be spent over three years. From this, grants for historic buildings over three years will total £85,000, with £40,000 to be used in the first year. A leaflet will be published with details. £30,000 is available for village enhancement and £10,000 for small projects such as interpretation and education to promote conservation. The scheme will work with Scenic Killin, Community Futures and the Community Council.

Stirling Council Local plan for Killin area:

The plan will involve planning decisions, Killin's future need for and types of housing. Does Killin want growth or not? A drop-in workshop in early May will ask for ideas and will give a chance to influence the plan, which has not yet been laid out.

Xmas tree: H. Forster and Stitt Bros returned their cheques thereby donating their time.

Zebra crossing: Parents are still standing outside the school gate creating a danger at the zebra crossing - police to speak to offending parents.

Bus parking: Efforts to be made to get a restriction order on a parking space for the Kings House bus so it can safely deliver and pick up the schoolchildren.

Cemetery: Application to be made for sign to be put up at Pier Road end to the cemetery.

Planning: The proposal for a house to replace existing chalet on the Dochart Falls behind the Capercaillie was considered not to be in keeping with the village.

Disabled car park space: One to be reinstated on Manse Road.

Proposed houses at ground adjacent to Golf Club: Further information awaited.

Giveway lines: Those at Fingal and Stewart Rd will not be repainted but those at Station Rd will be - the next time work is done in the area. Another reminder letter to be sent to Stirling Council.

Stirling Council draft core paths plan: Meetings on 2nd May 7-9 pm and 5th May 10-12 noon. Plans will be in the library.

Scottish Ambulance Service: No reply to letter - another to be sent. It was mentioned that the local Fire Service has life saving equipment which could be utilised in emergencies when ambulances were unable to respond quickly.

School playground and Bank House flooding: Sylvia Jackson to be asked expedite action.

Next meeting: Tuesday 8th May in Lesser McLaren Hall 7.30pm

National Park Local Plan Open Day

Have Your Say on Planning in Killin

Do you think Killin needs more housing? Are there important open space areas or countryside in or around the village that should be protected? Are more job opportunities needed? What types of businesses should be encouraged and where?

These are just some of the issues the National Park Authority would like your views on at the National Park Local Plan Open Day in the McLaren Hall on Monday 14th May between 2.30 pm and 8.45 pm. Work is starting on a new Local Plan for the National Park, covering the whole Park area and this will be the key document for making planning decisions over the next five years. At this early stage we want to know what you think on the policies and proposals. Drop in to the Killin Open Day to put your ideas onto large maps of the village and surrounding area and discuss your views with members of the Park Authority's planning team. From 7-8 pm there will be a feedback session including a short summary of views expressed during the day, then a discussion of some of the main issues raised and the next steps in preparing the Local Plan.

These open events are being organised by Park Authority planning staff working closely with community representatives to ensure the process complements and enhances the Killin Community Action Plan, which is being developed locally. For further information contact

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Mervyn's Weather

It was interesting to read in the February edition of Killin News the article on rainfall by John Holland of Kirkton Farm, and to compare, or perhaps contrast, his figures with those recorded here at Ardtalnaig, given that the sites are almost visible, one from the other. In the days of feet and inches it used to be reckoned that for each mile one moved west along Loch Tay side the annual rainfall increased by one inch per annum. This is generally speaking, on average, the case. However, once proceeding west of Killin the graph shoots up dramatically, so that places such as Inverlochlarig (Balquhidder), Badamhaim (Glen Lochay), Tomachaoruinn (Glen Lyon) and probably Cononish (Tyndrum), clock up well in excess of 100 inches per annum. Then as one proceeds even further west across Drumalbin the figures show an overall reduction so that readings on low lying islands such as Coll and Tiree hover around 40 inches with very desirable sunshine records. On many occasions in past years we have experienced ideal conditions here at Ardtalnaig for hay making and harvest while Glen Dochart had, for days, been blanked out by curtains of heavy rain, yet we still complain, wherever we are, about our climate! Meanwhile apart from a fine first week and a few dry or part dry days February has done its best to "Fill the dyke, be it with black or be it with white", and so far March is following suit. The inexorable succession of low pressure systems roll in from the Atlantic. Drains, ditches, burns and rivers have been working overtime since the departure of summer 2006 and the

land is totally saturated. It has however been unseasonably mild. Poor old Boreas the giant who it is said controls the Polar/Arctic weather visitations to our shores must be feeling pretty redundant. Each time he scans the duty roster all he can see regarding his responsibilities is "Due to Global Warming your services not presently required". However, it seems that there is an addendum in small print which says, "it would however be helpful if from time to time it could be arranged for some transient snow cover for the highest ground - to keep the skiers happy, but a few force eight gales should be included just so as they don't get too euphoric and blasé. Oh yes, and over southern Britain perhaps the occasional 2 cms of "the wrong kind of snow" just to watch motorists squirm in the resulting chaos and maybe give a boost to the coffers of the vehicle repair industry"! Never mind daffodils are well in bloom, birds are in full song and "we never died a winter yet"!

Mervyn K Browne
Ardtalnaig

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Commonwealth, European Union and British citizens are eligible to register and vote if 18 on polling

day and students, if registered, can choose to vote in either their home or term-time area.

Changes in procedure

Stirling Council vote

There are seven new multi-member wards, each of which will have three or four councillors, so, instead of having one local councillor, you will have three or four, who may represent different political parties. For the first time the Single Transferable Vote (STV) system will be used to calculate results instead of the traditional First Past the Post system. This

means marking numbers (1,2,3,4 and so on) against candidates' names in order of preference instead of marking a single cross (X). You can rank as many or as few candidates as you wish. However, to make your voice heard as loudly as possible, it's in your interest to rank as many candidates as possible because every single one of your preferences will be taken into account when calculating the overall result. The more you rank your preferences, the more influence your vote will carry.

Scottish Parliament vote

Both the constituency candidates and the Regional List will be set out on one single ballot paper. You make your choices by marking one cross (X) on each list.

Electronic Count

This time there will be an electronic count, with all ballot papers being scanned into a machine, so voters are asked **not to fold** their ballot papers, as this will slow down the process.

In most polling places there will be an official Information Officer on duty who will be happy to explain the voting process and answer any questions. An elections website on www.stirling.gov.uk/elections gives useful information, including maps of the seven new multi-member wards, a presentation explaining how STV works and details of all polling places.

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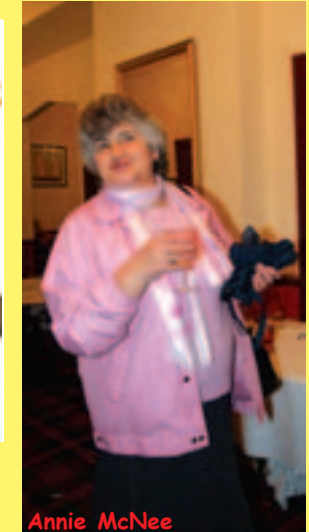
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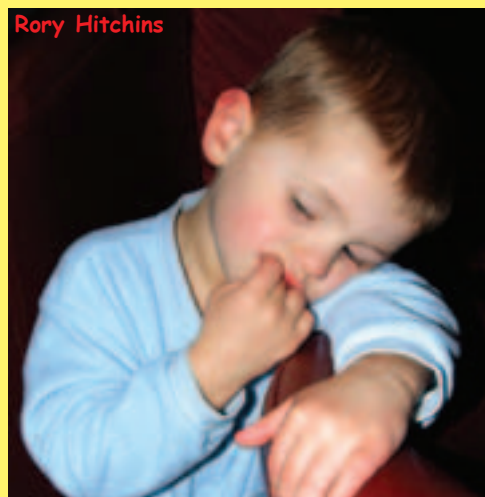


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Computing and the Law

Website Accessibility

I am sure you are all aware that it is illegal for any business or organisation to discriminate against disabled people. For instance shops have to provide access for wheelchair users or they could be taken to court. I expect the majority of you are not aware that this law extends to websites. If you have a website or any online business, then you are legally required to ensure that it is accessible by all groups of disabled people. There are many websites published, both commercial and social that are not "accessible" and these are liable (although not likely) to prosecution for discrimination for breach of the Disability Discrimination Act 2005. In order to comply with the law, in the majority of situations you have to design your website to be able to be "seen" by people with visual impairment, including the totally blind. The way that a blind person accesses a website is via a tool called a "Screen Reader". The Screen Reader reads in

each web page and "speaks" the content and structure of the page through the computer's speakers. The speed of the audio can be increased or decreased according to the skill level of the person using the system. Often people who have been blind from birth have the ability to listen to the Screen Reader at a very fast rate. At this speed the output sounds like gobbledygook to the non-expert. When a website is designed, the layout and structure must follow some simple and basic rules - typically there should be high contrast between background and text and a careful use of colours will enable the colour blind and partially sighted to understand the site. To make the site completely accessible for the blind, other techniques (too longwinded to go into here) must be used. The standard for "accessibility" can be found at the World Wide Web Consortium website and the Royal National Institute for the Blind www.rnib.org offers more detailed information.

Data Protection Act

It has come to my attention that local businesses and clubs are keeping records of their clients/members on computers without gaining permission first. Many of the owners/committee members do not realise that they are

in effect breaking the law. The Data Protection Act 1998 sets legal constraints on what you can and what you can not do with personal information about members or clients. There are several aspects to this law, one being that you cannot keep any personal information about someone unless you have their express permission (there are some exceptions, but you should check the letter of the law first). Typically for businesses and clubs this means you usually require permission before you can store people's names and addresses on a computer system. Further details can be found on the Government website <http://www.opsi.gov.uk>

Broadband Update

There still is no news about access to broadband for our rural community. However, I have made many officials aware of our situation and will continue to do so.

Please, if you have not already done so, send me your name and address if you are unable to get broadband, and I will forward your details on to the Scottish Executive.

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National Park News

Singing in the Park

There have been many good music sessions in the McLaren Hall but I can think of none that would have been better than Scottish Opera on Sunday 25th February. Tenor Thomas Walker, soprano Joanne Boag and pianist Ruth Wilkinson performed a number of popular arias, some Gershwin (Summertime) and Burns (Ae Fond Kiss). I must confess to a little nervousness when it was proposed that the Park Authority and Scottish Opera should join forces and have recitals throughout the Park. I went to the one at Balquhiddy and I was so impressed I made sure that I was at Killin and Crianlarich too. From each of the ten villages in which the group have performed, the plea has been that there should definitely be an encore and we are working on it to ensure that Scottish Opera is back next year.

Local Plan

But in the meantime we have got to get back to work. It is Local Plan time. What is the Local Plan and why should you be interested. The Local Plan is the document which governs what can and what can not be done by way of development in our community. The new Planning Act comes into operation in 2008 and the Park Authority wants to be up and running with its own Local Plan for the whole of the Park Area when the new rules apply. You get a chance to influence what goes into the Plan and that opportunity comes before any draft plan is drawn up. On 14th May there will be a drop in session in the McLaren Hall where large scale maps will be on tables. There will be wall displays highlighting topics pertinent to the Local Plan with questions as to how you would like these tackled.

You will be able to give your answers there and to translate them onto the maps with flags -

some prepared with topics like housing and some blank for you to include items of interest. The drop in session will be followed by a formal presentation with planners on hand to answer questions. The event, will be advertised in the village before the event.

The Park Authority has been negotiating with Historic Scotland to bring about a Grant Scheme to help regenerate the Conservation Areas in the Park and we have been successful in getting funding to pilot a scheme in Killin. The scheme is being worked out at present but it is hoped that it will be up and running by July with a pot of £125,000 funded jointly by Historic Scotland and The Park Authority. Hopefully full details of the scheme will be available for the next edition of the Killin News.

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Letters from Down Under

Having seen the article in the Killin News about the school crossing, I thought you might be interested in how school crossings are organised in New Zealand. Pupils in Year 8 of Primary School train up as a crossing patrol team and take turns each day to man the crossing. We wear high visibility vests and are trained by the local police. We swing barriers out in to the road when there is a gap in the traffic to encourage (!) traffic to stop and then tell the waiting children when it is safe to cross. We are supervised by staff who take turns, but this can also be done by a volunteer parent rota. Perhaps this could be a solution for Killin?

Stuart Berrow
Redcliffs School
Christchurch, New Zealand
(see photo opposite)

Since we last wrote, we went to Samoa and Queenstown. Samoa is a beautiful Pacific island with very friendly people. We were very lucky to stay in a new Beach Resort Hotel owned by the famous local family, related to Aggie Grey, on whom the character of Bloody Mary of 'South Pacific' is based. They show the film every week in the hotel! Snorkelling over a coral reef was a real treat - a whole new world opened up as soon as we were under water. Les and I made the trip to Robert Louis Stevenson's house and grave, with copy of Killin News in hand. His house is very cool and spacious and beautifully preserved as a museum, funded by benevolent Americans. Before family arrived at Christmas, the weather took a real nosedive with heavy rain and cold winds from the South. Fortunately, it improved enough for a dip in the sea on Christmas Day, for our trip to Queenstown and it was sunny on our boat trip on Milford Sound in Fjordland, where it is often extremely wet. Then we headed up to the North Island for a 3 day wilderness trip by open canoe and kayak down the Whanganui River. We were able to travel 80km down the river gorge without any signs of civilisation,

except for the occasional jet boat, of which Kiwis seem to be particularly fond, much to Les's disgust. We slept in tramping huts and met other travellers. Apart from my capsizing going down a rapid on the first day in the kayak it was a great trip. Next we headed to Lake Taupo and Rotorua to the hot springs and mud pools, and relaxed in the sulphurous fumes of the area.

We worked in February, me at the 24 Hour Surgery, Stuart back at school and Les looked after us. We went to a couple of Orienteering events, one on foot and one on bikes and are also hoping to try more sand carting, a popular activity over here - no bungee jumping as yet!

In April we go to Sydney and the Great Barrier Reef for more snorkelling, before starting to pack up and head for home. Time has passed very quickly. We were all overwhelmed and greatly amused by the lovely home made DVD Julie Rhys and friends put together. Our Christmas guests all agreed that John Wyllie's Gaelic speaking sock puppets should be on TV. If you ask Julie nicely at the Internet Café she may give you a viewing! We have been so lucky to have had this opportunity and to have met so many lovely people here. Now we are looking forward to seeing all of you again, back home.

Elaine, Les and Stuart Berrow

Apology

In the last issue in an article about the Killin Craft Fair there was a photograph of Charlotte Morris at her stand. The caption incorrectly stated that her business is Braveheart. That should have read Braveart. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. **WA**

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We've Had Enough!

For several reasons, Killin, Crianlarich and Strathyre Community Councils have withdrawn from the consultative meetings set up by the Forth Valley Health Board following the withdrawal of out-of-hours and weekend care by general practitioners.

"Consultation" means seeking information or advice, but there is no requirement to act on any information given. We soon found that holding the meeting scored points for the Health Board from Quality Improvement Scotland for consulting the public. We did not feel the consultation was properly used or valued by Forth Valley Health Board and Scottish Ambulance Service, as Councillors were not treated as partners to the discussions and were unable to help improve the service by pointing out problems and risk to patients in medical emergencies.

Community Council representatives also discovered they were being inadequately briefed and that some information given to them was misleading and incorrect. Target times often slipped and many procedures that should have been established have still, years later, not been put in place and some that we were told were already in place were not. Reassurances that paramedics could tackle any emergencies or replace the emergency response of general practitioners were found to be untrue. Many questions were not answered or were avoided and

feedback on serious deficiencies had little, if any, effect.

The service is an amalgam of the Forth Valley Health Board, NHS 24, the Scottish Ambulance Service, the doctors' out-of-hours service and Casualty and they do not communicate well with each other.

On several occasions we have asked for, but not received, a copy of the plan outlining the change from a doctor-led service. It is possible that such planning didn't take place or was not properly recorded.

We have asked about the range of diagnostic skills and drugs carried by the specially trained paramedics (Paramedic Practitioners who cover immediate responses to acute emergencies in this area in the Rapid Response Vehicle) and have been constantly fobbed off with reassurances that the RRV paramedic 'can cover all acute emergencies'. We have requested, but not received, a list of the diagnostic and treatment areas covered by the Paramedic Practitioners' training.

We suggested that there is a range of drugs that doctors are advised to carry in their bags on emergencies and asked if the Paramedic Practitioner carries them. We were merely told that they carry 'all necessary drugs'. It was distressing to learn, sadly after a death, that a diuretic used as the mainstay of the treatment of severe breathlessness caused by acute cardiac failure is

not one of the drugs they carry or are trained to use. In spite of several requests we have still not received a list of drugs carried by Paramedic Practitioners. It must be demoralising for them not to be able to offer treatment for some of the life-threatening emergencies they encounter, simply because they have not been trained or equipped. We feel that they should be supported and valued more by their administrators.

We are told that an emergency doctor in a car is able to respond when necessary and that the Paramedics do not replace the GPs who used to cover the area but no account seems to be made of the travel time for a Doctor from Stirling to our areas to reach acute emergencies requiring very rapid responses.

We have mentioned before the difficulties the RRV has when not supported by an ambulance in emergencies. Proper resuscitation needs at least two people if it is to be continued for more than a few minutes. A single paramedic would have difficulty in moving a patient to a safe place if that was a priority. The RRV cannot replace an ambulance as it cannot transport patients. It took some time to persuade the Ambulance Service that a single-manned two-man ambulance cannot replace a fully manned ambulance as it is not permitted to transport patients. We

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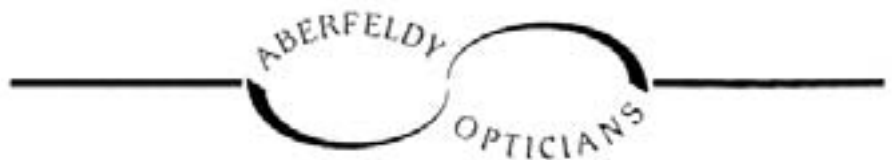
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also discovered that, for health and safety reasons, ambulance crews are not allowed to ask a member of the public to take the other end of a stretcher to transport a patient to a vehicle.

Meanwhile the whole Breadalbane Area is covered by a double crewed ambulance and an RRV whose location alternates, in lottery fashion, between Callander and Killin. In addition the ambulance is often called to cover calls in Stirling and Falkirk and is unavailable for emergencies in this area.

The management of the service appears to ignore proper medical evidence and falls short of proper, relevant systems to audit outcome in this rural area. Statistics produced generally refer to the whole Forth Valley service so Rural Area statistics are swamped by what happens in the wider area. It is of concern that after two years there are still poor communications between the parts of the service. The service could be improved and safety enhanced by some simple measures, often without much extra expenditure, but, given the lack of influence of Community Councillors at the meetings, it is most unlikely that the entrenched attitudes of the authorities will change now. That in itself is reason enough to withdraw from this so-called "consultation".

WA

In a lively meeting in Aberfeldy, attended by fifty local residents including two local doctors, Grant Gordon, General Manager of East Central Region of the Scottish Ambulance Service, reported his decision, announced on Scottish Television just before the meeting, to cut one of the two ambulances that cover Highland Perthshire. He didn't explain the details leading to his decision, but he answered questions from the floor in an open and direct way. Many present were worried that any reduction would result in a deterioration in the existing service. Those from Glen Lyon were the most isolated from emergency medical care with the nearest ambulance in Pitlochry and a hypothetical scenario of a concussed child posed serious problems that could only be resolved using the Air Ambulance.

What has this to do with Killin? Well, apart from the fact that the Killin ambulance acted as a back up when the Aberfeldy ambulance was unavailable and vice versa, we learned how the "consultation" prior to this decision had been conducted. Two years ago the Ambulance Service assembled a "Reference Group" of representatives from the local Perthshire Highland area covered by the service. They were informed that they would have no say in decision making but were kept closely informed on all operational and statistical matters on which decisions were made, with a remit to share this information

with those they represented. We discovered that they were treated with respect, openness and frankness in the discussions and their questions were answered. They were given access to relevant statistics of local stations and informed of the results of local audits. Although the Ambulance Service and out-of-hours cover sometimes have overlapping responsibilities and the design and function of one can seriously affect the other, there is little communication between them. The "Reference Group" felt that their meeting should have involved all parties.

However in Killin where all parties were involved this did not work due to the marginalisation of the other services by the Health Board.

In Aberfeldy, the Tayside Health Board paid for the Rapid Response Vehicle as part of their contribution to the withdrawal of the GPs from the out-of-hours care. In Killin, Forth Valley paid for the RRV but, while the RRV is not considered part of the ambulance response in Aberfeldy, in Killin it is. The people of Aberfeldy have been treated with far more respect and openness than Community Councillors in the Rural Areas of Forth Valley. The fact that Aberfeldy has an RRV and a casualty service in Aberfeldy Hospital was not used as an excuse for the withdrawal of their ambulance. While the message to the people of Aberfeldy was unwelcome, we have to respect the honesty of the consultations that preceded it.

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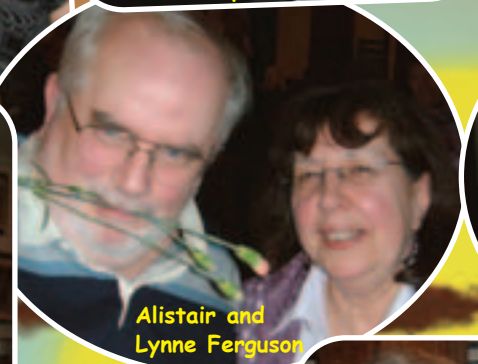
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The Rocky Road to Ardeonaig

I very rarely drive to Ardeonaig so a meeting about the state of the Ardeonaig road was the excuse to remind myself why. If it deteriorated much more perhaps even fewer would take up the challenge of off-roading on road and so reduce even more the likelihood of achieving the volume of traffic required for the renewal of its surface.

The meeting was attended by over 20 local people, Les Goodfellow Head of Stirling Council Roads Department, Councillor Tony Ffinch and was hosted by Pete and Sara Gottgens in the Ardeonaig Hotel.



Deep concerns were immediately apparent and stories of damage to cars, worries about the school bus

and sheer frustration unfolded. Time and again Les Goodfellow referred to the lack of funding from Stirling Council for a new surface and the fact it is not sufficiently dangerous or busy to trigger major repairs. Poor water drainage was blamed for undermining the tarmac

but funding has for years been insufficient to maintain the road and funds depend on politicians whose priorities are elsewhere. Stirling Council supplies significantly less funding for the road system than Perth and Stirling roads have been starved of adequate funds for some years, resulting in a backlog of roads requiring to be renewed. Stirling Council was awarded a record £4.6 million budget for roads by the Scottish



Executive but top sliced 1 million from this for other services. Ardeonaig will never achieve a new road surface under the existing systems, funding and priorities. Technical details about patching the road surface and managing ditches were discussed and we learned that 'significant' potholes, when reported, will be repaired within a five day target, surface water permitting. The case for priority could be helped by reporting the use of the road as a marked cycle route and identifying the extent of road use by tourism and business.

The plight of those in Ardeonaig

could be highlighted by

- 1 logging and reporting all accidents and vehicle damage as a consequence of the poor road surface
- 2 logging and reporting all *significant* potholes on a regular basis
- 3 logging and passing all complaints from visitors and others to Stirling Roads Department
- 4 bringing concerns to the attention of political representatives using the democratic vote to achieve change.

Pete Gottgens offered to ensure that the road is checked weekly and to use the Ardeonaig Hotel as a centre



to coordinate complaints. About 15,000 people visited the Hotel in the past year, a figure that does not include those that work at or deliver to the

hotel.

Should you have a reason to complain about the road or report a pothole ring the Stirling Council 0845 277 7000

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Frost Report

Ticking off the Munros

I heard an interesting talk by Dr. Adam Smith of The Game Conservancy Trust on ticks in Scotland at the annual B.A.S.C. (British Association for Shooting and Conservation) gamekeeper's day at Scone Palace. It is a well-known fact that a tick may infect you with Lyme disease and if a red circle appears around the bite then it is wise to seek medical advice.

A much less known fact is that there are different strains of Lyme disease in different areas and a negative blood test for one type may not reveal a type from another area. If not treated with antibiotics in the early stages curing the disease is virtually impossible. The moral of this tale is that if you have the tell-tale red ring and the first test is negative then it is wise to be tested for other strains as Lyme disease progresses to be a debilitating illness.

Due to climate change (and what isn't?) the ticks seem to have a longer active season. They are most active above 7 degrees and 85% humidity. From the larval stage they can survive two years without feeding and certainly feel at home up to 3000 feet.

After a day out on the hill or in the countryside it is wise to check for ticks.

There are many schools of thought on how to remove a tick but latest research seems to suggest that you would be better to drink the alcohol than to put it on the tick, and not to smother them with Vaseline as this usually makes them eject their stomach contents (most of which was once your blood) into you.

The recommended method to remove the tick is to either use a small plastic device called a tick remover or simply hold the tick and gently twist it so that it releases its hold without injecting into you. New and ungorged ticks can be lifted off with sellotape or gaffer tape. (This could also save you a leg wax!) Tea tree and peppermint oils seem to have a deterrent effect.

Dr. Smith claims that it is a pleasant end to a day out together to de-tick each other – presumably this is where the alcohol comes in.

A fully gorged little darling of these will hold about 1cc. of blood. A heavy tick infestation can kill up to 80% of young grouse and seems to be having a detrimental effect on capercaillie and black grouse. With fewer sheep on the hill, there are fewer hosts and higher vegetation, thus leading to more hungry ticks lurking in the undergrowth waiting to pounce on the unwary walker. Happy walking folks

Tim Frost

The Future at Ben Lawers NNR



The National Trust for Scotland has appointed Ian White Associates to carry out a Feasibility Study of various options for the future provision of interpretation and visitor facilities on Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve. Ben Lawers is internationally renowned for its unique flora and the Trust manages the site in collaboration with Scottish Natural Heritage to conserve it. The scenic value of the mountains means that the property is also very popular for recreation and the Trust remains committed to public access there.

The study will include consultation with the local community and businesses as well as with users of the site. The dates and mechanisms for consultation will be notified locally, so watch out for details if you would like to contribute, or contact the NTS office.

Helen Cole

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Killin Under 5s

Killin Tiddlers and Toddlers have recently amalgamated with Keyag (Killin Early Years Activity Group) and are now known as Killin Under 5s.

We are welcoming all new and existing mums/dads and kids to the Sports Pavilion on the following Friday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am for informal get togethers. We have arranged fun activities every two weeks and would welcome your support. Please note, we no longer meet every week, but on these dates listed.

We also arrange an outing every year for the children and this year we are going to Auchingarrich Wildlife Park near Comrie on 25th May. Further details about this trip can be found nearer the time in the nursery and on posters around Killin.

Monday 9th April Easter Eggstravaganza Easter Fayre including baking, make and take and Egg hunt

Friday 27th April Visit to the lambs. Get your wellies on and join us for a walk to see the new born lambs.

Friday 11th May Coffee and colouring. Coffee is for the Mums of course!

Friday 25th May Under 5s outing to Auchingarrich Wildlife Park. Meet in the McLaren Hall car park at 9.30am for the bus.

Friday 8th June Walk to the loch. Let's see what we can find along the way.

Friday 15th June Father's Day. Make and take. Remember Daddy's special too. Come and make him a special card.

Killin under 5s will finish for the summer after 15th June and will reconvene shortly after the kids go back in August.

For more information about Killin Under 5s contact

Charlotte Morris

Chairperson - 01567 829014

Watch out for Roving Wardens

Senior Community Warden, Willie Dunn, and Community Warden, Marion Prescott, have been appointed to bring the service to new areas and are eager to meet residents and businesses in the Council area with the aim of improving the quality of community life. By working with communities, the most harmful aspects of Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) can be reduced.

The scheme was introduced in February 2004 and the wardens' functions were to observe, monitor and report any evidence of ASB including litter, fly tipping, graffiti, dog fouling, abandoned cars, drinking in public and disorderly behaviour.

As news of this work spread, demands from communities for their services increased. In response to this two more Community Wardens were appointed in February 2007. They are deployed in response to



intelligence-led ASB issues mainly derived from Central Scotland Police information. Existing teams will continue to operate within their areas, while this new team will ensure that most, if not all, Stirling's extended communities can benefit from their occasional patrols. Community Wardens can be contacted at

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Obituaries



Alda Noble 1950 - 2007

Alda was born in Crianlarich in 1950 and went to Crianlarich Primary then Killin High School. She left school and moved to Edinburgh to be a nanny but when the children grew up decided she'd return home for the summer and work in the Bridge of Lochay Hotel, then train to become a nurse. During that summer she met Billy and never left Killin again! It was her only regret that she never became a nurse. Alda had David & Gillian and dedicated her time to bringing them up. The family moved to Ardeonaig in 1982 and when Ardeonaig school closed in 1986, she taxied the

children to and from Killin Primary. Over the years she grew very attached to the school children and always took them under her wing as if they were her very own. Alda was more than delighted when she became a granny, Becca and her soon became inseparable. Her days were filled with the school run, working in the papershop, being a granny, popping in to see her own mother, being involved in the Community Council and shopping in Marks & Spencers! You would always see her on the go, she just never stopped! Alda was well known throughout the village and always had a story to tell. Even during her treatment she made great friends with the other patients and when she stayed in Linlithgow during her treatment she knew all Gillian's neighbours and everything about them before Gillian had even set eyes on them! Alda became ill in July 2006 and it was 6 months to the day that she died. She dealt with her illness with such courage and refused to let it get her down. She was so grateful to everyone that took her out and about when she was no longer able to drive and to everyone that visited her at home and latterly in Strathcarron. She was truly a one off.

Gillian Jardine

Bill Douglas 1950 - 2007



Bill with sons Terry, Lee and Ryan

Bill Douglas passed away suddenly on Sun 4th March. Bill was born in 1950 in a small place called Cumledge Mill near Duns. He left school and went to work in the Bank of Scotland when he was 16. He met his wife Helen at a dance in Reston in 1973. They got married in Coldingham and went to live in Haddington. Through his work in the bank he moved from Haddington and over the years lived in Dunbar, Kelso, Hawick, eventually moving to Killin in 1988. He worked in the Killin bank for many years and met many locals and with whom he became friends. He was a big supporter of the local football team and followed them to most of their games, always shouting encouragement from the sidelines. He was also involved in the Drama Club and enjoyed taking part in the annual pantomime. He was tone deaf but sang his heart out and did his best to raise a laugh with his dancing. In 2000 he took early retirement from the bank and took a part-time

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job in the Co-op. Over the years he ended up as a supervisor, working full time again.

He will be sadly missed by all his friends, his wife, Helen, his 3 sons, Terry, Lee and Ryan, his grandchildren, Joshua and Brodi, and his daughter-in-law Jill. The family would like to thank everyone for their support at this difficult time and for the turnout of his friends at both the church and the crematorium. We would also like to say a big thank you to Kay Dowling who was magnificent when she was called upon for help by Lee. The collection at the church raised in excess of £500 which was donated to the Killin and District Nursing Association.

Helen Douglas and Family

Alda and Bill

Both Alda Noble and Bill Douglas were closely connected with the Killin News. Bill was a member of the Committee for several years. Alda, described at her funeral by her niece as *being* the Killin News, undertook delivery of the paper on one of the longest and most complicated routes, typically taking with her several children to 'help'. We are grateful to them both and to Billy Noble and his family who have kindly volunteered to take over Alda's delivery round.

Killin News Team

Get up and CeilidhCo!

11th May sees the launch of a new community focused organisation operating from Killin, bringing you and your neighbours together for a bit of a dance! The idea has grown from a desire to bring communities across Scotland together and a passion for ceilidhs, combining the two to launch CeilidhCo.

Killin local, Louise Morris, and friend Peter Waugh, wanted to try out the idea in a village with a real sense of community, so the first event will take place in the McLaren Hall, on 11th May. If this is a success, 'The CeilidhCo Phenomena' will be extended during the summer at various events and festivals across Scotland.

Scottish band "Fiddlesticks" are booked for the event and it is hoped they will be supported by the Celtic Connections Young Traditional Musician of the Year finalist, Mike Vass, and his band. Starting at 7.30pm the night will include a fully licensed bar (final details tbc, see poster). Included in your ticket price (£10 for adults, £6 for under-18s, group discount £85 for 10 tickets) is a welcome drink and hot food. It's an event for all so please bring the family! Information and tickets from www.ceilidhco.com (from April) or contact Louise and Peter 07867 865706.

Be part of the first CeilidhCo and help raise money for your community. See you all there.

Louise Morris

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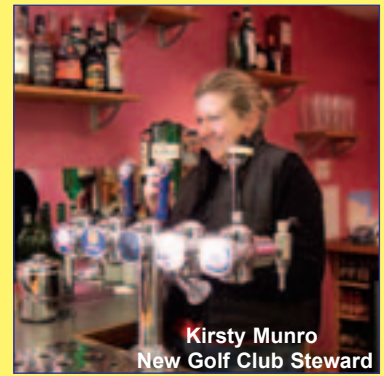
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Happy days of bygone times

Standing; Jenny McIntyre sitting Margaret Campbell, Hilda Thomsell, Isa Chisholm and Mary Cameron all waiting by the Mill to see the Show Queen go by on her way to the Killin Show in about 1998.



Kirsty Munro
New Golf Club Steward

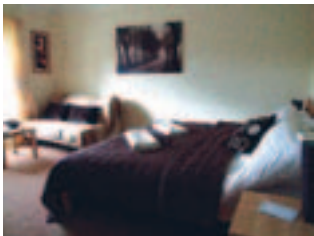


Claire Thompson
(see Squash Appeal opposite)



Los Siete Magnificos

Bruce (Kay Dowling), Olive (Mary Lewis), Beep Beep (Jane Brown), Rebus (Elizabeth Inghram), Spike (Liz Stevens) TC (Claire Thomson), Teach (Sheena Chisholm)

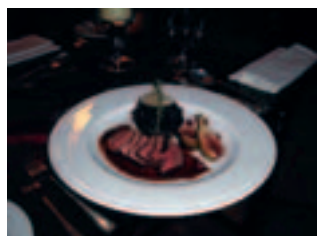


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Killin Golf Club

Ola y Adios

As the flight made its way over the Bay of Biscay on St Valentine's Day, a rather inebriated Scots gentleman on the plane was so impressed by the seven intrepid Killin lady golfers travelling to Spain that he named them "The Magnificent Seven". This was a name to inspire. The weather forecast had said cloudy and showery, but it was wrong. The ideal weather on both golf days produced some magnificent golf, and the birthday girl (Sheena - aka Teach) defied the strict dress code by wearing her magnificent birthday hat, to the great amusement of the marshals. The weather on the 'free' day was hot and sunny, so those who chose to have a break from golfing were able to sunbathe on the beach, paddle in the Med, explore the surroundings and break the 10th Commandment while surveying the palatial boats in the marinas. The four days passed all too quickly, leaving "Los Siete Magnificos" with some magnificent memories and wondering who is going to win the magnificent trophy next year! Mary (aka Olive) won the first day's golf, and Claire (TC) won the trophy on day 2.

Rebus and Spike

Squash Appeal

Local resident Claire Thompson has been selected to play squash for Scotland in the International Masters Tournament in Dublin at the end of April. Claire has to pay all her own travel expenses and buy her own kit as well as all her training expenses. She was also lucky enough to represent GB in South Africa three years ago when the team won the ATP Tournament in Johannesburg. Any business willing to assist Claire with expense associated with this honour should contact her on 07775 666610.

Fresh Air, Fresh Food and Fresh Faces

Killin Golf Club is set to open for the new season with everyone keen to get walking the course in the Spring air. The Committee have been working hard to get the clubhouse in order. The greens staff have been continuing their great efforts to make sure the course is in excellent order despite all the wet, windy weather that mother nature has been throwing at Killin.

The new club steward, Kirsty Munro, has been busy ensuring that the restaurant, bar and shop will provide golfers and visitors with all they need for a round of golf and the all important 19th hole! The restaurant will be available to non-golfers, so give Kirsty a call to make a reservation.

The ladies section have organised a Rules Night in the clubhouse for the ladies to learn more about golf rules in a friendly, relaxed setting on Saturday 21st April. This will also be a good opportunity for the ladies to get to know each other over some food and drink. All ladies are most welcome.

The junior golf evenings will start on Friday 11th May. If you are new to golf please arrive at the clubhouse at 6pm - no need for clubs as we have a selection available for juniors, just make sure

that you have flat shoes/trainers and clothing to suit the weather conditions. We will let you try out golf without being a club member for 2 or 3 weeks but after that we ask you to join the club. Every week each junior pays £1 which goes towards prizes throughout the season. If there are any adult golfers who would be willing to help out, please contact Liz Stevens juniors@killingolfclub.co.uk. All regular helpers are asked to complete a Disclosure Scotland Application. There are opportunities for adults to train as PGA level-1 coaches. If you are interested please contact Liz for more details.

If you have been worried about joining the golf club and not sure if you like golf, then Killin Club is hosting an Open Day when everyone will be able to come and try the game with the help of a professional in a relaxed, fun day. There will be special offers for the Open Day so watch this space for the date.

For information on joining Killin Club or any of the activities contact our new secretary Steve Edwards email secretary@killingolfclub.co.uk or Kirsty 820312.

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Heart of Scotland Herb Society



Cold and blustery it may be but length of day is drawing out our old friends and reuniting evergreen and spring growth. Many of the early perennials are back, evident by the bright yellow-green of feverfew, grey of marjoram and deep fresh spikes of chives awakened in earnest to a new year.

Angelica is well ahead and above others like lady's mantle and the sweet cicely, though all are not far behind.

Herbs, like us and most other plants, have limited time to make the most of their viable opportunity and this year has been one to give them a good head start. They need little additional nourishment, find their own way in the border, though a little guidance doesn't go wrong, and can fill a space in no time. All that is left is to enjoy the scent, sight and taste as it progresses through the season.

Our March meeting was just that, an introduction and glorious procession of native and locally growing flora and fungi by John Holland and Willie Angus, both members of EAK, (Environmental Action Killin). Being located in the heart of the country, we enjoyed slides of species from north, east and western habitats. It was a great pleasure seeing such an abundance of these, with amazing commentary full of folklore, particular characteristics, usage and associated dangers. We were truly taken 'on tour' of our rich natural historic and active environmental area.

Do come and visit us at our stall while attending the Crannog Food Festival on 22nd April, or at our next meeting on 18th April which features Amanda McWilliams discussing the Bowen Technique. Should you wish further information about any of our events or our organisation phone either me

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

Killin SWRI

February

Seven of our ladies each gave a demonstration of their craft and gave onlookers an opportunity to try their hand at each skill.

- E. Stewart, macaroon bars,
- B. MacGregor, pancakes
- C. Reid, floral art
- M. Galloway, soft toys
- J. Huntley, ribbon flowers
- S. Conner, quilting
- A. Watson Japanese folded patchwork.

Competition Results

Knitted Teddy Bear

- 1. Margaret Galloway
- 2. J. Stewart
- 3. Mairi Hunter

Who's Who Baby Photo

- 1. E. Woods = J. Anderson
- 2. S. Chisholm
- 3. A. Watson

March

Pete & Mary Corbey from Ayrshire presented "An evening of Fragrance", a colourful and informative presentation on the history of perfume, how it was made, incorporating tales of their trip to the south of France to visit a perfumery and create their own perfume. Afterwards scented goods from candles to drawer liners were for sale.

The annual outing on 16th May will be to Rosslyn chapel followed by a trip to the theatre to see "Starlight Express". Price £34.50

Competition Results

Scented Soap

- 1. Mrs J Huntley
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Week 4 ending 29 January

Proposal: Erection of single garage and formation of new access

Location: Dunvegan, Manse Road, Killin

Application Type: Household

Alteration/Extension

Decision: Approve with

Conditions

Proposal: Installation of 2 No. transmission dishes

Location: Auchessan Radio Site, Crianlarich

Application Type:

Telecommunications Development

Week 6 ending 12 February

Proposal: Installation of 2 No 300mm telecommunications dishes, 2 No equipment cabins and associated ancillary development to existing 30m high telecommunications lattice tower

Location: Glasgow Road,

Crianlarich FK7 0PA

Application Type:

Telecommunications Development

Decision: Approve with

Conditions

Week 7 ending 19 February

Proposal: Erection of single garage and formation of new access

Location: Dunvegan, Manse Road, Killin

Application Type: Household

Alteration/Extension

Decision: Approve with

Conditions

Proposal: Erection of Stables

Location: Fas Na Coille,

Craignavie Road, Killin

Application Type: Household

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Proposal: Display of 4 flag advertisements on proposed 4x6m high flagpoles

Location: Tourist Information

Centre, Tyndrum

Application Type: Advertisement

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse

Location: Land Adjacent To

Riverview, Main Street, Killin

Application Type: Detailed

Consent

Week 8 ending 26 February

Proposal: Installation of additional dish

Location: Tyndrum Radio Station,

Crianlarich

Application Type:

Telecommunications Development

Proposal: Erection of agricultural shed

Location: Kirkton Farm,

Crianlarich FK20 8RU

Application Type: Agricultural

Notification

Week 9 ending 5 March

Planning Appeal

Proposal: Change of use and

alterations to tea room and flat to form single dwellinghouse

Location: Station House, Main

Street, Killin, FK21 8UH

Decision: Appeal allowed to

permit alteration of central door

to form a window

Week 10 ending 12 March

Proposal: Retention of existing

dormer window and timber

cladding (in breach of condition 6

of planning permission

LT/2005/0248/DET/S)

(Retrospective)

Location: Wester Lix Steading,

Locheearnhead, Killin

Application Type: Detailed

Consent

Decision: Approve without

Conditions

Week 11 ending 19 March

Proposal: Construction of Run-of-

River Hydro Scheme (650kw)

Location: Detailed Consent

Proposal: Extension to dwellinghouse, erection of garage and demolition of wall

Location: Alpine Cottage, Main

Street, Killin

Application Type: Household

Alteration/Extension

Proposal: Erection of Stables

Location: Fas Na Coille,

Craignavie Road, Killin

Crianlarich

Application Type: Household

Alteration/Extension

Decision: Approve with conditions

Proposal: Erection of canopy to form covered seating area

(Temporary planning permission)

Location: The Real Food Café,

Tyndrum

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Decision: Approve with

Conditions

Proposal: Erection of agricultural shed

Location: Kirkton Farm,

Crianlarich

Decision: No Objections

Perth and Kinross Council

6 February

Proposal: Erection of 5 holiday chalets

Location: Rynachulaig Farm Killin FK21 8TY

Application Type: Full Application

Decision: Pending Consideration

8 February

Proposal: Remedial works (in retrospect)

Location: Boreland Farm,

Fearnan, Aberfeldy, PH15 2PG

Application Type: Full Application

Decision: No Details -Application

Invalid On Receipt

21 February

Proposal: Erection of additional holiday lodges, ancillary facilities,

upgrading of access and

landscaping (outline)

Location: Lochtay Highland

Lodges, Killin, FK21 8TY

Application Type: Outline

Application

Decision: Pending Consideration

Stirling Council

Week 7 ending 21 February

Proposal: Alterations to form two dwelling houses, including

extension.

Location: Kenknock, Kennoch,

Lubchurran Road Killin, FK21 8UB

Application Type: Detailed

Consent

Decision: Approve with

Conditions

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In this perspective, we think that you will understand our predicament and sympathise with our decision to withdraw this late service.

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Kind Regards, Ian Armstrong

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Think About It

Five years ago in April 2002, thousands of people in London filed past the casket of Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, as her body lay in state. In the muffled silence of Westminster Hall, visitors were struck by the sight of the magnificent crown resting on top of her coffin and the cross standing nearby - symbols of her life and faith. They had come from all over the world to pay their respects to a much loved member of the royal family. In that solemn setting it became clear to believers that the cross of Jesus Christ matters far more than any crown. For all who trust in Christ, whether they be royalty or commoners, the cross symbolises our hope both in life and death. No matter what positions of power we may inherit or achieve, none of them will follow us beyond the grave. But the crucified and risen Christ is the giver of life everlasting now and forever. The cross speaks of forgiveness and peace with God. It points to the merits of Christ and not our own. As we step through the doorway of death, we must lay aside our "earthly crowns". Calvary's cross and the risen Christ are the only bridge to eternal life. To know the meaning of the cross, you must know the One who died there.

Ladd Fagerson

Happy Result for 'Happy Jack'

Hot on the heels of their pantomime production, Killin Drama Club has recorded success at the annual SCDA Drama Festival for Stirling District held this year in Fintry. The winners of the Festival were the Fintry team, with a melodramatic farce entitled 'Dog's Breath

wedding ceremony, honeymoon, the birth of their first son and holidays to Blackpool and Whitley Bay whilst they explore the couple's relationship which hides their deep affection for each other. To make matters more complicated for the cast, the play commences at the end



of their lives and works its way back to their youth! A few supporters from Killin made the journey to Fintry and each would strongly recommend that this is a play not to be missed when it shows in Killin on 4th/5th May, along with two other short plays.

Deveraux, the Dastardly Doctor', and the Killin team were awarded the runner-up spot. Their play, 'Happy Jack' by John Godber, tells the life story of a Yorkshire miner and his wife and the actors are faced with the challenging task of playing many different roles in this play, performed for Killin by the "experienced" Gordon and Glenda, and directed by Lesley Syme. The audience are taken through the couple's courtship,

Over 150 clubs entered the festival and Killin is one of the 36 teams remaining to compete at the next round. Killin's team, shown in the picture, are now busy preparing the play for production in their Divisional Final at Cupar in late March and, following the performance in Killin, there are plans to perform in Garelochhead, Taynuilt, East Kilbride, Fearnan and Birnam. Don't miss it!

Lesley Syme

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Letters

Ali Baba & the Forty Thieves

My colleague, Anne McGuire MP, and I recently attended the Killin Drama Club's presentation of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves. We both fully enjoyed the pantomime, which took place in the village hall with everyone performing to an exceptionally high standard. At the break we met Gordon Hibbert and his staff. You always tend to forget all the work before the pantomime itself – scenery making, costumes, lighting arrangements etc. I gather many people in Killin have been involved, particularly with costume making as well as the props.

The Killin Drama Club has to be congratulated for its high number of junior members, creating strong links with the local primary school and community generally. Well done Killin Drama Club for your grant funding from Awards for All, Scottish Arts. You have certainly put the money to good use and we wish the 'Friends of Killin Drama Club' every success with their scheme to attract support from businesses. All success to everyone in the future. Kind regards

Sylvia Jackson MSP

Alda Noble

We would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers and visited Alda during her illness, she appreciated it immensely. We would also like to thank Dr de Laat and the Killin nurses for their first class care. We were overwhelmed by the number of people who attended the funeral service and the generosity shown. Approximately £2,500 was donated to Strathcarron Hospice and gratefully received.

Billy, David and Gillian

Councillor's Views

Having lived in or near the ward for seventeen years, I have had the opportunity to get to know Killin and the Strathfillan area as a councillor for seven years and as someone who has spent ten years in the tourist business. The Breadalbane area, as it is known in National Park terms and historically, has been involved in tourism for the best part of two centuries and, whilst its other industries of farming and forestry have declined, tourism has become more and more important.

Much of the development of the hospitality industry owed its growth to the railways and the associated water transport. Oh that we could reinstate that which has gone! We now need to accommodate and cater for more cars and coaches and the visitors they bring in addition to all the cyclists and walkers. Are we doing enough?

What does the area have to offer? Scenery, heritage and the activities inherent in an area of lochs, mountains, and glens. Can we bring added value to the enjoyment of these activities? There is evidence of early settlements within reach or within the confines of the area, who knows about them? Is there any interpretation for those who may be interested?

Breadalbane is now part of Scotland's first National Park and both Killin and Tyndrum are gateways. The West Highland Way and the Rob Roy Way pass through the area and supplements to these walks are planned. Is the catering and accommodation sufficient? It is interesting to note that two Highland Ward based coaching holiday providers are based in or near the area so could Killin be used as an interest stop. Could more be made of this recreation in

income generation? Have we asked any of the holiday providers what they would wish?

All the communities in the northern part of the ward are lively, active, and well organized and I have enjoyed working with you and hope to continue so doing as you strive to attain your full potential.

Tony Ffinch Councillor

Thank You

I would like to say thanks to all the kind people for their good wishes and gifts sent to me during my time in hospital. Also special thanks to Jacky and Alan Thomson for the support they gave to Lesleyann and helping her to visit me. Again many thanks to all.

Christine Wright

Brownies' Sale

Before Christmas the Killin Brownies planted some daffodil bulbs in pots to sell this spring to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Fund. The girls decorated the pots with colourful paper sleeves. We decided to combine selling these with a Toy Sale in March and happily we can now report that we raised £84.00 for The Marie Curie Cancer Fund.

We would like to thank Ian and Sian at The Killin Hotel for allowing us to use the porch area there for the sale. We would also like to thank everyone who made the effort to come out on such a miserable day to support us. Thanks to the Brownies who came along to help on the stall.

1st Killin Brownies

Breast Cancer

As a result of the Scottish Breast Cancer Campaign, prompted by my individual case in Killin, the guidelines sent to GPs for recognising breast cancer in women have been changed. Working closely with SBCC and the Scottish Executive, I have been informed that the 'Scottish Referral Guidelines for Suspected Cancer' were revised and published in January 2007. In the new guidelines the symptoms I had, swelling, thickening and lumps, are technically known as 'unilateral axillary lymph node', requiring doctors to send women for further examination. I would be obliged if you could publish this letter as it may be helpful to local women to know they can have immediate referral should they present the above symptoms to their GP.

Jean Erskine

Free Doggie Bags

I would like to remind dog owners about 'keeping our village clean'. We are provided with free 'doggie bags' from the Library and there are numerous dog 'litter bins' situated around the village, which means there is no excuse for fouled pavements. On our daily walk to school, we are constantly trying to 'dodge the dirt'. I have 2 dogs (who are far from perfect) and though it is not a pleasant job cleaning up after them, it is preferable to cleaning up shoes and carpets! There is still a lack of awareness of Toxocara and human health.

Rosie Third



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Killin's Rural Past

The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS) are running a 5 year programme to educate and help local communities research, record and promote vanishing settlements. It is aimed at volunteers who have an interest in the history of their locality and a desire to record what is evident now in the form of collapsed buildings but may be lost in the decades to come.

Over 2 days in foul weather Colin Higgins, Trevor Shaw, Willie Angus and I participated in one of these workshops organised by RCAHMS. We were joined by 12 other volunteers from Stirlingshire. Day one was spent in two small settlements above the present day farm of Ledcharrie. We looked at Breigh Letcharrie and Braeval. Despite gale force winds and driving rain we managed to draw a plan of the first site and were guided through the process of what can be interpreted through the evidence on the ground. The second site, Braeval, has several dwellings but also the remains of a grain mill. Both settlements were abandoned by the time the railway was built in the 1870s.

Our second day was spent at Ardnagaul, a collection of buildings just west of Craignavie. One dwelling still has 2 gable ends and

an obvious doorway so this site was somewhat easier for us amateurs to interpret. The use of a plane table formed the main exercise for the day. A plane table is a surveyor's tool which allows the accurate drawing of a scale plan of a site or building. Using siting equipment and a measuring tape we drew plans of the remains at this site. We also spent time discussing with the Royal Commission's photographer some basic rules as to how to get the best from the photographic record of such sites. The ratio of participants to experts was probably between 3:1 and 2:1 so the support we received made the learning process very easy. We may not be experts but we all feel we could contribute in some useful way to identify and record what we see on the ground and which, from looking at the RCAHMS website, is not recorded yet by them.

The Royal Commission will lend all the specialised equipment needed to carry the process on and we now plan to share our knowledge with others interested in joining us in the exercise. Some of the Heritage members will be joining us as we plan our programme. If there are others interested in taking part please contact Trevor Shaw at the Outdoor Shop.

GA

"Take Five" Take £270 in Killin

In Killin St Fillan's Church was almost full with an audience of 57 and an amazing £270 was donated to the Music Therapy Charity. In Aberfeldy there was standing room only at the Town Hall Lesser Hall and in Dunkeld, at the Duchess Anne there were 40. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed the evenings and were extremely generous in their appreciation of the musical excellence of the 5 young singers. In all £1081 was sent to the charity, a remarkable outcome for which I have to thank each and everyone who donated money and especially those who were able to come and who gave the youngsters their first taste of success outside their home ground. These were the first full concerts they had given. Prior to this they had only performed as part of a concert.

It was an immense privilege to be able to organise these concerts for them and to have the group to stay for 4 days. I had forgotten how much food teenagers eat - the days started with full English breakfast at 8.00am and ended with pud and wine at 10.30pm. William and I fell into bed at 12.30. The pace was non-stop but such fun. With Luke, the tenor, leaving school this summer, it is likely that this will be their only tour. Thank you all so much for making it such a success.

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place in each class. The trophies are perpetual trophies on which the winners names will be inscribed and they will be held, along with other memorabilia, somewhere in Killin. Competitors will also receive trophies to take home. While donations have been received for some of the trophies, we still need to find funds for five more. If you or your business would like to be associated with us or donate to the

Killin section of the Scottish Six Day Trials, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

The Trial starts at Kinnell and there will be different sections in and around the village.

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James William Elliot born 18th January 2007, a son for Jamie and Theresa Elliot, a little brother for Nicole Robertson Baird, a grandson for Jimmy and Janette Elliot and Moira Robertson and a great grandson for Joyce James
Thanks for all the gifts and cards



Last November Elsie Mercer came back to Killin to celebrate her 90th birthday at The Glebe. Seen here surrounded by her son, granddaughter and great granddaughter Abigail. The Mercer family would like to thank all those who made this day possible, especially staff of The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home and George Sword who nobly transported her from Pinewood Nursing Home in Callander to Killin for the day



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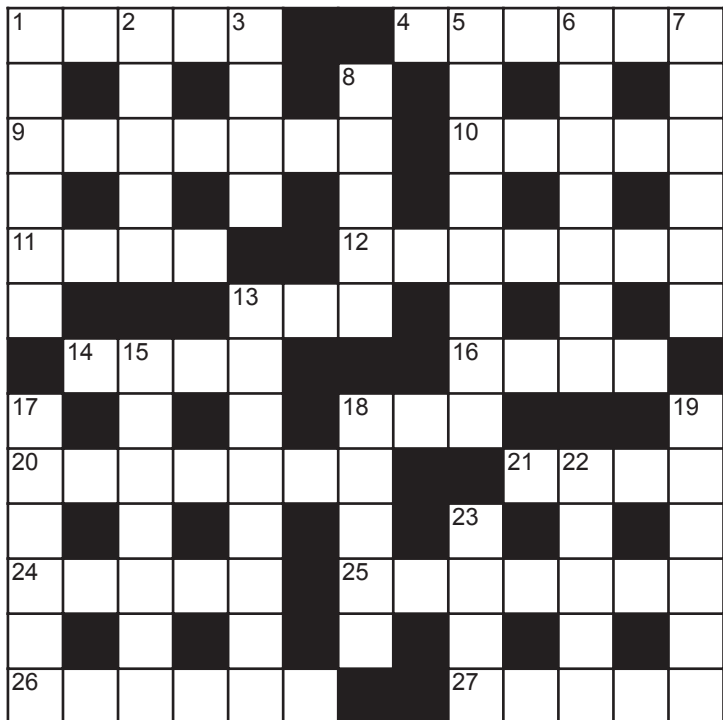


Sandra Campbell Taylor graduated in Early Education and Childcare at Perth College



Former McLaren High School pupil David Graham of Craiglea Killin recently awarded membership of the Chartered Institute of Builders (C.I.O.B.) at a ceremony in Edinburgh City Chambers. He studied at Abertay University and Glasgow. He is now staying in Perth with his wife Val and family.

Crossword by Scorpio



Across

- 1 Vacation allowed by forces (5)
 4 Single pages finish to add documentary supplement (6)
 9 Five get a financial award but remain "down 'n out" (7)
 10 Discharge from the eyes (5)
 11 Wild mountain goat (4)
 12 Bird pieces for tasty morsels (7)
 13 See 1 down
 14 Language that sounds like a request to fasten securely (4)
 16 See 1 down
 18 She can be found among the seven dwarfs (3)
 20 Easily roused having a cosy topknot (7)
 21 Maple is a member of this family (4)
 24 A form of chess played in Japan (5)
 25 Shortened and made brief (7)
 26 Culture of multi choice spelling (6)
 27 Compact in consolidation (5)

Solution to 96

Across 1 crust 4 shinty 9 abstain 10 senna 11 eats 12 entreat 13 sir 14 scot 16 nays 18 act 20 adoring 21 able 24 therm 25 imprint 26 retire 27 nadia

Down 1 craven 2 upset 3 tray 5 hesitant 6 nunnery 7 yeasty 8 infer 13 strimmer 15 closest 17 faster 18 again 19 mentor 22 blind 23 open

Down

- 1,13 & 16 across Garden plant with foggy amorous outlook (4,2,3,4)
 2 Agree has right to quarrel (5)
 3 Energetic and impressive style (4)
 5 Bit of a prison sentence for a short working day (4-4)
 6 Mournful poems (7)
 7 Homicide misery shelters the end (6)
 8 Southern art gallery or nation (5)

- 13 Being more punctual (8)
 15 Is thong confused for popular music (3,4)
 17 Uisce beatha (6)
 18 Government order (5)
 19 Chum discovered in Fred (6)
 22 Place of worship is poorly and very cold (5)
 23 Is the responsibility on a group (4)



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 6 - 11 CHAS sale Lynedoch 10am - 4pm each day
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 15 Woodland Quest guided walk to learn about ancient loch-dwellers The Scottish Crannog Centre 2pm booking essential (see above)
 18 Heart of Scotland Herb Society meeting Aberfeldy Town Hall 7pm
 19 Church Guild gathering Church 2pm Speaker from the Preshal Trust Glasgow
 19 Green Team Nature trailing meet at school 6 - 7.30pm
 22 Annual Celtic Food & Drink Festival 11am - 4pm The Scottish Crannog Centre
 28 Witness Event McLaren Hall 6.30pm contact Kate Allan 07766 312275
 28 EAK Spring flower walk meet at Council car park 9am all welcome

Brownies
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 Church Hall 6pm

Guides
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 7.30pm - 9pm

May

- 1 Celtic May Day & Beltane Fun 11am - 4pm The Scottish Crannog Centre
 2 Draft Core Paths Plan (Meeting Postponed)
 3 Scottish Elections
 3 Green Team The web of life meet at school 6 - 7.30pm
 5 Draft Core Paths Plan (Meeting Postponed)
 4/5 Drama Club production 3 short plays McLaren Hall
 8 Killin Community Council meeting Lesser Hall 7.30pm
 12 Floral Association Plant Sale
 13,14 Festival of Nettles The Scottish Crannog Centre 11am - 5pm
 14 National Park Local Plan Day Lesser Hall
 17 Breadalbane Arts Week meeting contact Joyce Russell 01838 400535
 19 EAK Dawn Chorus Walk Council Car Park 5am. All welcome
 31 Green Team Tree-sy peasy meet at school 6 - 7.30pm

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Sunday

Midday - 11.30pm

Food served:

Lunch

Midday - 2.30pm

Snacks

2.30pm - 6.30pm

Dinner

6.00pm - 9.30pm

BOOKING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Telephone :

01567 820853

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SALMON FISHING

We are offering salmon fishing with our Pebble Boats which have been completely refitted and refurbished over the winter. We offer a full day or half day fishing .

Full day £50.00
including boat, engine, petrol
and permit and half day is
£35.00. Rod and ghillie hire
are also available.

FREE BOTTLE OF WINE

When booking 2 or 3 course
lunch or dinner.
Excluding snacks.