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Editorial

The discussions between the three community Councils for the "Breadalbane" area and Forth Valley Health Board have terminated but, at the request of the organisers of the out of hours care, FVHB and the Scottish Ambulance Service met up with the new Killin Community Council (see page 6). It is important that the service has the confidence of the public it serves. Chaired by Grant Gordon, who was not involved in the previous process, the meeting appeared to address some concerns. The worry that the training and equipping of the paramedic does not cover all likely emergencies that would have been dealt with by a local doctor was in part answered by Grant Gordon, who said that the issue of the treatment of acute heart failure by paramedics will be addressed. He also promised to let the Community Council know details of the training and medications carried by the local paramedic practitioner to reassure us that there are no other areas of deficiency. We were again told that there will always be a paramedic on duty and that the ambulance would be fully manned. As no minutes were taken, this being an informal discussion, and as the request by the community council to audiotape the meeting was turned down, there is as yet no record of the proceedings, so progress must be measured on outcome. In the four weeks since the meeting, the ambulance has been single-manned with a technician on at least three occasions and the promised information has not been received by the Community Council. The organisers do not appear to share our anxieties or see the need to act quickly to resolve the problems. Meanwhile the Community Council seek to obtain the information they require under the Freedom of Information Act. If the Health Board wish to re-establish trust, they would be advised to address all the outstanding concerns point by point and enter into a real partnership so that, with local cooperation, the best system within the existing budget can be developed. We need to know they are dealing with our problems sensitively, properly and ethically.

Plan, plan and plan again. Killin needs to lay down its vision for the future so that developments do not spoil the village or its environment. The plans will be used to inform the Park and Council planners about the wishes of the local population and, as far as is possible, these will be respected. Given the conflicts of opinion on individual aspects that will be a difficult judgment but the general attitudes recorded are likely to have an effect. If you didn't manage to make your mark on the map, there will be another opportunity to air your opinions when the preliminary results are made available in the autumn.

The elections have changed the political landscape. Bruce Crawford represents us in the Scottish Parliament. We hope he is sensitive to rural issues and is able to articulate our concerns. The future provision of Post Office services, roads and medical services may depend on it. If you have issues that you would like to discuss with him ring 0131 348 5687 or email Bruce.Crawford.msp@scottish.parliament.uk Tony Ffinch is our representative councillor on Stirling Council. (Page 34 for contact details)

The knotweed problem (page 15) reminds us of the importance of continuing vigilance, identification and eradication of these aggressive alien plants. We can only hope that the Council will 'nip the problem in the bud' and avoid the massive and expensive clean-up programme that faces St Fillans sometime in the future. It will be interesting and a bit disappointing to see where the soil was dumped and new stances spring up.

Fences in the vicinity of Killin give testament to the high quality and workmanship that goes into their construction. The wanton destruction of the new fence bordering the McLaren Hall (page 30) is difficult to understand. Criminal damage is not a useful way to vent feelings of boredom. We hope that those who live here or come to visit learn to respect the people and the village. Meanwhile someone will have to pay for the repair.

On a lighter note, Lloyd East of AA Personal Loans reported on a survey which indicates that more people are holidaying at home in the UK because of concern about carbon emissions. Let's hope that this trend continues and helps boost tourism and prosperity for the village. Meanwhile it underlines why we should maintain Killin as an attractive destination for visitors and as a good place to live.

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Killin Community Action Plan Update

Scenic Village

The Community Council sent a letter to Environmental Services requesting their help and support to start cleaning up Killin but no response has been received to date.

EAK organised a litter pick up of railway line and round head of loch which was successfully completed with council support by way of litter pickers and bags.

Members of the Heritage Society met with Sarah Parkinson from the National Park to discuss the conservation area and the proposed grant scheme. There is likely to be a public drop in event to help inform this process.

Jobs and Housing

People who had expressed an interest at the workshop met in April to discuss possible way forward with

actions.

A questionnaire went out to ask businesses if they are interested in a networking/support group. There were only a few responses but might be enough to start a small group initially.

Questionnaire to go out to local people in effort to establish demand for new businesses.

STEP will attend the next group meeting to give information on business advice and support available for existing and new businesses. Rural Stirling Housing Association and National Park reps will meet with the group to discuss housing action plan

Sustainable Killin

Members of EAK are already working on some of the points and are planning an Event on 22nd September in McLaren Hall.

A proposal to promote sustainable food production and consumption in the area is on page 8.

Improving Health Service Access

A meeting was held in April initiated by the Community Council as reported in the editorial on page 2.

Tourism

Breadalbane Tourism Group continues to work together to promote the wider Breadalbane area.

Improving and Developing Facilities and Services

Meeting being arranged to start process of setting up a Community Development Trust.

The next Area Network meeting will also discuss the possibility of a Breadalbane Arts event.

Note:

This update is to try and keep everyone informed of what is happening either directly or indirectly as part of the Action Plan. There are lots of other things happening which would fit the main theme headings but these are the ones that I have direct knowledge about. Please contact me if you want to find out more:

Suzanne Player

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Please note that the number of visitors to Ben Lawers Visitor Centre given in the Action Plan should have read 12,000.

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Local Plan Day

The National Park Authority have now taken over the responsibility for planning from Stirling Council within the boundary of the National Park. The new Local Plan is in the process of development and will be finalised towards the end of 2008.

Formulation of the Plan is at an early stage, the start of which was a consultation day held in the McLaren Hall on Monday 15th, May. Members of the community were given the opportunity to make their ideas concerning future development known by filling in sheets and by placing labelled flags on a large scale map of the village. The flags contained a wide range of options from the natural environment and its need for conservation, to the possibility of development of buildings or the rejection of further development. It allowed participants to suggest types of housing or business premises as well as whether the housing should be for locals or holiday makers. Gordon Watson, Director of Planning, and his colleagues Vivian Emery, Susan Brooks and Sarah Parkinson, gave short presentations explaining the process and the reason for consultation which will be the basis for the structure of the new Local Plan. The Community Futures information gathered through leaflets, which every household had an opportunity to fill in, will also be taken into account. The next stage of the process will be publication of the suggestions formulated through the consultation process. The community will still have an opportunity to comment when this is published in the Autumn.

To find out about the process and the development of the Local Plan, visit www.lochlomond-trossachs.org or email localplan@lochlomond-trossachs.org to add your suggestions. You can contact the policy team on 01389 722600

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Killin & District Sports and Leisure Club



Threat of Closure

Following the AGM of the Killin and District Sports and Leisure Club held in February, the new committee is: Chairperson: Colin Higgins (replacing Joe Reilly who has moved to Perth) Secretary: Betty McAusland Treasurer Donald Third Tiddlers and Toddlers representative Lesley Stitt and Junior representative Callum Wyllie. The Club continues to operate at a loss so new members are urgently needed. In an effort to encourage

this, membership fees have been held for the third year running at Juniors £20, Adult £30 and Family £50. A Visitor Weekly Ticket has been introduced - Family Ticket £20 and Junior Ticket £10.

An Open Day is to be held on Wednesday 13th June from 3.30 onwards. "Come and Try" sessions for tennis, bowls and putting, with equipment available and coaching for tennis and bowls.

The Kiosk will be open in July and August except on Saturdays, at

other times by arrangement - see Kiosk notice board for details. Outlook for the Sports Club is bleak. Unless it is used, it will be lost, which would be a great pity for both Killin and the surrounding areas.

Colin Higgins

Bowls - Monday and Friday 2.15
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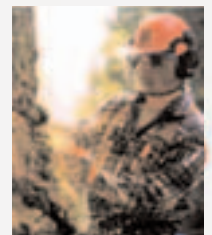
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Grass Cutting

Following last year's consultation and in response to complaints received, Sirling Council has committed additional resources towards the grass-cutting and grounds maintenance service for 2007-2008. This will increase the number of grass-cuts from 14 to 16 (approximately every 10 working days), during the coming season

To ensure that all grass-cutting areas are included in the tendering exercise, the Streetscape Service has been re-surveying and preparing community based maps of all open space areas for which the Council is responsible. The new maps will be issued to each Community Council with a questionnaire to gather the community's views and review and comment on the standard of service currently provided.

Gymnast's Success in Belgium



Adele Melia completed the maximum 25 gruelling circuits round the gym (two hours of physical work) with her team mates to help raise money to get them to Belgium for the Lucien Lus Memorial Cup competition. Six under 12 year old gymnasts were chosen for the international team event to represent Auchterarder and Scotland.

The 12 to 16 hours of compulsory practice per week paid off when they brought home the Bronze Medal Trophy after a brilliant performance that more than justified their sponsorship. Congratulations. We wish Adele every success for the next competition especially now that she has a "beam" provided by Stitt Bros. Thank you all who sponsored the team and gave them this opportunity.

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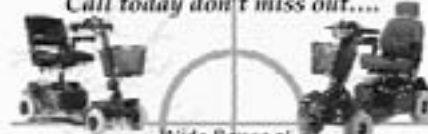
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Killin Community Council 8th May

Zebra crossing: Cllr Finch to ask for parking space to be made for dropping off and picking up school children.

Community futures: No reply had been received from Environmental Services to questions about village officer, grass cutting, dog waste, litter and the Ardeonaig Road.

Planning: Applications from Old Flax Mill, Fair View and Tay View were mentioned. No comments. No application for houses beyond Golf Club.

Community service by offenders: If this facility is used to clean up an area a charge of £40 will be charged per van load of litter.

Craignavie road footway: The CC were not happy with it and thought the money could have been put to better use.

Scottish Ambulance Service: At a meeting in April the Ambulance Service said that Killin always had a paramedic on call, either in an ambulance or a rapid response vehicle – which is known not to be the case – but they refused to give present and future manning levels. They say there is no problem with the service at

present and that a back up ambulance can be in Killin from Callander in 21 mins. Information requested was not forthcoming and is to be pursued under the Freedom of Information Act.

Flooding at Bank House: Facts to be checked about whether permission for the new houses was given on condition that suitable drains would be put in to prevent this problem.

Ardeonaig Road: Stirling Council has said there is no money to fix road. It was hoped our new MSP would continue to highlight the problem.

Mansefield Drain : To be reported to the police as a danger.

Dog litter bins: A request to be made for more frequent emptying. Dog warden to be asked to visit.

Next meeting: Tuesday 10th July in the Lesser McLaren hall at 7.30pm

AGM: This was held following the meeting. All officers were re-elected. The new Park Convenor is Darren Webster. Recognition was given to the contribution by Bill Douglas to the Council over the years.

Killin Kids Activity Days



Abernethy Trust will once again be providing an opportunity for Killin kids to take part in a variety of

adventure activities at Ardeonaig. There will be opportunities to take part in some of the following activities: high ropes course, open canoeing, kayaking, gorge exploring, archery, low ropes course, treasure quest and orienteering.



This year the activity days will run from

Monday 2nd - Friday 6th July and from **Mon 9th - Friday 13th July.**

Posters will soon be on display in Killin with details of the programme. The price for activities will be £15 per day, this includes transport to and from Ardeonaig. Come for two days and book a third day FREE! For more details, please phone Angela or Lara on 01567 820523.

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Success for Andy and his Dog

Constable Andy Fleming and his German Shepherd Dog, Angus, have yet again shown their capability in the hills. At the most recent assessment of Search and Rescue Dogs held in Galloway National Park the team moved to Grade 5 (leaping up from Grade 3). This is the top grade that can be achieved and effectively means that the pairing will not need to be re assessed for another 2 years. One thing that is for certain they won't be resting on their laurels and will have plenty of opportunities to train hard on the hillsides around Killin.

Heart to Heart

Heart to Heart have now supported in excess of 50 people experiencing the affects of Divorce and/or Separation and keep hearing how other communities need to provide this service on a local basis. So far we have run courses in Callander, Thornhill, Dunblane and Grangemouth, but we are still receiving requests to help in other areas. This of course requires volunteers who are the back bone of our organisation. We aim to meet the needs of our clients and organise meetings, support etc around them if at all possible. For further details of courses or volunteering, contact Lynne Murray, Tel/Fax: 01877 339966 Mobile: 07790 437713 Email: info@hearttoheart.org.uk www.hearttoheart.org.uk

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National Park

Week 13 ending 2 April

Proposal: Installation of 2 No, 0.3m transmission dishes onto existing tower including extension to compound and associated equipment
Location: Keilator Farm, Crianlarich FK20 8RL
Application Type: Telecommunications Development
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Week 15 ending 16 April

Proposal: Installation of one dish on existing pole and ancillary equipment cabins
Location: Glenfalloch Farm, Crianlarich
Application Type: Telecommunications Development
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Week 16 ending 23 April

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse
Location: The Old Flax Mill, Crianlarich, Killin
Applicant: Mr And Mrs Andrew McNie,
Application Type: Detailed Consent

Proposal: Erection of three holiday letting cottages

Location: The Old Flax Mill, Crianlarich, Killin
Application Type: Detailed Consent

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse
Location: Tayview, Main Street, Killin
Application Type: Outline Application
Decision:

Proposal: Installation of 2 No. transmission dishes and siting of meter cabinet and equipment housing
Location: Auchessan Radio Site, Crianlarich
Applicant: Airwave O2 Ltd, C/o Agent
Application Type: Telecommunications Development
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Week 17 ending 30 April

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse
Location: Fairview House, Main Street, Killin
Application Type: Detailed Consent

Week 18 ending 2 May

Proposal: Erection of double garage
Location: Clematis Cottage Main Street, Killin
Application Type: Detailed Consent

Week 19 ending 7 May

Proposal: Extension of dwelling house, erection of garage and demolition of wall
Location: Alpine Cottage
Decision: Approve with conditions

Perth and Kinross Council

2 April

Proposal: Replacement of dwellinghouse
Location: Easter Auchtar, Fearnan
Application Type: Full Application
Decision: Pending Consideration

10 April

Proposal: Change of use of purpose built shed from brewery to mixed use development
Location: Tombreck, Lawers
Application Type: Full Application
Decision: Pending Consideration

18 April

Proposal: Extensions to house
Location: Tigh Na Clachan, Fearnan
Application Type: Full Application
Decision: Pending Consideration

24 April

Proposal: Erection of a conservatory
Location: Croftanailean Fearnan
Decision: Pending consideration

Stirling Council

Week 13 ending 4 April

Proposal: Erection of dwelling house at Land Some 200m South East of Innischoarach, Killin

Week 17 ending 2 May

Proposal: Erection of agricultural building at
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Friends and Memories of the Birks Cinema?

The Friends of the Birks are looking for your support and your memories of the old Birks Cinema in The Square, Aberfeldy.

Using a £10,000 grant from the Ward Blenkinsop Trust, the group is commissioning a full costing of the project to turn the Birks into a brand new cinema. The next stage will be fund-raising to carry out the building work and, at their first AGM on 31st March, the group agreed to open up membership to anyone supporting their aims.

By becoming a Friend, new members will be actively backing the campaign to bring cinema back to Aberfeldy, helping to demonstrate the level of community support for the project and beginning to build funds to support the Friends' work.

There are two types of membership - Friend, for those 18 and over, with a membership fee of £10, and Junior Friend, for those between 12 and 17, which will be free.

Friends will be entitled to regular updates on progress and to a vote on critical decision making but most of all they will have a real stake in the project - and be first through the doors when the new cinema opens. Please apply to Charlotte

Flower on 01887 830307, or flowercharlotte@btconnect.com for a membership form.

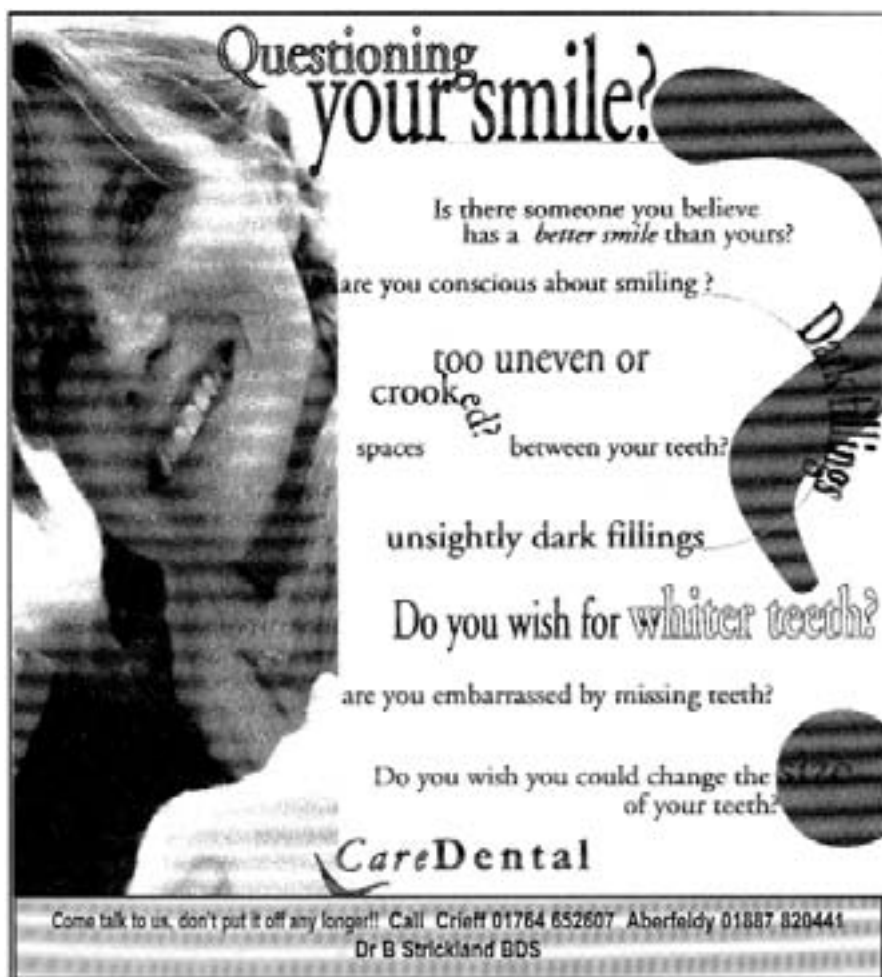
In addition to exploring the viability of giving the Birks Cinema a new lease of life, the Friends are very interested in the history of the early days of the cinema in Aberfeldy. As they have been talking to people over the last year about the cinema, it is really clear that The Birks Cinema was a very important part of people's lives over the years and it would be wonderful to capture some of the fabulous stories that people have - friendships and romances made, the various characters running the cinema and working there, great experiences both on screen but maybe more importantly off screen! What memories or stories can you share - funny, sad, romantic? Mrs Elana Freeman has volunteered to try and pull together the history of the cinema. so please contact her with your stories. She is happy to come and chat or receive written inputs. Contact her at 18C Chapel Street, Aberfeldy, Perthshire, PH15 2AS
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Loch Tay Food Chain

All around Loch Tay there have been lengthy, heated discussions about the possibility of establishing some sort of local food initiative. Why do we go to Perth or Stirling to buy foods from the other side of the world whilst simultaneously much of the produce from Highland Perthshire gets exported out of the area. Wouldn't it be good to be eating tatties or beef grown a mile away? There are similar initiatives in existence all over the country, some simple and others more complex. Whatever the outcome, the first stage is to get all the like minds together, both producers and consumers, and see what the interest is and what ideas folk have got.

To this end, there will be a public meeting mid-way along the Loch at Ben Lawers Hotel at 8pm on Thursday 14th June 2007 which will be open to anyone interested in establishing a local food initiative, working to make more local food available to local folk. (Tea and coffee will be provided) For more information email: food@tombreck.co.uk or phone 01567 829064

Katy MacLeod



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Jack puts Killin on the map

Since the last issue Killin Drama Club has been working hard with their production of Happy Jack. They travelled to Cupar for the divisional round of the SCDA Drama Festival and, while not progressing any further, were delighted to receive the top acting marks!

A trip to the west for the prestigious East Kilbride Festival also met with great success and the team returned home proudly holding the trophy for runners up. This festival involves teams from Scotland's most successful drama clubs and this prize is probably the highest achievement in the club's competitive history.

So it's onwards and upwards for the club. By the time you read this performances of Happy Jack and our other shorter plays will have taken place in Garelochhead and Taynuilt and on June 1st the show travels to Fearnan. The final curtain for Happy Jack will be at the Birnam Institute Saturday 2nd June.

Fearnan is not that far away folks – so if you missed the show in Killin come and join us along the lochside

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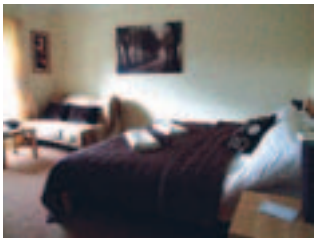


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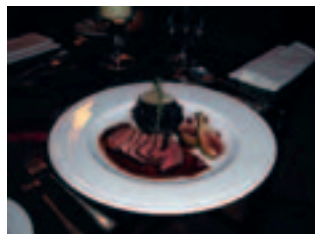
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Community Futures Action Plan

By the time you read this article, every house should have received a questionnaire and, more to the point, have completed and returned it! The information gathered will be collated over the next two months and the results will be presented in Crianlarich Village Hall on 8th September. Invitations to attend the presentation will be issued to everyone closer to the time. As mentioned in the last Killin News, a very important extra dimension to Community Futures is the Local Plan Open Day being held by the National Park Authority (NPA). In the Strathfillan area, the date is Thursday 19th July in Crianlarich Village Hall. The NPA is developing a new local plan which will replace the existing Stirling Local Plan. The occasion will be a "drop-in" event, running from 1.00pm to approximately 7.00pm, with a feed back session between 7.00-8.00pm. There will be maps and information regarding the whole of the Strathfillan area. It had been hoped to hold the event in both Tyndrum and

Crianlarich Village Halls, but this proved to be a logistical nightmare due to the size of the presentation. Instead, free transport will run from Tyndrum to Crianlarich in order that everyone has the chance to put their points across. The importance of attending this event cannot be stressed enough. Now is the chance to have your say about what you want to happen or have developed in your area. Have you, for example, had issues with planning? Do you want more footpaths? Do you want more housing and, if so, what size - rented or owned? Please, please come along anytime between 1.00 and 8.00pm and make your point.

Volunteer Day

There was a good turn out of volunteers on Sunday 22nd April at the Dalrigh Car Park. Litter was collected, shrubbery cleared and chukkie re-arranged. The car park is gradually being opened up to improve the views of Cononish Glen and Ben Lui and also to try and encourage people not to leave their rubbish behind and discourage fly tipping. For further information - Tel 01838 400 545 - Joyce or Gwyneth. (strathfillancdt@btconnect.com)

Gwyneth Scott

Strathfillan

The Community Woodlands

The Crianlarich and Tyndrum Community Woodlands are at their most beautiful. The pines are showing their spring growth and the broadleaf trees have come into leaf. The air is alive with peacock and orange tip butterflies, with birdsong and the calls of the cuckoo.

We received a visit on 5th May from a group of Indian foresters with particular interest in environmental restoration, conservation and community engagement with woodlands and woodland management. They appeared to enjoy walking through the Woodland and hearing from Dr John Holland about the ecology of the area and the social history of Strathfillan.

The Trust is continuing its discussions with Scottish Water Solutions about the route of the pipeline to improve Tyndrum's water supply. We are seeking reassurance about the environmental impact if the route crosses Tyndrum Community Woodland.

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“By The Way”

efforts of some junior National Park volunteers, who will be planting more young trees in Crianlarich Community Woodland.

The villages

Bedding plants will soon replace the spring bulbs in the pots in Crianlarich. A wooden bench has been purchased and will be sited at the foot of the Strathfillan Terrace steps. Fencing repairs are progressing well.

Tyndrum enjoyed a pub quiz, with quizmaster Christine Macnab - we hope this will be the first of many. Tyndrum Village Hall, in which the Trust has its office, now has disabled toilet facilities, thanks to a Stirling Council grant.

Future events

The 2007 woodland event and car boot sale are planned for Wednesday 15th August beside the Tyndrum Tourist Information Centre. Please put the date in your diary! As last year, there will be woodland craft demonstrations and stalls.

Trust's tenth anniversary.

This will be marked by an Art Exhibition in the autumn. Please look out for posters announcing the dates.

Effie Crompton

Have Your Say on Planning in Strathfillan

National Park Local Plan Open Day Crianlarich Village Hall, Crianlarich 19th July

Do you think Strathfillan needs more housing? Are there important open space areas or countryside in or around the villages 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 on which the National Park Authority would like your views. Have your say on the future development of your area and the National Park at the National Park Local Plan Open Day.

The National Park Authority is starting to work on a new Local Plan for the National Park. It will cover the whole Park area and will be the key document for making planning decisions over the next five years. At this early stage, we are seeking your views on the policies and proposals which should be included.

The Strathfillan Open Day is on

Thursday 19th July in the Crianlarich Village Hall. Drop in any time between 1 pm and 8 pm to put your ideas onto large maps of the villages and surrounding area and discuss your views with members of the Park Authority's planning team. From 7pm to 8pm there will be a feedback session including a short summary of views expressed during the day and then a discussion of some of the main issues raised and the next steps in preparing the Local Plan. Free transport will be available between Tyndrum and Crianlarich and publicised before the event.

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

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Strathfillan - "By The Way"



Strathfillan Community Council Cononish Gold Mine

In April a meeting about the mine was held with Chris Sangster, Mine Manager, Gordon Watson, Planning NP, and the Crown Commission. When this was discussed a few years ago, the CC was in favour of it as it would bring in skilled jobs and be an added tourist attraction but the use of chemicals during the flotation process was a concern. Chris Sangster explained that the process of mineral dressing had developed and that no chemicals were now likely to be used. Noise was a potential hazard but the ore crushing plant would be housed in a sound proofed building. More details will be available at a later stage. The Crown Commission seemed in favour of the proposal. If approved it will be about 2 years before extraction starts. It was now expected that more than 50 people would be employed for 10 years as more gold was expected to be found during operation of the mine so more housing and infrastructure would probably be needed. It was probable that there could be a planning gain for the community. Under the Structure Plan amendment going through consultation at present, if

infrastructure is required, the developer would be expected to pay towards it.

Community Profile

Moir Robertson has been appointed as Community Profiler and will work with the Steering Group to write a Community Profile to feed into the Action Plan. She is undertaking 20 interviews with stakeholders and a survey questionnaire will be hand delivered to every resident by volunteers.

Proposed Sub-Station Inverarnan

At a planning meeting to discuss this, Gwyneth Scott, representing the CC and residents, opposed the application on the grounds of impact on residential community and listed buildings, noise, the effect on tourism and the loss of future development in the area. Owen said the Planning Committee has severe doubts about allowing the proposal. The National Planning Framework states that, if plans for the supply or production of electricity are frustrated by the Planning Committee, the Scottish Executive can overrule the decision. Further assessment must be made before the planning application is looked at again. Health grounds are not applicable because planning has to go by the Stewart report which

found none. This application is against the Park Plan. It will not be seen from the road but will be from all the surrounding hills. It is at the most appropriate place from the point of view of the SSE and as it has the power of compulsory purchase, if the application is refused, SE will probably allow it. It is a case of damage limitation to get the least damaging deal possible and maybe some recompense. A mitigation report from SNH is needed before the application is reconsidered.

Kirkton Cemetery

The gate had been tied with string but has since been replaced with 'kissing gates' paid for by SC. Some headstones are down but these are the responsibility of relatives. Brian Cairns offered to ask a colleague to reposition them, but first Gwyneth will contact the relatives to get their permission. The Cemetery Officer will do something about the water butts.

Building Plots, Mansefield

The 5 building plots are now owned by Rural Stirling Housing Association.

Strathfillan Terrace Water Leak

Scottish Water is to be contacted about the cause of this.

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Upgrading to Microsoft Vista

I recently obtained a version of Microsoft Vista and have upgraded my laptop from Windows XP Professional. My laptop is a reasonable machine with 1GB of RAM and is only about 2-3 years old. The upgrade process was simple and went without a hitch. However, the install process did highlight that my computer's graphics capability was not powerful enough to run the Vista's new user interface "Aero". So I now have Vista running with the standard interface. Since I have been using Vista, I have encountered a few problems. At first the machine

would not connect to the wireless network that I had in my flat but I managed to cure this with the minimum of fuss. Another networking problem was that I lost the ability to print to my laserjet printer - it seems to have lost all knowledge that the printer even existed.

At the end of the installation process, VISTA highlighted several potential problems with existing hardware and software programs, including:

Vodafone 3G card - which I use to access the internet whilst on my travels

Sony Connect - to manage my music and connection to my Walkman

Apart from these, the main problem I have encountered is to do with system resources and in particular system memory or RAM. Even with 1GB of RAM installed, Vista can run slowly, and often runs out of memory. At the moment I can not honestly recommend that

anyone upgrades from XP to Vista.

I believe that there are likely to be problems requiring expert help if you mix Vista and XP machines in the same network.

If you intend to buy a second machine and to network this to your existing XP computer, printer and other peripherals, then the recommendation is to ensure that the new machine is also XP and not Vista

Of course if you are looking at replacing existing hardware or buying a computer for the first time, then Vista is ideal for you - but please make sure the new computer has sufficient resources to allow Vista to run properly.

Mark Lincoln

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We experienced new problems in preparing Mark's piece for the paper. Could this have been Vista related?

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Mervyn's Weather



In times past, when winters could produce lengthy spells of snow and ice, by the advent of summer, the sagas of blocked roads, buried sheep and general upheaval of day to day business, although not forgotten, were put behind and remained as mere anecdotes of our various experiences. Thus it is in 2007 in these halcyon days of April and early May. Despite the absence of snow blizzards, the damage created by gales and excessive rainfall over the winter has caused more structural damage than I can remember since coming to Ardtalnaig in 1950. Woods, buildings, watercourses and lochside erosion have all been severely affected. Small boys do not normally attach much importance to statistics, be they of weather or any other subject; but for most rural children whose parents/relatives scratch a precarious existence from the surface of the Earth there has to be an awareness of the effects weather conditions can have on their livelihood. So it was with me during my boyhood

in Ulster. The year 1938 sticks in the memory as being a year of contrasts. As in 2007, a very wet and stormy though mild winter was followed at the end of March by a long spell of dry sunny conditions and, although not as warm then, it was almost unprecedented in intensity. Many places throughout the UK experienced absolute drought, ie 17 days without measurable rainfall. During this period, St. Andrews had no precipitation from 30th March to 11th May (cf. 2007 Ardtalnaig 30th March-15th April). There were many runaway moorland fires, in our own case peat cutters burning a stretch to provide a "spread ground" for the newly cut peats lost control of the fire, which destroyed over 400 acres of hill grazing and heather. The ensuing insurance court case awarded my father positively, but on appeal the decision was reversed by another Judge of different political persuasion and he lost out and had to pay costs. He was not amused! But as the saying goes, "Tha sin sgeal eile"

that's another story! Now, with recourse to the annals of "The Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland", some more details of this weather of 1938 can be accessed. The drought of that year broke around the 8th-10th May. The next two months and more were pretty abysmal with very cold temperatures and rainfall in June and July 200% of normal over much of Scotland. August, however, was the best month of summer, with temperatures reaching 82F (27.8C) in places. Thereafter things went rapidly downhill. The grain harvest was a complete disaster and, although unseasonably mild, rainfall and wind strengths were excessive. During a short, severe, cold snap from 18th-25th December, I well remember seeing corn (oats) sheaves hanging bedraggled and snow covered on fences. In 2007 similarly the weather "took up" around the date of the Spring equinox (21st March) and until 6th May (as I write) conditions have been idyllic, trees shrubs and flowers in leaf and bloom 14 to 21 days before normal, and the lambing the most "gentlemanly" I have known in over 60 years involvement! Will 2007 continue in the same vein as its predecessor 1938? We will see!

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Japanese Knotweed Hits Killin

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It was introduced in the 19th century as an ornamental plant and has now spread throughout the British Isles and Cornwall where controlling it is a great drain on their resources. There are still some areas that do not see it as a threat and it remains unrecognised by many council workers. It often appears along road and railway lines following road or excavation work probably brought in by contaminated vehicles. In Killin we had two areas by Moirlanich, two areas beside Pier Road and one on the first corner of Manse Road. Since the road was closed to construct the new pavement and build the speed bumps, part of the root system of the Manse Road Japanese Knotweed was excavated and dumped somewhere in Killin. Where, will become obvious when it starts to grow. Unfortunately it is very difficult and expensive to control as there are regulations about cutting and transporting it. It should not be composted and if burned, burning should take place in the area in which it is growing. It can be buried only in dedicated landfill sites at a depth of five metres. It does respond to glyphosate weedkiller but it may take four seasons to ensure eradication. It is illegal to spread Japanese Knotweed under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. If you see Japanese Knotweed or have any growing in your garden please notify Audrey Morrison Tel: 01786 462824



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Winter Mountaineering in Breadalbane

Believe it or not winter mountaineering in the Breadalbane area is really rather good. With base camp in the Killin area, day long excursions between November and March can extend even to Glencoe, Ben Nevis and the southern Cairngorms if you get up early enough (5.00am) or don't mind finishing in the dark (torchlit). For me, coping with the possibility of night overtaking day is what makes mountaineering in winter more challenging than at other times - shortage of daylight, and the urgent need for efficient organisation and travel. My observations and experience of winter mountaineering here involve hill-walking in winter, where weather and ground conditions add spice and beauty to the day. It can be colder, wetter, and windier and, with the shortage of daylight thrown in, the threat of a night shift adds an edge and a challenge that has kept me and my companions alert to a wide range of options on these hills (Munros and Corbetts). Despite the possibility of global

warming, winter conditions can apply frequently above 2000ft (about 600m), so boots need to be winter boots, and crampons and ice axe will often be required, for snow and/or ice will change all surfaces to banana skins. To find the best excursions, come daylight or darkness, cloud or shine, you need OS maps at 1:50,000 scale, a decent mountaineering compass and the skill to use it. Forget walking poles, forget GPS gizmos - check the weather forecast (eg www.mwis.org.uk), and possibly the avalanche reports (www.sais.org.uk) and tread carefully. Edward Whymper of Matterhorn fame wrote: 'Look well to each step; and from the beginning think what may be the end.' What he meant was: 'Engage your brain.' If your day needs freedom from brain work, do something else. Or hire a guide.

All within reach for a day out (within an hour's drive from Killin) are the Loch Lomond peaks, Ben Lui, Stob Ghabhar, Ben Cruachan, Ben Lawers and the Tarmachans, the peaks of Glen Lochay, Ben

More/Stob Binnein, other peaks of the Blackmount, the Carn Mairg Group, Beinn a'Ghlo and the Drumochter summits. Glencoe, the Cairngorms and Creag Meagaidh are outwith the purpose of this piece and really involve 'climbing', something perhaps to graduate to. 'Climbing' is a bit different, involving steeper places and probably more technical equipment (eg ropes), and anyway the opportunities for good winter climbing within Breadalbane are rather limited.

It would be difficult to name favourites. Every day is memorable; can you say that about every day at work? Anticipation of entering 'remote' places; snow, wind, sunshine, cloud; companions, banter, sudden sightings of animals or birds; unexpected weather and coping with its demands satisfactorily; the pub at the end; and finally the photographs afterwards. Or just being out there, breathing fresh air that hasn't been used a million times already. Worth every minute.

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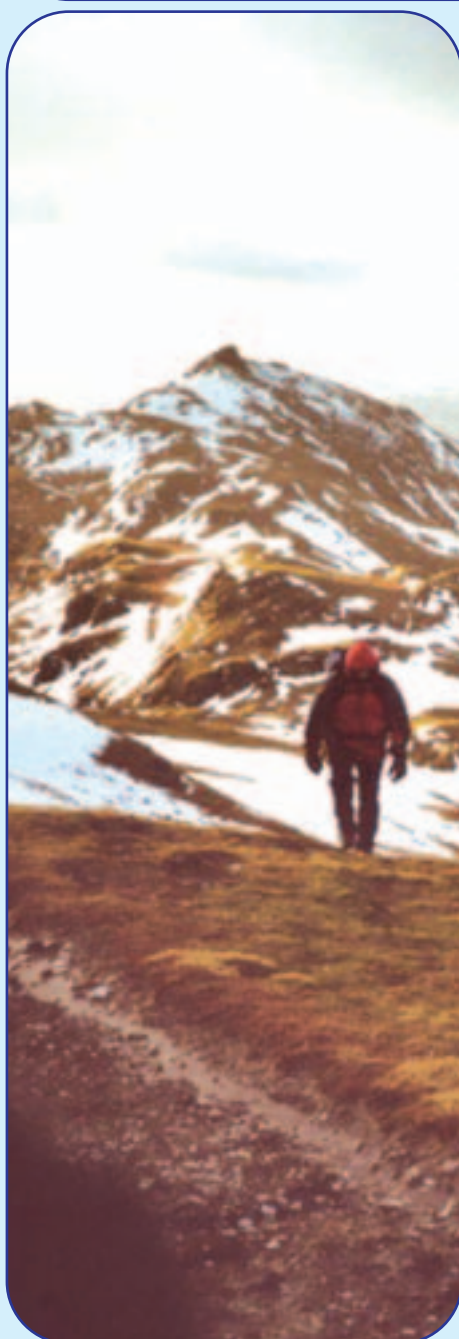
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Some folk say "There is no God". 'The God Delusion' is selling well these days. Such an outlook would propose that all the wonders around us are accidental. No Almighty hand made a thousand billion stars. They made themselves. The surface of the land just happened to have topsoil without which we would have no vegetables to eat and no grass for the animals.

The inexhaustible envelope of air, only fifty miles deep and of exactly the right density to support human life, is just another law of physics. We have day and night because the earth spins at a given speed without slowing down. Who made this arrangement? Who tilts it so that we get seasons? The sun's fire does not generate too much heat so that we are incinerated, but just enough so that we do not freeze. Who keeps its fire constant? The human heart will beat for seventy or more years without faltering. How does it get sufficient rest between beats? Who gave the human tongue flexibility to form words, and who made the brain to understand those words? Is it all accidental? "There is no God"? That is what some people say. The Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1) and "The fool says in his heart "There is no God" (Psalm 14:1)

"Lord of beauty, thine the splendour shewn in earth and sky and sea, burning sun and moonlight tender, hill and river, flower and tree: lest we fail our praise to render touch our eyes that they may see." (C.A. Alington)

Ladd Fagerson

Loch Tay Association

At the AGM. Chairman, Dr Alistair Inglis, reported that Sandie Murphy retired as Secretary/Treasurer after 25 years service to the Association. A dinner was held to mark the occasion of her retirement and Wilma Harrison has taken over. There is concern about the problems of litter and fly-tipping which have increased as a result of the Legislation. Local initiatives are attempting to tackle the problem on Loch Tay. It is recognised that the worst offenders are visiting fishermen. A great deal of effort is being made by the two angling clubs to educate anglers on the shore. The survey carried out two years ago demonstrates clearly the desire of the respondents for bye-laws for Loch Tay. The proposed byelaw document is based on the byelaws of Loch Lomond which are in turn based on Marine Law. The final version is almost ready for presentation to the councils. In October an open meeting was held to identify our current aims and objectives. In February a meeting was held with various representatives of businesses with interests in the Loch but unfortunately only a few attended. There is concern about the rise in planning applications for substantial development of holiday

accommodation along the north side of the Loch. At present this represents some 200 holiday homes. The association does not normally get involved with planning issues but the impact of such a large expansion is certain to have a major effect on the Loch itself.

The Committee needs new members and anyone willing to give of their time would be most welcome.

For information on The Loch Tay Association contact:

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Road Closures

The new British cycling event, Etape Caledonia, is taking place between Pitlochry and Kenmore and the following roads will be closed in both directions for specified periods on

Sunday 24th June:

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Where are they now?

"That was awesome eh?" says Tyler, another ski patroller who's clearly here to fulfill his desire as an avalanche junkie. "It sure was loud" I reply, as my ears finally stop ringing. Both exhilarated and excited at seeing hundreds of tons of snow being blasted down a 200ft cliff drop, I regain my composure, strap back into my snowboard and we head along the ridge to the next 'bomb site'.

I'm currently working at FAR, Fernie Alpine Resort, high in the Canadian Rockies, British Columbia, as a volunteer Ski/Snow Patroller. An average work day consists of arriving at the ski hill around 6am to complete 'Avalanche Control', essentially deliberately triggering avalanches, using explosives around the resort in a controlled manner to make the mountain safe, or at least safer, for the public. The remainder of the day is then spent dealing with 'wrecks' or accidents where first aid is required on the mountain, and finally at the end of the day a 'sweep' is done to ensure everyone is safely off the hill - before heading to the 'Club house' for a few après ski beers. I live nearby in Fernie, a friendly little ski town hidden high in the Rockies, where I DJ a few nights a week to pay the bills. Aside from



**Dougie with Phy,
his sponsored
student**

that, life here revolves, as in Killin, around the social scene - although I do seem to spend considerably more time in my outdoor hot tub, than I ever remember back there! My journey to this point has not been direct, in any sense. I headed for Uni in Glasgow after leaving McLaren and was lucky enough to land an IT job with Packard Bell NEC during my time there. During my 5 years with them, I rose to the position of UK Field Development

Manager, based in London, and also attended conferences as far away as Malta & Jordan! After saying 'adios' to the corporate scene I took a round the world trip that gave me the opportunity to experience everything from super efficient Chinese train travel to super laid back Fijian island life and discover vastly different people, from exiled Tibetan Monks in Northern India, to my sponsored grateful students in Cambodia!

So where next? Well I and my Canadian girlfriend, Jenni, have just booked our flights 'down-under' for a 12 month working holiday in Australia & New Zealand, before returning to Cambodia with the plan of purchasing a beach front

commercial property and opening a Kite-surfing School. So if you're ever down that way, look us up and - if you've got a copy of the Killin news with you - we'll do you a 7% discount! The world is yours to explore - enjoy!

Douglas Ferguson

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Killin Primary School

Mrs Frost Retires

Mrs Frost will be retiring in June after 25 years of teaching at Killin Primary School. We would like to invite current pupils, past pupils, family and friends to join us on Thursday 21st June at 7.30p.m. for a "Farewell Fling". Tickets are free from the school office.

Re-roofing

This summer there will be a lot of building work going on at Killin Primary School, starting on Monday 4th June and will last for 8 weeks. So if you see scaffolding being erected around the school building don't panic - it's not falling down! Neighbours and friends of Killin Primary School are asked to be vigilant during this period and to report any acts of vandalism please. Your anticipated support is as always most welcome.

Session Ends

This year has been very busy as usual. We started by welcoming two new members of staff to the teaching team. As the year ends we will be saying good-bye to Mrs Frost. However, we will be looking forward to appointing a new Principal Teacher to start in August 2007. To help celebrate some of our achievements this year please join us on Thursday 28th June at 7p.m. in the McLaren Hall for our Awards ceremony and Concert. This will be Primary Seven's last public

appearance as primary school pupils!

Follow Through Inspection

Peter MacNaughton, District Inspector with HMIe, was in Killin Primary School on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th April. His report will be published in August. The verbal feedback given was that Killin Primary School has made good progress since April 2005. Learning and Teaching, Children's Attainments and Ethos have all improved. All staff were highly praised for the respect shown to children. He was extremely impressed by the way staff work as a team to improve children's learning experiences. It was recognised that support for learning assistants was exceptional. Many other strengths were highlighted and these will be reported in the published report in August. Mr MacNaughton said that if the school had been at this standard two years ago there would have been no need for any follow through inspection. As a result we have been signed off by HMIe as a school who has the capacity for self-improvement.

Shared Head Teacher

The plan is that Killin Primary School will share a head teacher with Crianlarich Primary School from August 2007. What this means for

Killin Primary School is that I won't be in the building 5 days a week, but there will be a principal teacher appointment made. The principal teacher will deputise when I am out of the building. It also means that I will not be included in the staffing allocation for class commitment and should allow some flexibility to further support learning and teaching.

Sponsored Cycle

The P.T.A. have organised a sponsored cycle for Sunday 10th June to raise funds to help pay for refreshments for Sports Day, subsidise School Outings planned for this term and to pay for book bags for every child to be able to carry their homework in a durable, protective bag. Please support this event!

Green Team

Meet every other Thursday from 6pm until 7.30pm by the pond in the wildlife garden at the front of the school.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who help make Killin Primary School such a vibrant and enjoyable school to attend. There are too many to name as individuals but I would like to include everyone who helped with Topic Work, the National Trust Rangers, Killin Drama Club, Killin Sports Club, Ardeonaig Outdoor Centre, Furbush Outdoor Centre, Rev. John Lincoln, Killin Heritage Society, Kay Riddell in her role as librarian, Killin Primary School Board and P.T.A., Staff and Parents for all their hard work and everyone else who was persuaded to come to an event or help with a club. The community support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to next year's busy school schedule.

Sandra Logan
Head teacher

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Killin Heritage Society

Heritage Presentation

As members of the Killin Heritage Society we have been gathering information to form the basis of a history of the village. On Friday



MacDiarmid's Shop

30th March, Wille and I gave a presentation in the Lesser Hall to show some of the work we have been doing to create this house history of Killin and the surrounding area. The meeting was very well attended so confirming the interest most people have in the history of the village. We started the work about 3 years ago by gathering the details available in the census. We now have a database with the names and occupations of residents from the 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901 census returns. Other details have been added which confirm the family names and in some cases catch those not recorded by the census because they appeared and disappeared between censuses. These details include inscriptions from both cemeteries, the names of children registered in school from the time of the opening of the school in 1864 up to the year 1915 and details from the valuation roll of 1929.

The Society has a filing cabinet which houses photographs, documents, postcards and other items of interest. These have been scanned and the details added to the individual house histories. Knowing what we have been trying to record, some members of the

community have generously allowed us to scan some personal photographs, documents and other items useful to the process. This has enhanced the database and

added huge interest to the way the information appears. Details of family members and lifestyle have all contributed to the picture of life in Killin in the past. We are very grateful to those who have shared these artefacts with us and as we scan most photographs and documents to a high standard it does mean that we need to borrow them only for a short time to process. If you or your relations have documents,

photos or other items of interest that you would like to add to our database, we would be delighted to hear from you. We have only started the process and have ideas about how we should

share all this with the community and visitors coming to Killin to search for family history. The best solution would be through a village



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Heritage and Resource centre. This is being considered by the Killin Futures group as it would not only benefit the village but would be an incentive for more visitors to come here.

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Killin Heritage Rural Project



Using a plane table

In the week after Easter members of Killin Heritage Society made a start on their survey of the deserted farm township called Ardnagaul off the Auchlyne Road. Staff from Scotland's Rural Past Project were on hand with lots more information for us to take on board. At this early stage in our survey, it appears that Ardnagaul may have consisted of four farms or townships at one time. The OS Survey of 1861 shows two settlements with a track between and also roofed buildings and this ties in with the census of 1861 listing two families living at the township. The other two farms are not shown and may have been ruins by this time. We were encouraged to find the details on the 1861 map matching our own survey.

If anyone is interested in joining the Killin Heritage Society and getting involved, please contact

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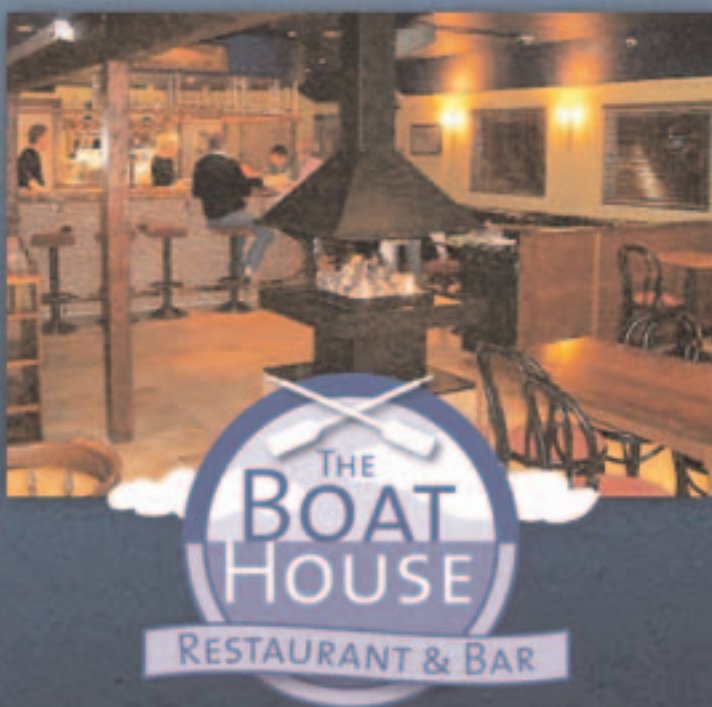
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21st July - JUST SETS

27th July - KARAOKE

28th July - SANDSTORM

21st July - FREE

FALCONRY DISPLAY

National Park News

Climate Change is taking centre stage. There is evidence of a gradual northerly migration of flora and fauna. So should we be concerned and what can we do? There are opportunities to influence the rate at which global warming takes place and there is time to ensure that we take the necessary actions to avoid the worst consequences. History shows that there is a cyclical nature to weather and science confirms that past global warming is linked to increased carbon emissions. While not the sole factor we do know that it is a major contributor so we can all help by reducing our carbon emissions. Nationally the government is promoting renewable energy schemes, encouraging public transport and so on. People are encouraged to look at their own

carbon footprint, in particular, to cut down on flying. The Park Plan states that large scale wind farms are not welcome in the National Park which makes it look as if the Park Authority is not prepared to do its bit to counteract global warming. Nothing could be further from the truth. There is provision for sensitively sited smaller scale hydro and wind schemes. Furthermore, through the planning process we encourage greater use of micro renewables. Discussions continue to find ways to introduce community biomass heating schemes for new developments. In our own HQ at Balloch we are installing a woodchip system, using locally grown wood. The HQ is insulated with wool and numerous other energy saving devices are being introduced. Carbon offset schemes abound but

care has to be taken that good intentions are not wasted. There is no point in planting a tree to offset your carbon emissions if it is not suited to the ground in which it is planted. Transport is a problem. The very nature of the Park with remote communities makes it extremely difficult to have a viable public transport system leaving cars as the only option. Many visitors want to get around the area in as short a time as possible but we need more visitors. Increased numbers of UK visitors both reduce the number who fly abroad and increase the pressure to improve the public transport system from which we all would benefit.

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New Mobile Libraries

If you are a user of Stirling Council's Mobile Library Service, you will soon have a treat in store. New vehicles with a Mercedes chassis and built by Paneltex, who have won awards for their mobile library design, will soon be on the road. There are two entrances, one of which has a lift for wheelchair users. The vehicles have in-built safety features, such as an audible reversing warning, a proximity (to warn of nearby obstacles) and an external halogen light to welcome users on winter evenings. Once in the vehicles, however, customers will be met by a completely new look. The vehicles both have flat floors. The library desk has also been turned around to leave more space for users to move around. Initial comments have suggested that it is like the Tardis - less a comment on its on-board gadgetry than on the fact that it appears far bigger inside than its

exterior might suggest! There is space for around 2,500 items. Adults and children have a large range of both fiction and non-fiction at their disposal, while there will also be a selection of audio-visual items to choose from. If you cannot find the item you are looking for, the extremely friendly and helpful staff will be happy to request an item for you. Mobile Librarian Nelson Busby switches the libraries between urban and rural routes every six weeks to ensure that users have regular access to different stock. Details of the time of mobile library stops in our area are always featured in Killin News. Alternatively, you can get a copy of the timetable from the website at www.stirling.gov.uk/libraries Follow the link "We come to you" on the left hand side of the page or ring 01786 432383.



Tyndrum/Crianlarich

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July 13, 27

Tyndrum

Station Road 10.50 – 11.10

Clifton 11.15 – 11.40

Mansefield 11.45 – 12.00

Crianlarich

Willow Square

12.05 – 12.35

Police Station & School

1.40 – 2.30

Benmore 2.35 – 2.55

Suie Lodge 3.05 – 3.25

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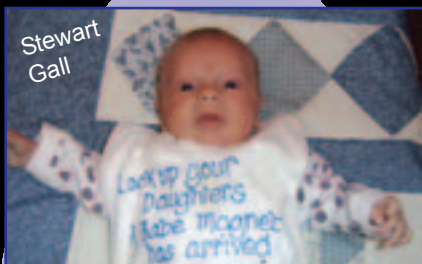
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Andrew Donald Noble born 1st April 2007 to David and Claire, a little brother for Becca. Thanks to all for all the lovely cards and gifts



Susan Webster graduated from Glasgow Caledonian University with a Batchelor of Science in Occupational Therapy with distinction. She is working as an Occupational Therapist for NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.
(Big thanks to Darren for all his support)

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Thank you to everyone who so kindly sent flowers, gifts and cards to mark the occasion of my ninetieth birthday on March 23rd. Thank you also for the phonecalls and visits, which were greatly appreciated.
Peggy Anderson

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The team at the Real Food Café wish Sarah, Deirdre and Kate all the very best in their efforts to compete in "The Great Kindrochit Quadrathlon" raising money for the Killin Mountain Rescue Falls of Dochart Retirement Home and Mercy Corps

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A Challenge for You ?

Taking part in sponsored challenge events is a popular way of raising money for charities. If you fancy a challenge and don't mind a few aching muscles, you might like to try one of the events being organised in this area.

The Martin Currie

Rob Roy Challenge, 23rd June, is in aid of Cancer Research UK, Children's Hospice Association Scotland and Habitat for Humanity. This event covers 55 miles of the spectacular Rob Roy Way with about 600 participants walking 16 miles from Drymen, near Loch Lomond, through the Trossachs to Callander, where they switch to bikes for a 39 mile cycle ride to enjoy a well deserved rest and refuel at the final checkpoint in Killin before going on to the finish in Kenmore – all in around 8-12 hours.

The Artemis

Great Kindrochit Quadrathlon, 14th July, will benefit Mercy Corps, an international development charity and will fund a groundbreaking tuberculosis project in Pakistan. This challenge incorporates swimming, walking/running, kayaking and cycling, over and around Loch Tay and the summits of the Ben Lawers Range and Tarmachan Ridge. Participants take a break in Killin to enjoy fish and chips before

completing the final leg of the event a 34 mile cycle around Loch Tay.

The Artemis Highland 100, 28th July, has a target of £300,000 to raise funds for four charities – the Edinburgh Cyrenians, Rainer, CHICKS and Tusk. Participants in this inaugural 100km challenge will start at Kenmore and head north towards the famous Schiehallion and then west to Loch Rannoch with stunning views out towards the famous Rannoch Moor and beyond. With three levels to choose from, Bronze (64km), Silver (83km) and Gold (110km), challengers travel on and off road routes to finish at Killin, where they will be greeted by a sumptuous feast, specialist sports massage, refreshments and entertainment for the whole family; including a "Mini Greek Olympic Games" celebrating Artemis, the Greek Goddess of hunting. Local residents are most welcome to come along and enjoy the activities taking place throughout the day in Bredalbane Park, Killin, where refreshments will be available at a small cost.

To register for events or, if you don't want to take part in the challenges but would still like to be involved, to volunteer as a marshall, visit

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Are We Tough Enough?

We (Deidre MacLennan, Kate Forster and Sarah Heward-Wolsey) are taking part in The Great Kindrochit Quadrathlon on 14th July as a team under the name of 'Herbie's Angels'. The event is billed as Scotland's toughest one day event which is entered by over 200 competitors from all over the world. Our team must complete all the following sections :

Swim across Loch Tay

- 0.8 miles

Run over 7 Munros - 15 miles

(total climb 8,500 ft)

Kayak across Loch Tay - 7 miles

Cycle around Loch Tay - 34 miles

Chop a melon in half with a sword!!

We are not totally bonkers as we hope by doing this to improve our own fitness and raise funds for the following charities,

The Killin Mountain Rescue,

The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home and Mercy Corps.

If you want to contribute towards our collection, please visit Dee or Sarah at The Real Food Cafe in Tyndrum or make a donation with Paul at The Killin Post Office. Please be aware that we have paid our own entry fees and that 100% of all donations will go to the chosen charities.

We have been fortunate enough to be coached by Herbie McLean from the Glebe (Hillrunner and former professional boxer) who has been putting us through our paces in his gym - watch out as we are getting good at the right hooks! We have been fuelled and encouraged by Herbie's wife, Janice and Judy Forster, to both of whom we are eternally grateful.

Finally, please look out for us and cheer us on if you see us passing through Killin on the day.

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Age groups

55 - 63:

1 A. McHenery (Killin) 57

2 J.P. Campbell (Killin) 60

3 J. Burton (Killin) 62

64 - 68:

1 A. Simpson (Lochwinnoch) 66 BIH

2 W. Christie (Bridge of Allan) 66

3 J.R. Guild (Killin) 67

69+:

1 G. Sumner (Macclesfield) 65 BIH

2 A. Hill (Dalmally) 65

3 J. MacAllum (Paisley) 66

Nearest the pin

0 - 14: A. Simpson

MacTaggart Trophy (h/cap 15 - 28):

A. McHenery (Killin) 57

Lix Toll Trophy (h/cap 1 - 14)

R.D. Lewis (Killin) 64

Kiltyrie Trophy:

A. McHenery (Killin) 57

Magic 2's

A. Lyons x2

R. Harbinson x2

G.R.A. Sumner

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Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve
Talks Programme

Illustrated talks by NTS

Countryside staff and guests, held at NTS meeting room, Lynedoch, Main Street, Killin at 8.00pm:

Wednesday 11th July;

'Life, but not as we know it. The underwater world of Scotland's only Marine Nature Reserve'

Liza Cole, Marine Ranger at St Abb's and Eyemouth Voluntary Marine Nature Reserve takes us beneath the waves.

Wednesday 25th July;

'Pieces of the past - archaeological facts from the Ben Lawers Historic Landscape Project'.

Derek Alexander, West Regional Archaeologist tries to fit the puzzle together.

Wednesday 8th August,

'Skins and things'.

Emma O'Shea Ranger, Naturalist at the National Trust for Scotland's North Perthshire Properties, introduces us to some of the mammals to be found in the woods around Killiecrankie and Linn of Tummel.

Wednesday 22nd August,

'Ben Lawers - More than a Munro: look what's under your feet!'

Helen Cole, Ranger Naturalist at Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve, shows you what you might not notice.

Carpet Bowls

Killin Carpet Bowling Club held their Dinner and Prizegiving on 14th April in the Killin Hotel. After an excellent dinner, the following received their trophies:

League before Christmas:

J. Beattie, J. Guild, S. Aitken, & H. Guild

Points: J. Sinclair

Knockout Trophy:

C. McLarty & C. Higgins

Handicaps Shield:

J. Guild, J. Holland & T. Bolton

League after Christmas:

J. Beattie, B. Goodwin, W. Reid & J. Sinclair

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Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve Guided walks 2007

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The hills are alive! Every Wednesday 11th July - 29th August: 1.30pm-4.00pm. A chance to experience some of the varied plant and animal life of this famous reserve. Walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing are essential. Adults £5, children £2. Numbers are limited so please book in advance.

Mountain flowers: Thursday 19th July: 10.30am-2.30pm. A look at some of the plants for which these hills are famous and pioneering work to conserve them for the future. Requires a reasonable level of fitness. Walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing and food are essential. Adults £10, children £5. Numbers are limited so please book in advance.

Hillcraft: Thursday 23rd August: 10.30am-2.30pm. Get to grips with the basics of how to walk safely in the hills. Requires a reasonable level of fitness. Walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing, food and map and compass are essential. Adults £10, children £5. Numbers are limited so please book in advance.

All walks depart from the Ben Lawers Mountain Visitor Centre car park
To book phone 01567 820397



Heart of Scotland Herb Society

The rain, sun and warmth have certainly had a positive effect on our herb gardens which are lush with growth and full of colour. It is easy being a plant at this time of year, just taking it all in without stress from temperature extreme or drought. We all benefit from the show: visible shades and shapes, scented leaves, petals and roots and textures aplenty, from thorns to soft and rugged leaves and stems. Tastewise, so much is ready for the kitchen cooking pots, as many herbal essential oils are now available in abundance. Tea leaf from the mints, sage, nettle, chamomile, thyme, verbena and bergamot makes a lovely change from the usual breakfast or Scottish blend. I hope you are making use of the present herbal bounty.

Our last meeting of the programme, 'Chocolate and Mint', is being held at Grandtully Hall on 23rd May when Margaret Lear and Cath McGregor will be sharing interesting facts, fun and tastes with the new chocolatier in the neighborhood! The annual summer outing this year will be on 23rd June to Glamis Castle, coinciding with a visit from the Wisconsin Herb Society of America. Additionally, we will be travelling down to Gloucestershire and touring the garden at Highgrove House on 24th July. For future information about HSHS or any of these events, please phone either Patty Hope, 01567 820408 or Judy Forster at 01567 820298. Do continue to embrace the wealth of nature available at this beautiful time of the year.

Patty Hope

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Bleak Future for Bus?



The present Killin Community Bus now needs replacing. It was originally funded by a grant from the Scottish Office and fund raising efforts by the community. It is not certain that a grant will be available this time. The bus is an essential asset to many groups in the village. So how do we raise the money? The AGM of the Bus Company is to be held on 7th June in the McLaren Lesser Hall at 7.30pm. Please come along with ideas and support or we may lose this valuable service.

New Real Nappy Officer

Forth Environment Link have recently appointed Claire Jack as project officer to work on the Forth Valley Real Nappy Network project funded by the Scottish Executive. Switching to real nappies is a much more environmentally friendly option to using disposables - it is estimated that almost three billion nappies are thrown away each year in the UK and that, in a one baby household, disposables make up about half that household's waste. As an additional benefit using real nappies can save parents hundreds of pounds. Claire Jack, who used real nappies

on her own son, says, 'Not only are parents making a positive environmental choice when they use real nappies, but they can save up to about £500 on a first baby and even more if they reuse the nappies on subsequent babies.' Claire is available to answer any queries you might have and says, 'The choice of nappies is amazing these days - from cute to funky - and shaped ones are as easy as using disposables with no pins or complicated folds. There's even a nappy laundry if people don't want to wash their own.'

Claire can demonstrate how to use real nappies. She has a supply of sample nappy packs with the latest designs which you can borrow and try in the comfort of your own home before making a final decision on whether to go real.

Forth Environment Link are looking for volunteers to help with the project, to give advice to parents and promote the use of real nappies. If you want to get involved, or wish to find out about real nappies, contact claire@forthenvironmentlink.org or call 01786 449215



Killin Gun Club

June 17 Club Shoot
50 Sporting Targets

July 15 Charity Shoot
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Killin and Crianlarich Nursery News

Killin and Crianlarich Nursery

The children in the 3-5 rooms of Killin and Crianlarich Nurseries recently enjoyed a trip to the MacRobert Centre in Stirling to see an excellent dance production of the story 'The Gruffalo's Child' by Julia Donaldson. The MacRobert Centre is always an enjoyable place to spend time with the children.

Killin Nursery

The 3-5s children sold daffodils as part of their Garden Group's Enterprise. Some of the older children began their transition with a visit to Killin Primary School for a music session.

In the 0-3 rooms the context for learning is 'Let's get physical' the children have been using the school gym to develop gross and fine motor skills and have spent a lot of time in the park and walking in the local environment.

Our thanks to Gill Higgins and Anne Simpson for bringing in their dogs to visit the children. The children have been interested in the Hairy Maclary stories and Gill and Anne were provided real live Bottomley Potts and Schnitzel Von Krumm's (characters from the stories) for the children to see.

Ceilidh

Crianlarich Parent's Group held a family Ceilidh on 9th March in Crianlarich Village Hall. It was a great evening with fantastic music from The Loch Tay Steamers, and other entertainers who were confident enough to brave the stage. Everyone enjoyed Stovies and a selection of home baking and many people went home with raffle prizes. We were a bit disappointed but not deterred by the low numbers of people attending. We hope to run another Ceilidh next year. Many thanks to all who donated and helped to make this an enjoyable evening. £112.00 was raised and this will go towards purchasing outdoor clothing and equipment for the children in both nurseries.

Crianlarich Garden

A working party of parents, children and staff got together on 2nd April and began Phase 2 of the Nursery Garden. Everyone worked very hard, clearing the area to the west of the garden. Kevin Gammons rebuilt the little wall at the edge of the area, which we are planning to use as a vegetable plot with raised

beds. Plants were purchased and planted in the border around the edge of the grassed area, and lots of weeding done. The staff and children at Killin and Crianlarich Nursery would like to thank all those who offered help on the day. We could not achieve so much without the help of our enthusiastic parents.

Lorraine Pritchard

Inspections of Killin and Crianlarich Nurseries

Both nurseries have recently received integrated inspections by the Care Commission and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIe), who inspected the quality of care and education in our settings. It is with pride that I report that both nurseries received very good reports signifying major strengths. I would like to thank the staff team for their professional commitment in delivering this quality provision and their dedication to its ongoing development. Thank you also to the children and their families for continually supporting our service.



These reports are published and available to read on the Care Commission (www.carecommission.com) and HMIe (www.hmie.gov.uk) websites.

Thank you also to Children's Services, Stirling Council, especially the Early Years Team for the support, guidance and motivation they give us in providing the service.

Lucy Paulin

Head of Killin & Crianlarich Nursery

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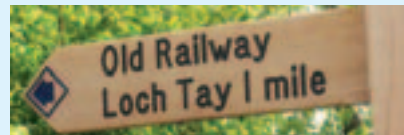


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Killin Path Network



As part of the ongoing Killin Paths project a number of signs have been installed in and around the village to highlight the main access routes. The signage has been located to complement the routes that already exist in the Killin park paths leaflet. Fingerposts have been installed at the start of paths and sign boards and waymarkers are located at strategic junctions. All the signs have been made using scottish oak and the colour of the infilled arrows match up with the colours allocated to each route in the park paths leaflet. This work has been done in co-operation with a number of local landowners and I would like to thank them for their patience and understanding in this matter. Another big change has been the replacement fencing on the Dochart viaduct. This informal access route along the old railway line has benefited from works undertaken by Tom Murphy. The National Park Authority secured funds for the signage and the replacement fencing.

Core Path Plan meetings in June
Strathfillan - Thursday 14th June.
 Crianlarich Village Hall 7pm – 9pm
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McLaren Reunion



Killin Guides

Killin Guides are enjoying the summer term and are busy preparing for our first Guide camp in the middle of June. We will be joining over 200 other Guides from all over Forth Valley for the weekend - and are all keeping our fingers crossed for good weather! We are looking for a new assistant leader to help us after the summer - previous Guiding experience is not necessary - so if you think you could spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday evening and would like to find out more, please contact

Linda Bradley
01567 830301

A reunion for pupils of McLaren High from years 1959-1965 is being arranged to take place on Friday 16th May 2008. Anyone who was at school at that time and is interested should contact Nancy Crook (nee Moffat), 11 Barbour Grove Dunfermline KY12 9YB 01383738219. The photo of the 3rd Year classes at McLaren High in 1962 may include some pupils who came from Killin and would wish to attend.

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Letters

Thank You to Voters

Following the Local Council Election I am now the Conservative Councillor for your community within the Trossachs and Teith Ward. I would like to thank all of you who assisted in this process. I am proud and humbled to have been selected with others to represent you on Stirling Council and will endeavour to help rectify the rural deficit that exists in our ever centralised society. As such I look forward to working with you in dealing with such of your concerns than are the responsibility of Stirling Council to resolve. I can occasionally be of assistance with other agencies that need an extra push! I will attend community meetings when able and invited dependant on availability. I shall be setting up Surgery dates in co-operation with my fellow Councillors in the ward and will publish these in due course. To contact me;
Tel. 01877 339024
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or Stirling Councils contact centre
0845 2777000.
Regards

Cllr Tony Ffinch

From the "Fishman"

May I through your newspaper express my sincere thanks to all my very dear friends who have supported me as customers over the past 8 years in Killin and district. Thanks also for their kindness and generosity shown by so many cards, gifts and expressions of thanks on my retirement. It has been worth the 140 odd miles drive (sometimes through ice, sleet and snow) to have met such friendly people. I will miss you all and hope Willie can do the same for you as I have tried to do. You will always have a special place in our hearts. God bless you and thank you again.

George and Sheila (Jappy)
Cullen

Bill Hunter

Anne, Hamish and Karen would like to thank everyone who supported us during Dad's illness and after his death. Thanks for all the cards, phone calls and flowers we received on the loss of Dad.

Happy Families

We would like to thank Morag and Archie for again providing us with excellent B&B accommodation this year. We really enjoyed our stay at Burnbank last year and were delighted to return. As you can see from the picture, the family have settled in well. We will be recommending this site to our friends and relations.

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Obituaries



Billy Hunter

Billy passed away on 20th April in the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home after a long illness. He came to Kenknock with his parents in the 1940s. After working in the two local garages, he spent 16 years as an ambulance driver, having to retire in 1991 due to ill health. Following the death of his wife, Alison, he spent his final few years in the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home.

Norman and Anne would like to thank all in the Home who looked after their Dad in his final years and all who showed their respects at the Church and the graveside. A total of £680 was raised at the funeral service for the Retirement Home.



Sydney Davidson 1919-2007

Syd was born in Aberdeen and, after an apprenticeship in Glasgow, became an engineer. In 1939 he joined a Royal Engineers Reserve Company and was sent to France, returning to the UK from Dunkirk in May 1940. He then joined a Commando unit and saw active service in Libya and Crete but became a PoW in May 1941. His wartime experiences gave him a lifelong strength enabling him to carry on somehow with life through any adversity he had to face. Four escape attempts from various PoW camps, one aborted, two almost

successful and the fourth lasting only one and a half hours earned him a Mention in Despatches and his stories about them were always worth listening to. After the war he worked as an engineer in Malaya, Singapore and Borneo and later in Australia and USA. On a course in the UK he met Winifred (Win) but had to return to Malaya for two years so his courting was conducted by airmail. They were married in Glasgow and went back to Malaya. His children, Grant and Susan, were born in 1957 and 1958 and the family returned to the UK to Surrey in 1969. In 1976 Syd went back to Malaya for a further two years but finished his career in the UK and retired in 1984 to Killin where he and Win designed their own bungalow at Morenish and later moved to The Glebe. Syd was an active member of the Killin Golf Club and meticulously produced all the signs round the course and the Open competitions boards. He attended the local Art Class and was well-known for his paintings of local scenes and organisation of the hanging of pictures for the biennial Arts and Crafts Exhibition. Another important part of his life was the Clan Davidson and its gatherings. Whatever activities Syd took part in he contributed to wholeheartedly and brought to them energy, enthusiasm and dedication. In recent years he had to bear the deaths of both Win and his son Grant and then his own failing health, which caused him reluctantly to leave Killin last November to be near his daughter in Surrey. Once again he got on with life with the tenacity and courage he had always shown but sadly died in April. He was a memorable character who will be much missed by all who knew him.

Family and friends



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Killin SWRI

At the April meeting Paula Thomson of Pampered Chef demonstrated many of their utensils, with everyone being given a chance to taste what she produced and buy the utensils used and on display. The total of £130 sold gave us the benefit of several free gifts to be used for future prizes.

The Elizabeth Gardiner competition this year was "a Fashion Show". The Killin ladies did a 10 minute sketch on WRI fashion through the ages. The 1920s demur Rebecca, with her newly launched WRI magazine and knitted bloomers (!) was followed by 1940s Ruby with her wrapover pinnie, pot of vegetables and bright red lips with rouge to match. Singing sixties Ellen sported plus fours and golf accessories while poor Pearl from the country set, with her WRI tartan skirt and twinset, had to numb the pain of the stresses of high society with refreshments from her hipflask. Stunning Stephanie, in purple ensemble and matching hat swanned off to the WRI 85th Anniversary. Unfortunately their only prize was the enjoyment of the experience but they wished Dull & District good luck for the final in Birnam.

AGM

At her final meeting as President, Yvonne MacPherson gave an account of the events of the past year and thanked the committee for all their help. Fiona Inglis was elected new President and the new Committee is: Jane Brown, Margaret Galloway, Mairi Hunter, Norma Lang, Bunty MacGregor, Margaret MacGregor, Annie MacNee, Cathie Reid, Ellen Stewart and Ann Watson

Jane Anderson

The Good Old Days!

Standing: l to r
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Kneeling: Margaret Inglis, Mary Masterson, Kathleen Blyth, Beryl McLean and May Graham

SWRI 1975



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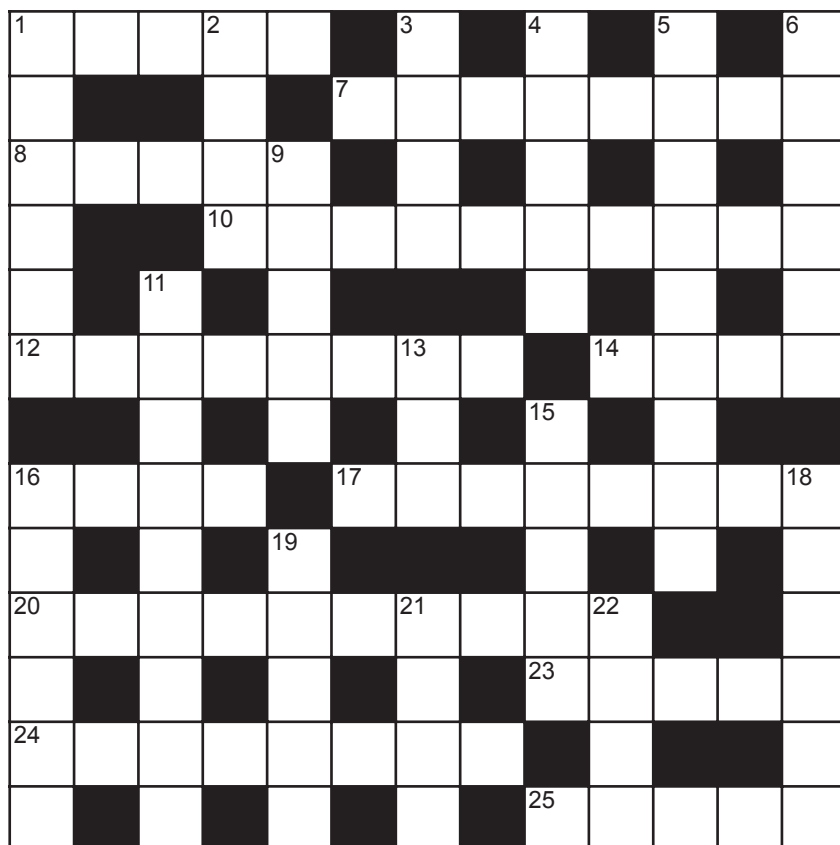
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Crossword by Scorpio



Down

- 1 Watch chain or consort (6)
- 2 Dance without love for circle (4)
- 3 Teleost from the Sargasso sea
- 4 Detection palindrome (5)
- 5 Hoarder can be depressed (9)
- 6 Used to curdle milk (6)
- 9 Have faith in (5)
- 11 Putting off or postponement (9)
- 13 Evergreen shrub with small yellow flowers (3)
- 15 Liasion with gangster for an element (5)
- 16 Unnecessary trappings (6)
- 18 The light has been put out (6)
- 19 Last Oriental becomes musty (5)
- 21 Harvest in rare apricots (4)
- 22 Grassy fabric? (4)

Solution to 97

Across

- 1 leave 4 append 9 vagrant 10 rheum 11 ibex 12 titbits 13 the 14 thai 16 mist 18 eve
- 20 hothead 21 acer 24 shogi 25 concise
- 26 yogurt 27 solid

Down

- 1 love in (13 the 16 mist) 2 argue 3 elan 5 part - time 6 elegies 7 demise 8 state 13 timelier
- 15 hit-song 17 whisky 18 edict 19 friend 22 chill 23 onus

Across

- 1 Remark made about a team (5)
- 7 Four in sedate surroundings have a calming effect (8)
- 8 Beauty's less desirable partner (5)
- 10 Can't a curse create this sea creature (10)
- 12 Reuse tar for riches (8)
- 14 Can irritate or attract (4)

- 16 Extremities out of date as measurements (4)
- 17 Exposed, like tender young meat in a rush (8)
- 20 Of little or no relevance (10)
- 23 There's only one of these in Scotland (5)
- 24 Safari park landscaped by Capability Brown (8)
- 25 Reversed the effects of (5)

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What's On in Killin and District

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3 Shallow Water Archaeology Scottish Crannog Centre free but booking essential Tel 01887-830583

7 Church Guild Summer Rally Viewland Church Stirling 7.30pm

7 AGM Community Bus Lesser Hall 7.30pm

8 Cancer Research "Savoury and Wine" evening McLaren Hall 8pm

8 "Jazz from Edinburgh" Fortingall Village Hall 8pm

9 National Park event "Scared of the Dark?" late evening booking essential Tel 01389-722040

9/10 Bob MacGregor Memorial Trial (Motorbike trial starting Kinnell)

9/10 Woodland Quest Scottish Crannog Centre free but booking essential Tel 01887-830583

14 Green Team "Food Factories" Meet School 6pm

14 Loch Tay Food Chain Meeting Ben Lawers Hotel 8pm *see page 8*

14 Core Path Plan meeting Crianlarich Village Hall 7pm

17 National Park event "Push those Pedals" meet Callander 9.30am - 3pm booking essential Tel 01389 - 722040

18 Killin and Crianlarich Primary School Sports Day 1pm

19 Core Path Plan meeting McLaren Hall 7pm

23 Marie Curie Rob Roy Challenge *see page 27*

24 Farmer's Market Callander

28 Green Team "Bees, butterflies and blooms" Meet School 6pm

28 Killin Primary School Concert and Awards ceremony McLaren Hall 7pm

July

8 National Park event "Water's Edge" Lochearnhead 11am-4pm Tel 01389-722040

10 Killin Community Council meeting Lesser Hall 7.30pm

12 Green Team "Working with Wood" Meet School 6pm

14 Artemis Great Kindrochit Challenge *see page 27*

19 Strathfillan Local Plan Day Crianlarich Village Hall 1pm-8pm

25 Church Guild Craft Day McLaren Hall

26 Green Team "Summer trip" Meet School 6pm

28 Artemis 100 *see page 27*

August

1 WRI Coffee Morning Lesser Hall

1 Killin Highland Games Breadalbane Park

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Church Hall

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