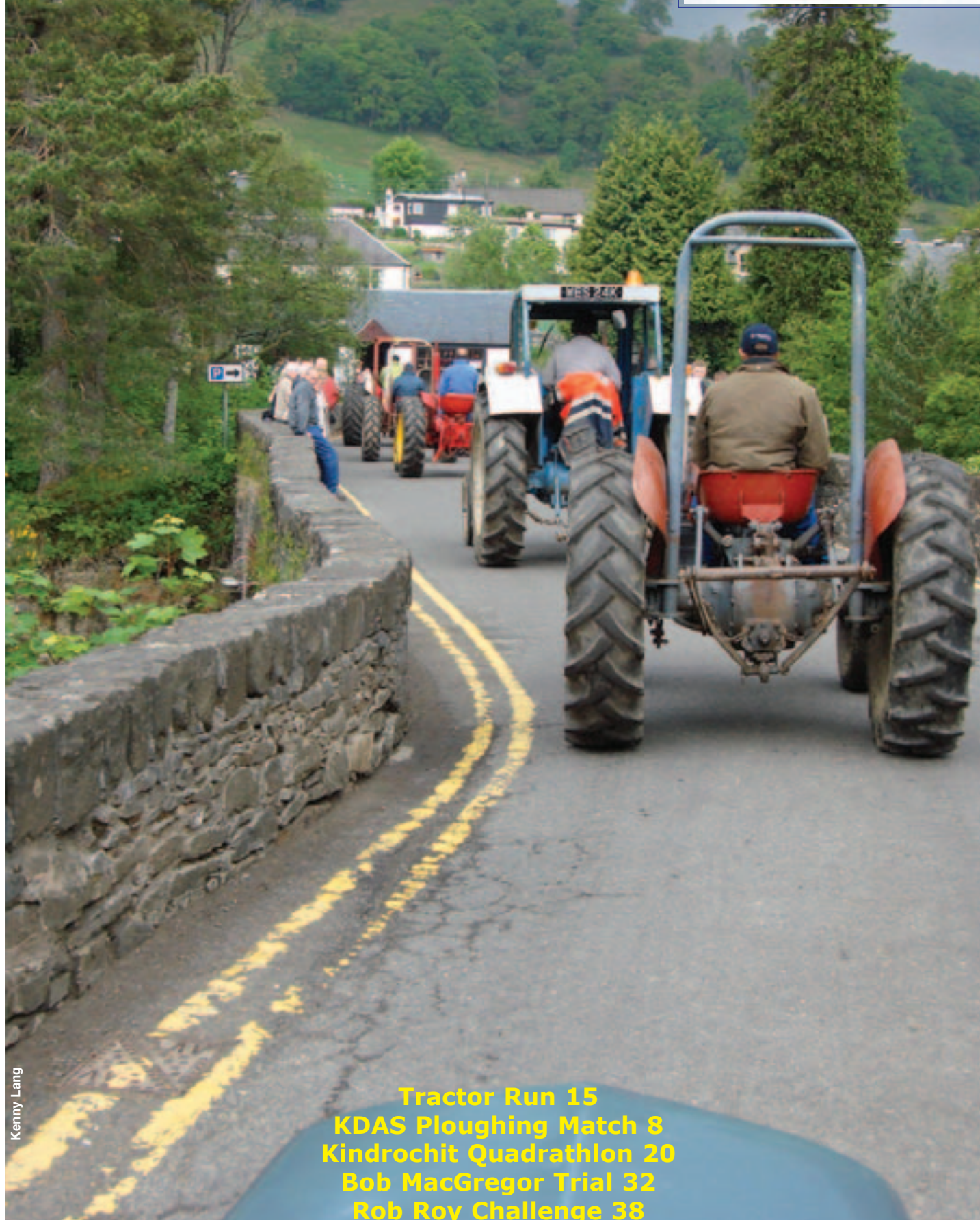


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Editorial

We celebrate local success

Weeks of hard training paid off when Dee, Kate and Sarah won the award for the first womens' team in the Artemis Great Kindrochit Quadrathlon. To swim, climb/run, canoe and cycle 90.35 kilometers without a break was a remarkable test of stamina and determination and resulted in a significant donation by their sponsors to charity. Dochie MacDonald has again achieved success in "70 Wild Miles" (113 kilometer triathlon cycle, canoe and hill run) with another big donation to charity. Donald MacAskill successfully organised the Tractor Run for Yorkhill and achieved a sizable sum. Success in raising money for charity features throughout this issue. Breast Cancer Care, Cancer Research UK, Martin Currie Charitable Foundation, CHAS, Habitat for Humanity, Killin Care Trust, Mercy Corps, Killin Mountain Rescue, Yorkhill Children's Foundation and the "training of a teacher in a third world country" all feature as recipients in the list of sponsored achievements.

Emily Crow has already attained international success in UK, Ireland and Europe, in the world of dancing and Adele Melia has been chosen for the 2012 Olympic Road Show. Luke Melia is working with professional actors at the Tramway Theatre.

The Bob MacGregor Memorial 2-Day Motorcycle Trial involved some of the youngsters of Killin. Robert Lafferty Junior won the Youth C Trophy and "Piston Broke". Thanks to the Lafferty family this will become an annual event. The KDAS Ploughing competition involved some keen youngsters from Killin who demonstrated remarkable skill made more difficult by the atrocious weather. Donald MacAskill, Andrew Anderson and Ian Hancock all achieved success, albeit Ian by bad luck.

The Parents' Open Evening at Killin Primary School demonstrated a success of a different kind. The exhibits were chosen and set up by the children themselves and reflected the projects and what the children learned over the year. Models, drawings, and interactive whiteboards combined to give the parents and visitors an impression of the interest and enthusiasm of the children.

Bunty MacGregor's records show that £44,033 was raised for charity in Killin for year to the end June 2007. What an generous place!

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Rubbish?

Our desire for more complex and up to date equipment increases all the time. This leads to our "throw away" society and cheaper items in the shops and supermarkets. At T in the Park heaps of tents and equipment, bought for the weekend, were left on the field following the event. This is not unusual in rural areas. Tents, pots and pans, sleeping bags, saws and even elaborate barbecue sets are found left behind on the hills in scenic areas of the Highlands. How about that for carbon footprint or caring for the environment? We all have equipment we don't need that still works well, for example electrical goods and furniture. Many of these items are fully functional and just take up valuable space.

While many are suitable and useful for charity shops and car boot sales, thrown away they just fill and pollute landfill sites. Now "Trading Post" provides a good alternative for residents in the Killin area. Bicycles, toys and furniture in good condition can often be seen in skips destined for landfill. It would be of benefit to us all if they found a suitable home. Arthur Rennie, who is in charge of the skip, already places worthwhile items aside in case others might find them useful. Congratulations those who organised this local solution and the Killin Web Site for hosting it.

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Killin Community Council 10th July

Rural Housing: Tony Teasdale gave an overview of Rural Stirling Housing Association's proposals for the Ballechroisk site. RSHA hopes to provide low cost housing primarily for local people in either 6 houses or more flats. Killin is a pilot project giving the Community Council a chance to discuss the design, size, how properties are allocated and the village housing requirements. RSHA hope to acquire the site this financial year.

Stirling Council Representation:

As there are now three Councillors (Fergus Wood SNP, Tony Finch Conservative, and Paul Owens Labour) representing the area, they will take it in turns to attend the Community Council Meetings.

Zebra Crossing: The possibility of making the crossing a Pelican crossing would be investigated by the Stirling Councillors.

Sign to Cemetery: No progress

Breadalbane Area Network:

A 2 day Arts event is being planned for next year.

Community Futures: Applications have been made for a Community Development Trust.

Planning: A presentation was made of plans for a house below the Bridge of Dochart and these were left with the Council for a decision to

be reconsidered after the meeting. No objections to Flaxmill houses and cottages, Ardeonaig Hotel kitchen extension and Dalchenna House. Ardeonaig Hotel lodges and A & B Services shed extension still ongoing. Plans for the bus turning circle did not include toilets and it would be made clear that these were necessary.

Craiganaive Footpath: Objections had been raised by residents and these had been noted.

Further information awaited.

Ambulance Service: Information requested was still not forthcoming.

Ardeonaig Road: No further information.

Community Action: Fiona Kennedy to meet with Les Goodfellow, Stirling Council, about bins, dog litter, the village officer and related topics.

Complaint about police:

Inspector Findlater had been told of a letter received and would report back.

Visibility at Bridge of Dochart:

Landowners to be contacted about trimming back bushes.

Overhanging branches at The Glebe:

Owners to be asked to trim these.

Next Meeting: 7.30 Tuesday 11th Sept. Killin Primary School.

Killin and Crianlarich Nursery

The older children enjoyed Teddy Bears Picnics at Kenmore, Strathyre, Crianlarich and Killin. Our thanks again go to Wendy, Nursery teacher, for her ongoing support to children, staff and parents at this time. Both Parent groups are very actively fundraising. Crianlarich have the garden development, trips, etc. and Killin are focusing on funds for a wooden climbing frame/slide and its safe installation.

Events

Saturday 28 August - 60/40 sale and coffee morning in McLaren Lesser Hall, Killin
Donations, including baking, and help on all these days will be very much appreciated. Donations can be handed into Killin or Crianlarich Nursery.

Sunday 16 September - Family Fun Day at Bridge of Lochay Hotel from 1-4pm including candy floss, Laser Quest and much more.

Friday 19 October - Bingo Evening at Bridge of Lochay Hotel (due to demand following last years success).

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Mervyn's Weather



It is perhaps significant that during the month of June just past, with the exception of 8 days of calm conditions at 09.00 GMT, there were but 2 days of westerly wind, the remaining 20 being easterly. As so often happens when the "Azores High", that more or less permanent area of light winds, high pressure and clear skies centred in mid Atlantic, lacks verve and fails to push salients of anticyclonic conditions north-eastwards over the British isles thereby blocking the advance of north Atlantic lows and pushing them far to north west, then we have a situation when these depressions take a more southerly track, often over the southern half of the UK. This gives us in Scotland a plethora of easterly winds and unsettled conditions while England may, as during the past few weeks, suffer excessive rainfall and flooding.

The old saying that "During drought conditions all signs of rain are false" works the other way too in that often in a long disturbed spell of weather one's hopes are raised time and again by the occasional fine day only all too quickly to return to "showers or longer periods of rain"!

In the last Killin News I drew a parallel, until then, between the weather of 1938 and the pattern of the rest of that somewhat abysmal year. Sadly 2007 is still following the same course almost exactly, which does not bode well for the rest of this year

should this continue – but hope springs eternal!

The farming scene too is not particularly brilliant. Ever labelled with the "crying wolf" stigma, agricultural types seem rarely to be without adversity of some description – prices, threat of incipient disease or adverse weather conditions. While this year much silage making has already been achieved, it is noticeable that many cleared fields appear badly chewed up by the wheels of tractors, mowers or balers; hay making, usually a hit and miss affair, already shows some pretty mediocre attempts, while hill sheep gatherings are being held up by mist and regular deluges.

While in recent times excessive weather conditions seem to be becoming more frequent, is it just that media coverage is more efficient and revealing? Various facts come to light from time to time to show us that perhaps there is "nothing new under the sun". For instance the notorious Findhorn floods of the 1800's; the war years' winters of 1940-42, the even more severe ones of 1947 and 1963. While some days ago I noticed a roadside stone at Degrish in Argyll which commemorated a November day in 1881 when a gale plus high tide – or could it have been a mini tsunami? – brought the sea level perhaps twenty feet higher than normal high tide.

Mervyn K. Browne
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1st September - Closed
7th September - KARAOKE
8th September - JUST SETS

Going Over Old Tracks



I am currently attempting to gather as much information as possible on the Killin Railway for the Heritage Society's archive. While there are a few publications that give some information about the railway and there is one short book specifically concerning its construction, I am interested in finding out more about the day to day running of this small part of the rail network. For example there are very few photographs of the rear of Killin Station and even fewer of the sidings. What did the station look like inside? What do the signs on the station platform say? What was it like to be a passenger and what goods were brought into and away from Killin? There is a lot we don't know and appears never to have been written down and it would be

very sad if this part of Killin's history was allowed to pass unrecorded. There is a OO gauge model railway currently being constructed of the Killin Station area and it will be given its first outing at Clanscape in August.

If you have any stories, photographs or other information regarding the Killin Railway, I would like to copy them electronically to become a part of the Heritage Society archive. All material received would be carefully recorded and returned to the owner. A website is also being built and hopefully a publication will also be forthcoming.

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Think about it

Thorns or Roses?

Two boys were eating some grapes on a summer's day. One of them remarked, "Aren't these grapes sweet!" "I suppose so" the other lad replied, "but they're full of seeds".

Wandering through a garden, the first boy cried out, "Look at these big, beautiful red roses!" The other quickly commented, "They're full of thorns!"

It was a warm day so they stopped at a shop for a cool drink. After several swallows, the second boy complained, "My bottle's half-empty already". The first one replied, "Mine's still half-full".

Many people are like the negative - thinking boy in this tale. They always look at life through dark glasses. But, thank God, not everyone is like this. There are people who concentrate on the bright side and are happy and grateful. They are realistic about the sombre aspect of life, but they do not pout and fret.

You can overcome negative thinking. No matter who you are or what your circumstances, there's always much to be thankful for. Think about God's love for you. Praise Him for His daily care. Then, instead of complaining about thorns, you will be thankful for the roses.

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KDAS Annual Ploughing Match at Kinnell



KDAS Ploughing and Shearing

The Annual Ploughing Match was held at Kinnell on Saturday 19 May by kind permission of the Dowling family. There was a good turn out of tractors despite the torrential rain. Well done to all the competitors who took part.

Results

Alastair Hunter Trophy

Donald MacAskill

Gilbert Christie Trophy

Hamish McDiarmid

Open

Conventional

- 1 Donald Cameron
- 2 Donald MacAskill
- 3 Charlie Campbell

Reversible

- 1 Hamish McDiarmid
- 2 Fraser Wilson
- 3 Ewan Wilson

Local

Conventional

- 1 Donald MacAskill
- 2 Neil Campbell
- 3 Stewart Christie

Reversible

- 1 Hamish McDiarmid
- 2 Fraser Wilson
- 3 Ewan Wilson

Youngest Competitor

Andrew Anderson

Unluckiest Competitor

Ian Hancock

The Annual Shearing competition this year was held at Auchlyne Farm on Friday 29th June by kind permission of the Christie family. There was a good turn out of competitors - 26 in the machine class and 12 in the hand competition. The machine judge was Alan Wright. The hand judge was Donald McColl.

Machine class

Open

- 1 David Higginson

Local

- 1 Mark Armstrong

21 and under

- 1 Calum Shaw

Hand class

Open

- 1 Willie Shaw

Local

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Disco Dancing World Champion



Emily Crow aged 9 from Riverview has been dancing since she was 2 and competing since the age of 5. She competes in freestyle, slow dance and pairs freestyle with Dylan from Paisley. With 250 trophies to date, her achievements include Dancer of the Year, Scottish Dancer of the Year, Disco Kid, British Freestyle Champion, Euro Dance Champion, British and Irish Champion. She is also a member of Aberfeldy Gymnastics Club and the Killin Golf Club and goes to Ballet classes in Oban. Emily was featured in "Freestyle" and "Feva" magazines following her success in all 3 sections at the World Championships in Blackpool.

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Frost Report



Dangerous times

Following the last article about ticks and Lyme disease I found out a few more very interesting facts from a stand run by B.A.D.A. U.K. (Borreliosis and Associated Diseases Awareness) at The Scone Game Fair. Apparently a person can be infected with the spirochaete of Lyme disease when bitten by an infected tick and then the organism can encyst inside the person and lie dormant for months or even years. Also there is a possibility that human to human transfer is possible; from mother to unborn child, from mother to nursing baby and sexually transmitted. This could explain research which has found that as few as 40% of sufferers from Lyme disease do not develop the circular rash around a tick bite (Erythema Migrans). In Scotland Lyme disease is a notifiable disease as it also is with the British Army. Certainly there appears to be a sudden increase in tick populations. Recently on Loch Lomond side we stopped for our piece and not only

ourselves but also the guns were infested with large numbers. For more information go to www.bada-uk.org. Apparently ticks recognise a potential host by the carbon dioxide which it breathes out and eating garlic is said to confuse them and people who regularly eat garlic tend not to be bitten. As yet we have heard nothing about the value of carrying a crucifix or a large wooden stake!

Talking of bats - last week I was cutting up a large branch off an ash tree which had fallen in the recent powerful gusts of wind. Amongst the leaves there were about a dozen tiny bats which had been killed by the branch. Presumably they had either been in or on the branch at the time. They were identified by the local National Trust as long-eared bats which like to hang out together in such places.

While finishing off the round of the fox dens we had the pleasure of seeing quite a number of newly born red deer calves. It is

interesting to watch the mother's maternal instinct moving away from the calf but keeping a watchful eye on us. The calves lie motionless trying hard to blend into the hillside. Sometimes their colouring actually standing out like a sore thumb. Their immobility and the fact that they give off very little scent at this stage gives them some protection against predators such as fox and eagle.

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The Nature of Killin

The great thing about wildlife watching in your 'local patch' is that you never know what might turn up. There is always something new to enjoy and every visit is different. The sight of a scarce spring migrant seems so much more exciting if it's close to home. My local patch is the head of Loch Tay, which I try to visit at least a couple of times a week through the spring and early summer.

This spring brought a few surprises as the dry weather in April exposed large areas of sand and mud at the head of the Loch which was ideal for wading birds heading north to their breeding grounds. Perhaps the most exciting spectacle was the group of ten Black Tailed Godwits in full summer plumage which appeared on the 22nd April. These birds rarely venture inland on their way to breeding grounds in Iceland so their appearance was a pleasant surprise. I met a visitor from Northern Ireland who couldn't believe what he was seeing through his binoculars, having no idea what these bright orange-rufous birds were.

Other unusual passage migrants included Turnstone, Knot and Arctic Tern, all blown inland by the gale

force winds on the 19th May, and a Whimbrel from the 7th to 13th May. In addition to these unexpected visitors the numbers of regular passage migrants, such as Redshank, Greenshank, Dunlin and Ringed Plover, were all higher than in the past few years. Of course it's not just the rare or unexpected things that give enjoyment and interest to a bird watching trip. I always look forward to my first sighting of returning breeding migrants like the Grasshopper Warbler. This small grey-brown bird returns from tropical Africa in May to breed in the tussocky marshland of the Loch Tay meadows. Once it arrives it disappears into the dense low vegetation and is almost impossible to see, but announces its presence with its peculiar song, an insect-like, mechanical whirring reel, which is most often heard from dusk through till dawn. It fascinates me that a bird which has travelled thousands of miles all the way from Africa having arrived at its breeding site hardly seems to move at all. One thing that all bird watchers do



is make lists, it adds to the excitement and enjoyment of birding as well as bringing in a degree of tension and competitiveness. You end up with lots of lists, a life list, a British list, a garden list, a year list, day lists, trip lists etc. Inevitably I have a 'local patch list' which currently stands at 130, with this year's total so far at 85 (two up on this time last year). My visits to the Loch always tend to peter out once July arrives as the place doesn't quite have the beauty and freshness you get in spring, although a visit is still often rewarding. There is always the chance of seeing an osprey diving for a fish, or getting a brief glimpse of an otter.

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Broadband helps protect computers...

Often I come across someone who is still using the normal telephone to dial up to the internet - even when broadband technology is available to them. This unfortunately opens them up to a high risk of serious attacks by viruses, as opposed to the broadband connected computers which are fully protected. This is due to the frequency and size of the security updates that are required to ensure that our systems are as secure from attacks as possible. Microsoft, for instance, issue regular patches to Windows XP, Internet Explorer and other computer applications. These patches are key to ensure that the computer recognises viruses and stops them from infecting the local machine. However, it can take hours to download even just one patch if you do not have broadband and as a result, these vital updates are just not downloaded and not

installed.

Typical symptoms include very slow performance, lots of pop up windows appearing and the computer actually stopping, or freezing, as we call it. These types of infection can be very serious, with potential damage to data, or the viruses capture your financial information and pass this on to criminals who will use this information either for identity fraud or theft directly from your bank accounts.

If you do not have broadband, then you are leaving yourself wide open to these sorts of attacks and I would recommend that you upgrade to broadband as soon as possible. I am fully aware that many homes and businesses outside the village still are not able to get broadband and all I can suggest is that you have regular checks of your system to make sure you are not infected. Standard antivirus tools just might not be good enough to scan your system unless these are kept fully up to date.

VISTA Update...

It is an indication of the lack of success of VISTA that all of the large manufacturers of computers are still shipping their products with the Windows XP range of operating systems as well as VISTA. There still are issues with incompatibility of

hardware and VISTA and you can get a lot more power from an XP based machine for your money than one with VISTA.

Office 2007

A new version of the Microsoft Office suite was released as part of the VISTA launch. As part of the change in Microsoft Office 2007, the documents created with the new product are not compatible with earlier versions of Microsoft Office. There are document converters available from the Microsoft website.

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The Watermill in Aberfeldy is offering a writer's workshop for the autumn. The focus will be on short story writing and will cover topics from getting started, structuring a story, narrative voice, revision and getting published. All are welcome, particularly beginners and those wishing to improve their skills. The workshops will be lead by Linda Cracknell, John Herdman and Jamie Jauncey; three highly successful Scottish writers and skilled tutors. Four sessions have been organised from 7.30 pm and will be held on 4th Sept, 9th Oct 6th and 27th Nov. The Scottish Book Trust has partially sponsored the event and this is reflected in the price of only £55 per person for all four evenings. Places will be restricted to ensure a quality experience so early booking advisable. Full details from **Helen** at The Watermill on 01887 822896.

Cadets on Fire

Our first full year as a cadet unit has been eventful. The first challenge was to raise funds for a camp in Breadalbane Park and a trip to the Odenwald region in Germany. This was achieved by funds raised at the Killin Agricultural show, a sponsored car wash held at Stirling Fire Station (£200), a sponsored walk from Balquhider to Killin (£635 and sore feet - mine) as well as donations in money and also in kind from Ron and Sheila of Glen Ogle Snack Bar and R. A. McGregors Green Grocers. The Breadalbane Camp in May was very successful and a great time was had by all. The weather held out thankfully for over 100 Cadets from Alloa, Balfour, Larbert, Tillicoultry and Killin. Events included walking Sron a Clachain - our thanks to Dave and Drew of the Mountain Rescue team - and a fun knockout

competition - thanks to Anthony Dowling for his help during a hectic time for him on his farm. In June we held a demonstration for parents to show off the Cadet skills and Scott Thomson was named Cadet of the Year.

In July 10 Killin Cadets and 31 others from Central Scotland Region attended a camp near Frankfurt in Germany for about 700 Cadets. The Cadet scheme is large in Germany, with every station having a unit and each station being funded 50/50 by the Government. During the welcoming ceremony, to their embarrassment, Scott Thomson and Jack Gibson, who each had birthdays, were presented with a cake with candles and small gifts from our hosts. The week was busy with trips and games. The weather was great - 35 degrees. The Cadets behaved impeccably and the instructors were very proud of them.

I would like to thank all those who sponsored us and instructors - Alan Thomson, Iain Campbell, Julie Mitchell, Lucy Paulin and Gill Farmer - who helped to make the cadet scheme such a success. We reopen on the 3rd September and if you are between 11-17, boy or girl, you are welcome to come along.

Paul Norris

Cadet Coordinator Killin
(see photos next page)

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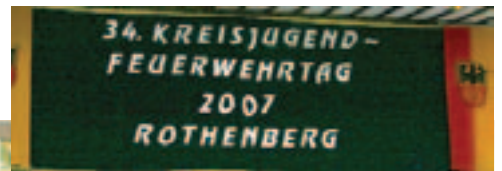
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Parade and challenges at Spring Camp in the Breadalbane Park



Fire Cadet of the Year
Scott Thomson



Some of the Fire cadets and instructors at the
Station Open Night for parents last month

Tractor Run For Yorkhill



On Saturday 2nd June 16 tractors gathered at Kinnell Farm by kind permission of the Dowling family to take part in a charity road run of classic and vintage tractors to raise money for Yorkhill Children's Hospital in Glasgow. The tractors set off just after 10 am, travelling through Killin, up Glenlochay to Kenknock where the tractors (and drivers!) got a rest, before starting off through the gate at Peggy's bridge on bumpy gravel roads following the river up to the clipping shed at Batavaime (courtesy of Pitcastle Estate) where we all had soup and pies. After lunch the tractors had to work hard climbing a steep, twisty road onto the Hydro Road overlooking the Glen which they followed all the way back to Kenknock. They then began the home straight arriving back at Kinnell at around 4pm where tea and coffee was served. The fantastic sum of £672 was handed into the Yorkhill Children's Foundation and will go towards all the departments in the hospital. Thanks to all who took part and donated towards this worthy cause.

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Strathfillan Community Development Trust

Woodland News

After lengthy consultation the Trust has given Scottish Water Solutions permission to carry out test pit digs in Tyndrum Community Woodland on the agreed pipeline route. If the land proves suitable, water will be extracted from the River Fillan just west of the confluence of the Fillan and the Crom Allt river and pumped up to the existing holding tanks above Tyndrum.

In mid June the pupils and teachers of Crianlarich Primary School, NP Ranger Gavin Skipper and I spent the morning planting native oak and Scots pine seedlings donated by the Forestry Commission. Despite the muck and midges, the children got stuck into their task with their usual enthusiasm and good humour, re-inforcing the important connection between the school and Crianlarich Community Woodland, their own outdoor classroom. Thanks to you all and also to Gavin, his happy band of NP volunteers, our local volunteers and the team of catering ladies for their hard work in Crianlarich on Sunday 15th July. The NP volunteers travel from far and wide to come and work in Strathfillan (midges, rain and muck

notwithstanding) and I hope they realise how much their efforts are appreciated.

Community Futures Action Planning

Questionnaires have been completed and returned, interviews conducted, facts and figures collated and we're well on the way to producing our new Strathfillan Action Plan. All the work and research carried out by the steering group and our excellent Community Profiler, Moira Robertson, will be presented at a community workshop in Crianlarich village hall on **Saturday 8th September**. I know the word "workshop" can be offputting but words like "event" or "meeting" don't quite fit the bill. The workshop displays will show you all the aspirations and ideas recently put forward by the residents for the improvement and development of Strathfillan. The workshop is your opportunity to decide which projects the community wants to happen and so provide the blue-print for the community, the Community Council, Stirling Council and the SCDT to try and achieve your aspirations. If having your say in Strathfillan's future doesn't grab you, maybe the fabulous catering will!! But be warned, we expect you to sing for your supper!! Watch out for more information nearer the date.

Woodland Craft Fair and Car Boot Sale

The date this year is **Wednesday 15th August** starting at midday. There will be an opportunity to try your hand at woodturning courtesy of Argyll Green Woodturners. Other crafts will include jewellery-making, spinning, weaving, dyeing, silk painting and basket making. We've already had quite a few enquiries about car boot pitches (£7 per car) so get in touch soon if you plan to turn your clutter into cash. The SCDT would like to thank SNH and Stirling Council for the grants to support the Woodland Craft Fair.

Art Exhibition/Competition

The call has gone out for entries to what I hope will be the first of many exhibitions to come. The theme is Scotland's Natural Heritage – a wide subject to fire the imagination. The exhibition will run from **Friday 21st until Friday 28th September** in Tyndrum Village Hall. We want to give the many talented people in the area the opportunity to display their work. As this is our inaugural exhibition, we have decided to offer prizes, the winners to be decided by the visiting public. Grateful thanks to our prize sponsors - The Green Welly Stop, The Rod and Reel and The Real Food Café. Thanks also to the National Park and Stirling Council for the grant for the picture hanging system for the hall which will be a great asset for years to come. (A photography exhibition next? Let me know your ideas)

Cycleway

Great news! The Scottish Executive has given the National Park the green light for the first phase of this project – the cycleway from Tyndrum to Crianlarich. After years of talking and planning the work can now begin. Our own Gwyneth Scott has been invited to join the project management group – so there will be no slacking!

For further information
Tel 01838 400 545 - Joyce or Gwyneth

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On Tuesday 19th of June we held our annual dancing display and medal presentation evening in Crianlarich Village Hall. Most pupils had choreographed their own dances and used a variety of music. It was lovely to see so many family and friends joining us for the evening and also to have pupils from the Arrochar class. We had two guests performing, Carry from Helensburgh who did an energetic hip-hop demonstration alongside Gillian, and Susan who



The Aileen Steven School of Highland Dancing

played the violin with Beth, Anna and Lucie. Thanks also to Camilla who played "The Mist Covered Mountains" on her violin.

An enjoyable evening was had by all and the following pupils received their awards from the recent medal tests:

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Catherine Allan,
Ishbel Hayes, Ailsa Taylor,
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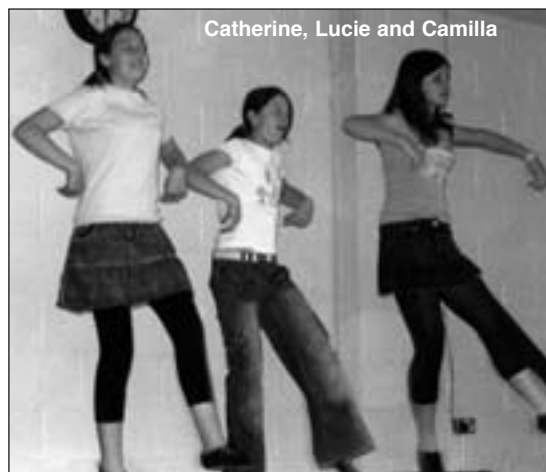
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Stirling Schools Track and Field Championships: 10 pupils from Primary 6 and 7 represented Killin Primary School in 10 events. All of the school's competitors did very well, especially Skye Farmer who won a Gold Medal for the javelin.

Falkirk Wheel Visit: Having worked on an Environmental Studies Topic about Water and its uses, Primary 3, 4 and 5 visited the Falkirk Wheel on Monday 11th June.



Open Evening Wednesday 13th June: Every class prepared a presentation of the work they had completed and the interesting things that they'd learned during the course of the summer term. Many parents,

family and friends visited the display. The Primary 1/2 class theme was "Our Village". Visitors could print



images of buildings in Killin from stencils made by the children, try a quiz about Killin Village, or visit the Killin Community Website on the



Interactive Whiteboard. A three dimensional model village was on display. Primary 3, 4/5 classrooms demonstrated websites showing how

canal locks work, displayed an interactive water quiz and children designed amphibious vehicles which were available for testing. There were books, poems, stories and reports written by the pupils. Primary 4/5 presented a working model of a canal lock. Art and other displays decorated the walls. Primary 6 and 7 set up a video outlining the history of the Hydro Board. Personal topics were on



display with a quiz and working models of different types of electrical energy production. All enjoyed the evening and it is hoped to repeat the event.

The Strawberry Tea for Breast Cancer Care: The entrance hall was covered in silver coins. We held a quiz and a strawberry treasure hunt. About £600 was raised for the charity. Thank you to support staff and all who helped.

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Primary School

Killin and Crianlarich School Sports Day had to be held in the McLaren Hall because of the rain but was nevertheless enjoyable. The house Sports Champions this year are Lochay.

Mrs Frost's Farewell Fling was held in the McLaren Hall to celebrate her retirement from Killin Primary School after 25 years of service. There were dance displays, gymnastic demonstrations, piano playing, fiddle playing and poetry readings by the pupils. The Loch Tay Steamers played and everyone was encouraged to dance the night away. The P.T.A. presented Mrs Frost with a special cake made by Louise Norris. The highlight was when Glenda Mardon, Leslie Syme and Gordon Hibbert presented a "This is Your Life" with entertainment by slides and sound effects, speeches, anecdotes and Gordon's banter. Mrs Frost will treasure her little red book.

The session ends and we look forward to the new year ahead
Killin Primary School year closed with a concert and awards ceremony. The children played musical instruments, sang songs and Primary 3 performed the play "Charlotte's Web". The Gaelic Choir lead by Rev. John

Lincoln performed the songs that won them two trophies at the Aberfeldy Mod for the third year in a row. Awards were given to pupils for many different achievements. Primary 7 finished the evening off with their own special good bye - a dance



performed to the song "SHINE". Next session Sandra Logan will take up her new post as shared headteacher with Killin and Crianlarich. The school will welcome Mr Alasdair Lunan as Principal Teacher and Miss Gemma Luti as a new class teacher. We also look forward to the children who will start school on Monday 20th August. Next session we will launch a school website, pilot gaming technology such as Wii, Play Station and i-toys and the new Parent Council will be established. The school looks forward to its continued very positive partnership with the community in session 2007/2008.

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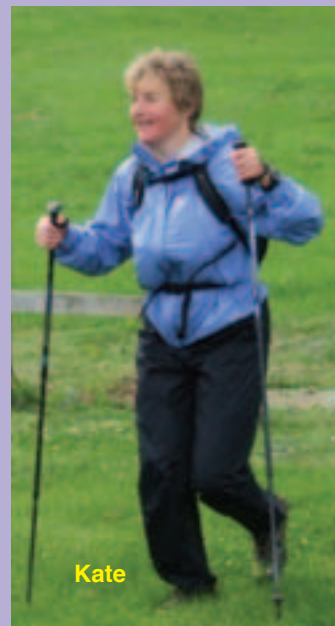
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The challenge consisted of a swim of 1.35K, a run of 24K that included 7 munros, canoeing 11K to Ardtalnaig, cycling 54K round Loch Tay and raising at least £350 for Mercy Corps. Sarah Heward, Kate Forster and Dee MacLennan, also running for Falls of Dochart Retirement Home and Killin Mountain Rescue, entered as our local team having undergone a strict training schedule under the guidance of Herbie McLean. The first batch of entrants started their swim at 6am. The day went well. Some low cloud reduced visibility on the mountains and a strong breeze affected the canoe and cycle sections. The Killin team were very pleased to be supported by locals, friends and family all the way round. At 6am they were piped as they swam across the loch by Duncan McKinnon (his dog was not very successful at steering the boat so may have to play the pipes next time). They met many others from the village on the way round including the Killin Mountain Rescue Team who were volunteers at strategic points on the mountain tops and Dochie MacDonald who accompanied them on the canoe section. Cheered on by family and friends they were in fine fettle right to the end and fit enough to take the circuit of the loch in their stride. Their hard work and Judy Forster's cooking paid off as they were the first women's team to complete the course and finished in 14th place in a time of 13 hours 45 mins out of a field of 34 teams- what a fantastic result. They send their thanks to all their sponsors. As we go to press the total they have raised is £2,800 WA

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The system for childhood vaccinations is also being run from a central computer database, Scottish Immunisation Recall System (SIRS). There is a clinic here at the surgery every second Tuesday morning run by the Health Visitor and Assistant. The appointments at this clinic are filled centrally and we are simply sent a list of who is coming on the day. The surgery is not able to make appointments to this clinic and the letters informing you of your child's appointment are sent out by the central computer. All childhood vaccinations are now done through this clinic.

Dispensing Prescriptions

In order to avoid confusion, the Surgery would like to make you aware of some of the regulations governing dispensing practices. We are only allowed to dispense medication prescribed by the Doctors and Nurses here. Please do not bring us prescriptions from other practices or dentists, as it would be illegal for the staff to dispense these. Also, if you are entitled to free prescriptions we are obliged to ask for proof of this. Please do not feel insulted if the staff ask – it is not personal. As the cost of prescriptions rises, it becomes more worthwhile to buy a pre-payment certificate. These currently cost £35.85 for 4 months (6 prescriptions and you are winning) or £98.70 for 12 months (15 prescriptions to be in profit). If you are interested then ask at the dispensary for an application form.

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encouraged to do so. There is a significant additional workload involved for us as a dispensing practice but the savings involved for the NHS as a whole are substantial. Those of you with chronic health problems will know how often the type or dose of medication requires to be changed, resulting in waste each time. Also if you have ever had to clear out the cupboards of someone who has been on long term treatment you will do doubt have been shocked by the volumes of wasted medication which can accumulate. We are often asked if we can take back the unused pills and potions to use for someone else. Unfortunately, although it may seem very wasteful, we are not allowed to accept back medication once it has been dispensed. Dispensing a month's supply at a time therefore seems to make good sense all round. We plan to move gradually towards this goal, starting initially with the over 60's who make up a large percentage of our repeat medication users. We hope to keep our prescription turnaround time down to 48 hours despite the additional workload and would continue to suggest that you re-order your medication when you have roughly a week's supply remaining.



The Community Bus Committee is disappointed to report that our funding application for RCTI grant assistance to purchase a new bus has been unsuccessful. There were two main reasons given:

- * Relatively low mileage in relation to the age of the bus
- * No match funding from Stirling Council which would have supported the application.

The Committee is discussing the implications of the grant funding being refused. We are extremely concerned that the future of the Community Bus is now at risk, as the current bus continues to need a

high level of maintenance and this has huge cost implications. We are fully committed to providing a fully accessible, reliable transport service which will serve the local community of Killin and outlying areas. We will do our best to move forward if at all possible and will keep you informed of any progress.

Kathryn Storey

Killin Keepfitters

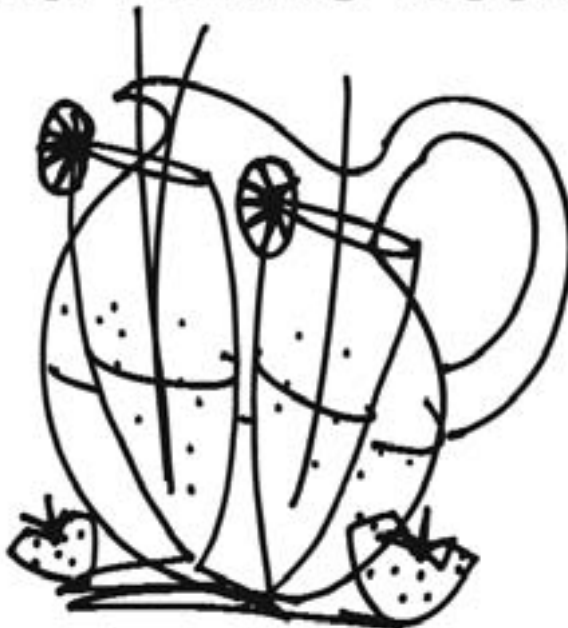
Killin Keepfitters was disbanded at the end of 2006 and the balance of funds held has now been dispersed to the following local groups which the Committee felt in total would benefit a wide section of the community:

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left Kiltyrie for an expedition to Timbuktu with Nick Sanders. Nick holds the world record for the fastest journey on land around the world. He has also pedal cycled around the world twice (maybe he didn't recognise his house the first time round) and has taken narrow boats from England to the Stack Sea. He strapped two together because someone told him it was dangerous as they roll a bit. You get the picture. 17 of us made the trip. This is my story.

Timbuktu Impressions

Strangely I feel that the trip has meant more to me since returning, than when actually doing it. There is definitely a trip like this in most of us - right place, right time, circumstances play a lot in whether we get a chance to act it out. Thanks to Nick I got that chance.

On the trip, we are doing what we do best, riding a bike 5/6/700 miles a day, soaking up the sights, sounds, scenery, certainly the smells, and the people. Riding differently to cope with ever changing roads, conditions and circumstances and making adjustments and decisions to keep you out of trouble because, when you realise the remoteness of it all on some of the days, a wrong move and you could be stranded - trip over. I still go into the dining room where a large map of Africa is opened on the table, a book of Mali signed by all, my diary, a few photographs and the atmosphere of hundreds of memories,

then the 'box' springs open and I am once again there.

Starting from Lisbon, we took the ferry at Algeiras, allowing a slow start to the trip. The scenery and experience of riding south over the Atlas mountains was truly remarkable. The grin factor of riding all day on very reasonable tarmac roads with hairpin bends for a 100 and more miles was one of bikings lifetime bests. All of a sudden you realise this trip is going to tick so many boxes. Already you are wanting to go back and do that road again, but the anticipation of what is ahead pulls you on. Hopefully I will go

back and 'play' in Morocco's Atlas mountains one day. Now we turn west and find the Atlantic with blue rollers crashing close to our right. Sections of the coast road have only recently been built. Initially it was just dust blowing and moving across or down the road. Later it was sand fingers settling across the road. Eventually the sand is the problem as it stretches right across the road. In truth it was

a hellish ride from Tan-Tan to Dakhlar, eight and a half hours 550 miles. Leaving Dakhlar we head for the Mauritanian border, to find it closed for lunch - remember the French influence. We soon learn from lorry drivers that a 10 euro note in your passport works wonders. Black Africa starts here and I was going to say corruption but, when you earn that little and we are comparatively rich, I guess it could be called enterprise. It is also getting hot now, sand is getting everywhere - yes everywhere - and I start wondering where it is getting to in the bike. I have now stopped oiling the chain and will run dry, resigned to a new chain and sprocket set on return.

Running east now the terrain gets steadily greener and rocky. This now really is Africa, this is what I came to see. Villages of first mud huts then twig walls and roofs, some neat and tidy but others on a busy route full of

squalor. Where is all that money that we send out here? We stop to buy provisions, locally baked bread, tins of sardines, Laughing Cow cheese (those French again). Melons were nice when you found them. We probably paid over the odds for them, but for reasons stated earlier, what the hell. Children stick in my mind - they have nothing - whenever you stop tens of them crowd the bike. They want pens, pencils, paper, they strip us bare, these kids are keen to learn. We now cross into Mali into the real green of the Niger and mud/twig huts. We pass a woman carrying water on her head, but it's miles since the last village and miles before the next. The roads have deteriorated now to



hard packed corrugated red sand with hidden pits of soft sand and then to bits of tarmac with wheel sized pot holes. (It was these pot holes that would bend my wheel rim on the return journey. It was repaired in an African village.) Broken down lorries litter this supply route, another was having a crank shaft changed. The repair crew had been camping there for 5 days. I mentally note to check the bike's oil, but then, it is a Honda. We did make Timbuktu on the 18th day-Jan 22nd after a last push of 128 miles on soft sand. It took 7 hours of riding, averaging 18 mph, plus picking the bike up about six times. Give me tarmac and track any time. Would I do it all again? Of course I would. Now where is that box of memories again and does that map of Africa look a little bit smaller?

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Further Gymnastic Success

Adele Melia (10) has been awarded the Auchterarder Gymnastics Club Level 5 Championship cup for her age group. She achieved the highest score over the year for combined vault, beam and floor competitions. Adele has also been chosen to take part in a gymnastics display as part of the 2012 Olympic Road Show in August this year. All achieved by hard work



Luke in Professional Performance

13 year old Luke Melia gave a stunning debut performance with Solar Bear United in the play "Broken" at the Tramway theatre in Glasgow in early June. The play centres on the lives of a group of young people who regularly visit a local park. Secrets kept buried for years are unearthed, with tragic consequences. Luke was one of four main characters each of whom is touched by emotionally brutal topics, which were handled with gentle dignity and respect, through the development of unique on stage

aesthetics that combined British Sign Language, speech, sound and music. Luke was selected to join this professional company whilst at a drama camp supported by Killin Drama Club last year and has been working with them ever since. He says it has been a tremendous experience working with professional actors and has enabled him to learn BSL since the company includes hearing and non-hearing audiences. Luke has been asked to continue with Solar Bear and we look forward to his next venture.



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Across the Globe



Nicola Paterson and Angus Colquhoun on their honeymoon in Sri Lanka



Total Images

Nicola Paterson, daughter of Emma and Henry Paterson of Auchlyne and Angus Colquhoun, son of Iain Colquhoun and grandson of the Rev John Colquhoun (former minister of Killin) were married on 26th May in Killin Parish Church

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Dora Young celebrating her 99th birthday at the Falls of Dochart

A T I O N S



Rory Syme graduated with a degree in Sociology from Aberdeen University on 3rd July 2007



Sean Andrew Lewis, born 13th June weighing 7lb 7oz, to Claire Richard and Rhubs Lewis



Jimmy Ingram celebrated his birthday and took advantage of the ladies in the clubhouse after the Ladies Open as they all lined up to give him a birthday kiss under the birthday hat!

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her 99th birthday at the Retirement Home

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Mary Hunter 1931-2007

Mary passed away on the 26th May in the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home after a long illness fought with dignity for 37 years.

Mary was born on the 14th November 1931 in South Uist. At 15 years of age, she moved to the mainland to work with Glasgow transport. While on a trip to Killin to visit a cousin she met George and they were married in 1957. Mary and George started married life in a flat at Fassiefern. Mary spent her time looking after their four children, John, Tony, Christine and Shona. As the children grew older, never one to be idle, Mary returned to work. Stirling Council employed her for 29 years as a home help. She enjoyed caring for others so much that she then went on to work with Crossroads for a further 15 years, as well as fitting in babysitting duties to her eleven grandchildren. Family and friends were very much central to Mary's life as was her religion. She had many friends in the village and beyond. Due to one friendship Mary went occasionally to Canada for a well-earned holiday. While there, she was able to indulge in one of her favourite pastimes - shopping. It was with great excitement everyone looked forward to mum's/granny's safe return in the knowledge that her bulging suitcase contained new t-shirts and sweatshirts for them. By the beginning of this year, due to deteriorating health she required specialist care. She spent time at Dunblane Nursing Home and Strathcarron Hospice before returning to The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. During her time in all the aforementioned places, Mary received excellent care. Thanks to all who attended the funeral service and graveside. The sum of £700 was collected which has been divided between Strathcarron Hospice and The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home.

Whatz Happenin?

The first edition of 'Whatz Happenin?' has just been published. It aims to provide young people aged 16 to 25 in Stirling with information on housing, health and money in a fresh and engaging way.

The magazine is being sent to all Council tenants with Open Door, the Council's tenants' newsletter and will be available at libraries, community centres, doctors' surgeries and elsewhere.

Young people need information.

'Whatz Happenin?' is one of the ways we can get information out there. The Bridge Project has worked with Stirling Council's Housing Services to make 'Whatz Happenin?' happen. We hope that it will help signpost young people to the services they want.

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The Superbus visited Killin on the 9th July but unfortunately very few local children were available to enjoy the facilities it offers.

Sports and Leisure Club

Open Day

In an attempt to encourage local involvement in sports activities another Open Day was held on Wednesday 13th June. This was very well attended by primary school children who tried their hand at tennis, bowls and putting. It was disappointing that none of the senior school children or adults took advantage of the occasion as Stirling Council Sports Department coaching staff and Joe Reilly were present to provide coaching.

C. P. Higgins (Chairperson)

Alex Cameron Trophy

On Sunday 8th July rain threatened as 10 Carpet Bowlers arrived to play their outdoor counterparts at the Sports and Leisure Club. However the skies cleared and it was a fine afternoon as battle commenced. The competition as always was very fierce and accompanied by some excellent banter. At the end of a very successful afternoon the Green Bowlers emerged winners of Part 1 of the Alex Cameron Trophy by 39 shots to 25, winning 5 games and losing 4. Thanks went to the Green Keeper, Jim Beattie for looking after the Bowling Green. Part 2 is eagerly awaited in October.

Jill Higgins (Green Bowler)

Tennis Coaching

On Tuesday 10th July 2 taster tennis coaching sessions took place on the all-weather court. 10 Primary 2-5 girls and boys enjoyed themselves during the first session learning hand/eye co-ordination along with ball skills. They were followed by 10 Primary 6-7 and Senior 1-2 girls and boys on the second session who similarly enjoyed themselves. Further sessions could be arranged if there is continued enthusiasm from the children and their parents.

Our thanks to Louise from Crieff for devoting her time to the occasion.

Jill Higgins (Vice-chair)



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Letters

Introducing myself

Just a brief note to introduce myself as the SNP councillor for your ward. We now have a very large ward with three councillors - Tony Ffinch(Conservative), Paul Owens (Labour) and myself. I hope you will look on us as a team to help you - we certainly plan to work together for the common good. We have 10 community councils to assist so, as Tony told you last month, we are going to operate a rota for meetings and surgeries - but we will be on hand "in triplicate" when the situation demands it! It is my pleasure and privilege to help you to make Killin a better place for all! Best wishes,

Fergus Wood

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A Grand Night Out

I would like to take another chance to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make my 'final fling' such a great success - especially P.T.A, Lesley, Glenda and Gordon for my surprise, Louise for the cake and Andy and 'The Loch Tay Steamers' who kept our feet dancing and tapping all night. So many people really had a good time enjoying watching or joining in with the children dancing. Special thanks to all the children who entertained us in so many ways. We really have a talented bunch in Killin and it was a good way to show them off in a real

family ceilidh.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the training of a teacher in a third world country - you raised enough money for five and I believe that we are well on the way to a sixth. It really is a lovely gift.

Thanks also for the many cards and messages of good wishes.

Linda Frost

Remember the Code!

We recently put up path signs, one at the Auchlyne Bridge and the other at the Innishewan road end. The path, on the whole, follows the old road that was the only access to Innishewan Farm before the present bridge was built. Sadly, within a fortnight of the signs going up, a group of walkers in the area for the weekend left gates open and litter lying along the path. As the path goes through ground where we graze sheep and cattle litter can be a hazard. Therefore I ask anyone using the path to remember the Access code and enjoy your walk responsibly and please take any litter home with you.

Emma Paterson
Auchlyne

Memorial Trial

The Committee of the Lanarkshire Motorcycle Club would like to thank Bobby Lafferty and his team for the tremendous effort in getting this

event off the ground, to the people of Killin for the support and for making us so welcome, to Sheila MacGregor and the members of the MacGregor family and to the landowners for allowing us access to the tremendous trials area.

Alan Scott

Syd Davidson

I would like to thank all the people who attended my father's memorial service. It was wonderful to have your support and to see that Syd was such a valued member of the village.

Sue O'Brien

Back Again

I would like to thank my many friends in Killin for all the lovely get well cards I received in Bannockburn Hospital. The staff at Bannockburn looked after me very well. As for my friends and the staff here in the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home, the care is superb.

Jean Henderson

House Move

I would like to thank everyone for all the lovely cards, flowers and good wishes sent on my recent move from Manse Road to Lyon Road. Special thanks to Bunty for her most welcome soup and sandwiches, and also to Maureen and Jimmy Gauld for keeping and handing over the keys. Visitors are most welcome.

Babs Gordon

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Letters

George Hunter

George Hunter and family would like to express their sincere thanks for all the lovely cards, flowers and words of kindness shown to them over recent weeks. It has helped them all get through a difficult time.

With all my Heart...

I have committed myself to raising at least £3,100 for the British Heart Foundation (BHF), registered charity number 225971, by trekking to Mount Everest Base Camp in April 2008. This tough challenge will start and end in Kathmandu at an altitude of 1370m/4500ft (Ben Nevis is 1344m/4400ft). Trekking for 16 days I aim to climb above Base Camp to a maximum altitude of 5623m/18500ft. At this height the thin air will test my heart to its limit (along with the rest of me!). Three quarters of those reaching Base Camp will already be suffering from some degree of acute altitude sickness and the overnight temperatures will be around -15°C. I admit to being a little anxious contemplating what lies ahead but feel it will be worthwhile to help raise funds for such a good cause. I would be enormously grateful if you felt able to help me beat my

target by donating a little of your hard earned cash. A minimum of £1710 will go directly to the BHF's work and 100% of any money I raise beyond my target will go directly to BHF's life-saving work. Sponsor forms will appear around the village and one or two fundraising events will be held or you can sponsor me online by going to the following link www.bhf.org.uk/sponsor/chrisholden Many thanks.

Dr Christopher Holden

Good Luck, Herbie

Local hill runner Herbie McLean competed in the world veteran trials at Glas Tuliachean hill race on 2nd June and won the male over 60 years category. This has earned him a Scottish Vest to the World Masters Mountain Running Championship in Austria on 23rd September. In his younger days Herbie was a distinguished amateur international boxer representing Scotland. He was lured to a professional boxing career being rated number two in the Britain in both light and light welter weight.

At the ripe old age of 32 he retired from boxing and took up marathon running, his best result being 2 hr

40 mins in the first Edinburgh marathon. He continued running marathons until his move to Killin three years ago, when he took to the hills competing in the hill running circuit. One of Herbie's favourite training runs is Sron a Clachain where he can be seen most Saturdays running up and down six times! Who said boxing doesn't affect your mind? Good luck in September, Herbie.

Janice McLean

70 Wild Miles

In Aid of Cancer and Leukaemia in Children, this charity event starts with a 45 mile cycle from the Ski Centre in Glencoe to Taynuilt Pier, followed by a mass start 10 mile canoe race up Loch Etive. The final section is a 12 mile run up Glen Etive to the finish.

This year was my 13th 70 Wild Miles and my total time was approx. 6h31m

A big thank you to everyone who sponsored me and to Rosie, who was my back-up on the day. My sponsorship total including an 'Into Action Cheque' of £1,000 from Scottish and Southern Energy was £2,540. Thank you all again.

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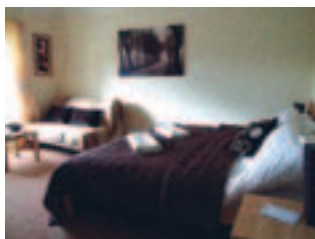
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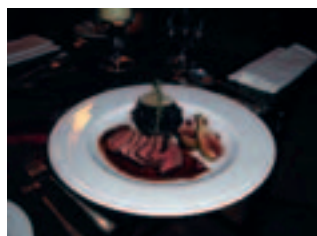
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Intermediate route

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A route

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Novice Easy route

Rudge Motorcycle Trophy:
Nicola Foote Bolton

Over 40 Intermediate Route

Camusurich Cup:
Richard Sharp, York

Over 40 B route

Loch Tay Trophy:
Kenny Drummond, Lanarkshire

Over 50 B route

Killin News Cup:
Russell Whiteford, Dunfermline

Twin Shock Easy route

Games Shield:
Alec Barrie, Colwyn Bay

Youth A Class Intermediate route

Gordon MacGregor Memorial
Trophy: Ian MacPhail, Lanarkshire

Youth B Class Easy route

The Mairi Stitt Cup:
Jordy Hayes, Aberdeen

Youth C Class route

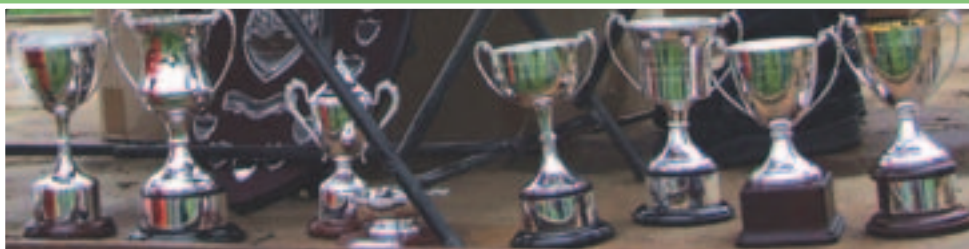
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Bridge of Lochay Cup:
Calum Murphy Lochaber

Piston Broke Award for the best
of worst incident

Robert Lafferty Jnr, Killin



Local Planning Applications

National Park

Week 20 ending 21 May 2007

PROPOSAL: Erection of double garage
Location: Clematis Cottage, Main Street, Killin

Applicant: Mr & Mrs S Aitken

Application Type: Household Alteration/Extension

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Week 22 ending 4 June 2007

PROPOSAL: Erection of dwellinghouse
Location: Dalchenna, 22 Craignavie Road, Killin

Applicant: Mrs Willison

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Week 23 ending 11 June 2007

PROPOSAL: Extension to dwellinghouse
Location: Glenbruar House, Crianlarich FK20 8RN

Applicant: Mr G Bryce

Application Type: Household Alteration/Extension

PROPOSAL: Proposed extension of time for a further three years under Condition 2 of planning permission (R/90/1371) - Proposed underground gold mine together with associated service and production buildings, access road and two bridges

Location: Cononish Farm, Cononish Road, Tyndrum

Applicant: Scotgold Resources Ltd,

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Week 24 ending 18 June 2007

PROPOSAL: Erection of dwellinghouse
Location: Fairview House, Main Street, Killin

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Jim Woods

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Decision: Approve with Conditions

PROPOSAL: Erection of dwellinghouse

Location: Tayview, Main Street, Killin

Applicant: Mr & Mrs C McRae

Application Type: Outline Application

Decision: Approve with Conditions

PROPOSAL: Installation of 2 No, 0.3m transmission dishes onto existing tower including extension to compound and associated equipment

Location: Derrydarroch, Crianlarich

Applicant: Vodafone Ltd,

Application Type: Telecommunications Development

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Week 25 ending 25 June 2007

PROPOSAL: Extension to existing workshops including enclosure of existing compressor

Location: A and B Services, Main Street, Killin

Applicant: A.B Services,

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Week 26 ending 2 July 2007

PROPOSAL: Change of use, extension and alterations to shop to form flat
Location: Former Butchers' Shop, Main Street, Killin

Applicant: Mrs Goodwin & Mrs Ormiston

Application Type: Detailed Consent

PROPOSAL: Change of use of open space to form garden ground

Location: 8 Willow Square, Crianlarich FK20 8RR

Applicant: Mary MacLeod,

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Week 27 ending 9 July 2007

Nil

Week 28 ending 16 July 2007

PROPOSAL: Increase in height of existing mast from 15m to 18m, installation of 2 dishes, relocation of 2 dishes and three antennae and siting of

meter cabinet and associated equipment

Location: Crianlarich Forest FK20 8OS

Application Type: Telecommunications Development

PROPOSAL: Erection of membrane plant building

Location: Tyndrum Water Treatment Works

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Decision: Approve with conditions

Perth and Kinross Council

25 April to 20 July 2007- None

Stirling Council

Week 24 - 20 June 2007

PROPOSAL: Installation of dish at Killin Radio Station, Killin

Status Constraints: Area of Great

Landscape Value Countryside Policy

Applicant: SSE Telecom

PROPOSAL: Extension to dwelling house
Location: Higher Batournie, Killin FK21 8UB

Status Constraints: Area of Great Landscape Value Countryside Policy

Week 26 - 4 July 2007

PROPOSAL: Erection of seven residential lodges, store and boat/fishing hut

Location: Ardeonaig Hotel, Killin, FK21 8SU

Applicant: Ardeonaig Hotel Limited

Consultations Issued: Environment

Services Transport

Development Planning & Policy SEPA East Region North

Division Killin Community Council Service Manager (Community Health)

PROPOSAL: Erection of agricultural building

Location: Innischoarach Killin FK21 8UA

Applicant: Edinmore Properties Ltd

Application Type: Agricultural Notification Decision: Approve

PROPOSAL: Construction of new kitchen extension

Location: Ardeonaig Hotel Killin FK21 8SU

Applicant: Ardeonaig Hotel Ltd

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Killin Golf Club Results

Ladies Open 2nd June

Scratch

Silver Division

- 1: Ruth Ross (Glencruitten) 79
- 2: Linda Cullerton (Carrickvale) 80
- 3: Caroline Dunbar (Aberfeldy) 81

Bronze Division

- 1: Tracey Stark (Dalmally) 82
- 2: Anne Douglas (Kilbirnie Place) 87
- 3: Kathy McKay (Dunbraken) 92

Handicap

Silver Division

- 1: Lucy McNulty (Dalmally) 70
- 2: Patricia Parkhouse (Lothianburn) 71
- 3: Jane McDougall (Callander) 73

Bronze Division

- 1: Susan Bowker (Helensburgh) 61
- 2: Jacqueline Crossan (Dalziel Park) 66
- 3: Lyn Bartlett (Killin) 67

Killin Cup (Best overall Handicap)

Susan Bowker (Helensburgh) 61

Bridge of Lochay Salver

(Best Local Handicap)

Lyn Bartlett 67

Dochart Trophy

(Best overall Scratch)

Ruth Ross (Glencruitten) 79

Nearest the Pin -

Sheena Chisholm

Magic Twos

Ruth Ross (Glencruitten)

Anne Douglas (Kilbirnie Place)

Sweep

Scratch Nancy Shedding

Handicap Carol Mc Dougall

CSS 67

Mixed Open 26th May

Scratch

- 1: W Henderson & Caroline Dunbar (Aberfeldy) 78 BIH
- 2: Gordon Aitken (Killin) & Patricia Parkhouse (Lothianburn) 78
- 3: L Crichton (Alyth) & I Crichton (Blairgowrie) 82

Handicap

- 1: John & Kathleen Blyth (Whitemoss) 63
- 2: Colin Woods & Sheila Aitken (Killin) 64
- 3: J Buchanan & D Buchanan (Cardross) 66 BIH

Best Killin (Bill Mitchell Salver)

Colin Woods & Sheila Aitken 64

Nearest Pin

Ladies (14th) Chrissie Fenton (Killin) 39 inches

Gents (17th) Douglas McRobbie (Killin) 51 inches

Magic Twos

G Birch and M Birch (Crieff)

G Aitken & P Parkhouse (Killin & Lothianburn)

G Smith & E Ingram (Killin)

D Buchanan & J Buchanan (Cardross)

W Henderson & C Dunbar (Aberfeldy)

A Birnie & S Birnie (Carrickvale)

D Nicholson & S Chisholm (Helensburgh & Killin)

Junior Flag

Age 6-8

Girls

1. Emma Aitken (Killin)
2. Jasmine Roe (Stirling)
3. Olivia Ridgewell (Killin)

Boys

1. James McKinlay (Muthill)
2. Cameron Patrick (Fife)
3. Euan Lang (Killin)

Age 9-12 Girls

1. Skye Farmer (Killin)
2. Jennifer Patrick (Fife)
3. Lucie Ronald (Killin)

Boys

1. David Wallace (Callander)
2. Calum Wyllie (Killin)
3. James Ronald (Killin)

The Faldo Mini-Series aims to generate short course events across the British Isles for children aged under 12. The winners of each event go into a draw for a chance to meet Nick Faldo. Last year Killin's Emma Aitken won but unfortunately could not make the trip to meet him. This event aimed at pre-handicap golfers having a bit of fun and meeting golfers from other clubs. Each player is given 45 shots to go round the junior course at Killin Golf Club which is 1,386 yards with a par of 28 over the 9 holes. After 45 shots the player puts a flag into the ground where the ball landed and the winner is the one who gets the furthest round the course. This year we had entries from Fife, Callander, Muthill, St Fillans, Stirling and our own juniors, assisted by several of our regular Junior Night helpers who walked round with the juniors. The rain stayed away and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We hope to run another event next year.

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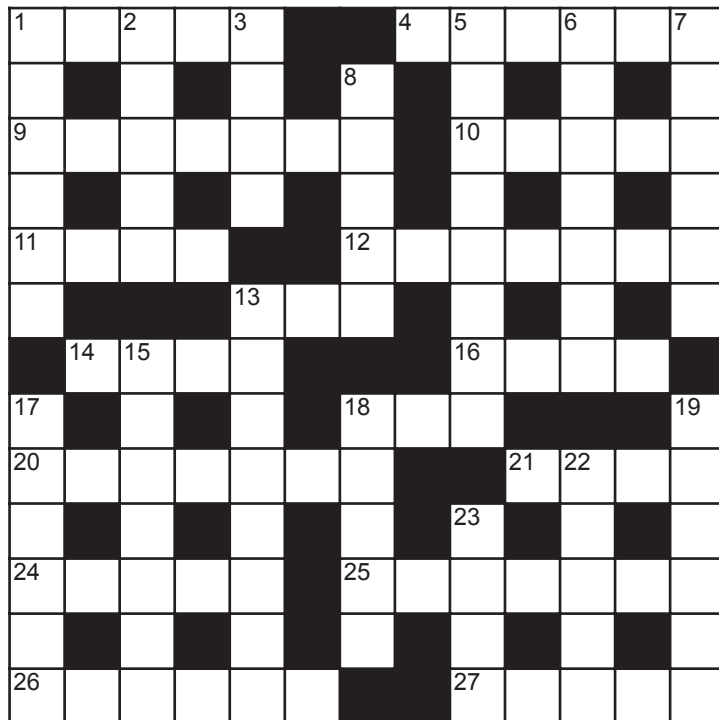
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Down

- 1 rob the bank? - no it's too much trouble (6)
 2 beneath in sound ergonomics (5)
 3 a mid day palindrome (4)
 5 would a poet dare to have pursued a business? (8)
 6 I enter beneath to become not one nor the other (7)
 7 this will supply more than a few good cuppas (3,3)
 8 Dutch town of blue and white earthenware production (5)
 13 change for smart conventionally established styles of artistic composition (3,5)

Across

- 1 second class race for the tail end (5)
 4 grain & alien suitable for holding ice cream (6)
 9 limbless, tailed aquatic larva (7)
 10 she is a shrub of the hillsides (5)
 11 a real title (4)
 12 her fate is to be light and fluffy (7)
 13 formicidae - one of a social group (3)
 14 become or make unclear (4)
 16 the colour of unbleached linen (4)
 18 quiet advertisement can produce a student's bedsit (3)
 20 being ever aware of (7)
 21 prominent facial feature (4)
 24 either way it's a turning point of machinery (5)
 25 looks upon with favour (7)
 26 endless overset and confused intensifier (4,2)
 27 there is a want say, but a good handling will suffice (5)

Solution to 98

Across 1 aside 7 sedative 8 beast 10 crustacean 12 treasure 14 bait 16 feet 17 revealed 20 imaterial 23 lakes 24 longleat 25 undid

Down 1 albert 2 disc 3 eels 4 radar 5 miserable 6 rennet 9 trust 11 deferment 13 rue 15 metal 16 frills 18 doused 19 stale 21 reap 22 lawn

- 15 crescent shaped (7)
 17 the second vowel will "join up" and the whole will come into view (6)
 18 beg (5)
 19 not accustomed and brand new (6)
 22 Arkle was one and Pegasus also (5)
 23 murderous frenzy (4)

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Strawberry Tea



The Ladies Section of the Killin Golf Club arranged a Strawberry Tea in aid of Breast Cancer Care at Kinnell in June. Guests not only had an excellent tea with lots of cakes but could also look round the garden and the green house, where there was tombola and a plant sale. The rain kindly held off until the 4pm closing time and the magnificent amount of £891 was raised.



Rob Roy Challenge



This took place on 23rd June and is a charity event to raise funds for 4 charities. Martin Currie Charitable Foundation, Cancer Research UK, CHAS and Habitat for Humanity. Participants covered 55 miles of spectacular scenery on the Rob Roy Way. Teams started at Drymen and walked 16 miles to Loch Lomond and on to Callander where they switched to bikes and cycled to Kenmore - all in around 8 - 12 hours. The fastest team: Arran runners 5 hours 40 mins. Fastest male: Cameron Stewart 5 hours exactly. Fastest female: Nell Clarke 5 hours 41 mins.

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August

- 9 Green Team "Magical Moths" meet school 6pm
- 12 Clanscape Breadalbane Park 12 noon - 4pm
- 12 Duck Race start at Dochart Bridge 2pm
- 12 Mini Tattoo Dewars World of Whisky Aberfeldy Ticket Hotline 01796 484624 www.pitlochry.org.uk/minitattoo
- 14 Drama Club AGM 7.30pm Lesser Hall
- 15 Car Boot sale Tourist Information office by Tyndrum
- 15 "Claybake" Pottery workshop Crannog 10am - 5pm booking essential Tel 01887 830583 www.crannog.co.uk
- 16 National Park event "Irishman's Hike" from Balquhidder - Glen Dochart booking essential Tel 01389 722040
- 18 Killin & District Agricultural Show Breadalbane Park
- 23 Green Team "Animal Adaptations" meet school 6pm
- 23 Concert Crannog 7.45 - 9pm suitable for ages 12+ booking essential Tel 01887 830583 www.crannog.co.uk
- 25 "Quern" concert in aid of Community Bus Fund McLaren Hall
- 28 Coffee morning Lesser Hall in aid of Nursery Funds

September

- 1 Shallow water Archaeology Crannog 12noon to 2pm booking essential Tel 01887 830583 www.crannog.co.uk
- 6 Green Team "Hunter of the Air" meet school 6pm
- 8 Come and try Underwater Archaeology Crannog 11am - 1pm
- 11 Killin Community Council meeting School 7.30pm
- 15 National Park event "Strathfillan Gold" Tyndrum 11am booking essential 01389 722040
- 16 Meet "Underwater Time Team" and try out scuba Crannog (Kenmore Club Resort) suitable ages 8+ booking essential Tel 01887 830583 www.crannog.co.uk
- 16 "The Little Dig" Sandpit Archaeology fun for all ages Crannog 12noon and 2.30pm booking essential Tel 01887 830583 www.crannog.co.uk
- 16 Family Fun Day Bridge of Lochay Hotel 1 - 4pm Nursery event
- 20 National Park event "Time Travel" Glen Ogle meet Lochearnhead 1.30pm booking essential Tel 01389 722040
- 20 Green Team "Walking back in time" meet school 6pm
- 21-28 Art Exhibition/Competition Tyndrum Village Hall
- 30 Forest Faeries & Foraging Crannog 2pm - 3pm booking essential Tel 01887 830583 www.crannog.co.uk

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13 Aug Brown
20 Aug Grey/Green
28 Aug Brown
3 Sept Grey/green
10 Sept Brown
17 Sept Grey/Green
24 Sept Brown
1 Oct Grey/Green



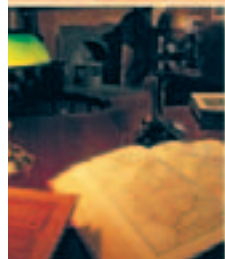


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