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Editorial

Thanks to the foresight of Suzanne Player and the Killin Community Council and the public consultation on the future of Killin, the wishes of the people of Killin are known to the Planners in the Loch Lomond and Trossachs and Stirling Council areas. They are aware that the majority do not want development to take place outside the village envelope or on the lochside especially development that affects the remarkable views and environment responsible for making Killin so desirable as a holiday venue. The boundaries of Killin Community Council and Perth Council lie just east of Drumnalarig so unfortunately the wishes of the people of Killin are not considered beyond there. We are aware that there have been a number of planning applications and developments between there and Kenmore. The A827, while it is an A route, is not up to the standard of A routes elsewhere as there are places where large vehicles are not able to pass each other in safety. This has been given as the reason for not signposting it as the route for the A9 from the A84. The same argument would deem it inadequate to support a series of new developments along the north side of Loch Tay.

The planning in this issue (page 20) notes two proposed new developments, one on the land recently sold by the Killin Golf Club which proposes the building of Holiday Chalets and the other, a private development, on land beside the Morenish Chapel which proposes the building of a "new environmental centre" with a large car park, space for buses and a path that leads to the Tarmachan Ridge. This comes at a time when the National Trust is debating the future of the Ben Lawers Centre. All developments on the hillside have an environmental impact by the construction of access roads, concrete foundations and the people using the site for recreation. We hope all these factors will be taken into account in the planning consultations and it is a pity that there is not some way in which decisions about close-to-the-border applications could be brought to the attention of the neighbouring planning authorities. Meanwhile those who have strong feelings on local development are advised to read the Planning Schedules of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, Stirling Council and Perth and Kinross Council so they can pass on their comments, positive as well as negative, to the planning authority.

If you are a registered to vote in Killin, the new Killin and Ardeonaig Community Development Trust needs your support (opposite). It will be seeking members at its launch event. This is your Trust and it is up to what it can to make sure your wishes, as expressed by public consultations, are acted upon. Public concerns discussed by the Killin Community Council, such as the reduction in hostel places with the imminent demise of the SYHA Hostel in Killin, will now be considered by the Trust which is able to seek funding to help achieve ways in which such concerns can be managed.

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New Killin and Ardeonaig Community Trust Formed

The Killin and Ardeonaig Community Development Trust is now a legal entity with company registration and charitable status. The first meeting was held with initial directors Kenny Taylor, Helen Sinclair (Company Secretary), Margaret MacIver, Fiona Kennedy, Charlie Grant, Willie Angus and Don Allan. Trevor Shaw and Elaine Turner are to be co-opted at the next meeting. These directors will be in place until the first AGM which will be held once the Trust has built up a strong membership base and elections can take place. The objectives of the Trust, linked to the new Local Community Action Plan, include such things as

facilities for children, transport, crafts, groups, education, a resource centre and support for tourism. Membership of the Trust will be available for a nominal annual subscription to all who live in the area and are on the voting register. Application Forms will be available soon. The work of the Trust will complement the work of the Killin Community Council and it will have the ability to raise funds, own property and employ people if necessary. This is an exciting time for Killin as the people of Killin can now exercise some power and direction over community development in the area. Many locations and villages in Scotland have community trusts which have succeeded with major developments such as buying and running an Island, as on Gigha, or managing community woodlands, refurbishing the village hall, general village improvements and the ownership of four houses as achieved by the Strathfillan Community Development Trust. Now, with the help of the new Trust, some Killin pipe dreams could become reality, depending on the support received from the membership and the funds the

Trust can attract. A launch event will be held in the New Year to remind people about the Local Action Plan, encourage membership and explain how to get involved in project development.

Competition to find New Logo

One of the first jobs for the new committee is to construct and agree on a logo. This has to be durable and something worthy of the Killin and Ardeonaig Community Development Trust. Ideas are needed so we are running a competition that will be judged by the Trust Directors. There is a £25 prize for the winning entry. We hope that anyone, young or not so young, amateur or professional, will contribute designs. Please make sure your logos, with your name, address and phone number, arrive in the Killin News Office, either through the letterbox or by post or e-mail, **by Friday 11th January**. The winning entry, which will be announced in the next issue, may or may not be the one finally chosen by the Trust. Please send us lots of exciting ideas - as many as you like!

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New Year's Night Dance



The Traditional dance will be held in the McLaren Hall on the evening of
Tue 1st January 2008.

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Killin Community Council - November

SYHA

Keith Legg of the Scottish Youth Hostel Association explained the circumstances which led the Association to their decision to close the Killin Hostel.

The hostel was opened 60 years ago and for the last 4 years running at a loss of £12,000 per annum. The expected loss over the next 3 years is £45,000. The demand for accommodation is dropping partly because of better quality accommodation at competitive prices in the village. The hostel in Crianlarich is also losing money but closing the Killin hostel may improve the sustainability of at least one hostel. The property is in the hands of the estate agents D.M Hall in Edinburgh and the hostel will close in February. Some discussion took place as to the wisdom of a community buy out but the purchase price and and upgrading required to bring the property up to an acceptable standard would be prohibitive.

Craignavie Road

Harry Doig of the Roads department Stirling Council attended the meeting to discuss the proposal to create pedestrian and vehicle access in Craignavie Road. Sections of the road are too narrow to allow a carriageway for trucks and a footpath so a solution needs to be found. Residents whose gardens could provide extra width have been

approached and have refused to sell to the Council. The money provided for this work is from central government and cannot be used in any other way. If Killin does not agree to the proposals the funding will go elsewhere. The Community Council will canvas all residents on Craignavie Road as to how they wish the Council to resolve the problem and will then inform the Roads Department.

Cemetery Sign

The sign for the cemetery on the Main Road will be in place by 31st March.

New Community Trust

The newly formed trust is called the Killin and Ardeonaig Community Trust. It is now registered and approved by the appropriate government agencies. A competition is to be run to help in the selection of a logo.

Planning

Loch Leven Cottage approved.
The bus turning circle approved.
Falls of Dochart Holiday Cottages no decision.

Mid Lix extension approved.

Building behind Fairview approved.

Drainage Problems

The problems associated with the drainage from the Fingal Road housing is ongoing but work is being done to rectify this.

Felling by the Dochart Bridge

A letter from the National Park to the

KCC alerted members to the fact that a felling licence should have been obtained for the tree felling by the Dochart Bridge as the work did not comply with the terms of the Killin Conservation Area.

New Composting Officer

David Payne of Forth Environmental Link has informed the KCC that they have been appointed by Stirling Council to look after the compost site. This will require the co-operation of all who use it. It was decided that he should be asked to speak to the next KCC meeting

Ben Lawers Visitors Centre

This is under threat and there are 4 possible solutions:

Renovation, removal, re-location or the redevelopment Lyndoch to house the exhibition.

Proposed 'Environmental' Visitors Centre

The proposal of a Visitors Centre by Morenish Chapel was discussed. Most felt it was unlikely to proceed as the road is too narrow to allow the traffic, in particular buses, to access the development. No details have been published as to what this centre entails.

Christmas Tree

This will be donated by a committee member for the village.

Next meeting

8th January

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Lumberjill Audrey



Audrey Campbell with daughters Irene Orr (left) and Morag McAllister (right)



In early October, at a ceremony attended by over 40 members of the Women's Timber Corp or Lumberjills as they were affectionately known, a bronze statue was unveiled at the David Marshall Lodge in Aberfoyle to commemorate the work done during WW2 by the women of the Corp. The unit was established to help the war effort and provide timber for pit props, telegraph poles, coffin boards, ship's masts, railway sleepers, ladders and crosses for soldier's graves. The work consisted of tree felling, using six pound axes and two handed saws as this was before the invention of the chainsaw, clearing forests using horses, loading and driving trucks and operating sawmills. They were supported by men who were unfit to fight and latterly by POWs. They received just two weeks training and were then dispatched to the forests where most lived in spartan huts with few facilities. At the end of the war some were sent to Germany to salvage equipment from abandoned sawmills. They wore a uniform the same as the Land Girls but with a green beret bearing a distinctive badge featuring a Fir tree surmounted by a crown.



Audrey Campbell who lives in Stewart Road was a Lumberjill. She lived, at the time of the war, in her home village of Bassingham near Newark in Lincolnshire and joined the local unit with her friend Sheila. She had the luxury of living at home. There were approximately twenty girls working and three men who were unfit to fight. Audrey remembers working hard using an axe and two girl saw. She also operated sawmilling machinery leaving them covered with sawdust but kept it out of their hair by tying a scarf like a turban round their heads. The nearby RAF station at Swinderby was where they socialised as they ran dances for the men and local girls. Girls were welcomed in for free but the men had to pay. Audrey attended the ceremony in Aberfoyle and the lunch afterwards by invitation of the Forestry Commission who were responsible for the event and the recognition of the Corp.

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In October 1942, aged 21, he had risen to the rank of Sergeant and took part in the North African campaign at El Alamein as part of the 154th Brigade. He was fatally wounded on 25th October 1942 and died from his wounds. He is buried in North Africa. Peter was an uncle to Elizabeth Hancock, John, Peter and James Sinclair. His sister was their mother Ena Sinclair (nee Stewart)

John Sinclair

The Killin War Memorial

The Killin memorial was constructed in local stone by the sculptor

Alexander Carrick in conjunction with the architect James B. Dunn. The appearance of the soldier is very similar to and some say was modelled on Michaelangelo's David. Carrick was responsible for many War memorials around Scotland including Lochawe, Oban, St Margaret's Hope, Kinghorn, Newburgh and Auchtermuchty. He subsequently sculpted another stone memorial, a copy of the Killin soldier, for Burgher's Park in Pretoria for the South African Scottish Regimental Association. He was responsible for many other stone sculptures.

The Killin War Memorial as it is today can be compared to how it appeared in a photograph taken in the 1920s. In the 1920s the memorial stood in open ground making a significant spectacle in front of the panoramic vista of Sron na Clachain, the Tarmachans, Ben Ghlas and Ben Lawers with the spectacular falls close by. Unfortunately as you approach it by road now the view is all but obscured by the growth of trees. Alexander Carrick once wrote that 'A good site either makes or mars a memorial. Some feel sad that the memorial is no longer seen in the context that had been Carrick's intention and can be passed by unnoticed.

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BANK ROBBERY IN KILLIN

No, not an armed raid but Killin has lately been targeted by fraudsters telephoning bank customers and asking for their Bank account numbers, passwords and other confidential details. These people are professionals who are very good at their job. They sound genuine and use all sorts of very plausible reasons why they need this information. They know every trick for convincing customers that they are genuine and persuading them to reveal even the amount they have in their accounts. The accounts are then cleared of all or most of the money. So just a reminder: if you receive a call like this remember that your real bank will NEVER ask for these details over the phone unless you have phoned them. If you suspect a call is from one of these fraudsters, just hang up.

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Canoeing Crianlarich to Dunkeld

Charles Jordan and his family from Dorset are addicted to canoeing and to Scotland. The splendour of the scenery and wild life vies with that of other prime destinations such as Canada. Autumn is a good time as you are less likely to be disturbed by others using the waterways.

Access to rivers and lakes is very restricted in England and Wales unlike Scotland where the Open Access regulations make it so much more available to the discerning and responsible canoeist. Canoeing is an excellent way to travel as it results in little disturbance to the environment and barely leaves a footprint. Being almost silent it gives a unique view of the wildlife. They find that the vast majority of people are very helpful and supportive but they have had a few negative comments from fishermen and landowners on their way, even though they stick rigidly to the terms of the Access Code.

Their first trip, the Spey from Newtonmore to Charlestown of Aberlour, kindled their interest. The scenery was especially beautiful in spring and they were lucky to observe, in passing, an



osprey at its nest. Since then they explored Loch Garry and Loch Quich where they were infested by midges, Loch Etive, Loch Shiel from Glenfinnan to where the river enters Loch Moidart, Polly River by Inverpollity Nature Reserve and Crianlarich to Dunkeld with portage round the Falls of Dochart.

This occasion was the second time that Charles and his son Martin travelled the route from Crianlarich to Dunkeld and back to Killin. We don't often see a canoe, fully laden with serious camping gear, being wheeled through the village so I took the opportunity to have a word on their return.

A capsized in williwaw style winds in which the canoe had to be abandoned was



probably the worst mishap they have had to date followed by forgetting the tent on a winter trip and having to make do with a groundsheet for protection. The intrepid tourist prepared to take these risks can reap the benefits of observing a world seen only by those close to the land and feel at one with nature itself.

A small specially constructed metal cooker and fire sticks provide the

wherewithal to dry wet clothing and warm food. It would be difficult to find dry sticks to light a fire this time of year and anyway old dry sticks on the lochside provide perches for kingfishers and other birds. A self-draining string bag for rubbish copes with the little they discard and has space for extra pieces found on their way. The Dochart and Tay are favourite destination and they will return again. Martin would like to thank the 'lady who owns the chip shop in Tyndrum' for giving him a lift to Crianlarich to collect his van.

Since meeting Charles and Martin I have seen at least two other groups portaging round the Falls. WA

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There are three elements of the scheme. These include: Conservation Grants to property owners and tenants to assist with the repair and restoration of historic buildings in the Killin Outstanding Conservation Area. Enhancements to the streets. Small projects such as training events, heritage interpretation, advice leaflets and education. People who own or rent a historic property in Killin Outstanding Conservation Area may be eligible to apply. Grants for general repair could include structural repairs, re-roofing, chimney repairs, renewal of lead work, repairs to stonework and render, repair to windows and doors, boundary walls and railings. Grants will be available for up to a maximum of 70% of the cost of the work.

Many buildings in Killin have

historic design features which have been removed. Work may include reinstatement of traditional sash and case windows, traditional doors and iron work such as railings. Grants will be made available for up to 85% of the cost of eligible works.

The grant scheme will not cover routine maintenance and redecoration, conversion or alterations, interior fitting out or renewal of services. In some cases, planning permission or listed building consent may be required before work can be carried out. Repairs should respect traditional

building fabric, details and skills.

I'm also proposing to hold a **Grants Surgery** **4th December in the Lesser Hall** from from 1pm to 6pm to give people a chance to drop in lunchtime or after work.

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If you are interested in finding out more information or would like to discuss your proposals contact me.

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Mervyn's Weather



So far, the year 2007 has, weatherwise, been one of contrasts with the wild and tempestuous late winter, the glorious spell late March to early May leading to an abysmal three months of Summer. Until late August the pattern was, as mentioned in earlier articles, almost identical to that of the notorious 1938. However, after a final fling on 18th August, the points were switched and since then we have been favoured with a quiet and at times glorious early Autumn. At time of writing - Hallowe'en - due to lack of strong winds or frost the tree colourings are spectacular. This "Indian Summer" reached its peak, as so often happens, around 24th October with that brief period of delightfully warm, sunny days known as "St Luke's little Summer". The subsequent maintained grass growth has to an extent mitigated the log-jam in the dispersal of the Autumn lamb and calf crop resulting from the Foot and Mouth saga 500 miles away. The fiscal provision of

£15 for smaller lambs normally destined for export is easing the burden of having to retain marketable stock long past the normal dates and diminishing keep. In an industry already under much financial pressure, straws such as this must be grabbed avidly and thankfully. However the fact that these lambs, which in spring were nurtured and cared for by diligent shepherding, are now to be incinerated - a fact not realised by many members of the public - is nothing short of obscene. When much of the third world is surviving below the bread line, one would surmise a means of distribution to an appreciative destination could be implemented. "Ah!" say those in power, "most of the third world do not eat meat but survive on rice, mealies or bananas." But surely some Bantu tribes, say the Masai, Zulus or Matabele and so on, are meat eaters and could use up this product. But then, say the pundits, the transport of such would feed the bete noir of Global Warming!

One can't win! In any case all this is over simplification and utopian drivel, so perhaps we should concentrate on preparing the tups and ewes for their annual nuptials in the hope of better things in 2008!

On a final more positive note, although not a political animal I must - despite the new broom syndrome - pay tribute to Mr. Lochear et al, not forgetting the sterling work of our own Jim McLaren of N.F.U. Scotland, in besieging the apparently impregnable "Siegfried line" of a refractory Whitehall regarding compensation for Scottish hill farmers due to the F.M.D. debacle. All right they weren't successful but at least were able to implement the secured option of funding from own resources. Good on you boys! Let's hope that this dispensation from limited national funds won't be detrimental to other deserving causes.

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The stag stalking season has just finished and was mainly fairly dry and mild. This year was one of the best ruts for a while with the glens and corries echoing to the many furious roars of the challenging stags from mid September till almost the end of October. Many of the disputes were quite violent and we found more stags than usual with injuries. Two had been holed in their bodies with bits of intestines popping out and many had scars and bruises on their heads from the force of the clashing of antlers. Two stags were found dead at the foot of a steep rock face in the West having fallen while engrossed in fighting. We watched one hind in The Riadhailt who was leading her suitor a chase as, every time the stag got

near, she nipped round the other side of a big rock - and so they continued strictly come dancing for some time. I'm sure that most of you have noticed the huge numbers of mice and voles about this year. While stalking on the hill there are voles scurrying around everywhere into runs and holes and piles of droppings marking their abundance. Short-eared owls have appeared as usual in these cases to take up the offer of fast food. Its amazing how they know but I expect there's probably an owl friendly website somewhere or specialised G.P.S. systems. While on the hill one day we came on the remains of a short-eared owl, which itself had been preyed upon. Judging by the explosion of feathers around it and the fact that it had been plucked before being eaten suggests that a

peregrine had had a tasty meal. Talking of owls, barn owls seem to be prospering in Glen Lochay and the distances between sightings suggest more than one pair. One pair has been observed to have nested and successfully raised young. On the 25th, 26th and 27th October The Deer Commission organised a range of Best Practice in Deer Management workshops at Glen Falloch. The venue changes for these allow workers in all areas of the country to access them. Having said that, there were students from Elmwood, Northern and Thurso College taking part on the second day. In order to demonstrate larder work, three deer per day needed to be provided and it was a challenge to stalk, shoot and bring them in in time for the sessions. Deer don't always tend to co-operate with time scales. It was good to see George Coyne and local Forestry Commission stalkers giving the larder demonstrations. The aim of this is to have an input from all involved in deer management in the production of a Best Practice Guide for reference and as a management tool.

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Recently I have been called out to look at computers that are running very slowly. Some have viruses but, more worryingly, others are clean from infection but have so many antivirus, firewall, or antispam applications that the poor machine is not big enough to handle all the additional workload. There is no doubt that

professional security software, for instance McAfee and Norton, are excellent tools to prevent your machines from being infected - but they come at a price. These software applications require significant amounts of memory (RAM) to run. For instance, any Windows XP machine running 512MB of RAM or less with Norton installed, will be uncomfortably slow. For VISTA machines, even with 1GB RAM, you will find performance problems. I have harped on about this in the past, but I cannot stress this enough, please, please, make sure you have enough RAM to run all the programs you need. Spend as

much as you can afford on RAM, and you will reap the benefits.

Christmas is just around the corner, and many of us will consider buying a new computer either for ourselves, or as presents for others. I recommend you look at the configurations of the systems you see in the shops carefully before buying. The retailers have a habit of keeping prices down by sacrificing on performance. Dual Core processors are the way to go at the moment, along with a minimum of 1GB RAM for XP and 2GB RAM for VISTA. If you are into music, or create CDs and DVDs, then maybe you should look for large disc space, too. For those who are paranoid about losing data, then a machine with at least 2 hard discs might be an idea - then you can copy over your data to the spare disc, thus having a backup in case of emergency.

Please also remember that some existing peripherals, for instance some scanners and printers, might not work with VISTA - so check with your retailer prior to purchasing a VISTA machine.

The cost of flat screens has come down this year and you can get a good quality 17" screen for under £100.

Computer systems from the shops do not usually have sufficient word processing applications or office tools - these come at a price, with Microsoft Office Standard coming in at anything from £105 upwards. If you need other office tools, for instance Powerpoint, then the costs can run into the hundreds of pounds.

Setting up a new computer to connect to the internet can be a little fiddly, especially if you are setting up internet for the first time, or if you are getting a second computer and want both machines to access the internet simultaneously. In order to save frustration on Christmas Day, it might be an idea to discuss your set up with your computer retailer, so that everything goes as smoothly as possible.

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Loch Tay Food Chain

The recent Rural Sustainability Event held in Killin at the end of September highlighted the growing interest in changing the way we think about our food supplies. The Loch Tay Food Chain, which was established earlier this year, worked with Environmental Action Killin to run this event and we are now in the process of taking forward many of the issues raised and would welcome the views, knowledge and experience of our local community in how best we can build a sustainable food supply that deals with all the issues raised.

Food Co-ops

The Food Co-ops are designed not to compete but to complement other local outlets as the emphasis is on organic and wholefoods unavailable locally. One of our first aims was to re-vitalise the local food co-ops by

merging them together. This would not only make the administration of them easier but would also provide us with the ability to pool our purchasing power to get even better prices from suppliers. The newly merged co-op has now started trading, initially with 'Green City Wholefoods' providing us with a monthly supply of general grocery products and 'Food For Thought' in Dull providing us with a weekly supply of fresh meats, fish, bakery and dairy products as well as their wide range of local and organic vegetables.

In selecting these two as suppliers we want to purchase through companies who demonstrate an ethical stance towards food production. We welcome

approaches from any local food suppliers and producers who have similar ethical trading policies.

Networking

We have also been in discussion with other food initiatives throughout Scotland about co-operating and exchanging produce between the groups. The Lochaber Larder already operates a local food network and Larder Bytes, based in Fife, have been working on a national network enabling food producers within Scotland to distribute their foods efficiently around the country. We are in discussions with them as to how what we are trying to do around Loch Tay can fit in with this wider scheme.

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Food Production

In looking for suppliers we realised how few local food producers there are in the Loch Tay area. Whilst there are a number of meat producers, we have been unable to find a single vegetable producer! So we are launching a campaign in the new year to encourage and assist local people to begin producing local fruit and vegetables. The food co-op, and our links with Larder Bytes, should provide us with an outlet for selling any food produced locally and we are planning to hold workshops around the area to show potential producers what opportunities there are and how they can help fill the gap.

Land Sharing

We are also looking into ways to acquire land for people to grow vegetables. We have already encouraged one local farmer to allow some of his land to be used both for a commercial market garden and possible allotments next year. So if you want to grow but don't have access to land, or if you own suitable land and would like to see it used then please get in touch. Working together with Forth Environment Link and other local

initiatives we will be enabling and encouraging the recycling of compost for use in local food production.

Education

Together with Environmental Arts Theatre Company we are working on a series of workshops and performances involving young people aimed at encouraging the inclusion of more vegetables as part of their diet.

We are also an active participant in the 'Big Shed' project at Tombreck. This project plans to construct a community owned and managed facility next year which will include a fully equipped commercial kitchen, bakery and micro-brewery, allowing us to develop courses in food hygiene, food processing, cookery, baking and brewing.

Your food chain needs you!

So we have developed an ambitious range of activities to help develop access to local food, but it needs you, the community, to take it forward and make the Loch Tay area an example for sustainable food production and consumption. If you would like to be kept notified of future activities and events,

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Christmas Shoeboxes

A big thank you to everyone who donated a Christmas Box - and a special one to Ron and Sheila who gave twelve boxes - one for each month of the year. Thanks also to Marion and Mhari, who spent an afternoon in the library covering and filling boxes with gifts and items that had been handed in. A total of 55 boxes was collected.

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Woodland News

The Trust is delighted to have secured the services of land agent Richard Wedgwood of DMH Baird Lumsden. Richard will act on our behalf for the duration of the work being undertaken by Scottish Water Solutions in Tyndrum Woodland. Having a land agent will ensure that the work is carried out to the satisfaction of all parties. We are also delighted that SWS has agreed to pay the cost of the land agent! The National Park volunteers and Gavin Skipper (NP Ranger) have been back to Strathfillan again and have cleared a pathway to the viewpoint in Tyndrum Woodlands and tended to some damaged rowan trees. As always, a big thank you to them for all their hard work.

The Trust hopes to organise a supply of self-seeded Christmas trees with help from Rory McLean (FC), so please watch out for posters giving details in the next couple of weeks.

Community Futures Action Plan

Our Action Plan is now in the hands of the graphic designer and, all being well, should be printed in time for the Trust AGM. A copy will be delivered to every household in Strathfillan. Many thanks to the local steering group for their work in

pulling together all the information, especially our Community Profiler, Moira Robertson, and those who supplied some great local photographs.

Art Exhibition

The village hall was totally unrecognisable after its transformation into an art venue for four days in November - a calm oasis of culture! Congratulations

and a huge thank you to everyone who submitted their work. There is such a wealth of wonderful amateur talent across Breadalbane and I hope this exhibition will be the first of many the Trust will host to show off all that talent. Our thanks to The Green Welly Stop, The Rod and Reel and The Real Food Café for their kind sponsorship.

Café Sci
"What drives scientists to do science?" is the subject for John Lackie MA PhD at the first Café Sci of 2008 on Wed 20th February. This is followed by "Cononish Gold Project" with Chris Sangster BSc ARSM GDE MEIZ on Wednesday 19th March. As always the Café

opens at 7pm with refreshments and an opportunity to meet the speakers. I hope we'll see many of you in the New Year. Please call the office for more information.

Local Award Winner

Congratulations to Gordon and Maureen Gaughan and their team who run the Crianlarich Station Tearoom. They have been awarded Best Station Buffet in the 2007

Community Rail Awards - a national award after just two years running the tearoom. Gordon must be doing something right at last!! Just kidding Gordon. Well done!



Maureen Gaughan, Sandra Gaughan, Roseanne Pyefinch and Gordon Gaughan

To all of the great staff and readers of the Killin News - A Merry Christmas and a Happy and peaceful New Year from all at the Strathfillan Community Development Trust.

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Tyndrum Fire and Rescue

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September Tyndrum Fire and Rescue held their annual fundraising event in The Green Welly Stop car park. The weather remained mostly dry with the odd shower.

It was a busy day for the crew with locals and visitors from all over looking around the appliance and the benevolent fund stall. They raised the grand total £648.43 for the Fire Service National Benevolent Fund which supports Fire Service personnel and their dependents who find themselves in need.

The crew from Tyndrum fire station would like to thank everyone for all the support and donation from locals and visitors alike.

Allan Brodie

Volunteer Fireman



Nursery News

Congratulations to Maggie Townsley and her husband Shaun on the safe arrival of their son Shaun William who was born on 2nd November. Debbie McAllister will be joining our team to cover Maggie's maternity leave.

The Nursery has been donated a beautiful picture of Loch Lomond which is going to be auctioned at the Christmas Dance in the McLaren Hall on 22nd December but if anyone wants to put in a silent bid before hand it will be on display at the nursery.

The over 3s will be going to a

performance of "The Littlest Tree" in the MacRobert Centre in December.

We had another successful Bingo Night and raised a staggering £730. Thanks to everyone including the local businesses for their support. We now have enough money to install the slide and climbing frame.

Crianlarich and Killin Nursery will close on Friday 21st December and reopen on Monday 7th January.

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Christmas Fayre on Saturday 8th December at 11a.m. - 1p.m.

This fundraising event is a fun day for all the family. We need to raise funds to pay for buses to sporting events and other educational outings so bring along as many friends and family as you can on Saturday 8th December 11a.m. - 1p.m. There will be lots of side show stalls including: "Hunt the Key", "Crazy Sand", Tombola and "Grab a Gift!" The children are working hard making products to sell at their own stalls including: beautiful table decorations, Christmas gifts, Jolly Jars and much more! We've written to Santa and hope he's got time in his busy schedule to pay us a visit. The P.T.A. will serve soup and sandwiches, have a Cake and Candy stall and a Toys and Books stall. Please come along for lots of Family Fun!

Christmas Carol Concert

Friends of Killin Primary School are invited to our end of term Carol Concert on Friday 21st December at 10:30a.m. in the McLaren Hall. Stay and join us for some festive refreshments provided by Killin P.T.A. All welcome.

Hockey Training

In October P6/7 had a hockey taster. Kirsty a hockey coach from Stirling Active Schools came to teach us. We have already done a rugby festival which was fun so now we are really looking forward to the hockey festival!! At the festival there will be lots of different schools taking part. At our first taster we were learning how to dribble with the hockey ball and stick. We also learnt how to pass the ball to another player in the team. It is called a push pass. We played lots of fun games!! We can't wait until the festival!!

Adele & Ailsa P7

Killin Primary Halloween Party Fancy Dress Competition

The Winners in Primary 1 - 3

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| 1st | Tyler Montgomery-Windsor |
| 2nd | Stuart Lang |
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The Winners in Primary 4 - 7

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Killin Primary Halloween Party!

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Sophie and Ellie P6

National Mod

On the 15th October the Gaelic choir went to the National Mod in Fort William. The Gaelic choir came fourth and we had yummy food for lunch. We were supposed to come back at 5.00pm but we came back at 5.40pm instead! We stopped in the Real Food Café in Tyndrum. I had fish & chips, Irn Bru and strawberry ice cream for tea.

When we were going back Ms Logan spotted a beautiful waterfall and there were lots of people taking photos of it. Ms Logan stopped the bus for a minute because she said that we were all behaving badly but she was just joking! On the way there we played stuff like X factor and I-spy. Ewan Watson thought it would take forever to get there! But I suppose it is 60-70 miles! Our Gaelic choir teacher is called Mr J. Lincoln. On the 31st October P4/5 got a Gaelic teacher. She will come every second Wednesday to school. Her name is Mrs McLeod.

Bryony P5

Killin Primary School PTA

The new Committee, decided at the AGM of the PTA in September is:

Norma Lang - Chairperson
Jane Forster - Treasurer
Sammy Hibbert - Committee Member and Liaison with Pupil Council

Fiona Petrie - Committee Member
Mhari Riddell - Committee Member
Catriona Ridgewell - Secretary
Jo Menzies - Committee Member

Activities

Any Committee member may be contacted on PTA matters. The School's Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 8th December in the school.

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Norma Lang

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Killin Primary School Activities



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**Above: Primary 6-7
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**Left: Sad
pumpkin faces
when their scary
activities failed to
upset the PTA**

Below: Having fun with the flour/jelly face

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Primary 4 and 5 have taster sessions of Gaelic with Cathy MacLeod, Gaelic Specialist Teacher and every second Wednesday they can be found speaking, singing and playing games in Gaelic. The Gaelic Choir went to Fort William on 15th October to compete in the National Mod. They'd spent months rehearsing with Rev. John Lincoln in his role as conductor of the choir. Although the choir didn't win this time, their scores were very respectable. There was a difference of only 4 points between the winners and Killin in the scores for Gaelic. One of the highlights of the day was the fantastic fish and chips from The Real Food Café on the way home.

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Choir

It is proposed to have a choir again to sing in the Church at Christmas time. Anyone interested in joining please contact Bunty on 820 513 or Sally on 820 217.

S.W.R.I

At the meeting held in the MacLaren Lesser Hall on 1st November, Squadron Leader John Gilbert gave us a very informative and interesting talk on why the R.A.F have to practice low flying in and around our area. This was followed by an amazing film of the Fighter jet and Chinook in action. It was a very enjoyable evening with an excellent turnout of 60 people. A vote of thanks was given by Ann Watson. The next meeting is 6th December.

Competition Results

Jam

1. Andrea Simpson
2. Ellen Stewart
3. Margaret Galloway

Square

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2. Margaret Galloway
3. Mairi Hunter

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Edwin Chant 1944 - 2007

Edwin was born in Belfast where his father was in the Air Force. His parents Lionel and Daisy then moved back to Killin, where Edwin spent most of his childhood. Their home was in Manse Road. After leaving school he served his time as a joiner with the late Alastair MacKinnon. Later he met Maisie. They married in Killin where they stayed for about a year before moving to Edinburgh where he found work. Edwin and Maisie had two children Vivienne and Gary and two grandchildren whom he adored. They moved to Livingston where they made their home until his very sudden death in August after a short illness. Edwin still liked to come back to Killin and find out what was happening. Maisie and family would like to thank every one who phoned and sent cards. We all miss him. God bless.

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Obituaries



Janet Kernaghan

Janet Kernaghan aged 72 passed away on 28th October at Stirling Royal Infirmary. 'Jess' or 'Jessie', as she preferred to be known, had not been well for some time. She was an estate gardener most of her life and continued tending gardens in Killin even though retired and would often be seen walking dogs for her neighbours! She remained to the end the strong and independent person she had been throughout her working life. She was buried on Wednesday 7th November on the Isle of Bute, not far from where she was born and will be sadly missed by those who were close to her and who knew her. She is shown here with her dog Zoey.

Geraldine McKenna

Donald MacPhail

Another very sad day for my family 22nd August when Donald suddenly, with his family at his side, lost his fight for life at Stirling Royal Infirmary, aged 56 years.

Our hearts still ache in sadness
And secret tears still flow
What it meant to lose you
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Donald, my brother, was born in Stirling. The family lived in Crianlarich before moving to High Creagan in 1953 and then to Manse Road, which became the family home for the next 50 years. Donald left school at 16 and went to Perth to become an electrician. He was an apprentice with Scotts of Perth, then moved to D. Morris of Dundee and a few years later he came back to the village to work as he missed the village life so much. Sadly over the years Donald lost so many of his close family: Morven, his niece; Ian, his brother-in-law; eleven years ago his much loved Dad, John; seven years ago his lovely sister, Margaret and more recently, his loving Mum, Peggy, for whom he cared at home in her later years.

It's very difficult to understand why some people get all the hardship that life can throw at them but



Donald was a very supportive, loving and caring brother, brother-in-law, Uncle and Great Uncle to all the family. He will be very sadly missed by us all. Morag, Neil, Gregor, Euan, Morag, Nigel, Alan, Diane, Michael and Alex wish to thank family, friends and neighbours for their overwhelming kind expressions of sympathy at this very sad time. We are sure that the generous donations of £346.18p collected at the Church will be put to good use by the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home.

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Muriel McNicoll

The family wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to all friends for their support, cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy received in their sad loss of Muriel. Special thanks to the staff of Ward 9 Stirling Royal Infirmary and the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home for their loving care. Thanks to the doctors and district nurses for their unfailing attention, to the Rev. John Lincoln for his services, to David Gauld for his excellent attention and to everyone who paid their last respects at Killin Parish Church and Perth Crematorium and all who so generously contributed a total of £696 for the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home.

Issue 100

I would be interested to know what the small device on the left hand side of the arch on the picture of the Bridge of Lochay is. Is it a floodlight or a flood detector? (You're right, it's a floodlight. KN)

On the broken glass item - when I was young I was not allowed to eat or drink in the street except icecream or sweets. Nowadays

everyone seems to carry a plastic water bottle. How has the population become so dehydrated? It was two water bottles a day out in the Far East and that included shaving and cooking. Drinking outdoors from glass bottles should be banned.

Stuart Guild, Edinburgh

Railway Films

As an occasional visitor to Killin for a number of years, I was interested to come across a collection of British Transport Films just released on DVD which includes a 25 minute film, in colour, called They Take the High Road, made in 1960 for the then British Road Services. It tells the story of four British Road Services drivers who lived at the railway station in Killin for two years and who worked together transporting 20,000 tons of cement in seven and a half ton loads from Killin station up the mountain roads by Ben Lawers to the new Giorra Dam. As the synopsis goes; "The job relies on hard, conscientious work, team spirit and the support of BRS's nationwide organisation. The idea of living with one's colleagues for two years in a coach at the local railway station is unheard of in the

modern commuting world and the feats achieved in this film make spectacular viewing, with tiny lorries hauling sacks of cement weighing several tons up fantastic Scottish mountain tracks. Many of the haulage scenes are 'edge of seat' viewing as the sheer drop over the side implies potential disaster."

I am sure many of your readers may well remember this event and characters involved.

Altogether there are fifteen films on the two DVD collection, BTF Collection Volume 5: 'Off The Beaten Track'. It retails at £19.99 but can be purchased for less. Amongst other films is one made in 1961, winner of six international film awards, featuring the wildlife and scenery of the Ardnamurchan peninsula.

Richard Foster

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, enquiries, cards, gifts and visits both prior to and since my stay in hospital. The new hip is progressing well and I look forward to resuming all my former activities.

Cathie Reid

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Letters

Twenty First Birthday

I would like to thank from the bottom of my heart all who were involved in making my 21st one to remember (or not in some cases as the hangovers wore off!) The most important thanks to my family, to Mum, Dad, Gregor, Morag, Nigel, Alan, Diane, Michael, Alex and all those who made special trips from Rugby, Newbury, Kilmartin and London. A special surprise guest from Blackpool was my Auntie Sandra, whom I don't think I've seen in over 10 years. It made the whole day not only special, but an emotional rollercoaster, filled with surprises, big bangs, some doggy dancing, but a lifetime of lasting memories. Not only were all involved with sandwich and soup making, balloon filling and decorating the hall but a whole host of other things, including a few popular songs from my Dad on the night. The highlight was a special video, produced over many months and sleepless nights by my brother Gregor. This included photos spanning 21 years of my life and very touching messages from the family. The night wouldn't have been the same without all my close friends. This message would treble

in size if I named you all but you know who you are and I'm sure we will reminisce over a few vodkas! Special thanks for everyone's kind generosity and help throughout the day, the sandwiches and soup were enjoyed by all. I hope everyone had a great night. We will be celebrating the first anniversary of my 21st next year! Thanks again.

Euan MacKenzie

Raised for Charity

From 1991-2007 a total of £47,300 has been raised for the Oncology Department of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children at Edinburgh and the Children's Hospice Association Scotland.

Once again grateful thanks for all the Auchmore Barbeques, Davie's Pub Auctions, Cake and Candy stalls, our local doctors' shave, Charity Fairs etc. and also for all donations received and the wonderful friends who gave so much help. All very much appreciated.

Morag MacNee

We all thank Morag and her team for their hard work over many years
KN

Brownies Christmas Post

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Geraldine's Great North Run

Geraldine with Jean Mitchell



On 30th September 2007 I completed the Great North Run in Newcastle along with 50,000 other runners. It was an overwhelming and humbling experience, never have I been with so many like-minded individuals running for the same end to raise money for charity. I managed to raise £925 from that particular race but my daughter Clare and I have raised about £1400

together for The Scottish Motor Neurone Disease Association since May 2006.

The impetus came from Lester Mitchell who threw the gauntlet down when he dared me to take part in a fun run around Strathclyde Country Park in May 2006 in aid of Motor Neurone disease, from which his wife, Jean, suffers. Little did Lester know that 20 years ago I had

done a fun run/walk around Strathclyde Country Park, but I was 9 months pregnant and overdue and took part in it to raise funds for the local spinal injuries hospital where my sister Charlotte had been carefully looked after following her accident. So I was more than happy to take on the challenge, even more so when Clare decided to do it with me.

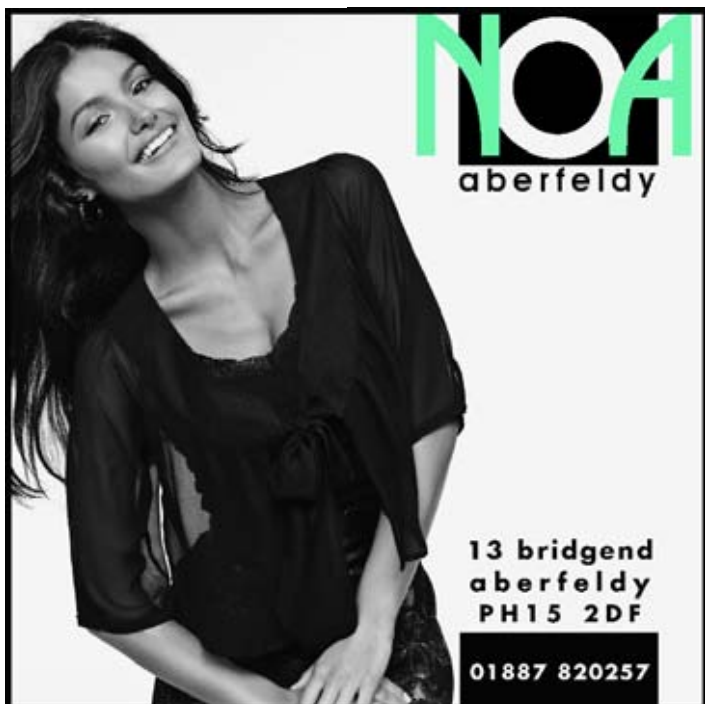
On training for the run in May 2006, Clare remarked that she didn't mind taking part as long as, she said, I didn't beat her! I replied that in a sense she had already beaten me, the first time, since the bump crossed the line first all those years ago!

We both trained and took part in the Fun Run in May 2006 and raised about £400 between us but both agreed that the atmosphere on the day was fantastic and we would do the run again. I was struck, on the day, by the lack of information about the disease itself and how Motor Neurone Disease can strike at any age, at any time and can be difficult to diagnose, so, bearing Jean in mind and how she copes with the condition, I endeavoured to find another way to raise money for the S.M.N.D.A - hence the Great North Run in Newcastle!!

In between Clare had raised a further £80 in May at this year's fun run. I didn't want to ask for sponsorship twice in one year so I, my mum, Charlotte, my brother-in-law and two nephews, one in a buggy, paid entry fees instead, which is another way of supporting charities. As you can imagine, with lots of families taking part, it is an amazing atmosphere and great fun. Gathering sponsorship was tentative to start with but, aided by the likes of Pammy and Mary at Killin Kutz, Owen and Stephen McKee in the shop at Lochearnhead, my family, all those who encountered Linda when buying their petrol and all the villagers and contractors who just happened by the Toll, I would not have raised what I have. So thanks to you all!

One of the nicest moments while running the course was the kids at the side of the road cheering you on. I had written 'for Jean' on my running shirt and didn't realise for ages that a lot of them were shouting 'Go Jean, Go Jean' and when it finally dawned on me what they were saying it seemed all the more fitting.

Geraldine McKenna



Julie and Liz's Great North Run

On 30th September Liz Fettes and Julie Henderson ran 13.1 miles from Newcastle to South Shields in just under two and a half hours. We ran in aid of the Anthony Nolan Trust.

It was a wonderful afternoon. There were 50,000 people taking part and dressed as everything from Bart Simpson to Elvis. Every couple of miles along the route a band (jazz, country, rock, blues) played and there were plenty of water/Luozade stops and mini car washes set up to run through - these were a welcome cool down on a hot afternoon.

Thanks to Davie and Drew, who helped us to locate the correct Tyne Bridge and supplied us with lots of laughs along the way - and to Davie for the picnic, flowers and champagne at the end. Thanks also to everyone for your support, donations and encouragement.

Julie and Liz

Claire's Swim



Our daughter, Claire Ramsay, who now lives and works in Dundee as a swimming teacher, raised over £750 from her open water swim in the river Tay. The money raised was for Maggies Centre in Dundee, which played a big part in the recovery from cancer of her nana, Mrs Ann Boath, who also lived in Killin. We would like to thank all the people who kindly sponsored Claire and to let her know that we are very proud of her for what she has done.

Allan & Karen Ferguson

Community Bus Gets New Website



The Killin Community Bus is a local resource available for a variety of purposes. Whether it's a shopping trip, a group outing or an evening out, the faithful bus is there for the benefit of the community.

In order to provide more information and to increase awareness of this important facility, our 'wee bus' now has its own website! You can read all about it at www.killinbus.org.uk. We also need more drivers and sponsors and you will find details in the website. The cost of using the bus is very reasonable when you compare it with other modes of transport and even with other community buses in various parts of the country. We encourage you to use it when you can. It is wheelchair enabled and can accommodate 11 passengers plus the driver. It's your bus so visit the website and find out more!

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National Park

Week 38 ending 24th September

Proposal: Erection of 5 holiday cottages

Location: Falls Of Dochart Inn, Gray Street, Killin

Applicant: Applecrest Inns Ltd

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse

Location: Land Next To Dalchenna, No22 Craignavie Road, Killin

Applicant: Mrs Willison

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Proposal: Installation of two dishes, equipment cabin and ancillary ground works

Location: Tyndrum Upper Railway Station, Station Road, Upper Tyndrum

Applicant: Orange PCS Ltd

Application Type:

Telecommunications Development

Week 39 ending 1st October

Proposal: Extension to existing offices

Location: Builders Yard Station Road Killin

Applicant: Stitt Brothers

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Week 40 ending 8th October

Proposal: Extension to dwellinghouse

Location: 3 Willow Square

Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr And Mrs T P Kelly

Application Type: Household

Alteration/Extension

Week 41 ending 15th October

Proposal: Extension to dwellinghouse

Location: Mid Lix Farm, Lochearnhead

Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Cushley

Application Type: Household

Alteration/Extension

Proposal: Alteration to windows of enclosure, installation of new

window bars and re-

building/pointing of stonework

Location: Clan Macnab Burial Place, Main Street, Killin

Applicant: The Macnab Memorial Trust

Application Type: Listed Building

Consent

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Proposal: Erection of garage

Location: Craighuie, Main Street, Killin

Applicant: Vic Hughes Esq

Application Type: Approve with

Conditions

Week 42 ending 22nd October

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse

Location: Rear Of Fairview Cottage, Main Street, Killin

Applicant: Mr C Grant

Application Type: Outline Application

Proposal: Provision of staff accommodation via (a) siting of a static residential caravan to provide accommodation for 2 people (b) change of use from dwellinghouse to house in multiple occupancy for 10 people

Location: The Manse, Tyndrum

Applicant: The Real Food Cafe Ltd

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Proposal: Excavation/infilling of riverbank and construction of raw water intake structure

Location: River Cononish/Crom Alt, Tyndrum

Applicant: Scottish Water,

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Week 43 ending 29th October

Proposal: Extension to dwellinghouse

Location: 3 Willow Square, Crianlarich,

Applicant: Mr And Mrs T P Kelly

Application Type: Household

Alteration/Extension

Decision: Approve with Conditions

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Proposal: Installation of two dishes, equipment cabin and ancillary ground works
 Location: Tyndrum Upper Railway Station, Station Road, Upper Tyndrum
 Applicant: Orange PCS Ltd
 Application Type: Telecommunications Development
 Decision: Approve with Conditions

Week 44 ending 5th November
 Proposal: Installation of 6m timber telecommunications monopole supporting 2 transmission dishes and ancillary ground based equipment cabinets all within a compound enclosed by a 1.2m high fence
 Location: Land West Of Clifton, Tyndrum
 Applicant: Airwave Solutions Ltd
 Application Type: Telecommunications Development

Week 45 ending 12th November
 Proposal: Erection of conservatory
 Location: Tigh Ard, Crianlarich
 Applicant: Mr And Mrs Gorsden,
 Application Type: Household Alteration/Extension
 Decision: Approve with Conditions

Perth & Kinross Council
Week Ending 6th October
 Proposal: Erection of additional holiday lodges, ancillary facilities,

upgrading of access and landscaping (outline)
 Location: Lochtay Highland Lodges
 Applicant: Lochtay Highland Lodges Ltd
 Application Type: Outline
 Decision: Approve the application

Week Ending 13th October
 Proposal: Erection of new Environmental Visitor Centre with associated car parking and formation of new access
 Location: Land To The North Of A827, Killin
 Applicant: T And B Allen
 Application Type: Outline
 Application
 Decision: No Details

Stirling Council
Week 42 ending 22nd October
 Proposal: Erection of an additional wooden pole
 Location: At Land Some 150m North Of Finlarig House, Pier Road, Killin
 Applicant: SSE Power Distribution
 Status Constraints: Area of Great Landscape Value Countryside policy
Week Ending 14th November
 Proposal: Holiday chalets at land immediately to south of Clachan Caravan Site, Killin
 Applicant: Walker Caledonian Ltd.
 Status Constraints: Area of Great Landscape Value Countryside policy

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Charles Wesley

The angel who announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds said that he came to them with "good tidings of great joy". (Luke 2:10) Many people today hear these words about "great joy" but do not understand them. They enter into the Christmas season as they decorate their homes, shop in brightly lit streets, attend festive parties and exchange gifts with the ones they love. But after all the excitement subsides, they feel empty and joyless. There are others who do not like the season at all. They may have little money for gifts or decorations. Some have no friends with whom to celebrate. The atmosphere of cheer around them actually deepens their feelings of despair. The problem with both groups is that they wrongly identify the "great joy" of which the angel spoke. It is found not in the superficial fun but in the

deeper meaning of the season. When Jesus was born, God became a man so that He could save us from the blight of sin and give us the joyful assurance of eternity with Him in heaven. That is the true reason for joy. The shepherds went back to the cold nights and the loneliness of their vocation, but they were "glorifying and praising God". The real meaning of Christmas is indeed "good tidings of great joy....to all people". It is Jesus who puts the joy in Christmas.

Ladd Fagerson

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Sustainability and Recycling

Plastics

Plastic is in the news as London seeks to ban plastic bags. "What about re-cycling?" we hear people say, but many other things, including throw-away packaging, childrens toys, containers for milk and water, are now made of plastic. Little is mentioned about the energy used in its manufacture or the energy costs used to create the recycled products. When our 600 gallon plastic oil tank was last inspected it was showing signs of degradation, with deep surface cracks liable to let in water or leak out oil at any time. We knew before we bought it that plastic degrades on contact with UV light and oil but had assumed that the problem had been 'cracked' by the manufacturers. Having held about 8,000 gallons over its 13 years of

use, it is now redundant. Who will recycle it? It will not fit into a blue recycling bin and besides it doesn't qualify for the Stirling re-cycling scheme because it is not marked with a '2' in a triangle. We should all be aware of points like this before we buy and so have an informed choice between plastic and more durable recyclable products.

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This could be a good system and could also be used for people to post details of things they are looking for but so far, although many people have looked at the site, no-one has actually made any move to acquire anything and the scheme has not really taken off. There seems to be no reason why it shouldn't work to everyone's benefit. Maybe nobody wants the items so far offered - or maybe people don't believe that these things really are available free. So, if you are wanting to part with a suitable item or are looking for one, why not give the site a go and let's make it work.

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The next market will be held on Sunday 16th December 11am - 4pm at Station Road car park. Come along and enjoy shopping for Christmas. Choose from the enticing assortment of tasty produce on offer and select gifts from a fine assortment of hand crafted treasures.

The market is run by Stirling Farmers' Market on behalf of Callander 2000 & Beyond Community Development Trust, aimed at providing a different choice of fresh food and handcrafts for local people and visitors to Callander.

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decisions that affect the future of one's family but it was obviously well worth it as Jaz and Rik fell in love with the area and are prepared for the lifestyle change it entails. They are all very happy to be here and to be part of the community. Rik works alongside Jaz in Lix Toll, Kulijvan is in Stirling University and Shareena goes to Morrisons Academy in Crieff. With 22 years of automobile

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On Saturday, 13th October 2007, Eliza "Ginge" Campbell celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends.

Ginge would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards and gifts. She had a wonderful day - thank you all.

Ewan MacKenzie celebrating his 21st birthday in the McLaren Hall.
(See page 27)



Irene Wilson at her farewell party in October when she retired after 7 years as a Senior Carer at the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home.



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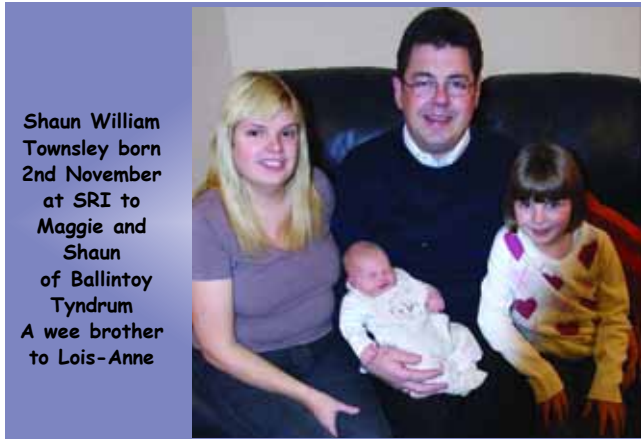
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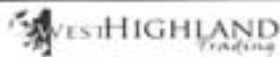
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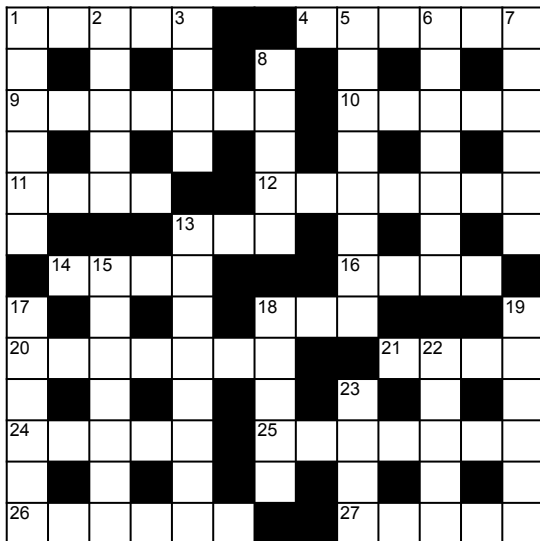
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Down

- 1 Personal delivery (2,4)
- 2 Cupid's weapon (5)
- 3 French fashion designer (4)
- 5 Beer, cigs upset and found in freezing seas (8)
- 6 Rat legs could become the biggest (7)
- 7 One of the Penzance boys? (6)
- 8 Fired deliberately (5)
- 13 Curious flit deal is unlucky (3,5)

Across

- 1 Second class territory is insipid (5)
- 4 see 13 across
- 9 Safe place when there is a storm at sea (7)
- 10 There's a mistake in super rorqual (5)
- 11 Lizard-like amphibian (4)
- 12 A tiny amount of American money (3,4)
- 13 & 4 across Panel member of "Have I got news for you" and editor of "Private Eye" (3,6)
- 14 Steam (4)
- 16 Field entry (4)
- 18 Kind of lettuce (3)
- 20 Giving great discomfort (7)
- 21 Second class hooter for kitchen utensil (4)
- 24 Last performance had no mistakes (5)
- 25 Have doubts about puss etc. (7)
- 26 Fears sadden mixture (6)
- 27 Be upright among small saint and sinner (5)

Solution to 100

Across 1 and 13 superman 4 aspect 9 revival 10 pasta 11 eats 12 ash hole 14 apse 16 rife 18 sue 20 overeat 21 acre 24 drear 25 trample 26 notice 27 audit

Down 1 screen 2 pivot 3 rave 5 sapphire 6 ease off 7 tea set 8 clean 13 meteoric 15 present 17 boudin 18 state 19 relent 22 cupid 23 Mama

- 15 I am a gallery copy (7)
- 17 Add a very soft finale (6)
- 18 Educational group (5)
- 19 Strangely salted roofing (6)
- 22 Greek character (5)
- 23 Goddess of learning (4)

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December

- 2 Craft Fair McLaren Hall
- 4 "Grants for Conservation" surgery Lesser Hall National Park event 1pm - 6pm (see page 9)
- 6 SWRI meet Lesser Hall evening
- 8 Christmas Fair Killin Primary School 11am
- 8 St Nicholas Fair Tombreck 3pm
- 12 Heritage Meeting Lesser Hall 8pm
- 13 Guild Meeting Fearnan Ladies Choir 2pm
- 16 Farmers' Market Station Road Car Park Callander 11am
- 18 "Mend the Manger" Crianlarich Village Hall 1.30pm
- 19 Children's Christmas Party McLaren Hall
- 21 Killin School Carol Concert McLaren Hall 10.30am All welcome
- 22 Community Christmas Dance McLaren Hall
- 31 Hogmanay Fireworks Dochart Bridge midnight

Art Class
Tuesdays
Church Hall
4pm-6pm

Badminton
Mondays
McLaren Hall 7pm

Brownies
Mondays
Church Hall
3.30pm - 5pm

Carpet Bowls
Mondays
Lesser Hall 7pm

BVLC Internet Cafe
Thursdays
Library
10am - 4pm

Fire Cadets
Mondays
Fire Station
6.45pm

Guides
Wednesdays
Church Hall
7.30pm - 9pm

January

- 1 Mason's New Year Dance McLaren Hall
- 8 Killin Community Council meeting School 7.30pm
- 16 Herb Society Cookery Demonstration Aberfeldy Lesser Hall 10am
- 17,18 and 19 Drama Club Pantomime McLaren Hall
- 25 Burn's Supper McLaren Hall

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