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Editorial

The Killin and Ardeonaig Community Trust has been established. This is a route through which the community can define local needs and address issues. It can take on the responsibility seeking grants for the purchase of buildings, land or other assets to improve facilities for the community. A launch event will be advertised in the next issue. It is hoped that community groups and clubs will wish to support and help steer the activities of the Trust. Names and email addresses will be collected at the launch event so that communication can be established with all interested parties.

With all the new houses being built in the area there are concerns that the character of Killin could be affected. This has raised concerns about the coordination of planning in this area which comes under the jurisdiction of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, Stirling, and Perth and Kinross councils. We hope they consult the wishes of the people of Killin as set out in the Community Action Plan. Outline planning applications are sketchy and sometimes understate the build hoped for by the applicant making it difficult to understand quite what is proposed and in all cases it is a long way to travel to see the submitted documentation in full.

An article in this issue (page 26) looks at the way in which the north side of Loch Tay is being altered without the Killin community involvement as much of it is outside the Killin Community Council area. The balance between local housing need, local employment, tourist facilities, holiday homes and the scenery for which the area is renowned, is difficult to maintain. Too much inconsiderate development could spoil everything.

Whereas flooding used to occur once every few years it is becoming a regular feature of Killin (page 29). Since the new houses were built in Fingal Road water no longer seems to drain away quite like it used to and inundates buildings on the Main Street producing some interesting opportunities for the passing photographer. The answer probably lies in efficient drainage and maintenance and careful planning for future developments.

The Killin Mountain Rescue Team and SARDA, rescue dogs, feature in this issue (page 4) and. Advances in technology have considerably increased the capabilities of our volunteers on the hill. This is an expensive organisation to run as equipment needs to be renewed on a regular basis. Much of its resources come from donations.

Congratulations to the groups from Penicuik and Bo'ness who chose them as recipients for their awards. Meanwhile the KMT are always ready to receive donations. See also the police report page 19.

Congratulations also to the Killin Drama Club. To have involved 38 children in one production is no easy feat. It is no mean achievement to train youngsters from the age of eight to confidently perform in front of such a large audience. Much fun was had by all and part of that enjoyment came from watching the parents in the audience reacting with pride, and emotion to their own children. The Panto provides a useful role in endowing the youth of Killin with knowledge, skills and attitudes that are valuable to them for the rest of their lives. The local references in the panto added to the fun, were very apt and caused much amusement.

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To see local tourist-related businesses working together to bring overall prosperity to the village

A place where children can retain their innocence longer free from bad influences

Positive change being embraced and the village flourishing as a result

People who continue to care about the welfare of their neighbours

That the weather is fine for the Killin Golf Club mixed foursomes and Ladies Open and that Killin Golf Club and Village will be ready for the invasion of the Carrickvale Ladies Section (I use the term ladies loosely) for the Ladies Open - and for the aftermath as we will be staying overnight for an evening of fun!

Plastic bag free zone in the shops

A village that people want to visit over and over again

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A village officer to keep the streets and footpaths clear of rubbish and dog fouling

An Integrated approach to disaffected and bored youngsters

Freedom from crime and anyone connected with it

A facelift for the school to reflect the architecture of the surrounding buildings

Private house sales to local people

No need for young people to move away because of a lack of affordable housing and jobs

A centre for youngsters to socialise and exercise safely

More care for the elderly in their own homes

That all the residents of Killin have a healthy, happy and prosperous 2008

GP evening surgery for people at work during the day

More volunteers for community activities

A village whose character is not ruined by so-called progress and unnecessary building developments

No need to worry about resources when you get ill

Streets that are free of glass and dog poo

Living lives based on Christian values

The church recognised as the centre of the community

That derelict sites such as Costcutters are tidied up, all the rubbish removed and made attractive to the residents and visitors

The area outside the post office being kept clear so that pedestrians can use the pavement without having to avoid drivers and cars

If you have any ideas or comments that you feel should have been included please let us know at the Killin News

Apologies

Lix Toll

In the item on the new owners of Lix Toll in the last issue of Killin News we made a mistake. Many concerned readers noticed and contacted the paper. The error was entirely ours. The names of the owner and his wife are Amrik Sangha, known as Rik, and Jaswinder Sangha known as Jaz. We are very sorry for any distress or inconvenience this may have caused.

Correction

John Lynch Chiropody

In the last issue we were responsible for an error in John Lynch's advertisement which wished best wishes to all our readers for 2007. That should have read 2008.

WA

Down to Earth and Up to Heaven

I'm nicknamed Lord Pondocharthy,
A peer to all my pals,
But just plain Mr. Jimmy
When I'm free from falderals.

My dual personality
May seem quite daft to you,
But being one is much more fun
When multiplied by two!

In Afrikaans 'pondokkie' means
A humble but and ben,
But ours built by the Dochart
Made me monarch of the glen!

It's great to think humility
Can have its own reward,
Like changing a mere country lad
Into a noble lord!

This so impressed a Killin lass
That she could not agree
To call me by my Christian name
Because it wasn't me!

She did, however, condescend
To call me Mr. Jimmy,
Conceding to my fancy with
A funny, chummy gimme!

So from my lordly height I fell,
An ordinary chap,
My title now a perfect fit
For one who wears a cap.

If ever you become a peer,
Then don't forget the present;
No matter what the future brings,
Remember, you're a peasant!

This is the tale all wise men tell
That life we only leaven
When down to earth leads not to
hell
But lifts us up to heaven!

Pondocharthy



RYLA - "The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards" are part of the Rotary International education programmes and are aimed at young adults who have demonstrated leadership potential at their school, youth organisation or place of employment.

RYLA courses are designed to give participants the opportunity of experiencing the challenge of leadership at first hand using a series of exercises, formal debrief sessions, discussion groups and one to one mentoring.

The courses are staffed by a mixture of professional instructors and volunteer Rotarians from the District.

Courses are free of charge to successful applicants and are financed and recruited for by Rotary Clubs. The only thing that is required of RYLA awardees is that they give their best, put in 100%, enjoy it and later give a presentation to the Rotary Club that sponsored them.

Although the RYLA course is based on outdoor activities it is not a skills learning course, applicants need not have any previous experience or skills relating to outdoor activities.

Rotary You

Due to the physical nature of the course applicants need to be reasonably fit and capable of sustained periods of exercise. Awardees must be at least 16 years of age and not have reached 18 at the start of the course.

At a RYLA course held last July at the Ardeonaig Outdoor Centre a group of youngsters from Penicuik and Bo'ness were so impressed with the activities, discussions and scenarios that they were involved in, with the assistance of the Killin Mountain Rescue Team and SARDAR the Rescue Dog organisation, that they decided to raise funds for the two organisations. They organised a sponsored walk along Hadrian's Wall and raised £2,000. The money was presented to members of the two organisations on Saturday 19th January at the Mountain Rescue Station in Killin by Emma McLeod from Penicuik and Ian Robb from Bo'ness, both RYLA awardees who attended the course last July and were part of the sponsored walk. They were supported by Rotarian Harry Smith who also attended the presentation.

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Killin Heritage Project Update



In the early Autumn a start was made on surveying the Achadh na Tire site in Glen Lochay and is very much at an early stage.

We had an open day visit to the Ard na Gaul site in Glen Dochart and a drop in session in Killin for those wanting to find out more about place names and our project, both days were well attended.

Gina Angus and Judy Forster took part in document research training in Edinburgh which will help in the researching of the sites we survey. In 2008 we will continue with the Glen Lochay site, looking at the information we have at the moment. The house may have been built for a farm manager rather than as a Byre House and was roofed until maybe the 20s or a little later. We have photographs of the

inhabitants and as there is still a family connection in the village we hope to piece together an interesting story.

Another training day in the surveying of sites is planned for April.

Other sites of interest that have been put forward for investigation are the Clachan of Killin along with the Port of Eilean Ryan and also the Dewars Croft (Dewar Mesers Croft). If you know of sites that you think should be recorded by the Killin Heritage Society then let us know. You can contact me at shop@killinoutdoor.co.uk or 820870 This photograph is of the Achadh na Tire site showing its lovely garden and smoke rising from the chimney taken we think in the early 1900s.

Trevor Shaw

Mile Markers



Eight mile markers between Aberfoyle and Stronachlachar have been given a facelift by National Park staff and volunteers.

The idea for the initiative came from the local community who, with the help of Strathard Paths Group, approached Stirling Council, who in turn asked the National Park whether their volunteers were able to help.

Kenny Auld, Area Access Officer, consulted Historic Scotland to ensure the correct materials were used and the project was ready to go.

The eight mile markers which have been renovated, some of which are listed, were made by Grangemouth Ironworks and were put in place for Queen Victoria's visit to open Loch Katrine as a water resource in 1859. The volunteers, led by ranger Craig Walker, spent over 150 man hours cleaning them up, painting them and revealing their original distinctive style.

According to Louis Stott, local resident and member of Strathard Path Group, the re-painting of the cast-iron mileposts within the National Park demonstrates concern for a very distinctive local element in the roadscape. They are an important reminder of past times and, together with toll houses, recall an era of post horses and coaches when distances had to be accurately calculated. They survived into the motoring era but were sometimes considered inappropriate and many have been lost.

More mile markers are due for a makeover soon and it is hoped that, in the future, the project will link in with mile markers beyond the Park boundary.

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Killin Community Council - January

Composting: Forth Environmental Link has taken responsibility for community sites in the Stirling Council area. (see article page 10).

Craignavie Rd. residents survey:

All but one resident responded saying they were not in favour of the proposal which would make changes similar to those in Manse Road.

Area Network meeting re ASBOs:

Local police are aware of the problem but can only respond if a complaint is made. The fact that there are insufficient police on duty to respond to calls should not deter anyone wishing to make a complaint as those calls are the only way the problem can be monitored and statistics produced.

KAT: The name of the new trust is The Killin and Ardeonaig Community Development Trust.

Village Officer: No replacement is to be appointed. Stirling are to have new bins reflecting their status as a city and Killin will be given the old ones which will be attached to lamp posts.

Roads: Some resurfacing has taken place on the Ardeonaig Road but holes have already started to reappear and the edging seems to be responsible for several vehicles falling off the road. Anyone reporting problems to the Roads Department should always ask for a job number so that if a second call

needs to be made this number can be referred to. There are also problems with pot holes on Lyon Road.

Flooding: Raw sewage on Main Street at the junction with Manse Road is being dealt with by Scottish Water. Confusion over the ownership of land between Main street and the Fingal Road development is delaying the process of adoption of the area by the council. The dumping of garden waste and other debris in ditches in the area has increased the problem.

The Old Mart: Tony Finch will address the problem of abandoned builder's rubbish and the state of the undeveloped site.

Tree Felling: The removal of the shrubby material and many large trees by the Dochart bridge prompted a letter from the National Park because trees were felled illegally. The Park authority have requested that 23 replacement trees should be planted. Most people were in favour of the now cleared area which makes crossing the bridge much safer. Owen McKee reminded the meeting that illegal felling is an offence and that replanting could be done so that the trees do not obstruct the view of the bridge.

Bushes at The Glebe: The bushes over-hanging the pavement by The Glebe are to be discussed with the

owner.

Missing signs: The sign at the north east entrance to the village has still not been replaced.

Red Squirrels: Several red squirrels have been killed on the road by the Golf Course. A sign warning drivers of the problem might save some.

Christmas Tree: The Christmas tree lights will be obsolete by next Christmas and need to be replaced. A donation of £30 was given to the Episcopalian church for the electricity for the tree. It was suggested it might be worthwhile having a tree planted in the grounds of the church for next year. A letter to the church requesting this will be sent.

Planning: Clachan Lodges ongoing: House behind Fairview rejected by the Community Council: Loch Leven extension rejected by the Community Council: Craigard Chalet rejected by the Community Council: Holiday Chalets on land by Golf Course: This application has been given an extension until 6th Feb for more discussion.

Litter Management: The Angling Club put forward a proposal to site large litter bins in 3 areas where litter has been a problem.

1 at the gate by Pier Road

2 Firbush layby

3 At the Cloichran Burn

Stirling Council will not provide these but for a payment will empty them. The cost of buying and siting the bins would be £700 and emptying them would be £35 per collection. The money could be raised by increasing the cost of permits and membership of the club. It was decided that the newly formed KAT Trust would be in a better position to apply for grants to purchase the bins.

Next meeting: Tuesday 11th March 7.30pm at the school.

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waterproofs) but no one complained and everyone, it seemed, had an enjoyable game. Back at the Clubhouse various volunteers manned the bar and were busy in the kitchen preparing food donated by players. A very bedraggled but happy group returned and sat down to an enjoyable meal and pleasant company.

The winners with a creditable 44 were Calum Frost and Neil Forsyth, closely followed by Douglas and Susan McRobbie with an impressive 45 and, coming in 3rd, Hamish Campbell and Peter Stallard with 46. The winner of the most original outfit was Maureen Gauld.

The evening raised the magnificent sum of £720.00 for the club and was deemed a great success. Hopefully this will now become an annual event although slightly earlier in the year would be preferable and perhaps drier! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped in any way, too many to mention. It would not have been possible without you.

Kay Dowling

Community Bus: Destination Internet



You will have read in the last edition of the Killin News that the Killin Community Bus now has its own website - www.killinbus.org.uk Please do have a look. Amongst other measures, we hope it will help those thinking about hiring the Community Bus to find out facts and also how easy the process is. Whether you use the Internet or not, Jill Higgins on 820679 is still the main contact for any queries. The Bus seats 11 plus the driver. With rising fuel and maintenance costs we have worked hard to limit the necessary increase in hire charge. It will now cost 40p per kilometre, inclusive of fuel. This will keep the bus well positioned as a competitive option to other modes of transport.

As ever, we give our thanks to all who help to keep the Community Bus active and running, both on the ground and in cyberspace.

Sue Wyllie

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Mervyn's Weather



Back in 2005, in Killin News, I mentioned a young Oxford University student, Mandar Trevedi, who was investigating, for his PhD, the effects of climate change, and using for his thesis data collected from the Ben Lawers range and Tarmachan and other mountains surrounding Loch Tay. To this end he requested perusal of my weather records at Ardtalnaig which stretch from 1957 till 2007 and are officially recognised by The Meteorological Office and Climatological Observers link. Mandar has recently achieved his Doctorate and has in his submission to the Arctic, Antarctic and Alpine research journal publishing his findings, included the Ardtalnaig weather station figures, and indeed myself, which is something of an accolade of which I am very proud and bask in reflected glory! Much of the content of this publication, which covers research into ruling and predicted

weather patterns at widely separated sites on the globe, is highly scientific and technical, the details of which are somewhat beyond my immediate grasp. In effect however what Mandar is saying is that should present trends in our climate continue at a similar rate, by 2080 snow may not even lie at lower levels, say Ardtalnaig 130m (427ft), Killin, Glen Dochart, etc and at heights up to 750m (2750ft) becoming progressively less likely. However, the latter level could possibly be the threshold where rain turns to snow, which could mean that due to expected increases in precipitation, snowfall above this height could increase. All this is, no doubt, provided that his ongoing reasons put forward for climate change ie. Greenhouse Gases, Methane emissions, distribution of tropical and other rain forests and so on, not forgetting of course cyclic climate variations which have been endemic for millennia, do not

suddenly change course due to some hitherto unpredicted input, such as say, a massive tectonic upheaval of the Earth's crust caused by subterranean/sub-oceanic plate buckling, even to multiple volcanic activity or – perish the thought – meteoric collision with Earth. Until very recently – the last couple of years indeed, – one could expect during the first three weeks of December a short, moderately cold, snap of three or four days, this almost inevitably disappeared before Christmas day, which sometimes produces temperatures not far removed from 25th June. White Christmases were rare. Indeed it was an accepted fact that real winter did not start until "Old New Years day", 12th January. "As the day lengthens, the cold strengthens." Snow then in November/December has been of late absent at lower levels, reinforcing to some extent Mandar Trevedi's deliberations.

Mervyn K. Browne, Ardtalnaig



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Killin Community Compost Site

Forth Environment Link is now managing the community compost site in Station Road next to the household waste container. Changes are being made to enable easier shredding of the material and retrieval of the resulting compost and mulch.

Opening Times: When the Killin Post Office is open a key to the site allowing for access can be borrowed from there and should be given back immediately after use, or the next day if Killin Post Office is closed. On Saturdays keys can also be obtained from the attendant of the household waste container when that is open.

What Can and Can't be Dropped-Off:

Only organic garden waste can be dropped off (absolutely nothing that does not decompose, or could damage a shredder). For example no painted or nailed wood, or anything larger than 6" diameter and no soil, stones, labels, plastic bags, wire, pots or carpet. Also no kitchen waste is allowed because of possible contamination with meat pathogens. Kitchen waste should only be put into a home composter.

Hard woody material will be shredded at intervals and mixed with the soft material.

Drop-Off Procedures: Garden waste items must be segregated. This enables shredding of some components for the best compost mix. The map below and also on the site gate and the reverse of each sign-in sheet shows the specific area or concrete bay for segregated garden waste. Coming through the gate put hard woody material - branches, small

trees and logs up to a maximum 6 inches diameter (6" cross-section) alongside the boundary fence of the household waste (Area A) If this fills use the opposite side between the shed and compost bins (B). This too will be shredded. The first bay on the right (C) is for soft material (such as grass, flowers, weeds).

shredded material as this will aerate it and promote decomposition. The shredded garden waste can be taken by site users for a mulch. Alternatively, if left to mature, it can be taken for compost. Non-commercial groups and individuals please take this wonderful resource.

Uses for Shredded/Chipped Material:

Coarse grade mulch, in the form of wood chips or less uniform shredded woody material, on soil reduces weeds. It can also be used for raised pathways, especially useful in wetter locales.

Uses for Leaf Mould:

Adds nutrients and also inhibits weeds. Ideally, mulch should be applied for new growth in the spring.

Benefits of Compost:

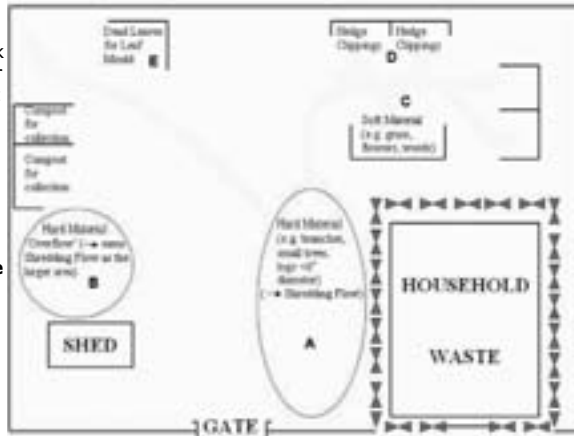
Increases moisture infiltration and retention. Provides slow & quick release nutrients to plants. Improves resistance to soil erosion and compaction.

Examples for end uses could be allotments, public amenity plots, school projects, potting, flower beds.

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The double bay parallel to the rear fence (D) is for hedge clippings. These will also be shredded. The bay in the rear left corner (E) is for dead leaves which can be taken for leaf mould.

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Champion Gymnast



It was a wonderful end to 2007 for gymnast Adele Melia. She won the Perth and Kinross Championships taking the cup and gold medal at Intermediate level. Her hard work and high score earned her the much prized Gold Merit Award, moving her on to a higher level. Adele was also selected as one of 16 top gymnasts for the Perth and Kinross Regional Squad with the highest score for her age at the trials. She has enjoyed her gymnastics and wishes to thank A & B Services for providing her with a practice bar and everyone who has encouraged and supported her.

Dee Melia

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Woodland news

Work on the new water pumping station and pipeline through the Tyndrum Woodlands will be underway when this goes to print. It is hoped that it will be completed by late July. Unfortunately it's going to be a messy and ugly business but we are confident that Scottish Water Solutions will do their utmost to reinstate the land. Our thanks to John Holland and our land agent Richard Wedgwood for their help and for keeping an eye on the project as it progresses. The National Park volunteers along with Gavin Skipper (NP Ranger) have been back to Strathfillan again. A big thank you to them and Gavin for all their hard work.

Community Futures Action Plan

Our Action Plan has now been published, setting out the community goals for the next few years. A small group including representatives from the Community Council, the



Trust, the NP and Strathfillan Tourism Action Group and chaired by Mr John Riley has met to discuss the projects and actions to be taken. Now I'm sure you have all read the Action Plan from cover to cover and are impressed by the wide range of projects - everything from traffic calming to improved social lives for our residents! - so if there is a project you'd like to become involved with please don't hesitate to get in touch with us here at the office. New faces and ideas are always welcome.

Art Exhibition

I think our Art exhibition in the hall took many visitors by surprise. Few realised how much local talent there is. The 47 submissions were as diverse and varied as the artists - truly something for everyone! Thanks to everyone who was brave enough to put their work forward for public scrutiny and made the exhibition such a success. Our youngest contributor was 12 and the oldest a sprightly 80ish! Congratulations to all the prize winners. Thanks to the Green Welly Stop, The Rod and Reel

and The Real Food Café for their generous sponsorship.

1st prize - Jo Scott, Killin

2nd prize - Michelle McLennan, Bridge of Orchy

3rd prize - Heather Clement - Tyndrum

The Trust director's prize had to be split between two excellent entries

Margaret MacIver - Killin
Ian McGregor - Fearnan

Café Sci

"Cononish Gold Project" with Chris Sangster BSc ARSM GDE MEIZ on Wednesday 19th March is the last Café Sci of this season. The Café opens at 7pm with refreshments and an opportunity to meet the speaker. I hope we'll see many of you then. Please call the office for more information.

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Childminding in Killin

Do you enjoy working with children, want to contribute to the family income, and like the idea of working from home? Would you like to develop new skills and qualifications? Then The Scottish Childminding Association, working in partnership with Stirling Council, can help you. Parents in rural areas are in desperate need of more childminders. Areas such as Killin, Crianlarich, Tyndrum, Balquhider, Lochearnhead and Strathyre currently have no childminders offering a service to local families.

SCMA are keen to meet enthusiastic people who love children and could meet this challenge. Angela Lindie is the Stirling Childminding Development Officer and her role is to promote Childminding as a career option and as a flexible childcare choice for parents. SCMA has a network of staff and volunteers working throughout Scotland to promote Childminding as a quality childcare service. Having a choice of childcare is so important for families. Childminding can often be the perfect solution as Childminders can accommodate commuting

parents by offering flexibility in finishing times when needed. For young children, the home based environment in their local community and one to one care is a great advantage and children of all ages can be cared for together, allowing a family to use the same childcare facility ensuring continuity of care over many years.

If you like working with children and would enjoy being self employed please contact Angela for more information. If there is sufficient interest a free training course will be held near you to tell you all you need to know about becoming registered with the Care Commission as a Childminder.

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Angela Lindie
01324 829768

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Nursery News

On 13th December some of the nursery children visited the MacRobert Art Centre to see 'The Littlest Christmas Tree'. When recalling his visit four year old Innes said "I liked it when the two people went small. I liked it when they thought the Littlest Christmas Tree was theirs. I liked it when the moon came up." Everyone enjoyed the trip and it all added to the excitement of Christmas. During our last week we had our Christmas party where we played lots of games and ate lovely food. We had entertainment from a circus performer and then ... a special visitor.

Lorraine Pritchard

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Lawlessness in Killin

It was brought to my attention by a local trader that I had parked my car in front of his shop for most of the day in a parking space designed for a 30 minute stay. I must confess I was totally unaware that time restrictions applied to all the Main Street on-road parking areas in Killin. Mea culpa.

Thinking about this I wondered how law abiding we all are in this fairly remote rural village.

Parking on double yellow lines and using mobile telephones while driving are two high profile crimes commonly perpetuated in full view in the village.

Parking on the pavement is apparently not an offence but driving on the pavement is, how can the former be achieved without the latter?

Litter and dog mess are two common local problems that regularly infuriate residents. To drop a cigarette end in Edinburgh incurs an on-the-spot-fine of £50 by the litter wardens. When was a dog owner in Killin last fined for failing to pick up a dog's mess?

In normal circumstances a householder can cut trees and remove hedges in his garden but

not in a conservation area and as we have discovered (KCC Minutes page 7) much of Killin falls into this category. Conservation regulations say *"Anyone proposing to work on a tree in a Conservation Area which is not protected by a Tree Preservation Order, but has a trunk diameter over 75mm (3in) when measured at 1.5m (59in) from ground level, is required to give notice to the Local Planning Authority. Anyone wishing to fell, prune or uproot a tree (as defined above) within a Conservation Area, must give six weeks notice in writing to the LPA detailing the nature and extent of the proposed work and identify the trees."*

Dumb Dumpers are often brought to our attention when we find gas heaters dumped in the marsh by the head of the loch, old cans in ditches and a collection of plastic bags by the Auchmore Burn beside the Ardeonaig Road. Now with regular access to a council skip in Killin there can hardly be any need to mess up our countryside. While admittedly the skip is for households only and has limited times of opening it should not be difficult to comply with the law. We hope that the proposal by the Killin Angling Club to site three permanent large rubbish

containers (KCC Minutes page 7) will not encourage Dumb Dumpers to fill these with rubbish for which they are not intended but is this too much to ask?

Campers have been known locally to leave their camping kit, bought very cheaply from one of the big supermarkets, behind when they finish their visit. Not even happy to dispose of the equipment in rubbish bins, tents and their contents have been found still erected on hill slopes as if the visitors failed to return from a mountain climb. It has become common also for campers to bring chain saws, log saws and axes on holiday just to provide green, virtually unburnable, logs for the fire. Several trees of substantial size can be seen to have been felled for this purpose in Glen Lochay.

The new Access Code has encouraged public access to very sensitive areas. While it was never intended to interfere with the legitimate pursuits of landowners some arrogant walkers break the code and interfere with shooting parties on the hill and the welfare of animals by leaving dangerous rubbish in their wake that can injure and kill. There are some areas for improvement in 2008.

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Frost Report

It's all about being adaptable

Following the good news about the barn owls in Glen Lochay in the last issue we have news of another owl in a further location suggesting that the young of this year are making their own territories in the area. Talking of success amongst our feathered friends; it's good to see how many woodpeckers are adapting to using nut feeders. They seem to prefer the simple cylindrical type, which probably most mimic a tree trunk allowing the woodpecker to feed in the way that he is adapted for. Also at the bird table we seem to have clouds of blue tits, great tits and coal tits. Maybe many are last year's young. Some visitors from England say that they have very few down there. This is most likely to be due to the extensive flooding during breeding time last year. The interest in bird feeding has, of course, had its effect for other animals, especially in rural areas. Many bird-feeding stations have a visiting sparrow hawk who enjoys the fast food outlet - a veritable raptor's McDonalds. Pine martens are rural opportunists on the increase and will enjoy both

the bird food, especially kitchen scraps, and the visitors if they can catch them. It is a valuable asset in evolutionary behaviour to be an able opportunist - none better than the fox who is so at home in towns and cities. A really smart critter in the south of England recently learned to negotiate the twin cat flaps of a conservatory and an inner door and was found in the lounge trying to haul the budgie out of its cage by the tail. I wonder if the fox was called Sylvester and the budgies are now learning to shout 'I tort I tor a foxy'. He really ought to get the mailing list for the firms who are selling fox and badger food alongside their bird foods and make life really easy. Of course we have to be careful about putting scraps on the ground for wild birds (or badgers and foxes if you happen to be so inclined), as this is accessible to mice and rats. We have had a boon year for mice and voles but the arrival of some short-eared owls has helped to keep the numbers under control and it has kept our barn owls' tummies full. It's often remarkable how the birds living on the hill in the

recent deep snow drifts manage to survive. While out stalking it's great to see little flocks of snow buntings feeding off whatever seeds are protruding through the snow. They seem quite adapted to this.

The footprints in the snow give interesting clues to which animal was following which etc. - a bit like the story your dog gets from sniffing on his walk. One story didn't need footprints the other night when we were out lamping. A rabbit hurtled toward one of my sons and raced between his legs, he was followed by a fox that was not so brave and stopped a few yards away. Rabbit 1-fox 0. At these times of stress such as the recent snow it's vital that the animal is well adapted to survive, but it's hard to visualise what some of the stags are doing by digging their antlers into the drifts and looking as if they are sprayed with artificial snow as a decoration. Maybe they are looking for a seasonal job at Dobbies.

Tim Frost

Self employed, Starting a business Going self employed?

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Protecting Children on the Internet

As many children are using the internet more and more, I thought it would be a good idea to highlight to parents the risks involved with using the internet and to signpost you to websites that provide mechanisms for keeping children safe whilst they are online.

When we were kids we were always taught "Do not talk to strangers". Nowadays, there are a lot more risks for the children with the advent of social networking tools on the internet, for instance Myspace, Facebook and MSN Messenger. Statistics show that 15% of children are chatting (in the online world) to people who they have not actually met.

Most communications (instant messaging for instance) are completely innocent, but please beware of the danger from offenders who might prey on the naïve. The main offenders,

allegedly, are middle aged men passing themselves off as teenagers to websites or internet profiles and children are not really aware of the problems that this might cause. Anything that can be done to keep identities and location secret might well deter many of the potential offenders.

This problem is real and, unfortunately, it is very easy for a Myspace/Facebook site to draw attention from the wrong sort of people and so the recommendation is for parents to understand the issues, risks and how to keep their children safe.

Below are some websites that detail the issues and risks, as well as providing excellent advice on how to protect everyone's security whilst online. Microsoft have a website dedicated to this

<http://www.microsoft.com/protect/family/guidelines/default.msp>

The BBC have broadcast a Panorama programme highlighting the issues, and

details of this can be found on <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/panorama/7174814.stm>

The Police's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) has a lot of information and can be found on <http://www.ceop.gov.uk>

Windows XP and VISTA

There is no doubt that VISTA has improved over the past year, and I am confident that VISTA will be the favoured operating system of the future.

It has come to my attention that many retailers are only selling (and actively promoting) computers with Microsoft VISTA installed, and are implying to customers that Windows XP is no longer available on new machines. This is just not true. All leading hardware manufacturers have relented to market pressure and all offer Windows XP as an alternative to VISTA on their new machines. Windows XP is still a viable alternative to VISTA, for instance, if you already have an XP computer and you are adding

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a new machine to the network, then I recommend that the new machine is Windows XP and not VISTA, so that there are no potential compatibility issues.

Rural Broadband

The Government's project to ensure we all have access to Broadband is progressing, and suppliers have been asked to tender a proposal, full details of progress can be found at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/BroadbandforScotland/SEBroadbandInitiatives/LatestNewsAnnouncements> It is now important that all those who have been told that Broadband is unavailable to them should register their details online. This can be done at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/BroadbandforScotland/Register/broadbandsurvey>

Mark Lincoln

In 2007 the National Park Authority held a series of Local Plan Open Days throughout the National Park to help inform communities of the process involved in developing the new Local Plan and to seek views on planning and development. The information gathered has now been presented as summaries of "What You Said" and will influence the drafting of the proposed National Park Local Plan. The open days were a huge success, attracting over 900 people, and a wealth of information was gathered. Participation was extremely positive, with many people spending one or two hours responding to a series of questions and placing flags on maps to show where they thought development should take place or where there should be a presumption against development. A consultation process was also run in parallel to the open days to target participation from young people. Around 140 young people took part in an interactive virtual landscape theatre which enabled them to view their community in a 3D perspective and prompted

them to think about development issues and how they would like to see their community in the future. A "Main Issues Report", which will set out general proposals for development, will be published for consultation soon and will in turn be used to draft the proposed National Park Local Plan which will be available for consultation later on in the year.

Copies of individual open days and an overall National Park summary can be obtained by downloading them from the National Park Authority website - **www.lochlomond-trossachs.org** - or can be requested by telephoning **Lesa Hartland** at the National Park Headquarters on **01389 722600**.

More information regarding the preparation of the Local Plan and how you can get involved will be available on the National Park Authority website soon. If you have any questions about the Local Plan please contact the Planning Policy Team

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National Park Local Access Forum Members

The Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority is seeking new members for its Local Access Forum which was established 3 years ago to advise the Park Authority on outdoor access in the National Park area.

The Access Forum is made up of a balance of land management and recreational user representatives to ensure well-informed and practical advice is given. It has 20 members plus 4 advisory members who are appointed for a 3 year term.

We are seeking members who can represent interests in land management and recreational access activities in the park area, preferably from people living in the Park and members of the local community. We will also be seeking nominations from relevant organisations representing land management and access/recreation. The Forum ideally needs people with knowledge or experience of:

Land-management such as forestry, livestock farming, conservation, fisheries, estate management.

Outdoor access activities such as walking, canoeing, horse-riding, cycling...

The National Park area

We are particularly keen to receive

applications from people with experience of outdoor access for the less able including wheelchair users. Over the three years the Forum have given advice on:

The preparation of the draft core paths plan
National Park waymarking and signage standards
Designs for livestock and lambing advisory signage

Informal camping issues
Access and wild boar farming
Prohibitive signage issues

Twelve meetings have been held plus site visits to Ledard Farm and Drumlean Estate. Most of the Forum's focus has been on core paths planning and helping the National Park Authority to prepare the first Core Paths Plan for the area. The Forum helped devise the selection criteria for core paths and supported the informal consultations in summer 2007. The Draft Core Paths Plan will undergo a formal public consultation in April this year. Applications should reach the Park Authority by 22 February 2008. If you are interested in applying to join the Forum please get in touch.

Information packs are available from www.lochlomond-trossachs.org or by contacting **Barbara Robertson**
National Park HQ 01389 722600

EAK

For anyone who doesn't know what EAK is, its aims are:

To improve the natural environment in the Killin area through community involvement in environmental projects and

To achieve this through community education and awareness-raising, planning and practical environmental projects and raising funds to finance such projects.

Projects

Essentially anything that relates to the local environment. Last year there was a "Spring flowers and fungi" walk in April, in May a dawn chorus walk around the head of the loch, (free porridge available!) and in December a bird-watching walk to the head of the Loch.

Practical community action involved replacing the collapsing stile on the old railway line with a gate and a "Big clean up" of the footpaths around the village.

Campaigning and awareness-raising in trying to:

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recycling facilities, their recyclable materials go into landfill.

Encourage car sharing - Many people regularly make the same car journeys as others. A central reference point (e.g. Killin Web-site, public notice-board, library) where drivers could list journeys and passenger space available could save unnecessary car miles. Examples of car-sharing schemes are being looked at. Any interest out there? Any ideas, comments or suggestions?

Rural Sustainability Event

EAK has traditionally organised a community event every two years. In 2007, in response to the Killin Community Action Plan Review, it was a Rural Sustainability Event, looking into setting up a local food initiative, learning about renewable

technologies, energy efficiency and reducing, re-using and recycling projects. Liaising with local agencies on issues of Environmental concern for Killin.

Being within the National Park means we are active in many of their initiatives such as the Killin Core Paths consultation and the Spring into Wildlife gardening event. Issues around sign-posting, interpretation boards, leaflet design and distribution are just some of the subjects discussed.

Local Council issues

If there is broken glass lying in a public area, the broken glass department has to come out to pick it up and dispose of it so someone has to travel from Stirling to Killin to pick up a broken bottle lying on a pavement.

Meetings

EAK members meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 8pm, currently at the Killin Hotel. Topical issues are discussed, National Park initiatives, local matters of concern or interest such as local council planning applications that might have a negative environmental impact, as well as our



Wildflower audit



Fungal Foray

own forward planning for activities and events. It is also an opportunity for networking ...and socialising. Please feel free to get involved - the more folk that do so, the more likely it is we can ensure our community will be a pleasant place to live and doing so collectively is more fun.

Katy MacLeod

01567 829064

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Police File

Andy Fleming and Ian Donaldson report on the Central Scotland Police Community web page that the Killin Mountain Rescue collection box in The Studio was stolen from the counter. It was a fairly full red plastic cylindrical box with a photo of the Killin Mountain Rescue Team on the label. They would like to hear from anyone with information that might help them in their investigations.

They also report local youths playing with petrol and fire. This is extremely dangerous as the vapour can flare and light petrol spilled on clothes at some distance from the main fire so causing serious injury. They ask that the public inform them or the Fire Brigade if they witness this activity.

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As a regular visitor to Killin for over 25 years, I have developed a keen interest in subjects connected with Breadalbane. As a restorer and user of antique firearms I was very interested when a fellow enthusiast acquired a presentation Snider rifle from a London auction house. The rifle has a silver plate engraved with "Breadalbane Rifle Competition Prize won by Lieut. Craigie 10th Perth R.V. 1864". The Breadalbane Volunteers (B.V.) were part of a movement consisting of local volunteer army units raised for the defence of the country in the 1860s. Enquiries amongst locals produced some very interesting results. An early photograph of the volunteers taken near Kenmore shows men armed

with Snider rifles. The belt and buckle with the splendid insignia was part of the B.V. uniform. I was then told about a long disused rifle range which lies to the south east of Killin, but is now covered by a conifer plantation. The cast iron target plate is still there albeit in several pieces with 1871 cast into the back. Dozens of lead bullets surround it, some on the surface with others buried just below the surface. These bullets all reveal the types of weapons in use at the time of firing and range from a .577 Muzzle loading Rifle to a Lee Enfield .303 which was adopted in 1888. I was told that the range was in use until the 2nd World War by the Home Guard. It is interesting to



speculate whether the Prize Rifle was competed for on this range. When presented in 1864 to Lieut Craigie the rifle must have been a volunteer pattern 1853 Muzzle



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Belt Buckle



Loading Rifle made by the L.A.C. (London Armoury Company). The conversion to Snider Pattern is the mark 3, not adopted until 1869. The rifle is in superb condition with a large proportion of the original finish and has hardly ever been shot. It seems odd that the owner went to considerable expense to have it converted to Snider action when it was hardly ever used. I would like to thank John Sinclair, Hamish Campbell, John Morris, Jimmy Gauld, Kevin Fitzgerald and my friend Adrian Booth who acquired the rifle and began the quest. Any more information on the B.V. and any of their weapons would be very welcome and of great interest.

Ian Hall

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Snider cartridge of the period with pieces found on the Killin range



SWRI

The December meeting of the Killin SWRI was held on Thursday 6th in the Lesser MacLaren Hall. Our speaker for the evening was Mrs Trish Gaskell with a very interesting talk and demonstration on her hobby Decorative Eggs. She explained how the whole procedure can take up to a year to do, from selecting the perfect egg (duck eggs are best) to blowing, sterilising and finally actually decorating it. There was a wonderful display of some of the eggs, enjoyed by all. The January meeting was our 84th Birthday. we celebrated this with a Dinner in the Bridge of Lochay Hotel on the 10th January. The 30 Ladies who turned out had a wonderful meal and we all enjoyed the evening. The Birthday cake was cut by Mrs Babs Gordon accompanied by the Killin SWRI president Fiona Inglis.



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Auchmore

At Auchmore this year, unlike 2007, it was possible to celebrate the opening of the season as usual at the boathouse, although the water was very high and it was muddy underfoot. The event was again sponsored by Famous Grouse. As the morning grew lighter a good crowd enjoyed hot dogs and a drink while various not-so-hot four legged dogs splashed into puddles and begged in vain for sticks to be thrown for them.

The Reverend Lincoln then blessed the boats and Duncan McKinnon piped them on their way out to the Loch at the start of what it is hoped will be a good year. **MM**



Duncan McKinnon



Morenish



David Boyle



Auchmore



Morenish



Rev John Lincoln



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"This place is the best kept secret in Britain" is the description given to Loch Tay by one of the visitors from the south at the opening of the Loch Tay salmon fishing season. The day started dry with the water slightly ruffled by a light breeze and

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glimpses of blue in a grey sky, ideal for fishing. With above freezing temperatures it promised to be an enjoyable first day to the season that could be improved only by contact with fresh run fish and the hope of one or two in the net. Spirits were kept buoyant by the piping of David Boyle from Crieff which drifted over Loch Tay and the slopes of Ben Lawers to enhance the magic of the occasion. The Boat House was the venue on the north side of the loch where the excellent hospitality provided by Rupert Barrett of Loch Tay Highland Lodges and Duncan and Nadia Walker warmed all those attending for the fishing with bacon rolls, tea, coffee, cakes and whisky. Driven by the need to get out on the loch some visitors jumped the gun and set off before the ceremony. We hope they were not disadvantaged by this sacrilegious act. The Reverend Ladd Fagerson gave his address and bade us all be "fishers of men" and to support our friends and fellows, then completed the tradition by giving his blessing to the salmon fishing for 2008. Following the blessing the fishermen, suitably dressed for the cold and wet, that is always to be expected on Loch Tay at this time of year, set off in their small orange and white boats to their favourite salmon lies.

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Salmon Fishing Notes

The Reverend William A. Gillies records that severe penalties were imposed on persons discovered poaching in the vicinity of Loch Tay. He relates that in 1632 a Duncan Campbell was cautioned "that he shall not burn a blase, shuit a wasp (three-pronged spear) nor put out a wand on any part of the water of Tay hereinafter, under the paine of one hundred pound for ilk fault." A Blase or "Burning the water" was an early type of fishing common until the early nineteenth century where a flaming torch was used at night to attract and help in the catching salmon. A hundred pounds in those days was greater than the yearly income for many living in the area.

100 years ago commercial fishing using net and coble (rowing boat) was used in the lower reaches of the Tay estuary and the salmon were salted for export.

Kitting, that is cooking and sousing in vinegar, was introduced in the mid 16th century as more rapid transport became available. In the late 16th century ice, collected locally and stored in ice houses, became the preferred method of preservation.

Stake nets, nets held on stakes on sand banks designed to trap salmon proceeding up the Tay, were used in the estuary until they were made illegal in 1812 but they continued to be used on the open coast to intercept salmon. Netting on the river finally ceased in 1996 when the Tay Salmon Fisheries Company, established in 1899 to rationalise netting, were bought out and the Tay Foundation obtained a 99 year lease. The numbers of salmon had fallen in the twenty years preceding this and today conservation measures should give a boost to the local anglers and be a great attraction for visitors who come here for the sport. It is hoped that local salmon will increase in numbers with increasing landowner awareness of the need to support the habitat around burns, rivers and lochs and that the fish will, with luck, evade the highly efficient fishing industry at sea that can scoop up large shoals as they travel in groups back to their home rivers to spawn.

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Environment and Landscape under threat

Do we want the creep of building developments to affect areas on the fringes of the National Park?

In the last few years there have been several major building developments at the Kenmore end of Loch Tay, but some extend to the north side of the loch. Holiday homes at Tigh an Loan, Fearnan, Morenish and approx 25 more lodges at Loch Tay Highland Lodges are going ahead.

Some lesser but significant proposals are in the pipeline with plans for approval by Perth and Kinross Council. A long standing proposal, first for 3 dwelling houses which was refused, subsequently becoming one for several holiday chalets at Rynachulig Farm, Morenish, is now with the Scottish Government Reporter to make a final irreversible decision in the next week or two.

There is a general consensus that the landscape of the north side of Loch Tay is of importance to visitors and residents alike. The visual attractions of open, rural countryside and uninterrupted views provide the baseline for its overall tranquillity. Peace and quiet are the main virtues that people cherish here and wish to retain and pass on to the next generation. Threats to this environment are not new (eg speedboats and waterskiers on the loch). But in the last few years, with the decline of sheep farming, new uses for the land are being considered and especially by those who do not intend to farm it. The business of tourism is at the root of most proposals.

Specifically, the main known threats to the environment and landscape on the northern side of Loch Tay lie in the proposed holiday home development at Fearnan (approved and work now in progress), the chalets proposals at Rynachulig, the approved extra 24 chalets at Morenish Loch Tay Highland Lodges, the proposed Visitor Centre at Morenish, the proposed chalet developments opposite the Clachan Caravan site just east of Killin on the A827 road to Aberfeldy, and the approved dwelling house at Morenish. All bar one of these are on open farmland, previously untouched by building developments. They are not basically within existing settlements of buildings, except the Loch Tay Highland Lodges.

The individual applicants for these

proposals do not see the whole picture, but merely their own enterprise, and press hard within the various official policies. Naturally they tend to slant their wording to suit current trends seeking favourable approval. It is up to the rest of the community or individuals to react to proposals (all set out in public), but regrettably we are all guilty of some apathy and inertia often rules. Generally the applicants are much more highly motivated and persistent – witness the long-running attempt at Rynachulig.

People need to consider whether the proposals above that are not yet approved should be rejected, all on the grounds that they would be building developments on previously open farmland that has no recent history of building development. The result of building on these sites would make visual and basic ground surface impacts that are alien to virgin countryside. Individually and collectively they would contribute to the attrition of that sense of peace and quiet with undisturbed views, possibly leading by precedent to a rash of increased development.

Apart from the above desirable qualities of tranquillity, landscape appeal and visual amenity, there is the harsh factor of increased traffic on the roads hereabouts during the tourist season and the increased risk to life and limb. The A827 is narrower than most A roads for almost the whole of its length, with even narrower one-way bridges and some unexpectedly sharp and narrow bends. The whole road is adequately signed but, as it is mostly derestricted, traffic does take advantage of the 60mph facility, especially at week-ends when bikers can let themselves loose.

John Allen

Planning Applications

National Park

Week 46 ending 19 Nov

Proposal: Erection of holiday accommodation chalet

Location: Craigard Hotel, Main Street, Killin

Applicant: Walker Caledonian Ltd

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse and garage
Location: Land At Tigh Na Lagan, Manse Road, Killin
Applicant: Mr C Taylor
Application Type: Outline

Week 47 ending 26 Nov

Proposal: Extension to dwelling

Location: 1 Glenfalloch Road, Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr And Mrs J Elliot

Application Type: Household Alteration/Extension

Week 48 ending 03 Dec

Proposal: Erection of detached dwellinghouse

Location: Lochleven Cottage, Main Street, Killin

Applicant: Mrs Margaret Cornfield

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Decision: Refuse

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse

Location: Rear Of Fairview Cottage, Main Street, Killin

Applicant: Mr C Grant

Application Type: Outline

Application

Decision: Refuse

Week 49 ending 10 Dec

Proposal: Erection of two houses

Location: Plot 5, Maragowan, Killin

Applicant: William Stitt

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Proposal: Installation of 6m timber telecommunications monopole

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Applicant: Airwave Solutions Ltd
Application Type:
Telecommunications Development
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Week 1 ending 7 Jan

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse and garage
Location: Land At Tigh Na Lagan, Manse Road, Killin
Applicant: Mr C Taylor
Application Type: Outline
Decision: Withdrawn

Week 2 ending 14 Jan None

Perth & Kinross Council 30 Nov

Proposal: Erection of a dwellinghouse and formation of a new access
Location: Land At Lower Kiltyrie
Applicant: Ruth and Graeme Anderson
Application Type: Full Application
Decision: Pending Consideration
14 Dec
Proposal: Erection of one private dwellinghouse
Location: Old Church House, Lawers
Applicant: Mr And Mrs Peter Slaney
Application Type: Outline
Decision: Pending Consideration

Stirling Council

Week 47 ending 28 Nov

Proposal: Erection of an additional wooden pole
Location: At Land some 150m North Of Finlarig House Pier Road Killin

Applicant: SSE Power Distribution
Tayside & Central Depot PO Box 7425 Perth PH13XR
Application Type: Statutory
Notification
Decision: Approve

Week 49 ending 12 Dec

Issue: Acceptance in principle to proposed native woodland creation
Location: In upper glen Lochay (Glenlochay Estate) near Killin.
Application Type: The outline application was for over 700 hectares of native woodland, established by a combination of natural regeneration and new planting. Extensive deer fencing is likely to be required to ensure establishment.

Decision: Stirling Council supports the principle of native woodland expansion in Upper Glen Lochay, subject to:

- 1 Completion of a thorough and competent EIA, focused on the issues already identified by the Forestry Commission.
- 2 Application of the EIA findings to the overall woodland design - including the final extent of cover, which may be less than 700 hectares - and balancing of all other relevant interests and sensitivities.

Marie Curie Cancer Care Everest Challenge

Sir Ranulph Fiennes has set himself a challenge to climb Everest this year and raise £3 million for Marie Curie Cancer Care. He invites anyone from Fife and the Central Region of

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The Blend

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Calum MacCrimmon bagpipes, whistles & vocals
Donal Brown bagpipes, whistles & stepdance
Patsy Reid fiddle & vocals
Ewan Robertson guitar

Support is from two of Killin's local young talent, **Rachel Lincoln** (clarsach) and **Siobhan Anderson** (fiddle), who are studying Scottish music and Scottish Studies at university. They are joined by a few of their friends in a mix of solo and ensemble pieces. **The Killin Primary Gaelic Choir** will start off the evening, led by **Rev John Lincoln**.

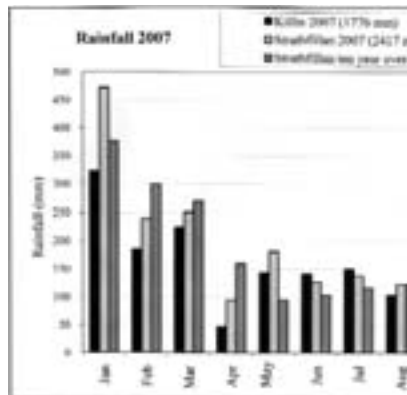


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A Run on the bank



We can see from John Holland's graph that, surprisingly, rainfall in Killin in May, June and July 2007 was above that in Strathfillan and in June and July also above the ten year average for Strathfillan. It will be interesting to see how this January's rain compares with last. Heavy rain and flooding is becoming a regular feature rather than a once-in-five-year event and snow less persistent than before. What next?

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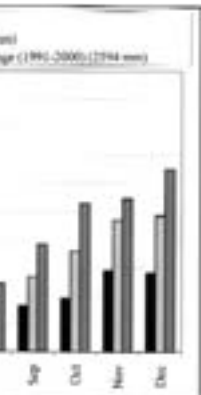
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At the KBAC Dinner, Ceilidh and Prize Giving in the McLaren Hall, the Johnny Martin Memorial Trophy was presented, for the first time, by Jenny Martin. The family gave the trophy after the 125th anniversary last year to commemorate Johnny, a well known local fisherman. The heaviest salmon last year weighed 22 lbs and was caught by Ian Jones. We hope that this year brings good fishing and lots of luck. WA



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Obituaries



Jean Lewis

Jean Margaret Lewis (nee Roberts) sadly died Nov 3rd in SRI aged 76. Jean, an only child, was born and brought up in Shropshire. Jean excelled at school, loved sport and went on to teacher training college in Liverpool and immersed her life into being a P.E. teacher. During the long holidays, she followed her second passion of travelling extensively.

In 1956 Jean married Colin Lewis and they had three daughters, Dani, Chantal and Louise. 30 years ago the family uprooted from Glasgow and moved to Killin having bought the hotel formerly known as "The Clachaig".

This was a complete career change for both Jean & Colin. Sadly, after eight happy years, ill health for both forced the sale of the hotel. Colin died very shortly after.

Jean then went into property developing in England and Killin and travelled again - all over the world but with frequent visits back to Killin. She found it hard to keep away from her 5 grandchildren Emma, Scott, Euan, Sean and Rhianna. Ultimately Jean decided to settle in Spain where she had many good friends and was very involved with the Church.

Failing health and eyesight latterly brought her back to Killin to be closer to family. The climate was not as good as Spain but she was pleased to be re-united with friends and former employees.

Jean will be remembered for her sense of adventure, courage, love, generosity, kindness and her great faith which gave her strength to the end.

She leaves family and friends missing her dreadfully, but they can take comfort from having had the privilege of knowing her and being loved by her and everyday will see or hear something good that will remind them what a wonderful character and person she was. The

sum of £380.00 was raised in the church and was sent to Christian Aid. Thank you all.

Dani Grant



Stewart Ireland

Our Dad, Stewart Ireland, passed away peacefully in his sleep on 22nd December aged 72 at the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. He had been ill for some time, but never let his illness worry him.

Stewart, or 'Bunny' as many knew him, was born in 1935, and grew up in Callander. He was the second of two sons of David and Mary Ireland, David being a Baker in the town.

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His brother Dougie will be known to many Killin residents from his days as a professional at Killin Golf Club in the 1960s.

He attended school in Callander before serving an apprenticeship as an electrician. He also served his two years National Service in the Royal Air Force, and signed up as a 'regular' for a further five years. He was stationed in Leuchars and saw service in Cyprus. Upon leaving the RAF he worked as an electrician in Callander. He married our mother, Margaret Osborne, in 1967 and in the early 1970s they moved to Killin, where my father set up his own electrical contracting business. He lived at Fassifern on the Main Street, then Ballechroisk and latterly at Monemore. He continued to work as a self employed 'sparky' until ill health forced him to give this up - he never truly stopped working though - he always seemed to be fixing or wiring something for somebody even though he was supposed to be retired!

He was always a very keen and excellent golfer and was a member of Callander Golf Club for many years, being Club Champion there five times. He also represented his County many times. During his years in the RAF he was RAF Middle East Golf Champion. While stationed at Leuchars he played for St Andrews Golf Club. As a member of Killin Golf Club he played continually over the years both for pleasure and in the local medals and competitions. He was also a keen yachtsman during his time with the RAF in Cyprus, sailing to many destinations around the eastern Mediterranean.

Stewart has two sons, Robert and Douglas, and we are both proud of the way that Dad dealt with his ill health, and also proud of him remaining tee-total for the last 20 years. He will be sadly missed.

Robert Ireland
Gillian & Douglas Ireland



Margaret Martin
1927 - 2008

Our mum passed away peacefully on 10th January. Mum was born in Gargunnock then having lost her own Mum in infancy was brought up in Portree for a while when her father re-married. Later, they moved to Port Glasgow and Mum went to work in Bridge of Weir as a nurse. Whilst working in Lochearnhead, she met our Dad, they married in Balquiddher and then settled in Killin, bringing up a family of four around which her life mainly revolved. More recently she spent happy times with her five grandchildren and great-grandchild. Due to ill health in later years, Mum got herself a scooter (never even having been on a bike before!) so if your blue bin lid has a dent in - well, it could have been ---. But she did very well and it gave her a bit of freedom. Our thanks to the Thursday Club which Mum enjoyed so very much and to Kay, Jessie and Dave for the chats they had with Mum. Thanks to everyone for support and kindness and to Dr de Laat and the medical staff in Stirling Royal. Our thanks also to the Rev. Ladd Fagerson for the lovely service. The collection at the church for the Killin Ambulance Service raised £225. Our thanks once again.

Anne, Mairi, Neil and Jenny



Jean Roberts

The death was announced on December 6th 2007 of Jean Roberts, better known to residents of Killin as Jean Lawrie the wife of the late Sergeant Harry Lawrie, who was killed with Killin Mountain Rescue Team on Ben More on February 1st 1987.

When she arrived in 1975, Jean soon settled into village life, becoming a familiar face to local residents working behind the counter at the Post Office for John and Judy Forster. She was also actively involved in the community as a member of the Killin WRI, as a Sunday School teacher and the founding Junior Section Leader for the Killin Boys Brigade.

Jean also took part in raft racing, being a member of the Killin-crewed raft, More Sure and Stedfast which competed across Scotland and won several races.

Jean, Harry and their family of Gordon, Gary and Pauline, moved from Killin when Harry was transferred to Callander in 1981 but Jean kept her connection with the village, becoming involved in the Killin Mountain Rescue Team as 'Official Casualty', and as 'Chief cook and bottle washer' in the team's co-ordinating caravan!



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Jean married Ken Roberts from Callander in 1991 but soon after discovered that kidney damage as a child meant she needed dialysis and ultimately a transplant. She didn't lie down to her disease however and, returning to her love of swimming, competed in 4 UK transplant games, winning 5 Gold, 4 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals. Twice she received the Victrix Ludorum Trophy as top female swimmer at the British Transplant Games and, in 1998, was one of 10 finalists in the Sunday Mail Great Scot Awards. Her finest hour was 1999 when, as a member of the Great Britain Team for the World Transplant Games in Budapest, she won silver in the backstroke in the Super Veterans category.

Jean is survived by Ken, her three children and four grandchildren. After the service in Callander Kirk on December 12th 2007, the sum of £1400 was raised for Kidney Research.

Ken Roberts

Vincent (Ozz) Osborne MM 1.6.1922 - 10.12.2007

At the age of 19 Ozz enlisted in the 70th Battalion (Young Soldiers) of the Welsh Regiment in 1941 but he saw most action by volunteering for the Commandos. His first battle experience was at Dieppe in August 1942. He was later posted to North

Africa to train for the attack on Sicily in 1943 and landed at Agnoli in Sicily where they were met by the 16th Panzer Division producing fierce fighting. They advanced up the west coast of Italy and were then withdrawn in preparation for D day. He and his unit landed at Sword Beach on June 6th and advanced on bicycles to Ambreville. They then pushed on through the Low countries. He was wounded on route and received a Military Medal for "Bravery in the Field". His discharge came in 1946. Following his military service, he joined the Malay Police and served with them until 1961 when he retired and returned to the UK. He entered the Royal Hospital at Chelsea as a Pensioner in 1999 and died there in the sickbay on December 10th 2007. In an article published in the Killin News in 2003 (Issue 77 page 27) Henry Forster wrote about his memory of Ozz who had been billeted with his parents when he (Henry) was a child at their home of the time Craigbuie.



Letters

1941 Plane Crash

I am researching the death of my Uncle who died in Scotland in World War II. His name was Flight Sergeant Douglas Eric Green (Service Number 742597). He was flying a Lockheed Hudson MK111 T9432 coded ZS-B when it crashed into Ben Lui on the 15th April 1941 at approx 2100 hours. There were three other crew members who died in the crash with my Uncle, Fred Lown, Len Aylott and Wilfred Rooks. They had taken off from RAF Aldergrove at approx 1340 hours on escort duty to convoy OB309. On its return from duty I believe it was diverted to land at one of the Scottish RAF stations, because of an air raid which was taking place over Belfast.

I have recently discovered that a lot of the wreckage still lies about 2,500 feet on Ben Lui. I have been in contact with Bill Rose from Killin MRT who has been very helpful, and has kindly agreed to accompany me and my brothers to visit the site and lay a wreath on behalf of our late Mother and in memory of our Uncle and his three crew mates.

I am hoping some of your readers, or more likely their elder relatives,

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Letters and Thanks

may have some recollections of the crash and the subsequent recovery of victims and important parts of the aircraft. I would be particularly interested to know if either Tyndrum or Crianlarich had their own policeman at the time, who may have been involved in the recovery. I believe that Cononish Farm lies at the foot of Ben Lui, and I would be very interested to know if the Farm has been in the same family for a long time. If so they also may have recollections of the crash. If anyone has any photos they may have taken over the years I would be keen to see them.

The other avenue I am interested in is the reporting of the accident in the local press (what was the name of the local paper at the time), but it may well have been subject to wartime restrictions.

I hope your readers may be able to help me in my research and in any event I look forward to visiting Killin next May and putting a few faces to some names.

Chris Eldridge

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Bridge View

Congratulations to those responsible for the removal of the trees at the Dochart Bridge. The area now looks as it did years ago. The scrub trees served no useful purpose - little better than weeds and a hazard to traffic

John Stewart

Star Gymnast

My friend Adele Melia does gymnastics. She is brilliant at it and just before Christmas I went to watch her at the Perth and Kinross Gymnastics Competition where she won a Gold Medal. Adele also took part in the display team and it was really exciting to watch. Well done Adele, you were brilliant.

Iona Pritchard

We would like to thank all our customers for the gifts received at Christmas and take this opportunity to wish them all the best in 2008.

John, Tommy Gregor and Donald

(Killin Posties)

I would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, telephone calls cards and flowers during my recent illness.

Pat Christie

We would like to thank everybody in Killin and elsewhere for their very kind thoughts and support for us both during what has been a very trying time for us all. We would also like to thank personally the Church for the lovely bowls of fruit; Davy and Christine for their untiring efforts and help; Mark, Jill, Dick and Mary for their taxi services; and all those whom we haven't yet got round to asking but we know their turn is coming soon! Also we would like to thank all those who have phoned, called into the shop etc, your support is meaning so much to us at this time. There are so many people who deserve a thank you, however it is not possible to mention everybody who has helped us in so many different ways. Your help and support has been gratefully received, many many thanks.

Jimmy and Maureen Gauld

I would like to thank all family and friends for the lovely cards and gifts for my big 80 and for all friends who came to the Old Mill for my surprise party. Thank you from the heart to my family for all arrangements and for all their kindness to me over the years. I truly appreciate kindness shown by all on this special day.

Paddy McKinnon

I would like to convey my thanks to all in Killin who sent their best wishes when I was a bit poorly. I am thankfully feeling much better but your kind thoughts (sent via Jessie) were very much appreciated. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy 2008.

Barbara Watson

(sister of Jessie McLeod)

Success

Congratulations to Karen Simpson for passing her Dental Nurse Exam. Well done. Love **Mum and Dad**

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I would like to thank everyone for all the cards and good wishes and visits received during my stay in hospital in France and Glasgow Royal Infirmary during my illness. Kind regards to you all.

Bill Stitt

Robert Ireland

& Gillian & Douglas Ireland would like to thank Mandy and all the staff at the Falls of Dochart Retirement home, for their kind care of Dad, Stewart 'Bunny' Ireland. Dad was very happy in the Falls and we appreciate everything that was done for him. We would also like to thank Doctor De Laat for all her care and attention to Dad during his ill health and the local Doctors, Nurses and Ambulance staff for all the help and care given to Dad. Thank you also for everyone's kind words, thoughts and cards after Dad passed away at the end of 2007.

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12.05 – 12.35

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1.40 – 2.30

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Suie Lodge 3.05 – 3.25

Glen Lochay/Ardeonaig

Fortnightly Mondays

Feb 18

March 3, 17, 31

Glenlochay 10.50 – 12.30

Ardeonaig 2.00 – 2.45

Think About It

As a young man, Professor C. S. Lewis of Oxford abandoned his childhood faith in God and declared his belief in no religion, saying that they were all myths created by man. Years later, after acknowledging Jesus to be the Son of God and his Saviour, Lewis wrote of his thoughts at that time in his well-known book "Surprised by Joy." He said: "No word in my vocabulary expressed deeper hatred than the word interference. But Christianity placed at the centre what then seemed to me a transcendental Interferer. There was no region even in the innermost depth of one's soul which one could surround with a barbed wire fence and guard with a notice "No Admittance" And that was what I wanted; some area, however small, of which I could say to all other beings, 'This is my business and mine only.'" Every person has the right to say to God, "Leave me alone. Don't bother me!" But it is the Lord's right to pursue us with His persistent mercy and love. To the self-satisfied church at Laodicea the risen Christ said: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." (Revelation 3:20) By His grace, the Lord keeps knocking, ready to fill our lives with His joy. Remember, God's love is persistent but never pushy.

Ladd Fagerson

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Congratulations



Kirsty Taylor of Dall Farm Ardeonaig married Willie Bennie at Killin Parish Church on December 14th

Taken to the church by reindeer



Aileen Sporleder born 26th December at Stirling Royal Infirmary to Dirk and Susanne Clematis Cottage



Paddy McKinnon celebrating her 80th Birthday 21st January



Jo McDonald on her 70th Birthday 1st December at the Killin Hotel



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**Across
the Globe**



Clare Hobson and step brother Sammy Dolan from Crianlarich outside the Sydney Opera House. Both currently travelling Australia for a year and would like to say G'day to all friends and family! See you next year.

Climate Change Consumer Change

The Bali Climate Change Conference highlighted the need for urgency in dealing with carbon emissions to slow the increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide levels. There is no doubt that global warming will increase, no matter what we do, for many years. Can we trust governments and businesses to set aside national and company interests to lead us in national strategies?

What are the chances of fossil fuels being left unused underground? Coal and oil are over 80% carbon, what better way is there to store carbon in a stable form? The price of oil has fluctuated between \$4 and \$100 and could easily undercut the cost of alternative energy to ensure the use of the remainder of fossil resources.

It will be left to you and me, consumers, the users of energy, to reduce demand. Everything we do or buy involves energy expenditure and carbon emissions - from the purified water that comes from our taps to packaging. Burning renewable resources, biofuels and wood is just as carbon emitting as using fossil fuels. We must reduce to basic levels everything we do. Companies that cater for our never-ending demands for products survive because of us. A new culture of waste awareness, thrift and frugality with attitudes that ostracise

unnecessary energy use might help to address the issue. Salving our holiday consciences by diverting money to planting trees, with all the energy expenditure that involves and the years it takes for the trees to accumulate our emitted carbon, is not enough.

30% of food is wasted and 6% of Britain's CO2 production comes from aircraft emissions. Carbon savings can be made by eating less meat, turning off unnecessary lights, having local holidays, using small energy efficient televisions and games consoles, turning off standby equipment, using more insulation and warmer clothing, only heating your house to comfort levels, using fuel efficient cars and then only when necessary, buying local produce whenever possible and drinking tap water that does not come in disposable plastic bottles and trying not to fuel the market for unwanted Christmas presents, DVDs, CDs, toys and games. These are a few of the many ways in which global warming can be tackled.

"Only when the last tree has died and the last river been poisoned and the last fish been caught will we realise we cannot eat money" Cree proverb

Consumers of the world unite, or should that be non-consumers?

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Money Money Money Stirling Funding Fair

Stirling Council, with CVS Stirling and the Volunteer Centre, is organising a Funding Fair as a valuable opportunity for voluntary and community organisations to meet national and local funders and access information about their current grants programmes. A series of workshops will be held covering topics relevant to funding, eg project planning, delivering outcomes, financial best practice & reporting, and improving the quality & capacity of fundraising.

The event will be in the Albert Halls, Dumbarton Road, Stirling on Monday 10 March from 1-7pm, with workshops running from 1-5pm.

Admission is free and you can just drop in. Workshops will begin at quarter past each hour in the lesser hall. The Playbus will be on site to provide childcare, 1-5 pm.

With at least 12 different funders in attendance, OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator) and the Fund Raising Standards Board, this is a great opportunity to meet the people who can help with the development of your organisation and the planning & funding of your projects. For further details contact

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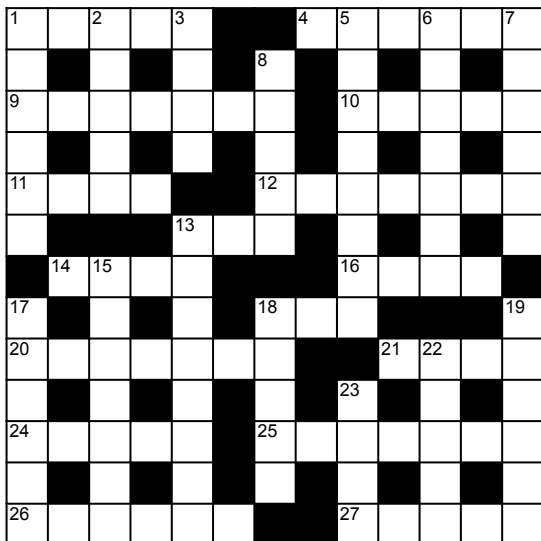
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 4 Early - sounds like a command to act as a number (6)
 9 Male sort that embraces all of us (7)
 10 Inexpensive fowl sound (5)
 11 Seem ruffled the lady (4)
 12 A reliable substitute alarm clock (7)
 13 Grain from Hungary express delivery (3)
 14 Part of a church (4)
 16 Catch a glimpse of an oriental agent (4)
 18 Pay on delivery initially for an organic container (3)
 20 Peculiar shoe lit up in an unfriendly way (7)
 21 Relaxed (4)
 24 One hundred hid fifty as a youth (5)
 25 Shorten a way across (7)
 26 All the various people (6)
 27 Conceals from view (5)

Solution to 101

Across 1 bland 4 hislop 9 harbour 10 error 11 newt 12 one cent
 13 ian 14 rill 16 gate 18 cos 20 painful 21 bowl 24 exact
 25 suspect 26 dreads 27 stand
Down 1 by hand 2 arrow 3 dior 5 icebergs 6 largest 7 pirate
 8 arson 13 ill fated 15 imitate 17 append 18 class 19 slated
 22 omega 23 isis

Down

- 1 Strangely Mr Pace enjoys outdoor freedom (6)
 2 Canadian half-note (5)
 3 Be cheerful - keep this up (4)
 5 Near in the finish and altogether - surrounded (8)
 6 Sounds like a very short dance (3-4)
 7 Was cheeky and highly skilled (6)
 8 Hear an entry or great fondness (5)
 13 Drier men can be shaken to help jog the memory (8)

- 15 Father and small sibling upset on strong feelings (7)
 17 One hundred bumpkins make cute little birds (6)
 18 A foot operated lever (5)
 19 Glowing remains can be found in a system berserk situation (6)
 22 Totalled (5)
 23 Special kind of enemy made of marble in London (4)

Brownie and Guides Christmas Post

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the village that gave us their cards to post and to Kay, Dougie & Liz for providing collection points. We are very grateful for all your support. This year we raised an amazing £364.36, which will be donated to The Falls Of Dochart Retirement Home. We realise that some of you give us an extra donation in our collecting boxes - we are very grateful.

A BIG THANKYOU also to all those Brownies, Guides and their parents (and aunts) who helped to sort and deliver cards around the village before Christmas. We couldn't do it without you and it does mean your children get to have some great activities.

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 15 NFU Dinner Dance McLaren Hall
 16 Build a Bird a Home National Park event Sanderson Hall, St Fillans 12 noon to 3pm
 20 Herb Society meeting "Creams & Calendula" Jacquie Hazzard Aberfeldy Lesser Hall 10am
 23 70s and 80s Disco Night McLaren Hall

March

- 1 Blend Concert McLaren Hall 7.30pm
 6 SWRI meeting Lesser Hall 7.30pm
 7 Heritage Meeting Lesser Hall "Historic Scottish Water Supply" Dr Miles Oglethorpe 8pm
 8 Safari Supper
 11 Killin Community Council meeting School 7.30pm
 19 Herb Society meeting "Homeopathy" Cheryl Spencer Aberfeldy Lesser Hall 7pm
 19 Café Sci Tyndrum "Cononish Gold" Village Hall 7pm

Art Class
 Tuesdays
 Church Hall
 4pm - 6pm

Badminton
 Mondays
 McLaren Hall 7pm

BVLC Internet Cafe
 Thursdays
 Library
 10am - 4pm

Brownies

Mondays
 Church Hall
 3.30pm - 5pm

Carpet Bowls

Mondays
 Lesser Hall 7pm

Fire Cadets

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 Fire Station
 6.45pm

Guides

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 Church Hall
 7.30pm - 9pm

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 Church Hall
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To all who may have noted the disappearance of the Waterwheel from the Breadalbane Folklore Centre, please be assured that it has been removed for replacement by Heritage Engineering Lanark on behalf of Stirling Council. The work in progress should be complete by Easter 2008, all being well. Once reinstalled, the wheel will preserve the tradition of the building for many years to come and continue to attract visitors to the area.



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