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Editorial

Problems with teenage behaviour is not a new phenomenon. It is mentioned in historical records and many of us remember rebellious acts that we ourselves performed in the past. Academic institutions are certainly not without incidents that would qualify. Teenage is a time of life when developing hormones, changing roles, physiological stresses and stormy relationships produce a confused mix of emotions sometimes with unpredictable results. So it is hardly surprising that it was the subject for discussion at the Killin Community Council. Mark Twain's comment "be good and you will be lonesome" gives some insight into the problem. Today our teenagers have access to far more resources and diversions than former generations but they also have greater opportunities than ever before. The small open sided building in the park is the only recreational gathering place youth can really call its own. In Killin we see great evidence of the wonderful confidence and skills developed by local teenagers fostered by music, drama, golf, badminton etc. Fortunately everyone has the potential to excel at something that gives them self esteem and direction in life, the difficulty is how to add interest and direction. Perhaps part of the answer lies in looking at the achievement of communities who have developed successful schemes led by enthusiastic and supported volunteers. It is not what our teenagers can do for us but what we can do for them that matters. If support was forthcoming from some enthusiasts, facilities could be planned in association with a resource centre. This is one of many areas that could be fostered by the new Community Trust. By the way my own childhood hobby of making bombs and depth charges has long since given way to medicine and retirement.

It is good to see an increase in the number of articles submitted for publication in the Killin News. This is mirrored by an increasing number of businesses who seek to advertise in our pages. All who live in the area are invited to participate. Deadline dates are given at the top of this page. Articles should be short, interesting and to the point. As space is often at a premium all articles submitted are edited. If you think you could have something to offer, wish to see how we prepare the paper or even take on new skills please email or telephone us.

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Killin News AGM

The AGM of the Killin News will be held in the Killin News office at 7pm on 25th April



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**Wednesday 16th April
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Wish List 2008

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Killin and Ardeonaig Trust (KAT)

The Directors of the Trust are :
Chairman Don Allan, Vice Chairman Elaine Turner, Company Secretary Helen Sinclair, Secretary Willie Angus, Treasurer Margaret MacIver and Directors Trevor Shaw, Fiona Kennedy, Charles Grant and Kenny Taylor. Main Adviser is Suzanne Player, aided by Colin Roxburgh. The Trust will have a Launch Day on the 17th May in the McLaren Hall. This is to show what the Trust can do for the village, seek opinions and invite members of the local community to sign up as members of the Trust. It will be advertised nearer the time.

The Trust is concentrating the choice of its first project. All projects chosen by the Trust have to be backed by the majority of voters in the community, be feasible and self sustaining. In summary the aim of the Trust is to obtain assets for the village that can be used to further village development, enhance the area and develop opportunities for volunteers, jobs and local business. Using the Killin Community Development Plan the Trust has looked at a few possibilities and is currently trying to identify details about the Breadalbane Park from Stirling Council. Taking over

responsibility for the Park would only be possible if it is made economically sustainable. Marketing Killin and the Park could lead to increased activity and income, an income that would have to be put towards the advertising and other running costs. The Park could also be used in ways that achieve some of the other goals set out by the village.

An associated project considered by the Trust is a Resource Centre. This is being explored. Your ideas are valuable to us.

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Random thoughts on EAK Litterpick Day

Surprised to find a condom hanging in a tree behind the Station Car Park given the sort of weather we've been having. No way to treat the future generation. Note: remember to float the idea of a community meeting space to spice up someone's life.

What happens to cans and bottles when they're thrown away? They disappear? Must be a fairy hit squad or used as tiny homes for voles.

After all, over forty voles were once counted in a single bottle, mind you that was a skull count so it can't have been a comfortable place to lay their heads.

Macho types in camo jackets braving the elements, cutting wood for fires and living rough with tiny tents emulating Paras and commandos call this a fishing holiday. Unlike their role models who leave no trace they leave tissue paper flags that mark their squatting in the night not to mention bags of beer, odd cooking utensils and small bits designed to harm when swallowed by unsuspecting livestock.

Little blue decorations adorn the hedge, which on closer inspection prove to be legit. Well the dog-do has been bagged but not so legit given that it is now classed as

hanging garbage. Thank goodness not all dog-do is so displayed and most owners are assiduously responsible - must wash the un-bagged stuff off my boots before returning home.

Rubbish must like a viewpoint, why else would it be placed on show high up the bank? Why hide it or leave it accessible when there's far more fun to be had getting do-gooders to ascend or descend precipitous inclines? Perhaps plastic melts away with time, glass shards become blunt and harmless - in your dreams. Or its value will increase when displayed in some future British Museum, revered by archaeologists who will infer some dubious importance to its shape and resting place. DNA or some equivalent will portray the long armed small brained creature that discarded it.

Thankfully the Great Clean Up will come when all is tipped into a subduction zone, millennia away, into that ultimate recycler, the molten core, before emerging unrecognisable as rocks when civilization as we know it has been long forgotten. Oh well, nine black council bags is not a bad return for this time of year.

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When problems arise it is not always easy to find out which agency can resolve them.

Emergency medical problems out of hours are dealt with by NHS24 Tel: 08454 242424

The Police number for non-emergency calls is 820222 .

The police community web site for Killin that gives details of local incidents can be found at www.centalscotland.police.uk click on Policing my area (read more), Killin, then Killin again in the sub menu.

In Killin most household problems can be managed by local businesses and tradespeople who can often offer sound advice even when the problem lies outside their area of expertise or work. Broadband has made information much more available to those familiar with computers and who have access to the internet. The purpose of this article is to list contacts for problems that are not so familiar or happen less frequently.

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Other Agencies

Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) www.sepa.org.uk

Tel: 01786 457700

Their remit includes abandoned vehicles, air pollution, water pollution, control of liquid and solid waste disposal, development consent, fish health, veterinary medicine safety, assessing flood risk. The web site details the law on carrying waste and where can be be dumped. It advises on who should be licensed and gives full details of those who are licensed. It is illegal to carry materials, soil, stones concrete, etc., from one site to another without a license.

Floodline

Tel: 0845 988 1188 (24hr)

Pollution Report Line

Tel: 0800 80 70 60

Dumb Dumpers

www.dumbdumpers.org

Tel: 0845 2 30 40 90

This website takes details of dumped items, sightings of dumping and details all main Scottish amenity sites. Police should also be informed of dumping as it is a criminal offence.

State Veterinary Service

Tel: 01738 629167

Dead Migrant Birds and concern about Bird Flu

Scottish Water Emergency

Help Line Tel: 0845 600 8855

Mains water leak, blocked or leaking sewage where shared with other houses or problem not on private property.

Stirling Council: www.stirling.gov.uk/ Tel: 0845 277 7000

This web site gives access to Council services and in many pages asks questions to define the problem, state their target responses, take your details and submit your request as an email. Or you can ring the Council telephone number and ask for the appropriate department.

Common Problem Area

Antisocial Behaviour
School transport
Road Repairs
Potholes
Drains
Footways
Bus shelters
Street lighting
Road cleaning
Street cleaning
Ground maintenance
Cemeteries
Public conveniences
Abandoned cars
Pest control
Concern about food
Air pollution
Health and safety
Noise nuisance
Smoking legislation

Water supply
Flooding problems

Responsible Department Ask For :-

Community Planning Tel: 01786 432302 (or **Police**)
School Travel Planning Co-ordinator
Roads and Transport.
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Abandoned Cars
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Blocked drains	1 working day
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Mervyn's Weather

The three winter months, December, January and February, known of old in Gaelic as "*na miosa marbh*" - the dead months - have now been absorbed into history. These three months have recorded very similar mean temperatures, having just over 4C (39F), which is marginally above the long term average. January 2008 recorded 360.4mm (14.4 inches) of precipitation, this figure has been exceeded once during my period of 'official' weather observations 1958 - 2008 when, in January 1974, 447.6mm (17.9 inches) was recorded. Now we are over a week into March - that month of heavy weather - the proverbial lion has so far been in ascendancy.

Over the winter, soil temperatures, 10cm(4 inches) below the surface, have hovered on either side of the threshold of grain growth - 5C (41F) - which in effect means that where grass is ungrazed it has experienced only brief periods of dormancy. Here at Ardtalnaig the first daffodil came into flower on 9th February although in the south of England there have been several reports of burgeoning in January and even earlier.

While at levels above about 3,000ft snow cover has been to a greater or lesser degree fairly constant, lying snow (over 50% cover) on low ground here on the lochside has occurred so

far on but three days. On average over many years the number of mornings over the whole winter when one could expect such cover would total something like 20, ranging from say 4 or 5 to over 60 in years such as 1947 or 1963. At high levels - over 3,000ft - during protracted cold winters cover has been 180 days and over.

In 2007 around the time of the spring equinox (21st March) the weather, rather similar to that we are now experiencing, suddenly executed a 'U' turn and we were subjected to one of the most benign springs for many years, which of course made many activities such as gardening, lambing, and preparation for crops an extreme pleasure. After about 9th May however conditions deteriorated rapidly and a somewhat dismal epoch followed lasting until late August when 'sanity' returned, in time for harvest. No two seasons are the same but I'm sure we would all relish a relenting of the present boisterous conditions. There is presently a moderately large area of high pressure in the north Atlantic. Whether or not this will be squeezed out of existence by the, until now, relentless sequence of depressions which have been churned out on the production line of the Jet Stream. Time will tell!

Mervyn K. Browne
Ardtalnaig

Tombreck News

Lawers Session 3rd Anniversary:

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Loch Tay Food Chain Growers Meeting:

Talk and discussion on what
to grow and how to market it
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Thursday 10 April 2008 - 7:30pm
Fearnan Village Hall
Contact Dolan - 07742 920613
email info@lochtayfoodchain.org.uk

The Big Shed AGM of the Loch Tayside Community Interest Company

followed by informal Ceilidh
New members welcome
Thursday 17 April 2008
7:30pm at Village Pub Killin Hotel
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Michael Crow



Come Along to the Library on Thursdays - it's open!

Breadalbane Virtual Learning Centre are working with Stirling Council Libraries and Forth Valley College to offer more in Killin Library.

You can now take FREE courses in:
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 Digital Photography - 1 hr
 How to take good photos - 30min
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 Getting Started with Word - 10 hrs
 Getting Started with Excel - 10hrs
 And More

To enrol come into the Library on a Thursday between 10am and 4pm where Heather Hamilton or Julie Rhys can help you - then you can learn in the library, at home or wherever and whenever it suits you.

These are all part of the Learn @ the Library Courses so pop in to find out in 20 mins what you can learn for FREE!

Anyone enrolling on courses (European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) or short courses as listed above) has free use of computers in the library (Please note the ECDL itself is not free but you might be eligible for financial help).

Internet access is still available for £1 an hour on Thursdays as BVLC is a community project with its own costs. You can also come in and use the photocopier, scanner or send a fax and we can take in returned books but are not able to check out new ones yet.

For more info call Julie Rhys 820851 or Heather Hamilton 830220

BVLC is being funded this year by Comic Relief, Stirling Council Adult Learning and the Robertson Trust

Suzanne Player

Morenish Then and Now



Courtesy of Killin Heritage

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Morenish to Cattle



Two years ago Morenish Lodge was sold to Jim McNeish. Since then the building has been in the process of complete refurbishment with upgrading of not just the decor but replanting in the grounds and the creation of walkways through the wooded area of the garden. The bedrooms now are tastefully decorated with bigger ensuite facilities each with a unique theme from the monk's cell to Harry Potter and an African room and everything in-between. There are 10 bedrooms with a plan to have 12 by the time the work is complete. The reception areas can accommodate groups of 12 or smaller groups can meet in the snug. A library is available for in depth study. So what goes on there? Jim is a qualified psychologist who for the past 8 years has worked with multinational organisations guiding their personnel through the process

of how to make their organisations into living systems not machines. His clients come from most corners of the world and most courses last for 3 to 4 days. These courses are now run at the centre. However he is not just interested in helping those employed by large companies to manage their workforce in a more sympathetic so more efficient way. He is also concerned

about supporting the community he is operating in. A majority of his staff have been recruited locally. He uses local producers for his supplies where possible and he offers free courses to charities when he can. A small group of people running local businesses recently benefited from his expertise when he

allowed them to take part in a course free of charge. He also holds a Pentecostal Christian gathering at House of Cattle, as it is now known, once a month. This is supported by the Rev. John Lincoln. The new name is derived from the old Scots word "cattle" to revive the spirits.

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Jim McNeish

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Dog's Life



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Megan Rhys
Front: Laura Aitken, Kiti McAlpine
Jinny Dowling



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Around with the Magnificent Eight



This year the Magnificent Seven became the Magnificent Eight, with the destination being Vilamoura in Portugal.

At 5am on the long awaited day of departure, Laurence collected eight sleepy characters and drove us to Edinburgh Airport, but the holiday really began with the appearance of the refreshment trolley on the plane. Vilamoura was delightful, with its glittering marina, tempting display of shops and restaurants, and beautiful golf courses.

The first course we played was the Pinhal, which wound its way round the old town, with some charming old buildings. The stableford winner here was Audi. Birthday girl Spike gamely wore the birthday hat all day. The next course was Laguna, where the large expanses of water attracted many species of wildlife as well as too many golf balls. Here we played in pairs and the winners were Petal and welcome newcomer Prada. The shot of the week here must have been Audi's Dam Busters-type skim across the water to reach dry land on the other side. Our final course, Millennium, was probably the favourite, and here Audi was again the winner. This was followed by the prize giving ceremony, and the trophy was won by Kay (Petal) with Audrey (Audi) in second place and Liz (Spike) in third.

The so called rest days between the matches were spent visiting friends and old haunts and exploring the area. The massage parlour was also an attraction - but that's another story.

Thanks are due to Kay, our tour instigator and organizer, and to Liz, our match-master and photographic guru. Thanks, too, to my companion and roommate Sheena, who introduced us to the benefits of chilled white port, and to all the rest of the company, who helped to make it such an enjoyable week for this 'old fogey'. Thursday came round all too quickly, but at the end of the flight we were glad to see Laurence again at the airport, and he dutifully returned us all to our beloveds on St Valentine's Day.

Rebus

Youth Team go to the Dogs!

A young experienced group from Killin Drama Club are busy fine tuning their play following much acclaim at the recent drama festival in Thornhill. Four of the six actors play the part of dogs in a dog's home in Pam Valentine's 'Dog's Life', whilst the others are the dogs' home warden and a lady planning to adopt one of the dogs.

The team, Laura Aitken, Jinny Dowling, David MacAskill, Megan Rhys, Millie Tigwell and Kiti McAlpine were praised by a very appreciative audience and the adjudicator. Faced with a very short learning period after the pantomime, the group showed their commitment by working hard throughout February to achieve success. Luke Melia and Oliver Dowling provide backstage assistance and control of the lighting.

Dog's Life is directed by Gordon Hibbert, with further adult help from Lesley Syme, Alex Tigwell and Liz Stevens, and hopefully this production will be followed by many other plays for junior members. The play can next be seen representing Stirling district in the Eastern Divisional Youth Finals at Grangemouth on 29th March, and plans are already in the pipeline to present the play in Killin on 2nd and 3rd May.

Take on the Challenge?

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Strathfillan Community Development Trust



Family Burns Night

For the first time the Trust organised a family Burns celebration in our HQ, Tyndrum Village hall. Our numbers were strictly limited by the number of seats and I'm delighted to report that the night was a sell-out. Our thanks to the Trust team for their hard work behind the scenes and on the night, to all those who performed by playing, dancing, reciting or singing, to the Green Welly Stop for the fabulous trifle and the loan of crockery and cutlery and all those who bought tickets and turned out on a very stormy night.

Childrens' Summer Activities

The Trust is at the early stages of organising a programme of diverse (6) weekly activities planned to run during the summer holidays. Ideas put forward so far include a Music day, an Art and Craft day, a Computing day, local wildlife exploration and a couple of days in the great outdoors to teach about shelter building, wild food and

survival techniques!! The outdoor days could also help qualify for a John Muir award. As we are still in the early stages of planning, now is the time to tell us about ideas you may have. If you'd like to become involved in any way please get in touch.

Internet café

A warm welcome back to Strathfillan to all the seasonal workers. The Internet Café will be available each Tuesday and Friday from 11am until 4pm. As usual Heather will be on hand to give advice and help. Just a reminder that the hall is available for rent on an hourly or daily basis at wonderfully reasonable rates. The hall is a very adaptable space - with a few minor adjustments it becomes very un-hall like! Get in touch if you're planning a bit of a do!!

Joyce Russell
(Development Officer)
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The Killin News apologises to the Strathfillan Community Council for misplacing and omitting their report from Issue 102.

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Rural Stirling

HOUSING ASSOCIATION

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Strathfillan Community Council

SCC. meeting 14th January

Inverarnan sub station; Owen told us that the Reporter had upheld the planning appeal in the National Interest although the National Park had been justified in turning down the proposal. There are conditions imposed, some of which relate to the noise impact.

Kirkton Cemetery; Several people placed flowers or wreaths on their loved ones graves which were eaten by sheep within 2 days causing great sadness and frustration. Stirling Council [SC] have replaced the gate, but parts of the fence are too low, allowing the sheep access. As the owner, SC is responsible for keeping the sheep out. Ms. Docherty, Stirling Council will look at the site.

SCC meeting 10th March

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“By The Way”

Sgt. Gregor McFarlane based in Callander was introduced by P C Craig Murray. Gregor's visit was appreciated by the CC.

Cllr. Paul Owens will, for health reasons, be unable to attend CC meetings or Cllr surgeries until further notice.

Councillor surgeries are held in Crianlarich Village Hall in the ½ hour preceding the CC meetings, generally at 7pm.

Lower Station Yard Site; In Nov 07 the Councillors approved this community development with conditions attached. A meeting between the Lower Station Yard group and Stirling Council officers, took place at the end of February and was quite constructive. They will see if it will be possible to put the MUGA [sports facility] behind the school playground. Lesley Malkin, Corporate Asset Manager, will also try to ascertain if other sites for housing in Strathfillan mentioned by the group would be acceptable. There are questions over the valuation and maintenance of the site.

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The Strathfillan Lunch Club in Crianlarich village hall enjoying one of their monthly get together lunches, which are sponsored by Awards for All, Stirling Council and the Cooperative Community Fund.

Barbara Riley

discussed the proposal. It was agreed to find out the latest proposed route and then consult the community.

The Association of Community Councils [ACC] for Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park had a presentation in November from Dick Johnson on the Development of Sustainable Flood Management. In February the presentation was by Steve Macken on energy efficiency

and new technologies - the pros and cons. It was interesting and informative. All CCs in the National Park are welcome at these meetings. The next is 7pm on 23rd April with a presentation on the Local Plan from the National Park. It will either be at the new HQ of the NP or at the Gateway Centre Lomond Shores.

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Kenmore and Acharn Parent and Toddlers

More than £1,000 has been raised in grants by Kenmore and Acharn Parent and Toddlers. Funds were gratefully received from the Co-operative Community Fund, the Scottish Executive and the Perthshire RASC Memorial Charitable Trust and will go towards new books, toys, a gazebo, dressing up clothes and a storage shed. The Kenmore and Acharn Parent and Toddlers group meet every Tuesday and Friday morning in the Sports Pavilion in Kenmore. The Pavilion has undergone recent refurbishment including a new kitchen and heaters. The group provides a fantastic venue for toddlers to play and also offers a great opportunity for new mothers (or fathers) to meet up. It is open to anyone with small babies or children in the area.

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Fiona Adams

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Approximately 13% of households had still to return a registration form.

Significant numbers of electors used the internet, telephone & text message options to indicate no household changes. This, hopefully, will increase in future years so reducing the postage & printing costs.

To check that your name is on the register a printed version is available in the library. Anyone who needs to re-register because they have moved or changed their name can do so by completing and returning a form which is available in libraries or by downloading a form from www.saa.gov.uk/central

As well as not being able to vote if you are not registered you may have difficulties with credit references as all major credit reference companies use the register to help verify residence. It's all change this year for electors who want to vote by post or appoint a proxy to vote on their behalf. New forms will be posted to every current postal voter as soon as possible after the new legislation comes into effect (expected February 2008) to collect their dates of birth and signatures.

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Statistics by areas 3rd Jan 2008

Crianlarich	248
Killin	758
Locheearnhead	271
Strathyre	172

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22,000 forms will be issued to existing postal & proxy voters in the Forth Valley area commencing on 12th March.

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McLaren Hall

First, the good news. As you may know we have been trying to organise an improved heating system for the Hall, to be installed this summer. The new system should provide better heating, use less fuel, so keeping costs down and be more environmentally friendly. Thanks to the efforts of Suzanne Player and Glenda Mardon, we have been successful in getting grants of £1,000 from the PF Foundation and £10,000 from Awards for All (National Lottery). Some funders have still to reply, so we may get more yet.

Now the moan... The Hall is extremely well-used, with events happening most days, ranging from the New Year's Dance, Burns' Supper and Pantomime to clubs such as Badminton and Carpet Bowls. There are increasing numbers of weddings and the Hall is used as a 'Rigid tent' for a number of outdoor groups.

While it's great to see the facilities being used, the fact is that the Hall does tend to get into a mess (perhaps especially so after events where alcohol is consumed). One of the conditions of use of the Hall is that users should leave the Hall in the condition they would expect to find it. Although we employ a cleaner, who does sterling work, he doesn't have enough hours in the

week to undertake the sort of major clean-up needed after a dance. I know how tedious it is to have to turn out after a good night to clean the hall but I also know how dispiriting it is to have to clean up after someone else who can't be bothered to play their part. Because the Hall is used so much it is entirely likely that it will be booked on the day after an event so leaving the rubbish for a day or two isn't really an option. Please bear in mind that by putting in your own labour, you are helping to keep the Hall charges as low as they are. Over the last wee while we have had problems on a few occasions, probably due to misunderstandings. We could consider asking for a deposit, to be kept if users don't play their part but would rather not go down that route. So, over to you...

David Syme

Management Committee Chairman

Stop Press: We have just heard that we have been awarded £5,000 by the Hugh Fraser foundation!

The McLaren Hall will be closed throughout June and July to have the new heating system installed

God and Mammon

Once we were intae oor new house
The meenister came roon
To see hoo we were gettin' on
And that we'd settled doon

He sank intae our auld settee,
Weel spread oot and at ease
His body at an angle
Wi' his bum below his knees

We'd never met the Rev afore
But I kent fae his past
That he's been in accoontancy
A job that did na last

He'd served his time wi Mammon,
But noo gave his time to God,
In hope that he was on the path
That a' the saints had trod.

The funny thing wis that I'd gone
The ither road aroon.
Dog collars fairly scunnered me:
Their grasp just made me swoon!

So in the end I landed up
In Mammon's greedy grip,
An awfy fine alternative
That did na gie me gyp!

Noo when I telt the meenister
He wis na that impressed.
I think he thoct disrobin' meant
I hid nae passed the test!

But, angled on oor auld settee,
He soon would change his mind,
For when he got up tae gang hame
He left his dough behind!

So I returned it to the manse
And said, 'Noo there you see
That Mammon, just like God, believes
In Christian poverty!'

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Blend Concert



Siobhan Anderson, Rachel Lincoln, James Lindsay, Andrew Watt

On Saturday 1st March a packed McLaren Hall was entertained by spectacular performances from all the artists. The evening began with the Killin School Choir led by Rev. John Lincoln. They delighted the audience with perfect pitch and word perfect singing. Each member introduced themselves in Gaelic sounding as if it was their mother tongue not a language in the process of being learnt. Rachel followed the choir with wonderful Clarsach playing. She was then joined on stage by Siobhan Anderson with her fiddle, James Lindsay on Double Bass and Andrew Watt (Panda) on Guitar. Despite never having played as a group together before, apart from the weekend of the concert, they worked their magic on the audience playing many pieces composed by Siobhan. After the interval the group Breabach hit the stage with dynamic and breathtaking combinations of sounds. Not content with just making music one member of the group, who swapped from bagpipes to tin whistles throughout the performance, put down his instrument every now and then, made his way to the front of the stage and danced. We could do with more of this in Killin and at least let's hope that the Blend, which is part of Stirling's Roots Music Festival, will ensure the future of this annual event and that we see more of Killin's youth performing.

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New Faces

While we were travelling between Callander and Stirling a few weeks ago a large bird, too big for a buzzard, swooped across the road in front of us. It was an eagle. When it continued to float around the field by the road its white head and tail told us it was a white tailed sea eagle. They were reintroduced to the islands and have obviously successfully spread and as I found out later, that one is often seen at Argaty near the red kite viewing area. Maybe it has moved to cash in on the free food provided to attract the kites.

I expect that you have read that the idea of reintroducing wolves into Scotland has reared its ugly head again. Maybe there will be a comeback of sheep - if only to feed wolves and sea eagles? Apparently tourists would love to see them in the wild and remote places. As one local resident said recently on the subject - where are the wild and remote places left today? With cars accessing all areas walkers are everywhere. Maybe wolves would be glad of this addition to their diet. This would certainly please the capercaillie as recent research has shown that their current decline is mainly due to constant human disturbance.

In the recent debate on snaring, which The Scottish Government has decided not to ban, it came to light that the League against cruel Sports, who have been decrying the use of free-running snares, have recently used snares to catch foxes in order to fit them with radio collars in an attempt to prove that the fox is no threat to livestock during the lambing season (probably not as much as wolves anyway).

Cormorant numbers are currently causing damage on inland fisheries and, as they are a protected species, they cannot be culled without special licence. Most people would assume that protected means rare or endangered but cormorant numbers have increased by 36% in the ten years up to 2005 according to The British Trust for Ornithology. Surely it would make sense to revise our protection laws from time to time. Along with the annual plea to dog owners to be aware of disturbing ground-nesting birds, there is a plea from The Department of Health that dog owners be alert to the threat of Lyme disease in their pets. It is estimated that 75% of owners do not check their dogs regularly and they remind them that symptoms similar to those in humans can occur and even cause death.

Tim Frost

Snippet from Down Under

The following extract from the Adelaide Advertiser was sent to us by Tommy Bickerton an emigrant from Killin who left the village for Australia 37 years ago. It relates a story about the writer's father, David Kemp, who spent part of his youth in his mother's childhood home of Acharn Farm. His mother was a Willison.

It was just outside Killin that my father spent the highlights of his youth on the family sheep farm, Acharn, now four-star accommodation. According to the family my father once jumped from a goods train near the family farm gates to save walking from the station at Killin back to the Acharn in the snow and he and a mate surfed a railway cart behind another train in order to reach the next station in time. Miles Kemp

I wonder did David Kemp also jump from the Dochart Bridge into the pool below.

GA

SWRI March Meeting

Mr Jim McNeish, from the House of Cantle (previously Moronish Hotel), gave a wonderful illustrated talk about the centre. He explained that it is run as a leadership development centre. It offers consultancy work, executive coaching, leader training and team building to companies large and small and individuals. It also offers church leadership and holds worship nights. Mr McNeish finished with a slide show of the renovation and improvements to the centre.

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desktops. If the machines are in a dusty environment, then times may reduce significantly. For tax purposes, all computing equipment should be written off after 3 years. Home machines – these are likely to need replacing every 5 years for both desktops and laptops, although as technology rapidly progresses, even a 2 year old machine is out of date, but still viable.

For users without broadband – then these are typically less used machines, these tend to last 5 years, even in office environments. Please note that in many cases data can be recovered from old faulty computers, but this is not guaranteed. The cost of data recovery is significant compared with the cost of properly backing up data, so, please, again, be vigilant in saving your data.

Backup Devices

There are many devices available for backing up data, these range from Memory sticks, costing from under a fiver, to external hard discs that can store all of your data, costing

anything from 50-150 pounds. They are easy to use, and can save a lot of heartache if the data on your computer is destroyed.

Rural Broadband

The Government project to have 100% coverage of broadband in Scotland is still progressing. In April/May of this year the contract should be awarded. This is positive and hopefully there will be more concrete news over the next few months.

DELL Deliveries

Many of us are struggling with DELL and their delivery dates for laptops. I can vouch that there are delays of over 2 months to build and deliver machines. I am not sure how DELL can justify it and it is likely to ruin their once excellent reputation. If you are buying anything from DELL, please check expected delivery date prior to purchase.

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Core Paths Plan Proposals

Core path selection criteria informal consultation document Perth & Kinross Council

While agreeing with most of this I have some reservations with the inclusion of "upland paths". I object to the inclusion in the criteria of "routes to mountain tops". I think this goes beyond the usual meaning of Core Paths which have always been defined as low level paths, for locals and visitors to take informal recreational walks, usually signposted at access points to encourage confidence in using them, and would eventually appear on Ordnance Survey maps as dashed purple lines. My objection rests entirely on routes to mountain tops being drawn as Core Paths on the Ordnance Survey maps which are the definitive maps of the UK. On recent draft maps produced by

P&KC, the mountains Schiehallion, Ben Lawers and Ben Vrackie have dashed purple lines drawn to the summits. These could mislead walkers. Mountain tops are not suitable places for people whose expectations of such a core path are

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 already provides access rights. There is no need for these purple lines and it would be irresponsible to entice users up mountains where they might get into difficulties. It might be useful to lead people to

the foot of the mountain, but no further. For example, on Ben Lawers it should go no further than the enclosure that starts at the present National Trust for Scotland Information Centre. Local Councils should agree not to include mountains for core paths. Has consultation taken place with land owners for their views?

'Marketing' the appeal of specific mountains for profit by tourism providers should be resisted. Schiehallion and Ben Lawers are icons without advertising, with

wear and tear on paths being paid for by the charitable organisations John Muir Trust and National Trust for Scotland. Do JMT and NTS want core paths marked on maps up their mountains?

John Allen



low level, linking one place to another. The core paths in question here lead only to mountain tops with the many dangers that entails including extreme weather. The

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Killin Community Council - March

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Rural Housing

Six Houses are to be built on the old Swedish Houses site by the Surgery. In total there will be two three bedroom houses and four two bedroom units. One will be suitable for disabled occupancy.

Pedestrian Crossing relocation

Councillor Wood is attending to this matter

Cemetery Signs

The one on the main road is now in place as well as one by the cemetery.

Area network meeting

The on-going problem of young drinkers in the Park was discussed. A proposal to introduce a bye-law banning the drinking of alcohol in public places, as is the case in many of the villages and small towns in rural Stirling, was discussed. Andy Fleming and Sgt MacFarlane of Callander were at the meeting and both agreed that this would give them greater powers. At present they can confiscate alcohol from underage drinkers but have no powers to do the same for those aged eighteen and over. Recently thirty two litres of alcohol was confiscated from youngsters in Killin by the police. There was a concern that if a ban was in place it might cause problems for responsible drinkers at such events as the Killin Show and the Highland Games. This, however, would not be the case as a lifting of such a ban could be implemented within the licence application. The police were asked if drinking in a front garden while attending a barbecue would be affected, particularly if the drinker strayed on to the street. The police assured the members that a common sense approach would be used. The police do target the hot spots for young drinkers as often as resources allow but they cannot be in the village every evening and every weekend. Any ban would need to have its boundaries carefully drawn so as not to push the problem to other areas such as the hill. A proposal to introduce a ban on drinking in public place was put to the meeting. A majority voted for the ban. The problem of bored teenagers was discussed and it was decided to hold a meeting involving the teenagers. Alan Hewitt to coordinate the meeting.

Monitoring speeding motorists

A mobile radar speed trap is operating in Central Scotland rural areas. It will target the 30 mph and 20mph zones

over the next few weeks.

Roads Department

Les Goodfellow will attend the next area network meeting to discuss the rural roads budget.

KAT (Killin and Ardeonaig Community Trust)

The proposal by the Angling Club to site large bins in areas where summer visitors, including anglers, leave litter was deemed not to be a project the Trust should take on. Grants could, however, be applied for by the Angling Club to purchase the bins and the club would also carry the cost of emptying them. The proposal to employ a village officer was also rejected by the Trust as the trust needs to be sustainable and a village officer is a liability who generates no income.

KAT is looking at the possibility of purchasing the Breadalbane Park. This is ongoing and needs clarification regarding its legal status and present ownership. The Trust is also focused on the need for a resource centre and is hoping to find a site to develop. There will be a formal launch of KAT in the McLaren Hall on 17th May.

Flooding

Drainage water from the hill is still causing flooding at the back of the houses on the Main Street. Some work has been done but more needs to be done.

The Old Mart

An enforcement order on the builder Lynfern Developments has been served. This requires the company to tidy the site and clean up the debris. The order to replant at the Dochart bridge, following the illegal felling, is to be done without blocking the line of sight

across the bridge.

A letter has been sent to the owner in The Glebe regarding overhanging shrubs which need to be trimmed.

Give Way signs at Station Road

The Roads Department has been made aware of the confusion caused by "Give Way" lines on Lyon Road and "Give Way" signs on Station Road.

Planning

Tayview Majority approve Development proposal on land by Golf Course: Tony Ffinch to enquire what is happening.

The tree planting proposal at Glenlochay is awaiting the Archaeologist's report.

Sponsored Walk: On June 1st eighty walkers will pass through the village at approximately 11.45am as part of a sponsored walk round Loch Tay.

Sustrans Rally: A rally involving eighty to a hundred cyclists will pass through the village on route to Inverness from Glasgow on Tuesday 10th June. They will be staying overnight in the village some camping and using the facilities of the Sports Pavilion.

A letter from the National Park Planning Officer was sent to remind those in the conservation area that there are restrictions on colours when painting houses. Those wishing to repaint their houses should consult the planning department to ensure they conform with the regulations.

Tony Ffinch told the meeting that a change of administration in Stirling Council is likely following a meeting this week with the First Minister Alec Salmond.

Next Meeting and AGM Tuesday 13th May 7.30pm at the school.

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On behalf of Cancer Research, and the Melanoma Fund I would like to thank everyone who worked, helped and most of all who boogied the night away in their amazing outfits. There were flares, mini mini skirts, Magnum PI, and I raised over £3300 for the charities and it sure made the sterling effort by Alan who has had his troubles to bear recently and I really hope that re-living his youth will be mentioned in this brief summary but, to the bar, door, auction, buffet, hall and you. I know that the money raised will save lives and for that I cannot thank

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Within days of the final curtain at this year's pantomime, the members and friends of Killin Drama Club hosted the annual Burns Supper at the McLaren Hall. The supper is for the senior citizens of the parish of Killin and around 80 or so guests attended. The food was provided, very kindly, by local hotels and of course there were drinks available too. As tradition demands, the haggis was piped into the hall by Colin Clement of Tyndrum, and addressed by Charlie Methven from Balquhadder. Douglas McRobbie chaired the proceedings throughout and in due course Colin McRae proposed an eloquent Toast to the Lassies which drew an equally eloquent response from Sandra Logan on behalf of the fairer sex! Charlie Methven's Tam o' Shanter is a renowned spectacle and this year's rendition lived up to all expectations. A host of talented young ladies demonstrated highland dances and traditional music was provided by Jack McRobbie, Tam Bolton, Katy MacLeod and Andy Warwick. Thanks from the Drama Club to all who assisted in providing food, transport, entertainment or simply stamina were expressed at the end of the evening and we're sure that next year's special celebrations will be awaited with anticipation. Thanks too to all who made donations towards the fund for future years.

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Our annual outing this year will be June 4th with a trip to The Garden of Cosmic Speculation at Portrack House near Dumfries. Closer to home, we will be making 'Tussie Mussies' at the garden party meeting held at Achnacloch near Camserney June 18th. Should you wish further information about the society or any of these events phone either

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World Book Day

World Book Day was on Thursday 6th March. Some children learned to make shadow puppets, and enjoy "Oscar's Amazing Space Adventure" performed by Mousetale Puppets. Then P1 and the pre-school children, having made alien puppets, put on their own puppet show with music and lights. Some learned all about Book Characters and P1 books by Dr. Suess. P6 and 7 have been working on a novel by J K Rowling called "The Prisoner of Azkaban" and have transformed their classroom into a medieval castle. Parents, friends and the children from the Killin Nursery were invited to the grand tour. At the Open Evening we had a special visitor, the owl that landed on the fence post in the opening sequence of the Harry Potter film "The Philosopher's Stone" came to the school and gave a flying demonstration. P6 and 7 visited Stirling castle to take part in a workshop called "Stirling's Heads". Their work, clay heads, is displayed outside the classroom. Having studied "The Owl Who was



Afraid of the Dark" by Jill Tomlinson, P1-3 were rewarded by seeing a beautiful, baby owl. P4 and 5 studied "James and the Giant Peach" by Roald Dahl (One boy said that this is the best novel he's ever read), and "Flow" by Poppa Goodhart. They used books of reference to help them with their research on the Human Body. Their outstanding work is on display along with the Pod cast they created. The

Pod cast shares in an interesting and imaginative way what they have learned. On the Open Evening parents and friends were given a quiz made up by P4 and 5 and asked to find the answers from the children's work. This was challenging and fun! Thanks, P.T.A. for running the Book Fair which was well attended. The children could use their £1 book tokens given to them for World Book day. The proceeds will be used for free books for the school.



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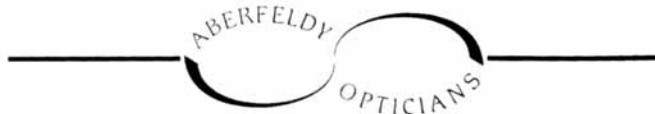
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Curling Bon Spiel

P6 and 7 took part in a Bon Spiel, a fun day, with other schools in the McLaren Cluster. Ailsa Taylor won a gold medal, Cameron Shearer a silver and Adele Melia a bronze.

Gaelic Choir

Killin Primary School were honoured to be guests at the Rural Blend Concert in the McLaren Hall on 1st March (page 15). Although the choir is small in numbers the sound was sweet and harmonious. Thanks

to Rev. John Lincoln for his commitment to the choir and the numerous rehearsals he arranges. Thank you Dougie and Liz, of News First, for organising the raffle for the School's Gaelic Choir which raised a grand total of £345. This will help with transport and other expenses involved in the Aberfeldy Mod and, if we get through, the National Mod in Falkirk.

Parents as Partners

Killin Parent Partnership is running a competition to select their logo. There is a workshop for Parents from the four schools in the Northern Cluster. Killin Primary School will host this session which is called "Let's Talk Learning". Their opinions will be used to help develop Stirling Local Authority's policy. On Wednesday 2nd April the school hosts a workshop for parents on "Establishing School Values". We hope lots of parents attend this fun event. It is part of a series on values already held with staff and pupils. In this last one staff, pupils and parents will work together on the task.

Singing Day

On 27th March children from Strathyre, Lochearnhead, Crianlarich and Killin Primary Schools will gather together for a day of singing. Parents and friends are invited to join us at the McLaren Hall at 2:30pm.

Enterprise Project

P6 and 7 have been working on 'an enterprise gaming event'. We have been piloting the use of Nintendo Wii and Play Station 2. Most of us



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have trained the adults invited to the event. We will be competing with them. We have written and sent leaflets to adults involved in the school and made posters about it. We are sure that we will beat the adults easily at the event!! We will be playing Buzz Jungle Party on the PS2, and Tennis and Bowling on the Wii. We are really looking forward to it and have worked really hard.

**Adele Melia & Antonia Dowling
(Primary 7)**

Lunch Clubs!!

At Killin Primary School, P6/7 have started lunch clubs that are open to all the children. Claire Peebles, who works for Active Schools, has been training us. We got into groups then picked four sports that we would like to teach, dancing/cheerleading, rugby, football and cricket. For the first four weeks the football group train P1/2/3 and the cricket group train P4/5/6/7. Then the dance/cheerleading group train P1/2/3 and the rugby group train P4/5/6/7 for the second four weeks. It is fun to learn new skills and moves as well as teaching them and really fun as P6/7 get to join in!!

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Our first Walking group took place on 14th February. Two parents joined the children and staff and we walked into the Crianlarich community woodland to explore the forest. Kevin taught the children how to find the age of a fallen tree by counting the rings. We listened to the birds and kept our eyes open for "bears". Monthly walks are planned in and around the community. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles - please come along and join us in promoting a healthy lifestyle to the children.

We are well into our first five-week block of Health Promotion Sessions, which have been arranged in conjunction with the Health Visitor. These included sessions on Play and Active Learning, Positive Parenting, Toilet Training and Child Development. Our final session will be held on 17th March and this is about Sleep Management. Please contact the nursery if you would like further information.

The next Killin Nursery Parents' Group meeting, the AGM, will be at 10am on Friday 14th April in the Weaver Suite at Killin Nurses clinic. Attendance would be greatly appreciated to keep the Parents Group active. The Group raised over £5,000 this year and this is much appreciated by the nursery. This will be spent on the outdoor development and funding outings to the McRobert Centre. Come along for a coffee and a chat, bring your child and help the nursery at the same time.

The slide unit has been installed outdoors at Killin Nursery. This is a small part of the planned outdoor development that will include a gravel area at the front door, musical pagoda and a learning environment for children. As we live in such a beautiful area we want to make it as attractive and educational as possible. Dancer Rosin Bonus will be visiting Killin Nursery on four occasions in March and April, to take dance sessions with the children when the children from Crianlarich Nursery will join us.

It was World Book Day on 6th March and the pre-school children were invited to the primary school to see a puppet show and take part in a puppet making workshop.



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The Atholl Team

Breadalbane (Killin) Curling Club is one of the oldest clubs in our community, having been officially formed in 1878. Curling in this area was being enjoyed many years before. The Stirling Stone with 1511 etched on one side is testimony to this.

Curling is called the 'roarin' game, not because of the shouts of the players, but because of the roar a curling stone makes as it travels, particularly on outside ice. For those players who have not yet experienced the joy of an outside game, it truly must be one of the most memorable occasions of a winter's night. Here's hoping it will not be too long before we can all participate in a 'guid game yet' on the Acharn Pond.

How far does the sound of the stone reach back in time? No one knows, but one thing is certain, curling must rank alongside golf as being one of the great games Scotland has given the world.

The twin pillars of Rivalry and Good Fellowship are the hallmark of the bonspiel. It is with this in mind a new curler should approach the game.

To further these ideals, the committee organised our annual outing to Lochgoilhead with our neighbouring club of Kenmore and members from Glen Dochart.

The whole of the ice rink at Drimsynie was taken over by thirty-two curlers making up 8 rinks. Three non-players joined in the fun and judged various competitions throughout the day.

Afterwards we all enjoyed a hearty meal in good company with canty cracks, songs and jokes. This was made more enjoyable because of the participation of new members, along with keen curlers proving that curling is indeed a game for many different levels and all ages.



Curling on the Dochart 1963

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e Cherry Stone

The Samuel Dow Medal was won by Douglas Willison's rink (The Willywhatsits), with Jane Anderson, Calum McDiarmid and Kay Dowling. Thanks are extended to all who took part and, in particular, the members of the committee who successfully organised such an enjoyable day. Breadalbane (Killin) club as part of the Breadalbane Province has been very active in the Province League, Cup, Points and Bonspiel as well as our club competitions and practice sessions. This year we are proud to announce that Sheila Aitken was part of the winning team of ladies representing the Atholl Ice Rink in the Henderson Bishop Trophy. 19 teams from all over Scotland competed. Another rink, skipped by Chrissie Fenton played in the inter province game of the Waldie Griffith. This was won by Breadalbane Province.

The Province is having a ceilidh dance in the McLaren Hall on Saturday 5th April at 8pm. So come and enjoy an evening of traditional music and dance. Tickets are £10 and can be obtained from Colin McRae Tel 01567 820719.

The Breadalbane (Killin) Curling Club

welcomes new members. It is most encouraging to see a new generation of curlers being taught by our experienced players and members. If you wish to play one of the great games of our nation, please contact Sheila Aitken (01567 820249) or myself.

Always remember:

Ours is a game for duke or lord,
Lairds, tenants, hinds, an a' that;
Our pastors too, wha preach the Word,
Whiles ply the broom for a' that.
For a' that and a' that,
Our different ranks an' a' that,
The chiel that sweeps and plays the best
Is greatest man for a' that.

Colin J McRae

Henderson Bishop Trophy

The Atholl team comprised Margaret Rhind (skip), Jane Burrows, Louise McLaren and Sheila Aitken. Their first game on Monday 25th Feb was against Kinross and they won 10-8. The Tuesday match against Waterfront was a convincing win of 11 - 1 by the Atholl team. On Wednesday the first game in the morning against Braehead was won by 10-5 ensuring their qualification for the final. The afternoon match

against Stranraer would decide whether they were competing in the "High Road" for the Henderson Bishop Trophy, or in the "Low Road" for the Cherry Stone. The Atholl team were currently top of their section. The Stranraer team was skipped by Gail Munro who is the skip of the Scottish team competing in the 2008 Ford World Womens Curling Championship in Canada at the end of March with Lyndsay Wilson, also part of the Scottish team, as her third. Despite the awesome opposition the Atholl team played well and, although they did not win, they were not "grannied" and managed a score of 3-9.

Thursday started with the semi final against Forfar which was won by Atholl 11-2, then in the afternoon they played Borders in the final which they won 10-3 and the Cherry Stone. Stranraer went on to win the Henderson Bishop Trophy.

A very exhausting week for all involved. Atholl ice rink were very good hosts and as spectators we were treated admirably. I can imagine that the players will have all soaked in nice hot baths to ease those well used muscles. Curling every day twice a day is a lot different from playing once a week or less often as club players normally play.

Well done to the Atholl team

Liz Stevens

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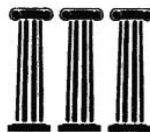
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Litter on the Ardeonaig Road

In spite of signs saying there will be heavy fines for dumping litter, nobody seems to take any notice. Beer cans, lucozade bottles, empty cigarette packets, you name it. We are going into what some of us call "The Silly Season". Cyclists are particularly bad at throwing their bits and pieces either down our farm road or over the fence near us. Although I have a driving licence, I have not driven on this road for many years due to the amount of heavy traffic and crazy drivers, but I'm a regular visitor to Killin, whether by car or Shank's Pony. When you're on foot, it's amazing what you see. Some people choose to leave clothing behind. My friend and I decided that we might get some suitable items as Xmas gifts, but they were small or too large. We have picked up some rubbish though and there's always some smart Alec who says they were going to bring a black bag and do it. Isn't it always after it's been done. It wouldn't have to be a black bag, tartan would be fine! Whoever is disposing of the lucozade bottles in an unsightly manner should have plenty energy as there's plenty empties.

Janet Anderson

Hanging is still legal in Scotland

I would like to represent my view that there is no place for the practice of snaring in Scotland. No commercial or sporting interest can justify the trapping of thousands of wild animals in wire nooses where they can suffer and die. No civilised country should tolerate the capture of protected species, farmed animals and pets in these indiscriminate traps. If and when you have a chance to vote on this matter in the Scottish Parliament, please bear my views in mind and seek a total ban on the manufacture, sale, possession and use of snares. Many years ago, not far from where I live, Fiddler's Bay to be exact, a very kind gentleman, by the name of Billy Noble, freed a beautiful black cat, which we had for some time, until it vanished. It was more than likely shot or perhaps some heartless son and so set their dog on it (because there are some people who have taught their terriers to kill). If hanging must be legal in Scotland - I hope and pray it's for humans.

Janet Anderson

Stories and memories

My connection with Killin all started on a freezing night when my Dad

told me a story. The story was about my Dad when he was young, the adventures he had and the views he set eyes on. The place he was talking about was Killin. I didn't believe him at first. How could a small village contain mountains, lakes, fields, houses, shops, restaurants, parks, miniature forests and many many more? I started believing when I first saw Killin. My Dad was right. Who knew Dads could be so adventurous? The moment I set eyes on Killin I instantly fell in love with it, anyway who wouldn't? The lakes sparkled in the sun, they looked like giant crystals. The views were magnificent, especially early in the morning when the sun caught the mountains, what a sight to wake up to. The houses weren't modern but old looking, to me this made me feel special. In England there aren't a lot, but here in Scotland there are hundreds of old fashioned houses. My first stay at Killin was also special in other ways, like I ate my first banana split there in the local restaurant, I viewed an Osprey, lots of herons and a red squirrel. I also felt the excitement my Dad felt years back when he experienced Killin. I followed my first stay with a

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couple more and got up to many more adventures, including a canoe ride, long tiring walks, more banana splits, some mountain climbing and lots more adventurous stuff.

I hope I go back soon, I wonder what Killin has in store for me next time, and I hope I get to climb Ben Lawers (one of the biggest mountains in Scotland, over 3,000 feet)

Kieran McMorran

Visit to Killin

Enjoyable visit but what about the rain! Not so much heavy as constant. The wettest period I have ever spent in Scotland. As a visitor I must say one thing that disappointed me was the number of businesses (including many hotels) which were closed in January. Admittedly this is out of season but some people prefer this period so as to avoid the stereo-typical British tourist and the hoards of American and Japanese (two can be a crowd)! I would have thought it beneficial if like businesses got together and organised a rota system for closing; one village we visited close to you we found three out of four eating establishments closed. **G. D. Thomas** (Readers of *Alba's diary* in the *Scotsman* dated 14 Feb will have seen similar comments on Killin, no food at all in a bar, no crisps or nuts, not even a Highland Malt on sale.)

Does Anyone Know?

I am seeking information on a family of McGregors that lived "south of Strathayre at SRONYRE/Kiepp", around 1742 or any other families by the name of McNaughton or Ferguson in the area at that time. Please email me in Ontario. **Annie**
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Thank you all

I would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for flowers, cards, chockies, fruit baskets, 'meals-on-wheels', visits and all their good wishes after I suffered a stroke recently. I would especially like to thank Lesley & Diana at the doctors surgery, Matthew and Jane the Paramedics, Dr Dave Syme, the ladies of Killin Book Club and Jennifer & John. Lastly, thanks to my long suffering husband Kevin - we've been through the mill yet again, but surely now we have paid our dues!

It is so encouraging when you are ill to know people are thinking of you. You have all been so thoughtful and kind - I don't know where I would be without you all.

Linda FitzGerald

Thank you Jim

We would like to thank Jim McNeish at House of Cattle for generously sharing his considerable professional expertise, beautiful home and warm hospitality with us. We were fortunate enough to take part in a course in psychology which ran over five weeks recently with one further session still to come. The course was aimed at helping us understand ourselves and other people better and enabling us to communicate more effectively. As an additional bonus we all met other people from the village who were taking part, some of whom we did not already know, as we practised our new found skills on each other!! Finally, we would also like to thank Jim's lovely team for their help in making

it happen and in particular Kirsty for suggesting it in the first place.

**Julie Mitchell, Liz Fettes
Duncan MacKinnon, Drew Blake
Kathy Whitaker, Sarah Heward
Phil Simpson and all the
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Thank you All

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Thank you all

I would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for flowers, cards, chockies, fruit baskets, 'meals-on-wheels', visits and all their good wishes after I suffered a stroke recently. I would especially like to thank Lesley & Diana at the doctors surgery, Matthew and Jane the Paramedics, Dr Dave Syme, the ladies of Killin Book Club and Jennifer & John. Lastly, thanks to my long suffering husband Kevin - we've been through the mill yet again, but surely now we have paid our dues!

It is so encouraging when you are ill to know people are thinking of you. You have all been so thoughtful and kind - I don't know where I would be without you all.

Linda FitzGerald

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..letters & thanks

Thank you

Kevin & Linda FitzGerald and the FitzGerald family would like to thank friends for their kindness and sympathy following the sudden death of Kevin's Mum, June FitzGerald, 13 Ballechroisk Terrace, Killin. We would also like to thank neighbours for their vigilance in unobtrusively watching over June in the years since her husband Chris died, and for alerting us to the fact that there was a problem when the newspaper was still in the letterbox late in the afternoon. Thanks also to Dr David Syme, Jane and Matthew the ambulance technicians for their invaluable help. Thanks also to Andy Anderson the undertaker, and to Mary Wallace Celebrant for the Humanist Society of Scotland. Thanks also for the pancakes, fruit cakes and offers of assistance during a difficult time - this is the wonderful thing about living in Killin - you are all so thoughtful and caring.

Kevin & Linda FitzGerald

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone for the many sympathy cards, flowers and telephone calls received after the sad loss of my husband Richard (Dick) MacPherson. They are a great comfort to me at this most

Obituary

Richard (Dick) MacPherson

Richard was born in Killin in July 1932 and was one of 6 brothers and sisters. He attended school in Killin and on leaving began an apprenticeship with R. MacGregor's Fishmongers. When the hydro schemes started in Killin he worked there for a time and then went on to other schemes around Scotland, latterly working on road construction in the area. He met Marion at the Bridge of Lochay Hotel when she came to work there from the Isle of Lewis. Last year they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They have 5 children and 11 grandchildren with a great grandchild expected this summer. On retiring Dick spent his time in the garden and was always in much demand as a childminder and dog sitter during the school holidays. He greatly enjoyed spending time with his family. Dick took ill on his 75th birthday and after a short stay in hospital was diagnosed with lung cancer. He had treatment and was making progress, but complications set in resulting in short stays in hospital. Dick was admitted to Stirling Royal Infirmary in January and after a brave fight passed away peacefully on 1st February. He will be greatly missed by Marion and his family. We would like to thank everyone for the cards, and kind expressions of sympathy received at this sad time.

Richard MacPherson (son)

difficult time. Also to the Doctors, District Nurses and Ambulance staff for their care and attention to Dick during his illness and to everyone who paid their last respects at the Killin Parish Church and so generously donated £298 to the Killin Nursing Association.

Marion MacPherson

Safari Supper/Community Bus

The committee of the Killin Community Bus thank everyone for their hard work and generosity in

running the Safari Supper which resulted in much appreciated funds being raised for the Community Bus. We'd especially like to thank Marion and Elizabeth for their hard work, time and wonderful organisational skills; the various groups who use the Community Bus who donated such a great range of prizes to the raffle, the hosts and of course the guests.

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Where are they now?



Marissa Mardon graduated with BA Hons. First Class in Fine Art on 4th December 2007, from the London Metropolitan University. Marissa was brought up in Killin and enjoyed taking part in many of her hobbies which included learning to play the piano, playing the violin in the school orchestra, being a member of Killin Drama Club, and most of all training in classical ballet. This enabled her to take part in many company ballets and even led to being a member of The Youth Ballet of Scotland performing on the McRobert stage in Stirling in The Nutcracker. After acquiring 5

Highers at McLaren High School, she decided to move to Dundee where she had a year of Contemporary Dance at the Northern College. At the end of this highly enjoyable time she decided to move to London to further her career and do a BA in Dance Theatre. She enrolled in the Laban Centre and started her course, only to be thwarted shortly after by contracting glandular fever followed by post viral fatigue. She tried gamely to overcome this for nearly 5 years but eventually decided not to fight it any more and discontinued her dancing career.

Marissa, if nothing else, does not give up; she found herself a wee job and got herself back on the road to recovery. Four years ago she enrolled for a 1 year Foundation Course in Art & Design and accomplished so much that this led to achieving the present Degree. We are so proud of her; she has had several commissions for paintings already and has her own web site. At present she is combining her talents with managing the café in a new Arts Centre in Kent where she also has a studio to do her painting. It is an exciting time for her at the moment (as well as being a new Auntie) and we wish her lots of luck. If you're at a loose end one-day visit www.marissamardon.com and see what she is up to; you might be surprised. **David & Glenda Mardon**

Think About It

This is the month when you will see many lambs in Highland glens. I am reminded that near the village of Gevas in eastern Turkey, while shepherds ate their breakfast, one of their sheep jumped off a forty five foot cliff to its death. Then, as the stunned shepherds looked on, the rest of the flock followed. In total, 1,500 sheep mindlessly stumbled off the edge of the cliff. The only positive thing that happened was that the last 1,000 were cushioned in their fall by the growing woolly pile of those who jumped first. Altogether, 450 sheep died. The bible often refers to us human beings as sheep. Easily distracted and susceptible to group influence, we would rather follow the crowd than the wisdom of the Shepherd. However, Scripture also describes sheep in a positive way. Jesus said "I am the Good Shepherd—My sheep hear My voice and I know them and they follow Me" So the important question for us is: Whom are we following? One another? Self centred shepherds? Or the voice and direction of the Good Shepherd? Our challenge is to avoid the mistake of the sheep who blindly followed one another over a cliff. We need to daily ask ourselves: "Am I listening for the voice of the Good Shepherd? Am I following Him?"

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Think Twice

"It's just another day for you and me in paradise" Phil Collins. For many, Killin is a place of paradise - happy memories, family holidays and beautiful surroundings. For us, living here can sometimes seem more like 'just another day.' Maybe this is something that we should begin to 'think twice' about - that there can be fulfilment in the 'everydayness' of life in Killin where there is a strong sense of community and beauty in our surroundings. In the last edition people were asked what they wanted for Killin and there was a request that the church be at the centre of the community. We hope that we can start to fulfil that by helping you to think twice about everyday life and making you aware of what is going on in the local church that you and your friends and family can be part of.

What's On Cosy Club

Cosy Club (Church of Scotland Youth) is a Sunday School which runs every week during school term. All ages are catered for in a relaxed family atmosphere. Little tots can play with toys and join in stories and the oldest can discuss how Christian

values can help their lives today. We meet in the church and then in the community rooms. Please feel free to bring your children along with you or you can meet us at the door and drop the children off, if a quiet Sunday morning is what you need!

6.30

6.30 is an informal gathering on the third Sunday evening of each month at 6.30pm. It is held in the Community Rooms attached to the Church and is an hour for you to relax, sing and listen to a speaker sharing something about the Christian life. For those who may not be used to going to church it is a great way to meet people in this social, informal environment. Tea and coffee are part of it and we're always finished by 7.30pm. Come along and join us the 20th April and 18th May.

Worship Nights

Run monthly at the House of Cantle (see article - page 19), this event provides an opportunity to meet people for a time of praise. More modern songs are sung overlooking the loch followed by time together with a cup of tea and some of the

best cakes around. All ages are welcome, especially children, where there is lots of freedom to run around. We look forward to welcoming you to the next one Friday 25th April at 7.30pm

Thinking Twice

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. Every afternoon the man in the bed by the window would describe all the things he could see. The other man began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be enlivened by all the activity and colour of the world outside. The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Days, weeks and months passed. One morning, the nurse arrived to find the man by the window had died peacefully in his sleep. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to

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Think Twice

take his first look at the real world outside. It faced a blank wall. He asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased room-mate to describe such wonderful things outside the window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, 'Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you.' There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Look for beauty and joy in the world around. Look at the mountains until its beauty becomes part of your very soul. It will be given back to the world again by you in the form of a smile or a loving word or a kind thought.

acclaim of those around Him. Shunning the crowds on Palm Sunday he spent his time in prayer, time to be alone with His Father. He spent time with his disciples at a last memorable meal. In silence he stood before his accusers and laid down his life for us. This was no defeat - but victory. Without great wealth, without a party machine behind Him, He changed the world, not by seizing power but by laying down His life for the world. He, who never sat on an earthly throne or attained high office on earth, now sits in splendour at His Father's right hand. This Easter, lets us celebrate the wonder of what He has done for us.

Rev John Lincoln

Minister of Killin and Ardeonaig
Parish Church

Easter message

As Easter approaches Christians look forward to celebrating the glory of the resurrection and the power of our heavenly Father. In the last few weeks we have seen candidates for election to political office battle it out across the USA. When the final choice for president is made they will strive to grasp political power. When we turn again to the Easter story we are struck by the simplicity and humility of Jesus through the whole sequence of events. He did not strive for power or seek the

Church Services

Sundays - 10am Morning Service
6th April - 3pm Service at Falls of
Dochart Home

4th May - 3pm Service at Morenish
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25th May - Killin Communion
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Week 3 ending 21 January

Proposal: Installation of additional pole
Location: Land To North Of Tyndrum
Applicant: Scottish Hydro-Electric
Power
Application Type: Statutory Notification

Week 4 ending 28 January

Proposal: Change of use of part of
depot to bus turning facility and car
park
Location: Council Depot Killin
Applicant: Stirling Council
Application Type: Detailed Consent
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Week 6 ending 11 February

Proposal: Extension to dwelling
Location: 1 Glenfalloch Road
Criannich
Applicant: Mr and Mrs J Elliot
Application Type: Household
Alteration/Extension
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Week 7/8 ending 25 February

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse
Location: Tayview, Main Street, Killin
Applicant: Mr And Mrs C McRae
Application Type: Detailed Consent

Proposal: Replacement of hanging
sign, new menu case and entrance
sign
Location: The Smiddy, Killin

Applicant: Michael Crow
Application Type: Advertisement

Proposal: Extension to dwellinghouse
Location: Mid Lix Farm, Killin
Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Cushley
Application Type: Household
Alteration/Extension
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Proposal: Erection of conservatory
Location: Drumbuie, Manse Road,
Killin
Applicant: Mr & Mrs W Devlin
Application Type: Household
Alteration/Extension
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Site: Land at the Old Mart, Killin
Breach: Land adversely affecting
amenity of neighbourhood.
Action: On 14th February 2008 an
Amenity Notice was served under The
Town and Country Planning (Scotland)
Act 1997, s179, on the owner of land
at the Old Mart, Lyons Road, Killin.
The notice sets out steps that the
planning authority considers is
necessary to remedy the breach of
planning control posed by the untidy
state of the land concerned.
The notice takes effect on 14th March
2008 and the time period for
compliance with the prescribed steps
is 3 months thereafter i.e. by 14th
June 2008.
The owner may appeal the notice
before 14th March 2008. To date, no
appeal has been received.

Week 9 ending 03 March

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse
Location: Tigh Na Lagan, 42 Manse
Road, Killin
Applicant: Mrs H Douglas
Application Type: Outline Application

Proposal: Alterations to flat and former
tea room (to allow for conversion to
single dwellinghouse) including
installation of two windows on front
elevation in place of existing doors
Location: Station House, Killin
Applicant: David Fettes
Application Type: Listed Building
Consent
Decision: Approve with Conditions



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Location: 4 Pier Road, Killin FK21 8TL
Applicant: Alan Maxwell
Application Type: Household
Alteration/Extension
Decision: Withdrawn

Stirling Council

Week 50 ending 19 December
2007 to Week 8 ending
27 February 2008 - Nil

Week 10 ending 12 March

Proposal: Attic conversion and erection of garage and studio accommodation
Location: Dunbrae Cottage, 4 Pier Rd, Killin
Applicant: Allan Maxwell

Perth & Kinross Council

1 February

Proposal: Erection of a general purpose building for hay and machinery storage
Location: Morenish Farm, Killin
Applicant: A F Allen
Application Type: Prior Notification
Decision: Application Approved

Proposal: Erection of a secure store/workshop/general purpose building
Location: Morenish Farm Killin
Applicant: A F Allen
Application Type: Prior Notification
Decision: Application Approved

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May 2,16,30

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Mansefield 11.45 - 12.00

Crianlarich

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1.40 - 2.30
Benmore 2.35 - 2.55
Suie Lodge 3.05 - 3.25

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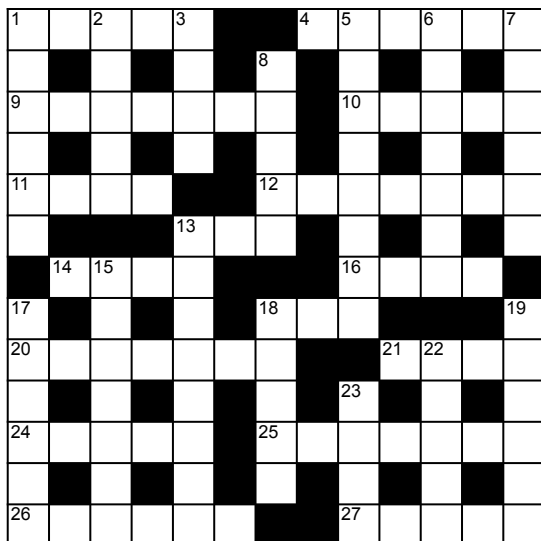
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 12 Railway foundation sounds like a dangerous place to take a nap (7)
 13 Measure of rope thickness (3)
 14 African tree seed oil used in soap making (4)
 16 Musical instrument sounds dishonest (4)
 18 Shyly evasive (3)
 20 Does confused Al crave sailing vessel? (7)
 21 A fit of shivering is the result of removing right from quarrel (4)
 24 Fairy like (5)
 25 A knick knack stand (7)
 26 Make a thorough search (6)
 27 Medic takes four east by car (5)

Solution to 102

Across 1 comic 4 before 9 mankind 10 cheap 11 esme
 12 rooster 13 rye 14 apse 16 espy 18 pod 20 hostile 21 calm
 24 child 25 abridge 26 sundry 27 hides

Down 1 camper 2 minim 3 chin 5 enclosed 6 one step 7 expert
 8 adore 13 reminder 15 passion 17 chicks 18 pedal 19 embers
 22 added 23 arch

Down

- 1 Glass container for courage (6)
 2 Confess to present endless backward time (5)
 3 Dropping troy from event will leave it flat (4)
 5 Greet a school friend without warmth (8)
 6 Useless articles from the south creates sleep (7)
 7 End try to be fashionable (6)
 8 Spoil railway and form union (5)

- 13 Normal level meeting place for social upstart (8)
 15 Take an armful, add an aspirate and it becomes dangerous (7)
 17 Long boring narrative (6)
 18 One hundred and fifty possess a comic performer (5)
 19 Red food colouring from one of this species of insect (6)
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 4 Heritage Meeting Lesser Hall 8pm "The MacGregors of Glenlyon"
 6 Family Session at Lawers Story Telling and Percussion for Children 2pm Evening Hoolie for Adults 8.30pm Lawers Hotel
 10 Loch Tay Food Chain Growers Meeting Fearnan Village Hall 7.30pm
 13 Killin Community Council meeting School 7.30pm
 16 Killin & District Sports & Leisure Club AGM 7.30pm Sports Pavilion
 17 The Killin Church Guild Killin Church 2pm Talk by Borderline representative a London based charity for young homeless Scots
 17 The Big Shed AGM Village Pub Killin Hotel 7.30pm
 20 6.30 Group Church Community Rooms 6.30pm
 25 Worship Night at Cattle 7.30pm

Badminton
 Mondays
 McLaren Hall 7pm

Art Class
 Tuesdays
 Church Hall
 4pm - 6pm

Brownies
 Mondays
 Church Hall
 3.30 - 5pm

BVLC Internet Cafe
 Thursdays Library
 10am - 4pm

May

- 1 WRI meeting Lesser Hall 7.30pm All welcome
 2,3 Drama Club Spring Show McLaren Hall
 16 Killin Primary School Concert evening
 23 Worship night at Cattle 7.30pm All welcome
 13 Killin Community Council Meeting School 7.30pm
 17 Launch of KAT McLaren Hall
 18 6.30 Group Church Community Rooms 6.30pm
 28 Stirling Enterprise Open Day McLaren Hall
 30 Cancer Research UK Cheese & Wine McLaren Hall evening

Carpet Bowls
 Mondays
 Lesser Hall 7pm

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 Fire Station
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 Church Hall
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 Church Hall 2pm

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Gauld, Maureen	37	Rural Stirling Housing	10
Gauld's Funeral Directors	13	SEPA	6
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Upholstery
 Mondays
 McLaren Hall 10.30am - 1.30pm
 Tel Catriona MacGeoch
 01877 384259

Yoga
 Wednesdays
 Church Hall
 12.30pm
 Tel Anne Corbett
 01877 376291





WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING VACANCIES FOR THE 2008 SEASON

RETAIL ASSISTANTS

We have vacancies for Full Time and Part Time assistants in Goodies And Gifts, The Perfect Present, Whisky Galore and The Outdoor Store.

Hourly rate of £5.75.

RESTAURANT ASSISTANTS

We also have vacancies for Full Time Assistants in our award winning restaurant.

Hourly rate of £5.75.

For all vacancies experience preferred but not essential, commitment and enthusiasm are!

The basic working week is 5 days, straight shifts, with all meals provided

Transport is available from Crianlarich and Dalmally

For an application form please contact

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OPEN ALL YEAR

7 days a week

April - October

8.30am to 5.30pm

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Filling Station

May - September

7am - 10pm

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The Outdoor Store: (Tel: 01301 702089)

We have everything for the walker: Blister kits, Thor-Lo socks, quality waterproofs, trekking poles, a wide range of accessories and footwear is our speciality.

Restaurant: (Tel: 01301 702083)

Our self-service restaurant has won national acclaim over the years. We offer an excellent range of freshly cooked food, both hot and cold, served in generous portions at reasonable prices.

The Snack Stop: (Tel: 01301 702087)

If you are short of time, a selection of takeaway items are available which include drinks, sandwiches, snacks, home made butter fudge and Nardini's ice cream.

Filling Station: (Tel: 01301 702088)

Camping accessories, groceries, chemist items, beers, wines, spirits, phone cards, batteries and other essential supplies are available.

Whisky Galore: (Tel: 01301 702084)

A superb range of single malt whisky. We also carry wine, spirits, Scottish ales and liqueurs.

The Perfect Present: (Tel: 01301 702086)

Beautifully displayed gifts to suit all tastes and pockets. Highland Stoneware - an example of handmade Scottish pottery, cashmere capes, Stuart Crystal and a selection of gifts in the style of Charles Rennie MacIntosh.

Goodies and Gifts: (Tel: 01301 702085)

Food from Scotland's larder includes locally smoked salmon, cheese venison, haggis and other Scottish preserves. Gifts include cards, toys t-shirts, Scottish videos, CD's, tapes and books.

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