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Editorial

The Killin News Committee has not changed for over five years. Iain Campbell has increased his work load and it is now difficult for him to find time to work on the paper so he has had to hand in his resignation. We fully understand the reasons and we are indebted to him for all he has done over his seven years in post. He has been the mainstay behind our colour pages. His particular talent for candid photographs at events will be sorely missed as will his valuable comments on design and content. Thank you, Iain. This leaves us with a vacancy in the design and editorial team. If you have some time to spare, an interest in publishing, photography, Quark, Photoshop and the community we would love to hear from you. While knowledge and computer skills are useful they are not essential as they can be learnt on the job. Working for the Killin News is a constant challenge but it has great rewards and the skills acquired are useful in many other areas. It helps to know that the paper provides a service and is enjoyed by many. If you think you could help please email us at the Killin News. While on this subject we would like to thank all our advertisers without whom the paper could not survive. They provide the revenue that keeps us going and we are grateful for their loyalty.

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The Killin and District Phone book is out of date so we intend to update it
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Killin & Ardeonaig Community Development Trust

Chairman's Report

The recently formed Killin & Ardeonaig Community Development Trust (KAT) was set up to acquire assets for the community and we intend to provide you with regular updates of our progress. We have been busy with a number of potential projects and the Board of Directors have been keen to get things moving. The Launch in the McLaren Hall on the 27th May was designed to highlight some of these projects and to encourage as many people as possible to become members of the Trust. It was an opportunity to hear some first hand accounts of success and achievements. There has been much discussion about the Breadalbane Park and how it could be of greater benefit to the community and we will find out what options are available. Another item under consideration is the possibility of a Resource Centre which could provide a wide range of benefits for the village. Some of the ideas so far include a place for young people, for

small businesses, to display artefacts, to highlight the village's history and so on. There is no end to what could be incorporated and all ideas are most welcome!

Other projects will evolve as we go forward but we need you, the community, to let us have your thoughts and ideas so that we can give them some real consideration. This is a very exciting development for the village and the community. There are a variety of funding opportunities available to us but it is important that we focus on projects that are important to you and in order to do that, we need your input. By the time this update goes to print, many of you will already have become members of the Trust but if you have not done this yet, please speak to one of the board members. Your ideas are important!

We will let you have more information on our progress in the next edition of the Killin News but please become a member of the Trust at the first opportunity so that we know that we are working on your behalf.

Don Allan
Chairman

The Launch:

The interim directors of the Trust, Don Allan (Chair), Fiona Kennedy, Helen Sinclair, Charlie Grant, Louise Morris, Trevor Shaw, Kenny Taylor, Margaret MacIver, Elaine Turner, and Willie Angus, were involved in setting up the event. Suzanne Player, who has been a major influence on Trust developments, also attended. Two speakers, Joyce Russell from the Strathfillan Community Development Trust and Judy Warburton from the Kilmadock Development Trust

spoke about the achievements made by their Trusts, showing what can be achieved by community action and support. A short video of achievements by two other Trusts left us in no doubt that our Trust has the potential to make a difference to Killin. Some local groups, the Killin Care Trust and the Community Bus, talked about their successes. Representatives from other groups, Killin Primary School, Killin Heritage and EAK explained how the Trust could help their aims.

Elaine introduced her proposal to set up a Thrift Shop on the lines of the one set up in Aberfeldy, where the shop runs continuously but is staffed by volunteers who make a profit for the charities of their choice. This allows people to bring items for charity at any time and a place to store items that have not been sold for the next charity sale. Another project seeks to find a place for the youth of Killin to meet and have activities on a regular basis. Discussion took place during and following lunch and while viewing the displays. While the Trust is a village Trust it is run by its members who are able to vote on substantial issues. While 68 people signed up at the launch, others who wish to have a say in Trust activities or support Trust projects can sign up in the Library where a supply of forms is available. It costs £1 p.a. to become a Member or Associate and Junior membership is free. Full membership is open to anyone who is a registered voter in Killin. The Trust would like to thank all the supporters who came and helped make the event such a success.

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School News

Table Top Sale

Killin Primary School P.T.A. are fund-raising to buy computer equipment for the school. Children today use technology for everything so why not use it to help them learn? On Saturday 30th August there will be a Table Top sale, 11am-1pm, in the grounds of Killin Primary School. If you want to set up a stall for your favourite charity or just want to clear your house of unwanted items, you can book a table for the bargain price of £5. Refreshments and light lunch items will be on sale throughout the event. So, let's hope for fine weather and lots of customers. Tables can be booked by contacting **Norma Lang** 01567 820646

Cycle Proficiency Training

Over the last few months starting on 21st February Primary Six and Seven have been taking part in cycle training which was great fun and everyone learnt something. Over the last few weeks we have been doing work in the playground and on the road. Claire Peebles has been coming and teaching us how to be safe on the road. We have learnt how to signal, how to turn right and how to turn left. On Thursday the 1st of May we had our cycling test. Every one did well!!! **Ishbel P6**

Eco Group Gets Co-op Grant!

The Killin Primary School Eco group continue to meet every Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock and recently got some very good news. Our Eco Group applied for a Co-op grant and we got it!! We also got some juice, tea and coffee. We are going to give as many houses in Killin as we can a bag that they can re-use, as it will be a cotton bag. At the Eco Meeting on Monday 21st April we looked at our Action Plan to see if we had achieved everything we needed to this year, then we had to see if we needed to improve anything. At the meeting on Monday 12th May 2008 Julie Rhys and Fiona Mitchell came into the school with the Brownies to do some planting, weeding and building poles for flowers to grow up. We have worked really hard this year and look forward to community support to help us continue with our mission to make our school environmentally friendly! If you get a bag, please use it and help us save the environment.

Morgan McLarty P6

In hobbies club we have been doing lots of different sports. Some of them are club golf, indoor curling and hockey. They have been fun! The things that we are going to do are touch rugby and basketball. We are looking forward to doing them.

There is a surprise at the end. We have been doing lots of different activities at lunch club. Some of the activities are rugby and cricket. It was very good! **Emma and Jack**

Our class we have been working in swimming at the Callander pool. We were working on forward/backwards swimming. We have been working on using a float and not using a float it was really fun. We have improved and are super swimmers. We get to play a fun game at the end. We sometimes we pretended that we are a submarine! **Erin P4**

In our Scotland topic we have been learning about natural resources and the cities in Scotland. We made a scrap book on cities we have researched. We made a map of Scotland and we have designed our own cities, ours are called: Shroom Ville and Cool Land. It was fun doing these activities. We drew pictures of Scottish landscapes. We are becoming really, really, really good artists. **Euan and George p4**

This term in P6/7 we are doing Europe as our topic. So far we have learnt about where the 7 continents are. We got shown where Europe is on the globe and we wrote poems about Europe. We looked at maps and we drew a map of Europe. We also did prints of landmarks. We put on a piece of paper and said what we would like to know about. These are some of the things we would like to learn about. How many countries are in Europe? Why are there 12 stars on the European flag? What are the most famous landmarks in Europe and why? We are going to make a Euro Encyclopaedia with lots of information about a country of our choice. We are also going to learn about the European Union.

Sophie Thomson, Primary 6



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In our body topic we went to the Glasgow Science Centre. We had a go at some of the cool stuff. One of the games was a computer were you had to get all of the people the right organ. Another game was when you had to get all the lasers to go in a different way and another game was were you had to push down the button that made a noise. After all the games we went to a room and watch a little show about the body and we went inside a person. We had lots of fun and learned a lot and we would like to go again.

Tegan P4

During April the P1,2,3 class were learning all about Transport. We were very lucky to be able to visit the Fire Station. We also had visits from the police, the ambulance and the mountain rescue all with their vehicles. This was a project that all the children really enjoyed and it was brought to life by seeing the vehicles up close. Many thanks to all those in the community who gave up their time. Here are some of the children's thoughts:

'I learned all about safety from the fire officers and I thought the visits were wonderful.' **Cara**

'I went in the Mountain Rescue vehicle and they put me in the sleeping bag on the stretcher. It was fun!' 'I enjoyed seeing the Fire Station and I liked when the

policeman beeped his horn!' **Sophie**

'I enjoyed going in the ambulance because they put me in the bed and I learned about how the ambulance works.' Thankyou! From P1,2,3

Amy



National Awards for Killin Youngsters Trials champions again

Well done to the Killin boys who are all members of the Lanarkshire Motorcycle Club and are doing extremely well in trials. Robert Lafferty won the C Class 2007 club championship and the club best performance for 2007. Andrew Anderson won the B Class 2007 club championship closely followed by Jonathan Devlin. All three have also been winning individual trials competitions and are competing in the Scottish Championships, doing extremely well with five competitions still to go.

The Bob MacGregor Memorial Trial

The Trial is on 7th and 8th June based again in Kinnell with spectator sections in Kinnell and surrounding areas. The two-day event last year was enjoyed by everyone and is widely raved about in the trials world. This year there are about 130 competitors entered from all over Britain so let's hope it's a great weekend again. Bob's daughter Sheila is travelling over from Belgium again to present the trophies. Information on the club website lmcc.co.uk or via Bobby.

Karen Lafferty

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Buying 2nd Hand Computers – What to look out for

Many people now choose to buy a second hand computer, typically over the internet, perhaps via eBay. In many cases these are legitimate sales and, if the buyer is lucky, then this may result in a bargain. However, some machines that are being sold do not have legal software installed and, if the buyer uses one

of these machines, then the buyer is actually infringing copyright law.

I recently purchased a laptop from an eBay auction and, when it was delivered, it was clear that the installed software was illegal. I complained immediately and after due process I was issued with a full refund. I am sure that the seller would have been warned off, since eBay are particularly keen on stamping out all counterfeit products in their auctions.

I was lucky that I could spot a forgery, but I am sure many people are blissfully unaware whether or not the software on their machines is actually legal.

Microsoft have a policy of providing a

Certificate of Authenticity, (COA) typically a label stuck to the bottom/side of the computer. This COA details which software package (for instance Windows XP) is legal for the particular machine. If the machine does not have a COA, then it is possible that the installed software has been pirated.

If you are using pirated Microsoft software, then you will automatically be prevented from updating the software and thus you may be more prone to viruses and other infections.

As always, if you are in any doubt, then please seek expert advice.

Broadband Update

At the time of writing this article (early May), the Government's plans to enable all the country with Broadband took another step forward.

The following was published on the Scottish Executive website, at the end of April.

"The Scottish Government is pleased to announce that its procurement is continuing to progress swiftly. We have completed our evaluation of the four bids which were received in response to our Request for Tender and a preferred bidder has now been selected. We are now entering

further discussions with this company and are aiming to conclude a contract by June.

At this stage we are unable to disclose the name of the preferred bidder, however this will be announced on award of the contract. Similarly, we are not yet able to specify a delivery timescale to any specific areas or regions - this will be clarified post-contract award. We can confirm that the preferred bidder will look to utilise a mix of technologies for delivery of broadband solutions."

This is a good sign, although there are no dates for enabling our internet access - I can't see this happening for several (6-18) months and, quite frankly, I would be surprised if we all had fast internet access before 2010.

Saying this, there are other opportunities for broadband in rural areas and I would be more than happy to spend some time discussing these with anyone who is interested.

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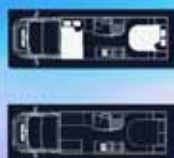


March 2008 marked a step forward for R A MacGregors when Darren Webster and Gregor MacKenzie were appointed Directors alongside existing Directors Gordon and Sheila Webster. Darren and Gregor have 21 years experience between them in the business since starting with the company back in the mid-nineties. During that time Gordon and Sheila worked with 'the boys' to share their knowledge and improve the business. As well as normal daily duties, Darren worked countless night shifts in Glasgow Fruit Market over the past ten years gaining crucial knowledge, contacts and familiarity with suppliers. Gregor started working with Gordon and Sheila when he was 13 years old, has grown up in the business and helped Gordon and Darren at the market since he was 17. After gaining his Class 2 driving license he started his share of lone market runs in 2005. With fresh eyes, new ideas and, thanks to Gordon and Sheila, a solid foundation of experience behind them, Darren and Gregor will be there to steer the ship and staff into the future as Gordon and Sheila continue to cut back on their work over the coming months.

New Mill Wheel for Visitors' Centre



The fully refurbished mill wheel is now up and running. Heritage Engineering of Lanark constructed the new wheel and assembled it on site. It uses the original lade water for its power and could generate enough electricity to light the building. Part of the funding for the work came from grants obtained by Stirling Council, the owner of the Mill. GA,



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Mervyn's Weather



The NE gale of 22nd March 2008 caused more damage than the combined efforts of all the other gales of the 2007/8 winter. A corrugated iron hay shed, quite a substantial erection, sited 1,000 feet up the hill, which had survived for twenty five years, many previous tempests from SE, SW and west, was lifted bodily and scattered over a wide area by this North-Easterly blast, although well protected from that air by a high ridge. The manner of the destruction of the building suggests perhaps a "Mini-Twister" so common in Southern USA. A griap and a ladder were lifted clean out of the shed and sheets of corrugated iron, wooden battens and couples were distributed in every direction, some hanging in trees hundreds of yards away, twenty feet up and yet an owl box, to encourage barn owls, was left intact. The wrath of Boreas forsoothe!

During the subsequent cool, dry, and rather barren spell of weather I had come to remember a plant highly regarded by hill sheepmen prior to the general feeding of hill flocks. This is Cotton Grass (*erriophorum*) known in Gaelic as Sioda Monaidh or Canach. In June over many peaty areas can be seen great swathes of this bog cotton.

In late March/ early April when hill grazings are at their lowest ebb, desiccated and unpalatable, this herb known in its earlier stage of growth as Blackhead or draw-moss, due to its black flower head and very dark green stem, which if pulled up discloses a white succulent stalk, is much relished by grazing animals. It is full of protein, sufficient to bridge "The hungry gap" between winter and spring. Many an old Blackface ewe with an almost skeletal frame has, with recourse to draw-moss, survived April blizzards to hear the cuckoo and rear a sturdy lamb. An old Donegal hill man would often say "Nuair eirigh a'canach is beo na caora!" "When the draw-moss starts growing the ewes will live!" Any sheep grazing containing draw-moss carried a premium in value.

To the uninitiated, areas of mountain and moorland often appear valueless and uninspiring track of bleak country, probably better, in their opinion, to be "blanket forested" with conifers. Perhaps in some granitic areas of un-managed wall to wall heather, (outwith the flowering season) this could be partly true.

Once I overheard a holiday family from the midlands of England say

"That moost be 'eather, not very nice is it and there's an awful lot of it,"! In areas which have more fertile underlying rock, Limestone, Sandstone, Epidiorite etc. and perhaps a damper climate, the spectrum and variety of plant life increases dramatically - from the grey green of a Nardus sward to the more vivid shades of agrostis, deschampsia or the mosses surrounding springs and "green flushes" plus many other less prominent species such as the carnivorous fly catcher, sundew, and of course the dominant moorland shrubs, the three varieties of heath. As one moves uphill to more mountain conditions the scene undergoes change until reaching sub Alpine tundra-like conditions which are a world of their own. Many years ago, in what was "The Braan Bar" of Amulree Hotel, an old keeper friend, alas now long gone, wandered up to me and with an aura of "John Barleycorn" said, "Man! Mervyn, when I step out in the morning and smell "The Hill" t'would not matter supposing I had a hundred wives!" As a fellow hill-man I understood.

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Sport Relief Mile



We would like to thank everyone who sponsored us on our Sport Relief Mile on a sunny Sunday in March. We raised over £150 for Sport Relief and had fun running (well OK, I walked) around Kings Park in Stirling. Many thanks to all.

Suzanne and Robbie Player

Monty wins on points

Killin's only boxer, 16 year old Monty Ogilvie, took part in a show in Polmont Prison on 8th May. In bout five he was up against another 16 year old, Keith Parker of Maddison Club. They put on a cracking contest and from the bell both set about their task of entertaining but also winning. It was evident early on that Monty was the heavier puncher - he was the one getting support from the inmates - and this spurred him on to take the opener. Round two saw Monty display his skills and his confidence. It may have appeared one-sided but Parker fought and entertained to the end. Stirling club coaches were seeing the promise Monty displays in training and he did Killin and his club proud to record a unanimous points win.

Ian Asher



Monty began boxing 2 years ago and reached the semi-final at the East Coast Championship in January. He leaves school this year and will go to Falkirk College to take a course in Sports and Recreational Services, after which he hopes to continue studying at university. After completing his studies he would like to go professional for the experience and to become a coach but, for the moment, he is concentrating on his aim of competing in the Scottish Championships next March as a Junior Featherweight and maybe in the Commonwealth Games in two years time. **MM**

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Strathfillan Community Development Trust



Woodland Craft Day/Car Boot

Once again the Trust is organising a Woodland arts/crafts day and car boot sale. It will be held on Wednesday 13th August in Tyndrum. Please contact the office for more information.

BVLC Internet/Learning 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.

Due to funding problems which have caused a rethink on the future of the Internet Café, BVLC and the Trust are actively looking at ways to keep this valuable resource available in Tyndrum. If you have any ideas for an improved café – distance learning, short courses, photography, different days/times – whatever your idea is then please get in touch. In the meantime you can still do your printing (invitations, menus, homework!), send e-mail, download your photographs, burn CDs, make leaflets and, with

Heather's help, do all sorts of other mysterious things!

Tyndrum Village Hall

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!!

Killin and Ardeonaig Development Trust

Congratulations to you all on the establishment of your new Trust. Everyone at the Trust at this end of Breadalbane wishes you every success in all your endeavours and hope that we will work together in the future on common projects.

Joyce Russell

(Development Officer)

Tel 01838 400 545

strathfillan.cdt@btconnect.com

SCDT Saplings programme, Summer 2008

Notices have gone out through the schoolbag post to all the mums and dads about the summer event programme. Booking forms will follow in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime if you want more information of what's on offer, give me a call.

2nd July - Finding your way in wild country with Diane Mailer

Wide games based on Orienteering

9th July - Life in burns, bogs and logs with Professor David Crompton

If you go down to the woods today you might see a water bear, a wood wasp, a dragonfly and many other animals. How do they breathe and feed, who eats them and how can you help them survive?

16th July - The wonders of the woods with Kathy Whitaker

Be busy tree planting, blueberry picking, wood collecting and fire building. Then settle down round the fire to cook and eat, write and sing songs and tie-dye using the berries you picked.

23rd July - Exploring and surviving in wild places with National Park Ranger Gavin Skipper

Learn the skills associated with bushcraft and find out how nature can provide. Try your hand at shelter building, fire lighting and cooking on an open fire. Remember to leave no trace, take nothing but pictures and leave nothing but footprints.

30th July - Getting creative with Joyce Russell

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“By The Way”

6th August - Celebration with Items chosen by the children from the July programme

Preparation of PowerPoint displays
Cooking with blueberries

Exhibits for display at Woodland Craft Event on 13th August

The SCDT Woodland Craft Event on 13th August will provide an opportunity to show families and friends what the Saplings have achieved.

Joyce Russell

Bingo Mania

The Crianlarich Nursery parents group held a very successful bingo night on 14th March at Crianlarich Village Hall

The event was very well attended and many great prizes were up for grabs!

A total of £504 was raised for the nursery

The parents Group wish to thank all the local businesses individuals and parents who gave prizes, donations or their time
It is hoped this will become an annual event

Strathfillan Community Council

SCC meeting 14 April

Local Plan Issues Report: This was the main topic of discussion. Selected sections of the minutes relevant to Strathfillan were sent as our response to the consultation.

The Lower Station Yard Project: Our local Councillors have managed to get Stirling Council to agree that we do not have to find another site suitable for housing. We have 5 years in which to finish the project. We either have to buy the site at open market value or lease for 15+ years. The open market value will be in excess of £100,000, which would make the project unaffordable. We do not know what the lease would be.

Rural Stirling Housing

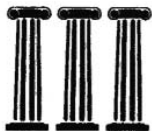
Association: [RSHA] has suggested that perhaps we could have a joint project with both housing and play/sports facilities on the site. RSHA can now allocate houses to local people under the local letting initiative. Stirling Council can nominate for 50% of the allocations but have indicated that they are prepared to discuss the possibility of local connection depending on the circumstances at the time. RSHA would consult with the local community about type and design of any proposed houses before development. The Housing Needs Survey currently being carried out by Rural Housing Services will

answer some of the questions about need and type. Strathfillan Trust and CC would be involved with the design of the whole site. RSHA has now written to Stirling Council saying that they would like to be involved in a split project. Stirling Council is also looking into the possibility of siting the MUGA [multi use games area] in the school playground.

Bypass: The main topic at the 12th May meeting was the by-pass and how Crianlarich can use it as an opportunity to develop and encourage visitors. A meeting is being arranged for Monday 2nd June in Crianlarich village hall at 2pm. It is hoped that local businesses and residents will get involved and come with a list of ideas.

The Stirling Public Partnership Forum [PPF]: has identified 4 topics for discussion which they would like us to put in order of priority and the first one will be debated in 7th June. Our choice was Out of Hours Health Service, new hospital at Larbert including transport issues, the Stirling Community Hospital [including provision of out-patients] and Orchard House development. We will be responding to the Scottish Government CC Working Group Consultation on the proposals for a draft model scheme for CCs. The main thought was that they are trying to make it too regimented and that the Stirling Council model is very good and does not require alteration.

We received a joint statement from



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Sport and Councillor
Harry McGuigan, COSLA
Spokesperson for Community Well-
being and Safety, on their joint
commitment to Community
Empowerment. They see community
empowerment as a process where
people work together to make
change happen in the communities
by having more power and influence
over what matters to them.
We received invitations to the
opening of the new National Park
Headquarters on 20th May and look
forward to seeing the new building.

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Community Partnership Successes

A children's playpark created out of
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the latest success story for a
scheme that has raised millions of
pounds for villages within Loch
Lomond and The Trossachs
National Park.

For years, residents of Benmore,
Kilmun and Strone in Argyll had
struggled to raise the funds
necessary to transform the only flat
piece of ground for miles into a
place suitable for children to play.
Their appeals for money proved
unsuccessful until the National
Park's Community Futures
programme offered support. It
helped residents to form a
Community Development Trust
that, working with the Park, was
then able to access £140,000
worth of funding.

A total of 20 Community
Development Trusts operate across
the National Park and between
them they have raised more than
£6 Million since the Park was
formed in 2002. As well as play
parks, the money has helped to
achieve a variety of projects
including building footbridges and
funding for Callander's thriving
Farmers' Market.

Hundreds of Community
Development Trusts exist across
Scotland but those within the Loch
Lomond and The Trossachs area
have been uniquely successful
thanks to a decision taken by the
Park when it was formed. At the
outset it set up a team of support
staff dedicated to helping local
communities achieve their
ambitions and that move has paid
real dividends. The National Park
has taken its cue from the
communities themselves and given
them the impetus they need to
turn their plans into reality.
Through its Community Futures
programme, local people have been
given the support they need to
make things happen.
There is a dedicated team within
the Park that is committed to
making things happen, giving
support and also encouraging links
between all the communities so
that they can learn from each
other.

*(A good example of a what can be
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FROST REPORT



A mixed bag

Writing this in early May we are in the midst of the fox denning season. We have been out on the hill almost every night during the last few weeks starting out in time to be at a den by nightfall and sometimes waiting till first light in the morning for the fox to come in. It's tiring but a privilege to be able to witness the night on the hill. It is noticeably quieter than in years gone by as the approach is now not very often marked by the warning cackle of the grouse to one another as foxy goes across the hill. Another sign of the dramatic decline in grouse numbers. Some of you who are as old as me will remember the song including the words 'coffee coloured people by the score'. This was foretelling that in the future all nationalities and ethnic groups would become so mixed that they would lose their individual identities. This is precisely what is happening to the Scottish wildcat with the encroachment of people into the previously remoter areas of the highlands. The wildcat has been interbreeding with introduced

domestic cats to the extent that there are fears that the gene pool will become extinct or that our best hope is a breeding pair or two in zoos. To this end there have been appeals recently for cat owners to take a more responsible attitude to having their pets neutered and also preventing so many cats becoming feral in an attempt to slow this interbreeding down. The true Scottish wildcat is indigenous to our shores and is a beautiful and untameable animal whose descent is similar to the lynx while the domestic cat was introduced from a line bred from Egyptian cats as seen on the ancient Egyptian tombs. On a less dramatic but equally worrying scale there is the introduced Spanish bluebell, which is crossing with the British wild bluebell. The incomer has straighter stems and more bell-shapes flowers. Woodland needs to be relatively undisturbed for several human generations before bluebells can thrive so it would be a shame if they were changed at the end of the line. It is unlikely that the latest craze for

introductions - the moose - will interbreed with the red deer. Actually the newcomers may not stand much of a chance, as they are proving to be wreckers of the habitats to which they have been introduced - though this has happened with the sika deer. In many areas of Scotland, including the local Killin area, sika have interbred with the red deer and hybrids are not that rare. It is often difficult to tell even in the larder and tongue samples can be sent for D.N.A. analysis. The sika is an altogether uglier deer with a squarer face so it would be a shame for our handsome monarch of the glens to lose some of his good looks. But the hinds, apparently, go for the sika's rugged not-so-good looks. So it's not just the usual dangers to our wildlife that we have to be aware of but also just the lifestyle changes that can make dramatic differences to the purity of our wildlife.

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Exit Youth Group



The Exit Youth Group (Crianlarich and Tyndrum) had a fantastic weekend away at Ardeonaig Outdoor Centre on 11th-13th April. 18 young people and 5 adults spent 2 days there, experiencing lots of different activities - including high rope assault course, canoeing, gorge walking and archery. The weather was very cold, but mostly dry - and everybody had a fab time! The cost of the weekend was funded almost entirely by a National Lottery Awards for All grant, so that participants only had to pay a nominal £10 of the total £92 per head costs themselves.

Thanks to all the staff at Ardeonaig, the Youth Group leaders and parents who helped during the weekend, and the National Lottery, for giving the group this opportunity! **Isla Craig**

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Michael Crowand his staff

Ron Aliner

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Colin Kennedy was the last blacksmith in Killin, to something that was in keeping and an asset to the village. As well as being project manager and physically involved, Michael still commuted to London and worldwide doing a full time job in catering management. Having 30 years in catering under his belt and originally trained as a chef, Michael's visions were to be realised. Michael and Lynn have made a most delightful three bedroomed house for their family and adjoining

three bedroomed all en-suite Bed and Breakfast with coffee shop and bistro.

The massive project has not been without physical and "red tape" problems. The whole drainage and infrastructure had to be renewed before any major reconstruction and restoration could begin. Now completed, the 3 bedrooms for guests are tasteful, unique and with modern facilities with lots of attention to

detail.

The coffee shop and bistro are in keeping with the building and boast slate tiles and the original beams in the roof, with a log burning stove to add character. The menu has something to suit most palates from coffee and cake to sea bass on a bed of cous cous with a nice dry white wine.

Good luck and here's to a busy season.

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J. Sinclair

League after Christmas

D. Pritchard, R. Pritchard
J. Guild, C. Grant
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Handicap Shield

C. Higgins, H. Guild, D. Pritchard

Knock out trophy

H. Guild, T. Bolton, D. Pritchard

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Killin Community Council Meeting 13th May

Zebra Crossing

Moving the Zebra crossing is too expensive. Police attending the meeting agreed that it was in the wrong place and Fergus Wood suggested a letter from them would help to persuade the roads department to move it. A visit by the Collision Prevention Unit and a report with recommendations to the Council would also help the case.

Village officer

Fergus Wood has offered to help ensure the appointment of an officer who could have several jobs in the village.

Roads

The roads budget has been substantially increased. Lyon Road is a priority as a disabled resident reported she frequently falls due to its poor surface.

Flooding

A new chamber and culvert needs to be installed to help solve the problem of flooding in the back gardens of houses on the Main Street backing on to the Fingal Road development. Land owners affected and council members responsible for the work to meet.

The Old Mart

The National Park may need to act on the enforcement notice to get the site tidied.

Replanting at the Dochart Bridge

The majority of people are in favour of the area remaining with no replanting. A letter to Head of Planning stating these views might get a sympathetic response.

Give Way sign and lines

Another letter to be sent to the Council as there is still a misunderstanding about the priority at Station Road.

Planning

Ardeonaig Hotel Chalets: passed by Planning Committee

Application by Mrs Douglas on Manse Road: approved by a majority of community councillors but rejected by the Planning committee.

Craigard Chalet: application to be resubmitted

Land above golf club: Walker Caledonian application on-going. Fergus Wood suggested that applicants should attend Planning Panel meetings to present their case as they and objectors have a right to be present.

Clyde Rally

This Sustrans cycle event will pass through Killin on 10th June.

Blocked Sewers

Scottish Water will investigate the problem with a remote camera.

Dog Fouling

This problem has increased and is not helped by the overflowing dog waste bins which should be emptied 2 to 3 times a week. Streetscape to be informed. Maybe dog bin emptying could be part of the village officer's role.

KAT

At the launch on May 17th, the Trust will be recruiting members so that the needs of the community can be addressed.

Youth

Allan Hewitt has met teenagers and proposes setting up a session with spinning bikes. An application for funding through an ITV regional unit is in progress. The aim would be to get a temporary building for youngsters. A new youth service bus with a youth worker will spend an hour each week in the village. A government pool of money created from seized assets of criminals could fund the Arts Culture and Sporting facilities.

Christmas Lights

Allan and Darren are to be asked to look at old Stirling Christmas lights which Fergus Woods has and decide if they could be used in Killin.

Scottish Natural Heritage

2 designations of SSSIs have been applied to land in the Killin area. One, by the head of the loch, has implications for grazing patterns on the land.

McLaren Hall Car Park

The Hall Committee have applied to the leaseholders, Stirling Council, for financial help towards resurfacing.

Park Play Area

Dogs have been fouling the sandpits as the fence surrounding the play area has fallen down. The council has been informed that repair work is a priority.

Tyre Dumping

Lorry tyres have been dumped by the side of the main road to Crianlarich.

New Council administration

The new Council administration will focus on economic development and tourism. A Chamber of Commerce is to be formed from the over 600 businesses in the Stirling area. A twinning arrangement is to be set up linking rural areas in Scotland, Co Mayo in Ireland and Northern Ireland with a view to sharing experience and learning from each other. Links with a community in Nova Scotia and one between Galway and Stirling are also being formed with funding from Europe.

Next meeting

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This summer musical event has been organised to attract substantial visitor numbers to enjoy the Trossachs area at its scenic best and give them a taste of what the Autumn Jazz and Blues Festival has to offer which in turn will encourage a return visit to the area later in the year.

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Killin Drama Club One Act Plays

The Drama Club entertained us to a mixture of a poignant exploration of the lives of a pair of entertainers at the end of their stage lives; a dog's view of life in a re-homing centre and lastly a comedy set at an amateur dramatic competition. Glenda Mardon and Gordon Hibbert played the parts of the entertainers. As always they were word perfect and left us uncomfortable with uncertainty when they got a request from her GP to visit the surgery to discuss the result of a medical test. The junior section did a first

class job of the second play. All left us in no doubt what breed or non breed of dog they were portraying. The scenery cleverly emphasised the dismal individual cages and the repartee between the characters was well executed by some young actors.

The final play followed the progression of a play moving from one competition to the next. At each stage the cast incorporated over-enthusiastically the adjudicator's recommendation, so what started as a simple reciting of a script ended up with a wonderful farce as each new interpretation was commented on by the adjudicator. The cast included both adults and juniors and we were treated to some fine moments of theatre between the main characters.

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A Dogs' Life

Below Glenda and Gordon in



Details on page

and One Act Plays

Drama Group



The Death of Little Willie by Ken Barrett

Above and below: Different emotions re-played in response to the adjudicator's recommendations



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LIX TOLL GARAGE, KILLIN, PERTHSHIRE

Festival of One Act Plays, Grangemouth, 29th March

Killin Drama Club is fortunate to have a very enthusiastic team of young actors. Having just recovered from the pantomime, the Youth Section got straight into rehearsals for 'A Dog's Life', a play to be entered into the Scottish Festival of One Act Plays. In March this play won the Stirling District competition and went forward to the Eastern Divisional Youth Final held at Grangemouth. Here they were in competition with two other plays, representing the other districts of South East Scotland. I had no idea that amateur drama was so competitive or so organised! I was fortunate to join the support team from Killin in the audience on the night of the Divisional competition. Killin Drama Club were on first and what a wonderful performance they gave. The play is set in a Rescue Home for abandoned dogs and four of the players are cast as dogs in cages on stage. As the judge later commented, they were wonderfully cast, with Jinny Dowling playing a pampered French poodle, David McAskil a German Shepherd guard dog,

Laura Aitken as a bouncy mongrel puppy called Ginger and Megan Rhys as Ben a wise old dog previously owned by a 'gentleman of the road'. Kitti McAlpine played the Kennel maid with great assurance and Millie Tigwell gave an excellent performance as a visitor looking for her ideal dog. The play had excellent comedy moments and gave an interesting slant on the dogs' views of human behaviour. They found human young - babies and toddlers - particularly annoying. The stage manager was Luke Melia and Oliver Dowling was in charge of lighting, so the younger members really did have a chance to show what they could do. The other plays of the evening 'Bad Reception' from the Aberdour Players and 'Is it Time Yet, Dad?' from the Young Portonian Theatre Company were also very entertaining with excellent performances from the entire cast. The judge obviously looks for technical merit rather than just a good entertainment. I certainly enjoyed the Killin play best, as all of the performances were so confident with clear dialogue and

good character development, a very interesting and amusing story line with a serious underlying theme and dramatic ending. Sadly for Killin, the Portonians won the night with a play that gave a greater opportunity to demonstrate acting skills such as mime. They are a more established youth theatre and gave very competent performances. The judge was extremely positive about all the performances of the Killin team and was very impressed by their stage presence. His only criticism was that Jinny was too slim to play a fat, pampered poodle! Laura won the best Dramatic Moment in her bouncy puppy role. My favourite line was from David, the serious guard dog, in his reply to the question 'How is he with children?' 'Throw me one and I'll show you!' If only we knew what dogs were really saying! Congratulations to Killin Drama Club on all the support they have given to develop the enthusiasm of their younger members. We should all be proud of their achievement.

Elaine Turner

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Get active with outdoor sports at Lochearnhead

Lochearnhead brothers Barry and Matt McGrandles are hoping to attract adrenalin-junkies to their picturesque home. The lads have set up Active Scotland, a new outdoor sports activity provider based in Lochearnhead.

Barry (26) has been instructing water skiing/wake boarding for almost a decade and is the centre principal for Active Scotland. He is in charge of outdoor activities and will continue to grow these with his team.

His brother Matt (34), former Stirling County rugby player, has been involved in sports for more than 20 years and will be in charge of indoor activities including facilities and the sports shop.

Active Scotland opened in March and will deliver water-based activity on Loch Earn. The company has invested in two competition Ski Nautique ski boats worth £40,000 as well as a further £20,000 in ski school equipment and stock. Present at the opening were Andrew Bain, chief executive of Active Stirling, and Alan Murray, national co-ordinator, Water Ski Scotland. The day was blessed with good

weather and the sports centre was a buzz of activity, the instructors out with skiers and wake boarders and the boat drivers taking out kids on the banana inflatables for a tour up the loch.

'Bananas for Adventure'

The Go Ape High Wire Forest Adventure Company is holding an outdoor activity showcase 'Bananas for Adventure' on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th June at the David Marshall Lodge in Aberfoyle. The show, organised by Pete Brown, will allow visitors to familiarise themselves with the amazing array of activities that Scotland has to offer over the summer holiday period. A 20% off promotion is also available for Go Ape bookings that weekend. To redeem the offer, book online at goape.co.uk using

promotional code ABA009 or quote 'Bananas for Adventure' when calling the booking line on

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The weekend compliments the Go Ape ethos of creating adventures and encouraging others to live life more adventurously and is a great chance for locals to find other perfect summer activities. Hopefully there will be something for everyone, from Zorbing to off road driving, Clay pigeon shooting and white water rafting.

Companies exhibiting their activities will be at Go Ape from 11am-4.30pm and include: Great Time Scotland, a bespoke travel company designed to show the best of Scotland; Go Forth, an outdoor event organiser; Clay Pigeon Shooting; Trossachs Cycle hire and Highland Adventure Safaris.



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Killin Heritage Society

Over the past few weeks the Society has been the recipient of two funding grants. One from the Natural Heritage Grant Scheme, funded by the LL&T National Park Authority and Scottish Natural Heritage, has enabled us to purchase surveying equipment. This is already being put to good use and will enable more people to become involved on the ground with recording the many deserted settlement sites in the area that have not previously been surveyed. More recently, the Society has been awarded a grant from the Lottery Awards for All with which to purchase IT equipment and more items connected with the survey work. Up until now, members have had to use their own IT equipment to record material for the archives or have had to borrow or hire from others. This will now provide a more flexible approach for all those involved in recording archival material.

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Killin Heritage Society invite you to join members for a series of summer walks. Transport to some walks will be available via the Community Bus but, as seats on the bus are limited, please sign up in advance for these on the list held at the Killin Outdoor Shop. If you prefer to take your own vehicle then please consider sharing transport. A nominal charge of £1 will be made for each walk plus an extra £3 for each of the Strathfillan walks if you are travelling on the Community Bus.

Friday 6th June 7.00pm A walk around Kirkton and Auchtertyre Farms in Strathfillan with Dr. John Holland

This area is full of interesting sites, many of them linked to St. Fillan. We will visit the ruins of the 13th Century Augustinian Priory, St. Fillan's graveyard, the Priest's Well and St. Fillan's Holy Pool. Come and find out about the many fascinating and sometimes bizarre stories and legends linked to St. Fillan.

Meet by the Community Bus in the

McLaren Hall car park, Killin, at 6.30pm or, if travelling independently, meet at Kirkton Farm, Strathfillan at 7.00pm

Saturday 5th July 1.30pm Tyndrum Community Woodland (SCDT) with Dr. John Holland

A natural history walk around Tyndrum Community Woodland. Come and enjoy the flora, fauna, geology and history of this community owned and managed woodland. Much of the area was planted with Scots Pine and Downy Birch in 1999 and this developing woodland now provides a valuable habitat for a wide variety of plants, birds and invertebrates.

Meet by the Community Bus in the McLaren Hall car park, Killin, 1.00pm or, if travelling independently, meet at Dalrigh car park, Strathfillan at 1.30pm

Thursday 10th July 7.00p.m. Ard na Gaul ruined township, Glen Dochart, with Killin Heritage Society survey group

A walk around the ruined township of Ard na Gaul looking at the farming/enclosure practices of a bygone era. Look through census records to see who lived there.

Equipment will be set up for you to

try some surveying.

Meet at the McLaren Hall car park at 6.30pm or, if walking to the site, at the road side opposite Ard na Gaul at 7.00pm

Sunday 20th July 1.30pm Tirai and Duncroisk deserted settlements, Glen Lochay, with Dugald McInnes, ACFA (Glasgow University)

The deserted settlement at Tirai has been described as being "impressive" and as "a site of national significance". Whilst much emphasis in the past has been placed on the cup marked stones, carvings on a rock and a standing stone, the ACFA have surveyed and recorded all the archaeology of the site. They have located previously unrecorded structures and features that give a fascinating glimpse of what life was once like in the glen.

Parking for this walk is very restricted. Meet at the Community Bus in the McLaren Hall car park, Killin, 1.15pm or at the roadside just over the bridge after Duncroisk farm. If walking from Killin please meet at Duncroisk at 1.30pm

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Operation Ironworks

A six-month operation aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour at some of Scotland's most stunning beauty spots was launched in March. Operation Ironworks will cover Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park and will provide high profile patrols in a bid to promote responsible behaviour in the countryside and to deter antisocial behaviour and criminal offences from being committed.

It will be run in conjunction with rangers from Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority and Forestry Commission Scotland. Strathclyde Police and Tayside Police will also provide assistance in the National Park where it covers their force areas.

Crimestoppers Scotland are also supporting this initiative. There will be 42 different initiatives targeting issues such as speeding, parking problems, traffic issues at Rowardennan and Balmaha, litter offences, theft, vandalism and noise disturbance. High visibility patrols will be carried out by officers on bikes as well as officers from the Road Policing Unit, Dog Section and Underwater Search Unit. The mobile police office will also be used at various locations, trained wildlife crime officers will be deployed, and traffic wardens will ensure traffic problems are kept to a minimum.

The leader of the operation is Sergeant Joyce Greenhorn. Her aim is to make sure people can visit and enjoy the natural beauty this area has to offer without falling victim to crime or causing an annoyance to others. There have been problems in the past with tents, cars, BBQs and bags of rubbish being abandoned. Trees have even been felled in order to have a fire. That is not acceptable especially when there may be firewood lying nearby. Operation Ironworks is also about educating the public about what is expected from them. They should take their litter home and abide by the bylaws. Motorists should also be aware that if they park on Urban Clearways they will receive a fixed penalty. The National Park will be policed by local officers who have local knowledge and know the problem areas. Every loch accessible will be patrolled.

Working in partnership with the police and the National Park will maximise resources, provide wide ranging benefits and help get the most out of the initiative.

To report anti-social behaviour to any of the agencies involved contact **Crimestoppers** anonymously on

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Killin SWRI

At the April meeting the speaker for the night was Jim Crumley, who writes for wild life magazines and has a column in the Courier.

Mr Crumley gave a very interesting talk on swans and read extracts from his nature books and a passage from his recent novel 'The Mountain of Light'. He explained his work involving the study of the swans on Loch Lubnaig, their failures and achievements over 30 years and then answered questions. This was followed by the A.G.M.

Competition Results

Sponge Cake

1 Margaret Galloway

2 Margaret Ogilvie

3 Cathie Reid

Local View

1 Jenny Huntley

2 Margaret Galloway

3 Andrea Simpson

Jane Brown

They're Off!

On 24th April a party of SWRI members set off for their annual outing - this year to a very different venue. The starting gate was the McLaren Hall and off we went in a Kingshouse Coach wondering what the day would bring! Our destination was Perth Race Course and very few of us had been to the races before. We bought our race-cards as if we knew what to do and set about picking the winners - some were chosen because we liked the colours of their silks, some because we liked the horses' names, others were named after places we had visited - all very scientific! A very kind supervisor at the Tote came to the rescue of some of us who were very perplexed. He explained the system and it all became clear. By the end of the meeting we were discussing tactics like old hands. In spite of the weather (a few showers and a stiff breeze at times) we had a great day. The Course is in lovely countryside, there were plenty of refreshment opportunities, the horses looked beautiful and there was lots of interest in the characters around us, both spectators and the racing fraternity. We met many friendly people also enjoying their day at the races and finally we reached our finishing post - the Royal George Hotel in Perth - where a delicious meal was ready for us. Then it was home to Killin and our own "stables".

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From the Scilly Isles to Drumfinn

New to Killin

Phil and Carol Jones took over Drumfinn Country Guesthouse on March 13th and have had a busy start to their first season in the Bed and Breakfast business. They came to Killin from St Marys, part of the beautiful Isles of Scilly off the southwest coast of England. Before coming to Killin Phil had been a milkman and 9 or 10 years ago took the opportunity to buy the shop for which he delivered milk. He and Carol together ran and worked in the shop which sold everything from ice-cream to newspapers and during the tourist season they employed part time staff. They also had a self-catering apartment so they are not complete novices in the



hospitality industry and, now that they have mastered the art of

cooking and serving breakfasts, they are looking forward to a fruitful season.

Like many people, they and their girls first came to Killin on holiday and fell in love with the area. Each time they came to Scotland the magnet pulled them back to Killin and they decided that this was where they would like to move to in years to come.

So now that they have come to live in the place they came on holiday, where do they go on holiday from here??!!

Floyd, their German Shepherd dog, and two cats made the move as well and Floyd is enjoying all the new walks and has already met plenty of fellow dogs and walkers.

Phil just hopes that time will allow him to enjoy playing golf on the long summer nights in between seeing in guests!

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The Club held its A.G.M. on 16th April. There were seven present and four apologies for absence.

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We can ask Stirling Council for financial help, but only if we can show that this is a club supported by its community and by holiday makers. To encourage support, the following decisions were taken

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Some of the youngsters who have been coming along to junior badminton on Monday and Tuesday evenings throughout the winter months

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Jack McRobbie, Jonathan Devlin, Billy Graham

Front Row Jinny Dowling, Laura Aitken, Oliver Dowling
Josh Norris, Stuart Berrow

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We look forward to seeing you on the courts and greens this summer

B. McAusland Secretary

effort of keeping the Club going almost worthwhile. Thank you, Julie for arranging it. (page 39)

C.Higgins Chairperson

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National Park

Week 13 ending 31 March 2008

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse
Location: The Old Flax Mill, Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr And Mrs Andrew McNie
Application Type: Detailed Consent
Decision: Approve with Conditions
Proposal: Replacement of hanging sign, new menu case and entrance signs (all illuminated)

Location: The Smiddy, Main Street, Killin
Applicant: Michael Crow
Application Type: Advertisement
Decision: Approve with Conditions
Proposal: Engineering operations to secure the formation of cycle route
Location: Glendochart Cycle Path, Crianlarich

Applicant: Loch Lomond And The Trossachs National Park Authority,
Application Type: Detailed Consent

Week 15 ending 14 April 2008

Proposal: Erection of two houses
Location: Plot 5 Maragowan Killin
Applicant: William Stitt
Application Type: Detailed Consent
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse
Location: 42 Manse Road Killin
Applicant: Mrs H Douglas
Application Type: Outline Application
Decision: Refuse

Proposal: Walkway renewal including hand rails and stairs
Location: Glenfalloch Viaduct Crianlarich
Applicant: Laura Davies, Network Rail
Application Type: Other
Decision: Approve without Conditions
Proposal: Provision of staff accommodation via (a) siting of a static residential caravan to provide accommodation for 2 people (b) change of use from dwellinghouse to house in multiple occupancy for 10 people

Location: The Manse Tyndrum
Applicant: The Real Food Cafe Ltd
Application Type: Detailed Consent
Decision: Approve with Conditions
Week 16/17 ending 28 April 2008
Proposal: Erection of 4 self-catering flats and formation of car parking area associated with hotel
Location: Bridge of Lochay Hotel Killin
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Morley
Application Type: Detailed Consent
Proposal: Demolition of existing dwellinghouse and erection of replacement dwellinghouse
Location: Duinish Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr and Mrs G Gaughan
Application Type: Detailed Consent
Proposal: Use of dwelling as Guest House (Class 7)
Location: West Highland Lodge Inverhervie Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr and Mrs P Lilly
Application Type: Certificate of Lawfulness

Perth & Kinross Council

19 March 2008 - Week 11

Proposal: Formation of a vehicular access and loading bank (partly in retrospect)
Location: Tomdarroch, Fearnan
Applicant: Iain M Grindlay
Application Type: Full Application
Decision: Application Approved

Stirling Council

12 March 2008 - Week 10

Proposal: Attic conversion and erection of garage and studio accommodation
Location: Dunbrae Cottage, 4 Pier Road, Killin
Applicant: Allan Maxwell
Status Constraints: Area of Great Landscape Value
Decision: Approve with Conditions
Proposal: Erection of five lodges, store

and boat/fishing hut
Location: Ardeonaig Hotel Killin
Applicant: Ardeonaig Hotel Limited
Application Type: Detailed Consent
Decision: Approve with Conditions
30 April 2008 - Week 17
Proposal: Change of use to form two letting bedrooms, office and plant room
Location: Ardeonaig Hotel Killin
Applicant: Ardeonaig Hotel Limited
Application Type: Detailed Consent
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Killin Golf Club

Senior Gents' Open 2008 Wednesday 14th May

Handicap winner (Kiltirye Trophy):

I Douglas (Lochwinnoch) 57

Age groups

55-63:

- 1 Jim Burton (Killin) 60
- 2 G Milton (Killin) 65
- 3 J Walker (Perth Artisans) 67 BIH

64-68:

- 1 I Douglas (Lochwinnoch) 57
- 2 H Arbuckle (Muthill) 65
- 3 J R Guild (Killin) 66

69+:

- 1 A Lyons (Tulliallan) 63
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Nearest the pin

- 15-28: H Arbuckle (Muthill) 7' 1"
- 0-14: A Simpson (Lochwinnoch) 16' 7"

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Dr Hamilton (Tony) Weaver 1918 - 2008

A brief synopsis of a long and productive life spent mostly in the service of others.

Tony was born to parents of Scottish extraction in Loughborough. He went to school there, and later graduated from The Edinburgh University School of Medicine in 1940. In 1941 Tony married Patricia, his first wife. Together they had three children, Anthony, Michael and Fran. Eventually there were to be 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

After qualifying as a Doctor and gaining experience in Midwifery at Rob Royston, Tony enlisted in the R.A.M.C. He served mostly with the eighth army, firstly with Montgomery in Egypt and later in Italy with the Field Ambulance. He seldom spoke of these experiences which must have been horrific, but every year, together with others, he attended The War Memorial Service to remember old comrades

After the war, following a brief period as a G.P. in Bridlington, the family moved to Peterborough where, together with Bob Smith, Tony built up a very busy practice, thriving today with a complement of 9 doctors. In addition to a busy practice life of 33 years duration, he served as a County Councillor (unpaid) for 15 years and was



Chairman of Social Services for 14 of those years. He was co-founder of the Peterborough Marriage Guidance Council, governor of 3 schools and the medical officer of Peterborough United, known as "The Posh". He had a life-long connection with The St John Ambulance Service and became a Commander of the Order of St John.

In 1978, because of Patricia's ill health, Tony took early retirement and moved to Killin, where she had lived during WW2. Following Patricia's death, Tony married Audrey and they lived a full and happy life. In later years he developed Dementia, a curse for some and a cruel thief of personal talents, abilities and intellect. Prior to the onset, he was gregarious, sociable and outgoing. A gifted public speaker, he

had a splendid singing voice.

He helped Dr Mairi on occasions in what was then a busy single handed practice. After 10 years of delivering the Killin News, he became the oldest paper boy in action.

He was Chairman of the Vestry at St Fillans church for several years, and later served as Treasurer.

A keen angler, Tony was Chairman of The Killin Angling Club for several years and was instrumental in securing a precious Salmon beat on The Dochart for the club.

As old pals died or moved away, his interest in angling waned, as did the desire to kill. He could never face eating his catch.

Tony revelled in the camaraderie of the senior golfers. A lively, cheery, noisy bunch dedicated to the pursuit of that elusive scratch score and the celebration of many birthdays plus any other excuse for a jolly. He was a regular attendee at Shutters Restaurant where the group known as "The Killin Society of Higher Thinkers" (so named by the late Allan Walker's family) meet regularly at 11am to put the world to rights!

To the end, Tony was a gentleman, kind, courteous, loving and so very proud of his family. He will forever be a good memory to cherish and sustain those left behind.

Audrey Weaver

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Letters

Complaint

Article in Issue 102 February 2008 concerning Planning Applications

I wish to complain in the strongest possible terms about the inaccurate reporting in this article where it states that the Killin Community Council rejected a planning application in respect of myself. This statement is totally incorrect and I demand a retraction and a public apology for the error.

In a small community like Killin, where people know each other discuss local issues, it is paramount that a local community newspaper reports news accurately and in this case, avoids showing the local Community Council up in a bad light.

I am not at all happy about this and if you wish to use my name in your newspaper for whatever purpose, I would suggest that you check the accuracy with me first and avoid any possibility of bad public relations or even litigation.

Charlie Grant

The Killin News Committee apologise to Charlie Grant and any others who may have been affected by this inaccuracy in the Community Council report which he has identified. The Community Council is not able to reject planning applications but can only forward its opinion to the planning authority which, for Killin, is the National Park Authority, who make decisions. Their decision can be seen in Issue 102 page 26 under Planning Applications.

WA

Charity Fair 18th-21st April

Very many thanks to all who supported, donated and helped raise £1,607 plus £105 from John Grant's 'Big Bottle' and £48 from Fishers Bar, bringing the total to £1760 for CHAS. Very much appreciated.

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Thank you

Audrey Weaver and family would like to thank everyone who sent letters, cards and flowers with messages of condolence following the sad loss of Tony in April.

Also a special thank you for the support of those who attended Tony's funeral and interment and donated so generously to Alzheimers Research and The Killin Care Trust. Thanks also to Rev. Ladd Fagerson for his sensitive conduct of the Service, and to Ann, Dr Anke de Laat and all friends for being there when it mattered most.

We would like to thank all our friends who sent cards and gifts on the occasion of our golden wedding on 15th March. We celebrated the occasion with a family party in Cricklade near Cirencester which all members of the family managed to attend. Many thanks to all for making it a wonderful day.

Maureen and Jimmy Gauld

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful array of cards and gifts which I received on the occasion of my 70th birthday. The cards cheered me up immensely and the wine just topped the day, morning 'til night nicely. To all who made this a most memorable day I can only say a very heartfelt thank you.

Jimmy Gauld

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Golden Weddings



Malcolm and Kathleen Brodie celebrated their golden wedding in Bridge of Orchy hotel on 9th March fifty years after holding their wedding reception at the same hotel. Mackie & Kathy would like to thank all those who managed to be there and share this special day with them.

Maureen and Jimmy Gauld celebrate in style. (See letters page)



Tom and Louise Coffield of Crianlarich holding a card from HM The Queen on the occasion of their Diamond wedding anniversary. They would like to thank Neil and Jane and all their family and friends for the wonderful surprise celebration lunch at the Inveroran Hotel, one of the highlights being the fantastic cake made by their friend and neighbour Helen Skelton. A collection raised £245 in donations which went to the Macmillan Nurses.



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New Arrivals



Matthew Douglas Ireland born 14th April to Shannon and Paul, weighing 5lbs 11oz, pictured with big brother Nathan. Many thanks for all cards and gifts.

Nicola (nee Paterson) and Angus Colquhoun would like to announce the safe arrival of Maia Emma Colquhoun who was born on the 4th May 2008, weighing in at 8lbs 10oz.



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I was sensing I was tensing,
So I went to see the doc who said
to me,
'There's disorder in your movement
And you'll only get improvement
If you visit the disorder surgery'.

There I met a Doctor Den,
The most affable of men,
Who also itched and twitched
apparently,
So claiming my disorder
Was really quite in order
And that I'd live to see another day.

He thought that melancholy
Had stopped me feeling jolly
And made me think that I was
really ill -
A case of hypochondria
With introversion mania
Induced by intellectual overkill!

So convoluted was my case
That his report took forty days
To settle in the Perthshire
wilderness -
A document voluminous
That hardly was illuminous,
With little more than what I had
to stress.

He noted that my wife and I
Lived in a cottage way up high,
So could this be the reason for
my plight?
Perhaps the lack of oxygen
So far up in a Scottish glen
Had given all stability a fright!

He maintained that I was treating
Symptoms he thought vague
and fleeting
As if they represented something
real,
Like waterworks infections
And air pump disconnections
That made me, as a Scotsman,
feel unweel!

Apart from citing my complaint
And quoting tests with much
restraint,
He offered only certain diagnoses;
So no treatment was suggested,
Although it was requested,
And I was left in limbo with
my poses!

If disorder's in your movement
You will always get improvement
In a clinic where disorder is
systemic:
You'll double all your trouble,
Exacerbate your wobble
And improve your past performance
as a mimic!

Pondocharty

Tennis Lessons in Killin

We have been lucky in persuading Louise Braidwood, a tennis coach from Crieff, to run a five week block of tennis lessons in Killin from April - June.

Louise is a PE teacher for Perth & Kinross but recently qualified as an LTA tennis coach and also runs classes at Crieff Hydro and in Stirling.

The lessons happen once a fortnight on Sunday afternoons for all ages - from 'sprightly beginners' to 'rusty racquets'. We have over 30 children coming for coaching and about 6 adults. Luckily the weather has been kind to us and it's encouraging to see the sports club being well used. Hopefully we will be able to build on this current enthusiasm and keep tennis alive in Killin.

For more information please contact

Julie Rhys 01567 820 851



Aberfeldy Support Group for Chronic Fatigue

This group is aimed at sufferers of ME/Chronic Fatigue, Fibromyalgia, Lyme disease and similar fatigue problems. The symptoms of fatigue (tiredness) and exhaustion, do not go away with sleep or rest, and limit the activities you were once capable of. Fatigue is mental as well as physical and some people describe it as overwhelming. Exercising or being physically active can make symptoms worse.

Other symptoms are also common, although most people do not have all of them.

They can include: muscular pain, severe headaches, poor short-term memory and concentration, difficulty in organising your thoughts, painful lymph nodes or glandular swelling around your throat, stomach pain and other problems similar to irritable bowel syndrome for example bloating, constipation, diarrhoea and nausea, sore throat, sleeping problems such as insomnia and disturbed sleep, sensitivity or intolerance to

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Complementary therapies

We have just started a short Tai Chi course with John Connelly. The meetings are alternative Mondays in Aberfeldy. The group would like to offer befriending via telephone to anyone who can't manage to come to the meetings. We are also putting together a folder with interesting information that can be lent out. For more information Tel 01887 840766.

Eileen Merry



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Think About It

When people in Britain greet each other, they often say "How are you?" At one time in China, soon to host the Olympic Games, the typical greeting was "Have you eaten?" In the days of poverty, asking friends if they had eaten was to express concern for their well-being. Today when friends greet me, they sometimes say, "Have you put on weight?" Whether they are genuinely concerned for my health or just think I should lose a few pounds, they care about me. Everything we say, not just our greetings, reflects the concerns of our hearts. Jesus said, "Those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart." He was explaining to His followers that people could not be morally contaminated by the food they ate, but by words spoken out of impure hearts. It was not surprising that Jesus' bold statements offended the Pharisees. They were masters at appearing righteous on the outside, but they had no concern for the hypocrisy in their hearts. It is wise to think about the words you use throughout day, wherever you go. What do they say about the condition of your heart?

Ladd Fagerson

Think Twice

Love them anyway

In a Calcutta India Children's Home founded by Mother Theresa hangs this sign: People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered.

Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

Do it anyway.

If you're successful, you win false friends and true enemies.

Succeed anyway.

The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Honesty and frankness will make you vulnerable.

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight

Build anyway.

People really need help but may attack you if you help them.

Help anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.

Give the world your best anyway.

Message from Rev John Lincoln

It was encouraging to read in Acts 3 of the growth of the church in the early days when Spirit-filled disciples proclaimed the gospel message. But that was then, what about now?

Here in Killin, as in those far off days, people of the church meet in different ways. The early church met publicly in the temple, a place everyone recognised as a centre for worship. We have Sunday morning worship and teaching with a changing pattern throughout the month.

On the first Sunday of the month we have a more modern style of worship with an opportunity for people to take part. On the last Sunday there is short communion service. At the informal worship at 6:30 on the third

Sunday we have shared personal stories of faith and hear how the church is working to help those in need. At the last Guild meeting we heard of invaluable work being done amongst homeless Scots in London by Borderline, a charity set up by the Church of Scotland.

There is also worship at Morenish Chapel and a monthly service in the Falls of Dochart Home. Some people meet in smaller groups for prayer and encouragement.

The church is still proclaiming the message, still caring for others, and as in the chapter of Acts mentioned earlier "the Lord is adding to the number". We believe "the Spirit is moving"!



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Said Bernard, 'It was a great disappointment to all the market's visitors and customers as well as producers, some of whom will have incurred a considerable financial loss because of the perishable nature of their goods. Everyone makes a really big effort for the farmers' markets but on this occasion it was just blown away. Hopefully the Summer Callander Farmers' Market planned for Sunday June 1st and run on behalf of Callander Development Trust will see things back to normal.'

All the regular producers will be there from 11am until 4pm, offering a delicious range of goodies from home baking, breads, free range eggs, local beef, mutton and lamb, pork, bacon, venison and game, natural fruit drinks, jams, cheese and oatcakes, shellfish with fresh and smoked fish, local crafts and plants for sale. Why not help reduce food miles and generate sustainable rural employment by supporting this community initiative.

For further information, please telephone 01877 330151 or email kilmahog@aol.com

Loch Tay Food Chain needs your help!

The latest Loch Tay Food Chain meeting has put a call out to residents of the area to help us compile an audit of local food resources. The intention is to create a comprehensive directory that would include details of all local food producers, food suppliers, land available for food production as well as any 'food for free' that can be found locally, such as wild fruit and fungi etc.

We also discussed running a local produce and farmers market in September, following on from last year's successful event. We are hoping this year to include much more in the way of local food and would encourage any local producers to think about what they could offer. We have provisionally pencilled in the 13th September from 10am to 2pm in Killin. Confirmed details will be available by the next issue of Killin News.

There was also a discussion about the pruning of fruit trees. Many trees are allowed to grow to a point where the quality of the fruit deteriorates because of a fear of over pruning.



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Members of the group who have experience in this are willing to offer advice and assistance to anyone wanting to improve their fruit production.

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Meetings of the Loch Tay Food Chain are open to anyone who wants to help improve the supply and quality of our local food. The next meeting will be on Thursday 12th June at 7.30pm in the Cart Shed at Tombreck.

Dolan Betney

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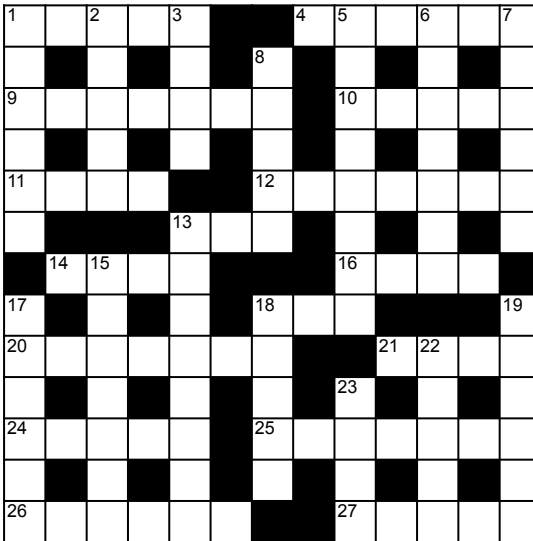
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Crossword by Scorpio



Across

- 1 Remove a point to change a vocation into a helper (5)
 4 Unhappy Dee rum can be rather self effacing (6)
 9 No restrictions (7)
 10 Take part in contest (5)
 11 I hurried to what was once Persia (4)
 12 Native of Banjul (7)
 13 A member of the grass family (3)
 14 Land found in Atlantis Legend (4)
 16 Capital of Latvia (4)
 18 A hole in one (3)
 20 Pelt with debts is very cross (7)
 21 A sound of dismissal (4)
 24 Purgative (5)
 25 Late private investigator communist is dead (7)
 26 The French duct makes for sweet sound (6)
 27 Fabric from fifty one, north east and the 11th consonant (5)

Solution to 103

Across 1 brave 4 offset 9 tempera 10 rouse 11 lots 12 roadbed
 13 ply 14 shea 16 lyre 18 coy 20 caravel 21 ague 24 elfin

25 whatnot 26 delved 27 drive

Down 1 bottle 2 admit 3 even 5 formally 6 slumber 7 trendy
 8 marry 13 parvenue 15 harmful 17 screed 18 clown 19 beetle
 22 genii 23 wand

Down

- 1 Doubly loud in money for a large container (6)
 2 Mother of Zeus (5)
 3 Travelled - nag assisted (4)
 5 Not just for now - for always (8)
 6 Tiny gun used for unfastening (7)
 7 Wandering in search of adventure, as did knights of old (6)
 8 I am an era and have a reflection (5)
 13 Tear oven apart and upgrade (8)
 15 Dream like (7)
 17 Not on rear but meant to hurt (6)
 18 Useful and valuable (5)
 19 A ribbon of rank (6)
 22 Bird appears when one is taken off drug (5)
 23 Hasn't a friend but is still a gem (4)



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- 6 Heritage Walk Kirkton Priory by Tyndrum 7pm all welcome
- 7/8 Bob MacGregor Memorial Trial (Motor Bike event)
- 10 Cycle Rally passing through the village
- 18 Herb Society meeting Achnacloch near Camserney "Making Tussie Musses"
- 27 Worship Night at Cattle 7.30pm

July

- 2 Strathfillan Community Development Trust (SCDT) children's event Finding you way in wild country with Diane Mailer Details Joyce Russell 01838 400545
- 5 Heritage Walk Tyndrum Community Woodland 1.30pm all welcome
- 6 Morenish Chapel service 3pm
- 8 Killin Community Council meeting Church Hall (if available)
- 9 SCDT children's event Life in burns, bogs, and logs. Details Joyce Russell 01838 400545
- 10 Heritage Walk Ard na Gaul ruined township by Craignavie 7pm all welcome
- 16 SCDT children's event The wonders of the woods. Details Joyce Russell 01838 400545
- 20 Heritage Walk Tirai and Duncroisk deserted settlements in Glen Lochay 1.30pm all welcome
- 23 SCDT children's event Exploring and surviving in wild places. Details Joyce Russell 01838 400545
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