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Editorial

Last call for Planning Consultations The Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park Draft Local Plan is about to be produced. This will contain the elements that arose out of the Initial publicity and engagement that took place some time ago when we were invited to present our ideas to the Park. The Local Plan Issues Report came out in May this year, that highlighted the main issues and sought comments from throughout the Park. The **Draft Local Plan** is the last part of the consultation process before the **Final Plan** is constructed and the last time you can submit comments that are likely to be considered in the final plan. If you think that more space should be allowed for local developments, low cost housing, an area for small industrial developments or that developments are already intruding too much on the biodiversity of the area, this is your last chance. Read the draft plan and make your views heard. If you don't, your silence will be accepted as agreement and the final plan will quide all local development until the next planning cycle is completed.

Celebrating Funding successes

Congratulations to the "The Big Shed" and Loch Tayside Community Interest Company (p27). Their funding achievements will enable them to develop their plans. Their example shows what can be achieved by communities when they work as a team.

The Breadalbane Folklore Centre has a new waterwheel (p25). We still feel that an opportunity was missed in that it cannot generate electricity as it would have set a good example of renewable sustainable energy for visiting tourists and local schools, but then I suppose Folklore implies looking backwards rather than forwards.

Project for Killin?

The Hadyard Hill Community Energy Project achieved funding to assess and insulate all properties in the community using cavity wall and roof insulation. The project also involved educating adults and children, as part of their school curriculum, in energy saving procedures. To fund the project they used money gifted from a local windfarm, grants and benefits and won awards for the quality of their scheme, 748 houses were surveyed, 469 received significant energy efficiency measures and the overall reduction in carbon emissions was 744 tonnes per year. The energy agency, a registered charity, developed from this initiative and is funded by the Scottish Government to help other rural areas to follow suit using a variety of funding sources. Fintry is currently involved in this process and Comrie, with a similar initiative, has just received £300,000 from the Climate Challenge Fund for their plans to reduce carbon footprint. The Killin Community Council and KAT should jointly consider whether this would be acceptable here.

Front Page: Sunset behind the Killin Mountain Rescue vehicle.
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Duncan McNee

Private Duncan McNee was a piper with the Black Watch who died during the First World War. His brother William was Molly McRobbies' father and his brother James was Duncan McNee's father. James (Jimmy) and Christina (Chrissy) McNee, his parents, (see census) lived at Burnbank latterly.

The War Graves Commission tells us that Private Duncan McNee, S/5420, 1st Bn., Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) died on 23 April 1917 and is buried at Fosse No.10 Communal Cemetery Extension, Sains-en-Gohelle. Sains-en-Gohelle is an old mining village 20 kilometres north of Arras in the direction of Bethune. Fosse 10 is by an old mine and group of miners' houses on the southern outskirts of the village, approximately 10 kilometres west of Lens.

The first Battle of Arras commenced in April 1917. It is likely that Duncan lost his life in this engagement as five Black Watch battalions were involved.



They made some progress then held out against fierce counter attacks. The second and third battles were less successful but many lives were lost. Official casualty details for the cemetery: UK 257, Canada 214, Australia 1, Total Burials: 472



An extract from the 1901 Census transcribed for the Killin Heritage Society shows Duncan aged seven at home in Ballecroisk with his family

Name	Forename	Relationship	Age	Occupation	County of birth
McNie	James	Head	44	Coachman	Perthshire
McNie	Christina	Wife	43		Perthshire
McNie	James	Son	15	Tailor	Perthshire
McNie	Lizzie	Daughter	13		Perthshire
McNie	Duncan	Son	7		Perthshire
McNie	William	Son	5		Perthshire
McNie	John	Son	3		Perthshire
McDonal	d John	Boarder Single	24	Grocer's Tanman	Perthshire
Duncan	William	Boarder Single	19	Grocer's Shopman	Perthshire
Rennie	William	Boarder single	25	Shepherd	Perthshire

School Entry Details

12th September 1898, Duncan McNee, Father James McNee, Main Street (Killin) Date of Birth 25th July 1893

End of an era at Ben Lawers



David Mardon retired from the National Trust for Scotland at the end of October after managing Ben Lawers for almost thirty years. The property, bought by the Trust for its renowned botanical interest, has national and international designations to protect rare alpine plants. Thanks to David, it is now also recognised for pioneering management work to conserve some of the most threatened plant communities.

David, a keen mountaineer and

skilled botanist, is responsible for most of the ongoing initiatives at Ben Lawers. Soon after his appointment he started an extensive monitoring programme to take stock of the mountains' flora and rediscovered a plant thought to be extinct. The information gathered led to the current work to promote species recovery and restore damaged habitats. He also began vital and continuing work to tackle extensive erosion on the routes to the most popular summits. Colleagues both within the Trust and in partner organisations will miss David's passion, tenacity and vision and his willingness to share his extensive knowledge. He has been an inspiration to many. However, he is keen to maintain his ties to Ben Lawers and will be returning to

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Killin Heritage Society

Killin Heritage Society came into being to encourage an interest in the history and heritage of Killin and the surrounding district.

Over the years the Society has had a very varied programme with many local speakers on subjects ranging from ancient fire-making to tracing Scottish ancestry, from Glencoe to the Indians.

5th December our local speakers will be Dr Mairi MacColl and John Sinclair

6th February "Red Kites at Argaty, Doune, by Lynn Bowser **6th March** 'Gaelic Surnames' by Ian Fraser

3rd April 'Wade's 2nd Road North - Crieff to Dalnacardoch' by Colin Liddell

Newcomers to the village who want to know more about it's history are very welcome and we shall look forward to seeing you at all or some of the meetings. The meetings are held in the Lesser McLaren Hall at 7.30 pm. If you would like to join the Society the annual subscription is £7.00. per year.



The AGM of the Trust provided the first opportunity to elect Trust Directors. The new board comprises Willie Angus, trust chairman, Elaine Turner, vice chair, Helen Sinclair, company secretary, Margaret MacIver, treasurer and Charlie Grant, Trevor Shaw, Louise Morris.

The main purpose of KAT is to acquire assets for the village and use these for the Community Action Plan which was developed following extensive consultation with the people of Killin. Many of those aims could best be achieved by a resource centre when suitable property or land becomes available. However the Trust has decided to proceed on two elements of that development plan, a thrift shop that will provide opportunities to generate income for charities and the Trust, promote re-cycling and and also office space to rent.

Several other projects currently under consideration are being explored at the same time. Killin has no designated area for minor industrial development. The large Transerve vehicles beside the

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Station Car Park, have to pass through the village to get to that site. If Killin had a designated area outside the village, between Killin and Lix Toll it would give better access to the A85 and could be used for workshops, storage and other facilities that would allow for the expansion of small business and employment in the area. Killin historically used to have a substantial industrial base with at least three mills and houses in the village that were used for industrial activities. It is unlikely that such development would be permitted today. It is not possible for Killin to stay as it is, change is inevitable if it is to remain a vibrant community. In the longer term and when an appropriate site within the village becomes available a resource centre, with all the facilities sought by the village, is KAT's major priority. While the search for a site to use for a resource centre continues KAT is looking at other activities.

Last chance for you to influence the LL&TNP Local Plan

The Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park Draft Local Plan will be published before this edition comes out. There is still time to comment and affect the Final Plan.

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improve household insulation. Every house and business was assessed to see how adequately the buildings were insulated and how efficiently energy was used. Thermal imaging was used to demonstrate heat loss from individual houses. A game was used in the school, as part of the curriculum, to teach children about energy use and conservation. Of the twenty five who agreed to have their eligibility for benefits assessed, eight received an increase in benefits averaging £4,700 per year. Lower fuel bills throughout the project averaged £178. Some of the group have used their experience to set up a not-for-profit company supported by environmental grants to advise and replicate this success throughout South East Scotland

A public meeting will be arranged at which Michael Carr of energy agency will describe how to develop a plan to reduce carbon footprint in Rural Areas. Those interested in Killin, Crianlarich and Tyndrum are welcome. Posters and notices will be circulated.

and beyond. Killin has the opportunity to be involved in a similar scheme and in the near future we will be hosting a meeting for energy agency director, Michael Carr, to come and explain how we could run a project. Fintry and Comrie have already started similar projects. The meeting will be advertised around Killin, Crianlarich and Tyndrum as soon as it can be arranged and we would welcome your involvement.

Business involvementA meeting will be held with

A meeting will be held by KAT to discuss issues related to the Killin Business community. Look for posters displayed in Killin

representatives of the Killin business community at which projects currently under consideration will be discussed to identify the level of local support. Subjects will include the development of a small industrial area for affordable industrial units available for rent, the design and function of a proposed resource centre, and related business topics. As KAT represents the village we need your input and ideas. Some local businesses will be contacted but the meeting will be open to anyone who would like to be involved. If you wish to join as a KAT member facilities will be available at the meeting.

Representation

As KAT represents you, the people of Killin, we need you to comment on and where appropriate, support our activities. We are a voluntary organisation, working for you and volunteers are needed to make our plans come to fruition. Only plans supported by volunteers will be developed. If you feel strongly about any projects or would like to join KAT as a member please contact one of the directors.

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Bio Energy Development

Fergus Tickell of Northern Energy Developments, a bio energy development company, addressed the meeting outlining a proposal which is at the early planning stage for a plant to be developed between Acharn and Lix Toll. The 2 hectare site would be screened by the existing forest and the plant would burn low grade forestry material such as brash, small branches and stumps left behind following clear felling. This would be chipped on site and used for energy generation which would be fed into the national grid. The process produces excess heat which could be used in other operations such as the drying of wood pellets or compost acceleration. The plant would have the capacity to process 60,000 tons of material a year but would only source its material from a 30 mile radius round the plant. Access would mostly be by forestry tracks and would not significantly increase lorry traffic on the roads. The burning process is clean, with the main product from the flue being water. It would create 30 jobs, 2-6 on site, for moving and handling the material. The company has 2 other projects which are to be built in Argyll. Both have been approved by planning. The amount of ash produced by 60,000 tons of material would be approximately 1 ton and this could be used as bottoming for roads. A presentation booklet is available in the library giving more details about the project.

Cemeterv

The council has cleaned up the area and replaced gravel. Adjoining neighbours have been asked to trim overhanging shrubs. The kissing gate is to be repaired and the bench replaced.

Village Officer

Arthur has been asked if he would be prepared to take on the job and he has indicated that he would. Stirling Council have yet to respond to the request to implement the post. Councillor Paul Owen will try to sort out the problem.

Roads

The Council have been asked to deal with the poor surface recently laid on the Main Street and to re-instate the road markings particularly by the pedestrian crossing which presents a danger to children without the zigzag lines. This is to be requested as an urgent matter as it is not currently scheduled to take place until spring.

The Skip

This facility will not be lost while the work is being done at the turning circle. The bottle banks will be moved to the top car park by the Capercaillie.

Ballechroisk Site

Owen McKee reported that the vacent site will be built on with housing for local people and discussions are on going.

Flooding in Main Street Work done to help the drainage from the Fingal Road area has improved the situation. The drains in the park are still a problem. Stirling Council have agreed to allow Stewart Christie to arrange the scraping of the muddy area by the park gate and fill it with hard core to allow vehicles in without making the situation worse. There may be some funding available for the job. It will not be done until the spring when the ground is not so soft.

Sewage Works

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KAT

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Council

Cottage and a site to develop small business units. The possibility of using Silver Cottage for a Charity shop is being considered. There is to be a meeting of some of the business providers in the village to discuss the business units. Stewart Christie suggested that, if the Bio Energy company goes ahead with the plant by Acharn, it might be an opportunity for local business units to be built in the same area.

Planning

The owner of the Costcutter site is likely to appeal against the decision to turn down his application and may resubmit a new application.

National Park Plan

Owen McKee addressed the meeting and highlighted the opportunity for all community councils to attend the open evening at the National Park headquarters on 26th November to preview the draft park plan. This is a chance to amend the plan before it is finally drawn up. Communities will also have a chance to voice their views and, if there is sufficient community support for change, it will be considered.

Allan Hewitt has tendered his resignation from the Community Council due to work commitments.

Christmas

The lights which it was hoped would be obtained from Stirling Council cannot be used as the Council will not allow them to be connected to the street lights system.

Christmas Tree

Gordon Aitken will speak to one of his customers who may donate a 25ft tree.

Manse Brae bench

This will be replaced.

Dochart Bridge

There are cracks in the bridge and damage was caused recently by a car crashing into wall.

Village Profile volunteer

Helen Sinclair has asked for a volunteer to redo the village profile which she did some time ago. Most of the work can be done with data already available via Census returns and is a computer based project looking at numbers of people in the village, housing, services and

Next meeting

Tuesday 13th January, 2009 at the school.

Two Luves

Alone, she blew a farewell kiss And watched oor boat depart, Slow-sailin' to eternal bliss, Sad harbour of my heart.

Nae mair to brave the stormy main

And bring the herrin in; Nae langer the advantage gain Ower chiels a' set to win.

Anither star o' Scotland gone, A victim o' success; We fishermen, like fermers, shown

As fowkies in distress.

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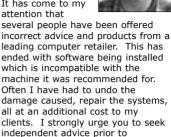
For people who wish to use their computer away from home, a laptop is ideal. For those who will only use the computer from one location, then a desktop system is more cost effective. You certainly get more power for your money with a desktop, but you do sacrifice mobility. If you do select a laptop, then the weight of the machine usually depends upon the screen size - and clearly the larger the screen size, the easier it is to use for people with poor eyesight. The advent of online television, radio and music requires us to consider the speed of the computer's processor, the amount of memory (RAM) and its available disc space.

If the computer is to be used for heavyweight internet gaming, then you will have to look at top of the range, expensive desktop machines with excellent graphics facilities. Many of us now have wireless internet and you will need to ensure that the new computer will work in your current network - there might well be a need to buy additional hardware. Wireless technology has advanced over the past few months, with the advent of very fast wireless, allowing you to play downloaded film, TV and music on vour traditional audio-visual systems via your wireless network. In order to make full use of this new technology you may well have to replace existing wireless hardware. There still is the debate about Windows XP and Windows VISTA, but some manufacturers, (DELL included) are offering hardware with XP installed, which also has a VISTA licence. This allows you to delay making the decision until later, but to have a no costs migration path. If you are looking at getting your first computer, then please understand that you will need to spend some time setting up the machine, and an hour or two setting up the internet.

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known that no one is in the post. Crossroads can provide training which can be done fairly locally for those who feel they would like to take on this invaluable role. The training is usually a one day First Aid course and a Moving and Handling course. Care attendants are paid but need to have their own car. Funding comes partly from the Social Work Department of Stirling Council and is supplemented by fund raising by Crossroads which is a registered charity.

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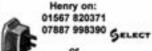
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Breadalbane Art

Thank you and well done to the 40local artists and photographers who took part in the first Breadalbane Art Week. Who would have thought there was so much hidden talent working away in the area? With around 180 pieces of work submitted, the unenviable task of deciding what to hang rested on two of the organisers. Jonathan Shearer and Dave Hunt. We are very grateful to them for all their hard work - as well as the beautiful work they submitted! Comments made by the many visitors and feedback since the exhibition ended have shown how well the Art Week was received. Preliminary discussions about next year's event have included increasing the number of local venues to enable more work to be displayed. Congratulations to Gill Hunt (one of our artists) on her first prize in a photography competition run by the Community Woodlands Association.

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AGM

Effie Crompton will be standing down at the AGM after three years as Chair of the Trust.

She has worked incredibly hard for the benefit of the Trust and all that it does - I wouldn't dare try and count the number of hours she has put in on a voluntary basis during her tenure - it would put most of us to shame. She will be a hard act to follow. Thank you Effie.

Joyce Russell

Development Officer 01838 400 545 strathfillancdt@btconnect.com

Strathfillan

Community Council October

There was a lively discussion on revitalising the area by renewing activities such as the flower show or introducing ideas such as a sloe gin club. Suggestions for improving communication between the organisations and suggestions included emails, representation at the CC meeting by other organisations, and a village calendar. The idea is to bring back the vibrant community spirit that has waned in recent years and encourage people to get out and support activities. Many of the ideas were those proposed in the Action Plan. Subsequently the SCDT produced a surprisingly long list of current activities many of which unhappily are not well supported. John Riley, Cameron Taylor, Alan Cory-Wright, Deirdre Burton and Rev. Liz Gibson will be looking at how to take this initiative forward and can be contacted with ideas or offers to help.

It was suggested that the CC look at the price of heating especially for those households with storage heaters. Some people are not using their heating because they are frightened of the cost and are not well informed about the best way to run their system. This problem is

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being discussed by the Housing Advisory Group where tenant representatives meet with Local Councillors.

A meeting between Cameron Taylor. Isla Craig, John Riley, Bruce Crawford MSP and Transport Scotland held in September discussed the proposed by-pass. Cameron reported that this was a one-sided meeting with no compromising from Transport Scotland beyond a pathway from Stronua and screening to reduce noise. The route was not up for discussion due to engineering costs and environmental concerns. Transport Scotland will be bringing the plans to Crianlarich at the end of October but it will not be a consultation, more a fait accompli. John Riley and other members have been seeking a way forward for the ACC which is meaningful and will have an impact. It has now been agreed that the role of the ACC is to lobby on issues that affect the lives of those living in the National Park. The first issue that will be taken forward is flood management and this will be headed by Brian Luti, Callander Community Councillor.

Community Council November

Gwenn Hunter from Inverarnan is a new Community Councillor. She has the support of the Community Council for compensation projects for the Inverarnan community for having the sub-station built close by.

The response rates to an accident in Tyndrum on the night of the 31st October were discussed. The Police. Fire and Rapid Response Services were all on scene within 1/2 hour and this was the best we could hope for due to location.

Broadband was down for 10 days in the Tyndrum area. Each complaint was treated as an individual issue until Anne McGuire MP got involved when the problem was sorted within 24 hours.

200th Eco-Congregation

Strathfillan Parish Church has become the 200th church in Scotland to register as an Eco Congregation. Eco churches are taking action on environmental issues through Eco-Congregations, both by making practical changes in the church and by encouraging local community involvement and awareness. In order to beat climate change we need all hands on deck - it may be a global problem, but it is also the great moral issue of the day, and local communities must be central to the solution. On 13th November in Edinburgh Rev Liz Gibson, parish minister of Strathfillan, accepted a certificate from Green MSP Patrick Harvie and thanked everyone who had worked to build up the Eco Congregation movement. Right Reverend David Lunan, Moderator of

the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland sent a message praising the group's success and asked parishioners across Scotland to raise awareness of the Eco-Congregation movement in Parliament and beyond. He congratulated the people of Strathfillan and hoped that many other Churches across Scotland would take inspiration from their success.

Rev Liz Gibson

Rev Liz Gibson receiving the award







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Strathfillan Award

John Riley, one of the founder members of the Strathfillan Community Council and Strathfillan Community Development Trust was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. He was delighted to have been offered the MBE as he felt it was good to have the successes of the Community Council and the Trust and the talents of the people he has worked with over the vears recognised in this way. John and his wife Barbara came to Tyndrum from Dundee in 1982. They owned the Invervey Hotel until 2001. John has just published a book, Journey to Perfection, Glen Strae Press, ISBN 978-0-9560690-0-9 in which he discusses his view on personal spiritual development. In 2004 he promoted internet democracy in partnership with Napier University. That group is now called Scottish Communities Together. Many congratulations.

Visit to **Buckingham Palace**

When I heard I was to be awarded an MBE I expected the investiture to take place at Holyrood so I was surprised to be invited to attend Buckingham Palace on Thursday 16th October. I was apprehensive that British Airways might lose our luggage, including our kilts and was pleasantly surprised when it all arrived in Heathrow. The atmosphere in the Palace was warm and welcoming and the guests and recipients were separated: Barbara. Jennifer and Andrew were escorted to the ballroom where the ceremony took place and watched the whole proceedings, accompanied by orchestral music. I was escorted into a reception room, where all recipients were instructed on the correct procedure during the ceremony. The recipient's name is called, the reason for the award announced, the recipient steps forward a few paces to stand a yard or two in front of Prince Charles, who stands on a raised dais. The ladies perform a small curtsy and the men bow their heads. The recipient steps forward and stands with feet near to the dais. The groups were ushered in groups of about 15 people in descending alphabetical order; the ladies first and then the gentlemen, so the male MBE's with names like O'Grady, Riley

and Young, were the last to be called. My Group gueued up in a corridor adjoining the ballroom. Prince Charles congratulated me on my traditional Scottish outfit and asked me how I managed to find the time for all my community activities. We then discussed Community Futures and the pioneering role played by Strathfillan. After pinning the medal onto my jacket he shook my hand, which was a signal for me to leave the ballroom and proceed to a nearby room to receive the box and booklet. It was a most memorable occasion, which I greatly enjoyed and appreciated. John Rilev

Crianlarich **Primary School** donation

GallifordTry Rail has been working on the railway viaduct at Crianlarich.

Rivets had to be removed as part of the work. The team very kindly took the metal to a scrap yard and have donated the proceeds to Crianlarich Primary School. Thanks to Michael Brand and his team, the children now have £80 to help pay for their Christmas Party on Thursday 18th December in Crianlarich Village Hall. **School Christmas Carol Concert**

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday



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Christmas Card Post

To help us raise funds for our school we will be hand delivering Christmas Cards in Crianlarich Village. There will be a box in the village shop where cards can be left for collection. We ask for a suggested donation of 20p per card and then the pupils from Crianlarich primary school will deliver your Christmas Cards to your friends, family, and neighbours in Crianlarich Village. The school post will run from Monday 24th November until Friday 12th December.

Health Week

Crianlarich Primary School had an extraordinary health week. The whole school had sessions in hip-hop dancing and a session of Earth ball with our fitness instructor Claire Pebbles. A club professional came to teach us how to play golf. We enjoyed it very much. In hip hop dance we learnt some funky moves which we made into a routine, it was



very good fun and it got our hearts beating, "It was brilliant," said one of

When playing with the Earth ball, a large blown up ball, we got the different classes working as two teams. We played a game of splat where you have to roll the earth ball to try to hit the person in the middle of the circle of children.

In our assembly the P1-3 let us try

some of their home made turnip soup and read the story the enormous turnip, most of us liked the soup but a few didn't. Overall we had a very eniovable eat.

Later on in the week, P1-3 had circus skills and they were outstanding at it.

Caitlin and Beth

During health week P1-3 took part in healthy activities. The juggler made us laugh because he was funny. He taught us circus skills. It was fun. We all enjoyed the hip-hop dancing because we all liked the music. A man came and taught us how to play golf: it was hard but it was fun. We read the story of the enormous turnip and made some soup; it was yummy. At assembly, we acted out the story and we shared the soup with the rest of the school. They thought it was vummy too. Health week was fun and we loved it.

Jadvn P3

Crianlarich & Killin **Primary visit Dynamic Earth**

Primary 4-7 went to Dynamic Earth and we all had a great time. Dynamic Earth is a science museum next to the Scottish parliament building. The

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There were workshops that were fabulous. The two men leading the workshop showed us a humongous hairy type of spider that lives in the rainforest. They also showed us real live rainforest leeches and much more.

There was a time machine that took us right back to the big bang. We also went in a big Earthquake that made the floor shake. We went flying over mountains in the Ice Age. Luckily they kept us nice and warm. After that we went to a real live rainforest thunderstorm. There were animals in the trees and they got very wet. It was amazing. Unfortunately, we ran out of time so missed out on the last activity. It was a really good school trip!

Christmas Fayre

Crianlarich Primary School is having a Christmas Fayre in the Crianlarich Village Hall on Thursday 11th December, the fun starts at 1p.m. There will be art and crafts for sale, a raffle, lots of fun games to play, and lots more! Tea, coffee, and mince pies will be served.

Please come along and bring a friend!

Carys and Heather

Exit Youth Group



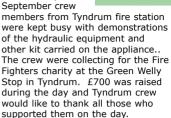
Jordan Ferns demonstrates spinning plates

Exit Youth Group, which is based in Crianlarich, is up and running for the new 2008/2009 session. The group gives the young people from the Strathfillan area the chance to get involved in various activities such as arts and crafts, sports, team games and also provides an area for the young people to hang out. On 30th October the group had a visit from Steve, who taught us various circus skills. These included spinning plates, juggling, spin stix and racing cups. Both the juniors and seniors enjoyed the activities. The group would also like to thank all of the committee members, staff, parents and other volunteers for their continued support which makes the group so successful!

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They came fourth overall, eventually being moved off 3rd spot by Graham Clarke's 2.5 Subaru Impreza in the hotly contested 2008 Hytorc Scottish Tarmack Rally Championship. The championship consisted of eight rounds starting with the Dunfermline Car Club stages in Fife in March. In the Pendragon stages sponsored by Stobart Rail in the north of England, Allan and Cameron finished first Scottish registered crew. The championship finished at Crails Kingdom on 1st November.



Don't tread in the Ectoplasm! Over the years there have been a few occasions when I have come across a weird blob of colourless jelly out on the hill, sometimes on the lower ground or even really high up. If I had guests out with me they, like me, would wonder just what it was. A few weeks ago an early morning radio programme had a query about this and was looking for explanations. Of course there were many and quite a few claimed that this appeared after a meteor storm. This was not proved but biologists did explain that this could be a clump of a unicellular organism known as slime mould. The really scary thing is that experiments have discovered that this is found in and can move over all types of terrain, climb trees and even find its way out of a maze. It's all a bit weird but, as yet, little green men have not been observed at the sites. It makes you wonder though if this could be the reason why wild hill venison cannot be sold as organic just because you never know what

the deer has eaten. So organic venison has to be from farmed animals. Ospreys seemed to be late setting out for Africa this year and one was seen near Loch Lomond and at the Lochay



power station well into October. There is concern about several species of tagged migratory birds as so many of them come down and it is wondered if the tiny transmitters affect their magnetic direction-finding sense.

It's been interesting how many more small birds come in to feed at our garden since the pheasants finished. Many wild birds depended on the pheasant feeders for survival. But it is a privilege to have them visit us. Not quite as cheeky as the pine martin who keeps using my wellies by the door as a toilet! Or as the fox who popped out of the shed

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2008 Trials Motorcycle Championships

The Scottish Championship, the final round of the 2008 Trials Motorcycle Championships, consists of 8 rounds in locations all over Scotland. The last round was held near Banchory, Aberdeen and the 3 Killin boys, Robert Lafferty, Andrew Anderson and Jonathan Devlin again took part.



Robert Lafferty

points won out of a possible 160 over the year and winning the final 2 rounds by an outstanding margin. In B Class Andrew also won and finished first in Scotland in his class. winning 5 of the rounds and finishing second in the other 3, gaining 151 points out of a possible 160. A fantastic achievement.



Jonathan finished the championship 4th with 96 points. Being new to the sport and finishing in those positions, both boys have done incredibly well. In the Lanarkshire Club Championship Robert won C Class, having won all the rounds he competed in. Andrew won B Class, having won 5 out of 6 of the rounds, finishing on 97 points out of 100 and being closely followed in second place by Jonathan on 86 points.

The 3 boys have performed superbly and have made Killin a place to be wondered about in the . Trials world - a small village like this producing Scottish Trials champions.

In 2009 the boys move up a category to the next class and will also travel to England to compete in competitions there. We wish them all the best.

Well done to all three and to the behind the scenes adults. Keep up the good work.

Karen Lafferty



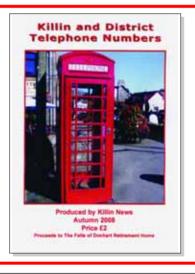
Andrew Anderson

In C Class Robert had an outstanding day and finished first, leaving him second overall in Scotland in the championship table, beaten by only 4 points, with 145



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Mervyn's Weather

Lammas is a term rarely used nowadays. Apparently the word was originally "LOAF MASS" and referred to August 1st, commemorating St. Peter's miraculous deliverance from prison. Later Lammas Day became a Scottish legal quarterday along with Candlemas, Whit Sunday and Martinmas. Lammas tide covered the first few days of August. In weather lore the fairly regular hot. humid spell around the end of July known as "The Dog Days" was often followed by a period of heavy rains which in Ulster we called "The Lammas Floods". In a "good' summer this unsettled recurrence might be by-passed.

Early August 2007 and again in 2008 produced good examples of Lammas floods with, in places, extreme results. Depending on the positioning of the low pressure systems which cause these deluges, it can be the eastern seaboard that bears the brunt of the precipitation, rather than the more normal fate of western areas, as witness the inundation of 2007 around Fife and

Kinross and in 2008 St. Andrews area and further south.

In August 1948, while in Army service stationed at Riccarton House – now the Heriot-Watt University – I well remember the devastation which visited S E Scotland from the Lothians to Berwickshire. Daily rain from 6th–13th of August culminating in the destruction of many road and mainline rail bridges as well as grain crops totally ruined, first by excessive rainfall then by gale force winds which completed the depredation.

The Lammas Fair in Ballycastle, Co Antrim, is still an ongoing event and even has a song in its honour. In St. Andrews also there was a Lammas fair which indeed may still be held.

The summer/early autumn we have just endured competes with the notorious 1985. The brief relatively quiet spell towards the end of September did help those in the arable areas struggling with the grain and potato harvest, although hereabouts its only qualification was

that it didn't rain – as much! – but was stagnant and windless with a bare minimum of sunshine and virtually no "drouth" so that anyone attempting silage work or late hay was bereft of encouragement weatherwise.

At one time the spring and autumn migrations of geese were a regular sight, using the corridor of the Ardtalnaig glen linking with Glen Lednock. Recently, however, these skeins of birds seem to favour Glen Ogle through to Glen Ample - for what reason I wonder? October has continued the rather monotonous theme of rain and gales. A change to northerly winds might help.

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One such rescue, in February of this vear, involved hill walker Carole, who had a tumble of 250ft down icv hillside, the last 60ft of which was a sheer drop over a rocky buttress. Carole and her partner, Stuart, had finished their climb of Cruach Ardrain, near Crianlarich, and were descending on icy turf and across verglass covered rocks, when she had her fall. Stuart came down to find her unconscious and with lifethreatening multiple injuries. Leaving her, he had to walk back up the hillside to get a mobile signal to contact the Police for help. Crianlarich Police coordinated the rescue, requested a helicopter to assist, and mobilised the Killin MRT. It was fortunate that a helicopter from HMS Gannet, Prestwick, was in the area and diverted to help. They swiftly located Carole and winched down their Medic and three members of the Killin MRT. Carole was quickly made ready for



Casualty Carole meeting with team Leader Willy Stitt, deputy team leader Stewart Inglis, and PC Craig Murray, Crianlarich police, at Crianlarich.

evacuation and lifted gently across to the stretcher and strapped into a warm casualty bag, before being winched into the helicopter and flown to the Southern General Hospital in Glasgow.

The Killin MRT, then out of radio and mobile communication, were left to tidy up and walk off to

Inverlochlarig, Balquihidder, where they received a very welcome cup of tea and a dram at the keeper's cottage. Later the Police described Carole as having 'multiple injuries including head wound, fractures to several lumbar vertebrae, fractured pelvis, fractured ankle and damage to internal organs'. She has spent much of the summer in hospital recovering from her injuries but took time recently to come back to Crianlarich to meet the Police and the members of the Killin MRT who had helped her. She and her partner kindly donated money to the Killin MRT. Stuart expressed his thanks to all Killin MRT, Aircrew and Police for what he described as "a



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John Wyllie

Dug's Eye View

One fine spring afternoon in April, before heading home from our seasonal pitch at the Clachan Caravan Site, those who must be obeyed (suppressed belly wobble) decided that me and my mates, Archie and Scooby, would go for a stroll up the forest track at the back of our site. Sounds innocent enough doesn't it? But let me tell you, having ventured into some pretty wild places in my time, I decided that here was a place I could really

cause anarchy. Not half an hour into our stroll I got the scent of a deer and I was off - despite the protestations of those who must be obeyed (chortle). Before I knew it the deer had disappeared and I found myself on a ledge with a hundred feet to climb or a hundred feet to abseil without a rope - or so it seemed to me. I decided to inform the those who must be obeyed of my predicament and he, looking like Sylvester Stallone in Rocky the seguel and she, looking like Julie Andrews on crack, tried to climb up the gorge whilst I was cragfast.

They soon gave up on this idea and called out a Teddy from his bath and a man who gets his chest waxed on a regular basis. Little did I know that this cast of 'Carry On' characters included very brave people who go anywhere at anytime for anyone, including a dog, or that they included a highly competent leader, a rock tiger, a paramedic shepherd (do sheep need defibrilation?) and a couple of other very decent chaps.

Suddenly a rope comes down on to my ledge, followed by a very hairy person who asks if I would like to sponsor him for a quadrathalon his was competing in. "Not now Drew" I said as he didn't seem to think we were in this really serious predicament, I admit at first I wasn't too impressed by this big

hairy monster coming down the rope, but then I realised he had a rucksack and remembered rucksacks contain food. Alas, all Drew pulled out was a ruddy great rope. I thought to myself "I can't eat that" and was about to run off, when I remembered I was on the ledge and thought "damn it, it's gone tea time and I need to get out of here". So I suffered the indignity of letting him stick me in the rucksack. When Teddy and those other very decent chaps pulled me up I got stuck on a tree and thought to myself I should leave a small donation in his rucksack for him to savour and appreciate at a later date but, as I know from those who must be obeyed, humans don't seem to appreciate the finer smells in life. So I was delivered back to our caravan at 9.45pm but those who must be obeyed seemed to have a few problems. She had a whole bottle of wine with a straw in it and he the same, but his eyes seemed to be very red.

Shuggie

'Those who must be obeyed' say a heartfelt thank you from us and Shuggie and anyone else who has had the misfortune and the pleasure and the sheer relief of meeting Killin Mountain Rescue Team.

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MRT to be charged for radio use?

Ofcom, the communications regulator, is consulting on planned changes to the radio broadcasting spectrum which could result in Mountain Rescue Teams being charged for radio frequency use from next April. This could be a problem for small teams such as Killin's who would simply not be able to afford charges for these vital links. Proposals allowing for 100% discount for such organisations to be incorporated in the changes are being pursued, supported by Stirling MP Anne McGuire.

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Perthshire Open Studios

This event was held all over the Perth and Kinross area including venues in Killin and Strathfillan from 27th September to 5th October. Art work was displayed in The Studio, Killin, The Steading, Wester Lix, Inverhaggernie Farm, and Tyndrum Village Hall. Many local artists were involved under the direction of Dave Hunt and Johnathan Shearer. It was good to see the spectrum of talent in the area and we hope it will continue next year.



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Twice over the centuries the entrance to Bethleham's Church of the Nativity has been made smaller. The purpose for this in the second case was to keep marauders from entering the basilica on horseback. It is now referred to as the "Door of Humility" because visitors must bend down to enter

As we age, bending our knees becomes more and more difficult and painful. In the physical realm, some people courageously undergo knee replacement surgery. To avoid years of increasingly painful joint damage, they endure an operation and several weeks of convalescence.

As we celebrate Jesus' birth this month, it is good to remember the Door of Humility, for it reminds us that we all need new knees in the spiritual realm - knees that will bend in submission to our Creator. "Humbly" is the only way to enter the presence of God.

What better way is there to honour the One who bent so low to bring us salvation and peace with God?

Ladd Fagerson

Christmas Message

What do we expect this Christmas? "Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue." No, that's one version of an old wedding rhyme. But we could start there for Christmas! "Blue", well not for Christmas. The colour we most associate with Christmas is white. At the moment, a white Christmas certainly seems a possibility.

Christmas is not so much about "borrowing" as "giving and receiving" as I am sure the children will tell us. Whatever the economic climate, I'm sure they'll not miss out.

Christmas is also a time when we are reminded of the angels' message of peace. Supremely, peace between our God and His people. In this troubled world we are only too aware that many are far from living in peace. Once again our prayers are for peace and justice and equality for all.

As we come together at this time of year, let us remember the "Old, old story of Jesus and his love", a story told simply to young and old alike. The story which tells how "Love came down at Christmas" will be sung once again during our celebrations of Christmas.

Let us look for new beginnings as we draw near to the Christ child, that he may be "born in us today".

May you all experience a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

The Rev John Lincoln

Forgotten Money?

Do you have money in a forgotten bank account? The latest figures from HBOS show that it has reunited more than £18 million of dormant funds leaving £29.2 million still to be claimed. In the Stirling constituency alone, they have identified 69 dormant accounts. The total balance of these accounts is £9,440; which works out at an average of £137 of unclaimed funds per account. Proposed legislation will see funds from these accounts going to worthwhile causes, so it might be worth checking whether you have unclaimed dormant funds via the British Bankers' Association on www.mylost account.org.uk.

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Waterwheel officially opened

The new wheel at the watermill at the Breadalbane Folklore Centre was officially opened in October. The historic waterwheel has been given a new lease of life, thanks to funding by the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority, Historic Scotland and Stirling Council.

The giant waterwheel, which dates back to the 19th century, when meal was ground and tweed was woven



there, was completely stripped down and returned to its original Victorian design including the restoration of cast iron components and the manufacture of parts which could not be restored. The Killin Concervation Area Regeneration Scheme awarded the remaining £5000 towards the work. The scheme is jointly funded by the National Park Authority and Historic Scotland which award funding for general repair of historic buildings or the reinstatement of architectural detail, paying up to 70% of the cost of eligible work. Further information on the grant and what it covers can be found on the National Park website at:

www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park

Lands End to John O'Groats

Dr Anthony Twort walked a few extra miles on his way from Lands Fnd to John O'Groats when he broke his journey at Crianlarich to go and see his niece Sue Manning at Tombreck Farm on Lochtayside. At 85 he is no voungster and this is the 7th time he has made the journey since he started fundraising for Cancer Research



UK in 1974. He takes his time on the road relying on stamina and determination to achieve his objectives. He declined a lift a mile or two the Killin side of Crianlarich even though this extra mileage was outside his route. We have since heard that he has broken his walk to attend a family funeral in England but will resume again in the spring. He would welcome donations to Cancer Research UK, Unit 7400 Business Park N., Cowley, Oxford, OX4 2JZ (Please mention his name). Or you can send it to him, Dr Anthony Twort, 14 Deanery Road, Goldaming, Surrey, GU7 2PQ.

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The BIG Shed

The £385,505 from BIG Lottery Fund has been boosted by £91,036 from the Climate Challenge Fund so funding is now in place for building of the Big Shed to begin. A further £20,000 has been offered by Perth & Kinross Council.

The Big Shed will be a community owned and managed facility, providing a range of resources for the local community, including a commercial kitchen, small bakery, micro-brewery, engineering workshop, offices, studios and a multi-purpose meeting space. The building will be constructed with locally available materials by local trades people as a model for ecological building design and techniques.

The project is being developed by the Loch Tayside Community Interest Company, run by a board of directors elected by and from the three community council areas near the Big Shed - Kenmore and District, Loch Tay and Glen Lyon and Killin and District. The land has been gifted to the community by Tober Brown, owner of Tombreck Farm. The basic engineering and architectural drawings were

completed late last year and the next stage is to obtain building warrants. The aim is to complete the building by the end of 2009 ready for opening in the spring of 2010. Over the next few months we will be organising the materials and hiring the skills required and designing an Eco-building awareness programme aimed at local people. There will be a need to train some of the traditional trades in new techniques required for innovative materials and we will be coming up with a shopping list of materials and equipment. If you, or someone you know, would like to help us build the Big Shed then please get in touch.

The total budget for the build is £438,909 with an additional £118,828 for development and running costs in the first three years. As much as possible will be spent within our locality as we want our local community to benefit as much as is practicable economically from the project. Local individuals and businesses can tender for any of the work and materials we will be buying. People and businesses outwith the area will be asked to tender but, if local individuals or businesses can match the price or

justify any difference, then they will be given the contract. Anyone interested should please get in touch. In order to send out details of contracts available, we are building a database of skills available which will also be made public on our web-site so that other local people can access the skills they are looking for. If you have a skill that you want to trade then please let us know.

As an integral part of the building project we will be establishing an Eco-building awareness programme, open to anyone in the area interested in learning in situ. working with local and national vocational training and educational organisations to ensure maximum benefit.

You can contact any of the Directors or Company Secretary on any aspect of our activities at our office at Tombreck: 01567 829355: mail@bigshed.org.uk: or write to Loch Tayside cic, Tombreck, Lawers, Loch Tay, PH15 2PB

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Waiting for Godot?

The road from Stirling to Tyndrum is a main trunk road with no alternative routes beyond Callander to use when it is blocked by accidents. The distance from Tyndrum to Stirling is 50 miles. The alternative, by Balloch, is 68 miles. The distance from Killin to Stirling is 37 miles and the alternative through Kenmore is 70 miles. Blockages can occur on any route but, as most of us are aware, we seem to have more than our fair share on the A84/A85 where they cause a great deal of disruption. Warnings on display boards at strategic points could help to re-direct traffic at an earlier stage and help vehicle drivers to take the alternative routes rather than backing up at the accident site. Better information about when the road will be clear again would defuse some of the driver tension. The problem of road blockages seems to have become more frequent and last much longer. When the Community Council complained some years ago about

the delays, they were informed that long delays occurred only when deaths required that the accident to be treated as a crime scene. Now delay happens even without serious injury, as it takes up to two hours for a breakdown vehicle to arrive. The breakdown service that deals with crashed vehicles now comes from Alexandria - a distance of 47 miles from Killin and which increases the response time to between one and a guarter hours to two hours. resulting in long lines of obstructed

How does this delay affect us? People who travel to work report delays of up to 4 hours. Important appointments and international flights can be missed. School buses are kept waiting and carers and teachers are unable to reach their charges at the appropriate time. The police on the spot may be left managing the traffic for long periods waiting for the vehicles to be removed. Delivery vans and trucks, some of which may have driven long distances,

have their day disrupted to an unnecessary extent, sometimes having to change their arrangements in response to their tachograph readings. A major north/south route is obstructed with all that entails. While we can understand why it takes a long time, often four hours, for the forensic team to do thorough investigations when a death related accident has occurred, we cannot understand why the additional travel time from Alexandria needs to be factored in when we know that Lix Toll, the garage on the spot, could respond in minutes rather than hours. Is this the penalty for rural living, being organised by people who know nothing about our situation, care little about traffic management or the people outside

the area who live here? Whatever happened to decentralisation, supporting rural business and local

accountability? Please bureaucracy, give us a break.

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Killin Golf Club

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Jackie Crossan SLGA Flag Brooch - Liz Stevens

Cancer Relief - Laura Aitken Red Cross Eclectic (Scratch) -

Claire Thompson

Eclectic (Handicap) - Sheila Aitken Captain's Prize - Cathie Reid **Coronation Foursomes -**Sheila & Laura Aitken

Children First - Sheila Aitken, Susan McRobbie & Maureen Gauld LGU Pendant - Liz Stevens

Daily Mail Foursomes Elizabeth Ingram & Maureen Gauld Birdie Tree - Claire Thompson



Par Tree - Cathie Reid **Ladies Champion** Claire Thompson

Most Improved - Susan McRobbie & Maureen Burton

Mixed

Save the Children - Susan & Douglas McRobbie Lochay Trophy - Susan McRobbie

& Craig Forsyth

Dr Stevenson - Cathie Reid & Jim Atkinson

Senior Gents Medal Play off - Jock Guild



Alister Robertson Trophy -George Smith Willie Allan Trophy -Jim Ferguson Ivor Noble Quaich - Tam Bolton John Hall Cup - Jock Guild

Strange lights over the golf course

If you were coming down the Aberfeldy road past the golf course on Saturday 1st November you might have wondered about the strange lights on the course. It was the annual night golf competition in which 34 people in warm clothes (some in fancy dress) played 9 holes in the dark! We were so pleased that the night was clear and not too cold - a big change from last year when we played in the cold and wet. Armed with torches (not to be used when taking a



shot) and glow sticks (to enable us to be seen) we trekked up to our designated starting points for the shotgun start (provided by Anthony Dowling). Most of us had the advantage of knowing the layout of the course but 3 folk from St Fillans Golf Club had not played the course before - will they recognise it in daylight? It was a great night and fun was had by all - although the scores were certainly not brilliant! The winners on the night were Susan and Douglas McRobbie, with Evelyne and Jim Ronald winning the prize for the Scariest Couple. Thanks to Kay Dowling for organising this event once more - it really is a fun night. LS

Senior Trophy - Jock Guild Super Senior Trophy - Bill Rew

Gents

Monthly Medal Winners:

April - Laurence Brown

May - Gordon Aitken

June - Calum Frost

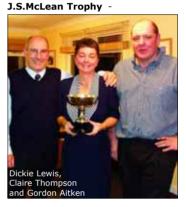
July - Calum Frost

August - Calum Frost September - Dickie Lewis

Medal Play off - Hamish Campbell Fourball Matchplay - Calum Frost

& Neil Forsyth

Foursomes Matchplay -Gordon Aitken & Dickie Lewis Grouse Shotaun Foursomes -Jim Ronald & Jim Atkinson



George Smith & Allan McHenery Jack Noble Stableford Hamish Campbell George Smith Trophy -James McLennan Fred France - Craig Fraser Captain's Putter - Calum Frost Arrochar Trophy - C Paxton Dr Wilson - Paul Melia Club Championship -Andy Cousins Flag Competition - Paul Melia 2 Club & Putter - Des Dillon



Stirling & District Association for Mental Health - Rural Access Service

The Rural Access Service supports people experiencing mental ill-health to live a fulfilling life in their own community and to enable them to achieve their goals. To access this Service you must be aged between 18 and 65 years and live within the rural areas of Stirling. If you or anyone you know could benefit from this Service please contact SDAMH on 01786 451203.

Why not test your knowledge in our Mental Health Quiz? There will be a prize for the most accurate answers, closing date Monday 15th December 2008. Just post or email your answers to SDAMH, 19 Dean Crescent, Riverside, Stirling, FK8 1UR or email info@stirlingmentalhealth.org.uk

Test your Mental Health IQ

1	Statistically speaking, mental illness is more common than cancer and heart disease combined? True/False
2	Which group has the highest level of suspected mental illness in Britain?
	Adolescents
	Ethnic Minorities
	University Students
	People over 60
3	The unit cost of providing services in rural areas is lower than in urban areas? True/False
4	More and more GPs are now prescribing exercise as a treatment for mild to moderate
	depression? True/False
5	Three in ten employees will have a mental health problem in any one year? True/False
6	A good balanced diet can help to prevent mental ill-health? True/False
7	People over 66 make up the largest group of people living in poverty in rural areas? True/False
8	Children and young people are too young to experience mental ill-health? True/False
9	Around 3 out of 4 suicides are by men? True/False
10	Farmers and farm workers have been identified as a group particularly at risk of suicide? True/False
11	Which of these mental health conditions is responsible for the most deaths?
	Paranoid Schizophrenia
	Bipolar Disorder (Manic Depression)

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Killin Prime

Health Week

On Monday we designed healthy tshirts and mine said 'Fruit is Fun' it took a long time to do it. It was good fun though. Then we went over to the park to do Archery with Tim and Ev. We had two targets and four boxes to aim from. It was lots of fun. Then we went and played a game of rounders in the playground. We played it with Miss McIntosh. It was so much fun it was the best bit. Then after lunch we watched a bug-busting DVD. It was so Yuckv!!! Then we did Orienteering in the park with Tim and Ev. Ellie and I were partners and we found all the characters first so we won!!!! YES

On Tuesday we started the day by going to the gym hall to play some indoor golf. We played it with Ian. It was so much fun. Then in the afternoon we made smoothies and made fruit kebabs and healthy sandwiches. Then we had fun while we were having a goodbye party for Heather. At the end of the day we had a fitness class in the gym with Lesley Moby. It was a very active and exciting day.

On Wednesday, in the morning, we had a dance workshop with a lady called Kim. We did street dancing in the gym hall it was so much fun. Then after break time we did some fruit collages and then we watched a milk DVD and then we made some posters to encourage people to drink milk and eat cheese and yogurt. Then in the afternoon we went in the park and did a football coaching session with Neil, it was tiring. When we got back to school we were all muddy and exhausted.

On Thursday all day we were in Edinburgh in Dynamic Earth at all the exhibitions. I had so much fun that I would go back any day!!!

On Friday, when we came in, we watched a rainforest DVD then we had lots of fun doing Earthball with Claire in the gym hall. It was really good fun!! We were so puffed out when we were finished!!!! Health week was the best one ever!!!

Morgan P.7

For the whole week it is health week HORRAY!

On Monday I was a bit tired (as usual) but when I looked on the

board in class I found out that we weren't doing any work (good). First we had Archery in the park and my best was on the blue. Before that we had Designing T-shirts. Next we went outside to the playground to play a game called Rounders (my favourite thing of the day). My team was Me, Sophie, Ellie, Ewan, Heather, Morgan and Bryony. I can't remember how many home runs I got. Ryan Riddell P6

On the Tuesday we did golf and I made my team lose (sob,sob). After that we made smoothies, mine wasn't very nice, after that we made fruit kebabs, all I had was melon and bananas chopped up.

Ewan Watson P6

Eco Group

The Eco Group continues to meet on Mondays. They have started work on improvements to the school playground. Huge thanks to Stuart Forster, Pat Hayes, Helen Cole, Alma Walker, Chris McLarty, Brian & Sammy Hibbert, Donald McLarty and also all the children who helped that day for all their hard work in assembling the shed for the school grounds.

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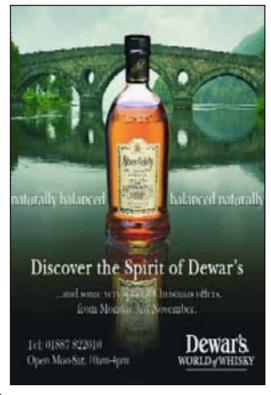
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Halloween Party

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Green Team

The Green Team is lead by the National Trust Rangers. The Winter Green Team meets once a month, on Saturday mornings from 10am-12 noon in the school wildlife garden on the following dates:

29th Nov Treading Lightly
13th Dec Trip to Argaty red kites
24th Jan Winter birds
28th Feb Making the most of maps
21st Mar Who's in the pond?

Please come dressed for the outdoors. If you would like to join the Green Team consent forms are available from Mr Lunan or Helen Cole, National Trust for Scotland.

Gaelic Club

The Gaelic Club meets every Tuesday from 3-4pm in the general purpose room of the school. If you would like to join consent slips are available from the school office.



Playground Development

The extensive developments to our playground have started! An enthusiastic team of parents and pupils has built two sheds. The larger shed will be

used for a variety of small group teaching and learning activities related to plants and animals. Shelves will be installed and plants will be potted up for growing in our school grounds. It will also be used when we build our insect hotel and for many other exciting outdoor activities. The smaller shed will house playground equipment and will enable children to pick and choose

different resources. This will help them become more active and create more opportunities for team games in the playground. A greenhouse will be built soon, along with many other developments over the next year.

After School Clubs

Killin kids don't need to feel bored! At Killin Primary School there are now two after school clubs as well as lunch clubs lead by the Primary 6/7 pupils.

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Ten year old Anna Holden has been a member of the Falkirk & Callander Taekwondo club for the past 2 years. She has progressed rapidly up to blue belt (red tag) and only has two more belts to complete until she reaches black. On Sunday 2nd November, competing at her first sparring competition, a UK wide event, she was delighted to win a gold medal in the 28kg category with a 7-0 points victory. This helped her club finally to win its first overall shield after 15 years of trying. The club meets at the McLaren Leisure Centre, Callander every Saturday 12.00-3.00 and Wednesday 7.30 - 9.00 and would be delighted to welcome any new members to the club, where they will learn the mental and physical discipline needed to become a true master. For more information or to discuss any particular aspect of Taekwondo contact Duncan Irvine at instructor@callander-taekwondo.co.uk or call 07713 193841.

Chris Holden



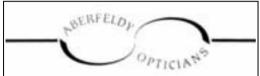
Robbie Player and Anna Holden with some other members of the Callander/Falkirk Taekwondo Club and their coach, Duncan Irvine Robbie and Anna were part of the successful team who competed in the recent Traditional Taekwondo British Championships and won the Team Champion's Shield for the first time in 15 years!

Pantomime News

As we get used to the darker nights and frost in the air, our thoughts turn to winter activities and once again the Killin Pantomime is in full swing at rehearsals. This year's tale is a blend of Sherlock Holmes and Dick Whittington's cat woven around stories of cannibals, rats, a shipwreck and all the usual goodies and baddies which make up a traditional show. We're pleased to see some old faces return to the stage this year accompanied by hordes of youngsters eagerly learning lines and dance routines. Rest assured that the show will be one of the "not to be missed" occasions and will bring lots of warmth to those cold January eveninas.

The dates for the show "Sherlock Holmes and the case of Dick Whittington's Cat" are 15th, 16th and 17th of January and in early December tickets will be on sale at News First. Please note that if you buy tickets on Saturday 6th or 13th December between 10 am and 12 noon, there is the option to select reserved seating for the show.

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Broadband Access

In the present digital age, access to broadband is a necessity for many and I am delighted to welcome the news that the Scottish Government's Broadband Reach project has begun to be rolled out.

Earlier this year, the Scottish Government asked members of the public to identify broadband access difficulties so that the 'reach' problem, where people cannot access broadband due to their distance from an enabled telephone exchange (ADSL), could be addressed. In total 3,800 eligible households and businesses across Scotland have registered for the program.

Broadband is a vital tool for business, helping drive economic growth and now used by an increasing number of households and students as standard. Whilst Scotland enjoys over 99% broadband availability, there are still those within the Stirling constituency without access. The area covered by the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park is suffering from particularly acute

access difficulties as the Trossach's exchange nears maximum capacity. I am aware that, in the current economic climate, providers in the area are unwilling to incur the expense required to increase the number of available broadband ports. Instead, BT is trying to solve the problem temporarily by using existing broadband ports from recently vacated premises. This solution is merely biding time. To coincide with the opportunities being offered to individuals under the Scottish Government's Reach programme, I have been urging BT and other providers to reconsider their decision not to expand local EA exchange capacities. I would urge all constituents facing difficulties with broadband access to join with me in writing to their local provider to express their concerns. BT can be contacted at BT Scotland, PO BOX 234, Edinburgh, EH12 9UR.

Bruce Crawford MSP

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Graduation



Gillian Smith graduated with an HNC in Early Education and Childcare at Forth Valley College in September



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Local Learning Opportunities

In the last edition of the Killin News we enclosed a questionnaire asking about the kind of classes we should have available locally. Not a huge response so far, so if you have any thoughts or ideas they would still be very welcome. As ever, classes that can be run are dependent on the availability of tutors, but we will work hard to arrange classes people want if we can.

Unfortunately we no longer have a direct local route for making classes happen since Suzanne Player's remit with Stirling Council changed a couple of years ago. But we will try and work with the Adult Learning Team at the Council to encourage them to support more activity up this way.

Meanwhile the Internet Learning Cafes continue in Killin Library on Thursdays from 10 - 4 and in Tyndrum Village Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays 11-4. There are lots of opportunities to learn, some very short courses in a variety of topics, so please come along and find out. All the Cafes are supported by a Learning Assistant, usually Heather Hamilton from Lochearnhead, who will make you feel very welcome and at ease

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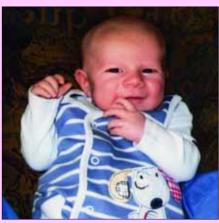
Celebrations



Left: Lieke May van de Coterlet. Born 5th May to Kerrie and Robbie

Right: Summer Rose 13th June 8lb 11 oz Proud parents Bailey & Gillian





Left:
Milo George
Millen born 7th
August to Miles
and Rebecca,
grandson of
Janice (née
Hogg) and
George Park



Caitlin Campbell Chisholm born 9th May to proud parents John and Louise. We would like to thank everyone for all the kind cards and gifts when Caitlin was born.



Humanist ceremony on 1st November Erica Chisholm of Crianlarich to Noel Maguire of Enniskillen at the Killin Hotel. Thanks to family and friends for making it such a special and memorable day.

Right:
Celebrating
the marriage
of Lesleyann
Wright and
Sean Mullen
on 13th
September at
Dunfermline
City
Chambers.



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Duke of Edinburgh Award

Thank you so very much to everyone in the village who kindly gave me their support by sponsoring me on my recent hike and camp in Balquhidder. Sponsorship is still coming in, but so far I have raised over £700 in aid of the Kiyan Prince Foundation. The Kiyan Prince Schools of Excellence are special

schools of Excellence are schools that promote health and social well-being and development as well an holistic approach to life, skills, success, achievement and education. My sponsored hike was part of the last section needed for my Duke of Edinbugh Bronze award. A DofE programme is a real adventure from beginning to end. No

matter who you are or where you're from, you just need to be aged between 14 and 24 and realise there's more to life than sitting on a sofa watching life pass you by. A Bronze DofE programme has 4 sections, Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition. You need be at least 14 years old to start a Bronze programme and you

must do a minimum of 3 months activity for each of the sections and plan, train for and do a 2 day (1 night) expedition. Achieving an award will give you skills, confidence and a view on life that everyone is looking for, from employers to colleges and universities. You're recognised for doing things you want to do (and may even be doing



already) and you'll make a difference to other people's lives and your community, be fitter and healthier, make new friends and have memories to last you a lifetime. And above all, it's a great laugh!

The hike started in Balquhidder on

Saturday lunchtime. From there we headed past Rob Roy McGregors grave into Kirkton Glen and up and over into Glen Dochart, where we camped for the night. The weather started out wet but soon cleared up into a nice afternoon and evening. It was cold overnight and we woke on Sunday to a bright and frosty morning! On Sunday we continued down Glen Dochart before heading up and over into Glen Ogle, finishing at Lochearnhead on Sunday afternoon. We covered a distance of approximately 16 miles. Thanks again to everyone for

Thanks again to everyone for supporting me and helping me to gain my Bronze Award and for also raising a huge amount of money for such a worthwhile cause!

Jessie Menzies

Ardeonaig and District W.R.I Ardeonaig and District W.R.I would like to thank Jim and his team for a very enjoyable visit to The House of Cantle. We were made to feel very welcome and enjoyed learning about what happens at Cantle.

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Welly Waddle

Tiddlers and Toddlers wish to thank all those who helped us raise over £400 for our sponsored "Wellie Waddle". It took place on a dry afternoon on 30th October and the children had a wonderful time kicking up the leaves! The money raised will be used to buy new equipment and, as from January, Tiddlers & Toddlers will be free and available on Thursdays from 1pm-3pm in the Church Hall.

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Where's the Money Gone?

While I understand that Stirling Council have an annual budget which is divided into different sections such as Roads, Schools Transport etc., articles in the October edition of the Killin News that mentioned Stirling Council made depressing reading. Tim Frost in the Frost Report said that the Council had no money to put up signs warning road users that there are Red Squirrels in this area. Maybe he should try the LLTNPA. Another article informs us that if the community wants a clean entrance to the Breadalbane Park then we clean it ourselves as the Council has no money.

Might the reason there is no money be because an inordinate amount was wasted erecting crash barriers at each end of the bridges in Glen Dochart? Or the fact that in mid October a tractor and cutter went up and down the Auchlyne and Ardeonaig roads cutting the verges? I see that there are now salt bins on Glen Ogle. Bet they didn't come cheap! I could go on but what is the point?!

Emma Paterson

Thank You

May and Ian McGregor would like to thank everyone who showed their kindness by sending cards, telephone calls and enquiring about Ian during his recent illness. Also special thanks to Jane Brown, first on the scene and David Robertson, who assisted Jane till more help arrived in the form of a second ambulance with staff. We are also indebted to Ian Donaldson and the fire service boys for their help. Ian was superbly looked after in Stirling and Edinburgh Royal Infirmaries enabling him to make the full recovery he has. Very many thanks to you all.

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We would like to express our sincere thanks to friends, relative and neighbours for all the support, sympathy and many kindnesses we have received over the last months. We have very much appreciated the cards, flowers and visits during this sad time. We would like to thank Dr deLaat and the District Nurses for their attentive and dedicated care given to Hector. We would also like to thank the Rev. Lincoln for his comforting words and all who paid their last respects at Killin Church and Cemetery. Thank you also to David Gauld and staff for their guidance and courteous service and all at the Bridge of Lochay Hotel (especially Lesley for the taxi service). Donations to Killin Nursing Association totalled £383.15

Molly MacColl and family



Hector MacColl with great granddaughter Skye

Jemima Harris 1921-2008



Jemima Haris died peacefully on 31 March in Stirling Royal Infirmary. Mima was a frequent visitor to Killin for many years as the youngest sister of Nan Bickerton formerly 4 Dochart Road. She was a nursing ward sister in Kilmarnock Royal Infirmary and latterly a Senior Nursing Officer. Mima was also a devoted family member, aunt and great aunt.

She loved Scotland and Scottish music. She was interested in reading and poetry. Her home formerly 2E Braehead Court, Kilmarnock and her friends and neighbours were her comfort and joy. She was a very supportive and charitable person who is missed much but beautifully remembered.

Norma Anne Macarthur (niece)

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Local Planning Applications

National Park

Week 36 ending 8 September Proposal: Formation of new stair access Location: 7 The Glebe Killin FK21 8TJ Applicant: Mr And Mrs Ridgewell Application Type: Household Alteration/Extension

Week 38 ending 22 September 2008 Proposal: Proposed one and a half storey extension to dwellinghouse with associated 6 No.dormer extensions and extension to existing garage to provide storage space Location: Millmore Main Street Killin Applicant: Mr And Mrs Duncan, Application Type: Household Alteration/Extension

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Date: 30.09.2008

Site: Land at the confluence of the River Cononish and the Crom Alt, Tyndrum. OS Grid Reference: NN 34009 28955 Breach: Unauthorised excavation/infilling of riverbank and construction of raw water intake structure

Action: On 24th September 2008 an Enforcement Notice and a Stop Notice was served on Scottish Water in terms of The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, s127. This action required the immediate cessation of all works comprising excavation/infilling of riverbank and construction of raw water intake structure at the site. On 23 June 2008 planning permission was granted for the Excavation/infilling of riverbank and construction of raw water intake structure' (Ref: LT/2007/0333/DET/S). A Construction Method Statement (CMS) was subsequently approved by way of condition however works took place that were not in compliance with the approved CMS. A precautionary approach requiring immediate cessation of all related construction/engineering work was considered necessary in the interests of protecting the river environment habitat on the basis that it is a designated site that supports an Atlantic salmon Salmo salar population, a European protected species under the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Flora and Fauna (the Habitats Directive). The National Park understands that Scottish Water are preparing a revision to the construction methodology details, in collaboration with SEPA and SNH, with a view to resolving the matter.

Week 41 ending 13 October Proposal: Proposed change of use of part of the filling station building from Class 1 (Retail) to Class 3 (Cafe) Location: The Green Welly Stop Tyndrum Applicant: Green Welly Stop, Application Type: Detailed Consent Decision: Approve with Conditions

Week 42 ending 20 October Proposal: Proposed extension/alterations to garage building

Location: Lix Toll Garage Crianlarich Killin

Applicant: Mr R Sangha, Application Type: Detailed Consent Decision: Approve with Conditions

16 October 2008

Site: Land at the confluence of the River Cononish and the Crom Alt, Tyndrum. OS Grid Reference: NN 34009 28955 Development: Excavation/infilling of riverbank and construction of raw water intake structure

Action: On 16th October 2008, the National Park withdrew the Enforcement and Stop Notices previously served on Scottish Water. Following service of the notices on 24 September 2008 detailed discussions took place among Scottish Water and their contractors, SEPA, SNH and the National Park, as Planning Authority, to seek a way forward that would provide for the required level of protection of the natural heritage of the River Tay Special Area of Conservation. The discussions culminated in the submission, by Scottish Water, of a revised Construction Method Statement for the construction/engineering works approved in terms of planning permission LT/2007/0333/DET/S. Following agreement by the main bodies on the revised statement, the notices were withdrawn and Scottish Water was advised that development in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above planning permission may proceed on site.

Week 43 ending 27 October Proposal: Change of use from retail shop (class 1) and redevelopment of site to incorporate 15 No. flatted dwellings and 1 No. additional small retail shop unit. Location: The Garage, Main Street, Killin Applicant: Lyndhurst Holdings Ltd Application Type: Detailed Consent Decision: Refuse

Week 44 ending 3 November Proposal: Change of use from agricultural/grazing land to storage site for vehicles and secure containers. (Temporary Period – 3 years) Location: Land North Of Dochart House

Lyon Road Killin Applicant: Scotland Transerv Application Type: Detailed Consent Note: Public Interest Potential Departure to Development Plan

Proposal: Change of use of redundant agricultural building to form two dwellings. Location: The Stables Suie Lodge Hotel Crianlarich

Applicant: Mrs Barbara Salisbury Application Type: Detailed Consent Decision: Approve with Conditions

Proposal: Formation of new stair access Location: 7 The Glebe Killin FK21 8TJ Applicant: Mr And Mrs Ridgewell, Application Type: Household Alteration/Extension

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to create an area of hardstanding. Location: Tyndrum Radio Station Crianlarich

Applicant: Scottish And Southern Energy Application Type: Detailed Consent Decision: Approve with Conditions

Stirling Council

Week 40 - 8 October 2008 Proposal: Change of use of old mill building to form dwelling house

Location: Finlarig Farm Outbuildings, Pier Road, Killin,

Applicant: Airies Property Management Ltd

Maintenance Matters

During the month of September the Maintenance Team have carried out a variety of projects throughout the Council area, including: - Killin

Week 42 – 22 October 2008 Proposal: Erection of agricultural storage building

Location: Drumnalarig, Killin, FK21 8TX Applicant: Grant Tigwell Application Type: Detailed Consent Decision: Approve with Conditions

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Proposal: Erection of farm shop and associated parking (in outline) Location: Morenish Farm, Killin Applicant: A F Allen And B J Snoxhall Application Type: Outline Application Decision: Approve the application

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Proposal: Replacement house Location: Morenish Cottage, Killin Applicant: Mr And Mrs R Graham Application Type: Full Application Decision: Approve the application

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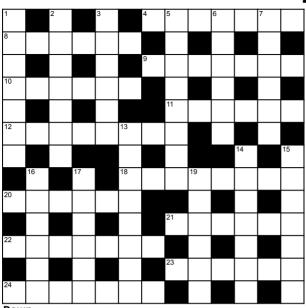
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- 2 A variety of choices (7)
- 3 Worthless bric-a-brac (6)
- 5 Hands free travel luggage (4-4)
- 6 Polonius advised his son not to be this (6)
- 7 Main buzzer I hear is a member of the US navy's Construction Battalion (6)
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- 9 Malicious talk (7)
- 10 Ive the mixture to pilfer (6)
- 11 Timing fixed in advance (6)
- 12 Loosely bound composition of popular tunes (8)
- 18 and 22 The choice is yours (4,2,2,5,2)
- 20 American soldier's vehicle muddled Churchillian symbols (6)
- 21 Write with this in open niblick (3,3)
- 22 see 18
- 23 I hear a communist relative in this insect (3,3)
- 24 I can be believed or defended (7)

Solution 106 Across

1 springtime 7 trumpet 9 antic 10 pram

- 11 iron 12 ego 14 icecap 15 lentil 18 gap
- 20 open 21 menu 23 upset 24 gnocchi
- 25 bended knee

Down

1 sausage 2 ripe 3 nature 4 trainset 5 metre 6 stepping out 7 school pupil 13 cavorted 16 treacle 17 wedged 19 posse 22 loon

- 14 Note Ian altered to suit well known school boy (4)
- 15 In favour of lure, I hear, concerning the validity of a will (7)
- 16 A hand that will make no tricks (6)
- 17 Smallish red garden flower (6)
- 19 On Christmas eve Ned was needed to smooth things out (6)

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30 St Andrew's Night at The Rod & Reel Crianlarich 7pm **December**

- 2 Craft Group Coffee morning Dall Lodge
- 3 McLaren Hall AGM 7.30pm Lesser Hall
- 5 Heritage Society meeting 7.30pm Lesser Hall
- 11 Church Guild meeting Fearnan Choir 2pm Church Community Rooms
- 11 Crianlarich School Fair 1.30pm Crianlarich Hall
- 13 Green Team meet School 10am
- 16 Crianlarich School Concert/Service 2pm Crianlarich Hall
- 18 Pensioners Christmas Party Rod & Reel Crianlarich
- 19 Killin School Christmas Show 11am McLaren Hall
- 20 Tyndrum Children's Christmas Party Tyndrum Hall
- 22 Crianlarich Children's Christmas Party Crianlarich Hall
- 31 Hogmanay Fireworks Dochart Bridge Midnight

January

- 1 New Year Dance McLaren Hall
- 12 Strathfillan Community Council meeting
- 13 Killin Community Council meeting Killin School 7.30pm
- 15 Church Guild meetin 2pm Church Community Rooms
- 15,16&17 Pantomime McLaren Hall (see page 35)
- 24 Green Team meet School 10am

Art Class

Tuesdays Church Hall 4pm-6pm

Babminton Mondays McLaren Hall 7nm

BVLC Internet Cafe

Thursdays Library 10am-4pm

Carpet Bowls

Mondays Lesser Hall 7.30pm

Brownies

Church Hall

3.30pm-5pm

Mondays

Fire Cadets

Mondays Fire Station 6.45pm

Guides

Wednesdays Church Hall 7.30pm-9pm

Keep Fit

Wednesdays McLaren Hall 7-8pm 8-9pm

Highland Dancing

Tuesdays Crianlarich Hall 3 classes 4.30-7.30pm

Quilters Group

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