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## Editorial

The Credit Crunch is showing some of its effects in Killin (page 5). The Breadalbane Centre, threatened with closure, will continue during 2009, the Homecoming Year, but the Ben Lawers Visitors' Centre has closed, at least for this season. It seems that we, in rural areas, must get involved if we wish to continue to have these facilities on offer in the future.

The Golf Club makes an appeal for members (page 13) as its income has fallen drastically. It would be a great loss to Killin and, as we have seen in articles in the Killin News, the youngsters, if it were to fold. Times are hard and new and innovative thinking is required to keep afloat.

2009 has the ingredients of a successful year for some. Current exchange rates favour Scotland as a venue so we must make the best of tourism. While the cost of fuel has increased we should, being fairly close to conurbations, benefit from visitors who take short local breaks in Scotland's rural countryside. Local producers and providers of services to local markets will have the edge on more distant businesses where transport costs are greater, however there is evidence that others, suppliers for the wider markets, may find this a difficult time.

Killin Library (page 18) now has an increased number of computer stations and an electronic book self check in/out system. A new electronic photo frame, presented by Killin Heritage and the Killin News, will share archived photographs with library visitors. Look out for surprises, you may be included. If you have old photographs you would like to share with Killin Heritage, please tell Kay and she will arrange for them to be copied and returned to you.

The Blend Concert achieved another notable success (page 4) with a very high standard of music provided by Siobhan Anderson, Rachael Lincoln and their friends before the main event, the Anna Massie Band. The Gaelic Choir, youngsters trained and led by Rev. John Lincoln, showed us just how much the children benefitted from his efforts and gave us an enjoyable and entertaining start to the proceedings. He is, sadly, finding recruitment more difficult, Gaelic singing having to compete with other more glitzy activities. We hope to see the Gaelic Choir again next year.

The Strathfillan concerns about the midwife issue received a reply and clarification about the running of the service from Stirling Community Health Partnership. This is presented unabridged (page 10). Please contact Mr MacDonald for further clarification.

The Killin and Ardeonaig Community Development Trust have received their first tranche of funding to pursue their aim of purchasing a property in Killin in order to set up a thrift shop and office. The energy project, now called Killin Cutting Carbon, has been slightly set back as a recent applicant for the Climate Challenge Fund was not able to apply for free cavity wall and attic insulation for all. While some will still qualify all will benefit from subsidies but fewer than was expected from previous applications. The plan will be drafted shortly and further information will be available in the next issue.

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**Cover photograph Ben Lawers Visitor Centre. (page 5)**

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# Library Upgrade

Musicians from the Blend Concert, who were to perform later that evening in the McLaren Hall, gave a short, energetic and engaging performance to mark the re-opening of the Killin Library on Saturday 7th March following extensive re-decoration. The new arrangements appear to give much more light and space to the area. The number of computers available to the public has been increased and an automatic booking in and out system gives more freedom to Kay Riddell, the librarian, to attend to other tasks.

The Killin Heritage Society combined with the Killin News to present an electronic 'photo frame' to the people of Killin to be held by



Jen Butterworth, Anna Massie and Mairead Green of the Anna Massie Band

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Kay Riddell, librarian, to allow its archive of electronic photographs to be displayed to the public with the aim of establishing links with the recent history of Killin. The photographs have been scanned from those given or lent to the Society. It is hoped that, having seen the display, people who have family or other photos of Killin in family collections will be encouraged

to share some of these with the Society. Kay is happy to arrange for photos to be copied and returned. Killin Heritage Society is particularly interested in any photographs that show places, events and people in Killin taken up to about 1980. It is hoped that viewers may be able to identify some of the people who are not already named on some of the photographs. The display system allows the viewer to stop the slide show and enlarge areas to provide a more detailed view.

The Killin News has also included a file containing photographs taken for issue 75 many of which were not published in the paper. These are a small part of the Killin News archives and the selection will be changed from time to time. If you attended some of the events you might even see yourself on the screen.

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# Blend Festival

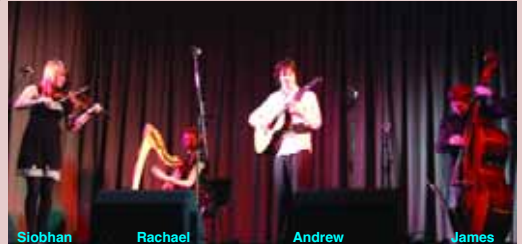
## Anna Massie Concert

The Rural Blend brings the very best young traditional players to the rural areas of Stirling. The evening commenced with Killin School Gaelic Choir conducted and trained by Rev. John Lincoln. The singing was accompanied by the enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment of the children who delivered a fine, entertaining performance. It is sad to learn of a diminishing participation in the choir due to competing interests and we can only hope it will continue as it offers so much in terms of confidence and skills to youngsters who participate. Congratulations to Rev. John Lincoln who has achieved so much in working with them.



Rev. John Lincoln and the Gaelic Choir

The concert this year again featured Siobhan Anderson on the fiddle, Rachael Lincoln on the clarsach, Andrew Watt (Panda) on the guitar and James Lindsay on the double bass, who played a wide variety of tunes including pieces written by members of the group. The audience were treated with rousing and thoughtful pieces interspersed with wit and banter, executed with a professionalism that engendered a feeling of admiration in what was achieved.



Siobhan

Rachael

Andrew

James

This was followed by the main group, Anna Massie, Jenn Butterworth and Mairead Green, professionals who have received a string of awards over the past six years and played with a vibrancy and vigour that kept us on the edge of our seats. A master of comedy links, Anna worked the audience until they responded with enthusiasm to everything the group had to offer. Her mother might have had additional comments to make! They played traditional and self composed tunes some of which were available on CD.



Jenn

Anna

Mairead

All in all it was a fine culmination to a most enjoyable evening.

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# Visitor Information?

## Changes at Ben Lawers

The National Trust for Scotland's Ben Lawers Mountain Visitor Centre will not be opening as planned from 1st April. The Trust will continue to manage this important National Nature Reserve for conservation and access. This includes pioneering work to restore threatened plant communities and management of 32km of upland footpaths. The nature reserve will continue to offer a programme of guided walks and events (visit [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk) or phone 0844 4932136) and self-guiding booklets for the nature trail on the lower slopes are available at the car park.

The conservation charity has been affected by the recession and has no option but to reduce operating costs by reducing the number of properties that run at a loss.

Visitor numbers to the centre have shown a declining trend during recent years and the net cost of operating the existing facilities contributes to the Trust's operating deficit. Costs of continuing to maintain the ageing building are increasing and recent legislative requirements like those relating to the water supply have also added to the financial burden.

A recent review proposed the centre be replaced with an unmanned interpretive facility, more in keeping with the mountain landscape and available for visitors throughout the year. Information on developing alternative visitor facilities will be made available as the project progresses. Information on Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve is available at the Reserve office, Lynedoch, Main Street, Killin.

The National Trust for Scotland is one of Scotland's leading conservation charities and relies on the financial support of its members to fund its important work of caring for the natural and cultural heritage of Scotland for everyone to enjoy. You can join the National Trust for Scotland for as little as £5 per month for a family. To become a member, visit [www.nts.org.uk/Join/Benefits/](http://www.nts.org.uk/Join/Benefits/)

## Changes at Breadalbane Centre

It came to light that the Breadalbane Folklore Centre was to close when its staff were informed by Visit Scotland that their employment would not be renewed for 2009. It appears that Stirling Council owns the Centre which is leased to Stirling District Tourism, a charitable company, on whose Board Stirling Council is represented. Visit Scotland has, up to now, operated the Breadalbane Centre on behalf of Stirling District Tourism.

Appeals made to Stirling Council by the Community Council and local people that this would be a great loss to the village, particularly in the Year of The Homecoming when so much of the revenue and employment in Killin is related to tourism, were responded to by the Council and a sum of £40,000 along with funding from other sources, was allocated to keep the Breadalbane Folklore Centre and the Old Town Jail in Stirling open for this season.

Visit Scotland has indicated that it wishes to pull out of its role in operating the Centre and the Old Town Jail in Stirling. Visit Scotland also has a lease on what is now called the Rob Roy Visitors Centre in Callander which is due to run out in two years time and there are proposals for that to be acquired by the local community. Stirling District Tourism have been affected by reduced visitor numbers at the Wallace Monument and are seeking ways of improving the sustainability of tourist attractions.

It could be that a sustainable role could be developed for the Breadalbane Centre especially if it is involved more with local people, local history, local providers and perhaps meeting the demand for information for local genealogy. It may be that the people of Killin could be involved in trying to forge a new role for this iconic Killin tourist attraction that would benefit both visitors and local businesses.

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## Newcomers at Breadalbane House



On February 16th Wouter and Desiree van Doorn from the eastern side of the Netherlands finally realised their dream of living in Scotland when they bought Breadalbane House.

They fell in love with Scotland when they came here on their honeymoon and love the wide open spaces, hills and stunning scenery, a vast difference to Holland, the most densely populated country in the world with a population of 16 million plus compared to a meagre 5 million in Scotland.

It is not however their only change. Wouter had spent the last 23 years as a computer programmer, commuting daily through the horrendous traffic jams normal in Holland. Desiree spent years in the teaching profession with both primary and secondary children but prior to coming to Killin had diversified into the role of secretary.

They are both very excited about the prospect of running Breadalbane House and are anticipating a healthy start to their new venture - as long as there is enough time to follow their hobbies of playing and listening to music, gardening and, in Wouter's case, a passion for photograph - no shortage of subject matter here... Welcome to Killin.

DG

## Think About It

Getting older does not have to mean becoming obsolete. It can mean growing, maturing, serving, venturing, enjoying life while we have it.

"Old men ought to be explorers" said T. S. Eliot. A friend of mine says "Have a blast while you last". To idle away our last years is to rob ourselves of what could be the best years of our lives. Some older folk may not have the energy or inclination for leadership, but they are an invaluable asset to the next generation of leaders.

The writer of Psalm 71 in the Bible wanted to pass on his understanding of God's ways to others, and he prayed, "When I am old and gray headed, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to this generation" (Psalm 71:18)

We also should remain open to the possibility of being used by God to enrich others' lives. Our greatest usefulness may be to pass our understanding of God on to the next generation.

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## Night Out for Curlers



A party of Keen Curlers descended on the Acharn Pond at 1.30pm on Sunday 8th February and cleared the snow from the ice ready for an evening of fun. The ice was marked with two rinks. The members arrived at 6.30pm and began to have a game. Although the ice was not great, it was good enough for about two hours - enough time for the craic with drams etc. Some members who had returned from playing in The Strathfillan Stone competition in Drimsynie joined in the fun. The following Tuesday a number of curlers returned at 6.30pm and started a game. Unfortunately the ice was very poor and after about an hour and a half the decision was

taken to leave the pond to avoid spoiling the ice as heavier frosts were forecast. James McLennan, from the Glen Orchy Club Tyndrum, who was immigrating to New Zealand with his family at the end of March, was invited down to join in the fun. He had with him his grandfather's curling stones which he had never been able to use since he was given them. His grandfather, the late Lorne Campbell, was a well kent and respected figure within the curling community. It was a most memorable night for James and one which we hope he will recall for years to come, in his new home. On Wednesday 11th February we had another evening of good craic. The

ice was in near perfect condition, being very keen. The latest frost had done its work well and after the ice was re-marked a good game was enjoyed on one rink. On the other rink some friends with their children joined in the fun. The children in particular enjoyed their own game of delivering stones to a target set up at the side of the ice nearest the shed.

After the game the usual banter took place in the shed. A good few drams were shared before the members retired for the night, satisfied with their exploits.

The Curling Pond was first used in 1878 and the Club was formed the following year. The last time outside curling took place there was January 2002 and this year was the first time curling has taken place since the new lighting was installed with part funding from Callander Round Table. The curlers included two of the stalwarts of the club, Chrissie Fenton and Doug Willison.

**Colin McRae**



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I have mentioned before about the danger of using Peer to Peer (P2P) applications to share and download software with other internet users and, after recent experiences, I thought it best to reiterate my concerns. Over the past few weeks I have seen several heavily infected computers, each of which have P2P applications installed, that were used to download software, music and/or videos. When you allow these applications to download software to your computer, you bypass all your internet security and there is a high risk that your machine will become infected with viruses. If you download pirated music, movies or programs, then you will pick up some of the worst viruses around. When there is no protection available, you will become infected and in many cases the only solution is to rebuild your machine from scratch, formatting all the discs and thus losing all your information and emails. Please note, that it is not the P2P application itself that causes the problem, it is the downloaded data that carries the viruses.

## Virut Virus and Other Real Nasties

The latest nasty viruses infect system files and applications and rapidly multiply throughout your system to such an extent that the expert community agree the only solution is to reformat your hard disc, destroying not only the virus, but also your data. If you then restore a backup of your data, there is a good chance that the backup itself will re-infect your system. One such virus is called Virut - if you see this on your list of infected files, you are in trouble. I am working to find a cure for these viruses but do not hold out much hope, as any cure would take a significant amount of time to disinfect the system and is likely to leave system files damaged. There is strong evidence to suggest that these types of viruses have infected machines whilst using P2P applications to download pirated music files.

## AOL, Firewall Software and USB Modems

One of the pains of my professional life has been trying to resolve issues with AOL connectivity, conflicts with Firewall software and getting USB connected modems to work. The



problems tend to occur when you have AOL Broadband and you connect your modem to your computer via a USB cable. The modem only connects to the broadband after your computer has started. If this process goes wrong, or your Firewall prevents the internet connection from being established, then you are in for a hard time. The recovery process is fraught with issues and even AOL telephone helpdesk engineers do not have the solutions.

My advice is that if you have to use AOL for broadband access (most of us do not have to use AOL) please ask AOL to supply you with a router to connect to the internet and not a USB connected modem.

**Mark Lincoln**

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# Frost Report

## Update on Favourites

Here is an update on favourite topics over the last few months based on a blether-in-the-street survey.

The latest Lyme disease study from the National Lyme Borelliosis Testing Laboratory at Inverness looks quite good. If ticks are removed within 24 hrs there is no risk at all of infection and the latest thinking on removal is to hold tweezers parallel to skin and pull away from skin. In a Scottish survey 2007-2008 only 43.4 people per 100,000 showed any signs of having been infected, 95% of people infected recover completely and the link to M.E. is only 5%. Private clinics are cashing in by testing, always giving a positive result and prescribing dangerous and expensive year-long antibiotic treatment. So if you're bitten by a tick don't get bitten by the clinics that are potentially more dangerous. Lyme disease affects the age group 60 to 64.

Not such good news for the squirrels. If greys appear in an area all reds will be gone in 10 to 15

years, never to return. If squirrel pox is present then it will be 45% faster. All greys have pox antibodies but only 4 out of hundreds of reds tested had them. Scotland has 75% of all British reds and efforts are being made to protect them by trying to keep a no-go area for greys which, as it happens, is near here. If greys are sighted they should be reported, trapped and humanely disposed of. As grey squirrels are an invasive species it is illegal to release them once trapped, the fine is £2,000. In Scotland The British Association for Shooting and Conservation (yes they do go together) are enlisting the help of gamekeepers to maintain this no-go area but English Natural Heritage are issuing licences for releasing them because of the 'cuddle factor'. (That's the squirrels not the gamekeepers.) Camperdown Park recently got into trouble for feeding greys to some of its animals for the same 'cuddle factor' reason. On the other hand, 600 have been killed in Scone in recent months.

The news of white tailed sea eagles is mixed depending on your point of view. They have taken a keen liking to hens and ducks in the absence of carrion. They are gregarious and tend to live in small groups like the 4 or 5 seen at Remony. The groups move around vast areas and have been tracked from Fife to Peterhead to Mull. They are magnificent birds but why are they on a more protected agenda than the golden eagle? And no one owned up to tracking them in a microlite as has been reported.

And lastly, the slime mould. The B.B.C. out of doors website has 26 pages of sightings and comments from someone who put it in water and watched it grow, to someone in the state of Washington who found it in their yard where the only animals that could cause it are raccoons. The latest D.N.A. tests at the Macaulay institute in Aberdeen are negative – it was contaminated – but with what . . . ?

**Tim Frost**

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## Strathfillan Community Council

The National Park Local Plan was discussed at the Community Council meeting on February 9th and approved. Gwenn Hunter prepared an application for the Community Pride fund for enhancing Inverarnan with tubs, a notice board, grit bins and salt spreaders.

A meeting held in January between National Park, Strathfillan Tourist Action Group and Community Council discussed the proliferation of signs in Tyndrum. The businesses recognised that proper signage is better than proliferation and as a result the amount of signs will be rationalised. Squadron Leader [Ret'd] John Gilbert of RAF CRO [Scotland] has been invited to Crianlarich on the 22nd September to give a presentation on 'Why the RAF needs to conduct low flying training in our area'.

It has been confirmed by Douglas Cairns, Transerv, that all the footpaths bordering the A82 in Crianlarich and Tyndrum should be cleared of snow by 5pm on the day following the snowfall.

Members of the Housing Sub Group have been busy responding to a survey to identify tenants' priorities for social housing, attending briefings on the 'Investing in Affordable Housing' consultation and reviewing Stirling Council's allocation policy.

Cameron Taylor prepared an application for the Community Pride fund for refurbishing the signs at the entrances to Crianlarich. Permission will be required from Transport Scotland before any work can start. John Riley will invite Michael Carr, project manager, Energy Savings Trust, to Strathfillan to give a presentation on how communities can save money on energy. This includes grants for loft and cavity wall insulation.

A reply was received from Andy Hynds, Project Manager, Transport Scotland regarding the proposed Crianlarich By-pass. The letter ends:

*This then marks the start of the formal consultation process where the public and those affected are invited to comment on the proposed scheme. Shortly after the publication of the draft Road Orders Transport Scotland plans to hold a public exhibition in Crianlarich for members of the public to come along and view*

*the scheme proposals and have questions relating to the scheme answered by the project team. The proposed Order publication and public exhibition has been delayed whilst we work on a number of issues relating to the Scheme. As soon as matters are resolved we aim to publish these documents and offer the community and wider public the chance to look at and comment on the proposals at a public exhibition to be held in Crianlarich. We will notify you beforehand as to the proposed date(s) of this exhibition.*

Isla Craig, Cameron Taylor and John Riley will contact Bruce Crawford MSP

The Community Council meeting in April will now be held on Monday 20th; it had previously been set for Easter Monday.

A letter was received from Eddie MacDonald, General Manager, Stirling Community Health Partnership explaining the changes in the midwifery and health visitor service in this area. Our complaint was not aimed at the local staff, who all do a great job, but at the changes made by Forth Valley Health Service and the way this has affected the patients. The reply letter is reproduced **unedited** here:-



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13 February, 2009  
Dear Mrs Robinson,  
Thank you for your letter of 29th January which I received on the 6th February concerning the Strathfillan Community Council's concerns regarding the changed midwifery service in the rural area and the health visitor service to the area. The rural midwifery service changed in the autumn of 2008 in order that the communities could receive an appropriate midwifery service. Changes in midwifery training at a national level meant that the Stirling CHP could no longer recruit District Nurse Midwives to carry out a dual role which is mainly District Nursing with a small midwifery component on a seven day per week basis. Changes in the training and education of midwives which includes pre-registration courses for midwifery offers direct entry to midwifery training. Student midwives work in a variety of practice placements including hospital and community settings. There are also changes to the continuing education needs of midwives to comply with the Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC) Post Registration Education and Practice (PREP) requirements of a minimum

of 5 days study or the equivalent relevant to all areas of registration every three years. The change in training and education of midwives has resulted in an increasing problem in recruiting to the dual role of district nurse / midwives to rural posts in the community. More and more direct entry midwives are qualifying but the current positions in the community are not open to them. These positions require not only a dual qualification but also a specialist practitioner community nursing qualification which requires practitioners to maintain and demonstrate continued relevant study in both midwifery and general nursing. Therefore in order to sustain the delivery of high quality midwifery services this required for changes to be made to the way in which the rural non integrated midwifery services were provided. The benefits to patients are that they will have ongoing access to midwifery service which is purely focussing on midwifery and not being prioritised between patients with complex long term conditions etc. They will receive a home birth delivery service from midwives who will have regular experience of deliveries. In relation to your concerns regarding the current midwifery

service. This has been modelled based on communications with the previous rural district nurse / midwives, where it was agreed that Callander would be a suitable base to be located where the midwife could be contacted every morning. There is a dedicated midwife for the area therefore providing the same level of continuity as was previously given. Following discussion with the district nurse/midwife in Killin she has confirmed that she did not do daily visits until the 10th post natal day, she planned visits on the needs of the women and since 31st October this has continued, not all women want, or clinically require a daily visit. Previously the clinic was on an ad hoc basis as numbers were small and the duty nurse/ midwife was located in Killin; now there is a planned session every Friday. There have been a few occasions when the midwife has been late for the clinic, sometimes this has been due to the traffic and weather. The midwife and Team leader are reviewing the date and time of the clinic to suit everyone's needs. You also referred to the Health Visitor visiting weekly and being based in Callander. The health visiting team which comprises of a health visitor and a part time staff nurse (health visiting) provide a

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Yours sincerely  
Eddie MacDonald  
General Manager  
Stirling Community Health Partnership

## Strathfillan Life Long Learning Centre

In the last issue we reported on our grant of £3,000 from the Gannochy Trust to help continue support the Internet Café and this time we are delighted to report on the award of £12,000 over the next three years from Stirling Council.

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Membership has dropped from 276 in 2006 to 185 in 2009 - this level will not sustain the club. With the banking system in crisis, it is only a matter of time before the plug is pulled. The decline has been very rapid, - two years away from its Centenary and it may not make it. Prior to 2006 it was used as a meeting place, had a very active social scene, the restaurant was always full and there were nearly as many social as playing members. Today membership in Killin will entitle you to half price golf at 10 other nearby clubs; so there has never been a better time to join and gain access to so many others at such a low cost per round. Juniors are instructed by qualified PGA Coaches, the Seniors have a very active section, the Ladies & Gentlemen have a full fixture list for the season, or of course can just come along, play for fun and enjoy the social scene. The clubhouse has established professional caterers, is fully licensed and opens to the general public for meals, tea, coffee, or drinks. We are available all day for breakfast, snacks, and full meals, so pop in and try us out.



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**Peter Stallard**  
Club Secretary



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# Mervyn's Weather

March 2009 crept in quietly on tiptoe but by the 3rd of the month had, as is the wont of this "month of many weathers", reverted to unsettled conditions with strong winds, rain and hill snow.

The moderately cold spell of early February coincided with one of "Buchans cold spells"\* (7th-14th February). The pressure system which introduced this reversion to winter as we once knew it was almost identical to that which ushered in the notorious winters of 1947 and 1963. A large salient of cold air emanating from the permanent high pressure system central over Siberia and covering, at times, part of the British Isles and at others totally enveloping them, was in juxtaposition to areas of low pressure to the south of these islands. Advancing fronts from the "lows" kept invading the established "high" resulting in considerable snowfalls mainly in parts of southern England and Wales and in others just the two or three inches of snow requisite to paralyse the transport system, close schools, and upset football and racing!

In 1947 and 1963 these conditions spread northwards to northern England, Northern Ireland and much of Scotland and remained for many weeks, eventually relenting about 20th March 1947 and March 4th 1963. This year however a gentle and undramatic thaw occurred in mid-February, the rest of the month being mild and fairly dry with a maximum temperature of 14.8C(59F) on 23rd.

It is interesting to recall that despite the exigencies of '47 and '63 over most of the British Isles, northern and western parts of Scotland escaped the worst and indeed places such as Glencoe, Glen Quaich and Ardgour did not record any precipitation at all during the month of February 1947, a condition without precedent in this area. The dry frosty conditions however contributed to many uncontrolled heath fires.

While modern technology has vastly increased the reliability of forecasting weather and the accuracy of instrumental recording is precise to a degree, given the volatile and insular climate of our islands,

weather is of great interest, particularly to those whom it affects most. Records of temperatures at least for central England stretch back to 1659 and rainfall figures are available since 1766. Diarists such as Samuel Pepys, Dr. Johnston and Col Thornton, as well as others who travelled around the country, have left a legacy of facts and figures of the extremes of their day. Much of this would have been anecdotal and probably exaggerated with the telling, also the instruments would probably have been less than strictly accurate.

**Mervyn K. Browne**  
Ardtalnaig

\*The days between Feb 7th and 14th are usually colder than normal for the year. This period is known as Buchan's First Cold Spell. Alexander Buchan observed the weather patterns for about fifty years prior to 1900 and found that there were six periods in the year when lower than normal temperatures could be expected and three periods where the temperature would be 'higher' than normal.

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# Sudden Oak Death

The National Trust for Scotland welcomed the announcement by the UK government of £25 million of measures over five years to combat the plant diseases Phytophthora ramorum and Phytophthora kernoviae, sometimes known as Sudden Oak Death, in England and Wales and called on the Scottish Government to follow Westminster's example.

The plant diseases, which have already affected several gardens in Scotland and across the UK, require greater Scottish Government action now if there is to be any realistic chance of controlling the problem. These diseases are fatal to many native and garden plants and could cause massive damage to some of our historic gardens.

DEFRA's funding decision follows their consultation last year on the disease, when the National Trust for Scotland called for much greater resources and a properly coordinated approach to tackle the problem.

For their part, the Scottish Government carried out a similar consultation and has indicated it supports doing more to tackle the disease but, disappointingly, it has yet to follow DEFRA's example. The Trust is concerned that if Scotland does not follow Westminster's example the problem will continue to spread and any benefit from DEFRA's work could be limited, were the disease to become rife in Scotland and spread south. Phytophthora is now in several of

the Trust's West Coast properties and who knows where else in Scotland. The time to act is now. As a charity, we are putting a great deal of our limited resources into tackling this problem at some of our properties and we are working with the Scottish Government inspectors but they need to offer greater support.

There needs to be a consistent approach across the UK as this disease knows no boundaries.

**National Trust for Scotland**

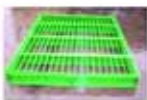
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# Killin Community Council Meeting 10th March

**Village Officer:** Councillor Ffinch will see if this post can be offered to Arthur.

**Rural Housing:** The building of houses will go ahead in Ballechroisk once funding has been agreed by the Scottish government.

**Drainage:** The drain in the middle of the school playground is still not dealing with heavy rainfall. The system will be replaced in the next financial year.

**Play Park:** This needs tidying up, some equipment is worn and needs to be replaced. Councillor Ffinch will speak to the relevant department.

**Breadalbane Park:** The Agricultural Society has been billed for damage done to the ground by heavy vehicles during the Killin Show. A request by the Society for invoices to demonstrate that work has been done to restore the ground has been made but none have so far been received. No one is aware of any work being done on the ground. It was decided to request a meeting with Stirling Council, KCC and the Agricultural Society to discuss the situation. Those present noted that it is forty years since any work has been done on the drains in the park.

**Roads:** The surface of the road over the Dochart Bridge is in a poor state. Councillor Ffinch will contact Stirling Council.

**Christmas Lights:** The transformers for the Christmas Lights were supplied free of charge by Douglas McRobbie Electrical. The KCC will send a letter of thanks.

**Community Profile:** A volunteer is still to be found to update this useful work.

**Manse Road Bench:** This will be supplied by Total Construction but

no decision has been made as to location.

**KAT:** Michael Carr of the Energy Agency will go ahead with the energy audit and a meeting has been arranged to start the process. The original aim to provide free insulation to houses may not be possible as the last two applications to the Climate Challenge Fund for this element of the project were not granted. A grant to finance a feasibility study and survey of Silver Cottage has now come through.

**Squirrel Signs:** Tim Frost is gathering numbers of Squirrel fatalities and locations. This may persuade the authorities to put up squirrel warning signs.

**Triple SI:** SNH have now renewed all triple SIs in the area.

**Breadalbane Folklore Centre:** Although Visit Scotland are not willing to fund the visitor centre, Stirling Council have agreed to pay staff to keep it open for this year. A large sum of money was spent recently on the restoration of the mill wheel. It seemed a missed opportunity that at the same time a generator was not installed so that the wheel could be used to power the energy required for the centre. There is a possibility that the Centre could be put up for sale by Stirling Council, the owners, and if the sale went through the money raised would have to be returned to the community for a charitable cause.

**Council Tax:** This has been frozen for this year except for the water rate element which is not under the council's control.

**Trust Housing Care Home in Callander:** This will be closed.

**Stirling Council:** There is to be a by-election caused by the dismissal

of a Councillor. For the current term all other councillors will serve an extra year before having to stand for re-election so that council elections will coincide with parliamentary elections.

**Roads and school transport:** During the recent cold weather, the gritters did not grit Glenlochay causing the loss of school transport for children in the Glen.

**Christmas Lights:** A request for Christmas lights in the village has been rejected by Stirling Council because the present street light poles are not strong enough to support the cables. A request for these to be put on the bridge was made by a member of the public at the meeting. This may be considered.

**After School Club:** This facility was withdrawn over a year ago. It has caused considerable inconvenience to working parents and a request was made by a member of the public to have it re-instated along with a breakfast club. Councillor Ffinch will enquire what is possible.

**Dog Fouling:** This has become a major problem lately. The dog warden will be asked to come to the village to clean up the mess.

**KAT Trustees:** It was agreed that the KCC would nominate Angus Inglis and Marion Desutter as Directors of the Trust

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It was another six weeks before I re-sat my test. This time the weather was not so good. It was raining. My pride and joy had a sun roof which leaked so much

that I had borrowed my father's railway greatcoat for the examiner as the water was coming in the passenger's side. The examiner came out. You guessed it, it was the same fellow! So I humbly offered him this life saving garment. He thanked me but said he did not think it would be necessary. However after a few turns he decided the Niagara Falls would be better viewed from the back seat. In those days the examiner would bang a book on his knee and shout stop.



This was to simulate an emergency stop. I was not as deaf as I am now, but nevertheless my hearing was not the greatest. He had shouted this stop command and I had not heard due to a hole in the exhaust. He had bent forward to be nearer my ear, to say he had shouted stop, but all I heard was STOP! and I immediately slammed on the brakes, only to find my examiner catapulted onto the front seat beside me, with his book landing on the soaking floor (no seat belts in those days). With all the events that had just happened I could see what the outcome would be, I

was by now past caring, so for the rest of the test I just drove the way I always did and, much to my amazement, I passed. The car, though old, was nice looking. It was mainly black with a blue bonnet and blue lower sides. It did not have a heater, but we were tough in those days. It had only one windscreen wiper, as the design team reckoned on a rainy day there was nothing much to see, so the passenger did not come into the equation. Nor did it have seatbelts. Spitfire pilots had them, cars did not do loop the loop so seatbelts were deemed unnecessary. On the plus side the electric petrol pump was a great thing. It warned you miles in advance if you were running out of petrol as it would start to rattle. When it behaved like a machine gun you knew you had a few hundred yards to find a space. The front windscreen also moved forward, which had an advantage when the said pump started to play up. A certain lady just two hours after being engaged to be married had to tug at a rope attached to this pump via the front windscreen to coax the car home - all the way from the Trossachs to Glasgow. It also had a form of radar in very thick fog. The front door opened forward and as the stop strap was broken it was possible to swing this door round 180 degrees and tie the handle to the rear door handle. This way you could drive with half your body out the car looking at either the white lines or tram lines to guide you home. Do I envy the young man in his lovely cosy almost new car? Well, not really, then we knew of no other life.

**Chris**

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McLaren High School PTA  
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We were delighted to take delivery of our new minibus on Friday 30 January. It was used for the first time later the same day to transport pupils taking part in a football match in Airdrie. Thank you to everyone who helped us to achieve our fundraising target.

#### **Debating News**

On Thursday 12th February McLaren Junior Debating team secured a place in the English Speaking Union's Junior National Debating Final.

# McLaren High School



McLaren High participated in the crucial second round of the ESU's National Debating Championship where we had two teams battling it out for a place in the Scottish Regional Finals. The teams comprising Eilidh Shearer, Kirsty Fingland, Megan Simpson and Megan Rhys were both proposing and opposing the motion: this House would elect its Police Chiefs. Up against tough opposition from Wallace High and St Maurice's the McLaren B team, Eilidh Shearer and Kirsty Fingland, took first place. The girls were highly commended for their passion and breadth of rebuttal argument. Credit must also go to

the McLaren A team who, despite losing to their team mates, were commended for their ability to offer convincing arguments and effective points of information. McLaren are now part of the final sixteen teams left throughout Scotland and are looking forward to the even greater challenge of the ESU Regional Finals in March. We wish them luck and extend a special thanks to Tobias Paul (former McLaren Senior Debater and Scottish Debating Champion) who gave up a lot of time and effort to coach the junior teams in the run up to their tie.

**Yvonne King**

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## Going Back in Time

On Thursday 12th March the classrooms were transformed. Parents of children who usually go to the primary 3/4/5 classroom must have been shocked to enter a Victorian era classroom. Parents, friends and children could view samplers of cross stitch alphabet letters, portraits of Queen Victoria and read extracts from the Queen's diary. There were interesting



**Cairan Watt**  
making a replica aeroplane

examples of how people lived and Mrs McGuigan was dressed as a Victorian school teacher; fortunately she couldn't find her cane but the dunce's stool and hat were available for parents who couldn't do the maths problems she set for them.

The primary 6/7 classroom was set up as a World War 2 museum. The displays had been made by the children as part of their work on this topic. Some of the displays included home-made Anderson shelters, reproduction art works and information panels on life during World War 2. The class had gleaned information from many sources including visitors to their class. Mrs Gina Angus supplied information on evacuees, Mr and Mrs Watson visited



**Anderson Shelter**  
made Robbie Taylor

the class for a question and answer session and Mr Watson a veteran of the war, was shown respect and admiration by the children for what he had been through. On March 12th visitors were treated to a museum tour that included exciting drama performances, a sing along to "We'll meet Again" and an authentic reconstruction of a 1940s home.

In the 'early years classroom' there were learning games, displays of Dinosaur puppet shows, Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang and toys from the past which the children had made at home. The parents of children due to come to primary school in August 2009, attended to find out all about the transition and remained for the displays. The



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**Primary 6/7 class in Period Costumes for their tour of the World War 2 Museum**

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### Red Nose Day 2009

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**School staff in funny outfits**

silly at the Karaoke, test your knowledge of jokes or really get red faced at the Red Nose Day Obstacle Course. Emma Aitken, Primary 5, under her own initiative went fundraising. She got family and friends to contribute for a red nose badge or sign her T-shirt and raised £37. A grand total of £165 was raised for Comic Relief.

The P.T.A.'s successful Red Nose Day involved a Book Fair. The winners of the Competition were: Tully Montgomery-Windsor, Amy Forster, Annie MacNaughton, Anna Holden and Ewan Watson.

## Nursery News

The staff and children in Killin & Crianlarich nursery would like to thank the local businesses - the Pound Shop, Eureka, McGregors, The Co-operative, Grants, The Capercaille and Stitt Brothers - and everyone else who donated resources to our outdoor boxes. All donations will be well used. We are still collecting Nestle book tokens and we are now collecting Tesco tokens so if you have any they would be gratefully received. The Enterprise Group in Crianlarich Nursery are continuing their links with The Children's Fund Malawi. We would also like to thank the parents of the pre-school children who attended the Open Evening in Killin Nursery. We hope the information you received will be helpful during your child's transition to primary school. If you have any questions about the transition dates or you would like to be involved in any visits, please speak to Jeanette in Killin or Natalie in Crianlarich. The children in Killin Nursery have been enjoying healthy walks around the village. We have been down at the head of the loch and along the old railway. The children have been looking at the spring flowers in the gardens and learning the names and

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we have visited McGregors to ask for old bread and had great fun feeding the bread to the ducks. We have been having workshops in conjunction with the Health Visiting staff team and these have gone very well and been enjoyed by all who have come along. We would like to thank Gail Wintersgill for all her hard work. Look out for more workshops in the future.

**Lorraine Pritchard**

## Killin Book Club



The ladies of Killin Book Club recently reviewed the book 'The Luminous Life of Lily Aphrodite' and were treated to a visit from its author Beatrice Colin (far right back row). Early 20th century Berlin is the backdrop to this novel which has been extremely well researched and beautifully written.

This was the Book Club's first visit by an author and the evening proved to be a big success.

**Linda Fitzgerald**



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The Home Heat Helpline provides free assistance to help people reduce their fuel bills. This includes access to reduced tariffs, grants for free home insulation and flexible payment options, as well as a safety net to ensure that vulnerable customers will not be cut off if they are unable to pay their bills. This winter has been one of the coldest for many years and many people have used more fuel than usual and are worried about paying for it. If you or anyone you know needs help, contact 0800 33 66 99 or access the service online. [www.homeheathelpline.org.uk](http://www.homeheathelpline.org.uk)

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## Safari Supper

This year's Safari Supper raised £1,420. This money, raised for charities within the village, went to three charities: The McLaren Hall, The Masonic Lodge and a Triathlon to be run by Sarah Heward and Duncan McKinnon. There were fourteen hosts and eighty two travellers. As usual this event was sold out within one and a quarter hours of the tickets being made available.

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sages will also compete for their little corner. By mid-April the mints and tarragons will appear and take their place in a lovely spring green show. If you are planning on any annuals or perhaps the biennial parsley for culinary purposes, now would be a good time to start some like chervil, coriander, dill and basil. These plants grow themselves with little extra care and provide a wonderful summer taste spectacular and a nice break from the stronger winter herb flavourings.

If more of a patio or hanging basket person, you might like to join us for our next meeting April 15th. Stuart Shillock of Tynreich Nursery will be demonstrating the art and creation of herbal hanging baskets and container planting at Grandtully Hall. With little effort and expense one can enjoy a lovely feast for the eye and fresh distinctive scents and tastes all summer long.

Our annual outing will be to Cawdor Castle and Poitzfield Herb Nursery on the Black Isle May 27th. Both of these stops have beautiful

gardens and there will also be an opportunity to purchase the usual and unusual herb specimens that do well in our area.

Later this summer a number of us will be travelling to our 'sister herb group' in Wisconsin with plenty of opportunity to see how other people 'do' herbs in different climes under different growing situations and also attend the annual conference there in the Green Bay Area. It will be a fun, interesting and enjoyable adventure.

Herbs being featured at the next meetings are mimulus, lavender and lemon balm. The Heart of Scotland Herb Society is now in its 10th year and a luncheon to celebrate this will be held on April 29th at The Fortingall Hotel. All our meetings are open to the general public, and should you have any questions or require information for any of these events please phone either me at 01567 820408 or Judy Forster on 01567 820298. Happy Gardening.

**Patty Hope**

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## The Snow Pearlwort at Ben Lawers

The snow pearlwort is one of Britain's rarest plants, confined to a few hills in Breadalbane, with most of the population within the Ben Lawers NNR. The National Trust for Scotland aims to conserve such native species for future generations.

But how can we know whether such a species is able to continue living there? Since 1981 records of the numbers and distribution of the nationally rare species have been systematically made. By counting and mapping the plants, and repeating the exercise at intervals, any significant changes should be discovered. If a decline were discovered, and the cause known, then steps might be taken to reverse the trend and thus meet the aim of maintaining the species on the Reserve.

However, this operation is not nearly as simple as it may sound and the snow pearlwort illustrates many of the problems. The 1981 survey began with only 3 recent records, noted by me in 1980. By 1981 only one of these populations remained. The demise of the others reflected the dynamic, unstable habitats where many of these plants grow. The survey recorded 37 sites on seven mountains - a baseline with which later surveys could be compared. Location records were based on map references and detailed annotated photographs. The recent use of GPS equipment is a useful advance, but



photographs are still needed to identify sites confidently. Between 1981 and 1996, a detailed annual study of ten sites was carried out, showing us how populations fluctuate and helping to interpret the changes that occur between infrequent surveys. Finding the individual plants may be extremely difficult as they are often camouflaged by adjacent vegetation. They are mostly small: two thirds are no more than half an inch across, and many of these are minute. Identification of the smallest may need scrutiny and allow errors. Once found and tagged, counting is straightforward. But the whole operation for a group of about 100 plants will take one or two hours, added to the two to four hours walking and at least 600m/2,000 feet of ascent for each field day. It is a



laborious, time-consuming activity: the 2008 census took 32 person-days.

The four attempts at complete surveys, 1981, 1996, 2003 & 2008, recorded very different counts. Together they do not show a clear trend in plant numbers, but may reflect the thoroughness of the surveys. Each was done by a different worker, all working to demanding targets competing for time. This makes it difficult to draw conclusions from the series of four counts. However, between 1981 and 2008 the number of plants recorded shows a decline of 52% while, perhaps more significantly, the number of separate populations shows a decline of 57%.

In spite of the difficulties, this raises a valid alarm for the long-term future. The prime suspect is lack of snow cover: the plant is named for this association. If so, what can we do about it? Reserve management cannot stop climate change, but further careful monitoring and study should clarify the suggested trend and perhaps reveal whether there are any real options to help the species survive longer. This is just one of several species threatened by climate change.

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## 1st Killin Brownies

### Brownies Christmas Post

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### Thinking Day

For Thinking Day on 22nd February we joined a Postcard Exchange Scheme with Brownie Packs all over the world. We sent off over 20 postcards explaining a little about ourselves and showing a lovely picture of Killin. (The photo shows us posting our cards) In exchange we received cards back from Brownie and Guide Packs in other countries,

mainly America.

Other activities we have been busy with include visiting the newly refurbished library to learn how to use Kay's fancy new lending machine; Mothers Day cards and presents; badge work and, of course, lots of fun & games. Next term we are looking forward to doing different types of outdoor activities at the Pavilion and also on the loch. We have a climbing day booked for 30th May in Weem Wood near Aberfeldy as a special treat. Brownies is for girls between the ages of seven and ten. 1st Killin Brownies meet from 3.30pm to 5.00pm every Monday after school.

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The first round of this competition will take place at The Bridgend House Hotel, Callander on Friday

24th April at 8pm. Entrants please e-mail [info@callanderjazz.co.uk](mailto:info@callanderjazz.co.uk) or telephone 01877-339455 to register your entry. Please indicate your name/age group/vocal or instrument/musical style preferred.

### The Trossachs Big Band

One of the many positive outcomes of our previous festivals was the introduction to each other of a number of big band enthusiasts, which resulted in the formation of The Trossachs Big Band early in 2008. This is currently performing as a twelve piece band playing many of the big band numbers and some of our own compositions as well. With quite a few festival and corporate performances under our belt, plus a memorable appearance at last year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe, we are looking to recruit a number of local players into the band to strengthen the line up for 2009. Are you a proficient player of a Trumpet, Trombone, Saxophone, Jazz Guitar or Keyboard? If so, please make yourself known to Graham Oliphant on 01877-339399/339455 or e-mail details to [info@callanderjazz.co.uk](mailto:info@callanderjazz.co.uk)

## Killin Boxer moves up a level

17 year old Monty Ogilvie (Stirling ABC) had his first match at 60kg level in the preliminary rounds of the Scottish Senior Championships. He was matched against Derek Skinner of Kilsyth ABC, who had over 30 contests to his name. It was a hard, clean fight but after four two minute rounds Skinner was declared the winner by 12 points to 7. This was, however, an excellent performance from Monty, who has only 10 bouts to his name. Better luck next time.

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## Killin News

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**Gill MacGregor**

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## Birks Cinema

Plans to revive the disused Birks Cinema in Aberfeldy's main square have come a step nearer to being realised with a grant of £10,000 from the Lottery's Investing in Ideas fund. The Friends of the Birks applied for the grant so that they could carry out the final pieces of work required before full blown fund-raising from both the private and public sector could begin. They have commissioned Birnam-based architect Robin Baker, who drew up preliminary plans for the new 90-seat cinema, to put together a planning application for the building. Cinema expert Ron Inglis, author of the original feasibility study, is to compile a more detailed business proposal and the Friends will also be seeking professional help with a

comprehensive community consultation and the formalising of their governance structure. The aim of the Birks campaign is to create a modern cinema and cafe within the shell of the old cinema building. The cinema closed back in the 1980s, but today's digital technology means that small local cinemas are once again an economic possibility, and the Friends' hope that the revived cinema will provide a magnificent new source of entertainment for the area - a unifying community enterprise that will attract both tourists and locals, young and old.

**Julia Watson**

## Music at the Coach House

We've recently started traditional music sessions in the Coach House Hotel. It was great to see many people showing up to listen, and even better to see some locals arriving with their instruments to join in! We'll be continuing the sessions every second Sunday of the month from 8pm onwards. It's an open session, so if you fancy joining in, please don't hesitate to do so. Sessions are all about having fun

and maybe learning a tune or two from your fellow musicians, so the more people, the better. Looking forward to seeing you at the next session, on Sunday 12th April. If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch.

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# Tombreck

## The Big Shed

The Architects and Quantity Surveyor have been appointed, building warrants submitted and we are just finalising the choice of main contractor. Site preparation is now starting with a view to commencing construction in April. We aim to have it completed and open for community use by spring 2010. We would like as many local tradespeople involved as possible, so if you think you have a trade that we could employ, please let us know. The Big Shed is being built and will be managed by, Loch Tayside Community Interest Company. Any resident of the community council areas surrounding Loch Tay may become a member and will be entitled to help choose the management team that will oversee the building and operation. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th May 2009 at the Killin Hotel and all members are encouraged to attend and have their say. We currently have over one hundred and sixty members and want to increase that to over two hundred before we open to the community.

[www.bigshed.org.uk](http://www.bigshed.org.uk)

## Loch Tay Food Chain

In preparation for the opening of the Big Shed early next year, we are now planning a range of food related courses and workshops, from Beekeeping to Yeast Cultivation, from Stalking to Cooking, from Growing to Preserving. The courses and workshops will range from one hour to one week and will enable the skills and knowledge of local people to be shared with their local community as well as attracting visitors from outwith the area to come, learn and practise food skills in a unique natural setting. If any of you feel you have a skill that you would like to be paid to share, please get in touch.

[www.lochtayfoodchain.org.uk](http://www.lochtayfoodchain.org.uk)

## TAG (Tombreck Action Group)

The fifth house, the straw bale house, is nearly completed, and plans are well underway to convert the South Byre into two affordable rented cottages. Gordon and Suzie are hoping to get started on their 'hemcrete' house this year and, of course, the Big Shed is under construction. So all in all it's going to be a busy year for building.

Tober has started the coppicing scheme and continues his daily visits to measure the water flow over the weir in order to collect data for a potential hydro-electric scheme. Over three thousand trees have been planted in the past year, mostly oak but also birch, ash and a few fruit trees!

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## Tay Live!

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## National Park Owls

Prospects for barn owls in the National Park are looking up following the installation of 20 new nest boxes. Thanks to the National Park Authority's Natural Heritage Grant of £3,438 awarded to local barn owl enthusiast Mike Steward he has been able to identify suitable new nest sites south of Loch Lomond with the help of landowners in the area.

Barn owls are a heavily protected species and, although there is plenty of foraging habitat in the National Park, they struggle to find nest sites, so increasing the number of suitable barn owl nest sites has been identified as a priority in the National Park's Biodiversity Action Plan. Barn owls need a good supply of field voles which live in long, tussocky grassland, but good safe nest sites are increasingly hard to find. Traditionally barn owls nest in old buildings or hollow trees but many old buildings are being re-developed and hollow trees have a limited life span.

Mike has installed twenty custom-built nest boxes, ten of which have gone into buildings and ten into trees. All the sites have been carefully selected to ensure that each new residence has good hunting ground close by.

As the nest boxes have been put up

over the winter, there is a chance that some may be used for breeding in 2009. Mike is licensed by Scottish Natural Heritage to ring barn owl chicks and will return over the summer hoping that the new homes have proved attractive. Similar projects in central Scotland run by the Forestry Commission and other local environmental groups,



have been very successful so over the coming months and years we can look forward to catching a glimpse of this iconic and much loved bird.

If you regularly see barn owls within the National Park, know of nest sites, or would like to do your bit to help this species, please contact National Park Ranger

**Adam Samson**  
01389 722102

## Youth Drama

Killin Drama Club (Youth) have qualified to represent Stirling District at the Scottish Community Drama Association in Buckhaven in Fife on Saturday 21st March. They competed against Queen Victoria School in the District Youth competition and against four adult teams in the District Open competition on 6th & 7th March. They are performing "Bully Dancers" by Frank Gibbons. The other two teams in the Divisional Final are Young Portonian Theatre Co. with "And then There Were Three!" by John F. Glen and Aberdour Youth Theatre with "Alice's Wonderland" by Greg West. There are 13 actors plus 2 boys in the technical team with a couple of adults helping out here and there - and doing all the driving!

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## Planning in the Park Goes online

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be Major Developments but since these relate to developments of over 2 hectares or 50 houses they will be rare. However in the case of Major Developments the applicant will be required to have consulted with the community affected by it before submitting the Planning Application and will be required to demonstrate how objections raised by the community or other interested parties have been overcome. The Rest covers the more usual applications within the Park. Delays often occur because the developer does not properly take into account those affected by the proposed development. Under the present rules an applicant is obliged to notify the contiguous neighbours of the proposal at the time of submitting the application. Unfortunately all too often it is just that - a notification. In most cases a neighbour's objection could be resolved in discussion and the objection taken into account before submitting the Planning Application. Under the new rules the Planning Authority is

responsible for the neighbour notification. While this was intended to speed up the process, I fear the opposite may occur because the applicant is not even being provoked into *discussing* the project with his neighbour. We all know how we re-act when an official notice arrives on our doormat. I hope I'm wrong. Again in the interests of streamlining the process there is to be an increase in the permitted development categories so that certain types of development will not need Planning Permission. Special rules will apply to Conservation Areas such as Killin. See the next issue of the Killin News for details.

**Owen McKee**  
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## Jim Sutherland

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Jim Sutherland was born in Edinburgh. His father was killed in October 1914 in Belgium. Life was a financial struggle for his mother but he won a scholarship to George Heriot's school. After school he worked for an insurance company but was very interested in politics and amateur dramatics. Answering an advertisement for Scottish actors for a film to be made by Michael Powell, he appeared in 'The Edge of the World'. This was filmed on Foula and based on life on St Kilda. In 1936 he went to London to pursue a career in films. Needing some Scottish

companionship in an alien city he joined the London Scottish Territorial Army. During the war he served in North Africa and Sicily and walked the length of Italy. He was injured several times before the Germans finally made a fair attempt at blowing his leg off in north Italy. By the time he recovered from this the War was over.

Jim and Joan married in 1940. Following the war they set up home in St

Albans.

In 1947, Jim was interviewed for a job with international loss adjusters in the City. It was a job for which he had no qualifications but the interviewing partner was Scottish so he started the following week. Jim and Joan became active members of St Albans Caledonian Society and he was an instigator of the Harpenden Highland Games. Joan introduced him to the delights of golf which he constantly threatened to give up at the end of the summer if he didn't improve. He was also a keen member of the St. Albans Operatic Society where

he indulged his love of singing. Meantime his work as a loss adjuster took him all round the world.

Jim was fiercely proud of being Scottish. He and Joan owned a house in Killin from 1974 and on retirement moved permanently to Killin, where he enjoyed many years walking and golfing. Shortly after moving to Killin he was confronted by Dr Tony Weaver who was the doctor on duty the day Jim was injured in north Italy and was amazed to see that Jim was alive and still had two functioning legs. He was one of the founder members of the Killin News, involved in the move to save the mill, and an active member of his church.

He was fluent in Italian since the war but never tired of learning. Helped by local Gaelic speakers he passed in A level Gaelic when he was 80.

When Joan died in 2003 after 62 years of marriage, Jim moved to London to be near one of his daughters but he always missed Killin and its folks. His greatest joy in his last year was meeting his great grandson Jimmy.

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## Billy Stitt 1928-2008



William Stitt (best known as Billy) died peacefully on 29th November 2008. He was born in 1928 in Iron Gray Dumfriesshire, one of a family of five. In 1954 he married Mairi Cameron from Glencoe and they had one son William and they lived most of their lives at Fingal Villa Killin. By the time Billy left school at 13 the family had moved to Doune. He started work with the local stonemasons, Innis of Doune. The family moved to Killin and Billy served his apprenticeship with Duff of Strathtay and this involved him in the re-building of the Killin Hotel as well as many other contracts. It also took him west and into the

Glencoe area where he met Mairi. He moved on quickly and soon set up a building business, Stitt Bros, with his brother Alexander Stitt in 1952. During his time Stitt Bros built over 150 houses in and around Killin. Billy took a keen and active role in the village and was part of many committees. He was property convenor for the church, a trustee of

McLaren Hall and a keen mason - a Past master of his mother Lodge Breadalbane St Fillans No 815. One of his passions in life was cars. Another, latterly, was his granddaughter Anna, who will always miss his smile and big cuddle every time she was at Dochart View. One of the highlights for him was a trip to Australia with Lesley and Anna in 2006. He also loved his many sojourns in France with Roger, Lynn and the dogs, where he would put his skills to use helping to build or repair something or other. His other great pleasures in life were his friends and family, and he had many of them, whom he popped in to see

for a cup of tea, eat too many cakes, have a wee chat and put the world to right.

A true gentleman, he touched many hearts and will be very sadly missed by us all. That hat will be missed bobbing around the village.

**William L. Stitt**

### Thank you

On behalf of myself, Lesley and Anna, I wish to sincerely thank all our family, friends and neighbours for the support, messages of kindness and sympathy following my father's death.

A big thank you to Dr A DeLaat for her dedicated care, Phil Simpson, Rev Jacqueline Thomson, Rev John Lincoln and Andy Anderson for their sincerity and kind words said at the service. A big thank you to Dave and Lesley Morby, together with their team at the Bridge of Lochay, for providing refreshments and the professional manner in which this was carried out.

Very special thanks to all my father's dear friends who visited him at home, took him on days out and provided him with ample soup and pancakes - indeed we re-named Dochart View the Soup Kitchen. Truly appreciated.

**William L. Stitt**



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## Mary Ann Cameron 1914-2009



Mary Cameron passed away in her 95th year on 5th January at The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. Mum was born in Shetland into a large family and came to the mainland to take up a nursing career where she met and married Dad (Malcolm). They farmed at Auchtertyre, Strathfillan and then moved to Mountgreenan in 1968 to run a Guest House before retiring in 1981 to Ardshean, Craignavie Road. We would like to sincerely thank all Mum's Carers during her latter years at both Trust Housing (Kirkcare) and Falls of Dochart Retirement Home,

especially Mandy Hay and all her wonderful, dedicated team for their thoughtfulness and kindness and Dr. de Laat for her continuous commitment, counsel, compassion, humour and professionalism over the years.

We were overwhelmed by the expressions of sympathy and support we received and appreciated so many relatives, neighbours and friends who attended her funeral and donated so generously (£463.72) in support of Cancer Research. Our thanks also go to Rev. John Lincoln for his guidance and for delivering such a personal service celebrating Mum's life.

Mum was at the centre of the family and kept close contact with them all, particularly enjoying their frequent visits. Mum loved the countryside and her garden, especially the birds and wildlife. She was extremely happy living in Strathfillan and Killin and greatly appreciated the many friends she made over the years. This has fostered a love of the area in our hearts and Killin will always be special to us.

Mum will be greatly missed and will always be in our thoughts.

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# Celebrations



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Blaise Josepha Lawson born 2nd February weighing 7lb 15oz with her older sister Lucia Parents Nerina Holden and Derek Lawson

Hayley MacLennan born 6th December 2008 at Stirling Royal Infirmary weighing 6lb 15oz. James and Deidre would like to thank everyone for all the beautiful gifts



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# Celebrations

## 70th Birthday



Congratulations to Alisdar Brown on his Passing Out Parade at H.M.S. Raleigh, Portsmouth on 3rd October 2008. Alisdar is training to become an engineer (mechanical) on V class submarines and on completion in April will be based at Faslane along with his brother Robert. Alisdar is the youngest son of Jane and Laurence Brown, Lyon Road.

Who says that you can't keep a secret in Killin? Clem McEwen knows better. On 21st February a surprise birthday party was held for Clem on the occasion of his 70th birthday. His family coming up from Luton and Bournemouth was the best secret. About twelve of Clem's local friends plus his family all gathered in Marion MacGregor's house. Between Carol Campbell and Marion the girls were able to organize the great night. A birthday cake with Kai's picture on it was presented to Clem, then the carpet was rolled up and the ceilidh began. Dancing, singing and lots of laughter with a few drams in between, great music was provided by Willie Chisholm, Gerry McCarron and Davie Robertson. Clem's family returned to their respective homes with an extra "fling" in their step and a "hooch" in their voice.

**Marion MacGregor**



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For the GLAMS (Golfing Ladies At Mijas Spain), soaking up the sun on the balcony of our penthouse apartment overlooking the Mijas golf course was a far cry from enduring the dreich Scottish weather we had left behind.

The three courses we played were magnificent. The first was Calanova, where the thrill of careering up and down the steep paths in our buggies added to the spectacular views of the surroundings. The second course was Mijas Los Lagos, close to home but still involving a taxi ride, as there was no public transport where we were. The final course was La Cala North, again with challenging holes and marvellous views. The prize-giving followed, with third place going to Teach, second Audi and first Spike, a worthy winner of the trophy this year.

Spain proved much more expensive this year, but we still managed to enjoy our 'free' days with a visit to Fuengirola including paddling in the Med, a mini-train trip round the town and a tasty curry in an Indian restaurant. Mijas, a very attractive village, offered spectacular views of the Mediterranean coast and an opportunity to travel in a horse-drawn carriage, later to be serenaded by a guitarist during our lunch in the sunshine.

On the day we left, it was Petal's turn to wear the Birthday Hat and we were able to thank her for organising our golfing holiday once again.

Back home there was one more treat to come - a get-together at Kilvaxter Cottage where Teach was once again an excellent hostess and Spike put together our photos as souvenirs for the now down-to-earth GLAKS.

Rebus

## 50 Thank You's

I would like to thank everyone in Killin and beyond who helped make my turning 50 not only pain free, but really enjoyable, fantastic and fun. (I would recommend it to anyone!) I really appreciate all your kind words, cards and gifts and to Sue, Julie and Elaine thanks for the amazing birthday cakes - you should go into business together!

A special thanks to everyone who contributed to my HUGE birthday surprise. I have been completely overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity and will write to you all individually - but just in case I miss anyone, thank you so so much.

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# Local Planning Applications

## National Park

### Week 4

Proposal: Erection of new building extension to hotel comprising one separate holiday letting accommodation unit.

Location: Craighard Hotel Killin

Applicant: Redmuir Ltd,

Application Type: Detailed Consent

### Week 5

Proposal: Erection of front porch.  
Location: 2 Willow Square Crianlarich  
Applicant: Mr I MacPherson,  
Application Type: Household  
Alteration/Extension  
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Proposal: Proposed erection of 3 No. chalets for toilets/shower/laundry block, office/reception block and staff accommodation, formation of new internal road, additional parking area and bin area.

Location: Pine Trees Leisure Park

Station Road Lower Tyndrum

Applicant: Mr and Mrs George

McNaughton,

Application Type: Detailed Consent

### Week 7

Proposal: Modification to conditions 5 and 6 of permission ref LT/2004/0373/DET (for erection of a dwellinghouse) to allow the use of dry dash render on all external walls and to allow the installation of non 'conservation style' rooflights. (Retrospective)

Location: Culvulin, Myrtle Grove Main Street Killin

Applicant: Richard D Lewis,

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Proposal: Erection of front extension to form covered seating area.

Location: The Real Food Cafe

Crianlarich

Applicant: Real Food Cafe,

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Proposal: Erection of front entrance porch. (Retrospective)

Location: Crianlarich Hotel Crianlarich

Applicant: G Byrne Esq,  
Application Type: Detailed Consent  
Decision: Approve without Conditions

### Week 8

Proposal: Erection of replacement external illuminated signage.

Location: Scottish Co-op Killin

Applicant: Food Programme Delivery

Orchid Group,

Application Type: Advertisement

Proposal: Relocation of driveway access and installation of replacement windows.

Location: Craighard Guest House Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr and Mrs McWilliam,

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Decision: Approve with Conditions

### Week 9

Proposal: Erection of 2 storey dwellinghouse, detached double garage and one and a half storey dwelling

Location: Land Adjacent To

Tighnaleacainn Manse Road Killin

Applicant: Mr and Mrs D Noble,

Application Type: Detailed Consent

## Stirling Council

### Week 5

Proposal: Change of use of old mill

building to form dwelling house

Location: Finlarig Farm Outbuildings

Pier Road Killin

Applicant: Airies Property Management Ltd

Application Type: Change of use

Decision: Approve with Conditions

**Perth & Kinross Council – Highland (Glen Lyon & Loch Tay)**  
**26/01/2009**

Proposal: Erection of agricultural shed

Location: Rynachulaig Farm Killin

Applicant: Katy Freeman

Application Type: Prior Notification

Decision: Application Approved

### 17/02/2009

Proposal: Formation of access track

Location: Land At Loch Tay Highland

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Applicant: Loch Tay Highland Lodges

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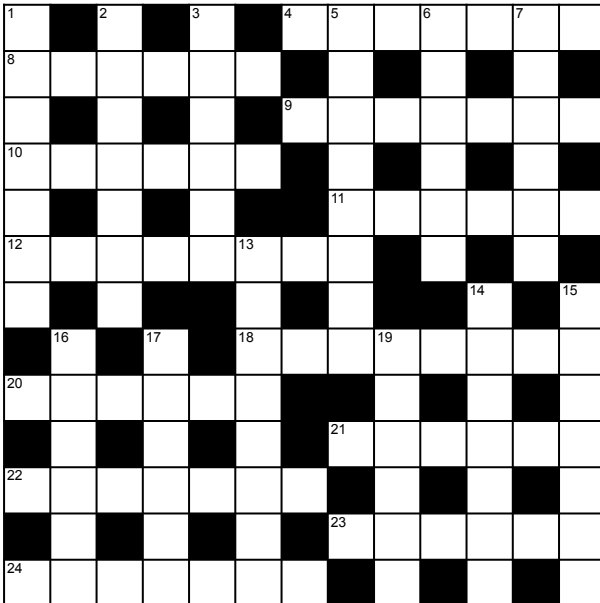
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# Crossword by Scorpio



## Down

- 1 Good chance of having this in 12ac. (4,3)
- 2 Reliable and trustworthy (7)
- 3 Free from concealment (6)
- 5 Pace bull curiously and become blameworthy (8)
- 6 Member of the orchestra (6)
- 7 Totally uncovered and possibly chilly (6)
- 13 Safe harbour can be joined and become easily moved by hand (8)
- 14 Piaf had none (7)
- 15 I stored mixed letters for top journalist (7)
- 16 Rebus a confused cruel person (6)
- 17 French Butter (6)
- 19 Bold - he was oddly worthy of notice (6)

## Solution 108

- Across** 4 elegant 8 canape 9 enhance 10 pastry  
 11 leeway 12 reliable 18 potation 20 amanda  
 21 bantam 22 boldest 23 amoral 24 seaside  
**Down**  
 1 sceptre 2 oneself 3 sparta 5 longleat 6 gnawed  
 7 nectar 13 by-passed 14 history 15 animals  
 16 impose 17 anodes 19 alarms

## Across

- 4 Sounds as if an aristocrat is called upon to give a reckoning (7)
- 8 Previous seasonal accommodation still has scope (6)
- 9 Sugared confection (7)
- 10 Do rule strangely with extra volume (6)
- 11 Judge the worth or importance of (6)
- 12 Friendly meeting place close to home (5,3)

- 18 Young Romany man with beard disorder making loaf (3,5)
- 20 Not here (6)
- 21 Stir the endless mixture for much needed H2O (6)
- 22 A man of letters and attribute (7)
- 23 Woodlouse at work on the roof? (6)
- 24 Diverge awkwardly and be saddened (7)

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## April

- 10,11,12 Charity Sale Lesser Hall  
 12 Music session at the Coach House 8pm  
 15 Herb Society meeting Grandtully Hall  
 16 Church Guild meeting Killin Church 2pm Speaker from the Leprosy Mission  
 24 Heritage meeting  
 29 Herb Society lunch Fortingall Hotel

### Guides

Wednesdays  
 Church Hall 7.30pm-9pm

### Art Class

Tuesdays  
 Church Hall  
 4pm-6pm

### Brownies

Mondays  
 Church Hall  
 3.30pm-5pm

## May

- 2 Auction Lesser McLaren Hall 6pm viewing during the afternoon  
 3 Family session Ben Lawers Hotel 2-6pm followed by traditional Music Session 8.30pm  
 9 Plant Sale and Coffee Morning Lesser Hall 10am  
 10 Music session at the Coach House 8pm  
 12 Killin Community Council meeting 7.30pm Killin School  
 27 Herb Society Summer outing Cawdor Castle Poitzfield Herb Nursery Black Isle

### BVLC Internet Cafe

Thursdays  
 Library  
 10am-4pm

### Tiddlers & Toddlers

Birth-age 5  
 Thursdays  
 Church Hall  
 10am-12 noon

### Fire Cadets

Mondays  
 Fire Station  
 6.45pm

### Keep Fit

Wednesdays  
 McLaren Hall  
 7-8pm 8-9pm

## Environmental Action Killin Activities

**Thursday 7th May**, 7pm - Evening walk to the head of the Loch to look at footpath and boardwalk options (and to do some wildlife watching as well).

**Saturday 9th May**, 5am - Dawn chorus walk to the head of the Loch. Meet at the council yard car-park.

**Sunday 17th May**, 10am - Board walk installation at the head of the loch and footpath resurfacing along the old railway line. Meet at the council yard car-park.

**Thursday 2nd June**, 7pm - Heritage Society wildlife walk to the head of the Loch. Meet at the McLaren Hall car-park.

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## Village Auction

The members of the Masonic Lodge are holding another auction in aid of the fabric fund and local organisations. Such was the success of last year's sale it was decided to make this an annual event.

Saturday 2nd May is the date, with viewing from 4.00pm followed by the sale at 6.00pm. Shortly flyers giving details and requesting donations of goods will be arriving through every letterbox in the village and it is hoped for a good response.

A catalogue will be available on 31st April requesting all donations to be received by 28th April to enable the lot numbers to be finalised.

Refreshments will be available via the Kitchen from the start of viewing through to the end of the sale.

Having this year's sale in the evening should make it a true village event with bargains for everyone.

**Alex Stewart**

Which bin  
 which week?  
 Week beginning

6 Apr Brown  
 13 Apr Grey/Green  
 20 Apr Brown  
 27 Apr Grey/Green  
 4 May Brown  
 11 May Grey Green  
 18 May Brown  
 25 May Grey lGreen



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