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Editorial

One would think that there would be lots of information to fill this edition of the Killin News. We don't usually have such major happenings between editions but, at 36 pages, it is shorter than usual.

The sadness of being dispossessed by a housefire once again brought out support of a type that is unusual in towns and cities. Offers of alternative accommodation and material support for the two families whose houses were destroyed came in before the fire itself was extinguished. We've come to expect generous offers from Killin where community feeling and support for others appears to come as second nature and defines local "community spirit". (page 3) This contrasts with rumours of a threat of eviction shrouded in secrecy, taken on behalf of the village for reasons unknown, that has aroused this very spirit among some people who care for others in the community. We hope this comes to a fair and satisfactory conclusion for all involved. (page 5)

The Sports and Social Club is in a good financial state but needs your help. It requires an energetic, enterprising and imaginative management team to support a wide range of village sports and events. Such a group could seek the services of Active Stirling to enhance opportunities for sports, training and other activities and for a grant to involve a professional to help in the process. The activities of youngsters already involved in tennis, football and Taekwondo indicate that the club could be used to support these and a wide variety of other sporting activities. Don't hold back, attend the AGM and offer your support. (page 26)

Times of recession appear to have had little visible effect on Killin. Reliance on local resources helps local providers and reduces unnecessary expenditure and time on travel.

Tourism, we are told, is good this year in view of the UK trend for local holidays. This may further improve the local economy. Let's hope the weather is on our side. **WA**

Front Page

New boardwalk at the head of the loch, built by Stirling Council assisted by EAK volunteers

The Killin and Ardeonaig Community Development Trust

KAT has taken on new directors including representation from Ardeonaig. The application for the energy project, Killin Cutting Carbon, is in the pipeline but has been subjected to new obstacles placed since the Fintry application. While the effect is to water down the original plans, every attempt is being made to proceed with a plan as near as possible to the original one and to add elements which will leave a legacy that will help continue improvements in carbon emissions and include an element of local employment. Only time will tell if it will be accepted. **WA**

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Monemore Blaze

A new smoke alarm had been installed at No. 5 Monemore and, when it went off on the morning of April 8th, Jock Guild thought it was faulty until he looked up the stairs and saw smoke coming from the bedroom. He pushed open the door and was met by more smoke and through which he could see flames. Realising it was serious, but not quite taking in that he had also been burnt, he went to ring 999 but, as he did so, the phone went dead when the wires burnt through. However his call had got through - as over twenty calls from other people. As Jock was being given first aid for a badly burnt arm, someone went to tell Hazel, who was at work in the Pound Shop. On hearing that her house was on fire, her first reaction was "It can't be - we

haven't got a fire in the house!" - and she waited until Bob Law could stand in for her before going to see. By this time smoke was billowing out of the upstairs window and roof and soon after flames blazed through tiles on the roof and it seemed an age before help arrived.



(Our firemen all have other jobs and not all of them are in the village all the time so how long it takes between the alert and leaving the station depends on how quickly the minimum crew can get there. During the night, when they are all in the village and some are very close by, it can take as little as five minutes.) In fact members of Killin Fire Brigade arrived on the scene at 10.47am, just eight minutes after they were alerted, appliances from Crianlarich, Tyndrum and Callander arrived about twenty minutes later, and one each from Stirling and Aberfeldy after a further ten.

On reaching Monemore the Killin firemen quickly established that no-one was inside so no attempt was made to enter the fiercely burning building. The hose was immediately run out and water from the appliance pumped into the upstairs window as they looked for the hydrant on the pavement opposite the Capercaille for even more water. However the hydrant sign was missing and the hydrant itself had been tarred over - black mark for whichever authority responsible - so hydrants at the end of Manse Road and at the Bridge had to be used by the various crews. Not long after the first water went into the upstairs window there was a very scary firework display of bangs, cracks and flashes as the electrical wires and appliances blew in the house and the main electrical feed into the house began to burn down like a roman candle. The danger of electrocution meant water could then be used only with extreme care until the arrival of someone from the Hydro Board who had to be sent for to switch off the power at the mains. Horrified onlookers thought that the water had run out or that the pressure had dropped. The fire was brought under control just after one o'clock, but work continued on the site into the evening by which time

No. 5 was roofless, with its contents a sorry blackened heap in the garden. No. 6 adjoining it was also very badly affected by smoke and water damage and had a hole in the roof. Jock, Hazel and John Guild were homeless and had only what they stood up in. How did they feel? At the time, they say, they were simply stunned. Hazel's worst moment was seeing the roof fall in. They did manage to rescue some old photographs from a sturdy sideboard which had protected them from burning and a fireman also found Jock's golf clubs safe under the stairs. Commenting as he tipped the water out of the golf bag, he said "I see Jock has been in the water again". John is surprised his wine collection has been left untouched in the garden. He knows that it is ruined but thought someone might have been tempted to try it. Looking back more than a month after it happened, all three accept that all they lost were "things" and things can be replaced. The Guilds were put up in the Killin Hotel for just over three weeks and are now temporarily rehoused in No. 1 Monemore. The first time they were again able to cook their own meals was when they really felt that things were getting back to normal. They have been told it will be about a year before they can get back into No. 5 but are near enough to watch progress. Jock, Hazel and John say people in the village were tremendously supportive and they would like to thank everyone very much for all the kindness, sympathy and offers of furniture and other items which they received. Meanwhile, however, their neighbours in No. 6, whose house is also uninhabitable, are still in the Killin Hotel and have been given no indication about how long they will be there or what is happening to No. 6.

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Killin Community Council meeting 12th May

Matters arising: The land at Ballechroisk has been purchased by the housing association, planning applications for six houses will be submitted soon and contractors should be on site by January.

No village officer has yet been appointed for Killin although Crianlarich, Tyndrum, Lochearnhead and Strathyre all have village officers. Provost Wood has agreed to pursue this.

Remedial work on the re-surfacing of the Main Street has still to be done and Provost Wood will find out when. Dochart Bridge was inspected by a road engineer in April because of recurring pot holes and cracks.

These faults should be logged with the roads department by observant members of the public.

Planning: The chalets on the land adjacent to the Golf Course have been refused planning permission. The application for the Cost Cutters building has gone to appeal.

Play Park: Dogs and cats still have access and are fouling the sand pit. There is no gate only a grid which does not to deter animals. Play equipment needs upgrading and the muddy surface round the bench area needs scraping and resurfacing.

Breadalbane Park: A meeting is still to take place between the Highland Games Committee, the Agricultural Society and Stirling Council with regard to the poor drainage in the park.

National Park: The National Park review has taken place. Any final changes have yet to be decided. The number of board members is to be reduced from 25 to 18 who will be made up of 6 elected, 6 appointed by the Councils within the Park and 6 appointed by the Scottish Government.

New Turning Circle: During the holiday weekend camper vans were parked in the turning area. The area fenced off is polluted by Japanese Knotweed and is to be treated.

Suggestions for the use of this area should be put in writing to the Council.

Community Profile: No applications for the post of researcher on the community profile have been received.

KAT: There will be a slight delay in the application for the Killin Cutting Carbon project. This is because the rules now require 3 quotes. Previous applications to the Climate Challenge Fund required only one. KAT now have a new director, Rosemary Simpson, who represents Ardeonaig.

Squirrels Signs: Gavin Skipper the National Park Ranger for Breadalbane is negotiating with the Council to place warning signs by the Golf Course where some have been run over.

The Folklore Centre: There are plans for discussions between Killin Community Council, KAT and Stirling Council to see if the Centre can be managed as a community operated facility to be coordinated by Suzanne Player.

Winter Gritting: School children in Glenlochay were unable to get to school on some snowy days in the winter because gritters did not go up the glen. There is to be a new policy about gritting sensitive areas if school children are involved.

Christmas Lights: The lamp posts in the Main Street are not strong enough to support cables for Christmas lights. Some lamp posts have been replaced and if they all were, lights could be supported. Provost Wood suggested that a letter requesting new lamp posts should be sent to the Council.

After School care: Claire Noble and her group, who are looking at the possibility of reinstating after school care, are to visit Thornhill to see how it is organised in their community. They are also asking all interested parents from Tyndrum, Crianlarich, Killin and Strathyre to complete a questionnaire.

Nursery Provision for the under 3s: As a rural community, Killin was funded by the education authority for 12 hours nursery care for the under 3s. This facility has now ceased, forcing working parents either to pay for care or one parent to give up work.

Dog Fouling: This is an ongoing problem compounded by the dog bins not being emptied often enough. Anyone who witnesses an owner not cleaning up after their dog should report the matter to the Police and the Community Council by letter.

Bridge of Lochay Holiday Homes: The application for 4 apartments to be built beside the Bridge of Lochay Hotel was only permitted if they were for holiday lets. The application would have been rejected if they had been for permanent homes. There is a shortage of houses for local people and Owen McKee was asked why the application could not be for permanent homes for locals. The answer was that the application was dealt with under the rules of the existing local plan drawn up by Stirling Council. A new local plan is under consultation and will be in place by 2010. It would probably favour permanent homes. If the application was resubmitted, it might be that permanent homes would be allowed.

Flooding at the top of Glen Ogle: This area of the road that floods every winter is now being addressed and the work being done should prevent problems in the future.

Gaelic Place Names: Provost Wood asked for a show of hands in support of replacing signs with dual language names. Those present either voted against or abstained.

Sports & Social Club: At the AGM only one office bearer was prepared to stand. Jill and Colin Higgins have moved away from the village so vacating 2 positions. A meeting is planned for 18th June at 7.30pm to try to establish a new committee.

John Grant: A letter sent to John Grant at the McLaren Hall house by Hill & Robb Solicitors on behalf of the Trustee and Management committee of the McLaren Hall issued him with an eviction order. A petition was presented to the committee in support of John and opposing the action taken. A member of the public asked for more openness by the trustees and the management committee. It was also pointed out that the Hall was the property of the village and the action taken did not have the support of a large number of those present. A sub-group of councillors was formed to ask to meet the McLaren Hall committee to find out why the situation with John Grant has arisen and why meetings apart from the AGM are not open to the public.

New Hospital Access: A meeting is to be arranged to discuss access to the new hospital. This will include patient transport systems, emergency ambulance service and public access to the Larbert site. This meeting will give Community Councillors and Community Development Trust Directors the opportunity to hear about arrangements for transport and services and to ask questions of representatives from Forth Valley Health Board, Stirling Council and the Scottish Ambulance Service. If local people have specific questions they would like to have asked on their behalf, they should pass these on to one of the community councillors.

Next meeting: Tuesday 14th July 7.30pm McLaren Hall.

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the results as a practice. We are always trying to improve. We received lots of spontaneous positive comments. Negative comments were around surgery opening times and Out of Hours care. Sadly, these elements are out of our control so if you want changes you will need to lobby your MSP! On a positive note, we have seen great improvements in the OOH system over time and it does seem to be working much better than in the beginning.

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Frost Report

Springtales

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There is currently quite a lot of concern about the declining numbers of swifts. Unlike their cousins the swallows and martins who make their nests on walls of buildings, swifts build actually inside cracks and holes in higher buildings. In older pre-war buildings there are suitable air vents etc to accommodate them but newer buildings, often of concrete rather than brick, have very few such gaps; any holes are covered with grills. In some Scandinavian countries there is

legislation to ensure that new tall buildings are swift friendly. There is sense in this since a single bird is estimated to eat around 80 thousand insects per day. With the northward spread of malaria carrying mosquitoes this sounds good. Could it also help to stop the spread of bluetongue? It would certainly be a lot cheaper than a midge machine! More news on the squirrel front - it was thought locally that there was a hybrid red/grey around but I have it on good authority that this is not possible - and thank goodness otherwise the English reds would have died out. At this time of year, however, they appear to be moulting and sometimes the underfur is a less red colour and individuals do vary as to exact shade of red. (Probably depends on how recently they have been to get their roots done?) We have two regulars at the bird table and, although they have mastered the squirrel feeder, they often enjoy a few Olympic athletic swings on the feeders. The young male has to be careful as he has lost half his tail

somewhere and is learning new balancing moves. Spring is also bringing us closer to the 'big walk' season. There are now so many charity walks with such huge numbers of participants that areas like Ben Nevis are seeing a drastic effect upon the habitat. The charities are gaining but the environment is suffering. Hopefully a new fashion in fundraising will come sooner rather than too late. Maybe sponsor a day path rebuilding?

If you are one of the campers beginning to return for the Summer season then please respect the countryside which you come here to enjoy. When you park please leave sufficient room on the road for locals to have access not to mention the emergency services. While camping please do not ringbark or chop down young trees for your fires and on leaving please take your rubbish, especially glass bottles, with you instead of exploding them on your campfire as seems to be the fashion.

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The basic concept is that you store media files somewhere (typically on a computer) in the home, and then use a computer network to distribute these files to home audio visual devices that conform to the Digital Living Network Alliance, or DLNA standard.

Be careful to ensure your home network has enough bandwidth to carry the video or audio data.

If you are intending to use a wireless

network to stream these data within your home, then you are likely to need the latest technology in wireless networking, i.e. a wireless-N router. Without this type of router, it is unlikely that you will be able to play music or video without the picture or the sound breaking up.

Windows Updates

Many computers that are heavily infected with viruses come to me to be cleaned. Several of these machines have anti-virus software installed, but the persistent viruses are still getting through.

It is not sufficient just to have up to date anti-virus software, you also need to keep your version of Windows up to date. Both Windows XP and Windows VISTA have tools to ensure you automatically download the latest operating system patches. If you ignore these updates, you will put your machine and your data at risk.

Windows 7

Microsoft is intending to launch a new operating system, perhaps next year. This is currently on trial and the trial (or beta) version of Windows 7 is available for download. Please note that this should only be considered if you are technically competent. There is no support available for this version, and you use it at your own risk.

Time will tell if this new version of Windows will be beneficial, but there is a lot of scepticism within the general public whenever Microsoft

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Rural Broadband

The Scottish Executive's project to bring broadband to the rural community has suffered recently from poor performance. The reliability has been so bad that many people are wishing they had never signed up for the service. The problem has been confirmed as both technical - with a fault in a satellite - and design, where the expected amount of downloaded data was underestimated.

The service provider, Avanti, is currently working to resolve these issues, but in the meantime, if you have suffered from poor service, then the recommendation is to complain and demand a refund.

I hope that these issues are resolved soon, as this is the only current method for rural communities to get any form of broadband access to the internet.

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Woodland Event

This year the Woodland Craft Fair will be held in Crianlarich Village Hall on Saturday 22nd August and will include a photography competition for our local budding David Baillies! We want entries based on; "Trees", "Wild flowers" and "Nature", so be sure to take your cameras when you're out and about!

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Once again we are holding an exhibition in Tyndrum Village Hall. The show will run from Saturday 5th September to Sunday 13th September, so now is the time to get busy with paint and palette or your camera. Further details will be in the next edition of the Killin News.

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**Strathfillan
Community Council**
Extracts from minutes
of 20th April

Pedestrian Crossing, Crianlarich:
An allowance has been made for this facility within the Network Management, Minor Improvement Programme for 2009/10: Delivery will be dependent on available funding.

Sign at Tyndrum: The "allow for overtaking" gives a misleading message. They have been asked to take a little more care in any future messages. The Transport Scotland Manager with overall responsibility is Jonny Moran who can be contacted directly on 0141-272-7378 if the problem recurs.



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Thank you to Effie and all the volunteers for organising the local litter pick.

Both applications to the **Community Pride Fund** for refurbishing entrance signs to Crianlarich and enhancing Inverarnan, were successful, each receiving £1000; Gwenn Hunter has been busy trying to organise things for Inverarnan and is well on the way to getting everything in place.

NHS Forth Valley Community Newsletter tells of a new service for heart attack patients. Called optimal reperfusion patients will be diagnosed and taken to hospital within 90 minutes or treated with a clot-busting drug after diagnosis by the paramedic.

Changes to the Scottish Planning System are coming into force: All Scotland will be covered by Local Development Plans [LDP]; but only 4 city regions, Aberdeen, Dundee,

Edinburgh and Glasgow will be covered by Strategic Development Plans [SDP]. New requirements ensure that CCs are kept up to date with plan progress and have an opportunity to shape the development of their community. Initially main issue reports will be prepared focusing on big decisions and including options and alternative approaches. Prospective applicants for national or major developments can carry out a pre-application consultation [PAC] with communities. This becomes compulsory after 3rd August. From 3rd August 2009 the new planning system will be in operation in addition to the above:

- 1 weekly list giving more information to CCs
- 2 21 days to respond to neighbour notification
- 3 pre-determination hearings
- 4 more information on how decisions were made when CC has made representation on an application

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From the minutes of the meeting on 11th May

John Riley has been trying to get someone in Scottish and Southern Electric [SSE] to follow up with the promise of community benefit for the Caorach hydro scheme by Loch Dochart, and has now learnt that they will be happy to brief Strathfillan Community Council on the progress of the development (now consented and due to commence construction later this year). They will also be in more of a position to discuss community benefit at that time and will contact us over the summer months to establish when would be suitable

Moir Robertson will meet tenant representatives from across Scotland and Alex Neil, Minister for Housing and Communities, on 12th May.

Isla Craig has been in correspondence with Bruce Crawford MSP regarding the proposed Crianlarich by-pass and the lack of consultation with the community. Bruce is proposing to call a meeting

in Crianlarich in late May or early June and invite Transport Scotland. **John Riley and Moira Robertson** attended a meeting on the proposed Glenfalloch Hydro Schemes with David Lowes and local residents. The proposals appear well thought out, will not be unsightly and will have the backing of the Community Council.

Inverarnan Community received £1500 from the Scottish and Southern Electricity substation to spend on plants and tubs to improve the area.

John Goodale and Moira Robertson attended a NP seminar on Energy Efficiency and Renewables - What can your community do? It was very interesting and could be advantageous to our village hall committees. Community Energy Scotland, who previously only operated in Highlands & Islands region, has recently won the contract for the whole of Scotland. They will come out and audit community buildings and give options on more efficient energy systems. They should have staff in place in our area soon.

Joyce Russell and Moira Robertson will attend a briefing on the New Housing Bill [Scotland] on June 12th.

Gwenn Hunter has been trying unsuccessfully to get someone to accept responsibility for maintaining and gritting the path from The Drover's Inn to Ben Ghlas Farm. Councillor Fergus Wood will now take this on.

Alan Smailes is attending the Stirling Sounding Board Focus Groups on 14th May.

West Highland Fling



Nicky Cairns

Two Crianlarich Primary School pupils handing out medals and certificates to the runners as they crossed the line



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“By The Way”

The West Highland Fling is a 53 mile marathon run yearly over the southern section of the West Highland Way, starting in Milngavie and ending in Tyndrum. The event took place in Tyndrum on 24th May, with over 300 people from all over the world taking part. The winner, Jez Bragg, beat the course record by 5 mins, followed closely by Scott Bradley in second place and a few others who beat their personal best times. The ladies race was won by Sarah Ridgeway with Alison Campbell in second place. Local sponsorship was provided by

Tyndrum Lodge, who supplied stovies for the participants at the end of the run, The Real Food Cafe provided magic mugs and the Benmore Lodge Hotel in Crianlarich organised and provided a bar at the Tyndrum Village Hall for the evening ceilidh - the important bit! The event was sponsored by Coors Beers and Montane Adventure Clothing and organised locally by Joyce Russell and the team from Strathfillan CDT in Tyndrum.

Nicky Cairns

The Crianlarich Hotel Under New Ownership

The Crianlarich Hotel has re-opened under its original name and under the direction of a young and enthusiastic management team. The new owners operated the Isle of Colonsay Hotel for twenty years until 1998. The driving force behind their new venture is the



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Having passed through Crianlarich for 30 years, Kevin Byrne, the owner and piermaster in Colonsay, is delighted to have had the opportunity to buy the hotel which, he recognises, lies in a very attractive and suitable location. It is a welcome addition to the local visitor experience.

Readers are warmly invited to call in to see the changes - anybody carrying a copy of the current issue of Killin News can enjoy coffee for two as guests of the establishment, whether or not it accompanies a meal

Killin Taekwondo Success



Killin Taekwondo Group with Shield



Killin Taekwondo Group

At the recent 22nd Traditional Taekwondo UK Team Championships, Anna Holden and Robbie Player were again part of the winning Callander/Falkirk Team. Following her success in November, Anna won another gold trophy while Robbie brought home his first championship medals with 2 bronzes.

In addition, our local club members have had success in their recent grading tests

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Think About It

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Ladd Fagerson

Falls of Dochart Retirement Home

One of the success stories of a community taking things into its own hands is the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home here in Killin. Those who visit there know that it is a well run, cheerful place and the residents are happy, so it is gratifying, but no surprise, to learn that a recent inspection report from the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care rated the Home very highly. It was given 'Very Good' for Care and Support and for Environment and 'Good' for Staffing and for Management and Leadership.

Running a Home nowadays is a lot more than having good staff and feeding and caring for residents. New regulations from Health and Safety or European standards frequently demand more action or paperwork. Staff must often update their experience in various areas by attending courses, records must be kept in particular ways or, as happened some time ago, all doors had to be expensively replaced. You may have wondered why the garden and carpark at the Home have recently been dug up. This was because a different type of pipe from the gas tank to the boiler was required by new rules. Sometimes conforming to such requirements

can be unexpected and costly so the Home is extremely grateful for the financial support it receives from individuals, often anonymously, from legacies and from events in the village. Thanks to such gifts, which are used primarily for the direct benefit of the residents, they are not disadvantaged by unexpected demands on the finances and the Falls of Dochart can continue to maintain high standards and remain a valued asset to the community.



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Tuesday 2nd June 7.00pm

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Wednesday 24th June 7.00pm

Visit to the Lochay Power Station. Roger Twigg will show us around the Power Station followed by a short walk in the surrounding area to view associated features. The Community Bus will leave the McLaren Hall car park at 6.45p.m. If you wish to travel on the Community Bus please sign the list held in Killin Outdoor Shop.

Saturday 4th July 2.00pm.

The archaeology of upper Glen Lochay. Dugald MacInnes, ACFA (Glasgow University) will lead a walk in Glen Lochay to look at the archaeology of the glen. The walk will start at Kenknock and include visits to a Neolithic long cairn, an Iron Age hut circle and various medieval sites. The Community Bus will leave the McLaren Hall car park at 1.30p.m. If you wish to travel on the bus please sign the list held in Killin Outdoor Shop.

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Plumbing the Past

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An exploration of the census returns gives some details of the family who first appear in the 1891 census. William aged 37 is listed as the head of the household; occupation plumber. His birth parish was Kenmore but the parish of Kenmore extended to the Killin area so he probably was a local. His wife Catherine aged 37 is from Killin

parish. She was probably a widow with a son when she married William as there is a William Ferguson, her son identified in the school record, age 12 also living in the house. The other children are Peter 5, Donald 4 and Alex 1. Peter Robertson age 31 also a plumber lives in the house and is a brother to William. Ten years later in 1901 the household has been increased by another child John. William Ferguson lists his occupation as a postman. Two girls, Margaret and May, were born after 1901. All the children are in the Killin School register and entered the school

between May 1891 and Dec 1913. This probably establishes when the family arrived in the village. The leaving details for the children from the school suggests that the family moved to Errol. **GA**



Rag Mat for Moirlanich

Appeal for old t-shirts

At the recent briefing for volunteer helpers at Moirlanich Longhouse it was mentioned that the rag mat, which has been in the kitchen for a number of years, has now become rather dirty and damaged by damp. Rather rashly, I have volunteered to make a new one but, in order to do so, I need quite a lot of material. The easiest material to use is non-fraying knitted cotton, which I then cut up into strips or short clippings and put onto a hessian base. If you have any old t-shirts you no longer

want, I would be delighted to recycle them into a mat. I can even use clothes which are quite worn or marked as I just cut out the damaged parts and use the rest. If you have any t-shirts you would like to donate to this project, please drop them in to Dunlochay (just opposite the caravan site in Killin) any time. Alternatively, I am happy to come to collect, if you phone me on 01567 820 257. Many thanks.

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Dancers



Dance Competition

The Forth Valley Schools Dance Competition took place 1st April in the MacRobert Centre, Stirling. There were 13 high schools taking part. The three senior dance teams performed extremely well and the FTW (For the Win) Team, made up of fourth year girls Eve Malloch, Rebecca Davis, Georgia Parkes, Charlotte Hill, Mairi McLellan, Amy Hunter and Jessie Menzies, gained third place. An exciting time was had by all, well done to all the pupils who took part.

Football

The McLaren High School Under 14 Team played in the final of the Forth Valley Cup against Denny High at Firs park, Falkirk on 23rd April. In the first half the boys were outplayed by a skilful Denny side who were deservedly 3-0 up at half time. In the second half Grant Craig was brought down in the box and Steven Lauder made the score 3-1 from the penalty spot. This sparked a great revival and Grant pounced on a through ball from Calum Wyllie to make for an exciting last 20 minutes. Calum himself levelled the scores at 3-3 with only a few minutes left. The game was then decided on penalties which Denny won 4-3. Congratulations to Denny and well done to McLaren for a great fightback. McLaren's "Man of the Match" for sparking the comeback was Grant Craig.

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Glencoe Outdoor Centre-Trip

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The children got the opportunity to try Archery, Orienteering, Team Building / Problem Solving games called "How do they do that?", Rock Climbing, Abseiling, Hill Walking, Canoeing and sailing in the Longboat. The evening activities

included team games, an evening walk in and around Glencoe village, and on Thursday there was disco.

It was so much fun that you didn't realise that it had been five days! My favourite activity was the longboat games.

Ewan Watson P.6

I really liked the longboat because I got a go at steering the boat. The disco was really good. Some of the instructors were really good dancers.

Ishbel Hayes P.7

When we were on the longboat we saw a massive starfish, a tiny purple jelly fish that looked like it was glowing. We also saw a baby seal. I was dancing on the longboat - I did the Macarena and the YMCA dance when I was stationed at the front of the longboat as the lookout.

Bryony Semple P.6

The climbing and abseiling was really exciting because you get to climb really high. Then it's a wee bit scary when you abseil back down.

Robbie Taylor P.6



Creativity Matters

Parents and children recently received invitations to attend the opening of Creativity Matters: artSfest 2009 on Saturday 9 May in the MacRobert at the Stirling University Campus. This is an 'Exhibition of Expressive Arts' for Stirling Council school children. Art Specialist Mrs Lesley Munro had selected for display several pieces of art work created by the children over the course of this school year. Several parents went along to watch as the children were presented with a certificate for the school's participation.

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National Spring Clean

On Friday 8th May we held a National Spring Clean event and it was a great success. About fifty children and twelve adults broke into smaller groups and targeted public areas within Killin armed with bright yellow bibs and litter pickers. While not a great deal of rubbish was found, the litter that was collected has helped our village become a smarter looking place. More importantly, the pupils have developed a greater sense of pride and responsibility and we hope will not be litter droppers of the future.

Playground Toys

Pupils have been shown some of the new playground toys and games which were bought with grant money after a survey of what they would like to use at break times. These new pieces of equipment should be seen in our playground over the next few months - but no litter! **Mr Lunan**

K & C Nursery

Killin & Crianlarich Nursery have had some staff changes over the last few months. Debbie McAllister is on secondment to Arnprior. Alex Tigwell has taken over Jeanette Weir's group in Killin and Sandra Campbell Taylor has Alex's group in Crianlarich.

We welcome Becky Millen back from maternity leave and we are pleased to have Kate Cousins and Jackie McKenna as part of our team. The pre-school children are now preparing for their transition to school. They will have many visits to school and teachers from Killin, Crianlarich, Strathyre and Kenmore Primaries will visit the nurseries. The children going to Strathyre Primary have had two very successful visits to school. On the first they had a great time investigating the fantastic playground. The second was a Teddy Bears Picnic which sadly, due

to the very wet weather, had to be indoors. This did not stop the children having a lovely time getting to know their classmates. Kenmore's Teddy Bears Picnic is on Wednesday 10th June and Killin and Crianlarich have visits to school music sessions and assemblies on various dates.

The staff and children had been getting out and about enjoying the better weather before the rain returned. Natalie and the children in Crianlarich had a very successful visit to Dobbies Garden Centre. The children had raised money through the Enterprise Group allowing them to purchase plants, seeds and ornaments for their fairy garden and vegetable garden.

Wendy, Alex, Becky, Kate and the children from the 3-5 room have spent some time drawing pictures at the park duck pond. We have many budding artists so if you are visiting the nursery, don't forget to take time to look.

Nicky and Sandra are keeping the under three's in Crianlarich busy by planting seeds in the garden. They are also planning to sow vegetable seeds and plant fruit trees to allow us to provide our own snack. Maggie and Jackie and the under three's in Killin have been investigating light using the light box. They have found it very interesting.



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Respect the Park

Operation Ironworks, the six-month operation aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour at some of Scotland's iconic beauty spots and which is part of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority's Respect The Park programme, was launched in April. The initiative, led by Central Scotland Police and run in conjunction with rangers from Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, Forestry Commission Scotland, with Strathclyde and Tayside Police forces, provides high profile patrols in the countryside. During the six months there will be over 70 different initiatives carried out by the three forces targeting antisocial behaviour issues which are often alcohol-fuelled, including damage to property, irresponsible fires, litter, road safety and wildlife and environmental crimes as well as noise disturbance. High visibility patrols will be carried out by officers on foot and motorbikes as well as officers from the Road Policing Unit, Dog Section and Underwater Search Unit. Mobile police offices will also be used at various locations and community traffic wardens will ensure traffic problems are kept to a minimum.

Four National Park rangers will bolster the police presence and a newly appointed National Park police officer, Central Scotland Police's Constable Paul Barr, will deal with all aspects of wildlife and environmental crime within the whole of the National Park area. Operation Ironworks proved to be very successful last year in helping to reduce the impact of antisocial behaviour in the beautiful Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park. This year the partnership is building on the work and lessons from last year to improve facilities educate visitors and enforce the law so making the National Park more enjoyable for all visitors. The community who live and work around the area, as well as visitors, deserve to enjoy this beautiful part of Scotland without worrying about their safety or security. Unfortunately there is a small minority of people who can spoil the enjoyment of the National Park for others. The National Park is there for all to enjoy and it's important that the minority are not allowed to spoil it through alcohol-fuelled antisocial behaviour. Speeding vehicles, particularly motorcycles, cause specific concern for the



Abandoned Tent

communities over the summer months and the Road Policing Unit will be targeting those who are irresponsible on our roads. To report matters of antisocial behaviour, contact Central Scotland Police on 01786 456000 or information can be given anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Lambing Policy

As the recent spell of good weather has encouraged many people to head out and enjoy the countryside, NFU Scotland (NFUS) and Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority are asking everyone to take special care around lambs and calves and to be careful not to disturb them. This time of year is one of the most important and busy periods for livestock farmers throughout the National Park as lambing and calving is under way. Both organisations are asking people to keep dogs well away from vulnerable young and pregnant animals.

The sight of young lambs in spring is a joy shared by everyone visiting or living in the countryside, but it is essential that people follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code and heed local advice from farmers. In particular, dogs should be kept well away from sheep because even if no lambs are present, pregnant ewes are extremely vulnerable to disturbance. Doug Stewart, Access Officer for the National Park Authority, said "We want to encourage everyone to be responsible when walking their dog. Follow the Outdoor Access Code guidance and avoid taking your dog into fields where sheep are either

lambing or lambs are present. It's always best to carry a lead just in case you need to control your dog closely. The Park Authority will continue to offer help to farmers and land managers this spring and provide them with advice and signs to put up in popular areas at lambing time. Laminated signs in A4 and A3 size and individually worded to suit are an effective method of providing guidance for the public on the presence of livestock". For more information, contact the Park Access team on 01389 722600.

Craic-ing Cancer concert coming to Aberfeldy

A dynamic duo of fundraisers from Aberfeldy are putting together a star-studded concert in July to raise funds for Breakthrough Breast Cancer and Breast Cancer 2000. Susan MacDonald and Kate Coaton, both affected by breast cancer, decided to pool their considerable experience in retail and marketing by organising an evening of comedy, music and song. Kate and I have survived breast cancer, but for many, alas, it is a killer disease. We wanted to give something back - money for research and money to help breast cancer sufferers. That's why we chose these deserving breast cancer charities. And we guarantee, it WILL be great craic! Topping the bill are Glasgow's actress and comedienne Isobel Rutter and internationally-renowned singer and folklorist Margaret Bennett. There will also be a surprise "mystery" guest, and a multi-prize hi-end raffle. "Craic-ing Cancer" will be held in the newly-refurbished Aberfeldy Town Hall on Saturday 25th July at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 and can be booked by phoning 01887 820478 or 01887 830315. Early booking is advised.
Lou Oppenheim
Press Officer "Craic-ing Cancer" Campaign Committee

Killin Cinema nights

The proposed dates for childrens' film showings in the Church Community rooms are:

Saturday 13th June
Saturday 4th July
Saturday 8th August
Saturday 12th September
Saturday 17th October
Saturday 7th November
Saturday 5th December

I am trying to put together a rota of volunteers to help and hope to have enough people so each one will only have to do it once or twice a year. I hope to extend the evening and have a film for older kids (secondary school) and would like to hear from both primary and secondary age kids what films they would like to see. Volunteers and viewers please get in touch with me.

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Strathcarron Hospice Midnight Walk



Ladies' Midnight Walk

Over 2,300 ladies of all ages took part in all or part of the Midnight Walk in aid of Strathcarron Hospice on 2nd May. Some 25 'girls' from Killin or with Killin connections - including Cathy, Joan and Andrea above - managed either five or ten miles and made a valuable contribution to Hospice Funds.

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I took part in the midnight five mile walk on 2 nd May in aid of Strathcarron Hospice. I would like to thank the ladies of Killin WRI, Tuesday Club, Thursday Day Care and all friends and family from Corpach and Aberdeen for all their sponsorship money.

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swimming suitability, leaving Lester, Fiona & Robert to get round under their own steam. We all completed our sections in a reasonable time. Charlotte received an award for being the first of the unaided wheelchair users to finish. We would like to thank everyone who sponsored us. The total so far is in excess of £600. Donations can still be made to Jean's fundraising page which closes on 10/08/09

www.justgiving.com/jeansmndfunrun

Fiona Mitchell



Kindrochit Challenge

I am taking part in this year's Kindrochit Loch Tay Quadrathlon in order to raise money for Jenny Lambert and her disabled son Denzil. Denzil needs a computer to communicate and this is something I can help with by raising money through this event. I have set up an account in the Killin branch of The Bank of Scotland so that people who would like to donate can pay directly into this account or put money in an envelope with their name and address and leave at my house where their name will be added to the sponsorship sheet

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The club needs your help to form a new committee. Colin and Jill Higgins, having done a splendid job over many years, resigned as chairman and vice chairman since leaving the area. At the AGM on 14th April the nine people attending, with an average age over seventy, did not feel it their responsibility to form a committee. The secretary would also like to stand down.

Is the Club Successful?

Audited accounts for the last year show a 38% increase in membership subscriptions. The prices for putting, bowling and tennis were significantly reduced and the drop in price resulted in a 40% increase in income. The budget for this year projects a surplus of £800. There is also £10,000 in the bank.

What does the Committee Do?

Very little - the grounds are maintained by paid contractors and the facilities during the summer are run by paid employees.

The Future

An EGM has been arranged for 7.30 pm on Thurs 18th June in the sports centre to form a committee and elect new postholders. The time is right for a vibrant, new committee with fresh ideas for the benefit of both residents and visitors.

Unfortunately, without postholders and a committee, the club will close.

John Connor
Treasurer

Badminton



Junior Badminton Members

Back Row: Jack McRobbie, Billy Graham, David Macaskill

Front Row: Josh Norris, Cameron Shearer, Calum Wyllie, Jinny Dowling, Oliver Dowling

Winner of the gents singles was Calum Frost.



Most improved player David Macaskill and Junior Cup winner Calum Wyllie

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Killin Golf Club Senior Gents Open

Handicap winner (Kiltyrie Trophy):

J Elliot (Langholm) 66

Age group 55-63:

1st G Marshall (Rye Hill) 69

2nd N Chisholm (Kemnay) 69

3rd R Downie (Polmont) 70

Age group 64-68:

1st A Simpson (Lochwinnoch) 69

2nd J Cowie (Blair Atholl) 69

3rd G Ingram (Dunkeld) 72

Age group 69+:

1st J Elliot (Langholm) 66

2nd B Morris (Stirling) 69

3rd John Blyth (Whitemoss) 70

Nearest the pin

15-28: Gordon Ingram (Dunkeld)

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Mactaggart Trophy (Killin Only)

(h/cap 15-28): Jim Burton 70

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Killin boys Robert, Andrew and Jonathan all competed last year beating some of the top riders from around the country to take firsts and second and we wish them all luck this year. (No girls as yet!) Our thanks in advance to the various landowners and Forestry Companies who allow us to use their land so

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Bobby Lafferty
Tel 820854

Calling all Local Craftspeople

Fearnan Art Club is running its popular Arts and Crafts Fair again during the early August Bank Holiday weekend and welcomes submissions for display. Held in the McLean Hall in Fearnan, starting Friday 31st July, this fair attracts holiday makers and locals interested in crafts, art and photography and is always well attended.

The show will include stained glass makers, glass paintings, pottery, turned wood, cane weaving, nettle weaving, jewelry, calligraphy, toys and quilling as well as art and photography by Fearnan Art club members.

We extend an invitation to anyone with any interesting craft skills or unusual hobbies such as silk painters, book binders, felters, quilters, metalworkers, milliners, garden sculptors etc. All would be very welcome to enlarge the scope of the fair. Craft demonstrations are encouraged. It is an excellent opportunity to sell your wares or promote your craft workshops. For further information and entry forms, please contact:

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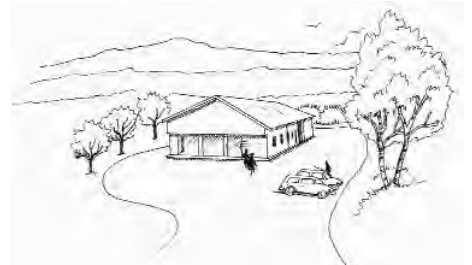
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Sheena MacDougal
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Results:

Small Plough Class

- 1 Finlay Macaskill
- 2 Stewart Christie
- 3 Ian Noble

Large Plough Class

- 1 Donald Macaskill
- 2 Donald Hancock
- 3 Fraser Wilson

Ladies Prize

Sheena MacDougal (Mull)

Young Farmers

- 1 Robert Grant
- 2 Sam Jacobs (Aberfeldy)

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Mervyn's Weather

There is no weather report from Mervyn Browne this issue as unfortunately he is in hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.



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Heart of Scotland Herb Society

It is such a pleasure to wander around the herb border just now, as there is such a lot more colour with new blooms. Although snow on the hills as I write, there is enough growth about that brightens a cold and wet day with promise of more to look forward to as peak season nears. Cheerfully nodding yellow cowslips have been a treat beside the perfumed cool purple of the flowering violets. Fragrant, creamy white of the Lilies of the Valley, the soft pink of flowering strawberry and pure white of sweet cicely are calling out to several of our senses. Vinca's purple-blue tubular flower contrasting with the rich green of its new leaves is so refreshing and who could forget the carpeting blue of the forget-me-nots? Most of the annuals we planted a few weeks ago can now be set out in ordinary sunny ground and thrive on neglect

along with the other herbal perennials. Herbs are tough. Ignore them and they will flourish. Brush past or crush them and you will only be rewarded with a glorious aroma. Enjoy the prelude, before summers warmth leads us to the next act of the show. Though our 2008-09 calendar of meetings is now over, it is near travel time for ten of us who will be meeting up with our like-minded "herbie" friends in Wisconsin and attending the North Wisconsin's annual conference in Green Bay. This will be during a wonderful rich harvest time and there should be plenty of seeds available to bring back and try at our latitude in very different growing season and conditions. Next Fall's programme is coming together nicely with horticultural, medicinal and culinary topics scheduled. Beside the usual handout and discussion on the herb of the month, there could be something of interest for you. Should you wish to join the HSHS next season for a meeting or to become a member, our schedule of events should be out with the next issue of Killin News. For further information phone either Judy Forster at 01567 820298 or me on 01567 820 408. Enjoy the show!

Patty Hope

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Local Planning Applications

National Park

Week 12

Proposal: Erection of front porch
Location: Alpine Cottage Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mrs L Edmunds
Application Type: Household Alteration/Extension
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Proposal: Modification to conditions (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
Decision: Approve without Conditions

Week 15

Proposal: Existing use of land as static caravan site
Location: Glen Dochart Caravan Park Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr Robert McCready
Application Type: Certificate of Lawfulness

Week 17

Proposal: Erection of new building extension to hotel comprising one separate holiday letting accommodation unit
Location: Craigard Hotel, Main Street, Killin
Applicant: Redmuir Ltd
Application Type: Detailed Consent
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Stirling Council

Week - 25 March

Proposal: Erection of dwelling house
Location: at Land Some 85m South East of Innischoarach, Killin
Applicant: Edinmore Group

Proposal: Proposed holiday chalets
Location: At Land Immediately to south of Clachan Caravan Site, Killin
Applicant: Walker Caledonian Ltd
Recommendation: Refuse

Proposal: Erection of dwelling house
Location: At Land some 200m South East Of Innischoarach Killin
Applicant: Edinmore Properties Ltd
Decision: Withdrawn

Perth & Kinross Council - Highland (Glen Lyon & Loch Tay)
Nothing to report.

Mistake!

One evening we went out to dine
On juicy steaks and fruity wine,
And, as imbibing gathered pace,
I vied to win the pudding race.
For me the gastronomic treat
Was to conclude with something sweet,
So just imagine my delight
When on the menu I had sight
Of what I thought was fondant true
When, truthfully, it was fondue!
Oblivious of my mistake
I ordered up what was a fake,
And tho' my wife knew what I'd done,
She kept her mouth shut just for fun.
Now when the fondue set appeared
I thought the situation weird
And, as my wife began to laugh,
I quickly realised my gaffe.
This brought to mind the silly rule
That we quite wrongly learned at school
That, disregarding what it takes,
You always try to hide mistakes.
So down to first course number two
I sat with resolution due,
Until I could no longer brag
And had to fill my doggy bag.

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Letters

A Happy Easter

Just thought I would send you a wee email to say that a few of us from Northern Ireland and some from Edinburgh spent a few days in Killin over Easter and we all had a great time. The weather was fantastic which made our holiday even better, we loved the scenery and the canoeing was brilliant. The Falls of Dochart are so beautiful and the locals down in the wee pub by the Falls were so friendly, especially big Stewart who used to be the local butcher. Oh and the food in the wee pub was delicious. I would certainly recommend Killin to any of my friends for a holiday - there are plenty of beautiful walks and the whole scenery is amazing. Some of our group also hired out bikes which they enjoyed. We all had a really good time and would definitely think about going back in the future. I don't know if many people give you any feed back on their experiences of holidaying in Killin but I thought it would be nice to let the locals know how much we enjoyed our time in their village.

Neil Hyndman

Easter Hamper

The Tiddlers and Toddlers group wish to thank all those who purchased a raffle ticket for our Easter Hamper. The Library kindly agreed to display our hamper, which raised £105 which we put towards a trip to Noahs Ark Soft Play Centre in Perth for eleven children and their excited mums. So a big thank you for supporting us and a thank you to Kay for driving the community bus.

Kirsteen Riddell

70th Birthday

I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards and for all the lovely flowers and gifts I received for my 70th birthday. Thanks also to May Edna and Johan for the meal at the Capercaillie. I am overwhelmed with everyone's kindness. A sincere thank you to everyone.

Grace MacKechnie

C.H.A.S. Charity Fair

I wish to thank most sincerely all who generously supported the Charity Fair held in the McLaren Hall over the Easter weekend which raised £1,300 for C.H.A.S. Special thanks to all the much appreciated helpers.

Morag McNee for Killin & District

Stamp Collection

I would like to thank all the people who handed in thousands of stamps to News First, the Church or the School. These have now been sent off to the Church of Scotland to support an Outreach Programme among Roma people in the Czech Republic.

Alma Walker

40th Birthday

I would like to thank everyone for all the presents, cards and great surprises that I received at my 40th Fancy Dress Party. Everyone looked great, over 180 people in fancy dress costume. It was a fantastic night and one I am sure we will all remember. Many thanks.

Karen Lafferty

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Marieke McBean

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Wedding



David McCallum previously of Killin and Rhona Cowie of Buckle who married in Banffshire at the Mansion House Hotel Elgin.



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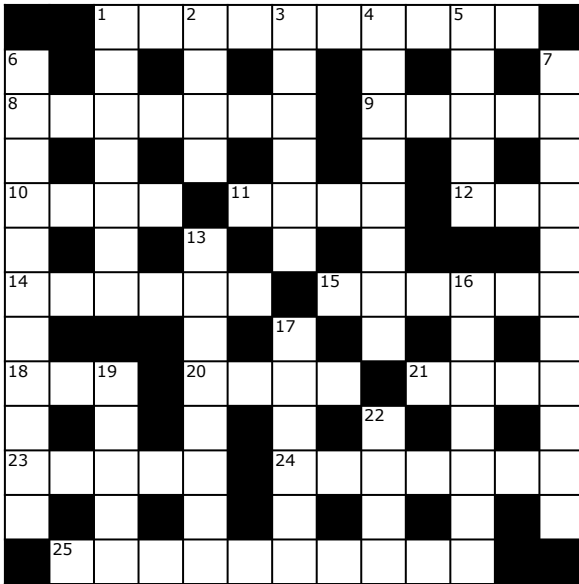
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Across

- 1 Take a rest and see curiously the inhabitants of Albert Square (10)
- 8 Former Scottish cupboard and fast transport (7)
- 9 Do preparation and cause unfair blame (3,2)
- 10 Shaking a flower, strangely causes pain (4)
- 11 Little siblings (4)
- 12 Paddle in feather boa round neck (3)
- 14,18 and 4 down This information will not be found in a cookery book (6,3,8)
- 15 Tyrant of French blemish (6)
- 20 Snip awkwardly for a good shake-up (4)
- 21 English loch (4)
- 23 Cause damage emotionally or physically (5)
- 24 Geometrical shapes of the 1930s (3,4)
- 25 Sky wind hob oddly used as a store for alcohol (6,4)

Down

- 1 Based on experiment rather than theory (7)
- 2 Ignore correction (4)
- 3 Guarantee (6)
- 4 See 14 across
- 5 Proportion from rodent X (5)
- 6 Accurate description, but sounds a nasty way to describe chickens (4,3,4)
- 7 Old fashioned way of NOT administering punishment (5,3,3)
- 13 Ode spies concocted to produce incidents (7)
- 16 Before caring, could become less than honest (7)
- 17 Number system that uses 0 and 1 (6)
- 19 Remove road junction from animal feed container and what's left can be rugged (5)
- 22 Type of engine and type of cycle (4)

Solution 109

Across 4 account 8 extent 9 almonds 10 louder 11 assess
 12 local pub 18 rye bread 20 absent 21 thirst 22 ascribe
 23 slater 24 grieved
Down 1 real ale 2 staunch 3 unseal 5 culpable 6 oboist 7 nudist
 13 portable 14 regrets 15 editors 16 abuser 17 beurre 19 behold

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What's On in Killin and District

June

- 2 Heritage Walk Head of the loch. Meet McLaren Hall carpark 7pm led by John Holland (see page 16)
 5,6,7 So and Sews St Fillans exhibition of Parchwork, Quilting and Floral Art The Sandison Hall, St Fillans 10am
 6,7 Bob McGregor Memorial Challenge Motor bike event Kinnell 11.30am
 10 Traditional music session Bridge of Lochay Hotel 7.30pm
 14 Pipe Band Killin
 19 Cancer Research UK Savoury Supper McLaren Hall 7.30pm
 24 Heritage visit Glenlochay Power Station meet McLaren Hall 6.45pm for Community Bus transport. (see page 16)

Bowling
 Bowling Green
 Mondays and Tuesdays
 2.15pm

Tiddlers & Toddlers
 Church Hall
 Mondays 10am-12noon

July

- 4 Heritage Walk The archaeology of upper Glen Lochay. Meet Kenknock 2pm or Outdoor shop for community bus transport 1.30pm (see page 16)
 8 Traditional music session Bridge of Lochay Hotel 7.30pm
 9 Mountain flowers walk Ben Lawers NNR car park (see page 16)
 12 Pipe Band in Killin
 14 Killin Community Council Meeting McLaren Hall 7.30pm
 26 Pipe Band in Killin
 29 Craft Display McLaren Hall

Internet Cafe
 Killin Library
 Thursdays
 10am - 4pm

Brownies
 Church Hall
 Wednesdays
 3.30 - 5pm

Fire Cadets
 Fire Station
 Mondays
 6.45pm

Keep Fit
 McLaren Hall
 Wednesdays
 7-8 and 8-9

Guides
 Church Hall
 Wednesdays
 7.30 - 9pm

Ben Lawers NNR talks

Illustrated talks held at NTS meetings room, Lynedoch, at 8.00pm:

Wednesday 15th July The natural history of the Killin area.
 John Holland from the Scottish Agricultural College's Hill and Mountain Research Centre on the wealth of wildlife around us.

Wednesday 29th July Rock Art.
 Richard Bradley, Professor of prehistory at the University of Reading with the latest on his work at Ben Lawers.

Wednesday 12th August, Jacobite Woodlands. Ben Notley, Property Manager for the National Trust for Scotland's North Perthshire Properties tells us about his historic woodlands.

Wednesday 26th August. Enjoying mountain plants.
 David Mardon, keen botanist and hill walker, on how seeing what is about us can add interest to hill walking.

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20 July Grey |Green

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