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Editorial

An article on planning page 32 mentions that while most of Killin is in a conservation area new building development in the vicinity of Killin could be allowed in those areas where planning jurisdiction comes under Stirling Council. Could Glen Lochay and the area leading up to the Perth Council border become an extension to the village? Killin is just in the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park with its perimeter abutting Stirling Council and close to Perth Council areas. The community is a major stakeholder in any development and needs to be represented. It is understandable that holistic plans for the development of Killin are difficult to achieve but cooperation between all parties is vital for a sustainable outcome for the future of Killin and environs. Adding local opinions to this mix requires an element of dedication by local people, for example to travel to remote venues for consultation exercises at the expense of work, to find, read and fully understand the complex presentations in remote offices or on line and to send personal opinions in to the various planning authorities. Planning controls are important for the future prosperity and viability of businesses. Killin is a special case for many reasons not least because the three planning authorities each have differing agendas with consultations at different times.

The Community Futures consultation identified the need for a local business support scheme and business action group. Such a group would be in a strong position to support the Killin Community Council and represent the planning needs of the village to help it to achieve a sustainable future. While individual businesses in Killin are fully taken up with day to day activity, working hard to survive and develop, much could be achieved by joining forces to establish a consensus on planning matters.

The representatives of the National Park and Stirling Council both wish for what is best for Killin but being remote, not living and working here, not being part of the community they, in common with many others who make plans for Killin, do not understand what "living in Killin" is all about. The responsibility lies with us, the people of Killin, to inform them of what we want in terms of local planning. The National Park communicates with adjoining councils and is represented on their committees that deal with housing strategy and development. It is a pity that the Stirling Council consultation came separately from that of the Park. I am informed that comments made in reply to one will be shared but still feel it is worth while replying to them all. Maybe the time has come to develop a simpler way to talk to communities and identify local needs.

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What next for the Old Mill?

As most readers will be aware, it was announced in early Spring that the Breadalbane Folk Lore Centre in the Old Mill at the Bridge of Dochart was to be closed with immediate effect. Such was the concern of the community that Stirling Council decided to open it after Easter but just for this summer and with reduced hours. The present use of the building as a Tourist Information Centre and Folklore Museum no longer attracts enough paying visitors to cover the cost of running the building and numbers are continuing to fall this season, so it

cannot continue as it is. At the beginning of June two members of the Killin Community Council and two members of the Killin and Ardeonaig Trust (KAT) met representatives of Stirling Council's Tourism, Marketing and Rural Development Service and Stirling District Tourism Ltd. to discuss what happens next. Stirling Council, who own the building, could sell it or lease it to the community through KAT but only if it could be used for a project which would be self financing. In June/July a leaflet was distributed in the village asking for ideas and this provoked a number of interesting suggestions and much discussion. A majority felt that:

- 1 Nobody wants to see the Mill closed
 - 2 A Tourist Information Centre is vital to the village BUT it should be a Killin Tourist Centre promoting Killin's attractions, events and businesses and the Mill is not necessarily the best place for this
 - 3 A Heritage Centre to display various artefacts is still desirable
- As we know that the present combination of Tourist Centre and Heritage Centre is not cost effective, other ideas or combinations of ideas have to be considered.

Other suggestions (including some

which came after the deadline) were:

- Using the Mill to generate electricity for various uses *(This has apparently been investigated and is not possible)*
- Internet access
- Library
- After School Centre
- Dentist
- Railway Museum with history of Callander-Oban and Killin Railway
- Book Shop like the Watermill at Aberfeldy
- Permanent Charity Shop
- Youth Club/chill zone for kids
- Sales of local arts & crafts
- Sales of upmarket Scottish products
- Café/Restaurant/tearoom with heritage/local craft displays *(The building is not suitable for a café/restaurant)*
- Killin News Office
- National Trust Office
- Park Ranger Office
- Meeting rooms
- Cinema
- Casino
- Gym
- Sell the building for housing and use money for Tourist Centre in centre of village

The ideas that had then come in were discussed at a second meeting of the group and it was felt that there was sufficient interest in the building for Stirling Council to allow more time to be given to finding a solution. The group is to be widened to include, if possible, representatives from the National Park, the National Trust for Scotland and someone with experience of local tourism. There is no quick and easy answer and it may be that in the end we have to think the unthinkable to keep the building or accept that it is sold. Further ideas are welcome.

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Killin Community Council Meeting July 14th

Ballechroisk Housing: Tony Teasdale of Rural Stirling Housing and Glen Murray, Architect, presented plans for six houses at Ballechroisk. Planning application has been made. Work should begin at the end of the financial year and take a year.

Resignation: Darren Webster has resigned as he is leaving the village. There are now two vacancies which will be filled at the elections for the Council due this autumn.

Killin News reports of

Community Council meetings :

The official Community Council Minutes are sent to Stirling Council and not the reports that appear in the Killin News.

Village Officer: No action has been taken by Stirling Council who say that no-one has come forward for the job, although at least two people have submitted their names as candidates. Stirling Council to be asked to stop wasting time and either make the appointment or say they will not do so.

Roads: The Roads Department say that the repairers are contracted for two years and should remedy any defects in the work. They will be contacted by Cllr Ffinch about inspection and repair. A hole in the pavement by Monemore was subsiding again after a recent 'repair'.

Old Mart: Rubbish remains after six years and the place is becoming a refuse dump. The builder claims it is still a building site so materials can be left there. Cllr Ffinch to find out how long this claim is valid when no building work is taking place.

Play Park: Cats cannot be kept out. There are no plans for upgrading the area. Claire Noble has been asked to collect suggestions for upgrading which will be costed and a grant applied for to upgrade the facilities.

National Park: The LLTNP is not

joining up with the Cairngorms NP but there will be small boundary changes in the southern part. Any objections should be sent to the Scottish Parliament.

Turning Circle: Some coaches are still turning at the top of the village.

Gents toilet: This was vandalised at Easter but in spite of frequent reminders Stirling Council has not arranged repair. Cllr Ffinch to find out who is responsible but if nothing is done, the work will be done locally and Stirling Council billed.

Bench at Manse Road: In progress

KAT: Killin Cutting Carbon: The grant application has gone in and a reply is expected soon.

Silver Cottage: Feasibility study completed and positive.

Folklore Centre: After meetings between representatives of KCC, KAT, Stirling District Tourism and Stirling Council and the circulation of a leaflet asking for ideas for the Mill, Stirling Council felt enough interest had been shown for them to consider selling or renting the Mill to the community through KAT but only if it could be used for something which would be financially viable. Representatives from the National Park, the National Trust and local tourism will be asked to join the group to see if a viable solution can be found. The cost of 'moth-balling' the building would also be investigated.

Out of School Care: Discussions are ongoing.

Dog Warden: One letter of complaint has been received and passed to the police.

McLaren Hall: Anthony Dowling and Don Allan met with the McLaren Hall Trustees who were unable to comment on the eviction as it is an ongoing legal matter. Don said they had provided satisfactory answers to various questions but no further details were given apart from the

fact that Trustees of the Hall are appointed by invitation only. Anyone with questions should raise them at the Hall AGM in the autumn or directly to the Trust Chairman, Colin McRae. The petition presented to the Trust/Management Committee had not been replied to as there was no address on the accompanying letter.

Area Health/New Hospital: A recent meeting highlighted again many problems – lack of transport, slip road access, no helipad and ambulance availability. The local councils were sending a joint letter to the Scottish Health Minister about the lack of recognition of these problems. No discussion about the Ambulance Service consultation with patients took place but this will be publicised. (See page 36)

Scottish Native Woods Project:

KCC agreed to support an application for financial support to train 4 local applicants as river wardens in Glen Lochay, Glen Lyon, Strathfillan & Glen Dochart.

Breadalbane Park: Stirling Council has raised the bond for the Highland Games use of the Park and the Killin Show from £500 to £1000 to cover damage, although none had been done last year by the Highland Games and the Show damage had been repaired locally. This would be queried with Stirling Council.

Village signs: There is a lack of signs, particularly at the top of the village, giving information about what was available in Killin. The ownership of various noticeboards would be clarified. A sign for Monemore was missing and should be replaced.

Next meeting: Tuesday 8th September 7.30 School

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Archie saved!



I noticed one day that the stag (now named Archie) was missing from the wall in Killin Library. Where was he, I asked Kay. The Council have taken him, was the answer. Where to, I wondered. So off Kay went to find out. Archie had been sent off to an Edinburgh auction house to be auctioned off to some uncaring non-Killin person! This will not do, I decided, and I asked if Archie could be brought back to Killin, as Killin is where he belongs and not some large house in Edinburgh. Kay asked if I had a wall big enough to put him on. Oh yes, I said, I have just the place where he will be safe, dry warm and in good company. Good, then we will get him back. So back to Killin Archie came and he is safe and sound on the wall in Grants Laundry for all to see - better than being in some lonely old town house.
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Patty Hope

Killin and District Agricultural Society

The Annual Sheep Shearing Competition was held at Auchlyne Farm on Friday 3rd July. There was a great turn out of competitors, 26 machine shearing and 14 hand shearing. Winners were:

Machine Section Open

- 1st - Calum Shaw
- 2nd - David Higginson
- 3rd - Sandy Taylor

Local

- 1st - Sandy Taylor
- 2nd - Donald MacKenzie
- 3rd - Rab Webster

Young Farmers

- 1st - Calum Shaw
- 2nd - Jimmy Wright
- 3rd - Sandy McKellor

Hand Section

Open

- 1st - Donald McColl
- 2nd - Peter McDiarmid
- 3rd - Calum Shaw

Local

- 1st - Peter McDiarmid
- 2nd - Ewan Cameron
- 3rd - Dick Steven

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K Taylor & Son Prize for best in both sections - Calum Shaw

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Killin Cutting Carbon

The bid for this project has been sent to the Carbon Challenge Fund (CCF) and the outcome is awaited. Since we started to model the project on a previous project that achieved funding the rules have changed. It is no longer possible for all households to receive free cavity wall and loft insulation other than those on benefits and the over 70s. However we have applied to another fund, ScottishPower Energy People Trust, for funding to benefit all who fall into the category 'fuel poverty', approximately 50% of whom will not be eligible for free insulation. The definition of fuel poverty is when a household needs to spend more than 10% of household income on all domestic fuel use including appliances to heat the home to an adequate level of warmth. This will

also include the fitting of draftproofing.

Under the CCF application we have sought to train and employ, part time, two domestic energy assessors to support future carbon saving (money saving) ventures. Businesses and those who wish to explore other ways of saving energy or microgeneration will be able to discuss this with our partner, Strathclyde and Central Energy Saving Scotland advice centre (ESSac) who can explain the many ways in which grants and support can be acquired. For example, businesses can receive interest free loans for energy saving procedures repaid over four years. Much of the cost of repayment can be achieved in savings made in energy use. The results of the applications should be decided in early August and if successful, a launch meeting will be held and work starts shortly after that.

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Silver Cottage

The Feasibility Study on running a Thrift Shop in Silver Cottage has now been completed. It is very positive and gives full details of what would be needed for the building and the best way of running the business. KAT is now in a position to start applying for grants. The amount applied for to buy Silver

Cottage is based on the present market value and negotiations are currently underway with the owner to buy the property for the village.

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Stirling Tenants Assembly

Stirling Tenants Assembly is holding a coffee morning in the Guide Hall, Glebe Crescent, Stirling, on Saturday 15th August. This is entirely free to all tenants and is an opportunity to come along, meet with tenants from other areas and enjoy a free cup of coffee or tea with some home baking to boot. The Annual General Meeting this year will be held in the King Robert Hotel, Whins of Milton, Stirling, on Saturday 12th September from 10.00am to 2.00pm. A crèche is available and a buffet lunch will be provided. Speakers are: Anne McGuire MP, Carol Hamilton, Tenancy Services, Stirling Council, and a member of the new Income Maximisation Team. Information stalls will be available. Come along and hear the latest in Housing topics. To register for the crèche and lunch call

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Community Council meetings June 8th and July 14th

The AGM was held on June 8th and the current Office Bearers were all re-elected namely:-

John Riley, Chairperson
Joyce Russell, Vice-Chairperson
Mary Anderson, Treasurer
Moira Robertson, Secretary.

Roads

Proposed plans for traffic calming in Tyndrum were shown at a meeting in May in Tyndrum between Jim Withers, Transport Scotland and Derek Donald, Transerve and Community Councillors. We were told that there is no prospect of a 30mph limit in Tyndrum due to rules regulating speed limits which must now be self-policing. A review of all speed limits in the UK is proposed and these may include introducing self-policing dependent on the average speed. Moira has asked Anne McGuire MP to find out more about this review.

At the CC meeting we agreed to accept the plans with the proviso that we do not want Gaelic on the signs because it is confusing and dangerous. However, Derek informed us that it is a Ministerial Commitment that signs on Trunk

Roads in the North West Unit are bilingual. A contract was completed last year from Inverness to Tarbet to renew all green signs as bilingual signs, and gateway signs are to be bilingual when they are renewed. The Consultation on the Adoption of the National Model Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils was discussed and a response has been sent to Stirling Council.

Andrew Hunter, Transerve, says that the zebra crossing will be installed at the bridge area in front of the village hall in Crianlarich. He will contact us once the detailed design is completed to give us an idea of likely time scale for construction. The school will be kept informed throughout.

Planning

Ref No LT/2009/0157/DET/S Date Valid 23 June 2009 Proposal Variation in condition 2 of planning permission ref: LT/2002/0269/DET/S to disassociate the caravan site from the planning unit and the requirements of the planning condition which restricts the occupation of the site manager's dwelling house to a person, or dependents of a person, solely or

mainly employed in the caravan park. Location, By The Way Caravan Park, Station Road, Lower Tyndrum Applicant Mr James Kinnell, Rowan Cottage Lower Station Road Tyndrum

Application Type Detailed Consent Expected Decision Level DEL Planning Ref No

LT/2009/0004/DET/S Officer Date Valid 2 February 2009 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 & Mrs George McNaughton, Site 20 Kilmory Industrial Estate Lochgilphead Argyll PA31 8RR Application Type Detailed Consent Date Decision Issued 29 June 2009 Decision Approve with Conditions

Playpark

At the June CC meeting Councillor Paul Owens took note that the playpark and kickaround area in Tyndrum required maintenance and this has now been done. He also noted that the grass at the cemeteries has not been cut this year and has still not been done.

Callander Leisure Centre

Paul told us that there are difficulties between SC and the Callander Leisure Centre concerning repair and maintenance responsibilities. The new SC administration wants to tender this to the PLP organisation that built the new parts of McLaren High School; it would be a 30 year contract and because the organisation is profit making, would be costly. This issue has yet to be resolved.

The Service Level Agreement between SC and Callander Leisure Centre is 3 years out of date. Paul put forward a motion for its renewal and this was passed by the Council.



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Skip

Alan Smailes has been approached about the possibility of having a skip in the village one day a month. This would alleviate the pressure on the skip in Killin. Cameron Taylor will email Cllr. Jim Thomson to enquire.

Scottish Ambulance Strategy

Alan, Moira and Joyce Russell will prepare a draft response to the Scottish Ambulance Service consultation on Our Future Strategy **Strathfillan Housing Group**

Members of the Strathfillan Housing Group have been attending workshops to discuss the draft Housing Bill. The main components are to limit the Right to Buy, to consolidate the position of the Scottish Housing Regulator and a new Social Housing Charter

Strathfillan Community Development Trust

Saplings Summer Programme

Our summer activities programme for 8 to 13 year olds has had a very successful second year with another fun-packed programme including orienteering, arts and crafts and a day exploring the sea side among the activities. Thankfully the



weather was kinder and the midges less fierce this year. Our thanks to all the day leaders who spend a good deal of time preparing for their days as well as leading their activity with good humour and enthusiasm.

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Breadalbane Art Calling All Artists

Once again we are holding an exhibition in Tyndrum Village Hall and are advertised in the Perthshire Open Studios Guide. The show will run from Saturday 5th September to Sunday 13th September. The hall will be open to take delivery of entries from Tuesday August 25th until Tuesday 2nd September 10am-4pm.

Work submitted can be in any medium and on any subject. Work should be ready to hang with the artist's details and price, if for sale, clearly marked on the back. A commission of 30% will be charged on sales.

Growing Our Own?

As readers will be aware there has been, in some part due to the credit crunch, renewed interest in becoming more self sufficient in local food production. Communities across the country are looking at the development of allotments, reclaiming waste ground, sharing gardens and planting community orchards etc. We would like to find out what interest there is across the Breadalbane area in developing community gardens and plots, so please get in touch.

Joyce Russell

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Exit Youth Group

Everyone at Exit Youth Group has had a brilliant year. As well as our new recruits we have a new leader, Janice Christie, who joined Lorna Murray in overseeing the youth project. The group took part in many new activities; Members of Rock Stirling visited and taught modern dance and our group members also took part in the 'Stirling Shorts' short film project where acting talents were discovered in addition to the many other skills learned. The group took a day trip to Abernethy Trust, Ardeonaig where everyone had a wonderful time taking part in the various activities on offer. To end the year we had a BBQ at Mansfield Park in Tyndrum. Everyone had a fantastic evening with a visit from the fire brigade, a bouncy castle (with thanks to Janice), rounders, circus skills and face painting and a final chance to spend an evening with all their friends. Thanks to the Real Food Cafe for supplying delicious chips, to the committee who have been fantastic and to the many others who supported the group. We would also like to thank the current members for a wonderful session and invite any new faces to join the new session!

Jennifer Gilchrist

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roads built by troops to help control the Jacobite Clans, old coaching roads and disused railway lines. Red deer on the hill, golden eagles soaring over the tops and the elusive feral goats left behind by long-gone communities are just some of the Scottish wildlife that can be seen along the Way.

The pupils of Crianlarich and Killin Primary Schools got an opportunity to sample some of these delights in mid-June. Prior to their sponsored walk all the students spent a day learning about the West Highland Way from the National Park Ranger Service. The children were given a presentation on the route; we chatted about the Scottish Outdoor Access Code and challenged the

Strathfillan Lunch Club



Enjoying a meal on its summer trip before going to hear the Fair City Singers, a choir of children up to the age of 17 years who were celebrating their 25th anniversary at St Matthews Church Perth. The concert was excellent and enjoyed by all

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pupils to think about what to put in their rucksacks. The day of the walk brought sunshine and showers, more rain than sun. Everyone assembled at Bridge of Orchy station. Some of the students arrived by train others came by bus or car. The seven miles to Tyndrum were covered in record breaking time. We met people from Germany and Holland who were walking towards Fort William and they were most impressed by the whole school outing. Around 18,000 people complete the route every year, taking an average of a week to cover the 95 miles. Believe it or not, the record time for completing the whole route is close to 17 hours!!! The West Highland Way is worth £3 million pounds to the local economy and brings



together people, from all over the world, to explore Scotland. The National Park is responsible for the maintenance of the route within its boundaries. One recent volunteer task managed to transform a section of the route at the head of Glen



Falloch (just before the Crianlarich spur). Take one muddy section; add some careful planning and organisation, four Ranger staff, eleven keen and willing volunteers, a couple of power barrows, seven tons of material; result a new section of path. Useful links:
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Visit To Crianlarich

Recently, all Crianlarich Primary School were special event. It took place on 24th April. the official opening of Crianlarich and Tyndrum Fire Station. Everybody from Crianlarich and Tyndrum Fire Station photographers and people from the local community listened to speeches and play in the fire truck. A buffet in the local hall. They were present was really nice and all the baking was home made. really interesting!



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rich Fire Station

We were invited to go to Crianlarich fire station for a day. We visited the fire station because it was a Rural Fire Station as Retained Stations. Fire Stations came to it, as well as lots of other community. When we were there we got to see the fire engine. It was fun! After that, the P7s stayed for a while and were awarded with a framed certificate. The buffet was made. The whole day was exciting and

Rebecca Geddes Primary 4



Primary 7
leavers
Crianlarich

Nicky Cairns

The Community Partnership Needs You!

The Community Partnership was established by Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park at the outset of the Community Futures Programme - many of you will have taken part in the process of the questionnaires, interviews and workshops that produced your own Community Action Plan. The CP consists of community representatives from the four areas of the National Park, the National Park, Local Authorities, SNH and the Forestry Commission.

The Community Partnership has two main purposes:

- 1 To address the common issues for the Park communities by encouraging working partnerships to develop solutions.
- 2 To support learning and networking amongst the varied communities in the Park.

The CP is a charitable company and has the ability to seek funding, own land and employ staff.

Projects championed by the CP include the Apprenticeship Programme, the Eco-Loo project and the Breadalbane Arts project. The Partnership also organises and hosts "The Gathering", the popular annual get-together for the National Park community groups.

Due to the resignations of CP board members Alan Clarke from Balquhider and Fiona Kennedy from Killin, the Community Partnership is looking for 2 new directors to represent the Breadalbane Area on the board.

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Microsoft have announced that their new operating system "Windows 7" will be released on October 22nd. This new software promises to allow simple connection to bluetooth devices and to other computers in your home/office. Unfortunately, Microsoft have a poor reputation for releasing unfit operating systems and having to repair bugs in their software after release. This results in poor acceptance of the operating system and leaves a bad feeling amongst computer users. When VISTA was released, there were several features which, although they were technically good, were very annoying to the user - for instance the continual asking for permission to run a perfectly acceptable application.

I hope that Microsoft have learned their lesson, but from bitter experience I am sceptical of this new product and will look forward to testing it out over the next couple of months.

Security Against Viruses and Hackers

In order to give yourself the maximum defense against viruses and hackers, you must have good security software installed. It is not sufficient just to have an anti-virus application - you also need a firewall and an anti-spam system. A firewall protects you from a hacker trying to log on to your computer. anti-virus and anti-spam software protect against infected emails and websites.

Even if you have these types of protection installed and you keep them up to date, you must also allow your computer to download patches from Microsoft - these patches are usually to cure a flaw within the operating system that hackers use to access information on your computer.

Rural Broadband - Support Issues

I am glad to see that there has been an improvement in the performance of the Avanti satellite systems deployed as part of the Scottish Executive's Rural Broadband Project, but I have been informed that there

can be long delays in getting broken hardware fixed. One case in particular is where a local business, fully dependent upon satellite internet access, suffered from a lightning strike which resulted in the satellite system failing. The first available slot for an engineer visit was 2 weeks after the fault was raised. This seems to me to be an unacceptable delay and I wonder if Avanti have bitten off more than they can chew?

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Mervyn's Weather

Spring 2009 has moved inexorably into summer. After a reasonable April, May had not progressed very far when a cold unsettled spell took over. This "blip" used to be known as "The Gab of May" and occurs fairly regularly. The remainder of May then was average in temperature and somewhat wetter than normal, though the last three days produced a taste of Summer, sunny and warm. June complied with the Buchan quote "The Coo quak" the reasonably cold snap early in the month, which was reckoned to make the cows quake and shiver when newly out to grass! The last days of the month brought warm and humid conditions, thereby vindicating to some extent the prognostications of the weather experts of a scorching summer! Incidentally while Central and Eastern Scotland experienced cool, wet conditions early in the month, with a biting east wind, Mull and the Western Isles basked in idyllic sunshine and clarity of visibility. Due to increased rainfall and

generally higher temperatures and humidity the "growth explosion" of all types of scrub and undergrowth, rushes and bracken etc., has been extraordinary. In 1946 I took a photograph, looking into a glen in County Donegal showing the landscape, as one would expect in hill country, uncompromisingly bare and lacking in the cover, each croft, dyke and fank, as well as water course eminently visible. A recent visit in 2007 displayed an entirely changed vista, roads and lanes over hung with greenery, more like Dorset than Donegal! The same syndrome has occurred here in Perthshire.

At one time the county road-man would keep his allotted stretch in pretty good shape, off lets kept open, verges and hedges trimmed, fallen branches removed and so on. Nowadays rare visits from a "hit squad" in a truck seems to suffice. In Summer a tractor-mounted articulated strimmer trundles along cutting the overgrown verges. This seems to work fairly well on

Motorways and main roads, but on unclassified roads such as south Loch Tayside the benefits are decidedly limited, steep banks and roadside dykes constrain any actual cutting to a very narrow strip in some stretches and nothing at all in others, while the odd stone or stones knocked out of a dyke sets the scene for a more serious collapse. Used vertically this strimmer is employed to trim hedges and branches alongside roads, the resultant slashing and chewing produces a raw, unkempt and visually pollutant sight, comparable in some senses to a clear felled conifer wood, this latter operation, which of course is most necessary, is, until replanted or naturally regenerated - a slow process - a blot on the landscape.

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An Outstanding Success

The Lanarkshire Motor Cycle Club held the Third Annual Bob MacGregor Memorial Trial in Killin on 6th and 7th June. This is recognised in trialling circles as 'one not to be missed'. The competitors ranged from beginners of five years old to veterans of over seventy.

The four routes in each section cater for different levels of skill. They vary from through tree stumps, over logs, up burn beds with running water, to rock steps at a high level on the crest of hills. Between sections the routes go through wooded paths, swamps and bogs, over moorland and along hill roads. The scenery above Killin is breathtaking and, as entrants say, it is worth taking time out to appreciate the view. Finally there is a wide variety of locations for the sections, including, for the first time, the Falls of Dochart, each providing a fresh challenge to the riders, and on the second day changes are made with some sections altered and brand new sections introduced. All agree this trial is very challenging and fair, a tribute to Clerk of the Course, Bobby Lafferty. It is also one of



Robert Lafferty Jnr

very few in Britain where the riders do not travel on public roads, and has sections going up burns with running water.

John Moffat, SACU Steward, paid tribute to the hard work of the Lanarkshire Club and Bobby Lafferty for establishing the trial and obtaining permission from landowners. The greatest challenge facing the course planners is setting up a large trial leaving minimal ground disturbance behind. The Lanarkshire Club got it right on the day. Nothing is ever perfect and

'Sods Law' has a habit of arising when least expected. The 'Piston Broke' award is awarded to the most outstanding mishap. This year young Cameron was judged the worthy winner. He should have worn his speedos instead of leathers when he took a dive into a pool. Equally outstanding is the continued involvement and



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support of the MacGregor family. Bob's daughters, Sheila and Maureen, were joined by Maureen's daughter Christine, along with Diego, Sheila's son-in-law. The local MacGregors attending this year was close to fifteen. Thanks to The Falls of Dochart Inn for providing the Meeting and Greeting session on Friday evening and the Craigard Hotel for

sponsoring much needed bottled water. Thanks also to the Police, Scottish Natural Heritage and Historic Scotland for their advice and assistance in allowing the Falls of Dochart to be used as a section on the Saturday.

The local lads all stepped up a class this year and showed they were up to the challenge, with Robert Lafferty Jnr. just being pipped for third place in Class B Schoolboy Route. Many villagers turned out to support the event. The Lanarkshire Club would like to thank everyone for the welcome and the help they gave and especially to the landowners who allowed the trial to cross their land. Plans are already being made for 2010. If you can help in any way please make yourself known to Bobby Lafferty.



Alex Stewart

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school. Adding to the spirit of the competition the girls were also given £100 of "Go Ape" Vouchers so that they can enjoy the more adventurous side of living in the National Park.

Aberfeldy Mod

Congratulations to the following pupils who gained places in the Aberfeldy Mod on Saturday 13 June.

Class 71 (13-18yrs) Gaelic Song

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2nd	Lucie Ronald	S4
3rd	Hazel Wyllie	S5

Class 72 (under 18) Strathspey & Reel

1st	Lauren Third	S3
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Class 73 (under 18) Slow Air & March

1st	Lauren Third	S3
2nd	Hazel Wyllie	S5
3rd	Georgia Third	P5 Killin



Healthy Eating Awards

The school continues to remain top of the leader board in the Healthiest Schools league table with an average of 1,074 points per head. Healthy Eating Rewards were presented to 20 pupils in the school including Hazel Wyllie, Jinny Dowling and Scott Thomson from Killin.

Yvonne King

Loch Ness Marathon

On October 4th I am going to run in the Loch Ness Marathon. In order to help motivate me through the endless miles of training and get me through the actual marathon itself, I have decided to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support - an organisation close to my heart. The link below takes you through to my sponsorship page. www.justgiving.com/islacampbell1 MacMillan Cancer Support do some great stuff and any support you can provide would be much appreciated. Sponsorship forms will be available in News First, MacGregors and Shutters Restaurant from August. Many thanks.



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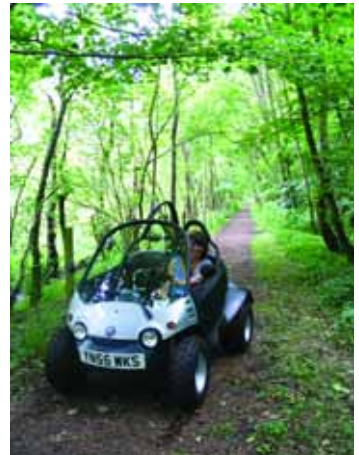
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We say goodbye to 21 of our children who are moving up to primary one. This year they are going to 5 different primary schools. We wish them all well as they move onto the next step in their learning. Thank you to everyone who supported the Crianlarich Parent's Group car boot sale on Sunday 12th July. This was very well attended and raised over £500. Thanks also to PC Fleming who very kindly came and chatted to the children about road safety and demonstrated how to use the crossing safely. This was greatly

enjoyed by all. Now that summer is upon us we have been busy in the nursery. We have had local outings, including a visit to Alex's garden, local walks in the community and local woodland. We have also been tidying our garden in Killin and are starting out on our journey to becoming an ECO nursery. Crianlarich nursery would like to thank Crianlarich Fire Station for a great afternoon. The children had a wonderful time and really enjoyed their visit as you can see from the photo.

Lorraine Pritchard



I think everyone has seen (or heard!) me buzzing around the village in my recently acquired Qpod. Thanks so much to all of you who have encouraged, motivated and enabled me to get this machine which will take me to the places I can no longer walk to. Thanks too to all the kind landowners for allowing me access to their tracks. This new freedom is better than any medication for making me feel good! Thank you.

Suzanne Player



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Tractor Run

On Saturday 30th May 20 tractors took part in our now annual charity tractor run, this year raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Once again we set off from Kinnell by kind permission of the Dowling family. This years route took us down Loch Tay side to Fearnan, where we headed up the hill to Fortingall, then up Glen Lyon to Bridge of Balgie where we stopped for lunch at the tearoom. We were all stunned when the owners Mike and Jan Hay said that they were donating the lunch for our charity at no cost, and I have since written a letter thanking them.

After lunch we continued up Glen Lyon all the way to Lubreoch Dam where we crossed over into Glen Lochay and back down to Kinnell in the late afternoon for our raffle and refreshments.

Everyone really enjoyed their day, even though some were slightly sun burnt!.

The total raised was the magnificent sum of £645 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took part and donated towards our cause.

Donald Macaskill



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Artemis Great Kindrochit Quadrathlon

Held around Loch Tay - swim 0.8 miles, run 15 miles over 7 Munros, kayak 7 miles and cycle 34 miles. 229 competitors started the race and 220 finished.

Drew Blake and Pete Waugh finished tenth (10hrs 8mins and 10hrs 13mins). Craig Forsyth and Ben Wallace finished in 11hrs 42 mins. Cameron Taylor finished in 12hrs 29mins. Duncan MacKinnon finished in 12hrs 43mins. Well done to the local boys, what a remarkable performance!



Jacqu Morris

Spectators



Jacqu Morris

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Peter Stallard
Club Secretary



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Killin D, consisting of Richard Lewis, Gordon Aitken and Hamish Campbell, came home with a magnificent 108 points to take first place, with Muthill C coming second on 99 and Gifford A third on 97.

Well done to our successful team for such an achievement for themselves, Killin Golf Club and the village. I know everyone will wish them the very best of luck in Jersey.

We would like to thank the many



Greenkeeper retires

Allan McHenry was 65 on 30th May. After 10 years service to Killin Golf Club as green Keeper (he came to help out) he is now retiring and will work part time for the rest of the season. As a thank you the Golf Club gave Allan life membership and had a collection so that he could buy himself some new golf equipment. The gifts were presented to Allan by Ladies Captain Liz Stevens, who earlier in the day had also been his playing partner in the Mixed Open.




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Mixed Open 30th May

Handicap MacRobert Thistle Cup

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2nd D McRobbie and Susan McRobbie (Killin) 59

Best Killin (Bill Mitchell Salver)

R.D. Lewis and Elizabeth Ingram 57
Scratch
1st J Chisholm (Killin) and Caroline Dunbar (Aberfeldy) 78
2nd A Robson and F Robson (Hawick) 81 BIH

Nearest Pin

Ladies (14th) Louise Woodburn 9'3"
Gents (17th) J.R. Guild (Killin) 11'9"

Magic Twos

J.T Cragg and A Cragg
A Robson and F Robson (Hawick)
R.D. Lewis and Elizabeth Ingram (Killin)

Killin Ladies Open 6th June

Scratch

Silver Division

Caroline Dunbar (Aberfeldy) 75

Bronze Division

Laura Aitken (Killin) 84

Handicap

Silver Division

1st Catherine Simpson (Bridge of Allan) 65
2nd Carolyn Choudhary (Callander) 66

Bronze Division

1st Norma Thornton (Callander) 63
2nd Jackie Crossan (Killin) 64

Killin Cup (Best overall Handicap)

Laura Aitken (Killin) 63

Bridge of Lochay Salver (Best Local Handicap)

Laura Aitken (Killin) 63

Dochart Trophy

(Best overall Scratch)

Caroline Dunbar (Aberfeldy) 75

Nearest the Pin

Patricia Parkhouse (Lothianburn) 10' 2"

Longest Drive - Silver

Karen Michie (Strathgaitay)

Longest Drive - Bronze

Maureen Dickson (Dumfries & Galloway)

Magic Twos

Kay Dowling (Killin)

Caroline Dunbar (Aberfeldy) CSS 67

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A set of lawn bowls, which belonged to the late Duncan McNee, was offered for sale at the Spring auction run by the local Masonic Lodge in the McLaren Hall. The set was purchased by Douglas Ireland with the intention of keeping the bowls in the village, in Duncan's memory.

Douglas presented the set to Donald Third, the Chairman of the Sports Pavillion, so that the bowls could be used by visitors on the Killin Green.

Duncan was a very keen bowler and it is fitting that his set of bowls remain in Killin to give pleasure to both members and visitors as a tribute to Duncan's enthusiastic years of membership

Alex Stewart

Presentation of Bowls



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Family Fun Tennis Competition



managed to beat the noisy Team Melia. I would like to thank the Bridge of Lochay Hotel, the Co-op and the Killin Hotel who donated rolls and drinks. Any money raised will go towards buying some new equipment for the club. I would sincerely like to thank everyone who worked hard in the background (cooking on the BBQ, serving Pimms & strawberries, umpiring) to make this event such a success. We are very lucky to have such a patient tennis coach as Pete Waugh in Killin. Thank you, Pete, for all your hard work on competition day and for the recent tennis coaching. We have thoroughly enjoyed our lessons but all need more! For more information or to book a place on future sessions please contact Pete or come down to the Sports Pavilion over the summer to make use of these great facilities. The kiosk will be open from 11am-7pm every day and you can pay for activities on an hourly basis. An annual family season ticket is £50 and gives your



After the success of our Family Fun Competition last year we decided to repeat the event this year on 21st June. 20 teams entered for the doubles competition this time - each match in the Round Robin part of the competition being played for 5 mins exactly. It was a fabulous day and lovely to see so many people of different ages at the Sports Pavilion having a relaxing time. As well as the tennis, we had the usual strawberries, Pimms and Sangria. (made from a recipe in the recent Co-op magazine - we can recommend it!) The Junior competition was won by Robbie & Julie - just narrowly beating Emma & Lesley. In the seniors it was Finn and Calum who

whole family access to the tennis, bowling and the putting green at any time. If you want more information on membership, please contact

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Masonic Anglers



Six teams took part in the annual Provincial Masonic Angling Competition hosted by the Killin Lodge at Lochan nan Breacloch and, despite the weather conditions from bright sun and little wind to thunder and lightning and torrential rain, the day was enjoyed by everyone. The host team, Iain Downie, Donald McLarty and Johnny Chisholm won with Martin Coburn fishing for the Callander Lodge having the best trout. The Bridge of Lochay Hotel kindly provided refreshments.

Alex Stewart

The stones used to build the original War Memorial were collected by the school children of Killin of the time including Mairi Hunter's father. Over the years many have slipped and become loose so Roy MacGregor and Willie Dunn have recently spent a considerable amount of time replacing and resetting them to restore the memorial to its original state. Thank you Roy and Willie.

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The congregation of St Fillans Episcopal Church were invited to Boreland, the home of Judge Angus and Jill Stroyan, on Sunday June 14th, to honour and say farewell to Dr Alistair and Annette Inglis who were returning to England after 14 years as members of St Fillans. During that time they have been mainstays of the fellowship. Visitors to Killin will long remember Alistair and Annette's welcoming smiles on Sunday mornings and their genuine interest in each person. For 12 years, Alistair has been Chairman of the Vestry and Annette also served as Secretary. They have

both been regular lesson readers and Alistair has tackled countless "behind the scenes" jobs. Annette has taken her turn with flower arrangements and together they have organised 'church cleaning' days before special services - always leading from the front. The Revd Ladd Fagerson spoke of the enormous debt of gratitude we owe them for their encouragement and willing involvement during these years and the congregation gave them a gift to help them create their new garden in Leicestershire.

Ladd Fagerson

Think About It

Apollo 11 landed on the moon's surface on July 21st 1969-now 40 years ago. Most of us are familiar with Neil Armstrong's historic words as he stepped down on to the moon: "That's one small step for man: one giant leap for mankind."

By contrast, few people are aware of the first meal eaten there. Buzz Aldrin had brought aboard the spacecraft a tiny communion set provided by his church. Aldrin sent a radio broadcast to earth asking listeners to contemplate the events of that day and to give thanks.

Then, in a radio blackout to ensure privacy, Buzz Aldrin poured wine into a silver chalice. He said "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, bears much fruit." (John 15;5) Silently, he gave thanks and partook of the bread and the wine.

God is everywhere present and our worship should reflect this reality. In Psalm 139 we are told that wherever we go, God will be present for us. "If I ascend into heaven, you are there." Buzz Aldrin celebrated this fact on the moon. Thousands of miles from earth, he took time to commune with the One who created, redeemed and fellowshiped with him.

No matter what our situation, God's fellowship is only a prayer away.

Ladd Fagerson

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Nursery Provision

I refer to the May Killin Community Council report published in the June Killin News. I would like to clarify the point regarding nursery provision for the under threes. All children aged three years and over are entitled to 12.5 hours free nursery provision funded by the Scottish Government. Our rural community had also been given this service for under threes until a change in the Charging Policy in August 2008. Working parents are entitled to income maximisation through various benefits such as Working Families Tax Credits and further information on this can be accessed through the Council's Income Maximisation Team on 01786 442438. This is a free and confidential service. Any families who wish any further information may contact the Head of Nursery, who will be happy to help.

Elizabeth Hancock
Head of Nursery

Nursery Boot Sale

Crianlarich Nursery Parents Group wish to thank all the local businesses and individuals who supported their car boot sale in Tyndrum on 12th July. Many prizes and generous donations were

handed in and help given on the day from parents, nursery staff and friends which was very much appreciated. The day was a great success, despite the weather. Over £600 was raised. This will be given to the Nursery to buy a new computer.

Diane Mailer
Crianlarich Nursery Parents Group

Help received

Thank you everyone who sent me cards, flowers, food, etc. after the bad fall I had in the garden. Thank you to the neighbours who have helped so much - Rhona for finding me and getting help, Davie, George and John have been so kind and John (Postie) for taking my mail, and also Aimee for her help. Friends and family in Dunkeld have done so much for me. Craig came from Spain and David calls in every day. Thanks to Carole for being with me in the Ambulance, also the Paramedic and Ambulance staff and a huge thank you to the nurses and doctors for all their care.

Jessie MacLeod

Riverside path

Killin has been for me and my husband over more than forty years a much-loved second home and our

greatest pleasure has been to follow the circular route down Pier Road along the loch side and up the edge of the river. Much work has recently been done to maintain and improve the surfaces of road and railway line and to bridge with boards the muddiest parts of the riverside path. Doubtless many helpers have been involved in the planning and execution of the improvements. To all who contributed we would like to express our sincere thanks.

Isobel Morrison

Double thank you

Chrissie thanks family and friends for gifts, cards and good wishes received on the occasion of her 80th Birthday. This kindness is very much appreciated. Len and Chrissie also thank everyone who so kindly sent cards and good wishes to Len during his stay in hospital.

Eviction

It was very heartening to experience the response of the village to my present predicament, facing eviction from the house I have occupied for 30 years. Thank you to all who signed the petition circulated in the village and to all those who have

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offered me personal support. The situation, unfortunately, has not been resolved and I have no idea what the outcome will be.

John Grant

Two letters on this subject were received for publication. After consultation with the Killin News Committee it was felt that publication at this time could inflame local attitudes and that reports issued after the resolution of the problem would be more appropriate.

WA

Litter louts

Following a recent Bank Holiday, my son and I removed two black bin-bags-full of litter from a small area near the confluence of the Dochart and Lochay rivers. Three days later I returned and filled another bag with more rubbish. This area is rarely visited by anyone other than anglers as it is relatively remote from footpaths and requires a stream to be forded in order to reach it. The only people that go there are visiting anglers. They leave drinks bottles, cans, lots of plastic wrappers, food waste, rotting mackerel (used as bait), broken bits of equipment, toilet paper and

human waste.

In addition to the litter they break fences and cut down trees; they burn fires and they use the open countryside as their toilet. They also respond aggressively to anyone who dares to question their behaviour, as I know to my own cost.

While there are many responsible anglers who never litter the riverbanks, we need a system to police the activities of these people who treat the countryside with contempt.

The photograph shows some of the damage and litter left behind by just one group of anglers on just one holiday weekend. **David Paterson**



Litter and Vandalism

It is necessary to highlight the problem of litter and vandalism on the shores of local Lochs and Rivers. I spoke with a couple with a young family who recalled coming to this area almost twenty years ago when there was not the same level of blatant littering, vandalism, chopping down trees with power saws, and human waste lying everywhere. They were disgusted with what they saw over the weekend, and will not return. This is just one family, but how many others are not coming back because of the anti social behaviour we now witness.

Recent negotiations to address the litter problem have run aground, but



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if pressure is maintained then some form of solution must be achieved. A zero tolerance policy is great if visitors and locals abide by it, but the overwhelming evidence is that they don't. The waste and other unmentionables are a serious hazard and if they were dumped in the parks in Stirling it would be cleared at once. We need more pressure to get a proper solution to this problem.

Alex Stewart

Uncross your paws, Dougal!

For the 3rd year running Dougal (Tigwell) our 13 year old springer spaniel has supported the Killin

entrants of the quadrathlon. Every year he stands to watch the competitors pass by his banner and this year has been no different. He supported Duncan with a topical message and woof woof greetings of good luck as he passed by raising money for a local boy with special needs!

Well done to all the local and visiting competitors. Hope to see you next year too.

Typed for Dougal by Alex Tigwell

P.S. None of Dougal's banners have made the Killin News in the past, so he is sitting with crossed paws this year. Thank you.



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Summer Outing

This year we enjoyed a fabulous day climbing and abseiling in Weem Wood, with local activity provider, Beyond Adventure. Our two instructors, Biscuit and Laura, were perfect for our needs and tailored the activities to suit our young group.

We were based for the day in a lovely wee clearing in the forest among huge beech trees. There were several climbing routes on the crags for girls to choose from so that each of them could be stretched. Everyone got the chance to abseil back down again which seemed to be great fun. There were also two tyre swings for relaxing moments and a strapline hung between two strong trees for the girls to walk and balance on. Lunch was a sausage sizzle on the BBQ! The day was extremely hot but we were cool in the shade of the trees and thankful for it.

Before heading for home we enjoyed ice creams in Aberfeldy and now we look forward to more fun in the woods with Biscuit and Laura.

Look out for us in the Killin Show parade - we will be making a big noise this year! (hopefully)

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Local Planning Applications

(see also Strathfillan by the Way)

National Park

Week 19

Proposal: Erection of 15 No. self-catering holiday units with associated car parking.

Location: Youth Hostel, Killin

Applicant: A & H Holdings,

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Proposal: Erection of replacement external illuminated fascia signage and internally illuminated projecting sign.

Location: Scottish Co-Op Killin

Applicant: Food Programme Delivery Orchid Group,

Application Type: Advertisement

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Week 22

Proposal: Extension to dwellinghouse

Location: 3 Wester Lix Lochearnhead Killin

Applicant: Mr & Mrs B Johnston,

Application Type: Household

Alteration/Extension

Week 24

Proposal: Erection of one and a half storey dwellinghouse

Location: Land Adjacent to the

Steadings, Manse Road, Killin

Applicant: Mrs Pamela Farquharson,

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Proposal: Renewal of temporary

planning consent

(ref:LT/2005/0351/DET) for the change of use of car parking for siting of hot food snack bar

Location: McLaren Hall Car Park, Main Street, Killin

Applicant: Mrs Catherine Graven,

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Proposal: Erection of side conservatory

Applicant: Mr Urquart

Location: Craigbank Guest House

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Week 25

Proposal: Proposed erection of six dwellinghouses.

Location: Land South Of 13

Ballechroisk Killin Perthshire

Applicant: Rural Stirling Housing

Association,

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Stirling Council

8th May 2009

Proposal: Installation of 1 satellite dish and 2 replacement yagi broadcast antennas onto existing mast

Location: Killin Transmitting Station

Applicant: Arqiva Services Transmitting Station

Application Type: Statutory Notification (Masts)

Decision: Approve

Perth & Kinross Council

13th July 2009

Proposal: Erection of replacement dwellinghouse

Location: High Creagan Killin

Applicant: Mr A Kennedy

Application Type: Full Application

Decision: Pending Consideration



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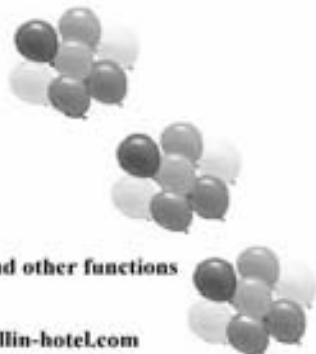
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Why are these two projects so important?

Development decisions can be irreversible and can have a real impact on the lives of local people and communities. So it's really important that everyone has an opportunity to contribute. The Local Development Plan will guide what development can take place, and where, for the next 20 years. It will deal with a whole range of land use issues including new housing, shopping, business, industry, transport, recreation, built and natural heritage, right across the Stirling area.

The Local Development Plan will cover the areas north and east of Killin outwith the Park – Glen Lochay, south Loch Tay and Ardeonaig. Are there planning, land use and

development issues in these areas? Are there any development ideas that the Killin community supports but for which there are no sites in the village/Park area – and could they perhaps be accommodated further out?

Please use the contacts below to let the Council know.

What about the Local Housing Strategy?

The supply and quality of housing is vital to the economic success of Stirling, the ability of people on low incomes to put a roof over their head, and the long-term sustainability of the area. The Local Housing Strategy will look at the extent and type of housing need and demand and will set out Stirling Council's vision – local people's vision – for the future of all types of housing.

How do I get involved?

We want to involve as many people and groups as possible in preparing these documents and will be setting up training, workshops and public exhibitions over the coming months and onwards into 2010. The Community Council will soon be provided with a questionnaire that they can use to get local feedback on local planning and housing issues in this area. The questionnaire can also

be completed online at the website below. These two huge projects are about our future – and that of generations to come – so make sure you have your say. Please get involved – and make a difference! Find out more

Local Development Plan

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New Cycling Guide For Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park



If you're looking to get out in the countryside, there's no better way to enjoy the scenery than on a bike. A new cycling booklet from Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority is now available and includes all the cycling routes around the National Park and suggests a number of days out

from mountain biking to gentle family bike rides.

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park covers 720 square miles with National Cycle Route 7 running from Balloch to Killin. The route offers some of the most stunning scenery in Scotland, passing peaceful lochs, picturesque villages and magical glens. Queen Elizabeth and Argyll Forest Parks also offer a huge selection of both long and short cycle routes with spectacular views and opportunities to watch the local wildlife, including ospreys, roe deer, red squirrels and pine martens.

The guide offers advice about where to hire bikes if you don't already have one. Most of the bike hire companies are within easy reach of a bus, coach or train service and many offer baby seats, children's bikes and trailers helping to make it an action-packed day out for all the family.

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Where is the Magic Wand?

Summer has come and with it a return to the perennial problem of litter. Over the last couple of years the Park Authority has poured considerable resources into tackling the problem with very little noticeable difference being achieved. Indeed in some areas the problem seems to have got worse. Why? Quite simply as the Park Authority did more, the Councils started to withdraw. To add insult to injury we found ourselves paying the landfill tax for the rubbish we were collecting. In the present economic climate and with tighter budgets looming for a number of years serious discussions are now ongoing to shift the burden back to those with the statutory responsibility for litter collection, the local Councils. The Park Authority fully recognises that the Park is so designated because of its special qualities and consequently seeks to ensure that extra effort is made to protect it. With that in mind we have and will continue to give help to the councils to tackle the litter problem. What we can't do is allow them to withdraw from their statutory duty. The Rangers are spending more time during the tourist season in meeting and greeting our visitors and in so doing are, where appropriate, getting over the

message that the Park is a special place and needs to be respected as such. Schools, both inside and outside the Park, are being visited as part of a long term strategy to get people to better understand the destructive nature of litter, not only in its effect on the scenery, but also the harm to wildlife. We are finding that children are less likely to be the litterbugs and with that encouragement we are trying to ensure that they don't slip into the errant ways of their elders.

The other major problem heightened during the visitor season is that of Public Conveniences. Strangely there is no statutory obligation for any agency to provide toilets. The Park Authority is investigating how facilities can be provided at tourist hot spots outside villages. One problem we encountered was that there was some difficulty in obtaining a Building Warrant for a composting toilet. Thankfully that problem was overcome so the work continues to see if we can find a solution within our resources.

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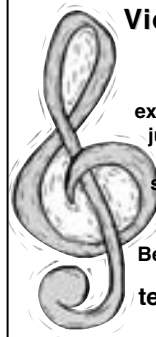
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Stirling & District Association for Mental Health

Angie the Rural Access Worker has been in post at SDAMH for over 5 years now. The Rural Access Service is funded through Stirling Council. Angie covers any area within Stirling District which is outwith a 10 mile radius of Stirling Town Centre, from as far afield as Tyndrum to Strathblane. She enjoys driving and is currently working with 16 clients in various communities. The support provided for clients is extremely varied, as people are individuals, so have very differing needs. Support can be: practical - assisting with budgeting, housework or shopping; emotional - providing a listening ear or an opportunity to offload any concerns; or social - assisting access to further education opportunities, volunteering opportunities or attending locally run events within the client's own community. This list is by no means exhaustive. If you think you may benefit from some support from the Rural Access Service please contact:

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Emily Beattie born 9th January. Daddy Gary Beattie and Mummy Moira-Anne Treanor.



Isla Chisholm born 28 May 2009 to proud parents Rory and Jayne, with big sister Erin and big brother Sam. A big thank you to everyone for all your very kind gifts and cards. Jayne Kerr



Peter Campbell graduated from Stirling University on 25th June with a Bachelor of Science with Honours (2:1) in Computer Science.



Claire McCarron, former pupil of McLaren High School, Callander, graduated from Stirling University on 25th June, with a 1st class Honours Degree in Law. Well done, Claire.



Diamond Wedding : Martin and Betty MacLean married in Glasgow in 1949 and moved to Killin where they have lived in Ballechroisk all their married life. They went on to have 3 children, 7 grand children and 7 great grand children. All the family send their very best wishes to much loved parents, grand parents and great grand parents. Judith MacLean

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Three generations celebrate: Sandy Graham with son David and grandsons Scott and Lee, celebrating Lee's 18th birthday. L-R Lee, David, Sandy and Scott

Health 'n' Safety

On 29th June a meeting was held in Killin by Forth Valley Health Board, the Scottish Ambulance Service and Stirling Council with representatives of local Community Councils, Development Trusts, medical teams and police to respond to concerns and questions about access to health services. The first half of the meeting was a presentation from FVHS about a new scheme to be brought in for Stirling Social Workers and NHS visitors to communicate on cases to avoid duplication of visits. (This might be thought to be just commonsense). Some of the questions given to the panel beforehand were then addressed and others came from the floor. Most of the concerns expressed many times before were brought up again and it was soon evident and put to the panel that little, if anything, had been done to address these in spite of so-called 'consultations' with rural areas.

- * There is to be no helipad at the new hospital so helicopters will go directly to Glasgow.
- * There is no confidence that parking at the new hospital will be adequate.
- * Access slip roads from the motorway to the new hospital - an apparent afterthought - were still awaiting planning permission.

Callander representatives, as well as those from rural areas, were concerned about 'their' ambulance (which is also the Killin ambulance) frequently being sent elsewhere and not available locally.

There is now only one doctor on duty at SRI for out of hours work instead of two, which means that this doctor is therefore likely to be more reluctant to leave the hospital unmanned by going out to an emergency call any distance away.

Getting to hospitals for appointments brought the only laugh of the evening when a panel member stated firmly that it was wrong to say there was no public transport from Crianlarich to Stirling in school holidays - the journey was possible via Glasgow! (Well, yes - it takes three hours - and what about getting back?)

It was decided that the various councils would send a joint letter to the Scottish Health Secretary voicing local concerns, in particular about the lack of helipad at Larbert.

What, oddly, was not mentioned at the meeting was the Scottish Ambulance Public Survey with a deadline of 14th August (see below). Please take the opportunity to make your comments.

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Scottish Ambulance Service Strategy

The Scottish Ambulance Service is embarking on a major consultation, which will influence our strategy and vision for the future direction of the Service. **We would like to invite you to take part.**

'Scottish Ambulance Service: Our Future Strategy', discusses four key areas for

development:

- * How we can improve access for patients to the right help in an emergency
- * Improving delivery of healthcare in remote and rural communities
- * How we can best take forward an integrated transport service
- * How we can enhance the care we provide

Discussion documents are available at www.scottishambulance.com/futurestrategy If you experience difficulties accessing the pdf files or would like us to send you copies of the documents, then contact us at sas.strategy@nhs.net or the address below.

Your contribution can be made through the following routes:

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We would also welcome the opportunity to discuss some of the issues with you and your colleagues in person. If you would like discuss the possibility of hosting a short presentation and discussion, facilitated by us, then please contact us at sas.strategy@nhs.net This phase of the consultation will close on Friday 14 August and a report of findings will be available after that date. We would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to consider these issues and look forward to working with you to develop our service in the future.

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On the 19th and 20th September 2009 Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority is for the first time a co-ordinator for Doors Open Days and is concentrating its programme in Breadalbane. Below is a list of some of the venues participating:

Crianlarich Station cafe

display of railway photographs.

Breadalbane Folklore Centre, Killin - free entry on 19th 10.00-12.00 and 20th 14.00-16.00

St. Fillan's Episcopal Church, Killin - 19th and 20th 12.00-14.00

NTS Moiralanich Longhouse, Killin - free entry on 19th 14.00-16.00 and 20th 14.00-17.00

Masonic Lodge

Breadalbane St. Fillans, Killin - 19th 10.00-12.00 and 20th 12.00-14.00

NTS meeting room, Lynedoch, Killin 19th and 20th 11.00-15.00. Killin Heritage Society local/family history display including model of Killin Station and railway information.

Briar Cottage, Lochearnhead - restored cruck frame longhouse. Lounge open 19th and 20th 12.00-16.00.

St. Angus's Episcopal Church, Lochearnhead - 19th and 20th 10.00-17.00

Leckine Burial Ground, Earnknoe, Lochearnhead 19th and 20th

Dun Lubnagh Broch, Strathgryne - 19th and 20th 10.00-16.00

Other events taking place:

19th at 14.00 - Guided walk to Kirkton Priory and St. Fillan's Pool, Strathfillan, with Dr. John Holland.

19th at 13.30 - Guided walk to the MacNab burial ground, Innis Bhuidhe, Killin, with James MacNab of MacNab.


20th 11.00-16.00 - Strathfillan Gold (Booking required)

19th - The Forestry Commission will be running tours at 10.00;12.00; 14.00 and 16.00 from David Marshall Lodge, Aberfoyle, to the Aberfoyle Slate Quarries. Booking is essential.

On 6th September, the LL&TNP Authority will be opening their headquarters at Carrochan, Balloch, 13.00-16.00.

An information leaflet will be available in August giving full details of all the participating venues, their opening times and booking details. Full information will also be available on www.doorsopendays.org.uk

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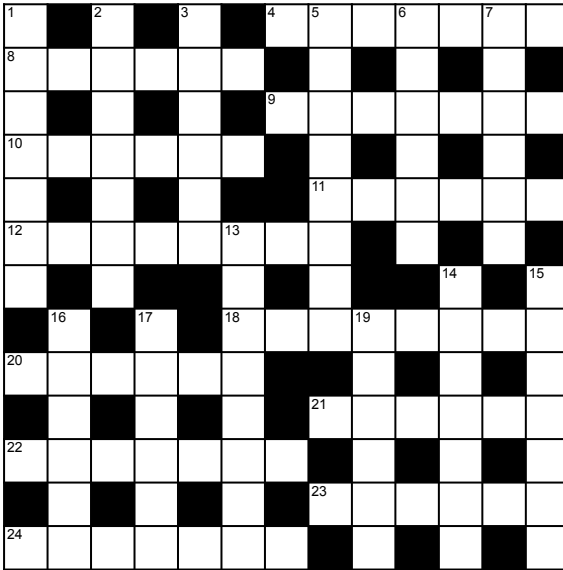
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A Tribute to Our Frances!

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work ethos. Her work and journey through her training has been recognised by all at the Home and also by Perth College, our training providers. They put Frances' name forward for an Outstanding Achievement Award and, out of the whole of Perthshire, she was picked to receive the award. All credit to Frances, who is now a senior carer and actively helping to show junior members how it's done!

Frances, her husband Gordon and I had a lovely day out at Perth Race Course where Frances received her award and we celebrated her

One staff member, however, before starting out on her SVQ journey felt that she couldn't manage it due to age and lack of confidence. This person, Frances Smith, has now not only passed SVQ 2 with flying colours but is now on to level 3, producing excellent work with great confidence and

achievement with a lovely Chinese meal to finish off the day. Well done, Frances. We are all very proud of you.

Mandy Hay

Scottish Hydro Electric Award



Cameron Frost and Alistair Donald presenting a cheque for £500 to Jenny Martin and Mandy Hay for the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home from Scottish Hydro Electric. The award is given annually by Scottish & Southern Energy to electricity generating companies with an excellent safety record who then pass it on to charities of their choice. The Home was delighted to be selected by Scottish Hydro for the third time as one of these charities.

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- 9 Clanscape Breadalbane Park 12 noon
- 2 Illustrated talk National Trust for Scotland, Lyndoch, "Jacobite Woodlands" 8pm
- 13 AGM Killin Drama Club, Church Hall 7.30pm
- 14 Produce Show viewing after judging at 6pm McLaren Hall
- 15 Killin Agricultural Show Breadalbane Park
- 16 Strathtay Ramblers Walk Comrie to St Fillans, meet car park by Girvans Aberfeldy 9.30am Tel 01887 820095
- 26 Illustrated talk National trust for Scotland, Lyndoch, "Enjoying Mountain Plants" 8pm
- 29 Strathtay Ramblers Walk Glen Nevis to Corrou Station, meet car park by Girvans Aberfeldy 7am Tel 07834 787445

September

- 5-13 Perthshire Open Studios (various venues in Killin, Crianlarich and Tyndrum)
- 6 Pipe Band in Killin
- 8 Killin Community Council meeting 7.30pm School
- 19,20 Doors Open weekend (see article page 37)
- 29 Talk by Squadron Leader John Gilbert on Low Flying Aircraft Crianlarich Hall 7pm

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