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## Editorial

With the arrival of autumn and days of sunshine we look back at another tourist season with events marked by more than the average amount of rain. Is this to be expected? Should we be reducing our fossil fuel usage? Killin Cutting Carbon seeks to help us to make our personal mark and reduce household expenditure at the same time. Engines are becoming more fuel-efficient and people are turning to alternative means of transport as the price of fuel rises. Killin is in an unenviable position as its local industries and population are heavily fuel dependent and more likely to suffer the effects of increased costs. Survival in a changing world calls for adaptation and to thrive entails anticipation. Learning new ways is what it is all about.

What can we do with the Breadalbane Park? This question was asked of Stirling Council in the light of their "Openspace" policy. One suggestion was to consider a butterfly meadow. What better diversity could be produced at this time of diminishing peat lands than a piece of natural bog. What activities could we engineer to take advantage of the present condition of the park? Answers on a postcard... The intrusion onto the football pitch provides a natural hazard. How would this go down in Hampden Park? For more on the subject see Pages 4 & 36.

Bring back the halcyon days when we had a street officer who *cared* for Killin. We cared for him and he cared for us. Who cares now? The Community Council cares. Their concerns appear to fall on deaf ears. Are we committed to enduring the build up of earth on pavements, delays in cleaning up the rubbish that follows busy weekends, glass on pathways, dirt and untidiness in other facilities around the village? A village officer post whose remit is answering to the needs of Killin would surely provide full time work. Someone with the skills, a brush and white paint might help with the white line problem. What problem? You might have noticed the deficiency in white and yellow lines around Killin that should be there to help the traffic flow. Used to following road markings in city areas, visitors expect to find them on the road and their absence gives drivers a "right" to park in areas where a vehicle may cause obstruction. Little notices attached to lamp posts are not enough. A proper reassessment of local needs might even improve on what used to be there. Markings on the A827 fall within the responsibility of Stirling Council. We were informed by the Council that replacing and renewing the lines in Killin are on the agenda but will not be done within the next two months. The parking free-for-all continues...

No wonder the Community Councils of Killin, Strathfillan, Strathyre and Balquhider are meeting with representatives of Stirling Council and the National Park (as mentioned on page 4) to discuss dissatisfaction with responses and reactions to shared problems. Maybe a reason for this will be discovered, rural locality, relative isolation, lack of communication, lack of understanding, defined priorities, centralisation of responsibility, morale, impecuniousness or something yet to be discovered. We wait with baited breath for a reasonable outcome that supports and enhances our communities.

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**sale on behalf of**  
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**Thanks to all**  
**involved**

## Community Council Elections

**At a meeting on 1st October Stirling Council will decide whether the system for Community Council elections should conform to a National Model. If a change is to be made, elections will be held next February. If not elections could still take place in the next few weeks of October or November.**



## Killin Cutting Carbon Project



KAT is delighted to announce that The Climate Challenge Fund (CCF) has agreed to fund the Trust's energy project and work has already started. An application to ScottishPower Energy People Trust (SPEPT) to enhance and extend the scope of the project was not successful.

Why are we trying to cut carbon in Killin? The cost of fossil energy has increased. In the last five years electricity has increased from 7p per unit to 13p per unit and oil from 21p per litre to 66p - a virtual doubling in the cost of electricity and trebling in the cost of oil. Killin

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does not have the advantages of a mains gas supply and is exposed to levels of cold, wet and wind that require extra levels of energy to maintain heat levels. At the same time the minimum wage has not kept pace with the rising cost having risen from £4.50 to £5.52 per hour - an income of about £11,500 a year. If a household depending on a single minimum wage spends more than £1,150 (10%) on domestic energy, it falls into the category of 'fuel poverty'. The increasing fuel costs will drive many more households into fuel poverty. The main aim of KCC is to reduce heat loss with insulation and discover where energy is wasted. All the households in the FK21 (Killin Community Council) postcode area are being targeted so that those who participate can see how much they can save by increasing insulation and adopting acceptable lifestyle changes to reduce spending on energy. Businesses and those responsible for community buildings will also be contacted.

Every household that participates can gain from this exercise and as a result the whole community gains by increasing the disposable income of the area. Grants and subsidies are available for everyone in some form or other. Free loft insulation up to present day standards and cavity wall insulation is available to those over 70 and to those on benefits. Others will be able to obtain cavity and loft insulation at discounted rates.

It is estimated that participants are likely to save over £300 per year, year on year from insulation measures alone. Some houses will not be suitable for some types of insulation but the assessors who visit will be in a position to discuss a number of ways in which energy savings can be made. They will enable householders with special interests such as microgeneration, air or ground sourced heating or wood chip burners, to discuss their ideas with experts in the field. Businesses wishing to reduce fuel costs will have an opportunity to have their businesses assessed and learn about the availability of interest free loans paid back at the rate at which fuel savings are likely to be made.

There is something for everyone in this package and we hope you will consider participation in some form or other. All households and businesses will receive a letter explaining the process.

## Launch Event

Come, meet and question the experts, the surveyors and advisors who will be directly involved in the project in Killin, at the launch event. The launch event will be advertised and held in the Lesser McLaren Hall on the morning of Saturday 3rd October.

## Two New

### Part Time Jobs Available

The funding for Killin Cutting Carbon includes the training and employment of two energy advisors. It also includes money to provide for an office from which they will work and which will double as an office for KAT. Applicants will attend a three day course in Energy Awareness (6176) and achieve a City & Guilds Diploma. Employment will be available up to the end of March 2011 in the field of domestic energy advice. Watch out for advertisements in the Courier, Stirling Observer and on notices displayed in the Village. Contact 01567 820238 for more details.

## Silver Cottage

The project to purchase premises in Killin for a thrift shop, to be called The Green Kat, is underway. Part of the funding has been secured from LEADER and the result of a second bid is awaited.

## KAT AGM

The AGM will be held on Saturday 21st November. It will be advertised nearer the time. Membership renewals (only £1) will then be due. Membership is an indication of support for the aims of the Trust which are to acquire assets for the community that will enhance the quality of life in the area. Come and let us have your opinions, offer to help or join the team.

**Willie Angus**  
Chairman

Killin and Ardeonaig Trust

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# Killin Community Council Meeting September

## **Apologies:** All three Stirling Councillors

Owen McKee is out of hospital following his car crash and staying with his son.

## **Scottish Native Woods:** Victor Clements of Scottish Native Woods addressed the meeting.

Funding could be available to employ four bailiffs to patrol and monitor four areas, Loch Tay and Glenlochay, the Dochart catchment area, Glenlyon, and the Tummel system. These areas are under the control of three authorities, Stirling Council, Perth and Kinross Council and the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. They also form a buffer zone between the two national parks. Land owners in the area are keen to have employees in the posts who are not under the control of the local authorities. Bailiffs would liaise with game keepers and NP rangers. Their job would entail monitoring the area, controlling illegal fishing, litter and camping. There was support for the project from all nine councillors present.

**Rural Housing:** The Ballechroisk site planning application is now with the NP. If passed it is hoped that work will begin in January.

**Village Officer:** Despite repeated requests for a reaction to the two persons who have expressed interest in doing the job, there has been no response from the department in Stirling Council as to whether a village officer can be employed.

## **Community Councils and local**

**authorities:** There is to be a meeting of the local community council chairs (Strathfillan, Strathyre, Balquhider and Killin) with Stirling Council and the National Park to air dissatisfaction with the lack of action regarding requests for various facilities and services.

**Roads:** Tim Frost to contact Les Goodfellow to request an on-site meeting in Killin to discuss local problems

**Ardeonaig Road:** This will be closed 14th-18th Sept except at the times of the school run.

**Road accidents:** An apparent increase in the number of accidents may be due to diesel on the roads. This is a concern to the schools as all the Primary School teaching staff and secondary pupils travel to and from Killin.

**Play Park:** There are funds available to refurbish the play park.

**National Park Local Plan:** This is now in the final stage for consultation. A copy is available in the Library.

**Car Park:** The newly refurbished car park is being used by tourists and travellers for overnight stopping leaving rubbish behind when they leave.

**Gents Public Toilet:** This is now closed for essential maintenance

**Bench Manse Road:** The ground identified does belong to the council. A bench will be in place soon.

**Speed limit:** A reduced speed of 30 mph is being considered on the A827

between the Bridge of Lochay and the present 30 mph sign.

**Planning permission:** New legislation introduced throughout Scotland will set a new tier for appeals regarding planning permission. An initial planning application will be dealt with by the planning officer. If it is rejected it can then be sent to the planning committee. At that point if the application is rejected it can be sent to the Scottish parliament who can take the final decision. Planning permission once granted will now only last for three years not five.

Any planning applicant who submits a plan to the appropriate authority will not be required to contact the relevant neighbours. This will be done by the authority instead.

Once an application has been submitted, a response should be returned more quickly than before.

**School Playground:** The ongoing drainage problem in the school playground needs to be resolved before the planned refurbishment of the play equipment and the implementation of the plan including the building of walls in the play ground.

**Drainage in Breadalbane Park:** The committees of the Agricultural Society and the Games committee are meeting to discuss the state of the ground in the park.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 10th November at the school 7.30pm

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## Fixing the Breadalbane Park



See Letter Page 36

Every year when events are held in the Breadalbane Park a deposit of £500 is made in case of damage. In order to set up events it is necessary for vehicles to drive on the grass. Unfortunately much of the Park is waterlogged. Pools of water and rushes that even intrude onto the football pitch indicate that whatever drainage there used to be no longer works. To help the situation volunteers used hardcore to extend the track. This trackway worked well but as soon as vehicles left the hardcore they sank into soft mud and grass. Without proper attention to drainage the park is still totally unsuited for events. **WA**



**Doctor Syme. You are up the wrong column !**

See Dr Syme at [www.oneandother.co.uk/participants/Dave-S](http://www.oneandother.co.uk/participants/Dave-S) reading the Killin News and the Oban Times on the plinth in Trafalgar Square. "I am GP in Killin, Perthshire. I wanted to take part in the project as it is a unique opportunity. I like doing things that I haven't done before. I plan to pursue a Scottish theme." Dave Syme



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- 3rd Mrs F Fraser, 9 Ballechroisk
- Commended Mr & Mrs Hunter, 6 Dochart Road

### Tubs/Containers

- 1st Mr & Mrs Smith, Muillean Sabh
- 2nd Mr & Mrs MacGregor, 3 Dochart Road
- 3rd Mrs Campbell, Machany, Main Street
- Commended Mr & Mrs Inglis, 2 Ballechroisk Terrace

### Window Boxes

- 1st Mr & Mrs Hunter, 6 Dochart Road
- 2nd Mr & Mrs Ferguson, 43 Fingal Road
- 3rd Mr & Mrs Inglis, 2 Ballechroisk Terrace
- Commended Mr & Mrs Twigg, Craigarroch

### Overall Display in Containers

- 1st Mr & Mrs Smith, Muillean Sabh
- 2nd Mr & Mrs Hunter, 6 Dochart Road
- 3rd Mr & Mrs MacGregor, 3 Dochart Road
- Commended Mr & Mrs Inglis, 2 Ballechroisk Terrace

### Garden Colour

- 1st Mr & Mrs Smith, Muillean Sabh
- 2nd Mr & Mrs Hunter, 6 Dochart Road
- 3rd Mrs Campbell, Machany,
- Commended Mrs F Fraser, 9 Ballechroisk



## Commercial Section

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## Progress at last?



The tenants of No. 6 Monemore are still living in the Killin Hotel, nearly six months after the fire. We understand problems after the fire have been:  
 No tarpaulin was placed over the roof of No. 6 so all the contents, not just some, were ruined in the heavy rain which followed  
 Drying out could not take place because there was no electricity - and electricity could not be restored because of the house was not dried out!  
 New roof timbers put in place had for some reason to be changed.  
 Maybe the repairs will be completed before Christmas?  
**MM**

## Discovery on Ben Lawers

Pre-historic artwork which has lain undiscovered for centuries has been uncovered on Ben Lawers by an amateur archaeologist. The ancient carvings were discovered by rock art enthusiast George Currie on land cared for by the National Trust for Scotland. The art is similar to other prehistoric pieces found in the area, consisting of concave depressions known as cup marks or cup and ring marks, which are carved upon rocks. The purpose of the artworks is still unknown.  
 The newly-discovered rock is unusual because it has more than ninety cup marks and at least four cup and ring marks. A number of linear grooves can also be seen, with some still showing the individual blows of the craftsman's stone pick. This is a much higher concentration of the markings than is normally found. It is an exciting find as it shows that there remains undiscovered prehistoric rock art to be found in the Scottish hills. More surprising are the quantity and variety of the symbols displayed on this boulder. Through both targeted

research by professional archaeologists and the work of dedicated amateurs like George Currie, we now know that Ben Lawers forms one of the major concentrations of cup and ring marks in the Highlands, which suggests it was a very significant landscape in prehistory.

**Derek Alexander**  
 Archaeologist  
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**Helen Cole NTS**



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# Computer o r n e r



## XP/VISTA and Windows 7

With the launch of Windows 7 scheduled for 22nd October 2009, I am wondering what impact this new operating system will have on the marketplace.

I have been using a pre-release version of Windows 7 for the past two months and I am quite impressed. It is similar to VISTA in appearance but seems to be more user friendly. My current thought is that Microsoft may, at last, have a potential success, but only time will tell.

In 2006 Microsoft released VISTA and they were hoping that this new operating system would replace the ever popular Windows XP. However time has proven that XP is still the most used operating system for

personal computers - in fact there are currently around eight times as many computers using XP as there are using VISTA .

I feel that VISTA was launched too quickly and it was not ready for the marketplace, still contained bugs, and was not properly tested. This, unfortunately, gave VISTA a bad reputation. Even though it is a fine operating system now that many of the bugs have been fixed, it is still not trusted by the computer users, whereas XP is the public favourite. Microsoft have kept this very much in mind when designing Windows 7 and have integrated an add-on which will allow XP applications to run on Windows 7 machines. However, the method used has specific constraint on your machine and, as such, will unfortunately not work on all computers.

I expect that we will see over time the demise of VISTA, XP holding its own, and a rapid uptake of Windows 7, so that within a couple of years there will be a mixture of Windows 7 and XP being used universally. I am hoping, if this is the case, that Microsoft will then look at more integration between these operating systems.

### Backing up your Data

I know I keep mentioning this topic,

but I still see the majority of computer users with little or no backup process in place. Every month I get frantic phone calls from people whose machines have died and they desperately need their data recovered from the dead machine. A basic backup system can be deployed for well under £100 and this would be sufficient for most home users. For businesses, or home users who need additional protection, you should consider automatic backups over the internet. This is especially important for small businesses where the loss of your data would mean the collapse of your business.

A tool that is widely used is Memeo backup ([www.memeo.com](http://www.memeo.com)) - this allows configuration of automatic backups, and allows you to chose what to back up and, in some versions of the software, it even allows you to specify a time of day to back up your data. Earlier versions of this software have bugs that in some circumstances will stop backups from working and in others will slow down your machine. These problems are fixed in later versions of the software, which are available from the Memeo website.

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# The co-operative food



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### Strathfillan Community Council meeting 14th September

Advice on benefits for all tenants in the area:

Rural Stirling Housing Assoc [RSHA] employs an Income Maximisation Officer [IMO] jointly with Forth Housing. Stirling Council has employed an IMO for the past eighteen months for council tenants. They are now employing an extra two IMOs and the service will be for all tenants whether council or private. Contact Eammon O'Boyle on 01786 442456 or email oboylee@stirling.gov.uk. Eammon has already managed to get £900,000 previously unclaimed for tenants in the area.

Jimmy Allardice, Village Officer, Crianlarich, recently took annual leave. Although he had booked his holidays a month in advance, Stirling Council failed to arrange adequate cover. The Rural Team came out for two days in the first week and this resulted in about twenty eight complaints from the public. In the third week the toilets were closed on the Wednesday. Isla Craig phoned David Crichton, Stirling Council, and was told that no cover was available and the toilets would remain closed until Jimmy returned to work on the following Monday. On the Friday David phoned Isla to say that the

Rural Team would provide cover over the weekend and the toilets would open on the Saturday. Fergus Woods will take this up with the appropriate departments to try to ensure that there is always adequate cover when the Village Officers are off duty.

Alan Clarke, Secretary, Balquidder CC, has got together with the Chairs and Secretaries of Killin and Strathfillan CC to see what are issues of common concern and what joint action we can take.

The CC has spent a lot of time and effort responding to consultations recently, two of which have been finalised. The model scheme for CC, which Stirling Council is proposing to adopt, we believe ignores all our suggestions. The Strategic Review of the NP - consulted on by the Scottish Government - resulted in one change; namely to reduce the number of members on the Board. It seems that we are wasting our time if none of our ideas are implemented or just answered negatively

The teams for Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleaning have changed and we now come under:- Wallace Team (North) Sandy McLean Ext 3533 e-mail: mcleans@stirling.gov.uk

Andrew Hunter, Transerve, said he hopes work will start on the zebra

crossing in Crianlarich in October.

Application by Community Partnership to Climate Challenge Fund for money to fund an in-depth door-to-door survey of energy needs of local houses and how they can be made more efficient: it will host events to raise awareness and also provide local stocks of energy monitors for people to borrow. This is a joint bid by the communities of Buchanan, Gartmore, Sandbank, Lochgoil, Strachur, Benmore & Kilmun and Strathfillan

Nigel Bird, Manager, Crianlarich Hotel, introduced himself and reiterated that the hotel is keen to market Crianlarich as a destination, not just a stop-off place on a journey. To do this he envisages organising events during the winter period. They have taken on board that there are too many portable signs displayed. When they are fully booked, they always try to get local accommodation arranged. They are keen to support the community and be fully involved in village life. If you have a comment/complaint please feel free to contact Nigel directly

Housing: A meeting took place between the Strathfillan Housing Group, tenants from Mansfield and RSHA to discuss the plots in Mansfield. The first meeting went well and we discussed the size of houses to build. Another meeting is

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## “By The Way”

planned.

Stirling Council Housing Services is being inspected by the Scottish Housing Regulator.

The NP is planning to be heavy handed in their response to ASB including inappropriate wild-camping, litter and alcohol abuse. It will cost money to enforce but once it gets known then things should improve and make the NP an enjoyable place for all to visit.

### Crianlarich School

Forty years ago, in February 1969, Perth and Kinross Council decided that two village primary schools, Tyndrum and Crianlarich, should merge into one and Crianlarich School was officially opened by Mrs Colquhoun, wife of Rev John Colquhoun, who was minister of Killin at the time. In a new building, in place of the old

one which was knocked down, the children enjoyed for the first time luxuries such as indoor toilets, hot water and a brand new piano. The school ran under the headship of Mrs Galbraith until her retirement in the 80's, when she was succeeded by Mrs Irene Henderson, who had worked as assistant teacher in the school for many years while bringing up her young family. Mrs Henderson retired from teaching in 1996 and not only still lives in the village but also keeps in close contact with 'her' school. Although since then there have been a number of head teachers in charge of the school, the class teachers, teaching assistants, parents and children all maintain their close knit family community and they guard it jealously. The school registration book has seen a rise and fall of numbers over the years, with as many as forty five children registered in 2005, compared to a possible seventeen to eighteen in 1969. The rise and fall

of numbers wasn't just due to families coming and going from the area but also to family commitments such as 'tattie hawking' or bringing in the harvest, which meant that it was all hands on deck and this could result in the school closing.

Classes within the school mix the children's year groups and, depending on numbers, there could be between one, as in 1969, and four classes. This mix allows the children to grow and learn from each other, both in and out of the classroom and also to help each other in a way not normally found in larger schools. More importantly, it creates a strong feeling of community and loyalty within the school and in the community of the village itself which lasts well into adulthood.

One child in particular who gained from this type of schooling was a little boy who joined the school in 2005 when his family moved to the area. This little boy was severely dyslexic and very low in self confidence. He could not read or write and, in his words, thought he was 'really dumb'. His social skills were limited, which meant he found it hard to interact with his peers and the adults around him. The job of teaching him was down to the head teacher, Mrs Comrie, and his class teacher, Mrs Fallon. Mrs Fallon's gentle but firm approach worked wonders on both his confidence and education and this approach turned his life around and gave him the skills and confidence he needed to move forward. This is to the credit of the school as a whole for its acceptance of all children, with and without problems, into the community. This acceptance gives the children the perfect base to learn the skills that will see them through the rest of their school life and beyond.

**Nicola Cairns**



**P 1 Crianlarich School**

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(<http://www.cafescientifique.org>)  
Strathfillan Community Development Trust has established a branch of Café Sci that meets in Tyndrum Village Hall. Four meetings have been arranged for the next session; in October and November 2009, and in February and March 2010. Café Sci meetings are organized along the following pattern:  
7-7.30pm Arrival and welcome with tea or coffee or wine. Meet the speaker.

7.30-8pm The invited speaker will introduce the meeting's topic (see programme).

8pm - 9pm More refreshments, questions and discussion  
Admission is free and speakers do not receive a fee. SCDT asks that those intending to come to a meeting should contact the Trust Office (tel. 01838 400 545 or email [strathfillancdt@btconnect.com](mailto:strathfillancdt@btconnect.com)) beforehand to help with catering. There is no charge for refreshments, but a donation towards costs will be welcomed on the night.

The topics are usually appropriate for students attending High School.

### Wednesday 14th October The story of the elements

Joe Connolly PhD, DSc (Glasgow) FRSE, like all professors of chemistry, depends on the periodic table. Everything we see and detect around us is made from one or more of a hundred and fourteen known elements such as oxygen, iron, gold and so on. Knowledge of all the elements, their properties, similarities, differences and ways in

which they interact has been made possible by their organization into the periodic table. What is the periodic table? How was it developed? Should Mendeleev be ranked with Darwin? Why is the periodic table the most important organizing principle for chemists?

### Wednesday 18th November Practical approaches to reducing the domestic carbon footprint

Timothy Booth BSc (Manchester), Institute of Chartered Engineers, worked on big engineering projects including construction of the M62, M55 and M58. Tim then started his own company, Fuelmizas (AT) Ltd., promoting and maintaining multifuel stoves, cookers, boilers and solar heating systems. What is meant by the domestic carbon footprint? Can it be measured? How can we best use Alternative Technology (AT), embracing solar, wind and biomass power, and latent energy below ground, to attain a reduced domestic footprint?

### Wednesday 10th February One of the challenges facing the conservation of rare plants

David Mardon BSc, MSc (Aberdeen), has recently retired from the National Trust for Scotland after serving as manager of the Ben Lawers NNR. He has established programmes of "species recovery" and "habitat restoration" to conserve rare plants. Conservation depends on knowledge of the distribution and abundance of target species and detecting patterns in their numbers over time. How is data collected? How is data interpreted? How will we know if the conservation strategy is successful? What can we learn from the study of snow pearlwort over 25 years?

### Thursday 11th March Opening and closing a can of worms

Vaughan Southgate BSc (Aberystwyth), PhD (Cambridge), is President of the Linnean Society of

London. His distinguished scientific career at the Natural History Museum has helped our understanding of the parasitic worms that cause schistosomiasis (Bilharzia), a nasty tropical disease. About 120 million people, mainly in Africa, suffer from this affliction. Prince William has been successfully treated. How did he become infected? Can we stop transmission? Why do we need to study freshwater snails? Will drug-resistant worms appear? Why is water management so important? What might be the impact of climate change?

## Strathfillan Community Development Trust

### Growing Your Own?

As you 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.

### Breadalbane Art

A big thank you to all who submitted work for the exhibition, helped to curate and came along to view. Congratulations to those who bagged a sale!

### AGM

Everyone is invited to the AGM of the Trust on Thursday 19th November at 7pm in Tyndrum Village Hall. Come along, join the Trust (£2 pa!) and get involved in projects that will make Strathfillan an even better place to live and work.

**Joyce Russell**

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Please let Kathryn know if you are interested in coming along, tel: 820018 or email: [kathrynstorey406@googlemail.com](mailto:kathrynstorey406@googlemail.com)

# Killin Conservation

Historic chimney repairs, restoring waterwheels and tin churches - these are just some of the diverse projects funded as part of the Killin Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) and the Park Authority are looking for more. These projects were all funded through conservation grants available to property owners and tenants to assist with the repair and restoration of historic buildings in the Killin Outstanding Conservation Area.

The scheme is jointly funded by Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority and Historic Scotland and aims to encourage and support the conservation and enhancement of historic buildings and streets in the Killin Outstanding Conservation Area. It awards grants for general repair of historic

buildings (up to 70% of the cost of the work) or the reinstatement of architectural details such as railings and sash and case windows (up to 85%). The scheme has been extended to run until 2012 and the total project fund is approximately £125,000.

There is also funding available for small community research and education projects. The Park is currently working with P6 and P7 at Killin Primary School on a project to record and research historic buildings in the village. The children have chosen buildings such as the Killin Hotel, the Breadalbane Folklore Centre, Finlarig Castle, MaLaren Hall and the Old Smiddy to record and research. They hope to draw on the historic knowledge of the local heritage group and their collection of historic photos to help with their

research and then to produce leaflets about their buildings. Geologists at British Geological Survey are currently carrying out a Building Stone Audit of Killin. The Audit is identifying the main building stone types in Killin and looking at the historic quarries surrounding the area which supplied the building stone. The aim is to help with future stone repair and the use of stone in new buildings.

So please get in touch with the Park Authority's Built Heritage Adviser Sarah Parkinson if you have an idea for a project or would be interested in a grant to repair your traditional building within the conservation area. Telephone 01389 722629 or email conservation@lochlomond-trossachs.org or visit [www.lochlomond-trossachs.org](http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org).

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Unit 1, 8 Ward Street. Alloa FK10 1ER or e.mail [lottery\\_russell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lottery_russell@hotmail.co.uk) as soon as possible. The committee will then consider your application and the others received and, if successful, you will have one or more games donated to you. Suggestions for other equipment to purchase or borrow from the lottery are welcome. More information and application forms from the website [www.cfsalottery.org.uk](http://www.cfsalottery.org.uk). or on request

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# Frost Report



## Slime Goes to Hollywood

So great has been the interest in the debate on slime mould begun on Radio 4's Scotland Outdoors programme that its fame is not only nation wide but world wide. Just to prove it The National Geographic Society are coming over from America to film sites where it has been found and samples of the stuff itself. Personally I don't think that it is particularly photogenic and I'm sure that it will never be even nominated for an Oscar, as its acting ability is nil. So it's lucky that I found some of this mysterious substance and have been keeping it in a container in the fridge - hopefully no-one has mistaken it for vanilla yoghurt. Certainly if they smell it they won't, as, after a week in the fridge, it certainly smells like ectoplasm.

Talking of unusual objects being popular worldwide, when we were in a fairly remote area of the Maasai Mara we came upon one particular tall but spindly tree with a very strong metal fence around it. Of

course - you've got it - it is really a camouflaged mobile phone mast. I think that the local planners are trying to go one better with the new rules about not felling most large trees. These rules cause landowners of overgrown property to cut off all the branches of trees leaving denuded trunks which look worryingly like trees badly camouflaged as phone masts.

Now to more usual objects not being so popular in the countryside. Beware of walking too near any building on the hill because it has probably been used by many wild campers. This problem is becoming so great that some areas are thinking of putting up toilets and running water in popular camping areas. This year has been the worst ever for damage to trees, fences and anything which will burn, including a stile by the shaft road in the glen where we now have a ladder on the inside of the wood and a platform on top - but no ladder on

the other side. Maybe it's really a diving board ready for the floods. There really do need to be changes in the behaviour of some visitors. Some changes being mooted at the moment are the abolition of closed seasons for shooting stags, extension of that for hinds and a national register of people qualified to shoot deer.



Let me leave you with a riddle. Last week we found a gannet way up Glen Lochay. On our return from the hill at the end of the day it was still there and not looking too happy. We took it home and could find no organisation to give us advice and the poor bird died. It appeared to have no injuries but could not fly so it was probably exhausted. But how did it get there? No, I don't think it flew in on some slime mould!

Tim Frost



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This is our first Killin News entry as Acting Headteachers and we both feel privileged to be in this post of Acting Heads for Crianlarich and Killin Primaries. Over the years we have worked very closely together as Headteachers of our own schools and look forward to developing this partnership further. We share the same values and aims for the school, are committed to delivering quality learning and teaching and are determined to take forward the superb work carried out

by Ms Logan until a new Headteacher is appointed.  
**Mrs G Jones and Mrs J McDonald**

### Killin Co-op

We were delighted to be asked to "cut the ribbon" for the opening of the refurbished Killin Co-op. Our pupil representatives did an excellent job and were a credit to their families and to the school. Thank you to Aarron, Ewan, George, Liam, Lydia and Noah who performed the ceremony, a very big

thank you also to the staff of the Co-op for their hospitality to the children and the very generous donation to our school funds.

### Perthshire Open Studios

P3-7 children have been given the opportunity to get involved in "Perthshire Open Studios". Working with Dave Hunt, photographer, the children will take part in a work shop lasting approximately 20 minutes for each class. Thereafter they will use their knowledge to discuss and select three views they would like to photograph. Located entirely within the school building and grounds, the children will be challenged to photograph a view of the school or a view from the school, as you have never seen it before!

Using school cameras, they will work in small groups to photograph their chosen subjects. From three photographs, the children will then select their favourite to be displayed at Wester Lix Studios prior to being moved to the school where they will be on view at the Family Portrait Day later this month.

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## Killin and Crianlarich Nursery

As the new term begins we would like to welcome our new children. We are looking forward to getting to know them and their families and to sharing their skills and talents. We have been busy tidying the nursery gardens and are hoping the weather will improve to allow us to spend time enjoying them. A bingo night is provisionally planned for Friday 13th November. We will be having a coffee morning and a photographer visiting on Friday 21st November. If you would like to have your photographs taken, please contact Killin Nursery, otherwise come along and join us for a cuppa. As part of healthy eating the children are becoming very skilled at making their own bread rolls.



We are taking our first steps to becoming an ECO nursery and will have updates on our progress. We are celebrating "Homecoming Scotland" in the nursery on St Andrew's day. Music is part of our Plan for Improvement and if anyone would like to come and share their musical talent with the children then please get in touch. We would like to say thanks to Tom Weir for helping us with a few little jobs around the nursery.

**Nursery Staff**

## Scripture Union Group



On Tuesday 1st September a new after school group, the Scripture Union, held its first meeting. It was a lovely gathering of about eight children and four adults. The pupils have taken part in games, crafts and heard bible stories. Meetings are every Tuesday from 3pm to 4pm and are led by Helen Young and Jo Robinson, while I assist and oversee the club. Claire Melia has also come along to help us.

**Alasdair Lunan**  
Principal Teacher

## National Park and Killin School

Primary 6 and 7 are taking part in a topic in association with the Park Authority. We are researching the many historic buildings in and around Killin. We will be further developing our ICT (information and communication technologies) and enterprising skills to produce leaflets detailing the information we have found.



**Finlarig Castle, one of the buildings in the project**

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# McLaren High



## Chemistry Camp

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for three days. We stayed in McIntosh Halls and walked to the labs each day. We had a very interesting lecture on materials and had four three-hour lab sessions getting to use equipment and do experiments that aren't available within school. In the evenings we went ten-pin bowling, had an open-top bus tour and a barbeque on the beach. We enjoyed the experience and made friends with people from all over Britain. Thank you!

**Anna Tatnell and Camilla Tigwell**

## Battlefields Trip

One of the options available for pupils during Activities Week in June was a visit the World War 1 battlefield sites in Belgium and France. After an overnight coach journey we arrived tired but excited in Belgium.

While staying in Nieuwpoort we visited lots of sites and museums around Ypres, among them

'Sanctuary Wood' where we were allowed to walk in trenches that have remained untouched since the war. We also visited Langemark and Tyne Cot war cemeteries which housed thousands of white grave stones, many simply labelled 'A Soldier of the Great War'.

On the Tuesday night we attended a ceremony at the Menin Gate, where some pupils brought their uniform and took part in the Last Post Ceremony, laying a wreath for McLaren High, in honour of the



**The wreath layers**

soldiers whose bodies weren't found and whose names are on the Menin Gate.

On Wednesday we had a morning in Bruges. We were free to roam and shop and indulge in the many

chocolate shops, before moving on to France where we paid a visit to the Canadian memorial at Vimy Ridge, and then on to our hotel in Albert. In France we visited sites associated with the Battle of the Somme, including cemeteries and war memorials where pupils and staff had the opportunity to visit the graves of relatives. We also went to a place called 'Wellington Quarry' in Arras where we saw the incredible underground network of tunnels that housed soldiers in the First World War.

Our last day was spent at Bellewaerde Theme Park, where lots of us got absolutely drenched on the water rides and needed a change of clothes!

During the week we were blessed with sunshine, and although some of the places we visited were very sad, it was a real eye-opener, letting us know just how horrible and futile the war was. It was a very educational trip, but at the same time there were days we were allowed to just to have fun. The trip was definitely one of the best trips the school has to offer.

**Eilidh Shearer**

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# School

**Central Parks** During Activities Week we went ice skating at the Time Capsule which was a great laugh and the flumes were awesome. On the Thursday the rides at M and D were massive and the Tornado looked amazing. The Go-karts on Friday were incredible, and I couldn't believe the power you got out of them! Everyone had a great time. **Stuart Berrow**

**McLaren High School Athletics**  
The Forth Valley Championships again proved to be a very successful event for McLaren. These championships are open to all pupils in S1-3 in all schools in Clackmannan, Falkirk and Stirling Councils. McLaren finished in 6th place.

The McLaren High School Individual Athletics Championships were the next main event. This is the competition where boys and girls who consider themselves to be reasonable all-rounders compete against one another in a range of track and field events. These include 80m, 200m sprints, 600m/800m middle distance run, shot putt, javelin, high jump and long jump.

As ever all the age groups were very fiercely competed with a particularly close fought battle in the S3 boys and S5/6 boys groups. At the end of this two day event the following winners from Killin were  
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In August we were informed that the Fire Cadet Scheme would be closed down in its current form and this closure would affect all Stations where the Cadet Scheme is presently held. We understand that the Cadets will be as disappointed as we the instructors are but this is something outwith our control. We do not know the full circumstances behind this decision but have been advised that it was not taken lightly. If and when we get any more information we will gladly share it with you.

However we would like to take this opportunity to thank all past and present Cadets for their enthusiasm over the last 3 years and also those who have helped in the capacity of instructors.

The Cadets paid subs weekly and we hold funds with The Bank of Scotland. It has been decided to hold these funds for any future Youth Project that may arise in Killin.

Once again we would like to say thanks to the youth of Killin for their support and to all those who have supported the Cadets over the years.

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Stuart Anderson

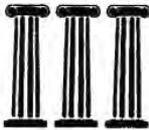


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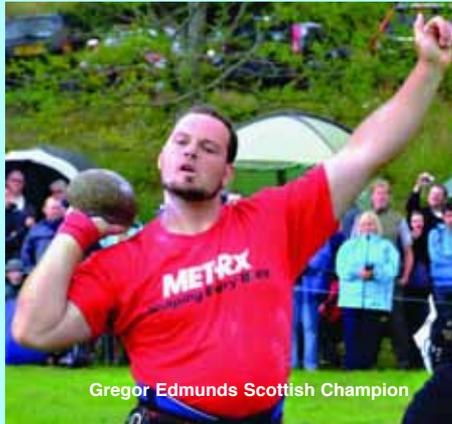
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## Champion of Champions -

### Colin Kennedy Trophy

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### Blackface Sheep Section

#### Champion - Bowser Trophy

F Ronald Jnr, Keilator

#### Reserve Champion - Stroyan Trophy

K Taylor & Sons, Dall

#### Female Group of 3 - R Young Trophy

F Wilson, Carie

#### Best Woolled Sheep - Ramsay Trophy

Mr F Ronald, Keilator

#### Pair of Ewe Lambs - Mid Lix Trophy

F Wilson, Carie

#### Best Ram - Inverlochlarig Cup

K Taylor & Sons, Dall

#### Best Female BF Breed - Immeroin Trophy

F Ronald Jnr, Keilator

#### Bred by Exhibitor

#### Best Ram Lamb - Tullochcan Cup

P McDiarmid & Co, Shenlarich

#### Best Pair Wedder Lambs - Ben Lawers Cup

P McDiarmid & Co., Shenlarich

#### Pair Ram Lambs

P McDiarmid & Co, Shenlarich

#### Pair Gimmers - Glenbeich Cup

K Taylor & Sons, Dall

#### Male group of 3 - Gilbert Campbell Trophy

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#### Best Lamb - F Ronald Jnr, Keilator

#### Best Sheep ( opp sex to Champion)

K Taylor & Sons, Dall

#### Exhibitor with most points

P McDiarmid & Co, Shenlarich

#### Stocksman showing best animal

F Ronald Jnr, Keilator

#### Shepherds Class

D Barker, Braes of Ardeonaig

#### Best Natural Ewe - Braes of Ardeonaig Cup

P McDiarmid & Co, Shenlarich

#### Sheep other than Blackface

#### Champion Cross Sheep - Bovain Cup

Donna MacKenzie, Tullochcan

#### Reserve Champion Cross Sheep

P McDiarmid & Co., Shenlarich

#### Best Pair Prime Lambs

P McDiarmid & Co., Shenlarich

#### Pair Lambs out of a BF Ewe

N Aitchison, Bovain

#### Pair Lambs out of a cross ewe

P McDiarmid & Co., Shenlarich

#### Wool Section

#### Champion - Meggernie

#### Blackface - Mattress - Meggernie

#### Blackface - Fine - F McAskill, Tullich

#### Commercial Cattle

#### Champion - LSM Rosebowl -

McDiarmid Bros., Ben Lawers

## Reserve Champion Bank of Scotland Cup

D & R Waugh, Croftintyan

### Best Calf by native bull

P McDiarmid & Co., Shenlarich

### Best Calf by limousin bull

McDiarmid Bros., Ben Lawers

### Best Calf any other breed

Taylor Bros., Duncroisk

### Best Young Calf: Duncan Clark Rosebowl

McDiarmid Bros., Ben Lawers

### Cow with calf - Inchbuie Cup -

McDiarmid Bros., Ben Lawers

### Stocksman showing best calf

Hamish McDiarmid

### Highest Points

McDiarmid Bros., Ben Lawers

### Bonnie Baby Competition

Alasdair Campbell, North Connel

### Fancy Dress Parade - Killin Brownies

### Sheep and Cattle Class Results

#### Shepherds Class

Derek Barker, Braes of Ardeonaig

Fulton Ronald Jnr, Keilator

Alister McKenzie, Glentarken

#### Natural shown ewe and lamb

P McDiarmid & Co, Shenlarich

Messrs McLarty, Glentarken

N Aitchison, Bovain

#### Ram, 3 yrs old and over

Messrs J Taylor, Braes of Ardeonaig

A Buchan, Morenish

Messrs McLarty, Glentarken

#### Ram 2 yrs old

K Taylor & Sons, Dall

F Wilson, Carie

Messrs McLarty, Glentarken

Ram, Shearling

K Taylor & Son, Dall

Messrs McLarty, Glentarken

N Aitchison, Bovain

#### Ewe, 3 yrs and upwards

F Ronald Jnr, Keilator

Messrs McLarty, Keilator

K Taylor & Son, Dall

#### Ewe, 2yrs

F Wilson, Carie

Messrs McLarty, Glentarken

Meggernie Estate

#### Gimmer

Meggernie Estate

F Wilson, Carie

Messrs McLarty, Glentarken

#### Ram Lamb

P McDiarmid & Co. Shenlarich

Messrs J Taylor, Braes of Ardeonaig

F Wilson, Carie

#### Ewe Lamb

F Ronald Jnr, Keilator

F Wilson, Carie

K Taylor & Sons, Dall

### Pair Wedder Lambs

P McDiarmid & Co, Shenlarich

K Taylor & Sons, Dall

G Stewart, Tombreck

### Sheep Other than Blackface

#### Pair cross lambs out of Blackface ewe

N Aitchison, Bovain

A & J Anderson, Tullochcan

N Aitchison, Bovain

#### Pair of Cross lambs out of a Cross ewe

P McDiarmid & Co, Shenlarich

K Taylor & Son, Dall

P McDiarmid & co, Shenlarich

#### Ewe

P McDiarmid & Co, Shenlarich

N Aitchison, Bovain

N Aitchison, Bovain

#### Gimmer

P McDiarmid & Co, Shenlarich

N Aitchison, Bovain

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#### Ewe Lamb

Donna MacKenzie

N Aitchison, Bovain

N Aitchison, Bovain

#### Mule Ewe Lamb

G Stewart, Tombreck

G Stewart, Tombreck

G Stewart, Tombreck

#### Tup

N & E Campbell, Succoth

F Wilson, Carie

P Reilly, Tullochmhor

#### Lamb, shown by young handler under 11

Lewis MacKenzie

Anna and Duncan McDiarmid

#### Lamb shown by young handler 11 - 18 years

Brett MacKenzie

Alan MacKenzie

Ishbel and Ailsa Taylor

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#### Handcraft Cup - Elizabeth Ingram

#### Photography Cup - Sheena MacColl

#### Homecraft Cup - Bunty MacGregor

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## Lanarkshire Motor Cycle Club Trial

The Lanarkshire Motor Cycle Trial was recently held on the moorland and steep burns above Killin. This counted towards the Scottish Trial Championships so there was an added edge to the competition. All entrants competed in one of two senior classes over the fifteen section three circuit course.

Local club members, Andrew Anderson, Jonathan Devlin and Colin Gourlay, set out to pit their increasing experience against their club mates and gave a good account of themselves, adding valuable points to their year's tally.

Conditions were described as 'testing', with a flow of water in all burns making the rocky surface just that little bit more tricky. However the rain stayed away until the last of the riders checked in and the clerk of the course, Bobby Lafferty, was commended for setting up a good, challenging course.

**Alex Stewart**



**Andrew Anderson**



**Jonathan Devlin**



**Colin Gourlay**

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# Where Are They Now?

For those of you that know me (Cheryl and Malcolm's daughter and the late Graham Moore's granddaughter), and also for those who don't, this is a quick run through of what I have been up to since I left Killin in 1996.

I left McLaren High School in 1996 and moved up to Aberdeen where I completed an MA (Hons) in Geography at Aberdeen University. Since graduation I have worked in the field of Transport Policy and Planning, first for Aberdeenshire Council for four years before moving to Bridge of Allan in 2004 to work in Glasgow as a Transport Planner for the regional transport partnership, SPT. There I worked on a number of large projects and strategies developing a range of initiatives to encourage more sustainable travel amongst residents and businesses within the area. In 2008 I decided I'd had enough of being a commuter and got a job locally within the Transport Planning team at Stirling Council. I am currently involved in policy development and encouraging more sustainable travel. I live in Dunblane with my partner Phil and I now have the bonus of being able to cycle everyday to work.

In my spare time I am pretty active. I enjoy cycling, but without a doubt running is my passion. I am a



member of Central Athletics Club and regularly compete at both local and national level (including the National Cross Country Championships, National Road Relay Championships and the British Fell Running Championships). My strongest field is long distance running and this year I am progressing from half marathons to my first full marathon and am really looking forward to the challenge. I am also lucky enough to be involved (through Active Stirling) in helping to coach athletics to young children

once a week. This is thoroughly rewarding and it is great seeing the children progress.

As well as running and cycling I enjoy travelling and have been lucky enough to explore a number of great places since I left university. I still have very itchy feet and certainly have plenty more exploring I would like to do.

Killin and the surrounding area was a great place to grow up and I still enjoy going back to visit family and to soak in the views of Glen Dochart, Ben Lawers and the Falls of Dochart.

**Isla Campbell**

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# Killin Golf Club

## Gents Open Competition

- 1 Kenny Campbell (Prestonfield) 69 BIH
- 2 Eric Lindsay (Blairgowrie) 69
- 3 S Brady (Culcrieff) 70

### Handicap

- 1 D Brown (Callander) 62
- 2 Dickie Lewis (Killin) 64 BIH
- 3 G Aitken (Killin) 64

### The Davies Trophy - best scratch

Kenny Campbell (Prestonfield)  
69 BIH

### The Melia Quaich - best handicap

D Brown (Callander) 62

### Nearest the Pin

#### Category 1 (8th & 17th)

Martin McIntyre (Culcrieff) 21 inches

#### Category 2 (5th & 14th)

Jim Atkinson (Killin) 11ft 4 inches

### Magic 2s

C Aitken (Glencruitten)

S Brady (Culcrieff)

Ewan MacGregor (St Michaels)

J Plunkett (Glencruitten)

D Fraser (Glencruitten)

C Ferguson (Callander)

Dickie Lewis (Killin)

Paul Melia (Killin)

Martin MacIntyre (Culcrieff)

D Simpson (Pumpherson)

CSS Home 65, Away 67

## Junior Prize Giving

### Beginners

- 1st Aaron Hibbert
- 2nd Conor Burton
- 3rd Tommy Haddon

**Best Beginner** - Aaron Hibbert

### Category 4

- 1st Jack Forsyth
- 2nd Finn Rhys
- 3rd Emma Aitken

**Eclectic Winner** - Finn Rhys

**Junior Trophy (Knockout winner)**

Emma Aitken

### Category 3

- 1st Josh Norris
- 2nd Luke Melia
- 3rd James Ronald

**Eclectic Winner** - Billie Graham

**Anniversary Trophy (Knockout Winner)**

Luke Melia

### Category 2

- 1st Calum Wyllie

2nd Laura Aitken

3rd Jack McRobbie

**Eclectic Winner** - Jack McRobbie

**McArthur Trophy (Knockout winner)**

Calum Wyllie

**Most Improved Junior** - Billie Graham

A big thank you to the coaches - Jim Ronald, Kay Dowling, Mark Lincoln and John Guilh, and to all the adults who have walked round the course this year come rain or shine.

Without these adults a lot of the juniors would not be able to play the course, so if you can help out next year - even if it is only an occasional Friday - please let me know.

We have seen some great improvements in the golfing abilities this season and look forward to seeing everyone again next season.

**Liz Stevens**

Junior Convenor



## Senior Ladies Open

**Overall Scratch:** Pat Simpson (Lundin Links) 79

**Overall Handicap:** Janet Buchanan (Dalmally) 67

### Handicap

#### Silver Division

1. Sheena Chisholm (Killin) 70
2. Merope Dunlop (Old Ranfurly) 71
3. Maureen Taggart (Old Ranfurly) 72

#### Bronze Division

1. Janet Buchanan (Dalmally) 67
2. Edith Ralston (Strathmore) 69 BIH
3. Gillian Allan (Comrie) 69

**Best Veteran (70+):** Kit Sneddon (Callander) 69

### Longest Drive

**Silver:** Pat Simpson (Lundin Links)

**Bronze:** Frances Wallace (Callander)

**Nearest the Pin:** Maureen Taggart (Old Ranfurly) 4.7m

**Magic 2s:** Janis Whyte (Alva)

**CSS 70**



Unfortunately not the arrival on the golf course of a Senior Lady but an emergency landing to pick up an accident victim

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## Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park

### Plans to Tackle Visitor Pressures

LL&TNP unveiled a series of measures to deal with the effects of visitor pressure within Scotland's first National Park and is focused on ensuring a high quality visitor experience and stamping out the unacceptable behaviour of a small minority.

The Park is one of the most visited rural areas of Scotland with over 3.5 million visitors every year. The area also generates an estimated £247 million for the economy per annum and the NPA is looking to put in place long term solutions that will help conserve this special area of Scotland. The large visitor number has led to issues that the NPA and partners need to resolve, including informal camping, litter, toileting and traffic management. There is also the problem of anti-social behaviour including drunkenness, vandalism, criminal damage, assault and vehicular trespass that we wish to reduce through increased management.

Amongst the initiatives being introduced are plans for informal campsites with toilet and litter facilities backed by camping by-laws excluding camping from certain areas. These will be on trial in three key areas - East Loch Lomond, Loch Venacher/Lubnaig and Luss. The Authority is also tackling the

issues presented by the volume of traffic within the Park and will be considering measures to reduce traffic and car park congestion at peak times.

We are currently investing £2 million in visitor management in 2009 and we are taking action to put in place long term solutions that deal with this range of issues that will lead to improvements in the visitor experience in the Park.

### Annual report to March 2009

Achievements in key areas were reported.

**Conservation:** the publication of the first National Park Biodiversity Action Plan; a collection of three-year actions set within a longer term vision to put Loch Lomond & The Trossachs at the forefront of nature conservation.

**Visitor experience:** meeting the European Charter for Sustainable Development in Protected Areas and continued close working with the police to tackle antisocial behaviour.

**Rural development:** Issuing the first Park Local Plan for consultation, after earlier extensive discussions with our communities.

The full Annual Report & Accounts can be found on the website [www.lochlomond-trossachs.org](http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org)

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As a Parliamentary Election must be held before June 2010, it is important that all eligible electors are registered in time to vote.

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## Mervyn's Weather

### The Summer that Never Was

In any "good" season, weatherwise, there are always a few "bad" days or short spells of less settled conditions, likewise in a "bad" season slightly better interludes or occasional "PET" days occur. So now, in early September, summer 2009 has been buried without regret. It has been the third "Summer that never was" in a row. However, despite our moans and groans, and sense of once again being cheated, the old adage of "This is nothing new under the sun" kicks in.

Old records as far back as the mid 1600s, perhaps not as accurate or sophisticated as today's, have highlighted the oscillations of our weather over the centuries. For instance, the 1790s produced a run of wet and stormy summers, 1816 was known as "the year without a summer" and there were many more references to summer seasons varying from severe droughts to extremely disturbed periods of wet and cold. The mid 1840s were also noted for a series of disastrous summers which contributed to the potato blight epidemic in Ireland and Scotland, which in turn was integral to "The Clearances" in these countries.

Again the 1870s suffered some exceptionally wet seasons causing an agricultural recession that lasted for decades. The poor summers of 1903 and 1912 would appear to have owed their falls from grace (1912 holding the record for the wettest summer documented) to

volcanic eruptions, 1903 in central America and the Caribbean, including Mount Pelee which destroyed the city of St. Pierre in Martinique, and in 1912 Novarupta in Alaska.

The years 2007-2009 however have no such excuse. Climate Change or Global Warming seems to be the "whipping boy" for many departures from the ordinary, not only in weather extremes. There is no doubt that the British Isles, rainfall, stormy conditions and higher mean temperatures have increased over the past decade or so with attendant side effects, and here I make no excuse for rabbiting on yet again regarding the increasing boscage - scrub woodland, weed growth, and that insidious plant bracken - which is increasing by up to 10% per annum and a haven for ticks which can harbour various ailments including Lyme Disease. Its spread can almost be likened to the science fiction tale of the Triffids!

Contributory causes to climate change have been listed, among other factors, as methane emissions from ruminants and greenhouse gases. As to the former, surely the number of flatulent ruminants has not varied much over many decades and as to air pollution, every situation seems to have compensating stand points. So what about "The Dark Satanic Mills" and "The Smogs" of yesteryear which gave the appellation "The Black Country" to the Northern Midlands of England? Though there are some who still use that term in a completely different context!

**Mervyn K. Browne**  
Ardtalnaig

## Think About It

Many articles and television programmes have recounted the events of September 11, 2001 recently. Twelve hours after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York, a television news reporter stood near Ground Zero with a sheaf of papers in her hand. She had picked them up from the street which was littered with debris from the fallen twin towers. One sheet was part of a corporate financial report, another was a business proposal and a third was a retirement plan. In the light of the thousands of lives which were lost, those papers seemed so much less important than they were just hours before.

Calamity alters our perspective. When lives are on the line, we realise that people, not possessions, are what matters most. If we take steps to realign our priorities and to treat people well, the lesson will not have been wasted.

After great tragedies, many of us are challenged to put God and people first in our lives. May "9/11" change your perspective on what is important in life.

**Ladd Fagerson**

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## Killin Heritage Society

The committee has put together an interesting and informative programme for the 2009/10 season and looks forward to welcoming members, old and new, and visitors, to the monthly talks held at 7.30p.m. in the Lesser McLaren Hall, Killin.

The programme begins on Friday 2nd October, with a talk by Moira Meek, a Society member and keen local historian, on the "Third Earl of Breadalbane".

On Friday 6th November, the Society will welcome David Cowley, RCAHMS, to talk about "The view from above - RCAHMS aerial survey and photography".

On Friday 4th December, Dugald MacInnes, SCFA Glasgow, will join us to give an update on the SCFA work in the area and talk about "The Archaeology of upper Glen Lochay" The 2010 season will start on Friday 5th February with the AGM followed by "What do you want to know about our village?" Society members and friends will try and answer questions about the history of the village. Questions are to be submitted in advance so they can do their homework beforehand!

On Friday 5th March the Society is especially delighted to be welcoming Dr. Fiona Watson, writer, historian and broadcaster, to talk on the subject of her latest research "The real MacBeth".

The programme will finish on Friday 9th April with a talk by a member of Central Scotland Police on "The work of a Wildlife Officer".

**Gillean Ford**

## Mum's a Winner!



As part of Volunteer's Week, the Stirling volunteer centre held an awards ceremony to celebrate 25 years of volunteering in the Stirling area. At the municipal buildings in Stirling on 4th June, Libby McKenna, formerly of Chalib, Craggan Road, Lochearnhead was nominated and presented with the senior volunteer

award of the year, much to her delight and surprise.

Libby has been fitting in voluntary work around her busy family life for the last five years. Last year, the gardening and literacy project with which she was involved in was very successful and anyone who knows Libby will know these are subjects close to her heart. The group's hard work was rewarded when they were asked to supply the flowers for the annual awards ceremony in the Albert hall.

In the same year, Libby was invited to become a member of the 'investing in volunteers development group' to which she contributed very successfully. The steering group ultimately achieved recognition and reached the standard they had been seeking, earlier this year.

This year, Libby has been assisting in teaching ESOL (English as another language) courses to overseas students in Bridge of Allan and, in recognition of her hard work, it was the Adult Learning team with whom she works who nominated her for the award.

Libby has put the same energy and vigour into her voluntary work as she does with everything in her life and this recent accolade only lends credence to her hard work and the wonderful exuberance she has for life, which she passes on every time she meets someone.

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## Breadalbane Park

The Breadalbane Park is fast turning, in places, into a quagmire due to the totally inadequate and much publicised drainage system. Stirling Council have only once contracted a company to clear the drain, which runs along the west boundary. This failed miserably and indeed the section from the central manhole to the hill fence was never touched.

At a meeting in the park many years ago, the collapsed sections of the old field drainage system were pointed out and paced to give an approximate length. At that meeting the Council representative agreed to have some exploratory holes excavated to confirm the extent of the problem. This was never carried out. It was also agreed that a costing would be compiled to give a ball park figure for target fund raising by the then Killin Initiative Committee. This also was never produced. The only work carried out by the Council is grass cutting and of course the paths and lighting.

It was left to the Killin Agricultural Committee to scrape away soft ground and extend the roadway to assist in the problem of vehicles getting stuck on the wet ground, before the show day.

Money deposits are still being asked from organisations, prior to the use of the park, but the amount is not uniform and some events pay less than others. Then there have been occasions when the sums have been deducted from deposits for so called repairs but what and when these were carried out is a mystery. The approaches made to Stirling Council with regard to the deposits made against damage done by major events, are not addressing the problem, merely aggravating the users.

At present there is a substantial area of the park permanently

unusable and other parts best kept clear of any use.

It is time a lead was taken by the main users and the Community Council to insist that representatives of Stirling Council and the National Park come to a village meeting where the locals can have their views heard and those in positions of authority be made to bring forward firm proposals and a time table for dealing with solving the problem and upgrading the park before it is too late.

**Alex Stewart**

## Miscellany

I was very concerned to discover that there was no Frost Report in the August edition of the Killin News. I do know that Tim and Linda went out to Kenya earlier this year on holiday and do hope that Tim wasn't "et by a lion"!! On a more serious note, I am encouraged by the fact that there seem to be more red squirrels around in the area. I have 3 coming to the peanuts at Auchlyne. At Clanscape in the park I learnt that there was a grey squirrel seen recently in Lochearnhead, so let's hope it doesn't make its way up Glen Ogle.

And finally, did anyone hear on the Out of Doors programme a while back that the proper pronunciation of Lubnaig is Loony. Can any Gaelic speaker confirm this?

**Emma Paterson**

## Good recovery

Moira and I would like to thank most sincerely all our family, friends, neighbours and colleagues for their cards, good wishes and visits following my recent operation in the Golden Jubilee Hospital. I have made a good recovery and am now gaining strength. Mòran taing a h-uile duine.

**James and Moira Reilly**

## Children's Cinema

Everyone who is part of the Killin Children's Cinema - helpers, parents and children - would like to say a huge thank you to the Co-Op Community Dividend Fund for the generous grant which was awarded to us and has enabled us to purchase our very own home cinema projector and speakers so that the cinema will be able to carry on for a long time in the future. On behalf of everyone - thank you.

**Louise Morris**

## Good Neighbours

Thank you very much to all the people who have so kindly given me lifts. I can't mention all by name as there have been so many but they include Heather Clement, Mary MacKinnon and Douglas Willison. Some have even turned round to go in the opposite direction for me. I am very grateful for this. I have a driving licence but lost the confidence to drive after a lengthy illness. Anyway I believe there is a reason for everything. Thanks to one and all.

**Janet Anderson**

## We love Killin

Hello, my name is Fraser. My wife and I stayed at Cruachan Farm this summer, and I purchased a copy of the Killin News as I always like to see what's going on in an area. Your news and letters page blew me away. What a fantastic community you live in. How caring and considerate the people of Killin are to each other and indeed to visitors. You would NEVER get that sort of feel in Edinburgh. Killin is a lovely place to visit, and we will certainly be back. Warmest regards,

**Fraser & Jane Paterson**  
Edinburgh

## Home at last

Jeanette and Tom Weir would like to thank all the people in Killin who have made them feel welcome over the last year. They have at last

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found a place of their own. Thanks to Maureen Campbell & her brother Hamish at Cruachan Caravan Site who rented us a caravan to start us off, Liz & Dougie at First News who kept us informed about places to rent, also Sandra & Niall Laurence at Shutters for renting us their flat when the caravan site closed and last but not least Jimmy & Maureen Gauld. thanks, too, to the staff, parents and children at Killin & Crianlarich Nursery for their support & friendship while we settled in.

**Tom & Jeanette Weir**

**Friends for life**

One day in WWII two children were welcomed into the home and hearts of John F and Mima Macdonald and family at Croftintygan. Muriel Macdonald took on the role of their big sister, big brother Iain was at sea and Bunty at school. At the end of the war, Heather and Ronnie (*the two children*) went to South Africa with their parents but made a beeline for Croftintygan when they returned to Scotland years later. Iain had married Margaret and had daughters Maureen and Helen. Muriel married Dave McNicoll and I married his brother, Eric, with Bunty as my bridesmaid. I returned the favour when Bunty wed Hamish

Macgregor and then they went on to have Elizabeth and Sheila. My family and I are enormously grateful for the continuing generosity and love shown by the whole family, especially to Muriel and Dave who put up with us on holidays at Balnasuim.

**Heather McNicoll** (nee Mitchell)

**Ode to the Pound Shop**

My husband and I are regular visitors to Killin. We love the shops, places to eat, and have met some lovely people. I am known to take up my pen now and again, and was inspired by regular visits to the pound shop.

Oh, the pound shop in Killin is a glorious place,

Load your purse with money, just in case.

You won't have enough, of that I'm sure,

When you see the fabulous range in store.

It looks like rain, you forgot your mac: There at the back, there's an anorak,

Want to jump in a puddle, and do a few splashes?

Round the next corner - there's the galoshes.

The grout in your bathroom's gone all mucky?

Don't worry your head now,

my little Ducky! There's some 'crack attack' next to the bleach, Stretch out your arm, it's just in reach.

I needed a note book, d'you know what I did?

I went in there, and it was only a quid!

Anything you need, you'll find in there,

Eyeshadow, lipstick, and stuff for your hair,

Frying pans, ceiling fans, jars with lids,

Fly killers, food chillers, toys for kids,

Food trays, foldaways, wool for knitting,

Paracetamol and aspirin for if your head's splitting!

Loo blocks, woolly socks, scented candle,

Cup hooks, rubber ducks, the odd door handle!

Take a tour about, it'll make you think,

They've got everything except the kitchen sink!

When I go to Killin, that's where I am bound,

The little emporium where everything's a pound!

We are visiting again in the Autumn. Guess where we'll come shopping?!

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# Local Planning Applications

## National Park

**Week 26** 29th June

**Proposal:** Proposed erection of 3 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

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Decision: Approve with Conditions

**Week 27** 6th July

**Proposal:** Installation of replacement windows to dwellinghouse

Location: Glenfalloch Farm, Ardlui, Arrochar

Applicant: Glenfalloch Estate

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

**Week 29** 20th July

**Proposal:** Installation of replacement double-glazed UPVC windows

Location: Breadalbane House, Main Street, Killin

Applicant: Mr Wouter van Doorn

Application Type: Detailed Consent

**Proposal:** Erection of dwelling house

Location: Lochleven Cottage, Main Street, Killin

Applicant: Frank Cornfield

Application Type: Detailed Consent

Decision: Approve with Conditions

**Week 30** 27th July

**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 Planning Permission

Decision: Approve with Conditions

**Week 31** 3rd August

**Proposal:** Erection of 2 storey dwellinghouse

Location: Land adjacent to Riverview, Main Street, Killin

Applicant: Mr and Mrs MacKenzie

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve with Conditions

**Week 32** 10th August

**Proposal:** Formation of level platform and change of use of landscape area to site mobile fish and chip van

Location: The Real Food Café, Tyndrum, FK20 8RY

Applicant: Real Food Cafe

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Refuse

**Week 33** 17th August

**Proposal:** Erection of agricultural worker's dwellinghouse; formation of new vehicular access; and erection of 2 agricultural barns

Location: Acharn House Killin FK21 8RA

Applicant: Mr Malcolm Campbell

Application Type: Outline Application

**Proposal:** Variation of condition 2 of planning permission

LT/2002/0269/DET/S so that the condition relates only to the area shown as 'Lot 1'.

Location: By The Way Caravan Park Station Road Lower Tyndrum

Applicant: Mr James Kinnell

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve with Conditions

## Perth & Kinross Council

17th July

**Proposal:** Extension to house

Location: Keprannich House, Ardtalnaig

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Benson

Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: approve the application

30th July

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing dwellinghouse and erection of a new dwellinghouse with new access road

Location: Fank Cottage Tir Artair Killin

Applicant: Mr And Mrs A Buchan

Application Type: Full Application

Decision: Pending Consideration

**Proposal:** Erection of a dwellinghouse

Location: Land 638 Metres South East Of Morenish Cottage Killin

Applicant: T and B Allen

Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Application Withdrawn

Decision: Application Withdrawn

## Stirling Council

Nothing to report

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##### 16lb Hammer

Stuart Anderson (Killin) 107ft 6"  
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##### Open Events

##### Stone Putt

Sebastian Wenta (Poland) 58ft 4"

##### Hammer

Sebastian Wenta (Poland) 126ft 8"

##### Weight for Height

Solvi Petursson (Iceland) 17ft

Mike Zolkiewicz (USA) 17ft

##### Weight for distance

Scott Rider (England) 83ft 7.5"

##### Caber

Scott Rider (England) 1st

Mike Zolkiewicz (USA) 2nd

Sebastian Wenta (Poland) 3rd

Lukasz Wenta (Poland) 4th

Neil Elliot (Scotland) 5th

Solvi Petursson (Iceland) 6th

Greg Hadley (Canada) 7th

Stuart Anderson (Scotland) 8th

##### Sheaf

Mike Zolkiewicz (USA) 32ft

##### Overall Open Winner

Sebastian Wenta (Poland)

#### Piping Results

##### Senior Piping

##### Piobaireachd

Donald McPhee

##### March

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Gordon McReady

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##### 18 and Under

##### March

Graham Drummond

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##### U12 yrs

##### Highland Fling

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Abby-Jane Taylor, NZ

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Katie Anderson, Kirriemuir

##### Scottish Lilt

Abby-Jane Taylor / NZ

##### 12 & U14 years

##### Highland Fling

Siobhan Young, Kilbirnie

##### Irish Jig

Siobhan Young, Kilbirnie

##### Hullachan

Lucy Rice, Stirling

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Claire McLaughlin, Bishopton

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##### Highland Fling

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##### Adults

##### Highland Fling

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# Artemis Highland 100



This long distance cycle race was run on Saturday 12th September starting at Aberfeldy and finishing in Killin. Although no locals were competing, some were acting as marshals. The day finished with competitors and their families and friends enjoying food, drink, music and spectacular fireworks by the helipad in Killin.

### Results

**Gold** Individual winner (82 miles)  
John Myburgh 5 hours 27mins  
**Silver** Individual winner (65 miles)  
James Findlay 7 hours  
**Bronze** Individual winner (53 miles)  
James Lovatt 3 hours 15 mins

**Winning Team:**-Team Holt  
Lionel Bray Silver 7 hours 44 mins  
Thomas Mott Gold 8 hours 17 mins  
Barry Hawke Gold 7 hours 39 mins  
Richard Kyd Gold 7 hours 39 mins

### Vicky Hamilton

Vicky Hamilton (Lovell) formerly of Lyon Villas, Killin, peacefully passed away after a long illness on 20th July 2009 in Montagu, South Africa. She was well looked after by her daughter Sally and son-in-law George and will be sadly missed by her family and friends. She was artistically and musically gifted and, during her time in Killin, which she loved, she made many friends. She and her husband, John, spent many happy years here and will be fondly remembered by all who knew them.

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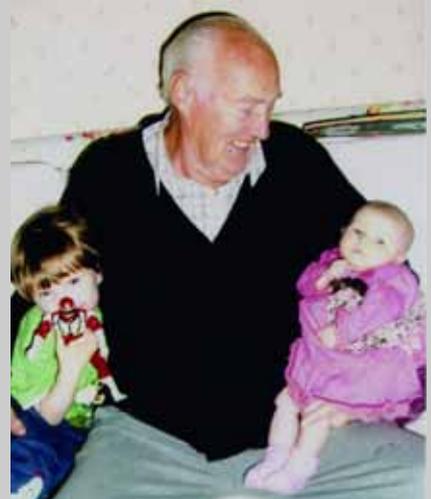
Niall Joseph Tuck born 2nd August to Louis and Maria with big brother Leo



Steevi Shannon Yvonne Gillies born 3.48am 15th July to Pamy and Gregor



David Keracher, son of Norah and Andrew, grandson of Ruby Fulton, graduated from Napier University Edinburgh on 16th July with a 1st Class Masters Degree in Civil Engineering



Henry Forster, with youngest granddaughter 'Poppy' McLoughlin and brother Arran. Poppy was born to Henry and Gill's daughter Cindy and Enda McLoughlin on 11th June, the same day as Henry had his Coronary by-pass operation. He would like to extend sincere thanks to family and friends for all their supportive home visits, Get Well cards, flowers and, lastly but not least, delicious cakes etc., plus the biggest thank-you to the incredible staff at the Golden Jubilee Hospital, Clydebank, and the complete medical team in Killin for their tremendous care and attention to such a tricky patient! He feels his 'ticker' has now been well and truly 'tickled' and is definitely on the mend.



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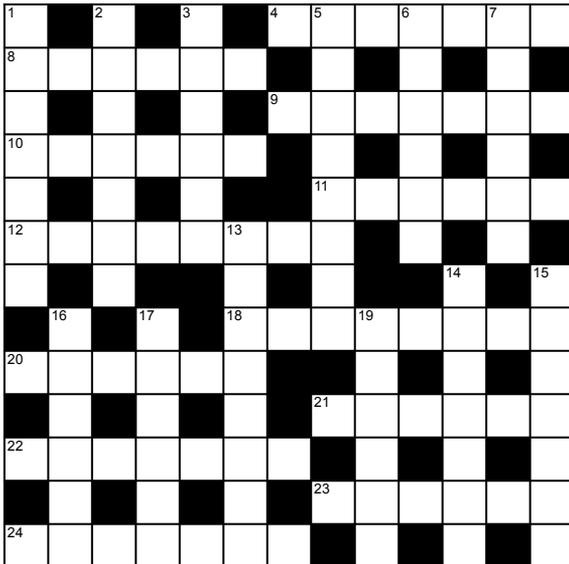
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# Crossword by Scorpio



## Across

- 4 Encourage! In favour of water filled deep trench, I hear (7)  
 8 Blood factor monkey (6)  
 9 It needs mine too to create strong feeling (7)  
 10 Motor launch (6)  
 11 Worked dough say - but essential (6)  
 12 Wearing underwear little Edward dabbled in the stock exchange (8)  
 18 Bearing with patience - under gin - strangely. (8)  
 20 A public records office advertisement abbreviated (1,3,2)  
 21 Have between both poles for a close cut (6)  
 22 Egg Dane stirred to be occupied (7)  
 23 Distress signals (6)  
 24 Concerning poetry going backwards (7)

## Solution 111

### Across

- 4 rainbow, 8 always, 9 last lap, 10 center, 11 doctor, 12 culpable 18 oil slick 20 willow, 21 claret, 22 aneroid, 23 reveal, 24 vendage

### Down

- 1 haycock, 2 swindle, 3 hyaena, 5 a raw deal, 6 notice, 7 orator, 13 browning, 14 diaries, 15 skittle, 16 fiancé, 17 florid, 19 salver,

## Down

- 1 Fractured rock caused by landslide (7)  
 2 Feast I've enjoyed after removing the first alphabetical letter (7)  
 3 There are four of them in every pack (6)  
 5 Having to wait until more evidence of guilt is collected (8)  
 6 Miscellaneous collection of colours (6)

- 7 Hand held tool in front row election meeting (6)  
 13 What is left after the liquid has been drained off (3,5)  
 14 Metallic kind of sheen (7)  
 15 Age is no mixed up answer to worry intensely over (7)  
 16 Porous skeleton of a marine animal (6)  
 17 Little Donald consumed what one would have been given freely (6)  
 19 Support the law (6)



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# What's On in Killin and District

## October

- 14 Cafe Sci Tyndrum Village Hall 7pm "The Story of the Elements"  
 15 Guild meeting 2 - 4pm Community Rooms "Afrikan Safari"  
 20 Community Choir introductory meeting Leum-Uisce, Craignavie Road 7.30pm(see notice page 12)

**Carpet Bowls**  
 Mondays  
 Lesser Hall

## November

- 3 McLaren Hall AGM  
 5 WRI meeting Lesser Hall  
 6 Heritage meeting 7.30pm Lesser Hall  
 7 WRI Whist Drive McLaren Hall  
 10 Community Council meeting 7.30pm school  
 14 Angling Club Dinner Dance McLaren Hall  
 15 Community Bus launch with afternoon tea Lesser Hall 2 - 4pm  
 18 Cafe Sci Tyndrum Village Hall 7pm "Practical Approaches to reducing the domestic footprint"  
 19 Guild meeting 2 - 4pm Community Rooms Floral Art Demonstration  
 21 KAT AGM Lesser Hall See notices in the village  
 21 McLaren High School concert McLaren Hall  
 28 Cancer Coffee Morning Lesser Hall 10am - 12 noon

**Tiddlers & Toddlers**  
 Thursdays  
 10am - 12 noon  
 Church Hall

**Tuesday Club**  
 Church Hall  
 2pm starting Oct 13th  
 All over 55 welcome

**Ballroom Dancing**  
 Fridays  
 7.30 - 9.30pm  
 Lochearnhead Village Hall

**Badminton**  
 Mondays & Tuesdays  
 McLaren Hall

**Brownies**  
 Mondays  
 3.30pm - 5pm  
 Church Hall

**Craft Group**  
 Tuesdays  
 10am - 12 noon  
 Littlecroft  
 starts 13th October

**Killin Breadalbane Angling Club Annual Dinner & Dance**  
**Saturday 14th November**  
**6:30pm McLaren Hall**  
**Music by Fergie MacDonald & his Ceilidh Band**  
**Contact: Gerry McCarron (Club Secretary)**  
**01567 820833**

**Quilters Group**  
 Wednesdays  
 2 - 4pm  
 Church Hall  
 starts 7th October

**Fitness Training**  
 Wednesdays  
 McLaren Hall  
 (not 14th, 21st and 28th Oct)  
 7 - 8pm & 8 - 9pm

**Highland Dancing**  
 Tuesdays  
 3 classes  
 4.30 - 7.30pm  
 Crianlarich Hall  
 Contact Aileen 01301 704283

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**Which bin  
 which week?**

**Week beginning**  
**12 Oct Grey/Green**  
**19 Oct Brown**  
**26 Oct Grey/Green**  
**2 Nov Brown**  
**9 Nov Grey Green**  
**16 Nov Brown**  
**23 Nov Grey IGreen**  
**30 Nov Brown**

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