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#### Editorial

Winter appears to have arrived later than usual. The red squirrels that normally forage for peanuts in the garden are still away in the local woods enjoying the fruits of a bountiful harvest of nuts and berries. All is well with the world...

The season of AGMs and Christmas parties is upon us, the fireworks night on Hogmanay is to be anticipated as a great night out. This is the reality of village life into which the concept of visitor experience makes little intrusion. The future of the iconic mill, the backdrop to one of the most pictorial firework displays in Scotland, is under discussion. Visitor centre, tourist information, outlet for tourist paraphernalia, or village inspired activity, whatever it becomes in its next phase will have a major effect on the way Killin is perceived. By their response to the questionnaire the people of Killin have expressed their interest and that must be considered by the powersthat-be. More ideas are needed to develop a sustainable business plan.

That other icon, once fuelled by the railway and people from cities seeking short holiday breaks in the countryside, the SYHA Killin Youth Hostel, has passed its zenith and is to be replaced by holiday accommodation. Everything is subject to change.

The new Killin Community Council is now in place. Entrusted with the wholehearted support of the people of Killin, they are the guardians of that future and a voice for the people they represent. We give them all our confidence and wish them well for the sessions ahead. Seasons Greetings. WA

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> The Killin News Team wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

#### Front Page

Kayaks brave the Dochart in flood: The village was given an interesting spectacle when a group of canoeists decided to brave the turbulent river.







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# Launch of New Community Bus



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**Poster Competition Winners** 

P5 Lesley Meek

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'launched' on 14th November, A well-attended Launch Tea, organised by Bunty and her helpers, was held in the McLaren Hall with the usual supply of excellent cakes. The entries for a competition in the Primary School for the design of a poster were on display and the winners from each class were presented with a small prize. After the raffle had been drawn, Bunty MacGregor, assisted by all the prizewinners, cut the ribbon at the back of the bus and the children had a ride on the wheelchair lift. It was a happy event and the Bus Committee are very grateful to all who participated. The amount raised was £220. MM

Although it has been around for

Community Bus was officially

some time, Killin's new



## The Green Team



The Green Team ended their summer meetings on an artistic note, creating natural collages at the head of the Loch. The children collected natural objects and set to work in the gathering dusk and each group came up with something different.

During the winter months we will be having monthly meetings on Saturday mornings from 10.30am-12.00noon as detailed below.

19th December Deep, dark depths 23rd January The Final Frontier 27th February Sizing up giants 27th March Cycle to Acham Forest

Children should be dressed for the outdoors.



Collage by Jenna, Shona, Bethany and Ellie



Children's Sunflower Competition Results 2009



Tallest Sunflower1stBeth Allan2ndKerryLeigh Osler3rdDouglas PetrieLargest Flower1stBeth Allan2ndEmma Aitken3rdGeorgia Third



## Forth Valley Orchard Regeneration Initiative

We are mapping the existing orchards and fruit trees of Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling Local Authority areas until March 2010, with a view to encouraging owners, land managers and communities to maintain the existing ones and perhaps create new ones. If you know of any orchards or fruit trees in the area, we would appreciate your help by completing a quick online survey at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com /s.aspx?sm=nvKyZJ1EK1tf\_2ba 0h\_2bAVxww\_3d\_3d

If you know of more than one orchard, please feel free to do the survey again, We are also developing orchard pages on our website so please call back from time-to-time to check on progress.

The Forth Valley Orchard Regeneration Initiative is being funded by the Scottish Government and the European Community Forth Valley & Lomond LEADER 2007-2013 Programme, Falkirk Environment Trust and Scottish Natural Heritage.

**Diane Alderdice** 





Many people will now be aware of the Killin Cutting Carbon Project. Heat loss becomes very expensive as fuel costs rise. Oil has increased three fold in the past five years. The aim of the Project is to reduce individual fuel bills as well as saving and making better use of the fuel used. Effective insulation creates savings year after year and reduces the season during which central heating needs to be used. Opportunities for discounts and in some cases free insulation provide an additional incentive to take up the opportunity. Houses without any loft insulation should notice a remarkable improvement. New build housing should be aiming at the highest level with triple glazing as a standard. The project is well advanced with over 120 houses surveyed, many fitted with added loft insulation and a few with cavity wall insulation. It has come to our attention that some aspects of the project could be improved. A few appointments have been made and not kept even when clients have taken time off work. An invoice was received before the installation of the insulation. Some expectations of the project have not been met. Some clients have expressed satisfaction. Feed your experiences back to me, Willie Angus at the new KAT office 820937 which has an answering machine or telephone me at 820238.



The KAT office, which will house two part time Domestic Energy Advisers, is located in the Sports and Leisure Club and will be there until April 2010. When the Advisers are appointed they will network with people in the energy conservation business and complete a course to enable them to offer and identify sources of advice in a wide range of energy conservation and generation. The school energy lesson and board game were taken up with enthusiasm and exuberance as shown above.

The KAT AGM is due to take place shortly and by the time this issue is printed new directors will be in place.

The thrift shop project is still

underway and funding is awaited. As we have recently heard that the Silver Cottage site will not be available we will seek an alternative. Other opportunities exist. Delay and challenge appear to be 'par for the course'. A project to improve the

Breadalbane Park is looking for funding to renew the drainage. Once this is properly defined and cost identified, funding will be sought.

Visit Scotland, Stirling Council, the Community Council and KAT are discussing the future of the Breadalbane Folklore Centre. There are possibilities for its use

by the community but more financially sustainable ideas from you are still needed urgently to fuel the negotiations. The Killin News will pass on your suggestions.

Each project requires a champion to drive it through. Volunteers need perseverance and commitment along with a good dose of stoicism to take the setbacks that almost inevitably appear. Every so often we can expect a degree of success that makes it all worth while.

We would like to thank the Wilburn Trust for their kind donation of £500 which will be used to support the development of the thrift shop. WΔ



Present: F. Kennedy,

P. Farquharson, G. Farmer, G. Bickerton, A. Dowling, C. Grant, S. Christie

In attendance: S Player, Owen McKee, Cllr Woods

Village officer: Two names have been given to the Council still no action. Jim Thomson of Stirling Council knows of the problem also the ongoing issue of the gents toilets still being closed. Cllr Wood to attend to.

Road maintenance: Monemore pavement and back Monemore Road have been repaired. Yellow lines are to be put back in and around the village waiting for the dry weather. Drain that is covered near to oneway street is to be located and uncovered.

**Killin sign** to be located Clearer signage to be asked for at the Bridge of Lochay bridge and the Dochart Bridge to make priority more obvious.

Dochart bridge requires maintenance work

Bridge on A827 requires to be repaired

Speed limit not to be reduced, to 30 mph, at the moment from the Bridge of Lochay Hotel.

Some road repairs on the Ardeonaig road have been completed Some ditching on the Glen Lochay road have also been completed improving both roads

The Old Mart: ongoing Playpark: funding to be sought through KAT

**Car park Transerve**: John McNee to be asked about travelling people, and new laws concerning them parking in the bottom car park. **Bench Manse Road**: in progress And police station

Community futures: energy savers are in Killin and area

KAT Silver Cottage: part funding

## Killin Community Council Minutes of November Meeting

has been successful waiting on news for further funding

**Folklore centre**: meeting on 16th Nov to continue discussions

**Out of school care**: ongoing Area community planning meeting Breadalbane Community Council forum has been set up to deal with local issues that concerns all three communities ie Killin Balquhidder, Lochearhead, Strathyre and Strathfillan.

Top of the list is the ambulance service issues, accidents on Glenogle, flooding at the top of Glenogle and visiting costs to the new Larbert hospital.

**Grant scheme**: existing officer has resigned therefore waiting for new officer to be assigned

**Flooding**: Cllr Woods to arrange a meeting with Ian Young to look into playground drains

**Planning**: Youth Hostel has planning with resrictions of use to holiday lets

**Woodlands Kenknock**: planting to go ahead with a grant in excess of  $\pounds 2,000,000.00$ 

### Correspondence

New Stirling community hospital will operate from the site of SRI and bring Kildean Bannockburn and Orchard House together. The development will begin in late 2011 and is expected to take around 2 years to complete.

Operation Ironworks police received a commendation for their community work in the National Park.

Licence for the Hogmanay fireworks to be paid for. Xmas tree G Aitken to arrange. Scotty to be asked to erect the lights. Stitt Bros to be asked to erect the tree. AOCB

Owen McKee would like to thank all the emergency services the mountain rescue, police, ambulance

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Fergus Tickle is to attend the next meeting to talk about the biomass electricity scheme

**Next meeting** will be held in Killin Primary School at 7.30pm on Tues 12th Jan 2010

> Pamela Farquharson Minutes Secretary

## New Community Council

As only eight people put themselves forward for election to the Killin Community Council, no election was required and they automatically became Councillors. They then elected the Officers who are:

Fiona Kennedy - Chairman Charlie Grant - Vice-Chair & Planning

Pamela Farquharson - Minutes Secretary & Breadalbane Park Convener

Gillian Farmer - Treasurer Tim Frost - Correspondence Secretary

Anthony Dowling - Planning George Bickerton Stewart Christie

Under new rules there will be a further Election in February when other people may put themselves forward for the four remaining vacancies. After that, if there are still fewer than twelve Councillors, the Council may co-opt other people. It is important to the village to have a full Council to represent its views and share the responsibilities over a greater variety of people.

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If there is anyone (young or old) who wants to come along to help sort and deliver cards on Sunday afternoons then please get in touch - we need vour support!

Thanks to all those local businesses and people who support us in this venture. 1st Killin Brownies 820 851

## Shoebox Appeal

A big thank you once again to everyone who donated to the Christmas shoebox appeal either by filling a shoebox or by donating gifts and essentials to go into the boxes. A total of 22 boxes were collected. Thanks also to Margaret for taking them through to Blythswood in Callander for me. KR



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## 15 years of Killin Pantos

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are rehearsing their Annual Pantomime in what will be the 15th consecutive year of such productions. This year they present Robin Hood by Jo Smith, a traditional tale with the hero, Robin, his heroine, Maid Marion and of course the baddy element, the evil Sheriff of Nottingham. Accompanied by a fierce gang of outlaws, a pantomime horse and the unusual import of a village cricket match complete with a Sky Sports reporter, the show promises to provide a welcome interlude in the cold January nights.

There are plans in hand to transform McLaren Hall into a huge Baronial style venue, with dozens of wall hangings and banners already in production. No doubt the usual stalwarts will produce amazing scenery whilst the cast rehearse and the show progresses towards the January performances on 14th, 15th and 16th January.

In a change to previous arrangements, tickets will be on sale this year at The Studio, with seat reservations being possible for those who book on 5th, 12th or 19th December when the Box Office desk is manned by Drama Club members. Recent years have seen most patrons booking seats in advance and this does help to bring some order to the show nights particularly Friday and Saturday performances. The offer by Ron and Sheila to use The Studio as a temporary Box Office is much appreciated, as was the assistance provided by News First in previous years. Thanks, too, to all other Hall users for their co-operation during show week. We look forward to bringing much warmth to those cold January evenings.

#### Gordon Hibbert



Festive Good Wishes to All

## First Year in Post Report from the Chief Executive for Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park

During this first year in post there have been challenges, the satisfaction of knowing the Park is on the right track and successes along the way. It has been difficult to juggle the demands of this job with two small children. Being a Chief Executive it brings you back down to earth when your daughter has potential swine flu or your son wants his favourite bedtime story. Despite this, great progress has been made this year in the three main areas of work, Visitor Experience, Conservation and Rural Development. In Visitor Experience there were significant changes at the start of the year when the Ranger Service was restructured to concentrate their efforts across prime visitor locations and sites across the Park. The Park has the largest single Ranger service in Scotland ensuring that visitors enjoy a quality experience. New shift patterns, teams out from 8am to 10pm, 7 days a week, provide over 16,000 hours of patrol time. Their work with Central Scotland Police in Operation Ironworks received a Highly Commended award at the National Policing Awards. Other measures to tackle antisocial behaviour include the appointment of PC Paul Barr as the National Park Police Officer and the recruiting of four Rangers as Special Constables. In the area of Conservation, the

Park awarded grants to over 50 projects under the Natural Heritage Grant Scheme with over £565.000 offered to projects that included upgrades of paths and bridges, restoration of the Clan McLaren gravevard in Balghuidder and the improvement of habitats for black grouse. A personal highlight for Fiona Logan was the launching of the National Park Biodiversity Action Plan in March. This is a comprehensive plan working with key partners to safeguard the landscape, habitats and priority species in the Park. One of the main areas of work is the management of the Natural Floodplain at Glen Dochart. Within the Rural Development remit, consultation on our first Local Plan this year received 500 responses. The Local Plan will encourage and direct sustainable tourism developments to improve both visitor and economic benefits of the Park. The Plan will also look to retain the working age population through increased provision of housing. Thank you to everyone who took the time to feed back comments. The finalised version of the Local Plan will be approved by the Board this month. Other developments in Planning include the new e-planning service which was launched in April. Applications can now be viewed and

submitted online making it a much speedier process for all concerned. A funding package of £35K to the National Park Community Partnership has been announced to provide support services to communities across the Park. The Partnership is involved in a number of innovative projects including the National Park Apprenticeship Scheme and, with Park support, will be able to increase their staff numbers and continue to deliver community training workshops, services and initiatives. Also launched was a Community Grants Scheme with funding of £40,000 for communities to help fund small projects including the Killin Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme. Local events such as Clanscape, the Killin Highland Games and Doors Open Day continue to be a success and the Park will provide ongoing support to these community led initiatives.

I'm so proud to play a small part in helping to look after this special part of Scotland and understand the responsibility of safeguarding the National Park for future generations to enjoy. There is still a lot to achieve but we couldn't do our job without your ongoing support. Thank you for your support and I wish you and your families a very enjoyable festive period.

Fiona Logan CEO



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### **Community Council Meeting November**

#### **By-Pass**

The by-pass meeting on 26th October was attended mainly by business owners. An excellent response was produced by Moira and sent to Transport Scotland. A list of village needs was compiled and these accompanied a letter by Isla Craig to Fiona Logan, CEO National Park, asking for support. It was agreed that the Strathfillan Community Development Trust and CC would work together on the village needs and continue whether or not the by-pass goes ahead. A feasibility study will be required and it was agreed to set up a working group of Isla Craig, Alan Smailes, Cameron Taylor, Joyce Russell and a Trust Director.

#### Gold Mine

On 29th October a meeting was held in Tyndrum village hall by Scotgold for CCs and Trust Directors; only 6 people attended (it included 6 Community Councillors and 4 Trust Directors). John Riley had jumped the gun by informing people that there could be a community gain in the region of 400k.

It is very likely that the planning

application will need to go before the whole National Park Board. There are 2 open days planned for the community - 12th November and 2nd December - from 10.30am to 9pm in Tyndrum village hall.

#### **Community Partnership**

On 7th November Moira Robertson attended the Community Partnership Gathering in Drymen and received a Volunteer Excellence Award. The Trust received a Community Volunteering Initiative Award for the SAPLINGS project and a cheque for £50.

The Community Partnership is evolving and has decided to become a membership organisation, with 12 Board members (3 from each of the Area Networks) and 6 Associate Board members. Under the restructuring it will be run by members. Any group in a community which is properly constituted can become a member. Membership is free.

#### Out of Hours

The Association of Scottish Community Councils (ASCC) is writing an article on Out-of-Hours concerns for its next newsletter. John Riley read out a retired doctor's views on this service.

## Strathfillan

#### Roads

Scottish Ministers are proposing to make changes to speed limits in Crianlarich so that the 20mph sign can be moved to allow the construction of a pedestrian crossing in front of the village hall. Andrew Hunter, Transerv said "After speaking with our client (John Withers at Transport Scotland) we are holding the construction of the zebra crossing until the amended 20mph order is in place. The location of the zebra crossing is as I previously gave you. We feel that in the interests of Road Safety it is better to wait until the order is amended so that we can move the 20mph sign at the same time as constructing the crossing." Alan Smailes emailed Transerv via its website regarding the cracks in the retaining wall at Glen Ogle.

#### Housina

Moira Robertson attended a Central Regional Network meeting in Edinburgh on 3rd November. This is a group that has a lot of input to housing policy and anyone who has any views/concerns should contact Moira

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## Stirling Council's bid for council house building

The council are doing their best to put forward a fair mix of housing opportunities in both the urban and rural areas making the best use of our existing landholdings. The Housing Regulator recently inspected Stirling Council's housing service. Moira Robertson received a copy of the feedback session, and the report was also discussed at the Housing Advisory Group meeting on 6th Nov.

Also discussed at this meeting was:-Tenant Satisfaction survey follow-up Rent Consultation - with RPI in September at -1.4% and the agreed formula for rent increases being RPI in September + 1%, should SC reduce the rents by 0.4% or should there be a rent freeze and the money used for building new council houses? This is going out for consultation with tenants.

#### **Heating System replacements**

In areas that do not have a gas supply, Stirling Council is considering offering wet electric heating systems to replace storage heaters or solid fuel systems.

#### **National Park**

Owen McKee was asked whether the area will continue to get a Ranger

service. His response was to say that we will continue to receive the same service with different personnel.

The CP will take a bigger role and fulfil some of the functions that Joyce Russell carried out when working for the National Park. The other development officers' roles are being changed to encompass wider areas.

Representative from Scottish and Southern Electricity Company will come to the meeting on February 8th 2010 to talk about community gain for the hydro unit.

#### STRATHFILLAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST

The **AGM** of the Trust will be held on Tuesday 1st December at 7pm in Tyndrum Village Hall to which everyone is invited. There will be a short business meeting followed by a complimentary glass of wine. Come along, find out what the Trust has been doing and what projects we are looking at for the future. Joining the Trust only costs £2 per annum, £5 for five years and £25 for a life membership. This year Alan Smailes has to step down after six years of valuable service to the Trust for which we extend our thanks. Our thanks also go to Alan's group of volunteers whose hard work help Crianlarich to bloom throughout the year. Standing down by rotation and standing for re-election are Chris

Macnab and Fiona Tickner. If you are a Strathfillan resident and feel you could contribute in any way to the continuing success of the SCDT then please get in touch with Joyce at the office in Tyndrum.

#### Gold Mine Latest -Public Consultation

As many of you will be aware, Scotgold Resources have invested much time, effort and money towards their goal of opening the gold mine at Cononish, Tyndrum. They have now reached a very important milestone on their journey - seeking planning consent from Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park. To that end they will be holding an all day drop-in event on Wednesday 2nd December from 9.30am until 9pm in Tyndrum Village Hall.

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varied businesses for years to come. Please make time to drop in for a chat and a coffee with the staff of Scotoold and their consultants, Dalgleish Associates. Don't miss this important opportunity to voice your opinions.

Joyce Russell

Development Officer strathfillancdt@btconnect.com 01838 400 545

## Strathfillan's New Community Council



Back: Moira Robertson, John Riley, Angela Sclater, Gwenn Hunter Front: Mary Anderson, Alan Smailes, Isla Craig and Joyce Russell



Norman and Marion Campbell recently celebrated 60 years of marriage. They were married at Strathfillan Church on 14th October 1949. Norman and Marion (nee MacKay) met on the overnight mail train to Crianlarich, when they were each returning from separate visits to Glasgow with friends. Their courting was carried out at Saturday night dances, often cycling from Crianlarich to Dalmally, Bridge of Orchy or Killin for these

Norman has undertaken many jobs over the years, including on the railway, as a bus driver and latterly at the Green Welly Stop. However, he will be known to many as the coalman, a job which he did for 27 years. Marion worked first at the Royal Hotel in Tyndrum and then in the Crianlarich Hotel where she was for 46 years.

Having lived first with Norman's parents and then in a caravan, Norman and Marion moved to 4 Willow Square, Crianlarich when it was first built in 1967 and have lived there ever since. Norman and Marion would like to thank all their friends for the many good wishes, cards and flowers which they received on their Isla Craig anniversary.





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In contrast to the normally more stable and settled weather conditions enjoyed by a continental climate such as mid or Eastern Europe, the British Isles being insular/maritime have a much more volatile and changeable pattern. Indeed our climate could be broadly described as a succession of low pressure areas punctuated by the occasional anti-cyclonic interlude: the latter in fact seems to be becoming less frequent of late! The lack of protection afforded by thousands of miles of open Atlantic leaves us liable to strong winds and gales, in particular along the western seaboard. The long term forecasting of gales is difficult to say the least; ask Michael Fish of the Met office! For most of the time however we are spared the violence of the wind.

Spare a thought then for parts of the globe which are visited by regular, long lasting winds which, warm or cold, exert much influence over that on which they blow, human or inanimate. For instance "The Roaring Forties" to the south of Tierra del Fuego invoked terror in the early sailors who "Rounded the Horn" probably still do to the intrepid yachters doing a "Round the World" trip. To mention but a few of these "established" winds - the Mistral which can blow for weeks on end and be bitterly cold traverses the Rhone valley in Provence, SE France. On the Eastern side of Italy the Bora, a similar cold dry blast, tracks down from the Karst and Dinaric Alps and plagues the Adriatic coast to a similar degree to the Mistral.

In the New World another cold current known as "The Norther" makes life unpleasant for Texans and even further south over Yucatan, and at times its influences can reach the Galapagos Islands. The winds that are responsible for the blast can originate in the still frozen reaches of Alaska and the North-West Territories of Canada. As winds normally travel downwards on a pressure gradient, low pressure over the Caribbean then, as in the Mediterranean, is the catalyst that sets these vigorous air streams on course. World wide there are many and varied examples of named winds, far too numerous to mention here. But touching briefly on warm or hot winds, best known probably is the Foehn which flows down from the Alps and due to compression generates sufficient heat to induce a



rapid thaw of lying snow, as indeed does the Chinook of the Rocky Mountains. Less benign are the desert winds, the Sirocco, the Harmattan and the Simoom, which are hot, often sand laden and desiccating to plant life and indeed can be life threatening to humans and animals. The only British named wind is the Helm wind of the northern Pennines, so named due to a peculiar helmet-shaped cloud which hangs on Cross Fell, the highest point in the Pennines, where this wind is operative.

> Mervyn K. Browne Ardtalnaig



## Computer





It's Christmas again and perhaps you are looking to buy a computer for yourself or a loved one. There are a lot of decisions that can affect your choice of system. If, for instance, you need computing on the move, then a laptop, netbook, or even just a clever mobile phone might fit your needs. If, however, you have more office based requirements, then a desktop would perhaps suit you better.

Netbooks are small laptops and are ideal for packing in your suitcase when travelling away from home. They are not suited to long term use, as the screen is small and the machine does not have the same power or features as a standard laptop.

Laptops vary in power, size and cost and, as they are not easily

upgradable, it is important that you buy the most suitable laptop for your needs.

When considering a netbook or a laptop, it is important to try it for size, shape and feel before you buy. There is nothing worse than buying a laptop and not being happy with its keyboard.

Desktops are only to be used in fixed locations and are the most flexible of all computers. They can be easily upgraded to be faster or to have additional capabilities - for instance digital TV tuner (useful next year when we will be able to receive digital television) more powerful graphics cards (useful for games) and improved audio devices. If you are unhappy with your keyboard/mouse/screen these can

also be changed. When it comes to choosing software, one of the leading free office suites is OpenOffice, which is perfect for word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, graphics and databases. OpenOffice works with all versions of Windows and is free for both domestic and commercial use. It can be downloaded from www.openoffice.org Getting all your computers connected to the internet will require a router, perhans even a wireless router. thus

perhaps even a wireless router, thus allowing laptops and desktops to share your internet connection. The choice of wireless router depends upon your expected use. The top of the range wireless routers have Dual Band capabilities, allowing devices to talk to one another with less interference. If you intend to use the wireless network for video or music, then you should consider routers with "Wireless N" functionality. These provide speeds of 15 times faster than the older varieties. Typically the wireless routers provided by your Internet Service Providers are neither Dual Band nor Wireless N devices - but these do provide basic wireless networking and are satisfactory in most situations

#### Windows 7 Update

Early indications are that Windows 7 is a good operating system, with the main problems sometimes occurring when upgrading from a different operating system. Typical issues relate to incompatible applications, for instance some antivirus programs need to be upgraded to work on Windows 7. There are also inbuilt security features within Windows 7 which seem good, but you should still look at installing additional antivirus and spyware software to ensure maximum protection for your systems. Mark Lincoln

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### In a Bit of a Rut

The stag shooting season finished on October 20th but some of the stags continued roaring for guite a while afterwards. Due to the BBC's 'Autumnwatch' programme many people are now familiar with the annual rut or mating time of the red deer. It was unfortunate, this year, that one of the stags on the programme died as a result of a fight. Injuries are not uncommon as rival stags will fight with the great strength of their huge necks and their antler tips are very sharp. This season we shot one stag that had been blinded by such a blow and another with dried blood down its shoulder from a fighting thrust. Two of the stags shot had recently broken horns as a result of the tussle for the hinds' favours. Just imagine the force that would be needed to break something as strong as this. It makes the man with the box of Milk Trav chocolates look a bit of a wimp.

After shooting one stag we were dragging it down the hill to load it onto the vehicle when we stopped for a 'blow' as 15 stone is quite a heavy load. We looked back to where we had left the gralloch (stomach and intestines cleaned from the animal) and saw the eagle already having a late afternoon snack from it. It makes you appreciate the part these leavings can play in helping the survival of other species.

At this time of year we start putting out special rumevite blocks for deer to help them through the Winter. They are put on posts about one and a half metres high so that the sheep don't steal them. The posts stay in the ground from year to year. When my son went out with the first batch some stags were there ready and waiting, obviously remembered the time and the place from last year.

Since the last Killin News I have seen over half a dozen red squirrels killed round and about the village, probably due to them collecting their Winter stores of food. Also further to the last issue, because of the human waste, litter and tree damage being left by wild campers, some areas of The National Park are now about to become 'no-go' areas for camping. This will, unfortunately, only apply to areas in the park. There may possibly be some changes in the relevant legislation to attempt to improve this situation over the rest of the country. Not before time though it will make the campers really wild. **Tim Frost** 









As Enerfoil Magnum grew, Karelia House was built mainly to accommodate the Enerfoil Magnum Underfloor Heating business and technical office for the range of heating products. The company has a major interest in promoting energy and environmentally friendly products and there is a range of efficient modern wood burning stoves from the Swedish company, Nibe and the UK manufacturer, Woodwarm, on display, Working models and comfy chairs help you soak up the ambience even if you are only waiting for your wife or partner to browse through the gifts and crafts!

Karelia House is the result of a real passion for all things Scandinavian and a love affair with Finland, which has spanned two decades and involved many wonderful business trips to Helsinki (including, naturally, just a wee bit of shopping!). As a consequence, a Little Finland in the middle of Scotland has been fashioned to showcase this passion to a new and wider audience.

Evolved over the past five years, Karelia House is owned and run by Shirley and Doug Shearer and their daughter and son-in-law, Sam and Ewan Weir. (Samantha was a baby when Doug and Shirley owned the Coach House and now has her Sports Injuries Clinic at Karelia House!) Situated initially on the site of an old sawmil dating back to the early 1920s, which ultimately became Shirley's

Dad's timber yard, Karelia House is now a bright, modern showroom, which boasts a unique shopping experience based on the Scandinavian style, and includes a coffee shop with delights to taste and craft centre to excite the imagination.

Kit Strathairn, a very talented artist, was the inspiration behind the new craft centre and runs many of the unusual workshops. The craft centre has so many wonderful materials - fabulous yarns from Colinette, Noro, Mirasol, Arucania (they are not just about knitting -they can also be used for weaving or felting). There is the most superb range of Stewart Gill paints for fabrics and other mediums, and throughout the calendar of planned workshops, you will be shown all sorts of ways to create wonderful and exciting pieces.

The very latest selection of Bali Batiks is now on the shelves as well as all the essential ingredients, including Superior's King Tut and Rainbow threads, to keep quilters and patch workers busy and inspired. Ann Hannaby, a qualified quilting and patchwork teacher, is running the quilting classes and a whole series is planned for throughout the year. Caroline Pearce, a hugely talented Dutch felt artist, is inspiring everyone with her felting classes and Susie Lumsden will be sharing her skills and talents in the silk painting workshops.

An exciting selection of gifts is on display, including glassware from littala, Boda Nova and Muurla and the ubiquitous Marimekko bags, socks, nighties and kitchenware. Modern tableware and candle holders from the Swedish company, Farg Form, beautiful blankets from Klippan and fabulous colourful wooden jewellery from Aarikka are all on display.

As the sauna is so much part of Finnish culture, the best saunas from Joensuu Puukaluste in spruce, pine or alder can be ordered - sauna accessories are also available. The adventure continues outside where there are grill houses with Kota grills from Rakennustempo - Scandinavians don't let weather stop them barbequing all year round!

The coffee shop is also offering the more unusual culinary experience with pates, tasty soups, home bakes, homemade jams and relishes and of course, Smorgasbord. It is worth a visit to this unique shopping destination - a warm welcome is guaranteed whether it's a seat at the fire or a bowl of hot soup! Have a look on www.kareliahouse.co.uk or call on 01887 822999 if you want more information.

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# Time to Remember







Above: Alistair Ferguson, Roy Macgregor, Angus Strovan, Peter George, John Nalepa, Willie Dunn.

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The certificate (left) was in response to the repair work performed on the site by Roy MacGregor and Willie Dunn.

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## Jayjay the Glesga Keelie



It seemed at the time the blitz followed us; having to escape the Glasgow blitz and at the same time follow my father, who was a regular soldier in the Kings Own Scottish Borderers participating in Bren-gun carrier manoeuvres in various towns around England and Scotland. Every change of location meant a change of school, my education suffered, I missed all the basics of English. I remember one school in Portsmouth when the head master asked me, 'Johnston don't you understand the "Kings English". My reply, not knowing any better was "no sir I am a



Scot". That was my first taste of a leather strap!

My Mother and I arrived at Killin on the wee one carriage train and moved into a little cottage at the rear of the big house called "Laburnum". There were three cottages. We were in the left hand one, then later during our stay moved into a slightly bigger one on the right. The photograph shows my mother (Millie) at the front door. I cannot remember if we had any furniture of our own. Paraffin lamps, no open fires, our only heating was a funny round black paraffin heater, the only cooking stove was a pump-up pressure stove that used methylated spirit to begin, if it became blocked you had to use a little metal prick to clean the jet.

Mr and Mrs McKay lived in the big house; they were very friendly and helped my mother settle into her new environment. Quite often in the evenings they would invite us into their home, which was nice and warm.

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We would listen to the latest news on their radio; we did not have our own radio at that time! I remember how bright their room was compared to ours; they had a "Tillie lamp". Mr McKay kept a few beehives, his garden had gooseberry bushes and raspberry canes and other fruit trees. To me this was wonderful, I don't think Mr McKay appreciated having a little bugger like me roaming

around his garden pinching his fruit! My mother soon made friends with Mrs Lamont and Mrs McPherson who lived in the cottages just past Laburnum and their kids became my friends, if I am correct their names were Richard McPherson and Ian Lamont.

I loved living in Killin, I loved the open spaces, the big gardens and that glorious river. To this day I don't know how I didn't drown, I often sat on that little ledge under the bridge waiting for the salmon to leap the falls, especially when the river was in spate it is a very dangerous spot! A lot of water has passed under the bridge, names have been forgotten and many questions need to be answered, so please dear old friends

help me out with some feedback. John Johnston john.mc.johnston@gmail.com



## **Ben Lui Lockheed Hudson**



I am writing to bring your readers up to date with the research I have been conducting into the Hudson T9432 which crashed into Ben Lui on the 15th April 1941 and to ask again if they may be able to assist me further with my research.

Since I last wrote I have now established contact with surviving relatives of all four crew members and the relatives have all been kind enough to let me have photos which in all cases turned out to be of their uncles.

I have also obtained a lot of RAF and police records of the crash and the circumstances surrounding it. The latest thread of research relates to the Observer Corps involvement in the crash. There are three Observer Corps posts that I am particularly interested in - Crianlarich, Bridge of Orchy and Dalmally. I have anecdotal evidence that it was the Listening Post at Bridge of Orchy that was tracking the Hudson prior to the crash, but I have no evidence to support this. These Posts were manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for the duration of the War. I am asking your readers if they have any elderly relatives that may have been in the Observer Corps in any of the Listening Posts I am interested in, or might have memories that have been passed down to them. Any

log books or photos relating to these Posts would be a real find and it would help me greatly in my research. I would also be very interested in any photos your readers may have of the Hudson itself. It is my intention to write a small booklet when I have completed my research and donate copies to the various establishments and agencies that had a direct or indirect connection with the Hudson.

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## McLaren High School



Top Team for Session 2009/10 We are pleased to announce that the McLaren High School Top Team for this session has been selected and is composed of:

Head Boy: Tomasz Bukowicki Deputes: Steven Smart and Andrew Hunter Head Girl: Ailsa Woodley Deputes: Polly Malloch and Eilidh Lindsav Pictured left to right: Eilidh, Steven, Ailsa, Mr P Martin, Tomasz, Polly and Andrew European day of Languages Thanks to the following pupils for helping read the daily announcements in a language other than English. Morvyn Menzies (Gaelic), Ashley King (Maori), Lottie Mallin-Martin, Josie Dinwoodie and Richard Francis (all French), Michal Struzik, Killin (Polish) and Samantha Boyle and Catriona Sharp (Spanish).

### **MacMillan Cancer Research Coffee Morning**

On Friday 25th September the pupils and staff at McLaren High School held a coffee morning and raised a total of £327.00 for



MacMillan Cancer Care. On behalf of MacMillan Cancer Care we would like to thank everyone for their generous donations and participation. We would also like to thank Ms Hamilton from MacMillan Cancer Care who kindly came along on the day to help. Pink Day/Jeans for Genes A number of fundraising events on Thursday 8th October raised £767.00 in support of Breast

Cancer and Jeans for Genes day charities. Pupils paid to have their nails and hair coloured pink, others sponsored Iain Clark in S6 to have his hair dyed permanent pink. Pupils also paid to dress up some S6 boys in pink. These events were very entertaining and also successful in encouraging pupils to donate to these good causes. Well done to all involved.

Yvonne King

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#### Headteacher's Post

Last week, we had the opportunity to meet again with Mrs Williams, the successful candidate for the Headteacher's post. Although a start date has still to be finalised, she has already started looking at places to stay. Her excitement and enthusiasm for moving to the area and being Headteacher of Killin and Crianlarich Primaries was very evident.

#### **Christmas Shoe Box Appeal**



Thank you to all those who contributed to Operation Shoe Box. Seventeen boxes will be handed into Blythswood Care to be distributed throughout the world.

## **Killin Primary School**

#### **Payroll Lottery Games**

A big thank you to Mr McLarty for responding to the article in the last Killin News regarding free giant games for local organisations. Mr McLarty travelled to Stirling last Saturday to collect the games for the school which are 'Giant Garden 4 in a Row' and '5 Big Games in One Set'.

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#### Green Flag

Killin Primary School has been working hard towards gaining the Green Flag. Our hard work was appreciated by the Assessor who visited the school on Monday 21st September and awarded us with the Green Flag. We are now on the look out for a flag pole! Do you know of one hiding somewhere that we could access?

#### Hallowe'en



The PTA provided a wonderful Halloween party for our children. It was superbly organised, with a great selection of games and activities. Not only did the children have terrific fun but so did we! Thank you to all members of the PTA for your work, commitment and support to the school - a very successful event and a lasting memory of Killin Primary that we will take away with us.





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## **Killin Primary School**

Energy Workshop



Last month pupils in Primary 6/7 spent a very interesting afternoon with people from the energy agency and Killin Cutting Carbon Project. During the afternoon the children learnt about ways to conserve energy.

### Christmas Fair Fundraising Event

The school will be holding this year's Christmas Fair on Friday 11th December from 4:30pm until 7pm. Donations for this event will be will be warmly welcomed. The money raised will contribute to the school funds - this fund is used to pay for all out of class activities such as theatre visits, sporting events, educational outings and transport hire, which is a huge annual expense for the school due to our rural locality. It also pays for such things as cooking ingredients and other resources needed for Goldentime etc.

## Killin and Crianlarich Nursery



Killin and Crianlarich Nursery have had a very busy month. We started by celebrating National Bookstart Day when all gathered at Killin Nursery to sing and recite our favourite nursery rhymes. On 21st October the nursery children and Killin and Crianlarich Primary School enjoyed the Big Groove in Killin Primary. This was an excellent opportunity for transition links between nursery and primary. Helen Smith from The Big Groove came along with her drums and we had a very interesting, noisy but fun session playing the drums.

Thanks to Killin Nursery Parents Group we have recently purchased a variety of physical equipment which has been made available through "Awards for All." Children in both nurseries have been able to extend their experiences through the use of this equipment. The children in Crianlarich are now lucky enough to be able to use the village hall for physical experiences.

We would like to thank Jane Kerr for her very generous fundraising through Usbourne Books. The children carried out a sponsored listen and raised the sum of £300, which went towards purchase of books. Thanks to all families who took part.

The under 3s in Killin have been focusing on healthy walks and have been well supported by families. If you would like to join us on one of our healthy walks, please contact us at the nursery.

Lorraine Pritchard

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# Killin Charity Ceilidh Concert



On October 23rd a concert that had long been our dream took place in the McLaren Hall. Twenty five years ago Davie was working as a part time barman in the Clachaig Hotel when a couple of Dutch lads came in for a drink. Once they had their drinks, Willem (not now with the band) asked where he could purchase some bagpipe reeds. There was an old set of pipes on the wall so Davie took out the reed and asked him to bring in the instruments and give us a tune. So began a friendship that has continued with our families without break ever since.

Willem & Ber (Willie & Barrie to us) made many visits over the early years as a duo but later the whole band,



Ogham, made it over to Killin from the Netherlands and stayed at Fishers Hotel, their base for many visits

when Kevin, Pat, Margaret and Brian were the owners. Ogham have written many songs about the Killin area and

must do wonders for the local tourist trade here as they always tell their

audiences on the continent about their escapades in Killin and how friendly the locals are.

When Neil and I heard the band was coming over we thought it would be a great idea to put on a

concert in the hall, include local talent and, better still, make it a charity concert for local good causes. The concert itself was a tremendous



displaying a dazzling array of talent both local and from the surrounding

area. Ogham were really thrilled with the concert and readily admitted that the local talent had played a major part in its success. I would like to explain individually all the hurdles performers had to overcome but suffice it to say well done one and all. Killin certainly has got talent!! The concert raised just over £1000 and after expenses there will be something over £800 to distribute to local good causes. Each performer's favourite local charity will definitely get a donation. Any money left over will be spread around as much as possible or used for doing something

special to benefit the village. Please let us know if you need help with anything like



that. Ogham were so pleased with the concert that they have said they will make themselves

available for the next five years if asked and they are going to purchase a really good PA system to do justice to the McLaren Hall. We are also trying to make contact with the Feis circuit to see if there is some way that Killin can become involved with this very popular musical and cultural association. Next year we hope to be able to run the concert again and will be speaking to the current performers and hopefully some new ones as well. These days so many people decry the youth of today, so it is refreshing to see many of our young ones involved in so many good enterprises. Everyone I asked was more than willing to help in any way and Neil and I give a big thank you to our young talent. Their performance was just fantastic. Many thanks, too, to everyone who helped us in every way, the businesses who supported us so well with excellent raffle prizes and the village itself, which turned out in great numbers on the night.

David Osler and Neil MacKenzie

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All these options are available to visitors to the Breadalbane area this winter as part of the "Discover Breadalbane" package that has been put together by a number of local tourism providers in a bid to increase low season business.

The initiative grew from a meeting held in the McLaren Hall, Killin on 21st January this year to which local tourism businesses were invited. Part-funded by Scottish Enterprise, the Planning to Succeed pilot programme is one of two tourism projects (the other is in the Cairngorm NP) that are attempting to reproduce a scheme for organisational improvement that has already proved successful for agricultural businesses. Interested participants attended a number of meetings from February onwards. Part of the scheme is aimed at individual business development and training was provided on a diverse range of topics such as marketing and the use of



social media (e.g. Twitter; Facebook) and Web 2.0 (e.g. Tripadvisor) in business. The real message, however, that was brought to us by programme leaders Thomas McGonigle and Ann McAvoy, was how much more we can achieve by working together rather than in competition.

Once we had moved away from the "what's in it for me" mindset, we defined the extension of the tourism season into autumn, winter and early spring as the single step that would best benefit all the businesses. The next step was to establish what visitors do and want (as opposed to what we thought they did and wanted). A visitor survey was prepared and this was circulated to visitors to our businesses over a 4-month period.

Based on the results of the survey, we designed a series of activity packages to encourage off-season visitors and on 28th October members of the participating businesses made a highly-successful test run of the "Scotland for Foodies" package. (You can find details of all the packages at

http://www.explorebreadalbane.co.uk /tourist-packages.php).

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#### **Killin SWRI**

At the October meeting we were entertained by the ladies of Senses Beauty Salon, Comrie. Some ladies had their nails manicured and Norma Lang had her face cleansed and made up.

Jar of Marmalade winners: 1st Margaret Ogilvy 2nd Sally Connor **3rd** Ellen Stewart. **Pretty Compact Mirror:** 

1st Yvonne Macpherson 2nd Jenny Huntley 3rd Jane Anderson

At the November meeting our guest was local lady, Mrs. Jackie (Simpson) Bremner, Service Planning Leader for Sick Children's Hospital Aberdeen. She gave a most interesting talk and slide show covering the early stages of planning through to the completion of the Hospital in 2004, emphasising the important role of art in helping create a welcoming and pleasant environment within the Hospital, which also gives local artists an opening for their work.

The proceeds of the November whist drive were donated to the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home.

#### Programme

3rd Dec Christmas Cooking with Carlotta Fraser

16th Dec Childrens Christmas Party 7th Jan Killin SWRI Birthday Party 4th Feb Killin's History - David Osler 4th Mar Gems Galore - Wendy Simpson 2nd April AGM & Mary's Meals with Guest Speaker

Ann Watson

the olo flax mill restaurant

## Happy Hunts



Gill Hunt went for her Licentiateship Panel with the Royal Photographic Society in September and passed so she can now use LRPS after her name

Dave Hunt achieved his Associateship Panel (next level up) with the Roval Photographic Society in October and can use ARPS after his name. They are both still walking on air.

## **Killin Doctors Surgery**

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## **National Park**

At last the Scottish Parliament has had its debate on the National Parks and the strategic review of their role that took place last year. I was pleasantly surprised to find so many of our political masters conversant with the trials and tribulations within the Parks. It was particularly heartening to hear from all sides that we must never forget that our Parks also serve as home and workplace to numerous communities.

The result was largely consensual with the acknowledgement that both Park Authorities have performed relatively well and even at this early stage, have made a considerable difference. So much so that there were requests that extra funds be made available to both authorities and consideration be given to creating more National Parks, particularly a Marine and Coastal National Park. In the present economic climate no promise of more cash was forthcoming. The result of the debate means that there will be a reduction in the number of Board members from the current 25 to 17 from October 2010. The number of directly elected members will remain at five. Of the rest, six will be nominated by the local authorities and 6 by the

Minister. Of these 12, at least 4 must either live in or represent the Park communities, resulting in a majority of board members being based in the Park. Contrary to the recommendation of the Strategic Review, it was decided that the Minister should not appoint the Convenor and Deputy but, as at present, the Park Board should fill these roles from within their own ranks. It was also decided that both authorities should retain their existing planning functions. There is also to be a Strategic Review Group lasting 18 months which will review boundaries and the possible creation of new National Parks. December 14th is the next milestone on the progress of the new Local Development Plan, when the Park Board meets to decide on the final proposals for the Draft Plan. It will then be lodged for a formal six week consultation before coming into force around October 2010. It seems to take forever but legislation and regulation dictate the process. I know that everyone, not least the Planning staff, will welcome the day when the Park Authority has its own Local Plan.

its own Local Plan. Owen McKee Taigh Na Bhuth Lochearnhead 01567 830214 owen@thevillageshop.fsbusiness.co.uk

## Taekwondo

Anna Holden and Robbie Player were once again part of the Callander/Falkirk Taekwondo Club team that recently won the UK Traditional Taekwondo Championship Shield for the 3rd time in a row. Anna and Robbie won silver and bronze respectively in the pattern competition (a series of set moves relating to their belt grade). As they were up against adults as well as children, this was quite an achievement. Anna also won a bronze for sparring in her weight category.

Club training sessions are on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons in Callander Leisure Centre. Beginners of all ages are made very welcome. For more info visit: www.callander-taekwondo.co.uk or call Duncan Irvine on 01324 472635 mob 07713193841 **Suzanne Player** 

## **Christmas Fair**

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# Breadalbane Open Doors



Inchbuie Walk Twenty-five visitors keen to hear about the ancient island followed James Macnab of Macnab and his wife on the walk to Inchbuie. The date of the archway and pillars at the entrance is not known, but is assumed to be the same as the bridge - about 1830. Halfway along the path James pointed out the remnants of the ramparts of an Iron Age Fort and the access to the burial area of the Clan Chiefs. The enclosure contains the graves of the early clan chiefs, including Findlay and Smooth John. He explained about the various graves and plagues commemorating clansmen

and their wives. Outwith the walled enclosure are graves where his uncle rests and his father, an Olympic oarsman, is remembered on a plaque.

All the trees on Inchbuie are self seeded and undamaged as no deer or rabbits have access to the island. James pointed out a tree graft relating to a prediction by the Lady of Lawers, who, around the early part of the nineteenth century, foretold that when a broken branch from a fir tree lodged and grafted to another fir, the MacNabs would lose their lands and this came true. This walk was truly interesting and educational as few knew that the graft tree is on the island.

#### Alex Stewart

### Glen Lochay Hydroelectric Station

The door were opened to twenty Killin residents and visitors. Roger Twigg, the Scottish Hydro Electric company's Southern Hydro Manager, gave his audience a highly informative talk and with Duncan McKellar guided us round the spotless generator hall. Hydroelectric generation in Scotland is due to increase from 2,000 MW to 4,000 MW by 2012. 20,000 new staff are to be recruited. The Lochay station can produce a total of 47 MW, enough for Stirling and Perth. The head of water needed to

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**Tim Denvir** 

#### **Church of Scotland**

Twenty-seven visitors spent time looking at the inside of the church and reading the history from the sheet prepared by the parishioners. Many were using the opportunity to see all the venues on the Open Doors programme and had put aside the whole day to see places that normally are not open to the public. **GA** 

#### St Fillans Episcopal Church

Nine visitors looked round the little tin tabernacle which most felt was a cosy welcoming building. **GA** 





Lodge Breadalbane St. Fillans Members of the Lodge wore their Masonic Regalia and warmly welcomed over seventy family members, friends, villagers and visitors alike to the Lodge Room. Some were curious, others interested, a few had connections and all showed support, asking questions and getting explanations and being amazed to see the members in their Temple Home. Pictures and wall hangings, various booklets and information leaflets were open for inspection, as were the original Lodge Books housing records back to 1895. Lodge jewels and artefacts were on display, with explanations of the origins of some of them, together with archived accounts from former village

businesses.

The history of the Lodge is tied to the community it serves but records other events in which members played their part and illustrates the role of the Lodge through the years. The Lodge was presented with a new Minute Book by Marion McRae and Elizabeth Woods and Bunty MacGregor identified many of the locals in the Jubilee Photograph of 1945.

All who came along signed the Lodge Book and in years to come the complimentary comments will prove to successors that the Masonic Light was strengthened by opening the Lodge door. **Alex Stewart** 

#### The National Trust for Scotland

Lyndoch was the venue for the Killin Heritage Society. Ninety visitors were able to see Fergie Meek's model of the Killin railway station. The station closed in the sixties and was located where the bus turning circle is now. Those interested in tracing family roots were given access to the data base on the Heritage computer. Many used the facility to search those living in houses and farms between 1851 and 2001 via the census details. Others were able to look at other files which give information about the past residents of the village. GA



The Gold Mine at Tyndrum A group of twenty people met in Tyndrum and set off accompanied by Calum Ritchie, the Park Ranger, who talked us through the history of mining in the area as we walked part of the West Highland Way towards the Cononish River. One of the party, a geologist, was able to explain some technical details which enhanced the experience. The last part of the outing was made by vehicles which transported the party to the buildings above Cononish Farm which house the rock core samples. We were met there by Chris Sangster, Scotgold mining engineer, who explained the process of exploration and establishing the location of the productive seam of gold known to be in the rock which has yet to be extracted. A planning application has now been lodged with the National Park for the next stage of the re-opening of the mine. GΔ



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Medal Play off: P. Melia Fourball Matchplay: Calum Frost & Neil Forsyth Foursomes Matchplay: R.D. Lewis & Gordon Aitken Grouse Shotgun Foursomes: R.D. Lewis & Gordon Aitken J.S.MacLean Trophy: Calum Frost & Neil Forsyth Jack Noble Stableford: N. Forsyth George Smith Trophy: R.D. Lewis Fred France: Jim Atkinson Captain's Putter: J. Chisholm Arrochar Trophy: P. Melia Dr Wilson, L Brown Club Championship: Gordon Aitken Flag Competition: Bruce Ford 2 Club & Putter: L. Gilmour





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Laura Aitken has been golfing with Perth & Kinross County Junior Girls for the last three years as well as playing with the Killin Juniors and Ladies, enjoying competitions throughout Perth and Kinross and benefiting from coaching at Noah's Ark Golf Centre and Gleneagles. She has been very privileged to be one of four girls chosen by the Perth and Kinross County Ladies Golf to receive next years annual Golf Scholarship at Gleneagles. She will have full use of the magnificent Gleneagles Golf Academy including additional coaching throughout the year, full membership of Gleneagles and use of the Dormy House. Laura is going to take full advantage of this wonderful opportunity and is looking forward to the year ahead and reducing her handicap of 18.

#### Sheila Aitken



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## Calling old playmates

During the war I lived with my mother (Millie Johnston) in what were the cottages behind Laburnum. Mr and Mrs McKay lived in the big house.

I attended Killin School and have just discovered my school photograph on the Killin website, under "oldtimes".

I am trying to find any of my school friends from that period. All the local kids nicknamed me Jayjay. I would be willing to provide your wonderful paper with many of my adventures during my stay at beautiful Killin. Hoping that you can help me in any way.

#### John Johnston

### **Killin Highland Games**

On behalf of the Killin Highland Games Committee I would like to thank all the sponsors for their generous donations and everyone who helped make the Games possible. The Games could not go ahead if it was not for all our helpers. I would also like to give a big thank you to James Macnab of Macnab for being our chieftain. A great day was had by all and I can't wait to start getting ready for 2010. **Yvonne Gall** 

Games Secretary

### Annus Horribilis

As we approach the end of what has been something of an annus horribilis Alison and I take comfort in reflecting how much horribilior it would have been without the kindness and throughtfulness of so many in Ardeonaig, Ardtalnaig, Killin and beyond, who helped us during our difficulties (not forgetting the rescue helicopter crew who dramatically whisked me from our garden to Stirling Infirmary). We can only offer them all our very warmest thanks. **Bill Nicoll** 

#### **Dangerous Corner**

I am concerned about the junction on the A827/Grav Street and the Ardeonaig/South Loch Tay road at the Falls of Dochart Hotel in Killin and, not for the first time, have contacted the Stirling Traffic Department. The Ardeonaig/South Loch Tay road was resurfaced over a year ago but the double yellow lines on the corners of this junction have not been replaced so tourists do not know that there is no parking at this iunction. Over the summer I have on many occasions driven round from Grav Street on to the Ardeonaig/South Loch Tay road and been confronted with a row of 2.3or 4 cars parked on the left hand side. This means having to manoeuvre on to the right hand carriageway on a narrow road which quickly becomes single track with a 90 degree left hand bend under the old dismantled railway bridge. This is very dangerous if there is oncoming traffic as drivers cannot see round the 90 degree right hand bend. I trust the Council will act quickly to replace the lines in the interest of safety. Norma Lang (Norma has had a reply from Stirling Traffic Department saying lines at the junction and on the Bridge are due to be repainted, along with any other lines along Main Street which need doing. During this work the bridge will be shut for 10 minute periods. No mention is made of when this might be done or whether lines needed elsewhere in Killin (for example at the junction of Stewart Road and Manse Road) will be done at the same time.)

### **Back at Home**

I would like to thank my many friends and neighbours who sent me cards, letters and good wishes during my recent stay in hospital. I am now back home and slowly returning to normal. **Jane Stewart** 



#### Jimmy to the rescue

My wife and I woud like to express our heartfelt thanks to Jimmy Gauld of Killin Gallery. Each year we stay in Comrie for breaks in our family caravan at Twenty Shilling Wood and, being without transport, look forward to the Citvlink bus that can take us to Lochearnhead, and from there we follow one of our favourite walks up Glen Ogle to Killin. On 2nd September, we enjoyed this walk and then had an excellent meal in the Killin Hotel. As my wife was walking back to the bus stop from the hotel, she tripped over an exposed and dangerous pothole created by a poorly installed Scottish Water cover in the pavement outside the Killin Gallery. She hit her head, breaking her spectacles and cutting and bruising her face quite badly, in addition to bruising her knees and damaging her trousers. Fortunately Mr Gauld was walking past, having just closed the Gallery. Without hesitation, he re-opened the Gallery and attended to Caroline who was in some state. We were worried that we were also going to miss the only bus, so he gave us a lift to the stop, even offering to drive us to Comrie! This was above and beyond. Without Jimmy's help, we do not know what we would have done.

We would also like to thank the staff at Comrie Medical Practice, although I realise that this is outside Killin News circulation zone. I believe that Scottish Water have now repaired the hole - shame that someone had to get hurt to make this happen.

Keep up the good work. It is local papers like yours that keep small communities going.

Jim and Caroline Darroch Edinburgh

#### **Fire Raisers**

Tyndrum Fire & Rescue would like to thank all the locals and visitors who donated generously to the station's



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annual fund raiser. The firefighters were treated to a fine and sunny October day and raised  $\pm 350$  for the Tyndrum children's Christmas party and over  $\pm 180$  for the Fire Fighters Charity. Thanks again to the Green Welly for supporting the station's fundraising activities and keeping the crew nourished throughout the day. **Allan Brodie** 

### Sale for Nepalese Schooling

On August 29th a coffee morning, sale & raffle was held in the Lesser McLaren Hall to raise money to get some of Nepal's poorest children into school. There are many people to thank for this successful day. Local businesses gave great support and some very good raffle prizes, everyone enjoyed the good baking donated by local ladies and the sale had something for everyone. Thanks for all the kind donations. Many good helpers were at hand working hard and everyone involved would like to thank everyone who gave and all who came along on the day. The £1,025.00 raised was more than any of us expected and the money is now with the Home to School project in Dharan Nepal. By the time this letter is printed, children who would otherwise probably never have got an education will be attending school with the required uniform and books. Home to School project send their warmest greetings and thanks to all from Nepal and invite anyone to visit them and the children. They would like to set-up a trust in Killin and I will have more information on this soon. Thank You.

Mr Bhoj Raj Shrestha Home to School Chairman Mr Bir Bahadur Tamang Coordinator Simon Raw Killin contact

#### **Running Wild**

Thank you to everyone who kindly sponsored me for the Loch Ness Marathon. I have managed to raise £800 for MacMillan Cancer Support which I am chuffed to bits with. The marathon took place on 4th October and was a fantastic experience. The start is literally in the middle of nowhere, on the south side of Loch Ness, and you run along the lochside and into Inverness. The route is verv undulating with a couple of testing climbs (especially at mile 17) and boasts some amazing scenery along the way.

This was my 1st marathon and I managed to complete it in 3hrs 14mins making me 12th woman and 134th overall out of 2,172 runners which I was over the moon about. This will certainly not be my last marathon - I totally loved it and enjoy the longer distances so definitely plan to do some more in the future.

Thanks again to everyone who sponsored me and for all the kind words of support, it was very much appreciated.

#### Isla Campbell

### Happy at Home

Having read in the local newspapers of the way some people in old folks homes are not treated at all well, I must say that in the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home the care is excellent. Rooms are nicely decorated and pleasantly furnished. Our Carers are our friends. The food is excellent, freshly cooked and well presented. We are encouraged to follow our own skills - I crotchet, knit and quilt the occasional cushions and do all the crosswords in the local papers.

We are often taken out in the Killin Community Bus and we had a



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#### Jean Henderson

#### **Computer Run**

I would like to thank Duncan Mackinnon for working so hard to raise money for a computer for my son Denzil. Makes me tired just to think of the challenge, never mind taking part.

I would also like to thank all the people who sponsored Duncan. Denzil now has his computer and, postal strike notwithstanding, should soon have the programs and special pads etc. for him to use. Thank you once again, Duncan.

Jenny Lambert

## Salmon Season Opening

The traditional opening ceremonies at Auchmore Boathouse and Loch Tay Highland Lodges will take place on the morning of the 15th January, when the blessing of the boats, hot snacks and the Sponsor's Dram will set the salmon season off in style. The West Loch Tay Salmon Fishers Association will host the popular Opening Night Supper in the Bridge of Lochay Hotel at 7.00pm. Tickets, price £11.50, must be reserved in advance from the secretarv Alex Stewart 01567 820224

## Monemore Fire Update

Just before Easter No. 6 Monemore was damaged by a serious fire nextdoor in No. 5 and the tenants had to move out. The No. 5 tenants were quickly rehoused but the two from No. 6 were housed in the Killin Hotel by Stirling Council, who told them it would be 4-5 weeks before they could go home. However nearly eight months later as we go to press they seem to be still as far away as ever from moving back home. A new house could have been built in a shorter time. Stirling Council, meanwhile, has sent letters to its other tenants promising that their repair service is to be speeded up! Could this mean that Davy & Christine might perhaps be at home for Christmas? мм

## **Christina Paton**

Our mother Ena Osler left Killin in 1967 to emigrate to New South Wales Australia, where she stayed until her death on 5th September 2009. She always had fond



memories of living in Laburnam and latterly at Auchmore. Ena always had her Killin News to hand and kept up with many of the people of the village - Helen & Gordon MacGregor, Cuthbert Armstrong, Alastair & Mary MacKinnon and Tommy Bickerton now in Adelaide - so she always knew what was happening in Killin. In her later years she longed to come back for her last years in Killin but because of her arthritis the climate of Killin was not for her.

Ena was born in her father's hotel in Finavon near Forfar and did her schooling locally and at Forfar. She married Ralph in 1946 and she and the family as they came along lived until 1954 in Aruba in the Netherland Antilles. When the island was handed back to the Netherlands and fuel rationing ended in the UK, the family returned to Scotland and settled in Dundee until 1960, when, fed up with city living, they decided they wanted to move to the country, hence Killin. Until her dving dav Ena could still quote the Gaelic she learnt at Neil MacGill's Gaelic Classes in Killin School. She was a great sewer and knitter and won quite a few medals in NSW for her auilting work. Her funeral was held in NSW on 10th September in the Forest Lawn Crematorium NSW and her ashes will be scattered at Forfar War Memorial, where Ralph's were scattered in 1985. on the date of his birthday, 21st November. She is survived by her second husband, Con Paton, her three children, seven grandchildren, six great grandchildren and one great **David Osler** great grand child.

### Hector John Sants 1923-2009

When he was five, his father came to work in Scotland where John spent five happy years at the local school in Beith. The family returned to England and John spent part of several school holidays working on small boats that carried cargo from port to port. The year before the war, he left school, refused to go to university and joined the Merchant Navy. He spent seven years sailing out of Liverpool to all the great ports of South America and the

## **Obituaries** -

Far East and had many stories to tell, the most memorable was his account of being one of the first merchant ships to sail into Japan after the war. He spent several hours walking in the ruins caused by the atom bomb that had been dropped on Hiroshima only a few weeks before!

He became a member of the University of the Sea with an interest in psychology. His sister suggested he should apply for a new psychology degree that was just about to start at Oxford. Thus he became the first psychology student at Oxford University.

He took a clinical psychology course at Guys Hospital and became an educational psychologist in Child Guidance. He married Ann Hepburn in 1950, also an educational psychologist in Child Guidance, and they had two children, Harriet and Hector.

He excelled in the field and became convinced that the problems of childhood and adulthood have their roots in childhood relationships, especially with parents. He made a special study of adopted children and published a paper suggesting that many of their problems came from lack of knowledge of their birth parents and believed they should be told about them and, if appropriate, meet them. This gave rise to much controversy but did result in the Act which gave adopted children

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## Think About It

information and access to their birth parents.

He moved to academic work in 1959 and in 1964 to the new University of Sussex, an exciting place to be in the early days. He set up several courses in child psychology. Over the years a number of his students became distinguished in child psychology inspired by his teaching. His children and their friends enjoyed the discussions he promoted and his capacity to listen. They brought their university friends to stay in Morenish and we sat round the big kitchen table after dinner, talking. Many of them came back to see us and recall their pleasure at these early visits. John was an insatiable reader and pursuer of information. When we came to Oxford, he spent the last years of his life attending class at the University Continuing Education Department, during which time he became a medieval historian. He loved Scotland from boyhood, especially the hills round Killin and Loch Tay. His walk round the head of the Loch with Ras, his dog, was very special to him. Though he did not appear to be active in the farm, he was interested in the sheep and spent time by the fank when the sheep were there. Later he often talked about his walks and the farm activities. A kind, gentle scholarly man, he is much missed and mourned by his wife, children, grandchildren and friends Ann Sants

December brings twinkling lights on trees, the sparkle of decoration, the sound of familiar Christmas carols and the smiles of bright-eved children. The cheerful "Happy Christmas" greetings sometimes give the impression that everyone is glad that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. However, that is not true today and it never has been. The news of Jesus' birth brought a mixed reaction. The wise men iovfully welcomed and worshipped the One whose star they had seen in the East. (Matthew 2:2). On the other hand, King Herod was so troubled when he heard about this birth that he tried to find and kill the baby Jesus (Matthew 2: 3-4,16). Most people, however, were quite unaware of the significance of what had happened.

In our world today, millions still honour Jesus and rejoice in the salvation He came to bring. But many others hate Him. They grumble about the singing of Christmas carols in shopping malls and the display of nativity scenes in public places. Other people are apathetic. They go along with the celebration of the season. They may even join in the singing but they never ask themselves who Jesus is or why He came. They do not consider their need to respond to His love and offer of salvation from all that defiles.



Are you a worshipper, a grumbler, or indifferent? Christmas demands a decision about Christ and our relationship with Him. The choice is yours

As Dr. A. B. Simpson put it - "What will you do with Jesus? Neutral you cannot be; someday you heart will be asking, What will He do with me?" Ladd Fagerson



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# Celebrations



Liam Jack Hitchins born to Ian and Sian on 16th August 2009 in Dundee (Ninewells) weighing 8lb 11oz and his three brothers and two sisters



Born 23rd August to Stephanie and Terry Warncken, Alexander 'Sonny'. Stephanie is the daughter of John 'Dino' Dynowski - a very proud granddad!

(Sadly as we go to press we learned that John died on 11th November)



On19th September 2009 I got engaged to George Sloan, from Belfast, at the top of the Eiffel Tower in Paris. I met George, who is partially sighted, on a holiday for the visually impaired, in Gran Canaria, where I went along as a helper. I never expected for one minute to meet my future husband there, but he's certainly a better souvenir than the usual stuffed donkey!!

Marion Hall (ex Killin resident)



On Sunday 1st November Herbie, in the blue vest, completed the last race in the Scottish Hill Runners calendar. He ended the series third in his age group in Scotland.



Dominic and Heather Koe (nee Stewart) wish to thank everyone for the kind gifts and cards received on the arrival of their daughter Eva, first grandchild of Alex and Fiona and Chris and Jane from Peterborough.



Katie Hunt graduated in June from Dundee University with a 2:1 with Honours in Zoology. Her parents, Dave and Gill, are both very proud of her.

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## First Woman PC for Killin



Iona Frickleton has been appointed as our new police officer for Killin. She comes from Linlithgow and when she left school she studied Sports Science and Medicine at

Kirsty Pearson and Louise Morris would like to thank all those who helped make our Highland 100 possible. There was indeed a local team, albeit we were very quiet about it before the event! Thanks to those who lent bikes, helped train, support crew and made donations. We raised over £600! Enough time has passed to make us think we will definitely do it again, so if anyone would like to join us for next year and go for Gold let us know!

**Kirsty and Louise** 

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Station Road, Killin, FK21 8UH Telephone: (01567) 820344 Fax: (01567) 820944 Northumbria University. She was awarded a scholarship to play Rugby and spent a year in Alberta Canada. She played as hooker for Scotland and earned 40 caps before retiring three years ago following the world cup in Alberta. Her police training started six years ago and her two year probationary period was spent in Falkirk. This was followed by a posting to Denny - a busy post with at least fifteen calls per shifts which did not allow any time to talk at length with people. The work here will be very different and so far the calls have mostly been to road traffic accidents. PC Frickleton is living in the village and would be very happy to talk to any villager about policing and their concerns but don't run away from her because she will catch you! GA

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## Frustration, Frustration, Frustration ...

As I drive to the village one morning and round the blind corner on the Ardeonaig Road by the Falls of Dochart, I come bonnet to bonnet with an on-coming car overtaking one stupidly parked on the side of this narrow road. Fortunately we are both going very slowly so manage to avoid a collision.

Turning right, I approach the bridge - more visitors than usual swarming over it and three cars trying to negotiate their way across out of the village. I wait for them to clear. Someone in the front car is trying to take photographs so progress is irritatingly slow. A car then overtakes me at speed - must have decided that I am merely sitting here davdreaming. It goes straight on to the bridge where the driver finds to his surprise the oncoming traffic and crowds of people. He has to back off and get behind both me and another car. Very satisfying. Eventually the three cars clear the bridge and I move on to it but the sightseers are now spread right across the road taking photographs. They are completely oblivious of traffic and resentfully reluctant to move as I move slowly over At the other end

of the bridge a large van comes on to the bridge but does back and give way to me and the queue behind me.

On the other side, two cars are parked by the Smiddy and my queue cannot overtake until the traffic going on to the bridge clears. At the coach park there are seven coaches parked or double parked and another on the other side has pulled up right across both the busstop and the entrance to the public car park. I had planned to leave my car there so I signal right, which the coach driver sees. I pause, thinking she will move up and clear the entrance but she ignores me. I am blocking the traffic behind me so drive on and any tourist behind me wishing to park and look at the Falls has to give up the idea.

As all who use the bridge know only too well, none of the above is unusual and there is often the added entertainment of a caravan or one of the increasing number of large motor homes having to back off the bridge. You would think drivers should have to learn how to do this before going on the road but they obviously don't. Their crazy manoeuvring can take a very long time but does at least provide great entertainment for customers at the nearby Falls of Dochart Inn and passersby.

Whilst we may have to put up with most of these inconveniences and delays because we want tourists to visit Killin, problems have been unnecessarily made worse this summer by the lack of road markings at the end of the Ardeonaig Road and by the Smiddy allowing visitors to park with impunity near the Falls and cause dangerous blockages. The lack of markings, both at the bridge and elsewhere in the village, has been reported many times to Stirling Council. Their Road Maintenance Manager said that, as it cost £500 a day to send a crew up to Killin, the markings would be replaced 'at the same time as the markings on the road up to Lix Toll'. They were not. When this was pointed out, he said he would 'inform the contractors' but presumably the £500 saving was not made. Further enquiries have brought no assurance that this work will be done in the foreseeable future.

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(see also Letters page 34)



#### National Park

Week 35 commencing 31 Aug 2009 Proposal: Demolition of existing outbuilding Location: Lochleven Cottage, Main Street, Killin Applicant: Frank Cornfield Application Type: Conservation Area Consent Decision: Approve with Conditions

Proposal: Proposed Gold Mine with associated service and production buildings, plant, tailings storage area, pond and gauging station, access roads and bridges and diversion of hurn

Location: Cononish Farm, Cononish Road, Tyndrum Applicant: Scotgold Resources Ltd

Application Type: Pre-Application Consultation

Week 36 commencing 07 Sept 2009 Proposal: Change of use of land for the siting of a mobile snack bar (Renewal of Temporary Permission Ref No LT/2005/0199/DET). Location: Loch Lubhair Lay By Crianlarich Applicant: Mr James MacPherson Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Week 37 commencing 14 Sep 2009 Proposal: Erection of Dog Kennels (retrospective)

MAUREEN H. GAULD

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Christmas Greetings to all our customers

## Local Planning Applications

Location: Leskine Farm, Crianlarich, Killin Applicant: Mr James Booth Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Week 38 commencing 21 Sept 2009 Proposal: Proposed erection of six dwellinghouses. Location: Land To Rear Of 1B Ballechroisk Ballechroisk Killin Applicant: Rural Stirling Housing Association Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission Decision: Approve with Conditions

Proposal: Erection of 14 No. Self catering holiday units with associated car parking. Location: Youth Hostel, Killin Applicant: A & H Holdings Decision: Approve with conditions

Proposal: Erection of a detached dwellinghouse (Renewal of planning permission Ref No LT/2004/0243/DET/S) Location: Land Rear Of Strathfillan Terrace Station Road Crianlarich Applicant: Mr Matthew Sanger Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Week 40 commencing 05 Oct 2009 Planning Appeal Proposal: Change of use from retail shop (class 1) and redevelopment of



site to incorporate 15 No.flatted dwellings and 1 No. additional small retail shop unit Location: The Garage, Main Street, Killin

Decision: Notwithstanding the desirability of redeveloping the site for a combination of retail and residential uses the design was considered inadequate and inappropriate within Killin Outstanding Conservation Area

Week 42 commencing 19 Oct 2009 **Proposal:** Variation of Condition 4 of application LT/2008/0106/DET/S to remove the association of selfcatering apartments to the Bridge of Lochay Hotel Location: Bridge Of Lochay Hotel, Killin

Applicant: Mr David Morby Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Proposal: Detailed Planning Permission Location: Scottish Co-Op, Main Street, Killin Applicant: The Co-Operative Group Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission Decision: Approve with Conditions

#### Perth & Kinross Council

26 October 2009 Proposal: Erection of a dwellinghouse Location: Easter Auchtar, Fearnan Applicant: Roger Wilson Architect Application Type: planning permission Decision: Pending Consideration

#### Stirling Council

11 November 2009 Proposal: Erection of New Reception Buildina Location: Pine Trees Leisure Park, Crianlarich Applicant: Mr And Mrs George McNaughton Application Type: New Warrant Decision: Pending Consideration



# **Crossword by Scorpio**

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### Across

- 4 Skill and intelligence (7)
- 8 A b and a c need us for basic arithmetical calculation (6)
- 9 Disperse when t reacts oddly (7)
- 0 Appreciation! (6)
- 11 Nautical child in summer or winter (6)
- 12 Found in a light bulb (8)
- 18 Oddly cabs are at clue to these entertainments (8)
- 20 Flick through a pile of papers by putting strength into firearm (6)
- 21 Hungarian language (6)
- 22 Legal document surrounding C.I.D. denotes firm conclusion (7)
- 23 Open excavation and prey (6)
- 24 Nocturnal dogs known for their maniacal laughter (7)

#### Down

- 1 Mother's quarrel was attributed to a dog (7)
- 2 Lid can be efficient (7)
- 3 Absolute nonsense (6)
- 5 This kind of betrayal sounds life threatening (4,4)
- 6 Let little Harold be a danger to life (6)
- 7 Term or a confused word for an earthquake (6)
- 13 And many others (8)
- 14 How fabric was cut and sold pre-decimalisation (3,4)
- 15 Sometimes referred to as fish eagles (7)
- 16 Remove 50 from Scrooge's character and end up suffering sadness (6)
- 17 From freezing to cosy work place (6)
- 19 Mite which attacks wheat or flour (6)

## SCORPIO would like to wish everybody a very Happy Christmas

## Victoria and Albert's Love of Scotland

An exhibition at the Queen's Gallery in March 2010, entitled 'Art and Love', will display much of the art that Victoria and Albert collected. The BBC is making a documentary about the collection and particularly their love for all things Scottish. Fiona Bruce, the presenter, retraces the Royal Couple's visit to Perthshire in September 1842, their stay at Taymouth Castle as quests of the Second Marquis of Breadalbane, and their barge journey up Loch Tay to Auchmore House at Killin. The Queen and her Consort arrived on Wednesday 7th September. There followed a series of festivities and outings to mark the Queens visit. This was followed by a barge trip on Loch Tay to have lunch at Auchmore House. It was manned by eight oarsmen, and accompanied by other craft. History records that the crew serenaded the Queen with Gaelic songs and in her diary Victoria mentions that she was very touched by the entire visit.

The Illustrated London News carried full coverage of the visit complete with artist's sketches.

To get the right shots and back ground for editing, the film crew were transported down river to view possible locations and make sure the presenter could row the heavy clinker built boat when talking to camera.

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Craft Group

10am - noon

Tuesdays

Littlecroft

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#### December

- Craft Group Coffee morning Dall Lodge 10am 12noon 2
- 3 SWRI Christmas Cooking with Carlotta Fraser Lesser Hall
- Heritage Meeting Lesser Hall "Dougie McInnes" Glenlochay Archaeology 7.30pm 4
- Craft Class Crianlarich Hall 1.30 3.30pm 7
- SWRI Birthday Party 7
- 10 Guild meeting in the Church "Ladies Fearnan Choir" 2 4pm

19 Christmas Party Night in aid of Hogmanay Fireworks Killin Hotel See details on page 31 Januarv Crianlarich Badminton

- Craft Class Crianlarich Hall 1.30 3.30pm 4
- 7 SWRI Birthday Party
- 12 Killin Community Council, 7,30pm in the school
- 14, 15, 16 Killin Panto, McLaren Hall
- 15 Salmon Season opening Auchmore Boathouse and Loch Tay Highland Lodges 9am 15 West Loch Tay Salmon Fishers Association Supper Bridge of Lochay Hotel
- 7pm Tickets £11.50 from Alex Stewart 820224
- 18 Craft Class Crianlarich Hall 1.30 3.30pm

#### Februarv

- Craft Class Crianlarich Hall 1.30 3.30pm 1
- 4 Killin SWRI meeting "Killin's History" with David Osler Lesser Hall
- 5 Heritage Society meeting "What Do you want to know about our
- village" Ouestions in advance to the secretary Sally Connor
- 12 Auction Crianlarich Hall viewing 5pm start 6pm

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Tiddlers & Toddlers Thursdays 4.30 - 7.30pm Church Hall Killin

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