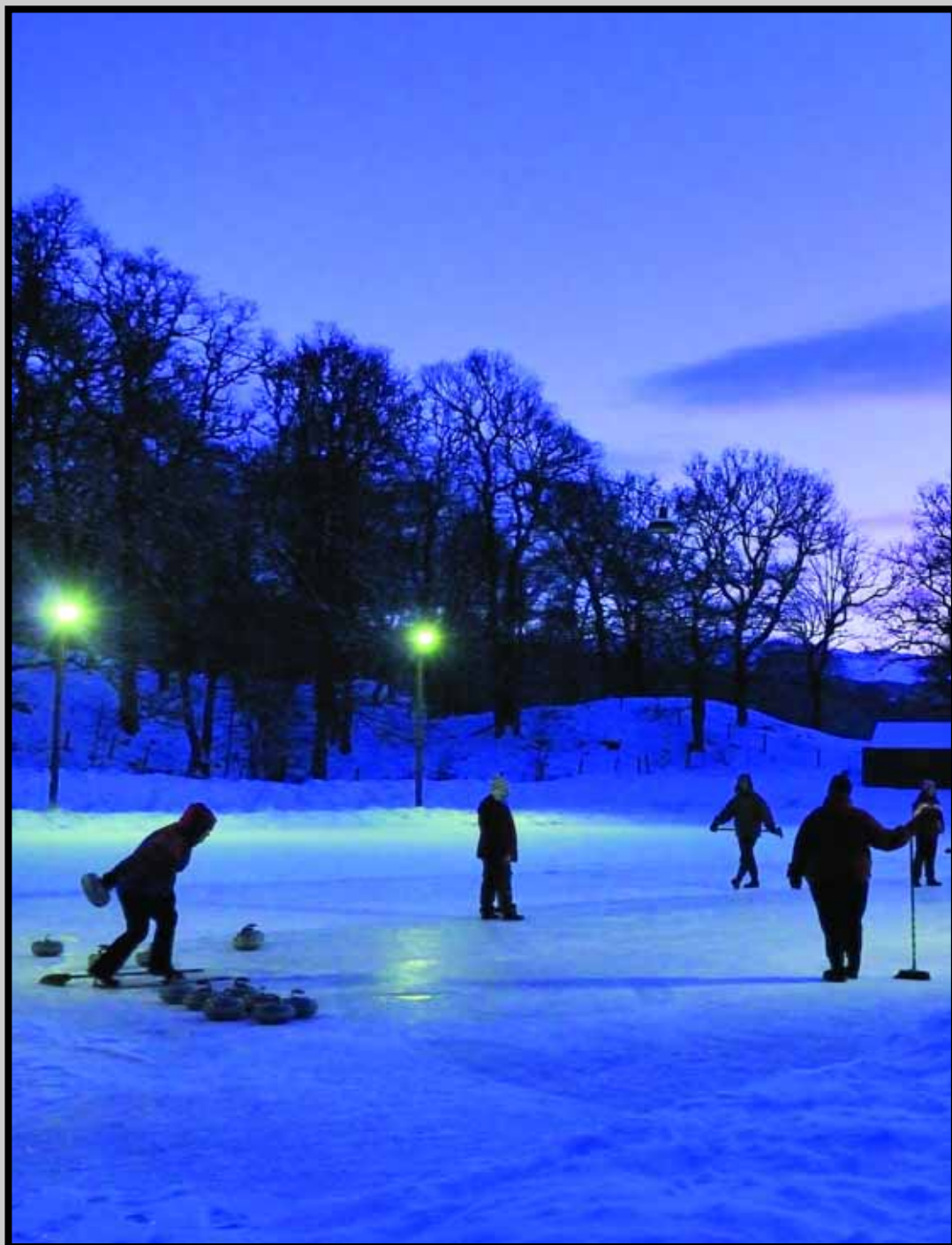


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Editorial

Crisp powdery dry snow is an inspiration to artists and photographers. What a pleasure it was to see snow in Killin covering all the everyday imperfections with a blanket of white accompanied by frosted trees and the low winter sun. What fun to be a curler, p20, on Killin's own curling pond. The aftermath, ice covered roads and paths, burst pipes, damaged homes and an unexpected strain on already stretched Stirling Council resources, was the unpleasant flip side. Congratulations to all whose efforts helped to keep things going, the Council workers whose long hours kept paths and roads clear, the local tradesmen and women who responded to emergencies, day and night, and the businesses maintaining business as usual. It's a pleasure to live in Killin.

Co-operation to get things done is part of village life. Volunteering is almost a way of life for many in Killin. You will see that volunteers are needed for vacancies in the Community Council, p9. So much more could be achieved if the resilient long standing members of the community council had more, your support. Don't wait to be asked, rise to the challenge and apply.

Let's celebrate a local achievement. Emily Crow, aged 11 with remarkable talents has reached the semi finals of Sky1's Got To Dance. Following years of hard work and dedication, competing from the age of five and supported by dedicated parents, she is well on her way to achieving her life ambitions.

It is with some sadness we find this year that salmon stocks are low. Catches were down 50% last year in some stretches, so much so that fishermen are urged to return every salmon they catch in the Loch Tay system until the end of May.

The Killin Cutting Carbon office will open to the public on Friday 19th February, p6. Come and see what they have to offer and meet other agencies involved in the cutting carbon footprint business.

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Congratulations to you all

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Killin Community Council 12th January

Village officer: still ongoing - no input from councillors

Roads: There is no grit left. A supply of salt at the army base is not for general use. Sand to be used on roads. One gritter for all area to north of Callander and less than 300 bins for whole area. Due to lack of grit piles of sand are being left in some areas but none north of Callander. Bins not being emptied till roads clear. Decided not to ask for more grit bins as last time asked some were taken away.

Dochart bridge to get done in summer and need permission from National Park and historic Scotland.

The old mart: ongoing.

Playground and park: drainage may be taken to Dall Lodge side of park and into river.

Benches: one at police station is to be replaced by G. Aitken and position of one at Manse Road is still ongoing.

New turning area: ongoing problems to be dealt with by F. Kennedy.

Folklore Centre: a meeting is to be arranged by interested parties and to be sorted later in the year.

Breadalbane Forum: Bruce Crawford looking into questions asked about access to new hospital from motorway.

Glen Ogle: barriers and anti-skid surface to be started in new financial year. Bollards appear to have reduced accidents.

Hogmanay fireworks: funding needed and ideas for fundraising. Cost about £3000 and about £2400 shortfall. Funding from Stirling Council is hard to get. Thanks to Charlie, J. Ronald, S. Inglis, J. Sinclair and K. Riddell and colleagues, R. Mcpherson and the fire service for work and the Killin Hotel for their financial support.

Christmas tree and lights:

Thanks to: G. Aitken for the tree this year (booked for next year), W. Stitt for erecting the tree, S. Semple for erecting the lights. The Episcopal Church for electricity to be thanked by letter and a cheque for £30 to go to the church.

K.C.C. Members: numbers are hoped to be increased in February and an advert will go in Killin News. **K.A.T.:** has only 7 directors and there is potential for 12. There is no rep. from C.C. but none to go at moment as own numbers are low. KAT cannot take on any new project at the moment due to lack of numbers. Since Silver Cottage is no longer for sale they are looking for premises.

Breadalbane Park: will probably

not be usable this year for any events.

Planning: Application has been made for a change of use of the proposed chalets at the Bridge of Lochay and demolition of Costcutters will take place after bat situation has been resolved.

Replacement village sign at Bridge of Lochay: has still not appeared and F. Kennedy to investigate.

Next meeting: Tuesday 9th March in Killin Primary School at 7-30 p.m

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Update

Killin Cutting Carbon : Sponsored by the Climate Challenge Fund the insulation project is nearing completion. We hope to find out about levels of insulation before the project, by how much that has been improved and if specific insulation problems such as solid stone walls, coombe ceilings or cost prevented uptake. A report will be published by the 31st March. The advisers are available to help take the project forward and you will be able to meet them at the open day.

The Thrift Shop: KAT's work to enhance community assets continues but acquiring charitable finance to purchase properties can take a long time. We have not yet heard if we have been granted the second part of the money we applied for to buy premises for a thrift shop. Now, having waited a long time for our response, the vendor no longer wishes to sell the original premises but we hope to be able to use the money, if it is granted, to purchase an alternative site.

Breadalbane Folklore Centre: Stirling Council have decided to keep the centre open for 2010 while discussions and negotiations take place about how it could be used for the village. Local responses shown following the questionnaire demonstrate the level of interest in the building. Suggestions range from office space, tourist information about Killin, Heritage display, access to heritage databases, using the wheel as a demonstration of electricity generation and rented storage space. Developments await the result of the discussions and business planning.

Other Projects:

Additional projects under discussion include the condition of the drainage of the Breadalbane Park which has

reached a point where it will probably not support major village activities in periods of wet weather and the Breadalbane Park Play Area which needs to be upgraded.

Membership:

As KAT represents the people of Killin and Ardeonaig and seeks to support the Community Council by acquiring useful assets to make a difference to the community, it has to demonstrate that the community supports the Trust. Support is measured by the number of members. Membership commitment has to be renewed every year and costs £1. We need your

membership and your support. If you have some time and would be prepared to help us with Trust activities please contact me.

Willie Angus

Chairman

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Killin Cutting Carbon Insulation Project

In October, the Killin and Ardeonaig Trust launched an Energy Efficiency Project for the community. Since then, with funding from the Scottish Government Climate Challenge Fund, almost half the households in the community have been surveyed and over 40 have benefited from free or discounted loft or cavity wall insulation. Householders who had insulation installed will benefit from savings averaging over £200 per annum.

Some local residents have told us how pleased they are that their houses stay warmer for longer now that they have improved their insulation.

The project is now drawing to a close. There is a final chance for anyone who has not yet had a survey or has changed their mind to have free or discounted insulation installed. Call project partner, Michael Carr, at the Energy Agency on 01292 525507 or drop into the KAT/Killin Cutting Carbon office in the Sports and Leisure Club and speak to Bernard or Mairi. Tel 01567 820937

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Killin Cutting Carbon

Welcome to the first report from the Killin Cutting Carbon office currently based at the Sports and Leisure Centre in Killin.

In order to help the village reduce its carbon emissions we need to absorb a great deal of information on climate change and peak oil, to fit that to the locality and yet remain sensitive to the needs of the community. We may not always get the balance right thus it's important we have your feedback and positive criticism. Don't be shy, come and have a chat.

Mairi and Bernard have made a start, meeting with local organisations, gathering ideas, identifying suppliers, talking to local businesses and sourcing appropriate expertise. As the year progresses we hope to build on that knowledge and share it with the village. This will include real examples of things that work and also include those things that don't work. It will also explain clearly what the carbon issues are and how they relate to each of us. The aim is to involve the community in tackling the issue of climate change and peak oil by reducing the amount of carbon used in Killin. If you have done something that improved a heating bill or reduced waste that you would like to share with us or have expert knowledge then please get in contact.

Our main job is to provide information from the office and the

internet on ways to reduce carbon and save money. We will always take into account the costs of a solution and where possible advise on how to get the best deal or get it for free. We want from the outset to take a pragmatic view and realise that it must work for you or we will have failed in our job. In order to do this we need your say. We have brochures, leaflets and energy monitors available for use in your home free of charge. We are in the process of putting together a pack called "Ways to reduce carbon for zero cost". This will be available from the office and via the website in the near future.

We intend to build some fun working models to illustrate how renewable technologies work.

Many of us have already reduced our use of carbon through measures such as insulating our homes properly, installing fuel efficient heating systems and recycling waste. A few people in the area are already using micro-generation technology and renewable fuel resources. Some ways of reducing carbon usage are not so obvious - for instance LPG or diesel Land Rovers (4X4) vehicles are essential, practical vehicles in this environment. We can mitigate their carbon emissions by maintaining these vehicles. Longevity of the Land

Rover is legendary and can be said to offset the effects of emissions purely because they are not traded in for a new replacement every three years. We will also be looking at ways to reduce carbon in sustainable long term projects and will announce these as the mist becomes clearer. Wood fuel is considered carbon neutral as it consumes the same amount of carbon in its growth cycle as it emits when burnt as a fuel. With so many trees around us, it would appear at first sight to be worth investigating as a long term renewable energy source.

Official launch day for the Killin Cutting Carbon office is Friday 19th February at the Sports and Leisure Centre opposite the Killin Hotel. We will be open from 11:00 to 18:00. Please come along and voice your ideas, thoughts and experiences or just to meet the team and chat over tea and biscuits.

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Windows 7

The new operating system from Microsoft, Windows 7, is still going well. There have been problems, though, with compatibility with older peripherals and software. In particular Windows 7 is available in both 32 bit and 64 bit versions. The 32 bit version will offer more compatibility with older software/hardware and the 64 bit version will allow the operating system to use more of the computer's power and thus will have better performance. The 64 bit version will only run on computers with a 64 bit processor. I have seen problems with the 64 bit version running older programs, including games and graphic

intensive applications and you should take care if you are looking at the 64 bit version.

Older Computers

I have seen a spate of 4-5 year old computers with faulty hard discs coming to me for repair. In nearly every case, the owner of the machine has not backed up their data/programs/emails. Computers of this age do tend to die, their hard disc is usually the first part to fail. Typical symptoms include long delays when saving files, grinding noises from the machine itself and the system taking a very long time to start or shutdown. These are indications that your hard disc will fail in the near future and you should consider taking pre-emptive precautions to ensure that your data is protected.

These disc faults can usually be repaired but not always can the data be salvaged.

Online/Offsite Backups

I know I keep on about backing up your data, but this really is the most important tasks related to your computing. I have seen heartbreak when the family photos are lost and I have seen businesses collapse after a hard disc resulted in loss of all of the business critical data. Backing up data is not a chore. It takes a small amount of time to configure and then can be allowed

to do its job automatically. You can backup to external disc, or you can decide to protect your data even more by backing up automatically on-line.

There are many types of external disc and many types of on-line storage and you should take care to ensure you select the most suitable for your needs.

Every business should have some form of offsite backup. Just imagine what would happen if an electrical surge, or fire were to destroy your computer and any locally stored data. Not many businesses would be able to recover from such a disaster.

There are entry level offsite file stores which serve a basic purpose, but they are typically stored on slow machines, with slow internet connection. This only allows you to save a small amount of data each day. Typically businesses who use email will find these types of system unsatisfactory.

It is better to look for a service that offers access that is fast enough for you to backup all of your data online. Costs for these types of service vary dependent upon the amount of storage you need.

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Join the Community Council ... we, the Killin and Ardeonaig community, need you

Breadalbane Community Councils Forum

The Breadalbane Community Councils Forum is made up of representatives from Balquhiddier, Lochearnhead, Strathyre CC, Killin CC and Strathfillan CC. It has been set up by the Community Councils as a joint working group that can tackle issues of common concern - a grassroots evolution from the more Stirling Council led approach to area community planning.

Since first meeting in September, joint letters have been written to express concern about the Glen Ogle road and meetings held with appropriate organisations. The response has been an extensive survey and safety measures proposed which should be carried out soon.

Access to health care services has been a priority common issue which led to a meeting with Bruce Crawford MSP. His intervention has helped to clarify some issues and ongoing support to try and resolve others. A further meeting specifically to discuss the problem of access to the new hospital in Larbert has been arranged for mid February. Other priority issues of common concern include access to lifelong learning, public toilets, village officer role and public transport.

The Forum believes that, by concentrating on one issue at a time and working as a small representative group, they may achieve more than the previous approach of presenting an area community plan to service providers without any clear idea of who would be responsible for progressing actions.

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Roads

Head of Roads, Transport and Open Space has been informed about the footpath on Glenfalloch Road that is incomplete and that the street lighting is still on telegraph poles to ensure that Stirling Council is aware of the issues before they accept responsibility for the road if the by-pass goes ahead. They will

visit the area to assess the situation.

Allotments

CCs and other stakeholders can now be consulted on the types, size, location and management of allotments. This could be of interest to them to some people in Tyndrum who have contacted the SCDT about allotment provision previously.

Grants

All the monies received for the two Community Pride grants have been paid out. Inverarnan is still awaiting planning permission to erect a notice board.

Road Safety

Cameron Taylor is concerned about children and livestock crossing the road at Portnellan where the speed limit is 60mph and would like some type of 'traffic calming' or warning in place. He will contact Transerve, Transport Scotland and Central Scotland Police and mention the extended 50 mph limit at St Fillan and 40mph limit at Strathyre.

Community Partnership

Our application for membership of the Community Partnership was approved at the CP meeting in December.

Housing

Jennifer Riley is contacting RSHA tenants to compile a list of structural problems and will arrange a meeting with RSHA and tenants.

Council tenants in Strathmore Terrace were without heating since Christmas. A council tenant in Willow Square was without heating for a couple of weeks.

Wet electric central heating has been installed in two other properties and the tenants are not finding it satisfactory. Donna Campbell, Stirling Council had been asked to contact the tenants to find out the problem. Moira Robertson will try to find out what is wrong with the current repair system at the next Housing Advisory Meeting.

The Housing Bill has now been published and is available at the following link:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/bills/billsInProgress/index.htm>

To present your views to the Local Government & Communities Committee which is studying the Housing Bill see <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/lgc/inquiries/Housing/call.htm>

Moira Robertson

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Best wishes, **John Riley**

Youth Group



Exit Youth Group in Strathfillan have received a grant of £3,432 from "Cashback for Communities". The majority of the grant will be used to take the group members on a residential outward bound course in Glencoe during the school Easter holidays. Activities on offer are likely to include canoeing, abseiling, hiking and sailing. During the

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weekend course it is hoped that the young people will be able to work towards Dynamic Youth awards. The Cashback for Communities funding comes from money and goods seized from organised crime under the Scottish Government's Proceeds of Crime initiative. Grants are available to support organisations which work to improve the range of activities for young



people within their local communities. The Youth Group is now working hard to raise the remainder of the funds needed for the trip. They are planning a fundraising "Premiere Night" to show friends and family the film which the group made as part of last years "Stirling Shorts" arts project and also to showcase the individual talents of group members. Part of the grant is also to pay for weekly transport to the meetings, to enable young people from Tyndrum to attend Exit Youth Group on a regular basis. Youth group activities last term included taster sessions of Karate and Boxercise, arts and crafts, Halloween (haunted house themed) and Christmas parties.

Isla Craig

Crianlarich Into Action

A small group of like-minded Community Councillors and Trust Directors have formed an action group in response to the potential negative impact on the Crianlarich economy and its community as a direct result of the proposed Bypass. The group have devised three objectives, which we feel are achievable.

- * The need to make Crianlarich a destination rather than somewhere to 'pass through'.
- * To take control of the Village's future by looking after and maintaining the day-to-day running of the village.
- * Promoting the village as a destination and providing facilities for the public to use and enjoy in and around Crianlarich.

Projects: this is not an exhaustive list but we consider that the items listed are what would attract the public into the village.

- * Mountain Rescue/Railway/Farming Museum
- * Public Transport Interchange
- * New or improved Public Toilets
- * Cycle Track From Crianlarich to Tyndrum and later a cycle path from Crianlarich to Killin
- * Riverside and hill walks, including Picnic areas and seating at strategic view points
- * Identify designated car-parking areas
- * Campsite and camping facilities along with 'Aires' (motorhome and caravan service station)
- * Secure bicycle parking, local bike hire and service station.
- * Village and environs maintenance employing local people, which could be a Strathfillan wide project.

The action group report to both the Strathfillan Trust and the Community Council.

We have arranged a meeting with Ms. Fiona Logan, Chief Executive of the National Park on 27th January at 11:30 am in Crianlarich Hall.

Alan Smailes

Community Futures Goes Green - Cutting Carbon in Strathfillan and the National Park

Eight communities (Strathfillan, Buchanan, Kilmarnock, Strachur, Lochgoil, Gartmore, Sandbank and Benmore & Kilmun) are working together and, through the Community Partnership, have made a successful bid for a grant of over £100,000 from the Climate Challenge Fund. The project has twin aims - to reduce each community's carbon footprint and to save individual householders money. For each community the consortium is targeting all households, rented or owner occupied, to help them reduce their CO2 emissions by an average of 1.5 tonnes per annum. They are aiming for 40% uptake. It is recognised that half of all rural households in Scotland are in fuel poverty but many households are not in receipt of benefits. Through this project CERT funding can be drawn down to contribute to the cost of insulation in 2010-11. Where possible, other potential sources of funding will be sought by the steering group and project management team and the cost of the measures can be brought down through working with larger numbers of households through economies of scale.

The objectives are:

To quantify potential savings by carrying out a comprehensive doorstep questionnaire, similar to an Energy Performance Certificate, incorporating ecological footprint questions specific to each



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participating community for 90% of all households in the period March - August 2010 and provide a representative sample of houses with smart meters for a two week period between March and August 2010.

To provide insulation solutions for 50% of all residential households in the 8 communities before the winter 2010.

It should be noted that only fully trained and qualified people will be used for the surveys.

Each Household Report will consist of an energy efficiency report, energy efficiency advice and an indication of what their energy cost, consumption and emissions are before and after insulation measures.

50% of households are expected to benefit from either loft and/or cavity wall insulation. 10% of these households are likely to receive both measures.

Approximately one third of homes in Scotland are known as hard to treat, having solid or timber frame walls and rooms in the roof making traditional low cost insulation measures impossible to install. Householders will be given the opportunity to obtain quotes for solid wall insulation and insulation of rooms in the roof. Through interim

reporting for the project and working with partner organisations, the team will investigate further options where there is a very high percentage of hard to reach homes as may be the case in Strachur. Micro-renewable devices may be appropriate. Working with the ESSacs, householders will be supported to identify appropriate technologies and apply for grant assistance to install measures.

Final Report

Once all measures are installed and household reports issued a final report will be prepared summarising data from all surveyed properties. The project will have immediate benefit to individual householders and will provide each community with useful information to measure progress towards their community carbon reduction targets. Average annual fuel bill savings for household in receipt of insulation measures and using low energy light bulbs were estimated at £192 (based on Oct 1997 prices for a rural community) by the Energy Agency.

Individual houses will be contacted by letter as soon as the project gets under-way.

Crianlarich Primary School News

Our Exciting New Term!

We hope you all had a happy new year. We have all come back to an exciting new year at school. We have a new Headteacher and Principal Teacher. Mrs Williams our Headteacher has lots of exciting new ideas for our school and will be helped by Mrs Sutherland.

We have all been learning Scots poems to celebrate Burn's Day. There will be a competition to see who can remember it and say it with the best Scot's accent. So get practising!

New school topic, World War 2

Primary1/2/3/4 are learning about children during this time. We listened to Neville Chamberlain announcing that we were going to war on the internet. We have been pretending that we are children who have been evacuated during the war and have been keeping a diary. If you have any information about World War 2 and would like to come into school to talk to us we would love it!

P 1/2/3/4

P5/6/7 will be learning about why the war started, what countries were

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involved with the war and how people's lives were affected. Can you help us?

We need people to come in to school and tell us anything they can remember about World War II. We will be holding a World War II day next month with costumes, music and food from this important time. Please come in and share with us your memories of this. There will be further details nearer the time.

First Green Flag

We already have our bronze and silver awards but its now time to show how eco friendly we are by working towards our first green flag. First of all we have to review how eco friendly we are just now then make an action plan to show we can make our school more eco friendly. We will be looking at litter, waste minimisation, health and well being and energy.

P 5/6/7

School Newspaper

P 5/6/7 are currently working on our school newspaper. They are busy interviewing staff and pupils and have started to put together all of their work related to the important issues in the school. Please feel free to ask for a copy from the office when it is complete.

Strathfillan Community Development Trust



AGM

The AGM of the Trust was held on Tuesday 1st December. Standing down by rotation and standing for re-election were Chris Macnab and Fiona Tickner and Alan Smailes stood down after serving six productive years on the board. A healthy total of seven candidates put their names forward for election and as well as Chris and Fiona, Effie Crompton from Tyndrum and Eileen Smailes from Criarlach were also elected as directors. The board warmly welcomes the new directors and looks forward to a busy year ahead.

Gold Mine Public Consultations

There was tremendous interest and great support shown by the many local, and not so local, people who turned out to see the presentations from Scotgold Resources and their consultants Dalgleish Associates last November and December. The time has now come for the pre-application process and the submission of a mere 1764 pages of detailed information to Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park! We wish them well.

Community Partnership Awards

I am delighted to report that the Trust was presented with a Community Initiative Award at the annual Community Partnership "Gathering" last November for the Trust's "Saplings" project. This provides fun, challenging and interesting activities for Strathfillan's youngsters during the summer holidays. It is the hard work, enthusiasm and dedication of our day-leaders and organisers that make this project such a success and we look forward to planning this summer's events. Helping to make this a little easier this year is the very generous donation of £500 from an anonymous benefactor! We are most grateful for this wonderful gift.

News and details of this summer's programme will be in the next edition of the Killin News. One of our directors, Moira Robertson was another award winner at the "Gathering" for her many years of outstanding volunteer work for Strathfillan. Well done and congratulations to Moira.

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There was an excellent turnout of members and friends at the December meeting when the demonstrator was Carlotta Fraser. She made several dishes using unusual vegetables, all of which were tasted by the audience at the end of the meeting.

Competition winners:

3 Mince Pies:

- 1st Cathie Reid
- 2nd Margaret Ogilvie
- 3rd Margaret Galloway

Folded Napkin:

- 1st Margaret Galloway
- 2nd Jenny Huntley.

Next was the Children's Christmas Party on 16th December which was enjoyed by all. Magic Pete the Magician entertained the children and adults and the party was completed by the appearance of Santa.

Thirty seven members enjoyed our excellent birthday dinner at the Bridge of Lochay Hotel on 7th January when Broad Sword entertained us with a variety of music and stories. Beryl McLean was presented with a certificate for over 50 years membership (see p34) and was delighted to be asked to cut the birthday cake.

Ann Watson

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The Forth Valley Master Composter Scheme is looking for volunteers in rural Stirling. Get 2010 going with a great green start and put those New Year Green resolutions into action! Many people are thinking about what they can do to be environmentally friendly and home composting is a great way to be greener and save money too. The Master Composter scheme introduces volunteers to the art of making and using great home compost, and guides them through ways to spread the message to others, helping them to give home composting a go. We are looking for volunteers who are enthusiastic about the environment to take the home composting message out into their communities. The free training is in two parts in one all day session on Saturday 6th March 2010 10-3.30 at Callander Kirk Hall, South Church Street FK17 8FD. People will need to come to both sessions as different material is covered in each session. To book a place call Forth Environment Link (01786) 449215 or

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Frost Report



Odd Goings On

I am writing this in mid January just as we are recovering from the big freeze. It was obviously a bad time for many species of wildlife. Owls and kestrels would have found it hard to find their usual prey of small mammals as the voles and mice have been travelling underground, living in burrows in the snow. I did note an R.S.P.B. report that said ospreys would be unable to catch fish in iced-over lochs - they are way ahead of you, sunshine - they all migrated to Africa months ago! Scavengers such as buzzards, eagles and ravens did not come off too badly as the weather caused fatalities amongst deer and sheep. It's a good thing for them that the legislation banning the leaving of grallochs and carcasses on the hill has not gone through. Maybe they had been lobbying S.M.P.s. The ravens are beginning to get their nests ready at the moment. I have seen a few unusual sights during the bad weather. While stalking in deep snow at about 1500 to 2000 feet we came upon a small flock of a dozen or so bullfinches. It is not usual to see them at such heights, as they prefer woodland so why they were there goodness knows, as there seemed to be no food. There was an eagle sitting on a 'passing place' sign just above the woodland on the Ben Lawers road and one on a low tree branch in Glen Lochay. At Glen Falloch my

son saw an eagle land near a fox eating a sheep carcase, they had a bit of a 'carry on', no sooner had the fox turned his back to carry on eating than another eagle landed - so the three of them had a bit of a 'set to' before Mr. Fox decided that his lunch was of most importance. He also shot a fox on the ice one night and, on going to retrieve it next morning, found that most of it had been eaten - by another fox as the prints in the snow proved. A similar happening was reported in England but this time the tracks revealed that a badger had had a foxy sandwich.

We have managed to get out to feed the deer and they are always hanging around waiting for blocks and hay to be replenished. It is also a good way to get to know many of the beasts that are around. In

Kintyre they will be looking very carefully as a recent study showed that 40% of animals were crossed red and sika. This produces smaller red-like female hybrids and larger sika-like hybrid males and females. The writer in the 'Oban Times' says that they will not be monarchs but mongrels of the glen. It is being predicted that there will be a low calving rate this coming summer - well below the average of about 35%.

With all this bitter cold it has at least given us a break in the global warming warning. I wonder what has caused the latest meteorological disaster - the leaving of 'Heather the Weather'. It will never be the same again - although wee Gail did have Ardeonaig on her map the other evening - fame at last!

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Salmon Season Opening



Celebrations at Auchmore



Off to the fishing, Morenish

Rev. John Lincoln gave the blessing at Auchmore and the Salmon Season was opened in its usual festive way. Although they were unable to launch on to the Loch they were still able to enjoy spending time on "alternative activities".

At Morenish, following the blessing by Rev. Ladd Fagerson, some boats ventured out into a sharp below freezing cold wind that tested both the endurance of the fishermen and the insulating qualities of their high-tech clothing. We were thankful to Highland Lodges and Boathouse Restaurant for their kind hospitality, bacon rolls, coffee and drams. WA

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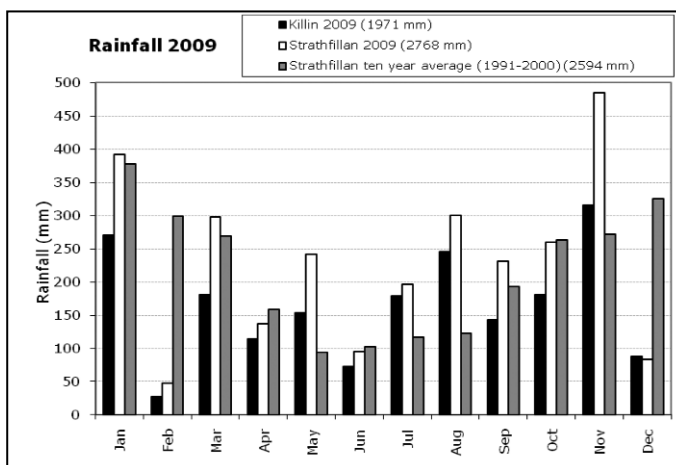
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Killin Total Rainfall 1971 mm (10 year average (1999-2008) 1836mm)

Wettest Month November (316 mm)

Driest Month February (27 mm)

Highest Rainfall in a calendar Week (Mon-Sun) 136.5mm

Week 47, 16th-22nd November 2009)

Strathfillan Total Rainfall 2768.1 mm

Strathfillan 10 year average (1991-2000) = 2594 mm)

Wettest Month November (485.3 mm)

Driest Month February (47.8 mm)

Highest Rainfall in 24 hours (09:00 GMT to 09:00 GMT) 75.2mm

(10th January 2009)

Highest Rainfall in a calendar Week (Monday to Sunday) 192.2 mm

(Week 47, 16th-22nd November 2009)

Highest Maximum Temperature 26.4 oC (1st June 2009)

Lowest Maximum Temperature -7.6 oC (28th December 2009) - The lowest maximum temperature since 28th December 1995

Lowest Minimum Temperature -17.0 oC (29th December 2009) - coldest temperature recorded since 28th December 1995

Driest February since records began in 1991

Wettest July since records began in 1991

Wettest August since 1992

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Mervyn's Weather

"Here lie the bones of Dorothy Bright. She put out her left hand and turned to the right!" This lady had fairly obviously been riding a bike or motorcycle, but nowadays would also have come to grief had she indicated incorrectly on the trafficator, no matter which type of vehicle she was operating. Among the many dials, knobs and switches that grace the dashboard of modern cars and lorries, emulating the instrument panels of jet planes, can be a fairly recent innovation, i.e., a temperature gauge, which can alert the driver to the possibility of black ice, an insidious hazard which can occur at any time from October to March. During January 2010, so far, conditions have dictated that ground temperatures have hovered from very little above to many degrees below the freezing point, thereby rendering the car thermometer still interesting but somewhat redundant. At time of writing (13th January) the present cold spell, which began on 20th December, is easing somewhat with rain and a slow

thaw. It is, however, here on Loch Tayside, the longest spell of lying snow since January/February 1984, when a succession of blizzards gave a level covering of 24 inches and on 20th January a low of -9°C (16°F) air temperature and -15°C (5°F) ground temperature. On 29th December 2009 these figures were almost exactly replicated and, due to the large body of water adjacent, are just about as low as it can get at Ardtalnaig. The subsequent Spring of 1984 was mainly unsettled with fairly brief spells of snow or sleet and, until the first week of April, dry interludes were almost non-existent. The Summer of that year was however beyond reproach! In the last issue of Killin News, I drew attention to some of the better known named winds of the Globe, however one very important air movement was omitted; the Jet Stream which can exert much influence on our weather conditions in the British Isles. This particular jet stream - there are several - which concerns us is the Polar jet

stream which flows from west to east at speeds of up to 400m.p.h. in the Troposphere, some 6 to 10 miles above the Earth's surface. It is "a movable feast" in that it is somewhat erratic in its course. Incidentally the effect of this jet stream is connected to the constant plume of ice crystals blown from the crest of Mt. Everest 29,028 feet, coinciding with jet stream levels.

Normally this air flow seems to be connected with the meeting point of the North Atlantic Drift, which originates in the Gulf Stream, and the cold Labrador Current, the collision of these warm and cold masses being the power house of the many Atlantic weather systems which seem to follow the course of the Jet Stream. The latter, for various reasons, can alter course and travel further south in Summer than is usual, thereby plaguing these islands with poor or non-existent Summers such as 2007, 8 and 9.

Mervyn K. Browne
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There is a part of most curlers which hankers back to the golden age of outdoor ice. The event of the year, or the decade, then was the Bonspiel or Grand Match, when hundreds of curlers would converge on the Lake of Menteith for a great competition, the North of Scotland against the South. The hopes were high this year that once again the roar of the stones would be heard, but alas, between the dreaded health and safety boffins and the last minute thaw, it was not to be. So then for another year the curlers put away their stones with heavy hearts.

But here in Killin we have one of the last remaining outdoor ponds in Perthshire, and the keen keen curlers took full advantage of their little gem. After many hours of clearing snow and scraping ice, two rinks were available. They were duly marked out and the fun began.

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Our thanks are extended to all who took part in whatever capacity during this time. A special mention to Kevin Fitzgerald for his snow clearing expertise.

Sheila Aitken



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Football

Congratulations to Andrew Hunter S6 (grandson of George Hunter, Fingal Road) and Steven Lauder S3 for being selected for the Forth Valley Regional Teams. Andrew has played in all 3 under 18 games and has scored several goals. Steven has played in all 3 games for the under 15 team. In addition, Andrew has been selected for the Scottish Schools Under 18 international squad for 2009/10.

Outward Bound week at Loch Eil



On 7th December 90 pupils travelled to the Outward Bound Centre at Loch Eil near Fort William to participate in our annual Residential Courses-Adventure and Challenge. Pupils were given the opportunity to

leave their comfort zones on numerous occasions with the now infamous 'jog and dip' in to Loch Eil and when asked to scale a 60 foot tree whilst tied to 11 of their peers or abseil down a cliff face. They were encouraged and challenged to develop a wide range of highly transferable skills from effective communication to problem solving and diplomacy. Even those who, at the start of the week had been unable to agree on anything other than that it was cold and raining, developed into strong, supportive and confident units willing to take on any challenge. Pupils also took part in the John Muir Award, an environmental award scheme which promotes an awareness and responsibility of the natural environment, in the spirit of fun, adventure and exploration. All pupils in S4 and S6 who participated in the course should be praised for their good behaviour and positive attitude despite a very cold and wet week. Both year groups proved that they were more than up to the challenge of Loch Eil.

Pupil Quotes:

"Jumping in lochs, climbing huge trees, canoeing in the fog and abseiling down slippery rocks in December? Absolute madness for

some, heaven for me!"

Megan Rhys S4

"Loch Eil was far more fun than I had expected. It was a challenge and I would recommend it to anyone"

Ross Henderson S4

Children in Need Mufti Day

On Friday 2th November McLaren High School raised £696.14 for Children in Need. We would like to thank all those who took part in the events. We would also like to thank The Sandwich Bar in Callander for generously donating the prize for the quiz which was held as part of the day's events, to all the S6 pupils and our dinner ladies who came to school in fancy dress for the occasion.

Shoebbox Appeal

We have been involved in the Samaritan's exciting campaign to create shoeboxes packed full of goodies. 65 boxes were sent to disadvantaged children in Africa, Central Asia and Eastern Europe; a huge thank you to everyone who took part.

School Garden

The first full year in our new garden has undoubtedly been a success. With the removal of clay and subsoil from the beds and the addition of some topsoil, we were able to grow a

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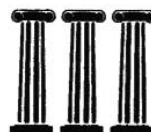
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range of vegetables and herbs. Beetroot, onions and lettuce supplemented by tomatoes and chilli peppers from the greenhouse. The aubergines and courgettes were a disaster and our decision not to use insecticides on any food crop resulted in the caterpillars having a free meal with our cabbages! Whilst not yet complete we now have an established wildlife pond, water feature and marginal area. This spring should see the planting of the area with wildlife friendly species, resulting in a superb looking pond that is also a great resource and wildlife habitat. Thanks go to our sponsors the Ernst Cook Fund and Grounds for Learning, to the Eco-club and to the staff and pupils who helped throughout the year.

Yvonne King

I feel delighted and privileged to be the new Headteacher of Crianlarich and Killin Primary Schools. I have been made to feel so welcome by both schools and am very keen to develop the community links that are so important.

Our vision for the children at both schools is to provide opportunities for them to be healthy, happy, confident and to achieve their full potential in a safe and caring environment. I firmly believe that everyone in the school has a part to play in this and look forward to further developing partnerships with parents and the local community.

I really appreciate the excellent work that was undertaken by Ms Logan and the previous Acting Headteachers and look forward to building on this to take the school forward.

Katie Williams
Headteacher



Christmas Fair

Thank you to all the people who helped with our Christmas Fair - it seems such a long time ago now! The event was well attended and the PTA had a very successful evening. The children thoroughly enjoyed making all the Christmas crafts, which were quickly snapped up on the evening.

On behalf of the children and staff, I would also like to thank the Ladies of the WRI for all their efforts in making the children's Christmas party such a huge success.

Playground Developments

Unfortunately, mainly due to the recent bad weather, the playground developments had to come to a standstill. We are hopeful that work will resume in the not too distant future and then both the children and community will enjoy our 'Fingal's Garden'.

A very big thank you must go firstly to Alma Walker for all her efforts in getting the funding for the school. Her communications with different agencies on behalf of the school and organising so many things such as the building of the sheds and greenhouse must not go unmentioned. Others who need a very special mention are Willie Stitt, Helen Cole and Andrew Warwick who were very supportive on the day of the visit from the representative from Breathing Places and came to the aid of Mrs McKellar to go over the plans. We are very grateful to you all.

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Litter Initiative Trophy 2009

I am delighted to report that Killin Primary School has come 1st in the Rural Schools category of the Litter Initiative Trophy; a big thank you to everyone who worked towards this very important award. There will be a presentation in school during the next few weeks.

P1/2

P1/2 class are learning about the weather. We have learned a lot about winter weather and we have learned lots of new words. Harvey Bear and Freddy Frog are two new friends who are going to tell us all about weather around the world.

Primary 3/4/5

This term we are turning our classroom into the Great Hall in Hogwarts! We have spent some time deciding how we are going to do this and are now well on the way to having the most interesting classroom ever. We don't want to give too much away because there will be an open evening for family and friends to come and see what we have been up to. What we can say is that you should be prepared to meet some owls, admire our portraits, hunt for the secret panel, take part in fun activities and lots more.

We are also learning about Time this term, so please ask us to tell you what time it is as often as you like! Finally, we are learning all about gymnastics with Mrs McLay, our PE teacher, this term and really looking forward to improving our skills in this area.

Christmas Hat Contest



There was a Christmas hat contest and everyone had to build a hat to do with maths and modelled them at the parade in the gym hall. We all had really different ideas. We all went down the catwalk and showed our hats to everybody. After that our Headteacher judged our hats and chose one person from each class as the winners. Later we all decided that Leah won overall. When we got back to our class we explained our hats and what they were about. **Georgia and Ewan P6**

A call for help!

Killin Nursery would like to create a photographic display of the history of the nursery and the building it occupies. Can anyone help please? If anyone has photographs they would like to share we will copy them and return the originals promptly. Please contact Elizabeth 01567 820889.

The children in both Killin and Crianlarich have been participating in festivities: Crianlarich Nursery celebrated St Andrews Day with haggis, neeps and tatties followed by Scottish dancing and listening to Elizabeth playing her fiddle.

The children also had lunch in the Primary School.

Children in both nurseries sang in the community and went to see the 'Night before Christmas' in the MacRobert theatre. Santa had no problem landing his sleigh for the Christmas parties thanks to an excellent fall of snow.

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We have been delighted in Killin to welcome more parents, carers and families into the nursery supporting healthy walks and reading us stories. We are looking forward to this continuing and developing in 2010.

Killin 0-3s have been learning more about farms while 3-5s are learning through their interest in fantasy and characters from Superheroes to Princesses. The children have been learning about growing and the joy of giving through the Marie Curie Daffodil Scheme.



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Ben Lui Lockheed Hudson

I thought your readers may be interested in reading a response I had from a letter I submitted to the Oban Times in December, regarding the Hudson on Ben Lui. Neil Owen, a retired policeman and director of the Oban Museum recounts a conversation he overheard when he was on a police training course in Glasgow in 1993. Another policeman, apparently a keen Munro climber had camped on Ben Lui on the shoulder, below the summit. There was an appreciable covering of snow during the night. About two in the morning he heard someone calling for help and went out to see if he could see anything, but found nothing. Next morning he found that below him in the gully was an aircraft's wing sticking out of the snow (this was the Hudson). Neil has visited the site several times, and had heard some "local gossip" that the rear gunner had survived the initial impact. As there had been no explosion (I believe the Hudson was low on fuel), the gunner who had a broken leg wrapped himself in his parachute to try & keep warm. He died at some point in the next 48 hours.

I cannot corroborate this story, but

there is some evidence that may support it.

The Hudson crashed at 2240 hours on 15th April but the recovery party did not reach the crash site until 18th April.

The police report states that one of the crew Sgt Fred Lown was recovered on the 18th April, but would need salvage assistance to recover the other TWO bodies (the Hudson had a crew of four). So it could be that the rear gunner had dragged himself away from the wreckage, and was not spotted until the 23 April when the police report states that the remaining THREE crew members were recovered. The death records of Sgt Wilf Rooks state that apart from other injuries he had two broken legs.

It is an interesting, but sad, account of what may have been the last moments of one of the crew of the Hudson.

Should any readers have any memories that would support any of the above I would be really interested to hear from them.

Chris Eldridge

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Community Choir



There has been a very encouraging and exciting response to the community choir. We have members from Killin, Balquidder, Tyndrum, Lochearnhead and the surrounding areas and meet on Tuesdays, 7.30pm in the church hall. Rehearsals are informal and good fun for men and women of all ages. New members are always welcome. Next rehearsal February 23rd. Contact me.

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Are We Mad?

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Why? Well at this point we aren't too sure really - it seemed like a good idea at the time of entering and certainly I wanted to do it before I got too old! Maybe, though, it's the satisfaction of crossing that finishing line and getting the finishers medal and T-shirt that made us do it! Or alternatively, it may be the feeling of being that fit and healthy!

However mad we may be, we are aiming to raise funds for worthy village causes, namely the Killin Mountain Rescue, the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home and the Killin and Ardeonaig Parish Church Funds. Every penny we collect will go to the charities as we are covering 100% of the costs involved with doing the event ourselves. We have set up an account at Killin Post Office, thanks to Paul, or there is a collection tin at The Real Food Cafe, Tyndrum. Any and all support you can give these charities or encouragement you can offer us in our quest will all be very, very much appreciated. Thank you.

Sarah Heward

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Looking for Orchards

The community involvement phase of the Forth Valley Orchard Regeneration Initiative is now underway. If you own or manage orchards, have one or two trees in your garden, or know of a few trees on public land, we would love to hear from you! We are mapping the orchards and fruit trees of Forth Valley (Clacks, Falkirk & Stirling areas) and are looking for information on their location, type, age, condition, current use etc, whether there is interest in creating and managing orchards, maintaining existing trees, or using the fruit. We would also like to know if there would be interest in forming a group to further develop orchards in Forth Valley. This information will allow us to see how valued orchards are by both their owners and the wider community, and whether they have any value for wildlife, the local economy and the landscape. We aim to work with a range of partners in a second stage of the initiative to develop orchards on a more practical level.

You can contribute information by completing the survey on www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=nvkyZJ1EK1tf_2ba0h_2bAVxww_3d_3d You can do the survey again for each orchard or collection of trees



that you know. You can also download a copy of the survey from our website at www.fvfl.org.uk/How-You-Can-Get-Involved/Orchard-Survey-On-line.html

FREEPOST postcards are in the process of being distributed to local libraries and other public places. If anyone can help distribute these in their area, then please get in touch. The orchard pages of the Forth Valley Food Links website (www.fvfl.org.uk/Forth-Valley-Orchards/) will keep you up-to-date with what is happening.

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Emily's Two Worlds



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11 year old Emily Crow from the Smiddy, Killin, is through the semi-finals of the SKY 1 Programme 'Got to Dance'. From over 10,000 original competitors, she won through to the final 100 and then into the last 18 shown on the programme. The final six will compete on 14th February. Only two acts from Scotland got into the semi-finals and amazingly Emily's cousin, Jay Carr, is in the other act, The Box. A proud grandmother is claiming all the credit! Life for the

Crow family at the moment is hectic - constant phone calls from choreographers, costume designers, promotions people, make up artists and programme producers. All the family - and Killin - are being filmed and clips will be used in the programmes.

Emily began dancing at the age of 2 and started competing at 5. After also going to gymnastics and ballet classes, she now specialises in freestyle dancing and works incredibly hard at it. Each tiny movement and position must be perfected. Twice a week after school she travels to Paisley or Falkirk for lessons and then there is practice Friday night and all day in Paisley. Saturday night often involves travelling to a distant location for a Sunday competition, then back home Sunday night. All this could be very tiring but she's used to it and is very good at sleeping while travelling. How will Emily feel if she loses? She has been competing for many years at top competitions and is used to both winning and losing so, whatever the result, she will cope with it. As usual she will do her best and, in this case, hope the public votes for her. It would be a great opportunity should she win it as her ambition is



John Hill

to go on to stage school and develop not only her freestyle dancing but also her singing and piano playing. Emily lives in two separate worlds - the world of dancing and the normal life of home and school. At home she has the normal life of any schoolchild in Killin. The family is very grateful for all the support Emily has received from friends, teachers and local people and we all wish her good luck for Valentine's Day. **MM**

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Think About It

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nineteen months yet lived one of the most useful lives of her generation. Once when Helen was addressing people who could see and hear, she said "Use your eyes as if you would be one day stricken blind. Apply the same method to your senses. Listen to the music of voices, the songs of birds, the mighty strains of an orchestra as if you would be stricken deaf tomorrow. Touch each object as though tomorrow your sense of touch would fail. Smell the perfume of the flowers, taste with relish each morsel, as if tomorrow you would never smell, glory in all the facets of pleasure and beauty which the world reveals". The Lord says "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness". Recall these handicapped heroes who demonstrate that circumstances which imprison us cannot limit God's work through us.

Ladd Fagerson



St Fillan's Church

St Fillan's Church (the tin tabernacle) is in need of substantial repairs. The roof leaks in several areas. Other parts of the building need replacement or repair of defective timbers. The church has two small congregations of regular worshippers; Episcopalians (Anglicans) in the morning and Roman Catholics in the afternoon. The church is of great importance to both groups but neither can draw on the sort of funds necessary to allow the work to go ahead. The Episcopalians, as the owners of the building, do have a small fund for repairs but it falls well short of the estimate given by the surveyor; they have engaged a project manager to source grants to help with the cost and oversee the work. The National Park has generously allocated a substantial amount which covers the surveying and the project manager's fee. We now wait to hear if other grant awarding bodies will look favourably on our applications. The church has been a landmark in the village for more than 120 years. It was built as a place of worship for shooting parties that came to Killin for the 'season' in the late eighteen hundreds and was known affectionately as the Grouse Church. Visiting clergy were expected to take the services, today there is a priest in charge. St Fillans has become a regular place of worship for residents of Killin, Crianlarich and Tyndrum and provides services for holiday makers who add considerably to the congregation in the summer months.

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The New Year finds us half way through our 2010 programme and theme of the

honey bee: its nature, life cycle, and interaction with the environment and humans. Anyone interested in this subject or in learning something about herbs can join us for these discussions, as all our meetings are open to the general public, and usually take place in the Aberfeldy Town Hall, monthly on Wednesdays. The aim of our organization is to encourage the wider use of herbs by exchanging knowledge and ideas in friendship.

An October introduction to the honey bee by Margaret Lear of Bankfoot gave us understanding and new meaning to the term 'hive of activity'. Gilleen Ford of Invertry Guest House, beekeeper and speaker at our January 20th meeting provided us with many useful tips and delicious recipes using local and Dunkeld honey, and also some insight into the bacterial and mite dangers which these small industrious bee workers face. Our

next meeting February 17th will provide us with information and uses for Royal Jelly. This will be presented by Sylvana Ginella of Killin. 'Top to Toe' on March 17th by Angela McLay of the Blair Atholl Beauty Room, follows our theme with 'Ear Candling and Foot therapy.'

G.P. McRostie OMD, ND Oriental Medical Doctor, Naturopathic Doctor will be our speaker April 21st. Dr. McRostie has recently moved to the Aberfeldy area after a successful practice of 30 years in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and specialises in developing therapeutic approaches for patients who have exhausted normal standards of care without resolution of their health problems. This should also be an interesting presentation.

May 19th is our annual outing and we are planning to day trip to the Edinburgh Botanical Gardens as they are lovely in May and to view the new glass house additions. For June we are closer to home and will be touring 'The Big Shed' at Tombreck on 16th of June. Herbs, spices and plants we are discussing this session are Lemon Balm, Cinnamon, Holly, Olive,

Peruvian Maca, Eucalyptus, Rose, Yarrow and Sunflower. As you can see from our programme, the honey bee affects us in more ways than we can mention. Should you wish further information on any of the above events or about our organisation please contact either myself, **Patty Hope** 01567 820 408 or Judy Forster at 01567 820 298.

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Fireworks

The Killin Fireworks nearly didn't happen this year and was only saved by a last-minute intervention. Holding a fireworks event has become much more expensive in recent years due to the need for training, qualifications, insurance and Health and Safety requirements. The money, over £3,000, is raised by individual donations, pledges, proceeds from the Fireworks Party and donations from local businesses. If the community wants it to go ahead next year there will need to be more local commitment.

The fireworks bring the local community and visitors together and provide a remarkable spectacle with the Dochart Bridge, the falls and the Old Mill as a backdrop. The water and snow reflect the colours and lights framed by trees and rocks in a unique setting. Visitors are attracted to spend New Year in Killin and it would be a sad loss if it were not to continue.

We would like to thank those involved in the planning, fundraising, construction, and management of the display in particular Charlie Grant for taking on the organising role and all involved in safety support. Thank you all who gave generously to support the event as individuals or as businesses. A special thank you to the Killin Hotel who made up the shortfall and enabled the event to proceed.

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Moirlanich Longhouse

Would you like a new interest for a few hours this summer and a chance to meet interesting people? As the new Property Secretary for the local National Trust for Scotland office at Lynedoch, part of my job is co-ordinating the work at Moirlanich Longhouse.

For those relatively new to the area who don't know, Moirlanich Longhouse is a short walk, north-west from Killin, half a mile up the Glen Lochay Road. It is a rare surviving example of a Scottish Longhouse, dating back to the mid 19th Century; a practical home which was heated by a 'hinging lum' in the centre and by housing livestock in the byre end - a practice we may look at with new appreciation, given our recent temperatures.

The building was home to the Robertson family and was occupied until 1968. It then lay empty until the National Trust for Scotland was able to purchase it with a donation in memory of the late Sheriff Prain, from his family. The National Trust for Scotland is attempting to conserve the early twentieth century features of the building such as the

many layers of wallpaper used to decorate and insulate the walls. This is no easy task given the climate.

Killin Heritage Society, and many others, provide volunteer support to enable the building to be opened to the public over the summer season and we are always in need of new volunteers (of any age!) to fill the rota. The building is open on Easter Sunday and then twice a week from May to September, on Wednesdays and Sundays, from 2.00-5.00 p.m. There are always two volunteers working each day, greeting visitors,

taking admissions charges and explaining the artefacts on display - training is provided and I will be providing ongoing support. The house provides a fantastic insight into past centuries of agricultural life with many original everyday objects on display, as well as exciting finds such as old Sunday Best clothing that was stuffed in the roof space. If you would like to become a new volunteer, or just find out more about what it entails, please contact me, **Eleanor Murray**, on 820988 or call in at the NTS office (Lyndoch) or contact Linda Frost, on 820562

From Discarded T-shirts to Rag Mat



I have now finished making a new mat for Moirlanich Longhouse in time for the re-opening of the property at Easter. Many thanks to all those who donated their old t-shirts.

Janet Somerville



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Farewell for now

It is with some regret and a tear in my eye that I write this note to say farewell for now to the good folk of Killin and Strathfillan. Since the inception of the National Park I have had the pleasure of working as a Countryside Ranger representing the communities in the north of the National Park. Unfortunately my job and remit has changed a lot during the last year and rather than stay and become frustrated I have decided it is time to move on. I will take with me many happy memories from the time I spent working in this stunning landscape. I would like to thank all those persons who made my job so much easier. There are too many persons to mention by name but I must give a special thank you to the dedicated members of EAK (Environmental Action Killin), the Strathfillan Community Development Trust, the landowners in the north of the National Park, all those persons who helped to establish and run Clanscape and the staff and students from Killin and Crianlarich Primary School. I am not sure what the future holds

for me but whilst I am in between jobs I am going to use the opportunity to spend the winter on the beautiful island of Dominica. Twenty years ago I did a VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas) placement on the island where I spent four years acting as head of department in a local High School. Since then I have been returning on a regular basis and in partnership with a local family we have been building a house. The project is almost complete and we hope to rent out the upstairs apartment. Maybe Hummingbird Heights will be ready to go by Easter 2010!? When you have enjoyed working in an area as much as I have it is always really sad to leave. I am sure that thoughts of Breadalbane and especially Killin and Strathfillan will stay with me for a long time. I am happy to report that one of the best seasonal staff I have ever worked with, Gareth Kett, has had his contract extended until April. Gareth can be contacted at the Lochearnhead Office but if you require immediate assistance may I suggest that you try the Callander Office which is manned during

working hours. Tel 01389 722126. You all live in such a special place and I am sure that I will be back visiting the area before too long. May I take this opportunity to wish everyone all the best for the future. Stay smiley and have fun. Cheers.

Gavin Skipper

Happy New Year Killin

It was our very great pleasure once more to attend The Killin Games earlier this year. This is my third visit - that is if you count '02 when it was rained out - and by far the most memorable. Even though the venue has its challenges, it is a magnificent place to hold such events. Killin should be proud of it. I was quoted in a worldwide publication as saying "When I cross The Falls of Dochart, I feel I have returned home". As you may know, our clan, the Macnabs, originate in the area and even though we have scattered over the world, this is our home. Although Killin is a very beautiful place and holds fond memories for us all, the best part of it is the people. Any time I have had the good fortune to visit, I have been

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shown courtesy, hospitality and kindness, and for that I am extremely thankful. The people of Killin show such consideration for us when we visit, I cannot wait to return. My wife is sometimes annoyed that Killin is the only long trip I want to take. Let me take this opportunity to thank the people of Killin and wish you all the very best in the new year. Thanks and God bless.

Lanny McNabb
Tennessee, USA

Posties' greetings

We would like to thank everyone for presents received at Christmas and wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year.

John, Gregor, Tommy and Donald

Home again!

We would like to thank all at the Killin Hotel for their help and kindness during our nine month stay with them. We are now happily back in No 6 Monemore and have been overwhelmed by all the gifts and good wishes sent to us. We've never seen so many flowers! Thank you all very much.

Christine and Davie

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1st Killin Brownies

Once again we want to thank everyone in the village who gave us their Christmas cards to post and Kay, Dougie & Liz for providing collection points. This year we raised another £400 which we are glad to pass onto the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. A big thank you also to all those Brownies, parents, aunts and other locals who helped sort and deliver cards around the village before Christmas. We couldn't do it without you and it does raise lots of money for a great cause.

We would also like to say a huge Thank You to The Killin Gun Club and to the organisers of the Ogham Concert - Davy Osler and Neil MacKenzie. Both groups donated £100 to Killin Brownies. This money is gratefully received and will provide some great, special opportunities for our wee Brownies. Many Thanks

Fiona, Julie and all the Brownies

Feeling fine

I would like to thank everyone who sent me beautiful flowers, plants, chocolates (not to mention the odd bottle of wine!) and all the cards and messages I received.

My treatment is finished now and I am feeling fine and looking forward to Spring.

It is at times like this you realise that all the inconveniences of living here are more than compensated for by the kindness and thoughtfulness of people in Killin.

Eileen McCarron

Burst Pipes

On behalf of the Church of Scotland thank you to Kay Riddell and A.C. Fraser for caring for the Church Hall after the burst pipe.

Sue Wyllie

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Celebrations



97th Birthday

In December Joan Alexander - wife of James Christie, who was wellknown in the Angling Club - celebrated her 97th birthday. Joan was a celebrated concert performer who in the 30s studied piano but then switched first to accompaniment and then to singer. Also in the 30s she visited Munich and attended a Hitler Rally but found it so scary that she refused to go again. Her daughter, Eleanor Bruce, remembers her mother getting a telegram in 1948 while they were holidaying on Arran

summoning her to London to the Proms to fill in for a singer who was sick. For the ten years after that she sang at the Proms each year. In the 50s, at a time when access was difficult, she went to Russia with a Cultural Delegation from Scotland and sang in various cities. After giving up performing she taught singing well into her eighties and amongst her pupils were Moira Anderson, Ann Lorne Ghillies and various successful opera singers. Joan and James had a holiday house in Killin from 1955 until his death in 1988 and Joan now lives in a Home in Glasgow.

Margaret MacIver



Connor William Inglis, born 13th November to Colin and Tamara in the Singleton Hospital Swansea. Grandson of Fiona and Willie, Ballechroisks Terrace, and Great Grandson of Mrs. Campbell, Machany



SWRI Presentation to Beryl McLean (see p 15)

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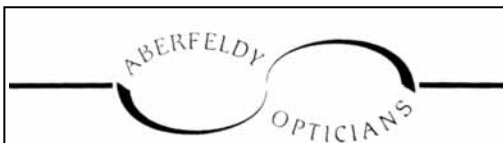


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Obituaries

John Dynowski (Dino)

One of the nicest men Killin has had the privilege of knowing as a member of the community passed away at 12.05am on Wednesday 11th November. John Dynowski (Dino) died in the house he loved and in the village he loved. I would like to dedicate some thoughts to John who I loved like one of my "Wee Boys". Sadly the village has lost a very special brave young man. One who gave so much pleasure and appreciation to all who knew him.. John had so many good friends who cared deeply for him and "Mr McPhail" his lovely wee cat, was top of the list. Thanks to Geraldine (John's neighbour) "Wee McPhail" who has a loving new home. We shall all miss you, John.



Love Jessie

John passed away after a long illness on 11th November 2009. The family who live a distance from Killin are most grateful and thank everybody for care and attention that was given to John by so many people and were touched on the sad day that so many people lined the Dochart bridge when John was lead from his home and over the bridge by Duncan playing the pipes. His pet cat McPhail was also there. So many people supported the family and accompanied John to Perth Crematorium. His little grandson will be back to Killin to visit where Grandad lived all his days.

Helen MacGregor

David Sutherland 1945-2009

David Sutherland passed away on 17th December. He was born in Inverlochy, Fort William, in 1945, brother to Helen and Joan. The family moved to Balquhitter, then to Killin in 1955. When he left school, he worked at Shenlarich Farm, Lawers, until he joined the Royal Engineers, where he served in Germany, Singapore, Malaysia and Northern Ireland.

One of David's main interests was football. He played for Killin football team and the Army team and was an ardent Hibs supporter, and enjoyed a few drams and the crack with his pals in Fishers. His other great love was music, especially accordion music. When he left the Army, he worked in Ripon in Yorkshire, where he met and married Charlotte and their daughter, Yvonne, who he was so proud of, was born. They moved to Ardnamurchan to stay and work for awhile and then back to Ripon. Eventually David came back to Killin and worked at Crianlarich with the railway. He got his house at Fingal Road where he was fortunate to have very good neighbours and enjoyed looking after his home and garden. When David's health deteriorated, he got a new set of wheels with Spock, his dog, riding shotgun. Spock now has a new home in a Nursing Home in Perth, where he is thoroughly spoiled by all the residents.

On behalf of Yvonne and Helen, I would like to thank sincerely all relatives, friends and neighbours for their cards and telephone calls received during our sad loss. Many thanks to doctors and staff and Killin Medical Centre, especially Dr. David Syme for his unfailing attention to David at all times, to Andrew Anderson & Son, for caring and professional funeral arrangements, to Rev. J. Carmichael for his comforting service and all the ladies at Ardgour Church for hospitality. Special thanks to all relatives and David's friends from Killin and beyond who made the journey to Ardgour to pay their respects and church and graveside and generously donated £300 for the Killin Nursing Associate and Ardgour Church.

Joan Bickerton

Annie Cameron

We would like to thank all friends, neighbours and relatives who wrote and sent flowers at the time of Anne's mother's death in November. Passing away in her 97th year Annie Cameron had lived a full and purposeful life making many friendships and being held in high regard during her 75 years in Glen Dochart and Strathfillan. This was reflected in the large attendance at Crianlarich Church and Killin graveside where Rev. John Shedden conducted a very thoughtful and appropriate service. Many thanks must be given to the staff at Falls of Dochart Home for their care and attention during the last five years and also to the surgery and nurses clinic, especially Dr. de Laet for her unfailing attention and advice. Our grateful thanks, too, for the many donations received at the collection for the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home.

Anne and Dick Steven

Mairi Stewart



We would like to thank family and friends for all the kind thoughtful gestures and cards they received on the recent sad death of Mairi Stewart.

Mairi passed away peacefully on Saturday, 14th November, 2009. Very special thanks to all the dedicated staff at the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home for their constant care and kindness over the six years Mairi was there. Thanks also to the local doctors and Rev. Lincoln and to those who donated the £490 collected as a retiring collection and donated to the Falls of Dochart Home. Thank you all very much.

Jimmie, Kate, Linzi and James

Local Planning Applications

National Park

Week 45 9 November

Proposal: Demolition of vacant garage/shop premises
Location: The Garage Main Street Killin
Applicant: Mr Robert Addis,
Application Type: Conservation Area Consent

Proposal: Erection of 4 No. 3 apartment cottage flats, 2 No. 4 apartment semi-detached villas and 1 No. 4 apartment detached villa
Location: North Of 30 & 31 Mansfield Tyndrum
Applicant: Rural Stirling Housing Association
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Week 46 16 November

Proposal: Erection of 5 dwellings
Location: Land South West Of The Green Wellly Stop Tyndrum FK20 8RY
Applicant: Green Wellly Stop
Application Type: Planning Permission in Principle

Week 47 23 November

Proposal: Existing use of land (plot 1 - 8 and 10) as static caravan site
Location: Glen Dochart Caravan Park Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr Robert McCready
Application Type: Certificate of Lawfulness
Decision: Certificate Issued

Proposal: Installation of replacement double-glazed UPVC windows
Location: Breadalbane House Main Street Killin
Applicant: Mr Wouter van Doorn
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Proposal: Section 36 applications for the Ben Glas, Derrydarroch, Allt Fionn and Upper Falloch Hydroelectric schemes
Location: Glen Falloch Hydro Schemes Glenfalloch Estate Near Crianlarich
Applicant: Osspower
Application Type: Consultation/Notification - S36 Elec.Act
Decision: No Objections

Week 48 30 November

Proposal: Erection of one and a half storey dwellinghouse
Location: Land Adjacent To The Steadings, Manse Road, Killin
Applicant: Mrs Pamela Farquharson
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Week 49 7 December Proposal:

Erection of single storey extension to rear of hotel
Location: Drovers Inn Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr Ernest Strang
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Week 50 14 December

Proposal: Proposed improvement of existing access from A82 incorporating replacement double gate and hardstanding
Location: Junction On A82 Opposite Falls Of Falloch Car Park Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr Andrew Roberts
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Weeks 51 & 52 21 & 28 December

Proposal: Erection of new balcony and replacement garage roof
Location: Bal Na Coille, 26 Manse Road, Killin
Applicant: Mr M Devlin
Application Type: Householder Planning Permission
Proposal: Creation of temporary access from A82 to railway line
Location: Westside Of A82 To The North Of Falls Of Falloch, Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr Andrew Roberts
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Week 2 11 January

Proposal: Restoration and extension of 2 No. derelict buildings to form one dwellinghouse
Location: 1 And 2 Railway Cottages Killin
Applicant: Mr & Mrs R Morgan
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Proposal: Modification of condition No 4 of application reference LT/2009/0126/DET/S restricting the occupancy of the holiday units
Location: Youth Hostel Killin
Applicant: Mrs H Booth
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

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Proposal: Erection of a general purpose agricultural storage building
Location: Morenish Farm Killin
Applicant: Mr A Allen
Application Type: Prior Notification
Decision: Application Approved
Proposal: Erection of a dwellinghouse
Location: Easter Auchtar, Fearnan
Applicant: Roger Wilson Architect
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Application Approved

14 January

Proposal: Modification of existing consent (07/02660/FUL) Erection of a dwellinghouse and formation of vehicular access
Location: Lower Kiltyrie, Killin, FK21 8TY
Applicant: Mr and Mrs R And G Anderson
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Application Approved

15 January

Proposal: Erection of a bunkhouse
Location: Ben Lawers Hotel
Applicant: Mr Ian Hitchins
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Application Approved

19 January

Proposal: Erection of a general purpose agricultural storage building
Location: Morenish Farm, Killin
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Decision: Application Approved

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Message from the National Park

Times is hard in Barra but fortunately a little welcome cash is on its way to Killin. The

National Park Community Grant Scheme was set up to help community groups with the cost of both administration and capital projects and sought to reward those groups whose projects contributed towards any of the Park's statutory aims the fourth of which is to promote the social and economic wellbeing of the Park's communities. This year a total of £35,000 was distributed to communities throughout the National Park. Killin and Ardeonaig Community Trust (KAT) applied for a grant to help with the cost of administering what is becoming quite a complex trust and happily has been awarded £1,500.

Whilst on Grants I would mention that a new officer (Part-time) is now in place for the Killin Conservation Area Repairs Scheme. She is Karen Hinds and can be contacted at Park HQ on 01389 727744.

Everyone will be aware that Public Finances over the next couple of years will be extremely tight and consequently where funding is not already in place there is likely to be

some difficulties. Those difficulties are likely to be more pronounced where a project may be spread over a number of years. An example of this would be a project to eradicate an invasive species such as Japanese Knotweed. And the reason is quite simply that no-one will be able to guarantee the availability of funds for more than one year.

The Final Draft Local Plan was approved by the Park Board on 15th December and will proceed to a six week public consultation in February. At the end of the consultation period the Draft Plan and any objections thereto received as a result of the consultation will be forwarded to the Reporter for review.

When submitting the Draft Plan to the Reporter the Park Authority has also to show what action the Park Authority has taken to address the objections. It is for the Reporter to submit the Draft Plan with his recommendations to the Minister. He may, prior to submitting the Report to the Minister, seek a Public Enquiry if he deems that any objections have not been satisfactorily dealt with by the Park Authority and any objection is of a major nature. Since the Park Authority has engaged extensively

with the Park communities in preparing the Draft Plan and to date no major objections have been raised I am hopeful that the Reporter will be able to forward the Plan without much delay. If that is the case we should be able to have our own National Park Local Development Plan in place in late autumn this year.

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Killin Gun Club Donation

September 2009 marked the launch of the Girl Guides and Brownies Centenary Year Celebrations. The Killin Gun Club thought it appropriate to donate the £100 raised at their Annual Charity Shoot to the 1st Killin Brownies to help support them during their 100th year. A cheque has been passed onto 'Snowy Owl' (alias Julie Rhys).

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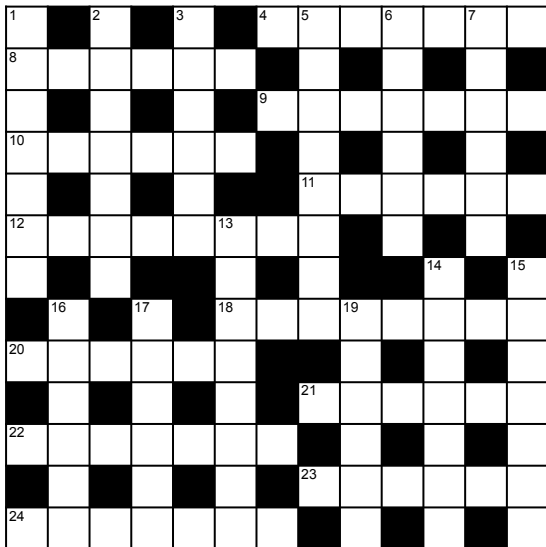
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- 3 6 go to ancient city for strength and energy (6)
- 5 Upset created by its dress (8)
- 6 Real is mixed up over periodical (6)
- 7 Supply a fixed amount (6)
- 13 Taken from the same whole (2,1,5)

Across

- 4 Initially Diana Rigg stood confused by strange character (3,4)
- 8 Sounds like muscle pain but is really a method of getting down a rock face (6)
- 9 One playful fairy or elf (1,6)
- 10 Sweetmeat and common name for a pretty flowering bush (6)
- 11 Concerning a close family member or motive (6)
- 12 Dips over crazily to show it is false (8)
- 18 Two donkeys enter disguised as an executioner (8)
- 20 In the land of nod (6)
- 21 Lars at variance like the stars (6)
- 22 Get on and flourish (7)
- 23 Made a low humming noise (6)
- 24 Thermos upset can cause serious lack of air (7)

Solution 113

Across

- 4 ability 8 abacus 9 scatter 10 thanks 11 season
12 filament 18 cabarets 20 riffle 21 magyar 22 decided
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Down

- 1 mastiff 2 capable 3 bunkum 5 back stab 6 lethal
7 tremor 13 etcetera 14 per yard 15 ospreys
16 misery 17 office 19 acarus
14 Midlothian village by the waterside (7)
15 Uncle I'd made to feel one of the group (7)
16 A fixed starting date and time (2,4)
17 A single area for eating sleeping and relaxing in (6)
19 Asters are not just showy flowers, they can be made to express opinion firmly (6)



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- 10 Cafe Sci Tyndrum Village Hall Speaker David Mardon 7.30pm
- 11 Tickets go on sale for the Safari Supper from 8.30am available from Elizabeth Woods 820667
- 12 Herb Society meeting Aberfeldy Town Hall 7.30pm subject "Royal Jelly"
- 18 Guild meeting
- 19 Official opening of the KAT office Sports and Leisure Club 11am - 6pm
- 27 Safari Supper

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March

- 4 SWRI meeting Lesser Hall "Gems Galore"
- 5 World Day of Prayer St Fillan's Church 2.30pm all welcome
- 5 Heritage Society meeting Lesser Hall 7.30pm
- 5 Agricultural Society Dance Killin Hotel 7pm (see ad page 30)
- 9 Killin Community Council meeting Killin Primary School 7.30pm
- 11 Cafe Sci Tyndrum Village Hall Speaker President of the Linnean Society 7.30pm
- 11 Guild meeting
- 12 Herb Society meeting Aberfeldy Town Hall 7.30pm subject "Top to Toe" beauty
- 23 Fearnan Choir at the Tuesday Club Church Hall 2pm

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April

- 1 SWRI meeting Lesser Hall AGM and Mary's Meals

Youth Club

Thursdays
Crianlarich Hall
6.30-9.30pm

Tuesday Club

Church Hall 2pm

Internet Cafe

Thursdays
10am-4pm
Library

Tiddlers & Toddlers

Thursdays
Church Hall 10am-12noon

Highland Dancing

3 classes from 4.30 - 7.30pm
Crianlarich Hall
Tel Aileen 01301 704283

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Week beginning

15 Feb Grey/Green

22 Feb Brown

1 Mar Grey/Green

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22 Mar Brown

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