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Editorial

Skip to the Loo

Mr David Hopper announced at the Killin Community Council Meeting that the skip will no longer be situated in Killin but that the Breadalbane area would be served by the Callander recycling facility. The surprise and resentment of those present was obvious. The good news was that the toilet at the bus turning circle has been reopened following reports of human excrement on the track behind the Transerve yard that forms part of the Stirling Core Path network.

The good news did little to reduce local anxiety about the loss of the skip. The "good" reasons for this are that everything possible must now be recycled to reduce landfill, the skip has been the target of illegal dumping, the facility could pollute the waterway, financial stringencies require an immediate 1% reduction in Stirling Council expenditure, and it is Stirling Council policy to remove all skips, Killin's apparently being the last remaining in the district. This was badly received because it came as a sudden shock with no prior discussion to give local people time to look at or discuss the consequences.

It is necessary to understand a little more to show why it caused so much distress. As part of Killin Cutting Carbon over 50% of Killin householders were interviewed and up to date information gives us an idea of local needs and deprivation. Bearing in mind that transport in rural areas is expensive and an essential part of life we discovered that 24% of the householders interviewed had an occupant on benefit and 18% of households did not have a car.

The new arrangements will make householders take their items to the Callander recycling centre, open 5pm-8pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 2pm on Saturday and a round trip of 42.6 miles from Killin and 71 miles from Tyndrum. This compares with a 60 mile round trip that would be required if Stirling residents had to take their rubbish to Glasgow (will that ever become an option?). We can speculate that if it takes 60 residents to fill a skip and they are lucky enough to own a car, those 60 residents will make trips to Callander, a total of about 3,000 miles (cost £1,400 at 40 pence per mile) and will produce about 1 metric ton of carbon emissions. For those who do not have access to a car, will it be possible for them to take items to Callander by bus?

Removing the skip will leave us more open to dumb dumping. This takes place anyway but Mr Hopper indicated that any increase will die down within 6 months providing there is surveillance at the skip site and roadside hot spots. The local feeling is that this will drive dumb dumpers to increase illegal tipping on private land. This is not of great concern to Stirling Council as it becomes the responsibility of landowners to dispose of this rubbish at their own expense and at industrial rates.

Bad news, we have been told that we can expect a further demand for a reduction of 3% in Stirling Council expenditure in the near future. If this is implemented without sensitivity to local consultation and priorities what will we feel about that?

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Front Page: Neil Campbell's reaction to his win
Photo by David Robertson article page 4



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Work Starts on New Homes



Owen McKee (RSHA Chairman) on site with Tim Frost, Fiona Kennedy and Charlie Grant of Killin Community Council

Rural Stirling Housing Association has started work on six new affordable homes for rent at Ballechroisk, Killin. The homes, designed in close consultation with Killin Community Council in a process that started in 2007, will include four houses and two bungalows - one purpose designed for wheelchair use. They will be highly insulated using an innovative prefabricated closed panel system and will all incorporate renewable heating features - either solar roof panels or ground source heat pumps - part-funded through a grant from Community Energy Scotland. The work is being carried out by Hadden

Construction Ltd and is due to be completed in January 2011.

The Association held an evening drop-in information event in the McLaren Hall and a steady stream of folk called by to find out more about the new homes, the construction process, how they are being funded and how to apply for one. This project is the result of successful partnership between the Association, the local community, Stirling Council - which provided the site - and the Scottish Government, which is providing most of the grant funding.

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Hector Hall Judge

The annual Killin Agricultural Ploughing Match was held at Carie Farm by kind permission of the Seymore family. Beneath the back drop of Ben Lawers and Ben Ghlas eighteen competitors assembled, the highest number ever, eight with traditional ploughs and ten with the more modern equivalent.

The Chairman, Fraser Wilson, presided over the draw with secretary Helen Taylor. This year's Judge, Hector Hall, a former competitor with quite a few years of experience, set out to inspect the opening few furrows. In due course the green field gradually turned dark brown and it was decision time for Hector.

First in the Traditional Plough was Neil Campbell from Ardeonaig who won the Alastair Hunter Cup, second

equal were Findlay MacAskill and Stuart Christie.

First in the Modern Plough was Hamish MacDairmid, Robert Grant second and Struan Wilson third.

Neil Campbell was the 2010 overall Champion. Special prizes were awarded for the oldest plough, won by Ali Robb with a drag plough, the Ladies prize went to



Struan Wilson and mascot

Anna Campbell and the Young Farmers prize to Robert Grant. Vice Chairman Hamish Campbell gave a vote of thanks then everyone went to the Lawers Hotel for refreshments.

Alex Stewart

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Fraser Wilson and daughter Anna Campbell



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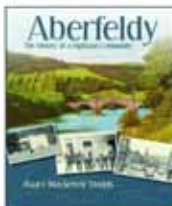


Anne Campbell and Helen Taylor



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Killin Community Council

May meeting

In Attendance Owen McKee.

Cllr F Woods, A Fleming

Waste Management Stirling Council

David Hopper

The Killin skip is to stay closed due to funding and regulatory issues. The brown asbestos deposited into the skip was the last straw in the fight to keep our skip open. This illegal tipping caused regulatory issues to come to a head and SEPA won't allow a new licence as dangerous substances may be deposited again contaminating the water course behind the skip. We as a community are to travel to Callander to dispose of our rubbish. Fly tipping may be a problem so it must be reported to the police or call 0845 277 7000. Stirling Council will uplift rubbish for a fee of £30.00. Only listed items will be uplifted. Streetscape will deal with random rubbish.

Village officer is still ongoing.

Bottom toilets are now open.

Community Resilience Plan requires some people to help.

Road Maintenance Jet patches are lifting and causing problems. Jet patcher to be asked to return Ardeonaig road as it is the worst and requires to be ditched.

The Old Mart Ongoing

Playpark It would make sense for the drainage in the park to be repaired before the play park should go ahead. Alma Walker has the play park improvement plan well underway and has had bark replaced in the meantime until the new plans can be put into action. Many ideas have been given to

Alma from the community for the new play park. Cllr Woods to speak with David Crighton to try and move the drainage problem on.

Benches A. Fleming to choose a new bench for in front of the Police Station. Manse Road bench is in place.

Turning Area Ongoing, the speed bumps are not being replaced.

Folklore Centre Office space, Heritage Group or Micro Brewery are all possibilities.

Can the wheel generate enough power for the lights etc in the building?

Breadalbane Forum Bus Service Edinburgh to Fort William Citylink bus to stop in Killin.

K.A.T. George Bickerton is the community council representative on the KAT committee.

Rural Housing Ballechroisk building has started

Youth Project There have been 2 outings. There will be weekly meetings from August.

Killin Sign This is still missing. It won't be replaced as the original one was cast iron and is too expensive to replace.

BT Phone Kiosk Ongoing

Loch Lomond Camping bylaws are in the hands of the Scottish Government.

Car Parking No charges will be made in Killin

National Park Local plans are progressing. Nominations for park elections are open and close on the 26th May 2010 Nomination Packs are available from the library.

Planning

Acharn M Campbell Approved Tyndrum Goldmine both SEPA and National Scottish Natural Heritage have opposed the plan due to environmental reasons. A decision will be made in late June. Social and economic benefits are to be taken into account.

A.C.O.B.

Is CCTV a possibility for Killin?

Next meeting 13th July McLaren Hall 7.30pm

KCC AGM

Tuesday 11th May 2010

Present G Bickerton, A Dowling, C Grant, F Kennedy, P Farquharson, T Frost, G Farmer.

The minutes of the A.G.M. meeting held on 12th May 2009 were approved by C Grant 2nd A Dowling

Copies of financial statement were circulated and were approved by F Kennedy 2nd C Grant

Election of offices bearers

It was agreed that all positions would stay the same.

Chairperson - Fiona Kennedy

Vice Chairperson - Charlie Grant

Secretary & Minutes Secretary

Tim Frost & Pamela Farquharson

Treasurer - Gillian Farmer

Planning - C Grant & A Dowling

Park Convenor - Pamela Farquharson

Examiner - Lesley Stitt Gill to attend to.

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Fiona Kennedy

Pamela Farquharson



Rural Stirling

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Illustrated talks by NTS conservation staff, held at Lynedoch, Main Street, Killin at 8.00pm:

Wednesday 14th July;

Ben Lawers: Munros, Mosses, Moths and much more. Helen Cole, Property Manager illustrates the diverse interest of the Trust's peak nature reserve.

Wednesday 28th July;

Prehistoric Pots to Modern Mansions: archaeology in the NTS. Derek Alexander, Archaeologist West on the variety of material in the Trust's care.

Wednesday 11th August;

Grey Mare's Tail: the Roaring Linn Dan Watson, Ecologist tells us about this dramatic property in the southern uplands.

Wednesday 25th August;

Dollar Glen - A Small Place with a Large Heart. Callum McNeill-Ritchie, Ranger Naturalist introduces this spectacular wooded gorge.

Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve Guided walks

Wednesday 23rd June:

An introduction to plant identification. Learn the basics of how to use keys to identify plants. The lower slopes of Ben Lawers offer a huge diversity of species on which to practice your skills. Hand lenses provided.

Duration: 4 hours

Cost: adults £10, children £5

Bring: Walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing and food are essential. Please bring your favourite ID book.

Meet: 10.30am Ben Lawers NNR car park. Booking essential please telephone 0844 4932 136.

Tuesdays 13th & 27th July and 10th & 24th August:

Close Encounters: a walk for children all ages!

Enjoy a close look at some of the less obvious animals and some of the plants that live on the lower slopes of Ben Lawers.

Duration: 2 hours

National Moth Night at Moiralanich

Moiralanich Longhouse was the base for a National Moth Night (NMN)



event hosted by National Trust for Scotland rangers on Saturday 15th May. NMN is the UK's annual celebration of moths and moth recording but the theme for 2010 included bats too, with the aim of raising the profile of both groups of widely misunderstood nocturnal creatures.

Participants travelled from as far as Stirling to watch for bats emerging from the longhouse as dusk fell and to watch moths attracted to a harmless light trap. Bats proved elusive for a while, but patience was eventually rewarded with excellent views of a pipistrelle swooping above us and entering the roof. Many participants returned early the

next day to examine those moths that arrived after we had gone to bed. A total of 16 different species were caught and re-released after being admired but the real stars were the Red Sword Grass, which does a good imitation of a piece of stick, and the Lesser Swallow Prominent (both pictured).

The rangers will be leading other



events at Ben Lawers NNR over the summer period and details can be found at www.nts.org.uk.

Cost: adults £2, children £5. (Adults must be accompanied by a child and vice versa).

Bring: Wellies and waterproofs.

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Wednesdays 7th & 21st July and 4th & 18th August:

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Wednesday 14th July:

Mountain flowers.

A high-level walk to see the arctic-alpine plants for which these hills are famous. Reasonable fitness required.

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Wednesday 11th August: An

introduction to navigation. Get to grips with the basics of how to use a map and compass in the hills. Requires a reasonable level of fitness. Duration: 6 hours

Cost: adults £12.50, children £7.

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Killin Cutting Carbon Report from the Energy Agency

The first phase of the Killin Cutting Carbon project has come to a close. This involved doorstep surveys of households and free or discounted loft or cavity wall insulation where suitable.

The project achieved an uptake on surveys of over 50% of households with 20% of those surveyed benefiting from insulation measures. The 48 households receiving insulation have improved the energy rating of their household from an average of band F to a band E, with band E being the average for the whole community. Average savings on fuel bills for the 48 households is around £120 a year as a result of the extra insulation.

A copy of the full report is available at the KCC office at the Killin Sports & Leisure Centre and on our website at www.killincdt.co.uk

There were a further 74 households identified during the survey as suitable for loft or cavity wall insulation who decided not to take up the offer. We would encourage them to do so through the Scottish Government Home Insulation Scheme, run by our project partner, Strathclyde and Central Energy Saving Scotland advice centre, 0800 512 012.

There may also be households who missed out on the survey and we would also encourage them to request a survey through the Home Insulation Scheme.

66 of the surveyed households expressed an interest in generating their own renewable energy. Strathclyde and Central Energy Saving Scotland advice centre Renewables Officer will arrange a meeting in the McLaren Hall to meet this high demand before arranging visits.

The community now has two part time energy advisors based locally to follow up on such elements of the project, Bernard Mallett-Griffiths and Mairi Wilkie who work out of the Killin, Sports & Leisure Centre.

Michael Carr
Project Manager

Killin Cutting Carbon Energy Assessors Report

In April we went on a four day City and Guilds "Energy Awareness" course in Glasgow that finished with 4 hours of exams. We both passed and now feel confident that we can offer good advice on home energy usage. We can help with understanding complex fuel bills and tariffs, reading fuel meters correctly, advise on draught proofing measures and provide up to date information on what grants are available.

We are here to offer advice which means we will try and provide you with as much information as possible to enable you to make your own decision on how to proceed. If you are interested in a home visit please contact us in confidence at the office and we will arrange to see you.

This month the office has had more people coming in with a variety of questions such as: what greener car to buy, what specific energy saving measures apply to my house, is my boiler "G" rated? We can also help with money debt incurred as a result of energy use either directly or by referring you for specialist help. The Boiler Scrappage scheme starts in Scotland from May 24th so if your old boiler is "G" rated and you want to replace it the government will contribute £400 to the cost. However once all the money has

been allocated the scheme will close, so don't miss out on £400, register your interest today. Surprisingly we have received mixed reviews of Air Source Heat Pumps. Some say "brilliant, best thing we ever did" and others say "expensive" and "doesn't work well in the winter". What is clear is, for it to be a viable option, your home needs to be well insulated and draught proofed. Have you installed an Air or Ground Source Heat Pump? If so we would like to hear your story.

The report on the Community Energy Project, carried out last year by Michael Carr from the Energy Agency, on behalf of the Killin and Ardeonaig Trust is in its final stages. A copy of the report has gone to the KAT directors and you can find a copy on the KAT website <http://www.killincdt.co.uk/kat/report/s/KCCInsulationProjectReport.pdf>

The Stirling Council Home insulation Scheme has been extended to include all rural Stirling. Although KCC are not involved in this scheme we want to ensure that anyone who is eligible for top up insulation or other energy saving measures does not miss out. This scheme only lasts until the end of July so it's important to get in touch with the assessors before then. We know it seems like this has already been done, but why miss out on the chance to get some "free" advice which YOU can then decide what to do with.

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Open Day

The first real day of summer is not the best time to hold an indoor event but the open day was nevertheless a success. Several of the KAT projects had displays including the proposed developments of the play park, park drainage, a thrift table, Killin Cutting Carbon and the Old Mill. The National Trust for Scotland, Environmental Action Killin, and Tombrek presented views on sympathetic developments that take our natural heritage into account. If success could be measured in terms of money generated, the thrift table would win with a profit of nearly £90. Teas come second with £36 generated. The Killin Cutting Carbon stand attracted interest and discussion was generated on various aspects of the other projects on display. "Stop Killin from dying" was a heartfelt comment from a longstanding regular visitor unhappy with what he sees as the deteriorating fabric of the village. Another said, "Don't overdo the lochside walks, the number of bird species have reduced over the last 20 years". Other comments included a need for improved signposting and mapping of the many local walks so that visitors can use them (four people pointed out;

there are no signposts in the Station car park!) and a need to bring tourist buses into the centre of the village, not just the Falls. Comments on the Old Mill included, Killin needs a tourist information centre that caters for local needs; it is important to tourism and the local economy; a café, bookshop; local information; community involvement essential; house offices. It has the potential to generate power, cheaply and simply and provide an income (endorsed "Good idea"). A meaningful comment by a local resident was that many contributed to the purchase to save the Old Mill and would be very upset if it were to fold.

The prize draw sponsored by the Real Food Café, a cheque for £200, was presented to Patricia Guthrie, Crieff branch of Chest Heart And Stroke Scotland as the winner



wanted no publicity and asked that the money be given to her favourite charity. We would like to thank the Real Food Café for their generous sponsorship and all those who attended, supported, contributed, commented and helped to make the event work.

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Frost Report

In the many years that I have been on Boreland, the Spring season at the fox dens never fails to bring surprises. Although foxes are reputed to have favourite dens year on year, the majority of ones that we have had this year have been in places where we have not seen them in 30 years. Just to further prove that all foxes do not read the wildlife guidebooks, one was less than 50 yards from a main and busy walkers' route to the hill. Experts will tell you that foxes do not overlap each other's territory so we must have a new sub-species, behaviour wise, as they seem to be living in communes. On the controversial subject of foxes killing or not killing lambs, my son shot one with the lamb still warm in its mouth as he headed home with his tasty takeaway.

As usual, the Frosty Foxers have spent many nights on the hill. Returning home in the early hours

we were privileged to spend about 20 minutes watching a large wildcat on its nightly wanderings. The first one I have seen for many years and a first for most of the crew. Let's hope that we don't have too many village strays up to interbreed as the pure wildcat is becoming rare. There has been a good deal of recent research on animal intelligence suggesting that many species are cleverer than we thought. We have a spotted woodpecker that visits our bird table regularly and appears to be very smart. He hasn't actually been to B&Q for a cordless drill but does have a degree in food handling (or should it be beaking?). He waits for a bread crust, nips down and carefully pokes it into a long crack that he has excavated in the birdhouse stand so that he can peck it easily. Sometimes if he doesn't finish it a chaffinch steals the rest but I'm sure this could be classed as

using a tool.

In March many people in Killin were saddened by the death of Alastair Smellie, a well-known and much loved regular. We took down the good wishes of many Killin folk to his funeral in Cambridge. He first visited Boreland 30 years or so ago and rented Duncroisk for much of that time. Initially the family came for grouse shooting and fishing and latterly also for stalking, which became a passion. Many will remember him fondly for his kindness, his love of a good blether and as a great person and sportsman, always relied upon to shoot 'the third from the left!' if you know that story then you are privileged to have known him well. My family and I will miss the days spent on the hill in his company.

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Strathfillan by the Way

Strathfillan Community Council

Moir Robertson said that the notice board at Inverarnan looks very nice and the wooden frame blends in with the surroundings. An application is being made to the Community Pride fund to replace the notice boards in Crianlarich and Tyndrum.

Community Council members told Alan Smalles how good the tubs are looking now they have been refurbished. The Environment Group is in the process of tidying the notice board area.

Gwen Hunter will write to Anne McGuire MP again with our concerns about the proposed closures of the A82 during work at Pulpit Rock. It is good to see the fruition of long campaigning for things; the zebra crossing in Crianlarich which the police will be showing the children how to use safely; contractors are on-site in Mansefield for RSHA new houses.

The CiA group had a very constructive meeting with Bridget Jones, National Park, to discuss the proposed cycle path between Crianlarich and Tyndrum. The path under the bridge at Auchtertyre is in place as are the road crossings. Joyce Russell will continue to look for funding.

An application to the Lottery for half the cost of the Heritage Walk project feasibility study is ready for submission. The Leader application for the other half should be ready soon. Briefs have been sent out to consultants. Plans are for the design to start in July/August and be ready by October/November. Funding for the project can then be applied for.

The National Park Planning Authority has made an official request under Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations

for further information from Scotgold regarding their planning application. This then has to be re-consulted on for the official period of 28 days. This could delay the site visit planned for 8th June and the decision planned for 10th June. John Riley praised Mary Anderson for all the work for the community she does and has done for a number of years. Everyone agreed Next meeting Monday 14th June - AGM at 7pm followed by the business meeting.

SCDT SAPLINGS programme

The SAPLINGS summer activities are back! Thanks to a generous donation and a hopefully successful funding bid, the Trust and their trusty volunteers have put together another great summer holiday programme of fun and learning for our 8-13 year olds. The booking forms will be sent home via the school-bag post soon.

30th June Campcraft and bushcraft with National Park Ranger Gareth Kett. Learn the skills to prepare you to live outdoors and find out how nature can provide. Try your hand at fire lighting and cooking on an open fire. (Remember to leave no trace, take nothing but pictures and leave nothing but footprints)

7th July Discovering the woods with Forestry Ranger Rory McLean. Tree planting and woodland based activities. Make yourself a shelter, make a hide and explore the woods.

14th July Dwelling in the damp and the dark with Professor David Crompton. Explore some places off the beaten track to find the living animals that live in damp and dark places and are hidden from

everyday sight. How did they get there? What do they eat? Who eats them?

21st July Treasure in the rocks with Geologist

Choose some treasure on the hill and find out how it got there. Pan for gold in the river.

28th July Nature-based art with Joyce Russell, Craft-based activities, Photography and using nature's paintbox.

4th August Orienteering with Diane Mailer. Come and try some orienteering in Taynuilt Woods. Learn to use a map and find your way around the course. Then team up with your friends for the Taynuilt woodland 'Wide Game'.

Joyce Russell

Strathfillan Community Development Trust



Crianlarich into Action (CiA)

This is a working group comprising both members of the Trust and the Community Council. With the help of Sue Wyllie and Suzanne Player they have submitted funding applications to both the National Lottery and Forth Valley Leader for a Heritage project in Crianlarich. The group hopes to develop a trail in and around the village explaining its diverse history and heritage. Watch this space!

Environment Group

The volunteers have been very busy refurbishing the existing Crianlarich tubs, buying new ones and organising the summer planting. Some of this was made possible by a successful grant application to the Community Pride Fund, courtesy of Stirling Council. All you gardeners out there will know how much hard work it takes to produce and care

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for summer floral displays, so a big thank you to all the dedicated volunteers for their efforts.

Tyndrum Village Hall

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Joyce Russell

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At Crianlarich Primary we are working towards gaining our first ECO school green flag. We are working hard to reduce the amount of litter in the playground. We have a rota of children who pick up litter 3 days a week and we have to keep a record of this and try to show that we are improving! Each week we record the amount of litter on a spread sheet and produce a bar graph. Last week, two shiny red



Strathfillan Primary School



litter bins for the playground were delivered to school, so hopefully we should see a reduction in litter dropped.

This term we are learning about life in India. P1,2,3 has been learning about the different landscapes in India, including deserts mountains and jungles and are now investigating the animals that live in them. Did you know that the Commonwealth Games are being held in Delhi this October? P5,6,7 has been learning about the Commonwealth and is now researching for a booklet called

"Everything a tourist needs to know about India". Someone travelling to India for the Games will be able to read about the climate, customs, food, tourist attractions and will even get advice on flights and accommodation, as well as a general overview of India. P5/6/7 took part in the Think Dancing presentation at the McRobert theatre in April. The children worked hard to express their ideas, thoughts and feelings to help choose movements to create a dance titled "Children at Play". The performance was fantastic and



Exit Youth

In April Crianlarich Exit youth Group went to Glencoe for the weekend. There were lots of activities such as canoeing, hill walking, mud walks, proper rock climbing, abseiling and team activities. Everyone had a great time. I think everyone wants to go again. Well I do.



Nicola Craig



Exit Youth Group went to Glencoe Outdoor Centre for a few days during the Easter holidays and all of us (kids) and the adults had a very good time and want to go back next year. We had good fun and learnt new skills. We (kids) would just like to thank Lorna, Christine and Janice and all the other people involved for arranging this trip. Thanks you guys, you ROCK!!!

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thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils and the audience. P5/6/7 wrote persuasive letters to Bruce Crawford our MSP to tell him how much we needed a zebra crossing outside the village hall. We have to cross the very busy road many times each week as we go to PE and after school clubs. Mr Crawford replied to our letters and paid us a visit to see the problem for himself. The good news is Crianlarich now has a pelican crossing! PC Murray took groups out to the crossing to make sure we all know how to use it safely.



New homes in Tyndrum.....

Building work has started on seven new affordable homes for rent in Tyndrum, marking the successful culmination of joint work between the local community and Rural Stirling Housing Association. The new homes, including three houses and four flats, are being built on a vacant site adjacent to the existing Mansefield development. It

is expected that they will meet the Ecohomes "Good" standard and will all have renewable heating systems powered by ground source heat pumps. These have been part-funded through a grant from Community Energy Scotland. The Association successfully applied for Housing Association Grant from the Scottish Government to meet

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the bulk of the construction costs and Stirling Council sold on the site at a nominal cost. The homes were designed in close consultation with a panel made up of representatives of Strathfillan Community Council and other local residents and tenants, following the joint commissioning of a Housing Need Study by Rural Stirling and the Strathfillan Community Development Trust. This was carried out by the Rural Housing Service and involved questionnaires being sent to all households in Strathfillan and interviews with community bodies, housing providers and businesses as well as the statutory agencies. The main findings were: A clear need for more affordable housing in the area with many of those in housing need not on Council or RSHA housing lists. Average incomes lower than elsewhere in the rural area and the ratio of house prices to income amongst the highest in Stirling. Properties for sale rarely coming onto the market.



Joyce Russell, Moira Robertson, Owen McKee, Theresa Robertson
back row the Maxwells

A relatively high proportion of residents in shared housing. Most of those in need expressing a preference for rented housing with some interest in buying but few able to afford even on a "low-cost home-ownership" basis. Strathfillan residents were generally supportive of the need for more housing. Local employers were also supportive, particularly to help retain staff. The work is being carried out by Hadden Construction Ltd and is due to complete by January 2011.

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Awards for Crianlarich Hotel



The Crianlarich Hotel has been awarded its first AA Rosette and has won "Good Value Hotel" at the Scottish Hotel Awards - a great start to 2010 for its new ownership and management. The recently graded Three AA Star hotel's new restaurant has quickly gained one Rosette in recognition of the high standard of dining. The AA grants its rosettes to hotels with "excellent restaurants that stand out in their local area" and food which is "prepared with care, understanding and skill" with the use of "good quality ingredients". This accreditation puts The Crianlarich Hotel in the top 10% of dining establishments within the country. The Hotel also won Good Value Hotel 2010 at the Scottish Hotel Awards and silver medals for the Turnaround Hotel 2010 and Public Bar Food 2010. These awards are voted for by consumers and are the highlight of the year for many hotel businesses. General Manager Nigel Bird is delighted with these achievements and the "fantastic response to the changes" from the guests, both of which recognise the considerable changes made at the hotel.

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CCTV for Killin?

The idea of CCTV cameras placed at each end of the village was raised at the Community Council meeting. It could act as a deterrent to would-be criminals and could help in the detection of vehicles used by perpetrators going in and out of the village. The idea was put forward by someone who recently suffered a theft which will cost thousands to replace the stolen items and increase insurance premiums. Other businesses have suffered in the past few months and householders have been targeted as well. This is not to say we are currently in the middle of a crime wave but to try to reduce levels of crime the police can use CCTV footage as evidence and as an aid to detection. These systems can be relatively inexpensive to purchase, hundreds of pounds rather than thousands and are cheap to run. You get what you pay for as with most electronic systems so further investigation into pricing needs to be made. Funds need to be found. Would local businesses and householders be prepared to donate to such a scheme? Before any action is taken to consider systems, funding and siting, we need to find out what the Killin people and businesses feel about the idea. Is this acceptable or is Big Brother watching too much already?

Anthony Dowling

Message from the National Park

An article in "Scotland on Sunday" regarding the Planning Application for the Cononish Gold Mine has sparked some concerns locally and has led to the belief in some quarters that the Park Authority has already refused permission. No decision has as yet been made. There is a hierarchy of applications and this is one which will be determined not by the Planning and Access Committee but by the full National Park Board. In any application the Authority is obliged to consult certain agencies including the Community Council for the relevant area. The article highlighted that two of the agencies consulted, Scottish Natural Heritage and SEPA, had submitted objections detailing the damage to the environment that mining operations pose. In the planning process the applicant is advised of the nature of the objections and invited to show how it is proposed to overcome the objections. Determination of the application had been scheduled for the early part of June but this now seems unlikely as at the time of writing further information from the applicant was awaited. At the other end of the planning scale an appeal against the refusal of an application to renew temporary permission for a Snack Bar at Loch Iubhair saw the first

ever appeal to come before The Park Authority's Local Review Board. The principal reason for the Planning Officer's decision to refuse had been on the basis of an objection from the Trunk Road Authority that the flow of traffic on the A85 would be inhibited. However the Review Board took the view that this objection was unreasonable in that this was an existing layby and therefore traffic to and fro was a natural consequence. It was minded therefore to overturn the Planning Officer's decision and permit the renewal of the temporary permission. As the objection being overturned was submitted by a government department, the matter will now be determined by the Minister. The process for the election of the Local Members of the Park Board is now in place and voting papers for a postal ballot will be issued in June. Voting papers have to be returned by 4.0pm on 1st July and the count will take place that evening at NPA HQ in Balloch. Please do make use of your vote.

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While March 2010 came in quietly it was somewhat un-lamb like, indeed a Polar Bear would have been more descriptive. The month went out equally frigidly with yet another deposit of snow. Then April's first three days traditionally borrowed, weather wise, from March, showed little improvement, since when the spring has been rather coy and despite some brief warmer interludes growth in some three weeks to a month later than normal, with cold North or North East winds predominating.

The most recent input to the meteorological awareness has been, and is, the Icelandic volcanic eruption, although as yet this does not appear to be having an effect on the current weather scene.

Erupting volcanoes world wide, and in particular those in Iceland, appear to constitute a major agent in the somewhat confusing equation of cause and effect determining the climate of our islands.

Meteorological statistical records are virtually non-existent before the mid 18th century. Prior to this there were, however, many accidental

accounts which were at best fragmented and requiring of a certain amount of translation of the written word of that era. For instance we hear of "almost continuous rain" during the year of 470 A.D. in the writings of St. Columbkille, and of great frosts and snows across Ireland in A.D. 941 which may have brought about the demise of the Irish Deer there, and in the west of Scotland. These deer, the remains of which are still occasionally being found in bogs, were huge beasts with an antler spread of up to 12 feet and were erroneously known as "Irish Elk".

On down the centuries the reports and narratives of extreme conditions became more explicit and detailed, some of which could render our current complaints merely disillusional whining! One of the many descriptions covers that of the period towards the end of the 17th century - around the time of The Massacre of Glencoe - when a succession of bitter winters and stormy wet summers caused much deprivation, starvation, and even deaths, due to failure of crops

and/or extreme cold and damp. A lot of these conditions were allied to a severe eruption of Mt. Hekla in Iceland.

Other additions to this very complex conundrum are the phenomena of "El Niño" and its little sister "La Niña" which cause respectively, heating or cooling of the tropical sector of the Pacific Ocean. These in turn, somewhat unpredictably, can have serious repercussions and contrasts worldwide.

Add to these the many other influences such as sunspots, under water earthquakes with their attendant tsunamis and the current debatable effects of Greenhouse gases, as well as the cyclical rise and fall of global temperatures, spread and withdrawal of sea-ice and destruction of equatorial and other forests and we are left with a somewhat indefinable result. One could ramble on ad nauseum regarding the various conflicting phenomena that determines our weather/climate and bore everyone to distraction!

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for other criminal activities. Needless to say these emails do not originate from DHL or UPS, but from accounts set up overseas, typically from Eastern Europe. They are very convincing and it is very easy to believe that they are genuine. I expect more and more of this type of email to appear over the next few months, each one trying to persuade you to open an attachment or to go to an infected website. I cannot emphasise enough the need to take care when opening emails from people you do not know and to be cautious when opening emails from unknown or unexpected mail addresses.

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Many of the ever-growing number of Facebook users enjoy playing the games or running the applications that are associated with Facebook. Each of these applications asks you for access to parts of your Facebook profile and some ask to have access to your Friend's list. You should take care here, because by allowing access to your Friends' information, you have inadvertently passed their email addresses and other personal information to a potentially dangerous source. The danger is that an application will then develop a list of email addresses to send out emails containing viruses.

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Everyone agreed this was a superb route and it is hoped to run the race as a regular fixture in the calendar. Many thanks to Killin Outdoor Centre who proposed and organised the event, to the sponsors, including Salomon and Hi-Tec for prizes, Teko for giving a pair of running socks to every runner and the Real Food Cafe in Tyndrum for handing a goodie-bag to runners as they crossed the finish. The marshals and time-keepers did a brilliant job in the cold conditions and the Killin Cancer committee put on a great spread of soup, sandwiches and cakes which helped to raise over £1,000 for Cancer Research U.K.



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The Winners, Sparks and Marks, pictured are:

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Front row, Rachel Speirs, Kirsty Hunter



S2 Outdoor Education/Personal Development Programme

Six S2 pupils have now successfully completed their 6 week Outdoor Education/Personal Development Programme in partnership with Active Stirling and Stirling Student Support Service. The group began with Team Building and Hillday activities, and continued with Kayaking when the group headed out to Loch Ard for some paddling skills and fun water games. During the day the group also had time to explore Rob Roy's cave on an loch island. On the fourth week, they headed to the Inverrossachs for Mountain Biking, starting along Loch Vennacher and then climbing up to Loch Drunkie. Week five was sea kayaking on Loch Ard on a glorious day for more paddling skills, then finishing with games. For the final week the group went abseiling and climbing at Kilsyth quarry crag where physical and mental challenges were completed by all. The Active Stirling staff frequently commented on how well the boys have worked during their six week programme and been a credit to McLaren High School.

Well done to Gary McKenzie, Gregor Bruce, Alex MacLennan, Kyle McGrath, Nathan Anderson and Robert Lafferty - with Mr David Gemmell our Inclusion Support Worker encouraging everyone each week!

Sport Relief

The final event for this year organised by the Charity Committee was a Mufti Day held on Friday 19th March in aid of Sport Relief.

Students from Forth Valley College came along to wax the legs of some of our brave S6 boys. The Top Team and some of our teachers raised money in a slave auction and did the bidding of their masters for the day. McLaren High School dinner ladies successfully bid for Steven Smart S6 and he cleaned windows, made tea, iced cakes, cleared tables and even served lunches to pupils! Well done, Steven, you were a great sport. A few of our young male teachers sang and performed a dance routine. The students from Forth Valley watching this performance did comment 'our teachers never looked like that!' The day ended with an obstacle course which highlighted the competitive nature of staff members. The whole day raised £825.59, bringing the total raised by the Charity Committee this year to £3,733.88, and the group would like to thank everyone for supporting these fun events.

Callander Spring Clean

In conjunction with Callander Community Development Trust, pupils took part in a litter pick on Friday 26th March.



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Despite the wet weather, over 80 pupils donned the yellow vests and were released into the surrounding area with litter pickers in hand. Over 20 black bags of rubbish were collected, as well as a tyre, metal pole and traffic sign! All the pupils who took part outside enjoyed contributing to the improved appearance of the area. The pupils who stayed indoors were equally busy finding out about environmental issues and designing anti litter posters to be displayed around the school.

Great Edinburgh 10k Run

On Sunday 2nd May, a group of around forty pupils and twenty staff members formed 'Team McLaren' to complete the Great Edinburgh Run and collecting sponsorship money for the school's Haiti Appeal. Members of the team completed the race at different speeds, with groups scattered amongst the mass of runners. The leading pupil times were, for the boys, Christopher Ryan on 45.05 followed by Luke Melia with 48.04. Out of the girls Jasmine Ryan finished first on 52.02 in front of Christy Hamilton on 54.39.

Yvonne King



Our Houses and Homes Topic

We built our own houses out of boxes. We made a town and played with it. We are learning about different materials houses are made from.

The National Spring Clean

The school took part in a litter pick up. We picked up a Barbie Doll bag that fell off a bicycle. We also found cigarette ends and some glass bottles. There were lots of sweetie wrappers. I liked picking up the litter with the "litter picker."

Anna S & Caitlin P1

This term, Primary 3/4/5 are making a Portrait of Britain. Different groups are researching Myths & Legends, Customs & Festivals, the Royal Family, Flora & Fauna, Landmarks & Famous People and Traditional Food. We are hoping to learn what a varied and diverse country we live in! We are also looking at a variety of British Artists and Poets. During the election week, we all thought about what we would do if we were Prime Minister.

This is a really busy term. Not only do we have our Big Production at the end of term, we also have a Scottish Musical Event, a Sponsored Walk, Grounds Day, Go Yellow Day and a Talent Show! We've had our litter pick and our class have made Bar Charts showing the amount and types of litter we collected from all over Killin. It's really terrible what people drop on the ground - but hopefully the village looks a lot better now.

Primary 3/4/5

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Think Dance started off on a bus a lovely Kingshouse bus! We all enjoyed the journey we were all buzzing! When we arrived Mrs McGuigan called out the register and we all had to shout out 'SUPERSTAR!'

Then when we got inside we saw Kim a dance helper. We performed to loads of people and got a massive cheer! We really enjoyed the Think Dance Experience.

Anna Holden and Robbie Player

Eco Schools

We are currently preparing for our big eco event for this term; Grounds Day! This will take place on Friday 21st May. We are calling it a 'Do One Thing for Nature Day' as we celebrate completing a big part of our playground development funded by the Big Lottery Fund's Breathing Places grant.

On Grounds Day we hope to spread top soil to allow us to plant grass, finish painting our shelter shed, plant trees and shrubs and generally tidy up and improve our grounds. Following Grounds Day the Eco Group will meet to keep up the good work which earned us the Green Flag award earlier this session. By the time you read this we should be proudly flying our Green Flag outside the school.

Mr Alasdair Lunan



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Killin & Crianlarich Nursery

As we come to the end of another nursery year the pre-school children are in the process of transition into school. They have already visited Killin Primary, Crianlarich Primary & Strathyre Primary.

Killin & Crianlarich Nursery want to make transition an interesting and enjoyable time for the children therefore we visit the schools throughout the year to give the pre-school children the opportunity to get to know the school and the staff. Parents are more than welcome to come along on these visits particularly to the Teddy Bears Picnic.

The Killin and Crianlarich Parents Groups have been extremely busy over the year raising funds for the nursery. A Race Night, Easter Fun day and Marie Curie Pots of Care are the most recent events. Through these fundraisers £1600 has been raised and we would like to say a big thank you to the organisers and all the people in Killin & Crianlarich for supporting these events.

We have a parent at present who is about to walk the West Highland

Way to raise funds for the nursery and Strathfillan Community Development Trust. If you would like to sponsor her there is a sponsor sheet in Crianlarich Nursery. The 3-5 children in Crianlarich Nursery's context for learning People at Work has led to the children discussing some of the jobs people in their local community do. This has taken the staff, parents and children in Crianlarich Nursery out and about in the local community visiting the fire station and learning about road safety by using the new crossing. The local policeman Craig Ramsay visited the nursery and had a chat with the children about his work.

In our last article in the Killin News we mentioned that we are very interested in the history of the Killin Nursery building and the people who may have passed through it. If you have any memories, stories or photographs that you would be willing to share with us please contact

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- 3 Jim Ferguson (Killin) 65

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In Memory of Milo

On the 24th January Miles and I had our world devastated when our beautiful boy Milo George Millen died during a morning nap, aged just 17 months. Milo was the apple of our eyes and that of his Grandparents, older sister, Aunties and Uncle too. He was an energetic, happy and fun loving wee boy who was growing and developing a strong personality of his own, working out how to get his own way and make others laugh. His death came out the blue with no warning. An hour or so after settling him down for a sleep, we were living every family's worst nightmare. The sense of loss, grief and pain is enormous.

We are aware this sense of loss was felt by many in Killin and surrounding community and would like to thank all those who sent cards, containing kind thoughts and prayers, and those who attended Milo's funeral, as their support was much appreciated at a very painful time.

Coming to terms with Milo's death is a difficult and painful journey and a journey that will never end.

Together with family and friends supporting us along the way is The Scottish Cot Death Trust. The support and information given to us by them has been invaluable. It is

through them I have discovered that a cot death happens every 9 days in Scotland alone! The Scottish Cot Death Trust is the only Scottish



charity dedicated to raising awareness of cot death, funding research in a bid to discover why cot deaths occur, educating professionals and supporting families devastated by the loss of a baby to cot death. The Scottish Cot Death

Trust receives less than 3% of its annual income from the Government and relies almost totally on public donations, so they desperately need the support of the public and eager fundraisers to help sustain and develop their vital services across Scotland and combat the devastation cot death can cause. It is because of this his dad and I felt passionately about doing something in memory of our son to support them in their good work. Milo loved his daddy's motorbike from being tiny, taking any opportunity to clamber on to it. So in August Miles and 2 friends, Michael McKay and Louis Moir, plan to ride their motorbikes from John O' Groats to Lands End, aiming to finish on 7th August, Milo's 2nd Birthday. If you would like to sponsor them and help support the fantastic work of the Scottish Cot Death Trust, you can go online and donate securely at [www.justgiving.com/MILES4MILO.\(\)](http://www.justgiving.com/MILES4MILO.()) There will also be sponsor forms available from the beginning of July in Killin Library, The Old Mill shop and the News Agents. Your support would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Becky and Miles Millen

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Garden Share scheme

I am launching a Garden Share scheme, an Albion Allotments Project, with support from Going Carbon Neutral Stirling and Forth Environment Link. The aim of the scheme is to match people who want to grow vegetables but who don't have the land to do it, with those who have garden space but who are not able to use it at present, for whatever reason.

In order to get the scheme going we are looking for communities who would like to be one of our pilot communities. In essence it is a local version of the Channel 4 gardenshare scheme, designed to make it more locally relevant and also accessible to all rather than being restricted to people confident with using and with access to the internet. We are looking for local communities keen to 'pilot' this scheme, and for those communities more support will be provided as the scheme develops. In addition we would also like individuals to start registering. The more who register at this stage, the more successful the scheme will be. If you'd like any further information, please do get in touch.

The scheme has a website - <http://gardensharestirling.wordpress.com/> and is an Albion Allotments Project - <http://www.albionallotments.com/> For information on a scheme that is already up and running have a look at <http://totnes.transitionnetwork.org/gardenshare/home>

Philippa Cochrane

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Student Loan Repayments

For many students graduation time is approaching and with it the time when they may need to begin repaying their student loans. Student loans issued since 1998 have been income contingent. Repayments are based on the level of the borrower's income. No repayments are made until the borrower earns more than £15,000 a year. Thereafter, loan repayments are due at 9% of all income earned over £15,000. It is possible for both employees and the self-employed to make additional repayments as they choose but these payments cannot be used to reduce the regular amount they pay.

Employees should have student loan repayments automatically deducted from their salary by their employer. The amounts are calculated on each pay period independently. Someone earning less than £15,000 can have repayments deducted if an overtime or bonus payment takes them over the weekly or monthly limit. Where this happens, the repayments can be reclaimed but only at the end of the tax year. If total earnings for the year exceed £15,000, the student won't qualify for a refund, even if PAYE has varied.

For the self employed, repayments are calculated through the self assessment system. When the tax return has been completed the student loan repayment is calculated and included in the amount to be paid to HM Revenue and Customs by 31st January of the following year.

Interest is charged on student loans at the rate of inflation. This year the interest rate on income contingent loans has been 0%. Although the rate is reviewed annually, it is often low in comparison to any other type of borrowing. For this reason, many graduates choose not to pay off their student loan early. For further information contact

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Motor Cycle Trials

Andrew Anderson

The Scottish Six Day Trial is the largest event in the 'Trialing Calendar' and brings around 270 competitors from all over the World to Fort William every year.

Andrew Anderson from Killin spends much of his spare time out on the hills honing his skills, encouraged by Bobby Lafferty and Tony Mower. He is following in the tyre tread of other locals, the legendary Bob MacGregor, who rode for Rudge, Jimmy McLarty, who stayed in Heather Cottage, Dennis McLaughlan, who used to run the Lochearnhead store and, more recently, Angus Cameron of Lochearnhead Hotel and Bobby Lafferty of Killin. To date only one has finished first, Bob, who twice reigned as champion.

Andrew has the support of all his family and sponsorship from Highland Leisure Sport of Invergordon, The Killin Hotel, David Noble Haulage and Jason Campbell Plumbing, his boss. His personal target was to win the award for the best placed new Scottish competitor. During the trial there were exchanges with the other competitors on how each found the course and how they negotiated the sections. The highlights of the week were "rubbing shoulders with the top guys, chatting with them and leading off the trial on day three, managing to clear some of the really testing sections and having a really great run for my first Scottish". Andrew plans to enter the 2011 event providing he can get support and save enough hard cash, but in the immediate future he will be defending last year's first place in his class at the Bob MacGregor Trial and competing in the remaining events in both the Scottish and Club trials. He will be selling his 125cc bike and getting a 250cc for 2011.



Andrew won the Davie Hogg Memorial Trophy for the best performance by a Scottish newcomer, shared with Kevin Dignan and Gary Macdonald the Highland Leisure Sport team award and received a Special First Class Award for finishing in the top 130 places, quite a haul for a first time entrant.

The 4th Bob MacGregor Memorial Trial

The Lanarkshire Motor Cycle Club have plans in place for this year's trial on 5th and 6th June and as always local help has been much appreciated.

The Falls of Dochart was used as one of the sections last year and once again it will be a major spectator location. There will not only be observers in charge of the section but stewards controlling traffic on the bridge and ensuring the competitors cross the road safely.

Thanks to the Dowling Family for the use of Kinnell Estate as the trial base and all the many hotels and guest houses who accommodate riders and visitors.

Entries closed five weeks ago and there are over forty names on the waiting list. They have little chance of a ride in this highly popular and challenging trial.

The local Lanarkshire Club members are led by Andrew Anderson who will be defending his 2009 class win from another local mover, Jonathan Devlin. Robert Lafferty Jnr. will be out to better his 2009 fourth place in his class and another competitor is nearly-local Colin Gourlay from Crieff. The Perth Club will be represented locally by the McRobbie brothers Jack and Harry, who will be out to make up ground on their 2009 placings.

Alex Stewart

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The Big Shed



Top Dennis Anderson and his wood mill

Above John Swinney MSP visit to Tombreck, seen here talking to Jane Watts and Sue Gardiner

Below A lesson in green wood planking



After years of planning and hard work by local residents 'The Big Shed' at Tombreck is under construction and should be completed in January 2011. The Loch Tayside Community Interest Company (Loch Tayside CiC) secured funding from The Big Lottery Fund, Climate Change Fund, Perth and Kinross Council, Community Energy Scotland and Sust (The Lighthouse) which enabled construction to start. They have now appointed me as a new Project Development Officer. I am known to many of you as a local violin and piano teacher who moved to Kiltynie two years ago. Having recently left Scottish Opera after 8 years to fill this exciting new post, I am now hard at work meeting the residents of Killin, Loch Tay, Fearnan, Glen Lyon and beyond. The Big Shed is a building owned by the local community for local community use. It will consist of a large hall (60 square metres), several small rooms, a commercial kitchen and a large workshop. It will provide affordable work spaces for local community groups and social enterprises and will be a

focal point for socialising, working and learning. It could provide improved access to cultural and learning opportunities such as musical concerts and workshops in the large hall, book groups, yoga classes, weaving and arts and crafts

in the smaller rooms, car or boat maintenance in the large workshop space and chocolate making/cookery classes or events in the kitchen. There could be a cafe and social drop in area. It is hoped that it will become the hub for the Loch Tay Food Chain, an organisation to link local residents and businesses to locally grown produce. There will be plenty of events for local children, many with an environmental theme. It is hoped that the Killin Community bus will be used to transport individuals and groups to the venue.

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cont.....The Big Shed

The Big Shed is a two storey building with disabled access and is a good example of eco-design using local timber, sheep's wool and hemp for insulation and solar energy. Designed by local architects, "ea" Ecological Architecture, The Big Shed is being built by local tradesmen Blairish Restorations with timber from Bolfracks milled on site by Dennis Anderson of Scottish Sawmilling Services. The land was gifted to the community by landowner Tober Brown and the building will look like a modern timber clad agricultural building to minimise the impact on the environment. Workshops and events, to share new skills in eco-building and design, will be held during construction and The Loch Tayside CiC are keen for people to come and see for themselves where The Big Shed is, how construction is progressing, what the project can offer. Please contact me to book a time to visit, ask questions or share your ideas.

Jane Watts
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Loch Tay Food Chain Interest Meetings

The Big Shed at Tombreck will be the hub for the Loch Tay Food Chain - an initiative to link local residents and businesses to locally grown produce. Local producers will be encouraged to grow foods for the local community, businesses, hotels and restaurants. Appropriate diversification will increase the viability of small farms and farm-gate sales, promote co-operative working, decreasing dependence on distant markets and increasing self sufficiency.

If you are interested in finding out more about The Loch Tay Food Chain, wish to develop the idea or have knowledge to share please come along to one of our planned meetings/discussion evenings:

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On Tuesdays and Fridays Heather is in Tyndrum Village Hall offering the same service through Strathfillan Community Development Trust.

For further information please call Heather on 07773199001 or drop in to one of the centres to discuss what you would like to learn. The Cafés are very friendly and informal and not like school at all!

BVLC is funded by the Scottish Community Foundation in Killin and supported by Stirling Council Library Service.

SCDT learning centre in Tyndrum is funded by the Stirling Community Planning Partnership and the Gannochy Trust.

Suzanne Player

Auction

The popular annual Auction Sale, arranged by the local Lodge Members, was a resounding success with over £1,300 being raised. This fantastic sum will assist with a variety of causes and donations will be made to more local organisations.



Alex Stewart

This year the Killin Floral Committee, the Crianlarich Highland Dancing Class, and the pre-school children's Christmas party all benefited from fund raising activities.

Thanks to all those who generously donated items and the great crowd

who supported us on the evening of the sale. The hard working ladies in the kitchen served soup, teas, coffee and tasty sandwiches right to the end of the sale.

The Killin Lodge has come through a difficult period in its long history, but with hard work and the support of the community it is pulling through. With a presence of over 110 years, there has been a close partnership between members and the residents of area which the Lodge serves and this bond ensures

there will always be mutually beneficial assistance available. Spurred on by the result and support, plans are in place to hold another auction in 2011. Once again thanks to everyone.

Alex Stewart

Angling Notices

The Killin Breadalbane Angling Club is busy erecting new information signs on conditions for fishing under the River Tay Protection Order.

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Alex Stewart

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Local Planning Applications

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Week 13 commencing 22 March
Proposal: Restoration and extension of 2 No. derelict buildings to form one dwellinghouse
 Location: 1 And 2 Railway Cottages, Killin, FK21 8RF
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs R Morgan
 Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
 Decision: Approve with Conditions

Proposal: Proposed conservatory extension and decking on side elevation
 Location: Killin Hotel, Main Street, Killin
 Applicant: Mr Ian Hitchens
 Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
 Decision: Approve with Conditions

Week 15 commencing 05 April
Proposal: Installation of oil storage tank
 Location: 1 Glebe Cottage Main Street Killin
 Applicant: Mrs Georgina Angus
 Application Type: Householder Planning Permission
 Decision: Approve without Conditions

Week 17 & 18 commencing 19 April
Proposal: Erection of agricultural worker's/retired farmers dwellinghouse and erection of 2 No. agricultural barns
 Location: Land at Acharn Killin
 Applicant: Mr Malcolm Campbell
 Application Type: Outline Application
 Decision: Approve with Conditions

Week 20 commencing 26 April
Proposal: Erection of 16 No. chalet/cottages & erection of reception/function building
 Location: Portnellan Highland Lodges Crianlarich
 Applicant: Mr Cameron Taylor
 Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Stirling Council - Nothing to Report

Perth & Kinross Council

13 March
Proposal: Erection of a dwellinghouse (in principle)
 Location: Land 330 Metres North West Of Tay Cottage, Killin
 Applicant: M T And B Allen
 Application Type: planning permission in principle local
 Decision: Pending Consideration

14 April
Proposal: Erection of a dwellinghouse (in principle)
 Location: Land 20 Metres East Of Briar Cottage Fearnan
 Applicant: Ms Sheena Stanbridge
 Application Type: planning permission in principle local
 Decision: Pending Consideration

23 April
Proposal: Amendment to design of toilet/laundry building
 Location: Milton Of Morenish, Killin
 Applicant: Loch Tay Highland Lodges
 Application Type: planning permission local
 Decision: Application Approved

29 April
Proposal: Modification of existing consent (09/00568/FUL) to include amendments to dormer roof windows, ground floor door and window positions and alternative access track
 Location: Cragganester, Lawers
 Applicant: Mr Robert Gane
 Application Type: planning permission local
 Decision: Pending Consideration

10 May
Proposal: Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse
 Location: Chable, Morenish, Killin
 Applicant: Mr And Mrs J C Campbell
 Application Type: planning permission local
 Decision: Pending Consideration

Killin Youth Group.....



Killin Youth Group is now up and running and recently enjoyed 2 trips and a very successful day of fundraising. Over the Easter holidays 13 members made the short trip around the Loch to the Ardeonaig Outdoor Centre and took full advantage of the excellent facilities and activities on offer. In the morning we completed the high and low ropes courses and archery and in the afternoon we went out on the Loch on a mixture of kayaks and Canadian canoes. It was a beautiful day as you can see in the photographs and the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks to all the staff at Ardeonaig. At the end of the holidays another group headed down to Stirling and went to the cinema, bowling and managed to fit in a bit of retail therapy! Many thanks to those of you who brought down your cars to be



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washed during our fundraising car wash day. We washed almost 80 cars and raised over £450, which helped subsidise the trip to Ardeonaig the week before. Many thanks also to all the youth group

members who came along with their sponges and helped make the day such a success.

In June we will be going to Firbush Outdoor Centre on Wednesday nights 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, to take part in several different watersports activities. This has kindly been organised by Owen Rhys and Les Berrow. The cost will be £5 per person per night. If anyone of secondary school age would like to go please get in touch with me through Facebook (search for 'Killin Youth Group') or email killinyouth@googlemail.com.

In June we will be also be holding a community information evening for anyone to come along to find out more about the youth group and how they can get involved either as a member or by volunteering to help out. Posters will go up advertising this, at the start of the June, so keep a look out!

Pete Waugh
Killin Youth Group

A new community based rehabilitation service is being introduced to allow more people in Rural North West Forth Valley to be cared for in their own local communities.

The service is part of a new Rural North West Forth Partnership which brings together staff from health, social care, housing services, education, voluntary agencies, community agencies and other partners to provide support and a joined up service for local people. The partnership covers an area north from Blair Drummond to include Thornhill, Doune, Callander, Strathyre, Balquhider, Lochearnhead, Killin, Ardeonaig, Crianlarich and Tyndrum and the local communities attached to these villages. West Stirlingshire, Dunblane and Bridge of Allan are not included.

The aims of the partnership are:

- * Locally based services
- * Reductions in hospital admissions/readmissions
- * Quicker discharge from hospital to local community based support
- * Intensive rehabilitation at home in a rural area for up to one month
- * Shared health/social care office/occupational therapy space

for staff working in this area

- * Reduced duplication of community visits through improved communication
- * Dual training of three new support staff to undertake basic health and social care role
- * Increased engagement with the local community

The new service will aim to provide community-based rehabilitation for up to 4 weeks to a maximum of 6 people living in the rural north-west area. At the end of this period of intensive rehabilitation people would be referred to the existing care at home services for on going support, if required.

This will be provided by a community support team staffed by district nursing, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and community support staff based at Callander Health Centre. A project lead (Alison Keir) has been appointed for 2 years to set up the new rehabilitation service.

The service will deliver an integrated model of care based on rehabilitation services which exist elsewhere in the Stirling Council area and will be developed to include basic nursing tasks.

If you have any questions please contact

Alison Keir
Alison.keir@nhs.net

Letters

A mine of information?

I am researching the history of the Tyndrum lead mine and associated works and I am writing to request assistance from local people with my search for relevant documentary or photographic evidence. If anyone is in possession of relevant information, particularly old photographs of the mine, the people who worked there or of the community of Clifton where the people lived, I would be very pleased to hear from them on e.mail mme00001@students.stir.ac.uk

M Easson

Dept of History & Politics, University of Stirling

Village Support

We would like to express their thanks to all those who sent cards or called, either in person or by telephone during John's present illness. Also grateful thanks to all who have given/offered help in many ways over the past weeks, including Dr de Laat and the team of community nurses for their continuing professional care.

John & Margaret MacPherson

Hospital Visit

I would like to thank my family for the support and everything they did for me and every one who sent cards flowers etc. during my stay in Hospital. This was appreciated very much. Thank you all.

Mollie McRobbie

90th Birthday

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Cold it may be and warm it will be, though later into the season than we might hope. Lots of herbs, like many other

plants and trees this year, are taking time to surface. Although we can look for growth and wish for green shoots, our herbs will only return when conditions are optimal for growth and survival. It is worth the wait and always a pleasure to walk about the herb border and find something new has surfaced. As we don't have a long season, expect many of these little plants all at once now that it is mid-May. Before we know it the border will be full to brimming again. Content yourself with the growth of the annuals on the window sill for the moment, as the best is yet to come.

As our HSHS syllabus draws to an end, we find ourselves out of doors and contemplating new places, plants and uses for our future harvest. During May we are off for our annual outing to Edinburgh for a tour of the Royal Botanical Gardens.

This will include the new John Hope Gateway and exhibition space, which is a grand entrance to the gardens and celebrates the fundamental role of plants on our planet. We will have the usual stops at Dobbie's Garden Centre, afternoon tea at The Pillars of Hercules in Falkland and high tea at Loch Leven's Larder. Two of our members have kindly offered to open their gardens for us to visit in June. These sites are off the main Aberfeldy to Grantully Road and should be a real treat for all the senses, with much variety of species and habitat.

What a wonderful time to get going, get growing and ever so slightly assist these great herby plants to be all that they can be. Our next programme should be out by September, and will include medicinal, horticultural, and culinary topics, as well as making herb dyed silk scarves and our usual AGM and annual outing. We will also be holding a "Bee Drive" to raise funds for a return visit of our sister society from Wisconsin in 2011. Anyone interested in additional information or in joining us for any of our meetings phone either Judy Forster at 01567 820298 or me.

Patty Hope
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Provost Civic Awards

Nominations sought.

A Provost's Civic Award is given to individuals or organisations who have made significant contributions to the life of local communities or who have achieved national recognition in their field over the last 24 months. This is the ninth year of the Provost's Awards Scheme, which was first established in 1998 and is held every two years. Stirling Provost Fergus Wood is inviting local people to nominate Stirling's outstanding citizens under nine categories of award: Business (large or small), Arts and Culture, Sport, Academic, Community, Volunteer Sector, International Relations, Special Achievement and a new category Citizenship (The William Jaffray Award). Both individuals and groups can be nominated for a Civic Award. Anyone can nominate someone for an award and the closing date for nominations is Tuesday June 15, 2010. Provost Wood will present the awards at a gala dinner in Stirling Castle on Friday 29th October, 2010. Nomination Forms are available from The Provost's Office, Stirling Council, Room 55 Old Viewforth, Stirling, FK8 2ET, (01786) 443380 or email

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Maybe this is why Psalm 90 is such a treasured part of the Bible. It moves the focus from our time-obsessed lives to the eternal God. "Before the mountains were brought forth, or even You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God." (Psalm 90:2) A verse in Matthew Bridges' well-known hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" begins: "Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time." A potentate is an all-powerful sovereign or monarch-one who does not seek appointment or run for election.

God created time. He rules and transcends it. When we feel frustrated by the calendar or servants of the clock, a quiet reading of Psalm 90 will remind us that our days and years are in the hands of the eternal God.

As we humbly turn to Him, we will see "time" from a new perspective.

Ladd Fagerson

Volunteer Driver Needed

The WRVS provides a range of practical services to help and support older people to live well, maintain their independence and play a part in their local community.

WRVS (Community Projects Stirling) are currently looking to recruit a volunteer driver who can collect a lady living in Crianlarich weekly on a Thursday morning to drop her off at the Daycentre in Killin and then return to collect her from the Daycentre in the afternoon and take her home again to Crianlarich. Full mileage expenses will be reimbursed.

Due to the nature of the role, an enhanced Disclosure Scotland Check would be required. (No costs incurred.) If you think you can help or would like more information then please contact me.

Glenda McWatt

WRVS Local Service Manager

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Local vineyard

After much research Ardeonaig Hotel & Restaurant chef/owner Pete Gottgens planted 48 vines at the hotel in 2008. Four different varieties were planted in order to see which was the most successful. These vines were then taken out and 225 Solaris SO4 which is a combination of Riesling, Pinot Gris and Muscat developed in Luxembourg by the Viticulture Institute in Freiburg have just been planted. Solaris SO4 is well known for ripening early as well as being resistant to disease. For the first two years the fruit will be "dropped" in order to encourage the vines to strengthen and produce a better yield the following year. Should the grapes perform well over the next two years and if the weather in 2012/13 proves amenable then some wine may be produced in 2013. A final-year viticulture and oenology student at Plumpton College is using Ardeonaig as his final year project and as the subject of his dissertation, allowing access to resources and expertise which would otherwise not be available.

Diana Thompson

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Obituaries

David Stewart Bowser 1926-2010

David Bowser was born the second son of an affluent family recently discovering the joys and challenges of land ownership. He was a sensitive and caring youngster and his deeply caring nature manifested itself throughout his life by his interest in the many different organisations and individuals with whom he became involved. If he thought he could make a difference, he would give it a go and generally achieved his goal.

Following tradition he was sent to boarding school. At 18 he joined the Scots Guards, a regiment to which he was deeply attached and of which he was immensely proud. In his three years he rose to the rank of captain, a title which he retained and was affectionately known by in the Glen for the rest of his life. The last part of his short military service was with the War Graves Commission, a job he felt was worth while as he was able to give families news of missing relatives. It was here that he learned so much about compassion and caring.

His brother's death in Normandy changed his career and he went to Trinity Cambridge to read agriculture, where his time seemed to be spent shooting in Norfolk, playing real tennis during the day and drumming in a Scottish country dance band at night.

In April 1951 he married Judy Crabbe who had a grouse moor, a deer forest and salmon fishing, which he thought an excellent reason for marrying her! He took no part in running the agricultural business but dealt with sporting and forestry matters for her and anything needing a tactful and diplomatic steer. His contribution to the world of forestry was huge, as a commissioner for eight years and as a trustee and chairman of the Scottish Forestry Trust in the 80's.

The Captain was a member of Perth County Council for seven years and president of both the Highland Cattle Society and the Blackface Sheep Breeders Association. He was chairman of the Dunblane Museum Trust for nine years and from the late 1980's much involved with deer management. His longest lasting contribution to public service was his work for the church. He was a devout Christian and a church elder for 55 years. A large part of his life revolved around quiet efficient service to others. A committed committee man, he had strong views on how things should be run. "A committee should be small and always made up of an odd number. Three is too many."

He was invariably generous to his children with both money and advice and had an encyclopaedic mind filled with the most extraordinary information. In later years he became less mobile but reading the papers and television sport, current affairs -and Countdown - kept him well informed.

We must thank the doctors and nurses in the Killin Health Centre - and particularly Dr. de Laat - for their unfailing love and care during the latter part of his life. He had a full life, devoted to others - a life that made a huge difference to his family and friends and many other people.

Dorothy Fraser 1925-2010

Dorothy Fraser was the only daughter of Christina and Thomas Eckford, born in Dean Terrace, Edinburgh on 23rd April 1925. Her father fought in the trenches during the First World war before joining the British merchant navy after hostilities ended and retired from the sea to take up an engineering appointment on a sugar plantation in what was then British Guyana. Dorothy spent a number of years there with her until her father returned to the United Kingdom for treatment. He was diagnosed with tuberculosis and passed away not long after the family returned home to Edinburgh.

Her mother became a civil servant in the intelligence service during the Second World War and it was during this time that Dorothy was evacuated from Edinburgh to Killin. She always spoke of these early years spent in Killin as one of great happiness, even though her mother was working in Edinburgh. She lived with Eric and May Wilson who ran the Mill and Tweed shop at the Dochart Bridge. Both families became great friends and it was during this time that her love of Killin was born.

She attended McLaren High School in Callander and on leaving school went to Atholl Crescent in Edinburgh where she studied domestic science. In 1943 she joined up as a VAD and was posted to Elgin. During this time, while on a horse management course, she met her future husband Jeff Fraser. Jeff was a non-commissioned officer based at Fort George outside Inverness, and had fought at Monte Casino and then latterly in Java with some distinction. Badly wounded in



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action, he subsequently contracted pneumonia, from which he never really fully recovered. After the war, he became an assistant tea planter on a tea estate in India - hoping the climate would help his breathing. Returning on leave to Edinburgh, he once again met and this time proposed to Dorothy and they married in Edinburgh. They returned to India as newly weds, a time of great happiness and contentment for Dorothy. Very soon a family came along with the birth of four children but sadly, the first child, a baby girl, died at birth. When Jeff died aged 37, in India, she returned to the United Kingdom with her three children in 1962. This was a very difficult time for her - borne with great stoicism. They moved in with Dorothy's mother, Dorothy became a nursing auxiliary in an Edinburgh hospital. She moved to Killin as she wanted to live in the country and stayed with May Wilson, now a very close friend of her mother, sharing her home until she was able to sort out her affairs - a kindness Dorothy never forgot. Quite soon she purchased a rather dilapidated "Millmore", which, after renovations, became a really happy

family home. Her mother then became infirm and moved into "Millmore" where Dorothy cared for her, in her usual uncomplaining manner bearing the responsibility until her death. A keen golfer and secretary of the Killin Tourist Board, she thoroughly enjoyed being involved with many aspects of Killin life and valued the great friendships she made along the way. For a while Dorothy worked for Graham Wilson, May Wilson's son in the Mill, then returned to Edinburgh when the children left home, to work as a matron at Fettes College. While there she was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and returned once again to live in Killin where she moved to "Riverside" and later, due to failing health, to Tomatin to live with her daughter Jane and her family. Before leaving Killin she was active in promoting the establishment of a nursing home in Killin and so when the Falls of Dochart retirement home was founded she decided she wanted to return to Killin, which she did in 1999. In 2005, with her health failing even further and her family all based in

the North of Scotland, Dorothy moved to Grandview Nursing Home in Granton-on-Spey where family were close by and there she passed away on 8th March 2010. As was her final wish, she was buried in Killin on 13th March 2010 with all her family and friends present. Her three children - Michael, Jane and Fiona, survive Dorothy.

Killin Medical Practice

We have received the results of the 2009/10 GP Patient Experience Survey, details of which can be accessed at <http://surveyresults.bettertogetherscotland.com/reports/25351-GP2009.pdf> We would like to thank all our patients for their participation in the survey. Please could patients notify the practice of any changes of address, telephone number, email address etc, just so that we can keep our records up to date. **F. Buchanan**
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Euan Richard Angus Williams



Born 26th February. First grandchild of Angus Dawson

Martin McLean



Martin McLean 8 Ballechcroisk celebrated his 90th birthday on 28th April and enjoyed a birthday lunch in the Bridge of Lochay Hotel with family and friends on Sunday. Congratulations Martin

Nicola and Angus Colquhoun with Maia and baby Iain Stewart



Born 23rd March weighing 9lbs 10oz. A grandson for Emma and Henry Paterson and great-grandson for Judy Bowser.

Jane and Chris



The wedding of Jane to Chris Stanton took place on Loch Tay on Friday 9th April. Avoiding air traffic strike chaos, family, godchildren and friends were able to travel from Fife, Berkshire and West Sussex to witness history in the making. According to the Perth Registrars there is no record of a wedding ceremony being carried out on Loch Tay before. Duncan MacKinnon piped the bridal party along the jetty before their departure. Their witnesses, and long standing friends, Grant and Alex Tigwell also provided the vessel, Kickin' Waves, for the ceremony. The Boathouse restaurant provided a superb wedding breakfast which was enjoyed by all.

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What's On in Killin and District

June

- 11 Cancer Research UK Savoury Supper McLaren Hall
- 12 Herb Society meeting see page 32
- 23 NTS Nature Reserve Walk meet Ben Lawers Car park 10.30am see page 7
- 27 Balquhiddier Summer Music Balquhiddier Church 7pm www.balquhiddersummermusic.org.uk

July

- 4 Balquhiddier Summer Music Balquhiddier Church 7pm www.balquhiddersummermusic.org.uk
- 7 NTS Nature Reserve Walk meet Ben Lawers Car park 1.30pm see page 7
- 11 Balquhiddier Summer Music Balquhiddier Church 7pm www.balquhiddersummermusic.org.uk
- 13 KCC meeting McLaren Hall 7.30pm
- 18 Balquhiddier Summer Music Balquhiddier Church 7pm www.balquhiddersummermusic.org.uk
- 23 NTS Nature Reserve Walk meet Ben Lawers Car park 10.30am see page 7
- 14 NTS Mountains Flowers Walk meet Ben Lawers Car park 9.30am see page 7
- 14 NTS Talk 8pm Lynedoch see page 7
- 21 NTS Nature Reserve Walk meet Ben Lawers Car park 1.30pm see page 7
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- 25 Balquhiddier Summer Music Balquhiddier Church 7pm
- 28 Highland Games Breadalbane Park
- 28 SWRI Coffee morning McLaren Hall
- 28 NTS Talk 8pm Lynedoch see page 7

Aug

- 1 Balquhiddier Summer Music Balquhiddier Church 7pm
- 4 NTS Nature Reserve Walk meet Ben Lawers Car park 1.30pm see page 7

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The Boathouse Restaurant

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The park is fully licensed for weddings and we welcome corporate and group enquiries .
Boat hire, rib boat trips and fishing are all available from our marina.



**Karaoke every
fortnight**



Sample Menu

Starters

Homemade Soup of the Day	
Parsnip, Parmesan and Chilli	£3.95
Horseradish Marinated Salmon on Honey & Mustard dressed leaves	£5.95
Chicken Liver Pate with Hot Brioche and Redcurrant and Orange Sauce	£5.25
Chicken and Ham Hock Terrine with Pickled Gherkins and Watercress Mayonnaise	£4.95
Sundried Tomato, Egg, Spinach, Parmesan and Mangetout Salad	£4.95

Mains

Breast of Chicken stuffed with Haggis with a Leek and Bacon Sauce	£11.95
Spaghetti with Crab, Chilli, Garlic, Parsley and Lemon Cream	£9.95
Baked Fillets of Seabass with sliced Garlic, Fennel and provencale Sauce	£13.95
Roast Loin of Perthshire Lamb on Tomatoes and Spring Greens with Apricot and Mint Coulis	£16.95
Honey Roast Ham with Orange Glaze, Braised Red Cabbage and Spring Onion mash	£9.95
Wild Mushroom, Spinach and Pinenut Creamed Spaghetti	£9.50

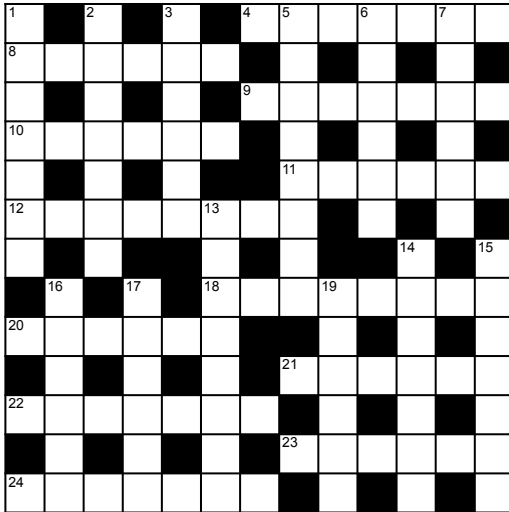
Desserts

Creme Brulee with Homemade Shortbread	£4.95
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Butterscotch Sauce	£4.95
Chocolate and Baileys Cheesecake	£5.50
Brown Sugar meringues with fresh Cream and Strawberries	£5.50
Mull Cheddar with Tomato and Plum Chutney	£5.95

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Crossword by Scorpio



Across

- 4 Special carriages for Daisy's wedding (7)
 8 Good time with little Angus caused mould to appear (6)
 9 Related to (7)
 10 Closely packed, they are associated with high winds but this is only one (6)
 11 Sounds male but could also be female (6)
 12 Oriental aperture, almost replete, became action packed (8)
 18 Initially, RA statue needs shaken to make it very wet (8)
 20 Not fair (6)
 21 Sung by a musical group (6)
 22 Could be crazy people but on the wing their sound is very welcome (7)
 23 East African lake or old watch keeper (6)
 24 Fowl tube makes a tasty snack (3,4)

Solution 115

- Across** 4 scoffed 8 titbit 9 unglued 10 mealie 11 upheld
 12 likeness 18 andirons 20 Tomtom 21 potent
 22 serpent 23 banana 24 intends
Down 1 stumble 2 attacks 3 vision 5 confused 6 filthy
 7 evenly 13 examined 14 foreman 15 as it was
 16 modern 17 staple 19 isobar

Down

- 1 Don't like cold thinks-prefer warm work rooms (7)
 2 SOS lines varied can be foot comforters (7)
 3 Changed and may appear very different (6)
 5 Aunt Leot got confused and thought she was a kind of exit (2,6)
 6 Electric converter (6)
 7 Remove direction from strong feeling and you'll get

- movement (6)
 13 Speedy carbuncle? No! it's a quick cooking method (4,4)
 14 Transported manually (7)
 15 Squash and humiliate (7)
 16 Disregarded achievement (6)
 17 Did Adolph keep his fuel here? (6)
 19 Describes a task requiring great effort (6)

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**Which bin
which week?**

Week beginning

17 June Brown

21 June Grey/Green

28 June Brown

5 July Grey/Green

12 July Brown

19 July Grey/Green

26 July Brown

2 Aug Grey/Green

9 Aug Brown

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