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Editorial

Estate Agents notices appear more frequently these days. Plots appear like mushrooms in a damp season, yet Killin survives as it has through the generations. Evidence of old and ancient habitations lie all around us which, in decay, have a certain value to tourists, historians and archaeologists. It is hard to imagine the present buildings that make up Killin having a similar chutzpa in the future but ruin or continual refurbishment is the ultimate fate of buildings that are not demolished to be replaced by modern design. Will Killin change? Of that there is no doubt. How will it change, by design, by default or pickled like some museum relic a jar of spirit? The major and obvious signs of dereliction are related to events and people from outside the village. If Killin is to be effective in the future it needs to be designed around the people who currently live here and the businesses that serve it. It needs to become more productive of its own needs and not have to rely on remote places for survival. This entails people working together, sharing values, aspirations and aims to achieve shared ambitions. Assets are not just buildings but the population they contain. Killin has assets in spades that need to be co-ordinated to achieve the outcome it deserves. Change is not to be feared but managed, not a sadness for things past but a challenge for the future. If we shared our motivation who knows what we could achieve.

So the Village Officer is a no-no, a Dodo, defunct never to arise again (page 24). The continuity of knowledge and experience held by village officers is no longer valuable. Invasive and potentially damaging plants will no longer be properly identified and dealt with for the benefit of the community. Unwelcome roots and seeds from remote areas, like Stirling, will arrive in heavy tyre treads as mobile squads burn precious fuel* to pick up a broken bottle on a Killin pavement as it responds to individual requests and works to targets. The concept of a 'ditch in time' will give way to urgent calls for major maintenance when episodes of flooding take place. We will need to take on new attitudes to 'manage' our environment. If you don't ask it doesn't get done. No more a wee word in Jake's ear but a letter or phone call to notify the mobile squad about things that seem of little urgency but could have important consequences. The "middle man" comes into every modern communication. Simple formulas are used to work out how well complex systems work. They ignore many aspects that are important yet fall outside their remit. Whatever happened to common sense and the devolution of control to communities?

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David Robertson

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of Balgie up Glen Lyon and over into Glen Lochay. We stopped for lunch at the shed at Kenknock where everyone could enjoy a burger and shelter from the rain. After that it was back down to Kinnell where tea and coffee were served and a raffle held. It was agreed that the tractor run is fast becoming a great

success. This year was our biggest turn out and was a great day out despite the weather. The fantastic sum of £1120 was handed into Yorkhill and I would like to thank everyone who donated towards this worthy cause.

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- (d) Council boundary west of Tyndrum
- (e) Council boundary north of Tyndrum
- (f) The Bridge of Lochay

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Home Insulation Scheme



Andrew Cartwright is one of the energy assessors who will soon be visiting houses in the Killin and Ardeonaig areas as part of the Stirling Council Home Insulation Scheme (HIS). This may seem to be a repetition of what has already gone before but householders can still benefit from top-up insulation, if they qualify as this is now free as is help to clear loft spaces. It will give those householders who missed out last time another opportunity to participate. HIS will be working in close cooperation with Mairi and Bernard in the Killin Cutting Carbon office. If you have any questions do please contact them or leave a message on their voicemail.

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completed with householders in Killin as well as offering some additional support on aspects such as renewables, sustainable transport and other forms of insulation. Householders will receive a letter in the next few weeks to advise when the Home Energy Assessors will be visiting. For more information, or to book an appointment, please call 0800 512 012, or alternatively, go online to complete the Home Energy Check at

www.homeinsulationscheme.co.uk

This month we met with the delivery manager, Billy Sloan and his assistant Alex Warren to discuss how the Stirling Home Insulation Scheme is to be implemented in our area. As you know one such scheme has already been conducted by the Killin Ardeonaig Trust and many have already benefited from discounted loft insulation and cavity wall insulation. In our meeting with the Stirling HIS we have been able to ensure that those of us who have not been seen by an energy assessor will be given a second chance. Those who qualified for top-up insulation but were unable to afford it will now have the

free. There is also free help available to prepare a loft for the insulation contractors. Another benefit is the top-up loft insulation is free for whole area of the loft space as there is no restriction on size of loft. Stirling HIS are also endeavouring to tailor the survey questions to suit individual households so that time taken to do the assessment is shorter.

Interesting Renewables:

Solar powered plane flies without stopping, night and day, for a whole week!

Salt Water used as an energy source: believe it or not under the right conditions salt water will burn as a fuel. Google: "John Kanzius".

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Killin Community Council

July meeting

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

In attendance: Owen McKee. Cllr P. Owens, Suzanne Player, Fergus Tickell
Northern Energy Development Ltd
Acharn Wood Bio Plant:

A planning application is targeted for submission to the National Park at the end of August.

Progress so far: landscape & visual impact assessment, ecological survey, noise assessment, field survey, air quality & flue plume visibility are all well within the limits allowed.

Killin Skip: A petition has been set up; the results are to be sent to Anne McGuire. Stirling Council will save £20,000 by closing the skip, but how much is it costing to clear the random rubbish that is being left all around the village and surrounding areas. SEPA have no interest in the skip. The head of waste management is to be asked to a meeting about the village waste requirements.

Community Resilience Plan: Fiona and Charlie are to attend to.

Road Maintenance: Jet patches are lifting already causing problems.

The Old Mart: Ongoing

Playpark: Willie Hamill from Stirling Council would like to meet in the park with the councillors to discuss the drainage problems and how best to move on. Then the play park can go ahead. Some drainage has already

been completed which has improved the situation already.

Benches: Both benches are now sited. Manse Road one has still to be fixed down.

Turning area: Ongoing speed bumps still missing. Cllr Owens to attend to
Folklore Centre: Still no positive ideas, as yet, further meetings are to take place. Should it be sold and put on the open market.

Breadalbane Forum: Rural Northwest Forth Valley Partnership there was a presentation on a community based rehabilitation service that is being introduced in the Breadalbane area. It will be provided by an integrated team from Stirling Council social services and the Health Board based in the health centre in Callander. Therapists will be working more closely with doctors allowing a better service to people in this rural area. This service has just started and is reorganising staff so that as many people as possible are based locally.

KAT: The trust is setting up a temporary thrift shop in the Church Hall as a trial. The trust looked into a late application to buy the land for sale opposite the Clachan caravan park. Unfortunately the sale has already gone to a closing date. It would take 8 weeks for the trust to make an application to buy the land under the community right to buy plan, resulting in it being too late.

Youth Project: There have been 2

outings to Firlbush

National Park: Owen McKee is still our representative - well done. A new board will take place from 1st October and will be streamlined from 25 members to 17.

CCTV: The community is to be asked if they would like CCTV in and around the village.

Correspondence: Bob Jack, the chief executive with Stirling Council would like to meet community councillors to discuss our needs as a rural area. A list of questions will be presented to Mr Jack.

Toilets: The toilets are now open but close at night at 5pm. Stirling Council are proposing to close all toilets if an alternative arrangement can be made with local businesses or hotels to provide toilets in their establishments. We as a Community Council do not agree with this idea and will oppose it. A letter is to be sent to Stirling Council.

Costcutter Site: Hogweed has been reported to SEPA and the National Park.

Killin Cemetery: The cemetery requires some weed killer and new gravel this has been reported. Cllr Wood to attend to.

Trees: The trees at The Glebe require trimming again.

Next meeting: Tuesday 9th September at Killin Primary School at 7.30pm

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Strathfillan Community Council

July meeting

Cllr. Fergus Wood told us that following a survey on public toilets, Stirling Council's [SC] policy was to try to arrange a Comfort Partnership Scheme with local businesses. The scheme would allow businesses to be reimbursed with £600 to £2000 per annum to allow the public to use their toilets. If no business could be found to take on this role, then SC would hang fire on closure. The toilets in Killin would probably not be closed because they are a comfort stop on the bus routes. It was pointed out that the toilets in Crianlarich are a comfort stop for service buses to Glasgow and the toilets in Tyndrum for the bus routes to Oban and Fort William.

John said that the CC has discussed the community taking over the running of the toilets in Crianlarich, but no decision has been reached. It was agreed that we need to get our views over to those in a position to make a decision. We will hold a special meeting and invite the two village officers, Cllr. Scott Farmer, Margaret Morrison, from Stirling Council Cleansing and representatives from Citylink and Stirling Council Asset Management team.

Strathfillan CC would like to congratulate Jimmy Allardice and Alan Brodie on being awarded the Queen's Fire Service Medal which will be presented at Buckingham Palace.

Housing: "Fresh Thinking, New Ideas" - this document is the starting point for a broad discussion about housing policy which will take place throughout the summer, with events across the country to discuss the various schemes.

The document can be viewed/downloaded from <http://housingdiscussion.scotland.gov.uk> This is an important document for all because from it decisions about all tenures of housing across Scotland will be made.

LEADER has awarded SCDT 50% of the money required for the Heritage Trail Project Design Stage <http://www.scottishdemocracy.com/discussion/viewtopic.php?f=35&t=141> An application has been made by the CC to Awards for All for the rest of the money.

<http://www.scottishdemocracy.com/discussion/viewtopic.php?f=35&t=142> Please be aware that throughout Scotland other insulation firms have been targeting areas where the Home Insulation Schemes are in operation and offering to provide insulation at a cost [slightly subsidised by the Scottish Government]. They are now targeting Strathfillan. These firms are nothing to do with the Community Futures Goes Green scheme. The surveys are carried out by Heat Wise [in red outfits] and the insulation is provided by EAGA. You can find out more at our stall at the Family Fun Day in Crianlarich on 28th August.

John congratulated Owen on being re-elected to the National Park Board.

The CC is making an application to the Community Pride fund to refurbish the notice boards in Crianlarich and Tyndrum. Jennifer Cunningham, Glasgow Herald, contacted John about an article on the planning application for the goldmine. A copy of the article together with a letter from the SNH can be found on the website

<http://www.scottishdemocracy.com/discussion/viewtopic.php?f=28&t=175> John's comments are below

"My understanding is that the NPA board will visit the proposed mine site on 18th August and make a decision on the planning application. SNH's remaining objection is headed 'Landscape and Visual Impacts'. I understand that all other previous SNH issues have now been addressed and SEPA's concerns have also been settled.

Should the NPA approve the application; disregarding the remaining SNH objection, I understand that the application would be referred to the Scottish Ministers.

My plea to all consultees is that this National Park was installed not in a wilderness but in a rural area, which had existing working living communities, which depend to a large extent on tourism, with its cyclical characteristics. We in Strathfillan are well aware of the potential for environmental damage but are totally confident that these issues will be addressed during the life of the mine and appropriate rectification will take place afterwards. In any case, 'Scottish Water', installed a water feed pipe from the River Cononish to Upper Tyndrum about a year ago and it's truly amazing how quickly the landscape has regenerated from a 10m wide working area making its way right through the Tyndrum Community Woodland. Nature would surely and similarly renew the area associated with the mine, with or without our help. In the long term, the community will be left with a mining heritage centre, which would have the potential of becoming a major tourist attraction. Also, this site could become one of historic interest.

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their work and take comments on any issues. Strathfillan CC is the instigator of this site. Please register and take an active role in improving your community".

New Village Hall Committee

Crianlarich has a brand new village hall committee. The committee would firstly like to thank the previous members Mary Anderson, Bernadette Marno, Jimmy Allardice, Ian Ramsay, Elma Scott and the late Jimmy Elliot for all the hard work they put in over the years. The new committee is very much looking forward to taking the reins and hope it will do you proud in their fundraising and booking efforts. The first event being planned is a family fun day and barbeque for locals and tourists alike. It will take place on Saturday 28th August, so please be sure to put the date in your diary.

There is also a brand new website available which details, rates, availability and facilities so please log on to crianlarichhall.org.uk and check it out.

May we also take this opportunity to remind locals that this venue is perfect for kids parties, weddings or special events that you may be planning.

Hope to see you all at the fun day!

Mhairi Kyle

Vice Chairperson

Crianlarich Village Hall



Stratfillan Community Development Trust

Crianlarich into Action (CiA) This is a working group comprising both members of the Trust and the Community Council. Funding applications to both the National Lottery and Forth Valley Leader for a Heritage project in Crianlarich have had a mixed response. The group was delighted to learn that FV Leader would support the project but have been disappointed by the Lottery fund. However, not dwelling on the bad news, they immediately submitted a funding application to Awards for All and the outcome should be known soon.

Saplings

Once again the Saplings have enjoyed another summer of fun activities. Our grateful thanks to all the volunteers involved without whose help the project couldn't run. Thanks also to our valued partners; the Forestry Commission, the

National Park and Stirling Council for their contributions.

WHW Fundraiser

Another big thank you to Crianlarich resident and ex-director of the Trust, Theresa Elliot, for her fundraising efforts on behalf of the Trust and the Crianlarich Nursery. Not just content with doing a sponsored walk, she walked the entire West Highland Way to raise funds!! On her own!! In my book that is way above and beyond the call of duty.

Tyndrum Village Hall

Don't forget that the Learning Café runs every Tuesday and Friday from 11am to 4pm and the PAL after school club is on Tuesdays from 4pm during term time. Our tutor, Heather Hamilton is on hand to help you with your IT problems and give one-to-one tuition. Heather is very nice, so don't be shy!

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Goldmine

The full NP board will be meeting in Strathfillan on Wednesday 18th August to decide on the Scotland planning application to re-open Cononish Goldmine. Watch out for more details nearer the time.

Joyce Russell

Development Officer

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Strathfillan Lunch Club



The Strathfillan Lunch Club enjoyed a day trip to Aberfoyle and then on the Sir Walter Scott steamer on Loch Katrine. We stopped at the Golden Larches for tea on the return journey. The weather was quite kind and the loch calm. The food was good and the company was great. Our thanks to the Co-operative Membership Community Fund for their grant of £490 for our great day out.

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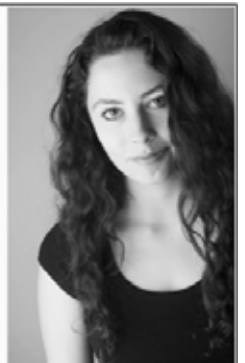
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Just Killin' Time



Dr David Syme and Kirsty Pearson, as team Just Killin' Time, took part in the Kindrochit Challenge 2010. The challenge was both in the event and in the heavy rain and low cloud which accompanied it. After a 7.00 am start, 1.5 km swim across Loch Tay, 24 km run through the mountain section, 11 km kayak back to the south shore of Loch Tay, it was too dark to complete the 54 km cycle round the loch. This was a valiant effort for the pair from Killin.

Timings: Start of swim 0700 hrs, start of mountain section 0749 hrs, start of kayak section 18.02 hrs, end of kayak section 20.16 hrs. The money raised this year will go towards funding a Mercy Corps project to alleviate poverty in Guatemala. **WA**

Lanzarote Ironman Event



After a year of preparatory intensive training, Sarah Heward of the Real Food Cafe and her personal trainer, Pete Waugh of Tay Fitness completed the Lanzarote Ironman event on 22nd May. Alan McCollm, her boyfriend, together with a small party of supporters including Chris and Jim, Sarah's Mum and Dad, Moira and Graham, two close friends who also work at The Real Food Cafe, Geraldine, a long-term friend (and supporter) from London, Kirsty Pearson and Amy her daughter, joined them in Lanzarote.

The event consisted of a swim of 3.8 km, bike ride of 180 km and a run of 42.2 km.

Sarah's total time was 16 hours 45 minutes and 53 seconds, rank 1203, Div. Pos. 211.

Pete's total time was 11 hours 58 minutes and 11 seconds, rank 503, and Div. Pos. 50.

This was a stunning result for both participants.

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Aberfeldy & District Junior Agricultural Club

At the Royal Highland Show this year, we were named 'National Club of the Year'. We also won the Perthshire NFU Trophy for Club Efficiency.

This award rounded off a very enjoyable year where the club entered lots of competitions, attended events, took part in two exchanges (Caithness District and Stewartry YFC) and hosted events such as the Annual Sheepdog Trials & Shearing Competition, the Atholl & Breadalbane Show Dance as well as the ever popular Christmas and Burns Supper Dances.

At the Royal Highland Show there were successes for Jimmy Wright who came 3rd overall in the YF Shearing Competition (past member Euan Wilson came 6th), Kayley Kennedy won her section in the Senior Arts & Crafts Box Competition and Kirstie Black & Ally Marshall formed part of the Perthshire team coming 3rd overall in the ASDA Challenge competition.

Since the Royal Highland Show we have held the Annual Sheepdog Trials & Shearing Competition, courtesy of Mr A Price.

Winners:

YF Dog Trial - Jimmy Wright

Local Dog Trial - Alan Frame

Open Dog Trial - R McDiarmid,

YF Hand Shearing Sandy McKellart

Local Hand Shearing

= Gordon Stewart & Robert Campbell

Open Hand Shearing, YF Machine Shearing, Local Machine Shearing, Open Machine Shearing and Best Pen - Stewart Kennedy

Well done to everyone who took part and to everyone who helped organise and run the event as well as those who came along and supported the competitions and dance.

The girls in the club put forward a team to compete in the Perthshire Hockey competition on 13th July

where they performed well, coming 4th overall. The boys meanwhile have concentrated their training on the remaining Tug-o-war competitions.

This year Perthshire District are hosting two members of the International Exchange

Programme with Monika Eugster from Switzerland staying with Aberfeldy member Kirstie Black.

The next club events The Atholl & Breadalbane Show (13th & 14th August) and marquee dance

Valuation at Coshieville Farm, courtesy of Mr K Dewar, on 17th August

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Fraud and Identity Theft

Over the past few months I have heard of some shocking attempts, both online and offline, of connmen trying to steal from innocent computer users.

I thought it would be useful to describe some of the ruthless methods used by these people, so that you can be more aware and cautious in your dealings with people who are unknown to you. These are real life examples, where one of the victims was conned quite cleverly out of their money.

By Phone

A lady of senior years received a phone call from a person purporting to represent an internet security company. The caller knew the lady's name and explained that he knew she had recently purchased a computer and that her computer was heavily infected with viruses, as he was able to monitor her machine remotely. He then suggested that she visit a specific website which would verify his claims and offered the lady a "special deal" for internet security software which would "protect" her machine. This was in fact a virus and she lost her money to this con artist.

This is just a scam and unfortunately it cost the lady a lot more to remove this "internet security" software from her machine.

The key questions here are how did this conman know who the lady was, and that she was a computer user, and how could he monitor her computer. The lesson here is trust no one who makes unsolicited contact with you.

Online Shop

A few weeks ago I was searching the internet for the best price for a specific item. I found most of the online shops to be selling the product for around the same price. However, one site jumped out by offering the exact same item for 10% less than anyone else. This worried me. When I investigated further I noticed on their payment page that there was no encryption. Thus, anyone using this site would pass their credit card and personal details directly to the owner of the website. This would result in the organisation taking payment for anything you "buy" from them - they will never deliver! You will also find sometime in the future that other payments will be taken from your account.

Luckily for me, I am aware of the issues related to shopping online and I was quick to spot this con.

The evidence that proved to me that this was a con, was the lack of security and encryption on the payment page, where credit card

information is requested. There should have been a closed padlock on the status line at the bottom of the internet explorer window, and the webpage address should have started https:// where the character "s" means there is security on the page. The lesson here is, that if the price is a lot cheaper than all the other sellers, then there is a possibility that this is fraudulent.

iPhone Connection problem

There is a technical problem with the iPhone 4 device, whereby if you hold the machine in a certain way, then it loses its network connection. Steve Jobs the Chief Executive Office of Apple, (the iPhone manufacturer) has stated that all owners of iPhone 4 devices will be entitled to a free case which will ensure that the phone does not lose connection.

Rural Broadband Update

The new Government has stated that the previous Labour Government's plans to introduce 2GB broadband by 2012 to every property in the country is now to be abandoned. Lack of funding has been quoted as the reason.

This affects quite a few people in our area, especially those in the more remote areas.

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Mervyn's Weather



How speedily the seasons and their attributes slip past and as one's years pile up the quicker their pace! In January the first snowdrop is an anticipated event, then after an interval and despite the severity of the winter, crocus and daffodil in due course. By the time bluebells start appearing in mid April, daffodils are beginning to wilt. All too soon the same bluebells are drowned in a rising tide of bracken and woodland understorey. Whins are in full flower during April and May followed by "The Yellow of the Broom" and the roadside delights of Cranesbill, Meadow Peas, Purple Loosestrife and Golden Rod et al. Simultaneously the moorland sward is coming to life, Ericas followed by Calluna (ling heather) and the myriad small contributors to the list, including the sub-alpine and alpine plants of the high corries. Soon however some trees are beginning to appear tired and Autumn tints infiltrate Chestnut and Beach, offset somewhat by the flowers of the season, Montbretia,

Grass-of-Parnassus, the Ceann a' Groban or Sheeps-bit Scabious, thus leading us into the glories of the Autumn colours. This fast moving pageantry of the flourish of seasonal endowments helps us, if not to forget, at least to assign to memory the exigencies of a past bitter winter, which among other things has decimated wrens, probably voles, and our resident barn-owls. It was interesting to note that in parts of the lower reaches of Glen Lyon - a notorious frost pocket - the whins below about 600 feet above sea level were completely devoid of bloom this Spring, while above this level the seasonal display of colour was virtually unaffected. It seems that for several days the minimum temperatures fell to -18°C (0°F) and barely rose above -14°C maximum, this cold air obviously lying in the bottom of this very recessed site. The old saying that until June 21st, The Summer Solstice, or "Turn of the day", one prays for rain, thereafter there is no need, seems to be on course for 2010. While the

Winter of 2009/10 has been unusual so indeed has been the distribution and longevity of the late lying snow beds of the high hills. Normally the Cuidhe Crom - The Crooked Wreath - of the North corrie of Ben More, also the bed in Coire Ban Mor of Beinn Heasgarnich (visible from the Bridge of Lochay) are the last to disappear, this year however they had gone by 18th June leaving on Stobinian a large patch and on Ben Lawers the ruin of the cornice above Coir' Ladhair to survive for another week and, surprisingly, as these notes are written a tiny spot on the South West face of Ben Lawers. Despite the severity of the past Winter and depth of snow on the highest ground a rapid diminution of cover occurred during May and June, in contrast to say 1951, when in June of that year perhaps 30% snow cover remained above 3,000 feet and a snow patch survived in the Bealach Dubh between Ben Lawers and An Stuic until September.

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Barn Owls, Bees and Bikes

It is mainly in June that red deer calves are born and for the first few days they lie hidden. After that they begin to move around with their mother, their spotty coat offers good camouflage. On 17th June, when coming back to the Argo after checking a fox den we noticed a calf lying in our path only feet from the vehicle, we had not spotted it on the way out. After seeing it we circled away from it, as leaving our scent could have caused the mother to abandon it. So if you are ever lucky enough to see one so tiny, do as you would with a young fledgling and leave well alone so that mum can do her job. It would appear from what we have seen so far that the calving rate may not be as bad as feared after the hard winter.

Hopefully another deer-related matter may not be as bad as first thought. Namely the merging of The Deer Commission with Scottish Natural Heritage. The current D.C. staff are to continue. Not so sure about the new prison warden style uniforms of S.N.H.!

One thing that does appear to have



Frost Report

suffered in the cold winter is the barn owl as there appear to be fewer. There is a definite reduction in migrants such as swallows and martins - maybe due to drought conditions in Africa? It would be interesting to know if other areas have noticed this reduction. Something else which has been repeatedly in the news lately for its declining numbers is the bee, honey, bumble and the various kinds of smaller wild bees. They are essential for pollination in our gardens and for crops. So it would seem surprising that pest controllers are reporting a huge increase in frantic requests from people who think that they are being terrorised by bees. They do not appear to know the difference between bees and wasps (think of a bee as a Ford and a wasp as a Ferrari and that, apparently, is a big help in I.D.), that bumble bees are quiet and benign creatures and they are lucky to have them. Too many scary movies of killer bees have obviously had their effect. Most pest firms are putting profit aside and advising

people to go to the website of the bumble bee conservation organisation which is, incidentally, somewhere in Stirling. Just a couple of updates from earlier articles - the fox 'communes' still seem to be thriving as we shot two vixens at one den last week. And Woody Woodpecker is having big problems with his invention of the 'bread in the hole' as the hole is now big enough for woodmice and voles to get in so they are shinning up the pole and stealing his stash. His answer to this is to start another hiding hole round the corner. Now the bikes - there seem to be more cyclists than ever on the rural roads (they have obviously not suffered in the Winter). Some weekends it is very difficult for locals to drive along the single-track roads. This is mainly due to the poor visibility as the air is so blue with their language as they hit the ruts and potholes especially on the Ardeonaig road. Do you think if each one paid a toll of 50p we could get it resurfaced? Certainly a swear box would do the job.

Tim Frost

Loch Earn Wakeboarding Event

WakeScot, Loch Earn's official wakeboarding event, are preparing for their biggest year yet. Now in its 3rd year it is the longest running wakeboarding event in Scotland. It is seen by governing body Waterski Scotland as an event that can be used as a platform for all levels of rider who wish to compete in Scotland.

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.....and They Lived Happily.....

On Saturday, 22nd May, Austin Wilcock and Karen (Ker) Morgan got married in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. But what has this event got to do with the people of Killin?

On 12th March 2005 the sky was blue and the mountains were covered in snow: just perfect conditions.

Austin was with friends, who later named themselves the "Ben Lui Bob Sleigh Team", for reasons that will become apparent! This experienced well equipped team planned to climb Ben Lui up through Central Gully. As they climbed up the steep, snow



covered face of Central Gully, another party who were near the summit fell. Two climbers, roped together, came tumbling down the Gully and collided with Austin and two of his friends, Linda Palentine and Stephen Norman. They now formed the Ben Lui Bob Sleigh Team and were swept down the mountain at an increasing speed. As they hurtled down, some of them must have thought that this was the end. They came to rest at the bottom of the Central Gully in a boulder field approximately 600 feet below. The mountain was busy and the call for help quickly went out. The Royal Navy (RN) Search and Rescue (SAR) helicopter was scrambled from Prestwick. Due to

the seriousness of the incident and the number of casualties involved, other agencies were also alerted. The Scottish Air Ambulance sent a helicopter, as did Strathclyde Police. The Scottish Ambulance Service and

example of a multi-agency response to a serious incident with a good outcome. We thought that would be the end of it. Just another call out...and good ending, Happy Days.



Casualties Linda, Austin and Stephen with Steve, Phil and Lucy, who helped on the hill.

Central Scotland Police also sent ground units to the area. At 13.45 Killin Mountain Rescue Team received a phone call from Central Scotland Police. In total 13 members of Killin MRT responded. The first group arrived at Cononish Farm, Tyndrum, just as the most seriously injured casualty (a young French lady, one of the roped pair) arrived by RN SAR helicopter. Members of Killin MRT helped transfer her to the Air Ambulance helicopter, whilst the RN SAR helicopter took four other members of the Killin MRT back up the mountain to help with the other casualties who were still lying in the snow and rocks in Central Gully. The scene was like something out of a war film. On arrival, the team set about helping the RN SAR Winchman administer first aid and prepare the casualties for evacuation. The casualties had suspected neck, spinal and head injuries, which was not surprising considering the speed and distance they had travelled. Friends of the injured, who were very concerned, showed tremendous fortitude. The injured were loaded into the RN SAR helicopter and flown to hospital. Miraculously all casualties survived. This was a good

In March 2007, we were contacted by the Ben Lui Bob Sleigh Team. They wanted to meet some of the people involved in the rescue. This seemed like an ideal opportunity to get a free pint out of someone. So a few members of the team met up with the BLBST at the Coach House. It was a great night and a pleasure to see them all again under much better circumstances. Casualties look very different when they are standing up! Recently Austin phoned to tell us he



Austin Wilcock and Karen (Ker) Morgan

was getting married. He and Ker had the wonderful idea of asking their friends and wedding guests to donate money to Killin MRT, rather than buy wedding gifts. This kind and generous thought led to £825 being donated to the team.

It makes a pleasant change to have a good news story. The outcome could have been very different. The members of Killin MRT would like to thank Austin, Ker, their family and friends for the generous donation. It really is much appreciated. We wish them both every happiness for the future.

John Morris
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Killin Community Choir

The Killin Community Choir was formed in the Autumn 2009. Choir leader, Kathryn Storey from Killin, advertised in the Killin News for potential choristers to join and form a community choir. There are now about forty members and the numbers are still rising. New members, particularly males voices, are always welcome and can join by coming to a rehearsal. Rehearsals



start on Tuesday 7th September in the Church Hall at 7.30pm and weekly throughout the winter.

A musical evening featuring the choir singing a medley of songs, Rachael Lincoln on her clarsach and

Alan Clark on the organ performed on 25th June in the Parish Church followed by supper in the McLaren Hall in aid of funds for the repair of the Killin and Ardeonaig Parish Church organ and the structure and roof of St Fillan's Episcopal Church, a place of worship for both Episcopal and Roman Catholic congregations. This was a most enjoyable evening thanks to Kathryn's hard work with the choir. The food and fellowship were excellent and the money raised, £500 for each of the worthy causes, was greatly appreciated by the community.

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Rev. John Lincoln and Kathryn Storey



Rev. Ladd Fagerson and Kathryn Storey

Gaelic Choir

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The Fourth Bob MacGregor

Killin and The Lanarkshire Motor Cycle Club welcomed riders and visitors to the village for the fourth trial in memory of the legendary Bob MacGregor on 4th, 5th June. Day one was of split weather conditions, blazing sun on the lower sections and chilly showers on the hill and moor to the south. The spectacular Falls of Dochart double section, an impressive spectator spot, complete with jumps, proved challenging as did Scotties Burn. However Tom Hink got his nose in front on the Premier route, hotly chased by Lee Shankie and Ian McPhail, with locals Andrew Anderson and Robert Lafferty showing the way in the A Intermediate and B Class routes respectively.

On day two the overnight class leaders got to grips with the wet conditions and edged ahead. The Swamp threatened to turn into one and the Geadas Falls became rather greasy as the trickle of water

increased, as did the almost vertical An Bacan Rock climb. The penalties began to mount, for some, but Tom, Andrew and Robert held the line and kept their scores low. Worthy of a mention are Jonathan Devlin, who stuck to his task returning one of the best scores of day two. To complete the Killin entry, Harry McRobbie fought his way round the course to the end and qualified for a finishing medal.

John Moffat, the SACU Steward, congratulated the club on organising a highly competitive trial amid the stunning scenery of West Perthshire and thanked Clerk of the Course Bobby Lafferty for his foresight and imagination in setting a course designed to be challenging rather than point taking.

Special thanks to Bob's daughters Sheila who lives in Belgium, and Maureen who came from Switzerland and their families for their support and presenting the awards.

Alex Stewart

Results

Bob MacGregor Premier Award - Tom Hink Eboracum 21 Beta
2nd-Lee Shankie Lanarkshire 43 Sherco, 3rd - Ian McPhail Lanarkshire 53 Gas Gas

The Gordon MacGregor Memorial Cup

A Class Schoolboy Inter Route - Andrew Anderson Lanarkshire 15 Gas Gas
2nd - Jonathan Devlin Lanarkshire 49 Sherco

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Elizabeth Hancock and Lucy Paulin both graduated from Glasgow University on 30th June (page 36) having achieved a Bachelor of Arts in Childhood Practice. They were amongst the first students in Scotland to complete this new degree which is aimed at Lead Practitioners of Early Years' settings. The Scottish Social Services Council are raising standards within care services and employees are gaining higher qualifications in order to meet new regulations. Staff at Killin and Crianlarich are no exception. Alex Tigwell, Maggie Townsley and Kate Cousins are working towards their Professional Development Award. Gill Farmer has successfully completed her SVQ3 in Child care and development and Lisa Semple and Donna Syme are working towards this qualification. This results in a highly qualified professional workforce which is equipped to care for and educate the youngest members of our community. The importance of the early years cannot be emphasised enough. Children develop rapidly from pre birth to three years of age and it is crucial that they receive the correct care and stimulation for them to reach their full potential. Having a

workforce which knows the importance of this and can engage young children in a wide variety of experiences to help their young brains develop and grow is a vital contribution to society. If you would

like to know more about what we do in our nurseries please do not hesitate to call to arrange a visit and we will be happy to help.

Elizabeth Hancock
Head of Nursery

Killin Toddlers Group

The Killin Toddlers Group now meets every first Thursday of the month in the Killin Church Hall. We have stopped meeting weekly, because not enough people came along. Hopefully meeting just once a month will encourage more parents and their babies and toddlers to join us. The Killin Toddlers Group is a place for children to play together and meet new kids, while parents get the opportunity to chat to other parents and meet new people, too. We have lots of toys for the kids and coffee and tea for the parents. There is no charge, so why not join us next time? The next meetings are Thursday 5th August, Thursday 2nd September and every first Thursday of the month after this, always from 10am. If you want to know more, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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This Giant Hogweed plant was photographed inside the enclosure of the "Costcutters" site probably introduced by vehicles used on contaminated sites such as those found around cities. If it seeds it could invade the Dochart and River Tay system and has been reported to the authorities. Do we need a "hit squad?"

Killin News July 1992



Dangerous Aliens Invade Killin

Giant Hogweed, *Heracleum mantegazzianum*, is easily recognised by its huge size, up to 3.5m, 11 1/2 feet high.

Introduced from the Caucasus, it has become established in many parts of Britain, sometimes covering extensive sites near rivers. It is dangerous if handled.

The sap will cause ulceration of the skin. It is an offence to "plant

Two plants have now appeared on the verge of the Ardaraig road near the Auchmore entrance, and one is about to flower.

A hit squad is being arranged, to prevent further spread. Please watch out, and let us know if any other plants are around.

David Mardon

Manse Road Bench Replaced



Bill Rew, the Chair of the Killin Community Council at the time the original bench was acquired for the top of Manse Brae, trying out the replacement bench for size and comfort.

Gardenshare Stirling



Do you have an unused corner in your garden that you would be happy to share with someone who would love to grow some fruit and vegetables but has no garden of their own?

Or perhaps you are keen to grow some of your own food but have no land. Gardenshare Stirling is a new scheme that aims to match budding gardeners with people who have a garden that they cannot manage themselves, perhaps due to lack of time or ill-health.

The benefits to garden owners include having a keen gardener keeping the weeds under control, seeing things growing in the garden again, meeting new people and sharing some of the delicious produce. There are now so many people who want to grow fruit and vegetables that it is a major problem finding enough land for them all. There are often long waiting lists for allotments and many modern homes have very small gardens or no garden at all.

Schemes such as this are now running successfully in other parts of the UK. If you have some spare land or would like to grow your own veggies please contact...

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Village Officer

Following an email sent by Provost Fergus Wood to Les Goodfellow requesting a decision on the question of a village officer for Killin, the following email was sent to the Provost with a copy to the secretary of the Killin Community Council. When Jack (Jake) Green, the last village officer in Killin, retired, the Cleansing Service introduced a mobile cleansing service, which visits the village three times a week. The Cleansing Service has introduced more mobile teams throughout the area in recent years in preference to village officers, as opportunities have arisen. The overall effectiveness of this approach and other changes to working practices, have been reflected in the LEAMS (Local Environmental Assessment Management System) scores for the entire Council area, which have increased from 67 three years ago to 75 in 2008/09 and 74 in 2009/10. Other advantages of moving to mobile working are that it is more efficient and increases the flexible working arrangement to cover holidays and ill health absences. LEAMS is the nationally accepted method for comparing the cleanliness of local authority streets and other public areas. LEAMS is administered by Keep Scotland Beautiful, who validate local scores with assessments being carried out in Stirling by other local authorities.

With further substantial reductions in public sector spending anticipated in the next three year period, I am not able to create or fill any vacant posts without significant justification. The mobile squad that covers Killin has operated for the last five years and has adequately dealt with the issues raised by the community over that period. With further reductions in revenue expenditure anticipated, I

am not in a position to resurrect the village officer post in Killin at this time.

If the community has raised specific cleansing related issues with you that require to be attended to, please forward them to me.

Les Goodfellow

Head of Service, Roads
Transport & Land

Boreland Garden Open Day



Just under £1,000 was raised on Sunday 25th July, 60% for the National Trust Scotland Garden Scheme, 40% for the Killin Branch Cancer Research UK.



Killin Road Show Thursday 23rd September Killin Hotel 10am - 4pm

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Construction

Construction of the new community resource 'The Big Shed' at Tombreck is going according to plan and great progress has been made. Designed by local architects, ea Ecological Architecture, The Big Shed will be an exemplar of eco-design with low carbon emissions and a reduced eco-footprint.

Foundations have been laid, the timber has been milled on site and wooden trusses have been constructed. Timber for the main frame was sourced locally from Bolfracks and has been erected by joiners from the local firm Blairish Restorations who have been working hard to keep on target. The intention is to have the building completed by the end of 2010 and ready to open in January 2011.

Eco-Construction Awareness (ECA) Programme

Part of the vision for the Big Shed is that the very act of constructing the building will enable people to learn about eco design and construction. A series of seminars entitled "Working with Green Timber," intended for the joiners working on the Big Shed have now been concluded. Topics included Sitka Spruce and Scottish Forestry, timber milling, characteristics and selection, engineered timber and detailing. The miller, the structural engineer, two foresters and a furniture maker/green woodworker spoke

about different aspects of working with green timber. The architects gave the overview and discussed the ecological objectives of the project. The project architects have designed the ECA Programme and are implementing it. The learning process is happening in a number of ways, including hands-on volunteering and participating in the building process. For more information go to www.ecological-architecture.co.uk

Volunteers



Volunteer Sarah Watts

Volunteers will be needed during the construction phase and local people are encouraged to get involved. The first sessions throughout most of August, involve putting in the insulation using a method with a bulk delivery of sheep's wool. The

first volunteer weekend (9th and 10th July), involving 10 volunteers, was a great success and everyone enjoyed learning about eco design ideas and getting to grips with stuffing the wall cavities with sheep's wool. Future sessions will include more wool insulation work, reed bed construction, lime/clay plastering, painting and decorating and external landscaping. If you have time to spare and would like to help to construct your own community building please contact the volunteer coordinator Emma on emma@bigshed.org.uk

Loch Tay Food Chain Interest Meetings

The Big Shed will become the hub for the Loch Tay Food Chain - an initiative to link local residents and businesses to locally grown produce. Producers will be encouraged to grow food for the local community, businesses, hotels and restaurants. If you are interested in finding out more and wish to develop this idea please come along to one of our planned meetings/discussion evenings.

Killin: Lesser McLaren Hall, 7.30 August 24th

Fearnan: Village Hall 7.30 August 19th

Visit The Big Shed, ask questions or share ideas.

Jane Watts

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Lix Toll Garage now has a newly installed single lane MOT Testing Station for Class 4 tests (cars and light vans) Class VL test (mini buses and vehicles up to 16 passenger seats / 5000kg) and



Class VII test (light commercial vehicles 3000-3500KG). This widens the scope of vehicles which can be tested at the garage and moves the Lix Toll refurbishment plans a step further.

A 24 hour fuel facility is being installed allowing fuel purchase after closing hours.

The current forecourt shop has also been redesigned and refitted and is being supplied by the Londis group. The upgrading of the facilities at Lix Toll will continue over the next few months and it is hoped that the additional services available will benefit holidaymakers and local residents.

Kimberley Robinson

Scottish Hydro Electric Donation



Francis Smith, Jeni McCarron, Cameron Frost, Stewart Higginbotham

The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home have had a boost thanks to a donation of £500 from Scottish Hydro Electric's Hydro Generation staff. The team was awarded the money as part of the company's 'Make it Zero' safety scheme, following their outstanding safety record and have again chosen to donate the cash to the Home. Scottish Hydro Electric people are genuinely passionate about working safely and this attitude is reflected by their individual team's 'Make it Zero' awards.

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Killin Golf Club

Mixed Open May

Scratch

1st - Gordon Aitken (Killin) & Patricia Parkhouse (Lothianburn) 75

2nd - Jim Ronald & Laura Aitken (Killin) 77

Handicap

1st - John McNulty & Heather

Clement (Dalmally) 62

2nd - Andy Cousins & Jackie Crossan (Killin) 63 BIH

Best Killin (Bill Mitchell Salver)

Andy Cousins & Jackie Crossan 63

Nearest Pin

Ladies (5th) R Ross (Glencruitten) 4m

Gents (8th) - Simon Johnson

(Bridge of Allan) 3.14m

Magic Twos

Simon Johnson & L Tripleton

(Bridge of Allan)

Ian and Ann Douglas (Lochwinnoch)

2nd Heather Clement

(Dalmally) 65

Killin Cup (Best overall Handicap)

Sally Birnie (Pumpherston) 63

Bridge of Lochay Salver

(Best Local Handicap)

Liz Stevens 66

Dochart Trophy

(Best overall Scratch)

Lucy McNulty (Dalmally) 74

Nearest the Pin

Sheena Chisholm (Killin)

Longest Drive Silver

Kate Rowan (Colville Park)

Longest Drive Bronze

Lorna Murphy (Callander)

Magic Twos

Sheena Chisholm (Killin)

Margaret Hughes (Bridge of Allan)

CSS 67

National Nines 26th June

Once again Killin Golf Club was host to the National Nines, a competition open to members of 9 hole golf clubs, organised by Tony and Shiona Pilgrim. Last year's winners, Dickie Lewis, Gordon Aitken and Hamish Campbell, came third this year with 94 Stableford Points. Muthill came second with 95 Stableford Points, and first with 106 Stableford points was another Killin Team, Douglas McRobbie, Jim Ronald and Alec Hutchison. Alec also got the best individual score of the day of 36



Douglas McRobbie, Alex Hutchinson
Jim Ronald and Shiona Pilgrim



Alec Hutchinson and Tony Pilgrim
beating Douglas with a better
inward half. The team will now go
on to Jersey for the finals in
September.

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Ladies Open June

Scratch

Silver Division

Lucy McNulty (Dalmally) 74

Bronze Division

Sheena Chisholm (Killin) 88

Handicap

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Care in the Community

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 Blairdrummond to include Thornhill, Doune, Callander, Strathyre, Balquhider, Lochearnhead, Killin, Ardeonaig, Crianlarich and Tyndrum and the local communities attached to these villages.

The aims of the partnership are:

- 1 Locally based services
- 2 Reductions in hospital admissions/readmissions
- 3 Quicker discharge from hospital to local community based support
- 4 Intensive rehabilitation at home

in a rural area for up to one month

- 5 Shared health/social care office/occupational therapy space for staff working in this area
- 6 Reduced duplication of community visits through improved communication
- 7 Three new support staff will be dual-trained to undertake basic health and social care role
- 8 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 northwest 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.

It 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.

Alison Keir

Alison.keir@nhs.net

Children Experiencing Domestic Abuse Recovery



The CEDAR Project has been running in Forth Valley for the past 1½ years. CEDAR means Children Experiencing Domestic Abuse Recovery. We run a 12 week group-work programme to help children talk about hurting and fighting in their families. Women also have the opportunity to go to a mothers' group where they can talk about their experiences and learn how to support their children overcome some of the difficulties they have had.

Susan runs the children's groups



and Joyce runs the mothers' groups. Some key things we talk about are: how to keep safe, feelings (in particular how to deal with anger), and we support women and children to understand that they are not to blame for what has happened in their families. We have lots of fun, games and great snacks as well as dealing with some very serious things that have happened. Coming to the groups helps children and mothers gain confidence and self-esteem.

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Moves to create new visitor facilities at the National Trust for Scotland's Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve in Perthshire that are more in keeping with the mountain landscape started this month. Plans for the removal of the existing Mountain Visitor Centre have been lodged with Perth and Kinross Council. The Ben Lawers Mountain Visitor Centre was built on the lower slopes in the early 1970s to interpret the important features of the site and encourage thousands of visitors during the summer to minimise their impact. After decades of exposure to the elements, the timber structure was in need of significant repair and was no longer a suitable facility for visitors to the area. A review of interpretation and other facilities recommended a less obtrusive approach and in 2009, the conservation charity decided it should close. Now, the Trust is planning a series of improvements at the site which are intended to provide visitor facilities in a setting that is more suitable for the remote location which attracts so many visitors and walkers to Ben Lawers. Key elements of the plan include the removal of the existing centre, re-locating the car park to a less visible site nearby, with appropriate

landscaping to reinstate the moorland and provision of unmanned interpretation available all year round. Ben Lawers is one of Scotland's most popular walking destinations, with 7 Munros, fabulous views over Loch Tay and a huge diversity of its plant and animal life. We now have an opportunity to improve provision for visitors, restoring the hillside to its former glory, and providing more modern and appropriate facilities for those who come to Ben Lawers, whether serious walkers or families on a ramble. An important consideration will be the impact that these new developments have on the landscape for which Ben Lawers is so well loved. As a conservation charity, we are committed to ensuring that the new facilities leave as little impact on the environment, both visually and otherwise, as possible. This work will enable the Trust to meet its key aims of encouraging everyone to explore their natural heritage, while ensuring that we protect Scotland's landscapes for future generations. To find out about organized public walks for children and adults

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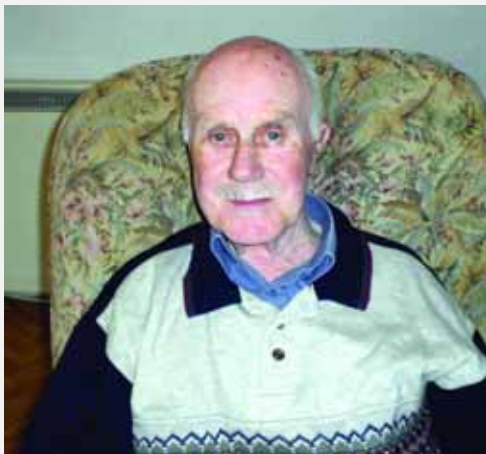
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Obituary



John "Ian" Gray 1931-2010

Ian was born in Fenwick on the 12th May 1931. He attended the local school, served his apprenticeship as a joiner with the local firm and then served his two years of National Service with the RAF being based in Germany for some time. In 1955 Ian moved to Killin worked on various parts of the Hydro Electric Scheme and he also worked

renovation work at Baberton Mains. During his time in Killin, Ian was a member of Killin Golf Club, played football for the Killin team and was also a part time fireman in the village. He enjoyed a drink or two with his friends in Killin, from The Salmon Lie to the Bridge of Lochay. After Leaving Killin and completing the renovation work in Baberton, Ian became a Bus Driver for Lothian Region Transport. He played golf at

for the late Alistair McKinnon. Ian met Margaret Lawrie, daughter of Sarah and Martin Lawrie (the Porter Guard of the train station in Killin) at a dance in Kenmore and they were married in Killin on 23rd March 1957. Ian and Margaret had four children Carol, (the late) Bobby, (the late) Lorraine and Sally. The family lived in Ballekroisk until December 1972 when they moved to Edinburgh, to work for the late Sir Peter Fawcus on the

Carrick Knowe Golf Course, enjoyed his dominos, teaching all his 8 grandchildren how to play this game. Latterly he played bowls for the Transport Club, Slateford Bowling Club and Bainfield Bowling Club.

In 2007 Ian was diagnosed with cancer of the bladder and in October 2009 suffered a mild stroke. He was admitted to the Western General Hospital for routine treatment but sadly his condition deteriorated and 3 days after their 53rd Wedding Anniversary Ian passed away peacefully on 26th March with Margaret and Sally by his side.

Margaret and family would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and kindness shown to them during this sad time. The family thanks all the staff on Ward 56 and 20 ICU unit for the care and attention shown to Ian during this time and all who were able to pay their respects at Mortonhall Crematorium. A retiral collection of £220 was donated to the ICU unit of the Western General Hospital. Ian will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Sally Burnie
daughter

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State of Graveyard

It is sad, when I visit the family grave, to see that the Killin cemetery is suffering from neglect. This became apparent to me when I noticed the mortuary slab through the open door, not a sight that anyone seeking family memories of their dear departed wishes to see. Then the rest came to my notice. The flower beds outside the gates have not been planted with the usual colourful flowers, a broken bough lies inside the gate, the gravel paths are no longer tidy at the edges, branches grow from adjoining property obstructing the path, the water tap leaks and a sort of compost heap of dead plants lie in an untidy heap beside the mortuary. Does it have to be like this? I hope this will be remedied soon and the graveyard treated with a little more respect.

Malcolm McLarty

Birthdays

Duncan MacKinnon and Mary Sandeman would like to thank everybody who came to their recent birthday party at the Capercaillie for their kind gifts, cards and good wishes and Myra and her staff for splendid food. We had a great night. Thank you.

Thank You

I would like to thank the kind people of Killin for their thoughtfulness and friendship when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Many thanks also to Dr Syme, Dr Holden and Nurse MacLaggan. I had a mastectomy and am having chemotherapy, followed by drugs. I received fifty cards, gifts and a lovely bouquet of flowers. Thanks to everyone.

Janet Anderson

Back on her Feet

I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards, flowers, plants and chocolates and supplied me with food/shopping/newspapers after my fall in the garden which immobilised me. It has been a great support to me. I returned to work on 5th July and am glad to be back on my two feet again and my knee is much better as well.

Ankie de Laat

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who sent all the lovely cards, flowers, plants and gifts, and for everyone wishing me well after my short stay in hospital. With many thanks

Jenny Martin

Another Sad Graveyard

I recently walked to the graveyard in Ardeonaig. First of all, it's not very easy to get to as not everybody would want to walk through a field of cows with young calves. I took the chance. The grass in the graveyard is over five foot high and my Granny's gravestone was completely hidden - but I made it visible again. I'm not sure what I am paying rates or Council tax for, I might pay it or I might not. They empty my bins and that's about it. My bins are used by passers by and locals anyhow.

Janet Anderson

Millennium Clock

I walk past the McLaren Hall most days and look up at the Millennium Clock to check the time - for months on end it has read ten past eleven !! Could anybody tell me why?

J. Thornton



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May Graham

Freemasons' Open Days

The Killin Freemasons Lodge Room will open for the 'Doors Open' weekend 18th and 19th September and invite all to come along and meet the members and see our home. It will be open from noon to 2.00pm and there will be a selection of Minute Books and extracts from the records along with artefacts and memorabilia on display. Last year the event was hugely successful with over seventy visitors, so this year we are all looking forward to another busy weekend.

Alex Stewart
www.lodge815.co.uk

The Tarmachan Hounds do it again! Just when we thought it simply couldn't get any better than winning Best of Breed at Crufts, we decided to take on the rest of the world and

class and won. The rules are somewhat different in Europe as Champions & Veterans cannot compete for the National award but they can compete for Best of Breed.



drive over to Denmark for The World Dog Show 2010.

We drove down to Harwich and caught the ferry overnight for Holland and finally arrived at our accommodation in Ribe Denmark 12 hours later.

The next day we were up at the crack of dawn to get to the show in Herning. We arrived in plenty of time to find our bearings and get into the huge Messecentrum.

Our judge was a breed specialist from Denmark. First in the ring was our youngest Lottie, she won 2nd in the Champion class, then it was Gaby in the open class, which she won. Fern, who is now 9, went into the Veteran

Much to our delight Gaby was selected for the CACIB which means that she has become the world champion!

Fern was then also selected to become the World Veteran Champion and Best Bitch in Breed!

We had also entered, for a bit of fun, the breeder's class, for which you must have a bitch or dog and at least 3 of their progeny, and much to our surprise we won this title also! We then had to compete with at least 30 other groups all different breeds, we were short listed and made it through to the last 8! So we can now say that Killin is firmly on the map. What's next who knows.

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National Park News

This year there are some major changes to the National Park Board and the first of these came into effect on 1st July with the election of three new members to join myself and Willie Nesbit of Gartocharn as the local members. These are David Warnock from Callander, David McCowan from Luss and David McKenzie from Cowal. (With so many Davids on board we will surely be able to tackle the Giant Hogweed which seems to be popping up everywhere). The final changes will come into effect on 1st October when the Board will be reduced in size from 25 to 17 with both the local authority nominees and ministerial appointees dropping in number to 6 each. So far only Stirling Council has put forward their nominations. Provost Fergus Wood and Councillor Tony Ffinch will again represent Stirling Council but it is hoped that we will know within the next few weeks the nominations from Perth & Kinross (1), West Dunbarton (1) and Argyll & Bute (2). By the end of August we should also know the ministerial appointees. August 18th is the scheduled date for the Cononish Gold Mine planning application to be considered. The Board will visit the site in the morning and later in the day sit at the planning committee. Under the Planning and Access Committee Standing Orders only those members in attendance at both the site visit and planning meeting can take part in the planning decision. The Planning Application for the Bio Mass (Wood Burning) Electricity Scheme above Easter Lix is expected to be lodged with the Park Authority in August. The applicant's agent attended the July Community Council Meeting to give

an update in progress. The Byelaws proposing the banning of wild camping in a restricted area from Drymen to Rowardennan are progressing through the system but we have seen some opposition from groups such as the Ramblers Association. With the National Park Authority an advocate of universal access it was only the extreme nature of the damage being done to East Loch Lomond that caused us to go down the road of the camping ban and our hope is that its introduction in that restricted area will help spread the message that with rights come responsibilities. In addition education and prevention will continue with the Operation Ironworks partnership of Police and Rangers.

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Will Camping Byelaws Affect Killin?

Board Members from Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park have approved proposals to introduce camping byelaws in East Loch Lomond. The consultation report showed that 60% of those who responded were in favour of introducing a "restricted zone" from Drymen to Rowardennan where no camping can take place other than at formally designated sites or existing commercial sites. By introducing all these measures the Park hopes to make the area a family friendly visitor destination where people can come and take in the stunning views, where the facilities are first class and all of it is enjoyed in a responsible manner. This is a national asset and it is the Park's responsibility to protect the area for generations to come. National Park Rangers and Central Scotland Police are continuing to patrol the area as part of Operation Ironworks. If approved by Scottish Ministers, the National Park Authority will implement the byelaws from April 2011. It remains to be seen if this will affect outlying areas without byelaw protection. **WA**

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Local Planning Applications

National Park

Week 19 commencing 3 May

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

Week 22 commencing 24 May

Proposal: Erection of 14 dwellinghouses with associated parking (amendment to Planning Permission 2009/0126/DET/S for the erection of 14 No. self-catering holiday units with associated car parking)
Location: Youth Hostel, Killin
Applicant: Mrs H Booth,
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Week 23 commencing 31 May

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse
Location: Land Rear Of Strathfillan Terrace Station Road Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr Matthew Sanger
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Week 25 commencing 14 June

Proposal: Erection of agricultural worker's/retired farmers dwellinghouse
Location: Land at Acharn Near Killin Adjacent to Killin Community Curling Pond

Applicant: Mr Malcolm Campbell
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Week 27 commencing 28 June

Proposal: Erection of 12 No. flatted dwellings with associated access and parking
Location: The Garage Main Street Killin
Applicant: Mr Robert Addis,
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Proposal: Erection of 2 No. agricultural barns

Location: Land At Acharn Killin
Applicant: Mr Malcolm Campbell
Application Type: Agricultural and Forestry Notification
Decision: Permitted Development

Week 28 commencing 5 July

Proposal: Change of use of land to site 6no. static caravans, nos 9 & 11-15

(Retrospective)

Location: Glen Dochart Caravan Park Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr Robert McCready
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Perth & Kinross

18 May Proposal: Demolition of visitor centre

Location: Ben Lawers Mountain Visitors Centre Killin

Applicant: National Trust For Scotland

Application Type: Prior Notification

Decision: Pending Decision

1 June Proposal: Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse

Location: Chable Morenish Killin

Applicant: Mr And Mrs J C Campbell
Application Type: Planning permission local
Decision: Application Approved

29 June

Proposal: Demolition of existing farmhouse and bungalow and erection of a dwellinghouse

Location: Rynachulaig Farm Killin
Applicant: Mr Brian Young
Application Type: Planning permission local
Decision: Pending Consideration

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Our creator frequently gets similar treatment. He often gets blamed when something goes wrong but seldom gets credit for all the things that go right. Every day people get up, get dressed and go to work or school or the shops and then return safely to their families. No one knows how many times God has protected us from harm. But when there is a tragedy, the question quickly comes, "Where was God?" If you consider all the wonderful things that God does silently on our behalf day by day we have plenty of reasons to give Him our thanks and praise.

Ladd Fagerson

Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Church is most grateful to all who have made a donation to the refurbishment appeal fund. This will remain open until the work is complete.

Len Humphreys



Congratulations to David McKellar from Tyndrum on passing out from phase one army training on 14th May. He will now be joining the Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers. Well done David, your family are very proud of you.



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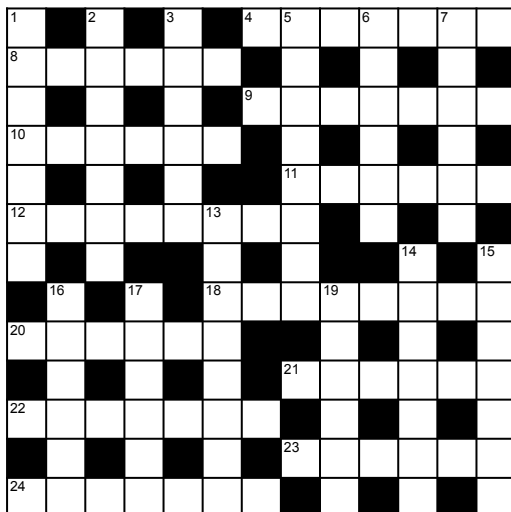
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Crossword by Scorpio



Across

- 4 Only a small chilly part of it shows above the surface (7)
 8 Don't pay any attention to the ogre in confusion (6)
 9 Dried South African beef (7)
 10 His name was given in honour to a gold coin and a national park(6)
 11 A game and part of the face (6)
 12 Cuter tin confused by a touch of colour (8)
 18 Diana's addition could be financially beneficial (8)
 20 Race me for a bluebell type of flower formation (6)
 21 Flacid terrestrial with a clinging habit (6)
 22 Chas and Tom got confused about paunch (7)
 23 Obsessively uses alcohol or drugs (6)
 24 Great if reorganised for naval escort vessel (7)

Solution 116

Across 4 tandems, 8 fungus, 9 cognate, 10 isobar, 11 tomboy, 12 eventful, 18 saturate, 20 unjust, 21 choral, 22 cuckoos, 23 albert, 24 egg roll

Down 1 offices, 2 insoles, 3 mutant, 5 an outlet, 6 dynamo, 7 motion, 13 fast boil, 14 carried, 15 deflate, 16 unsung, 17 bunker, 19 uphill

Down

- 1 Voucher or pass (7)
 2 Subsequent occurrence (7)
 3 Ancient city inhabitant needed in a great hurry (6)
 5 These plants do not need crampons (8)
 6 Interrupt rudely as Billy would (4,2)
 7 Go back on a promise (6)

- 13 Beneath incision & charging less than a competitor (8)
 14 A ticket to travel (3,4)
 15 Rust ate oddly at bearing (7)
 16 She later became confused then unsteady (6)
 17 Used by someone mad about beverage (3,3)
 19 They can be upwards or downwards (6)



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- 18 National Trust Hillside safari Ben Lawers lower slopes 1.30pm Ben Lawers Car Park Tel 0844 4932 136
- 19 Drama Club AGM & evening for newcomers and friends to help with the new seasons productions.
McLaren Hall 7.30pm
- 20 Handicraft/Baking exhibition McLaren Hall 6pm-8pm
- 21 Killin Show Breadalbane Park
- 24 Loch Tay Food Chain meeting Lesser Hall 7.30pm see page 25
- 28 Family Fun Day Crianlarich Village Hall

September

- 2 Tiddlers & Toddlers Group meeting see page 22
- 3 Community Bus outing to Dundee Flower & Food Festival 9am.
To book phone 820521
- 9 Killin Community Council meeting School 7.30pm
- 10 Community Bus outing to Helensburgh 9am To book phone 820521
- 16 Beetle Drive Church Hall 7pm
- 18,19 "Doors Open" weekend
- 22 Scottish Native Woods meeting McLaren Hall.
- 23 STEP Road Show see page 24

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