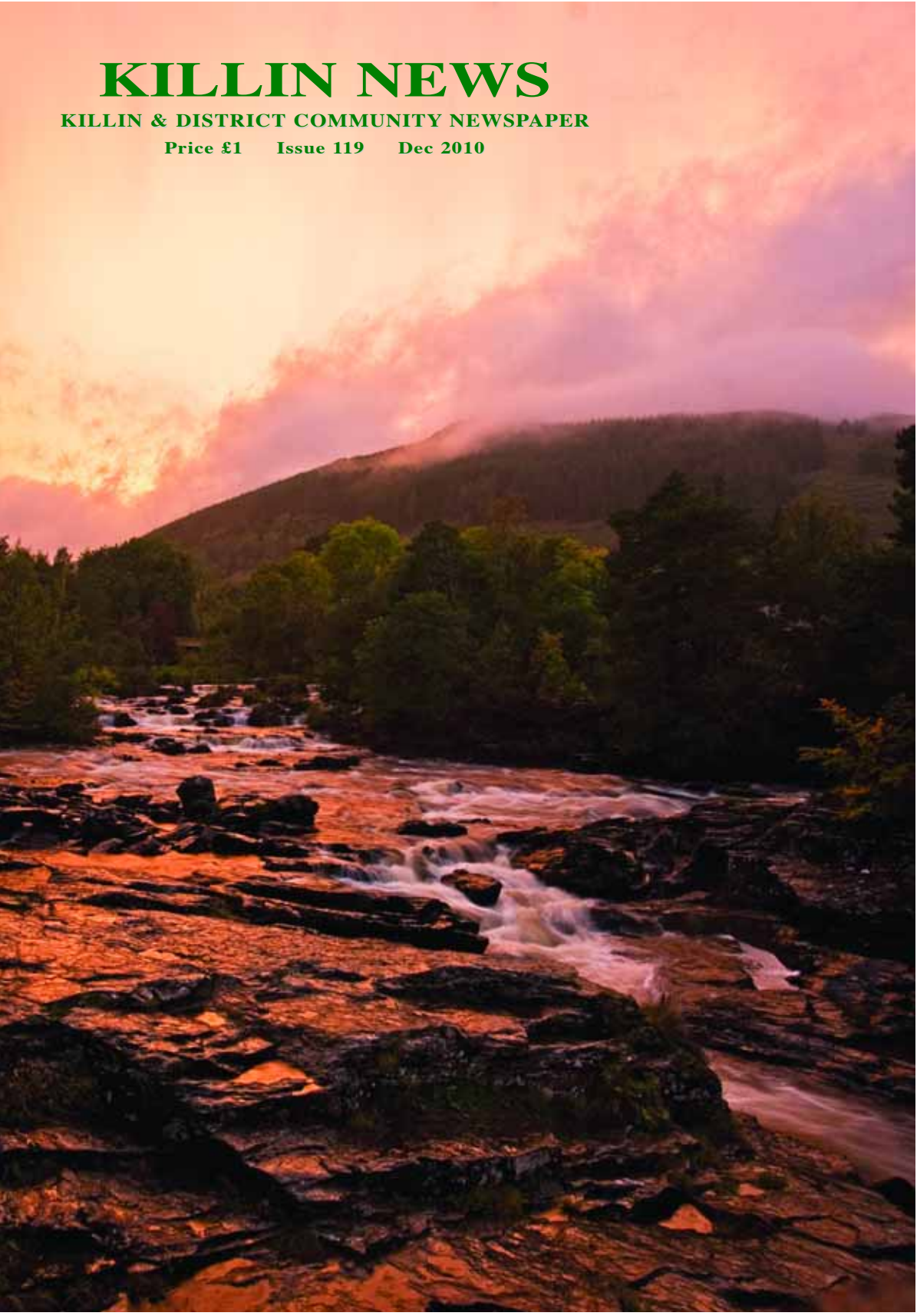


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Editorial

While on my volunteering duty at Moirlanich this summer I was aware of the high number of visitors who use camper vans to holiday in Killin, often those recently retired and using their newly found freedom to explore Scotland at their leisure. Many told me they had been here years ago on a short visit and were now able to look at areas, glimpsed in the past, in more depth. They were not passing through after a night in the village but planned to stay for a week and use Killin as a base and on many days in the summer the sign on the Maragowan Site read "Site Full". In the past those visitors might have stayed in the village guest houses or B&Bs, but the freedom of their vans gives them an opportunity to holiday in a way that would otherwise be restricted. Many had bicycles allowing them to venture up the tracks closed to cars. It is likely that some of them found Killin in the past because they had the opportunity to stay in the youth hostel. For the back packer it was the obvious choice of accommodation. That sad derelict building sits forlornly at the edge of the village without the buzz of the visitors who used it all year round, often travelling from all parts of the UK and further to explore the mountains and rivers that surround us. So are we likely to lose those adventurous people who come and taste what is on offer here and return years later? There is a small hostel beside the Killin Hotel but it does not have a huge capacity and certainly does not attract the big university groups who used to come to the now closed Scottish Youth Hostel. A new venture operated by the Killin Hotel is due to open soon. It will offer hostel accommodation to approximately 24 visitors at a budget price. Perhaps then the university groups will return and use Killin for their field trips, adventure trips and leisure trips as they did in the past. Some of those same visitors might then return with their families, so perpetuating the culture of hill walking, canoeing, wildlife watching, cycling and all the other attractions has to offer visitors.

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The gathering at the War Memorial



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The village war memorial has twenty names of service men who died in the First World War and six in the 1939-1945 war. They all belong to families who lived in the village during the two wars. L.A.C. Hamilton, Lance Corporal Forbes MacFarlane and Sergeant P.J. Stewart, three of the six who died during the second world war, have been the subject of previous articles. Some of their relatives still live in the village. The remaining three, Flight Sergeant Archie Marquis RAF, Capt A. D. Morris S.A.S and Sergeant J. Nicholson Black Watch had families who are remembered by some in Killin but there are no family members remaining in the village.

Archie Marquis was a pilot with the RAF and spent much of the war flying between Canada and the UK. He died while taking part in operations in Italy and is buried in Ravenna War Cemetery. The family lived in Alpine Cottage just behind the present Breadalbane House. At that time the house was home to two families, the Muirheads and the Marquis family. One family on the top floor, the other on the ground floor. Archie's mother Christina (Chrissie) was a Muirhead before she was married so the two families were related. Archie's father, also Archie, was remembered as the driver of the horse and cart which

collected ashes daily from all houses in the village.

Captain Alfred Dayrell Morris SAS sadly died on the last day of the war in Germany. He is buried in the Commonwealth Section of Hamburg Cemetery. While many families must have thought they could look forward to seeing their loved ones coming home, that was not to be for the parents of Dayrell Morris. The village celebrated the end of the war, like most others, by hanging flags out to mark the occasion. Dayrell's parents, Alfred and Emma, owners of the Killin Hotel, joined in hanging out flags even though they knew their son would not be among those returning home. He was married to Mina.

Sergeant John Nicholson Black Watch (known as Ian) died aged 24 on 19th July 1943 in Sicily and is buried at Catania War Cemetery. He was the son of John and Christina Nicholson and served in the North African campaign with the Desert Rats. The family lived at No 8 Monemore.

Although the numbers who died in the Second World War were fewer than those lost in the first world war, Monemore lost three young men, the other two being Forbes MacFarlane from No 1 and Peter Stewart from No 10.

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Willie Dunn, John Nalepa, Judge Stroyan, Roy MacGregor and Scott Wilson

Killin Community Council Meeting

9th November

Killin skip: It is possible that a skip collection could happen - further discussion is required on community involvement.

Toilets: We are waiting for the budget to make clear how much money, if any, is going to be available.

Grass-cutting: It is possible that a team could be employed to do all the jobs in the area - toilets, street cleaning, cemetery maintenance, weed killing etc. This would create a more efficient service with qualified local employed people.

Road maintenance: The Ardeonaig Road still requires ditching to avoid unnecessary future maintenance.

The Old Mart, Playpark, Turning Area, CCTV, Bridges: All ongoing.

Cemetery: to be discussed with Bob Jack, Stirling Council Chief Executive, at a meeting on 24th November.

Folklore centre: KAT has made an application to Stirling Council to buy this at less than

best price, as buying the property is less restrictive than leasing it. Previous ideas for feasibility are still being worked on.

Breadalbane Forum: Meeting for Community Councillors with Bob Jack on 24 November

Goldmine: Discussions are ongoing - an appeal being made against the National Park decision.

Youth Group: Weekly meetings in the Golf Club are going well.

Scottish Native Woods: Mostly interested in the River Tay in the Dunkeld area - no funding available for this area.

Rural Stirling Housing Association: New houses in Ballechroisk are now allocated and will be ready for occupation by the end of November.

Speeding: Buses have now stopped for the winter - they were however being monitored.

National Park: There has been considerable interest in the conservation grants available for village enhancement.

Application forms available at the library

Community futures: KAT is to arrange a meeting with the Community Council to allow them to start on an update.

Carbon Cutting: Anne Winther is having a meeting on 23rd November with various people in Killin to discuss cutting carbon in the future and what Killin will be like in 2030 with less fuel available and rising costs.

Planning: PFK garage extension passed

AOCB: Fireworks licence has been paid for by the Community Council.

Gordon Aitken to organise Xmas tree

More information required on whether proposed Bio Fuel plant is as eco friendly as first thought.

Next meeting: 7.30pm
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Sinclair Aitken



Many small villages have newspapers that provide information and news for and by the community. How easy is it to start one from scratch? Who has the foresight to understand quite what a difference it makes when information no longer depends on rumour and gossip and that local news should be aired in print where it is most respected and understood - the place where it matters most.

Who would consider it possible for a local paper to act as repository for historical events and provide a community time-line?

Our newspaper was the brainchild of Sinclair Aitken and his wonderful friend Allan Walker. How fortunate we were to have such a formidable pair at the birth of the Killin News and that they were able to draw in a committed team to support their project. Sinclair was quite rightly proud of his paper, our paper, so proud that he continued to help in the delivery and discuss the content until he was no longer physically able to do so. How I regretted not having my camera when I saw him, at 80 years of age and in driving snow, leaning into a bitter cold wind down a rough farm track holding a copy of the Killin News to drop in a farm post box. He loved his paper.

It is with great sadness that we write that Sinclair died on 5th November. This is not his obituary, which will appear in the next issue. This is a tribute from Killin News volunteers out of gratitude to him for all that he achieved

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Booking now for Festive Parties – our sumptuous 3 course festive menu is £19.50 per person and available during December until and including lunchtime on the 24th.

Limited spaces still available for our Hogmanay dinner.

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2011 Census

Scotland's biggest population count, the 2011 Census, is set to take place on Sunday 27th March next year and work is already underway in the Stirling area to ensure that everyone is counted.

The census enables people across Stirling to send a message to government and businesses about the services they and their community use, now and in the future.

Census questions ask about our circumstances - for example, age, health, accommodation.

While personal details are kept confidential for 100 years, the statistical information generated provides the basis for properly planned and funded services such as health, education and transport in the area and Scotland as a whole. As one of the biggest logistical undertakings by the public sector in Scotland, the census will see questionnaires delivered to around 2.5 million households. The completion of the census questionnaire is required by law and everyone needs to be included. Further details on Scotland's Census can be found at:

www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk

Can Killin can be sustainable in 2030?



Anne Winther

For the last five years, I have been investigating how rural communities in Scotland can be good places to live, have a low impact on the environment and be economically viable. I have carried out studies in Fintry, Stirlingshire and Kinlochleven, Argyll. Over the next nine months I will be turning my attention to Killin. I am holding a series of focus groups with some of the community groups in Killin in October and November. I will be gathering views on what Killin might look like in 2030 in a "low carbon world". "Imagine life in a low carbon world in 2030. In 2030, carbon emissions are restricted. Oil, coal and petroleum fuels are very expensive and limited in use. Climate change impacts are causing massive suffering world-wide. The environment is regarded as precious. Private transport is prohibitively expensive, affecting the movement of food, goods and

people." Given this scenario, what challenges would the people of Killin face in 2030? What structures would be needed to create a thriving community in these circumstances? What could be done now to achieve this vision?

The answers to these questions and an opportunity to have your say in this debate will be published in the next edition of Killin News together with a Killin Cutting Carbon questionnaire. Much later next year, I will be using questionnaires to find out what resources people use today, to calculate an ecological footprint and find out about the attitudes and well-being of residents.

The results of the questionnaires and focus groups will form an essential part of my PhD thesis. I will be writing a report on my findings and make the non-attributable results available to the community.

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Community involvement and decision making

Over the next few months you will be asked to complete a couple of questionnaires. It is the only way to obtain information that is essential for the projects that are currently under way. KAT is your community trust and relies on you to make it work. The KAT AGM will be advertised and take place in January. We hope you can all come, and give us support.

Killin Cutting Carbon

This project is reaching its final stages. We need to evaluate changes that have taken place since it started. A questionnaire will be included in every copy of the next Killin News with additional copies available in the village. The information will be very helpful as it will give KAT guidance on how you would like us to take the next steps in the process.

KILLIN CUTTING CARBON

Free Light Bulbs

Now we are entering those cold winter nights and darkness is upon us, a time when we normally use more electricity and heating why not pop into the KCC office and pick up some free low energy light bulbs. We are open every Thursday and Friday!

Renewables Event Report

The KCC Renewables Event held in the McLaren Hall in September was attended by three Energy Saving Scotland Advice Centre staff providing up to date advice on grants. Fergus Tickell was on hand to talk about his proposed Combined Heat and Power Plant at Acharn Forest. Usefully Mike Baillie-Hamilton the owner of the land of the proposed site stayed for a few hours talking to interested parties. A member of the Loch Tayside CIC talked to Mike about the possibility of setting up poly tunnels to make use of the waste heat from the proposed plant. Approximately 10 hectares of this land would be available for food production. However, preparing this land: felling trees, removing tree stumps, and levelling for food production would incur significant costs. The CIC also provided burgers and information on The Big Shed project. Elaine Turner provided books from the Thrift Shop project.

Anne Winther's project continues in association with Killin Cutting Carbon. This gives us an extra dimension in our understanding of how the escalating price of fuel and need to reduce carbon emissions will impact on the community in the future and how you, the community, propose to mitigate its effects. Your views are essential.

Community Action Plan 2007-2010

The Action Plan is the community's mandate to KAT and it directs the work of the trust. It needs to be updated this year. There are insufficient funds available to repeat the process we undertook last time but KAT aims to engage the community again in the major elements of the plan so that it can be updated and new targets set. A meeting will be advertised in January so that everyone can come and let us know what they wish for

the future of the community. We would like everyone to be represented in the updated plan.

The Old Mill (Breadalbane Folklore Centre)

We are all aware that the continuing use of Breadalbane Folklore Centre by Visit Scotland is under threat and that the community would like to see it used in some way as a community resource. KAT is still exploring that possibility with Stirling Council and feels that it would support community activities best if owned by the community. It was featured in the first ever issue of the Killin News which is available for download from the Killin website <http://www.killin.co.uk/kn/> with details about the start of the restoration project 20 years ago.

Best wishes for a happy Christmas and a successful new year from the KAT directors. **WA**

Brogan Discount Oil scheme:

Kate Forster has over 70 names on the list to receive discounted oil from Brogan Fuels. This scheme became active during September. Other people from nearby villages have also expressed an interest in joining the scheme.

KCC are pleased to be working with Anne Winther, a PhD Student from Stirling University. We have had many useful exchanges with Anne and from this we produced a draft questionnaire for the January 2011 Killin Cutting Carbon Survey. Anne started a series of focus groups during October and these will continue on throughout 2011.

Grants

Recently we have been asked about grants for building repairs and the good news is the LLTNP under its Killin Conservation Grant Scheme still have funding to pay up to 70%

of the cost of eligible works which includes structural repairs, re-roofing, chimney repairs and boundary walls and railings. The scheme is set to run until March 2012. To qualify you have to own or rent a historic property within the Killin conservation area. Your property does not have to be listed. If you go to <http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/looking-after/funding-help-for-killin-conservation-area/menu-id-483.html> you can view a map to see if your property is within the conservation area. If you would like more information about the funding, contact National Park Officers Susan McGowan or Kirsty Callaghan on 01389 722600

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Firstly, let me wish everyone a Happy Christmas and I hope you all enjoy the Festive Season.

As it is that time of year and many of you will consider getting a new computer, I thought I would discuss some of the differences with the types of technology available. I also want to ask everyone for a favour so that we can speed up the process of getting very fast broadband to Killin and the surrounding area.

Computers and other devices - a brief overview of the types of computer currently in the market.

Smart Phones/iPhones/

Windows Phones

Once upon a time a mobile phone was used for making telephone calls, but nowadays these handheld devices allow access to all sorts of computing services including email and internet browsing. One of the

problems with these small devices is related to handling attachments to emails. Typically these devices are useful when on the move, allowing the owner to keep in touch without the need for bulky hardware.

iPad/Tablet Computers

These are usually fully functional lightweight computers, with access to the internet. There is no keyboard or mouse and the device is controlled by a touchscreen or via a stylus. These are very handy tools for people who need a full computer on the move but do not wish to carry the weight of a laptop. They need careful handling as any damage to the screen could cause problems. If you are heavy handed or clumsy, then I strongly suggest that these devices are not suitable for you.

Laptop Computers

These are used by people who need full keyboard functionality on the move and perhaps office systems whilst away from the normal place of work. Some prefer to use laptops in fixed locations rather than desktops just because of the space they save. The downside is the cost of the hardware. You get a lot more power for your money from a desktop.

Desktop Computers

These are fixed machines, they are

bulky, but are cost effective compared to other devices. Certainly office users should consider this type of hardware and the regular home user or serious gamer should consider no other type of computer.

BT Infinity

British Telecom has a very fast broadband product that is available in some places in the UK. This is called BT Infinity. Unfortunately this is not available in our area and probably will not be for some time. But, in order for BT to know that we are keen to get this technology, each of us should register our interest in getting this. In order for this to happen I would ask everyone to go to the BT Infinity website (www.bt.com/infinity) and spend 5 minutes of your time registering for the Infinity product. If we all do this, we will move up the priority list for deployment of this technology. Please note that we need to register before the end of December in order for our vote to count. If you have any questions regarding BT Infinity, please feel free to send me an email.

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Progress on The Big Shed

Construction of The Big Shed at Tombreck is going well despite recent heavy rain and high winds. The walls and roof have been insulated with sheep's wool and the tin roof is finally in place. Windows and doors are waiting to be fitted and decisions over tiles, light fittings, solar panels and pellet boilers are now being taken by the board of The Loch Tayside Community Interest Company. Local electrician, Douglas McRobbie, will soon begin work on the electrical installation. The band of volunteers is now constructing the reed bed and will then move on to lime/clay plastering. Over 60 volunteers have

Lomond and Trossachs National Park 'Gathering' in Drymen and I hope to highlight further this wonderful resource for the local communities all around Loch Tay, Glen Lyon and beyond. The Big Shed will provide a venue for workshops and events and supply work spaces for local people to develop skills and talents. I have also been into Killin and Crianlarich Primary Schools to talk to the older children and was pleased to find out that a lot of them had already heard of the project and had ideas to share about what they would like to use it for - parties seemed to be a favourite theme! I was accompanied by Alice Warren who talked to the children



about Forest School projects and the possibility of visiting woodland near The Big Shed to experience the outdoors as a learning environment. The children discussed what they liked to do in the woods and how often they visited

helped with the project so far and are rapidly learning new skills in ecological construction. As Development Officer I have been busy showing many interested local people the progress on site. In October members the Ardeonaig and District Rural, clad in wellington boots and brandishing torches, had a floodlit visit (courtesy of a white van's headlights!). They then had a supper and chat about The Big Shed and shared ideas about its future use. By the end of November I will also have talked to Fearnan Rural and given a presentation about the eco-design project to The Loch

them and Alice shared some of her ideas and possible plans. She then took them on an imaginary journey to the woods which proved to be a very peaceful end to the session. The Big Shed will hopefully house a display of the work carried out by the children in the woods once it is open in the spring 2011. For a chat or to arrange a visit please contact me.

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We had a fantastic night of party games and crafts and would like to thank Callander Guides and Brownies for inviting us to join them for their party in McLaren Leisure Centre. This term has been as busy as ever and we were joined by four new Brownies. We have been doing lots of new games, crafts and making presents

in preparation for Christmas. Sammy Hibbert came along one night for an aerobics session which was great fun and very noisy. We hope she will come back again next year.

Brownies Christmas Post

It's nearly that time of year again! During December (until Sunday 19th) you will be able to hand your Christmas Cards in to either News First or the Library along with a donation of 10p per card. Cards will be delivered for you on Mon 6th, Sun 12th & Sun 19th. Please note that we can only deliver cards to those houses within reasonable walking distance around the village. Anyone (young or old) who wants to come along to help sort & deliver cards on Sunday afternoons (12th & 19th) please get in touch - we need your support! You don't need to be a Brownie to help! Once again we will share the money raised between Brownies and The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. Thanks to everyone who helps us with this annual event.

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Strathfillan Community Development Trust



Crianlarich into Action (Cia)

The working group, comprising members of both the Trust and the Community Council, has now held interviews with the three shortlisted candidates and after long and very difficult consideration has decided to invite Nick Wright Associates, based near Paisley, to work with them on the Crianlarich Heritage Project. Our appeal for tenders generated 25 expressions of interest from all over Scotland and further afield, with the group finally receiving 12 tender documents to consider. As you can imagine that's a lot of reading and decision making to be done by a group of already very busy volunteers. They are to be congratulated for their hard work and cheery professionalism on behalf of their community. Now the hard work starts!

Internet/Learning Café in Tyndrum Village Hall

If your New Year's resolution is to get that great job, improve your chances by updating and refreshing your CV - the first contact with a future employer. There is no doubt that a well thought out and designed CV will make you stand out from other candidates. Help is at hand at the Learning Café to get your CV noticed!

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! The hall is available (at very reasonable rates!) for private hire for that special event. It's ideal for kid's (messy!) birthday parties.

Are You Interested in Tracing Your Family Tree?

The steering group for the Learning Café would like to find out if there is local interest in genealogy. Accessing some sites can be expensive but if there is interest out there, the Learning Café could supply the software and make finding those infamous ancestors cheaper and easier!! Please get in touch if you are interested.

SCDT AGM

The Board of Directors hope to hold the Trust AGM on Thursday 9th December at 7.30pm in Tyndrum Village Hall. Look out for local posters nearer the time. We welcome new members at any time (a snip at £5 for 5 years) and are always keen to welcome new volunteers on to our various working groups.

There are 3 vacancies on the Board this year - Fiona Tickner and Deirdre Burton are retiring and Moira Robertson is stepping down but standing for re-election. If you would like to become more involved with what's happening and really make a difference in Strathfillan, why not stand for election to the Board of Directors?

Café Sci

Our next Café Sci is on Wednesday 9th February in Tyndrum Village Hall and our speaker, David Mardon BSc MSc latterly manager of Ben Lawers NNR, will be asking "Why are there so few trees and large shrubs on our hills and should we have some more?"

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Joyce Russell
Development Officer

Crianlarich Village Hall

Committee is delighted to announce that a new heating system and insulation will be installed in the hall during the first quarter of 2011. The new heating system will be a renewable energy Air-Air Heat Source Pump System. Internal heat exchange units will be installed in the main hall and also the committee room and ancillary areas. A major part of the project will be the installation of insulated panels to the inside of the roof of the main hall.

Crianlarich Village Hall has been awarded grants totalling over £30,000 from Community Energy Scotland and the National Lottery Awards for All to pay for this project.

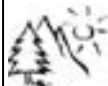


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minimise the disruption to hall users, however it is likely that the hall will need to be closed for a short period of time during the key phases of the installation work. When the details are known, these will be communicated directly to affected groups.

The Hall committee see this project as the first step in a programme of improvements to the hall facilities in order to ensure that the hall remains as a focal point of community life in Crianlarich and Strathfillan.

Bryan Craig
Chair

Crianlarich Village Hall Committee

Crianlarich Primary School

Shoebbox Appeal

Thanks to everyone for their support in this. We have collected 15 shoebboxes which will be sent abroad for Christmas.

Harvest Festival

A big thank you for your donations of food for the harvest festival. The raffle of hampers raised a very pleasing £82.50 for the Senior Citizens' Christmas party.



Killin Mountain Rescue Visit

We would like to say a big thank you to the mountain rescue for coming to Crianlarich Primary School. It was great to see the fantastic work they do. We all enjoyed being rescued!!!!!!

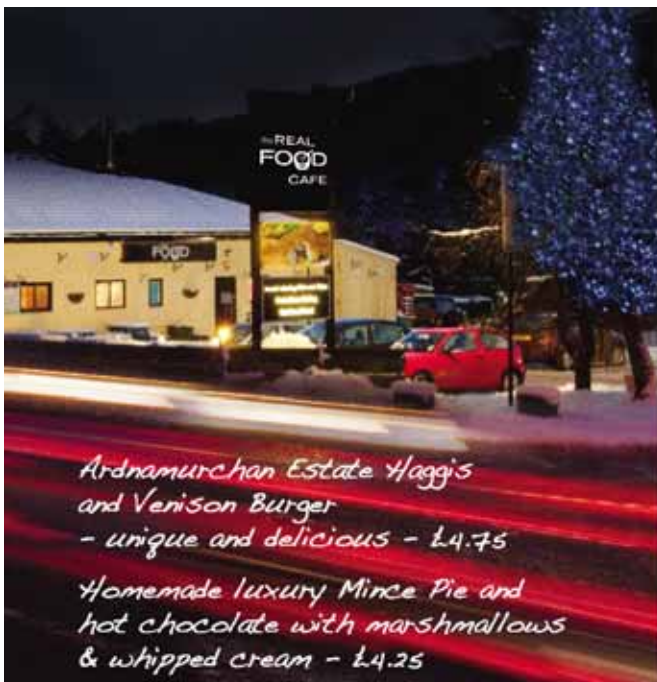
On Friday the mountain rescue came to our school. We got to go in a stretcher and it was fun. Then we got to see the rescue dog. It was cute we got to see the dog's different jackets. Then we got to hide and Faelan the dog would find

us. We got to use the walkie-talkies. It was fun.

Daniella
Class 1

Rag Bag

Thanks to everyone who donated their unwanted textiles, we collected 122kg and this has been turned into £61.00 for school funds. The Rag Bag textile bin is in the school playground for the use of the whole community. Bin bags and leaflets are available in school. Please give generously.



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Strathfillan by the Way

Crianlarich Primary School Halloween Party



The children had a great time dooking for apples, taking part in the balloon race, pancake eating race, musical statues and dancing.

Strathfillan Community Council

Monday 8th November

Killin, BLS and Strathfillan Community Councils are meeting with Bob Jack, CEO of Stirling Council on 24th November to discuss issues that are important to each CC. Bob had written to say that he wished to meet with every CC in the Stirling district. Our main item on the agenda was to discuss the provision of local services. This includes graveyard maintenance, grass cutting, village officers and public toilets. The latter is a very contentious issue because, with both village officers taking redundancy in December and Stirling Council saying that the toilets are likely to

be closed in the cold weather to prevent frost damage, we are very worried that this service could disappear. Strathfillan CC is currently investigating whether it would be economically viable to take over the running of the toilets and whether Stirling Council would allow this.

Councillor Fergus Wood attended our meeting and he is very firmly in favour of some services being run locally. Fergus told us that a group of Local Councillors have been looking at how villages could be best served and one thought is that a multi-skilled team that is based locally could look after several

villages, for example be based in Killin and serve BLS and Strathfillan. It was agreed that this would be the main topic for the meeting with Bob Jack and then to take it forward would require a working group to involve other groups such as Strathfillan The Crianlarich into Action [CiA] group met last week to interview the respondents that had submitted tenders for a brief to appoint a consultant to help the community to produce a project specification, for a cultural and heritage project within the village of Crianlarich. There were some very good briefs and it was a hard choice, but Nick Wright Associates, Paisley has now been chosen.

Eileen and Alan Smailes have produced the wonderful display of tubs in Crianlarich for the last few years. This year, other volunteers looked after extra tubs close to their homes. They were a joy to behold and our thanks to all involved. The SCDT and the CC are to work together to submit an application for a Community Futures grant to provide plants for the tubs in Crianlarich, to keep the Lower Station Yard tidy (now that Housing Services, Stirling Council has cut back all the brush) and, if there is enough interest and commitment, to provide tubs in Tyndrum. If you think that you would like to be involved and have the time to maintain tubs throughout the summer, please contact

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Ogham Concert



The second Ogham ceilidh concert was held in the McLaren Hall on 22nd October. The concert itself was a rousing success, with the tremendous music of the young talent mixed with the professionalism of Ogham and the enthusiasm of the audience. A part of the hall had been left aside in case any of the audience decided to have a dance to any of the music and as the concert progressed more and more tried their hand at having a jig - so much so that at one stage some of our more elderly villagers were even up showing the younger ones how to do it.

The young talent from the area were a tremendous credit to themselves and their teachers as they all played and sang beautifully. Each one did their act with no apparent nervousness as they stepped onto the stage, although they must have been quaking in their boots at the thought of playing and singing in front of everyone.

Ogham performed brilliantly as usual, their interpretations of traditional Scottish and Irish music were lovely and their own compositions showed such an understanding of the Scottish musical mentality that it is hard to believe that these are all Dutch

people and they are only playing what is in effect their hobby. What is obvious, though, and comes over clearly is their undoubted love, feeling and understanding of the music, allied to their undoubted mastery of their instruments.

After all expenses are paid, the concert raised just over £500 clear, which will be handed out to local organisations and charities in time for Christmas. We

have been asked immediately if we would provide a mirror for the disabled toilet in the McLaren Hall. We will speak to the management committee and if it is all right we will be happy to put the mirror in. Ogham have selected three of the young artists from the concert to attend and take part in a major concert Ogham hold in Tilburg annually in February. The arrangements for this concert are currently being hammered out and the young artists are in contact with Ogham regarding their roles in the concert. This should give all the other artists hope that they may be able to do the same thing in future years as Ogham have said they would like to continue this format for the next three or four years. They would have been happy to use all the young talent for the concert but logistically this would have been a nightmare.

The three selected to take part in next February's concert are Morvyn Menzies, Charlotte Gunn and Jack McRobbie. They will travel out on the Friday morning, rehearse on the Friday night ready for the concert on the Saturday night, relax the Sunday and return home the Monday.

We would like to thank everyone who attended on the night in

atrocious weather and also the businesses who contributed so well to the raffle. It must be hard for them as they are consistently asked to contribute to things like this but always do even in the present difficult times. Thank you also to everyone who helped us on the night and those who stayed behind to clean up the Hall. Most of all, though, thanks to all the young artists who gave us such joy on the night as we watched in awe at their talent and enthusiasm for their music.

David Osler and Neil MacKenzie

Panto Time

Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat, We'll celebrate the New Year but what comes after that?

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Mervyn's Weather

The county of Sutherland is sparsely populated but has a large mileage of roads, ranging from "A" roads, usually single carriageway and often twisty, to unclassified routes, also narrow and twisting, but almost inevitably with well maintained surfaces and where necessary, organised and signposted passing places. Recently on a brief peregrination through this area it was, as always, a pleasure to traverse these roads.

Imagine the surprise and delight to discover on return that the Ardeonaig-Killin stretch of south Loch Tayside has at long last been re-surfaced. Some years ago a meeting took place between a deputation of those using this road and officials of Central Region, highlighting the abysmal state of the stretch in question, articulately and forcefully spear-headed by Pete Gottgens, late of Ardeonaig Hotel. As expected nothing transpired: the excuse being the well worn phrase "Ye canna tak' the breeks off a Highland man"! i.e., there were no available shekels for this work.

However, in early Autumn 2010 work began and was completed quickly. So now the seven miles or so involved are approximately 80% really well surfaced. Perhaps a few more properly sign-posted passing places would complete the deal and obviate the less observant tourists passing the "wide bits" and being either unwilling or unable to reverse. Meanwhile congratulations to the denizens of south Loch Tayside for their efforts, the contractors who completed the work efficiently and, on a somewhat more pianissimo note, to those who eventually have responded to the voters who after all are their responsibility. One caveat however! It is to be hoped that anyone attempting to emulate Schumacher or Button will ca'canny on this wide, smooth but twisty road!

Now to the subject to which this report really relates - a subject less manipulative than the forgoing paragraphs! Yet again 2010 has produced an unco-operative summer, in keeping with the previous three years. A pattern

seems to be emerging in that May and June are mainly dry - too dry on occasion - though cool and with more cloud cover, leaving the second half of the summer virtually a non-event. Granted there are, no matter how unsettled the season, a few short comparatively dry and quiet spells.

Autumn 2010 seems to be carrying on the theme, although the second week in October did produce a settled interlude, plagued, however, by insistent cloudy spells so often associated with quiet autumnal weather and known as "anti cyclonic gloom". On one of the clearer nights the Aurora was visible, nothing spectacular just a white glow on the Northern horizon and a few "search lights". At time of writing November seems to be kicking off to "Disturbed Conditions". We will learn in due course how right or otherwise are the prognostications regarding a worse winter than last year's.

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Frost Report

To Kill and Cull

One September evening we were going down Glen Falloch when we saw what looked remarkably like a dead penguin at the side of the road. Traffic prevented us from stopping to look more closely but then several more appeared. A beaver has been seen road killed in that glen but a penguin! The next day one of these sleek little birds was found in Glen Lochay and a closer look revealed it to be a young guillemot. This was what we had seen before. They must have been blown inland from the coast on strong winds but it's quite a journey. Eagle owls are facing a cull in Northern England due to the threat that they pose to hen harriers according to the R.S.P.B. This could prove highly controversial; the R.S.P.B. regards them as 'an invasive non-native species.' Many regard them as indigenous. You would think that all birds would be regarded with equal status but obviously some are more equal than others. You will all have read about the

'Emperor of Exmoor' stag in the newspapers and seen him on T.V. The story did reveal the ignorance of the media and some members of the public. It would appear that it was legitimately shot in season (the stag season in England extends from the 1st August till the end of April) but some people are protesting that deer should not be shot in the mating season. (It just doesn't seem like cricket, chaps.) Here in Scotland it has recently been proposed that it should become legal for stags to be killed on any day of the year. This has been put on hold for the moment by S.N.H. but will be reconsidered again. In the meantime it does not stop a number of conservation organisations shooting both stags and hinds outwith the current legal seasons. The stags up here seem to be running on a different calendar this year as they seem to have forgotten to rut properly. They did not 'break out' or leave their male groups to gain a stand of hinds till very late and there was not the usual amount of roaring ringing through the glens

and corries. We did have one interesting day taking out a photographer to the stalk with a lady guest. The pictures are for stalking publications. It will be interesting to see who is the most photogenic - from the rear, of course, and crawling. The weather could hardly have been more changeable from a dry start to low cloud and heavy rain. The recent shootings in Cumbria have just flagged up some interesting differences in the way in which the firearms laws are interpreted in England and Scotland. Mr. Bird had three convictions, which, I am sure, would have resulted in the confiscation of his firearms in Scotland. Finally a warning as the festive season approaches and the foxes will be looking for Christmas stocking fillers for their families - a drunken gentleman was sleeping it off in a quiet churchyard when certain of his extremities were chewed. It wasn't too bad till the anaesthetic wore off.

Tim Frost





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the Local artists Bernard Mallett-Griffiths and Heather Walker had their work selected for 2010 Royal Scottish Academy Open Exhibition. The exhibition is open to the public until December 15th in Princes Street, Edinburgh. All Heather's work sold before the exhibition opened to the general public. Bernard and Heather work from their studios at Wester Lix and welcome visitors to view work in progress.

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Our Topic in P3/4/5 is Space

We have learned about the planets, the sun and the moon. We learned that Pluto is not a main planet any more, it is a dwarf planet. We also learned that when the Earth orbits the sun the moon orbits the Earth at the same time! Earth is the 3rd planet from the sun. In the solar system, there are 8 planets: Sun, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. Mars is often known as the 'Red planet'.

Christmas Topic

In Primary 3/4/5, we are making a Christmas magazine to sell at the Christmas fair to raise funds for the School. They cost £1 each and will be on sale on the 14th of December in the school.

Vikingar!

On Thursday the 7th of October, Killin Primary School's P3/4/5 went on a class trip to Vikingar in Largs. At Vikingar there was somebody who was an descendant of a Viking who took us around Vikingar and taught us about the Vikings. P3/4/5 saw some mannequins which were very freaky and they showed us what Vikings looked liked. We split into four groups. Outside Vikingar museum, P3/4/5 saw a longboat and it was very interesting. When we saw the museum from in the car park, it was round but when we got

inside it was perfectly straight!

P3/4/5 went into a room where a lady told us about how Viking couples dressed and some of them were very poor and some of them were very rich.

Green Team

The Green Team is run in partnership with the National Trust for Scotland Ranger Service at Ben Lawers, for pupils who are interested in their environment. We meet every two weeks in the summer and once a month in winter. The programme for this winter began on Saturday 23rd October. Killin is an ideal place for learning about the environment. There are many habitats within easy walking distance giving plenty of scope for investigation, which we do using a variety of activities and games. Some of you might be amazed at the wealth of different plants and beasts that we've encountered nearby! We try to get out and about as much as we can, so suitable clothing and footwear is a must, but, if the weather is really awful, we can stay indoors at Lynedoch (the Trust's base at Killin)! If you would like to find out more contact either Mr. Lunan or Helen Cole at the NTS (01567 820988 or benlawers@nts.org.uk).

Shoebbox Appeal

On Monday 18th October, a lady called Margaret came from Blythswood Care to tell us about the shoebox appeal. She showed us pictures of poor people gratefully opening shoeboxes in foreign countries.

She also gave us some suggestions of essential items to put in our shoeboxes:

- A hat
- A scarf
- A pair of gloves
- A toothbrush
- Toothpaste

There were many other items listed on the checklist.

The lady told us that the shoeboxes would be sent away to the underprivileged community for Christmas and we had to have them ready in school for 4th November. Lots of filled shoeboxes were handed in.

Mountain Rescue Visit

On 5th October the Killin Mountain Rescue came to school to do a demonstration on what they do in their work. It included a zip wire, a dog trainer (with a dog), a man who was talking about stretchers and there was a machine which could track its counterpart machine. There was also a flare

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demonstration which was very interesting. It was an all round good experience and it was really fun.

Euan

Susan the Scientist

We have been doing some Science in the P6/7 class. We got told that we had to adapt an Earthworm to fit into its own habitat. We were given an A4 piece of paper that told us what our Earthworm had to fit into. There was the Arctic, the Deep Ocean and the Rainforest. A lady called Susan the Scientist came into the class and filmed us doing different stuff with the Earthworm. It is now available on iTunes to watch.

Alaya

Clothing Bank

Please feel free to use the clothing bank at the front of the school. The more clothes that we collect the more money we will raise for school.

Important Dates

We will welcome you all to school on **Tuesday 14 December** for our Nativity play at 2pm. This will be followed by the Christmas Fair at 3pm.

Christmas Party

The WRI Children's Christmas Party will be held in the McLaren Hall at 1pm on Wednesday **15 December**.



Halloween Party

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McLaren High School

Rugby News

McLaren U-18 team played Denny High in the 1st round of the Scottish Cup on Tuesday 5th October. The pitch at Denny was probably the best we have ever played on and the weather was ideal for good rugby. McLaren dominated the game throughout and with good handling we scored 60 points by half time. We finished 112-0 winners and proceed to round 2.



Luke Melia

Charities

Pakistan Flood Appeal

In early November more than 30 boxes were donated to the Stirling Mosque to be sent to Pakistan for the Pakistan Food Pack Appeal. Pupils and staff across the school all generously contributed to the appeal as part of the aid effort for the floods which have been devastating Pakistan since early August. It is hoped that the packs will be of

benefit to some of the 2.8 million people displaced by the disaster. Special thanks to Mr Morrow from the school who kindly transported the boxes to Stirling.

European Day of Languages

There were several events in the school to celebrate this event. Pupils read out tannoy announcements in Spanish, Hungarian and French. Thanks very much to Jamie MacDougall, Hannah Williams, Valentin Torok, and Daniel Mallin-Martin for helping with these. You were great! Thanks also to everyone who took part in the competition to design a poster on the theme, 'Why Learn Languages?' The winning entry was from Amber MacLean, 1L (great grand-daughter of Martin MacLean, Killin). Very well done, Amber. Finally, congratulations to Miss Hamilton who won the staff competition in French (with full marks!).

Jeans for Genes/Breast Cancer Awareness Mufti Day

Congratulations to all pupils and staff at the school who raised £603.45 for the above charities during our Mufti Day on Friday 8th October.

Dynamic Earth

On the 7th October all S2 travelled to Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh. First we went round the galleries. I thought it was cool how the earth shook at the earthquake. We also went through the sea and back in time in the lift. I liked the room where they said we were on a plane and watched a 4D film about going through the different climate zones. The room with the big ice block was really cold but fun. Next we went into a big room and watched a film on the roof. After lunch we did the Rock E-bay workshop where you had to buy and sell your rock. Then we talked about what would happen if

the super volcano, Yellow Stones, was to erupt, and when that would be likely to happen!

Ishbel Hayes

S2 (Ardchyle, Killin)

Zoolab Visit

On Thursday 21st October Zoolab visited all our S1 pupils in the school. The purpose of the visit was to introduce the topic of classification and allow pupils to see and handle animals from different families.



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Motor Cycling Success



Trialing has a new Killin Champion; Andrew Anderson is the Scottish Support Youth A Trials Champion 2010.

This achievement sets Andrew up nicely for his second entry into the Scottish Six Days next year and he is considering entering the British Championship in 2011 when he will compete as an adult with a new 250cc bike.

This is not a hobby for the faint

hearted and costs quite a few pennies, but to quote Andrew "I am lucky to have the complete support of my family and sponsorship from Highland Leisure, David Noble, The Killin Hotel and my boss Jason Campbell".

Killin wishes Andrew every success for 2011 and will be looking forward to seeing him ride the 'Bob MacGregor' in June.

Robert Lafferty Jnr.

Robert is fast becoming a highly competitive Trials rider competing in the Scottish Trials B section and came a very creditable third. Coached by his Dad, Robert is full of confidence when it comes to tackling testing sections and as with all sports he learns from every bump and spill.

In 2011 Robert is intending to go that extra two steps and with a bit of hard graft and a share of good fortune get, to the top of the winners rostrum again.

Alex Stewart

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Killin Youth

Widening the Experience

Killin Youth Group has recently been successful in its funding bids to the Forth Valley and Lomond LEADER programme, Awards for All, Cashback for Communities and Stirling Council Youth Services. This funding will allow KYG to employ two youth support workers, hire venues for weekly sessions and go on monthly trips for one year beginning November. Thanks to these funders, it will be possible for Killin's youth to enjoy a variety of activities together and widen their experiences both locally and further afield. Stirling Council Community Grants have also helped fund KYG since August and thanks to the old youth group and shinty club who have both passed over their remaining funds.

KYG was set up as a positive response to complaints made in 2008 about young local people, particularly in relation to drinking. The Community Council was proactive in getting people together to look at solutions to the 'there's nothing to do' problem but there was no champion to take ideas forward at that time. Since then, the Abernethy Trust expressed an interest in becoming involved in youth development work in the area and, together with the enthusiasm of Pete Waugh of Tay Fitness, who was already known to many young people through his fitness and sports classes in the village, this has resulted in the establishment of the new group. KYG now has 30 members who have enjoyed film, social and sports nights under Pete's leadership, with a variety of activities planned for the coming year. The young people themselves have run two very successful fundraising days, the



most recent being the table top sale which raised over £400 to help subsidise trips away and purchase some fun equipment for the club. Many thanks to everyone who helped, donated or bought on the day.

The volunteers from Abernethy are a key element for this group. Their involvement has meant that no parents have yet been asked to come along to the evening sessions - good for both parents and their teenagers! But parents are still

involved through helping with fundraising and on the management committee. Will KYG manage to keep going? We hope that with Abernethy's involvement we have developed a way of avoiding collapse through lack of volunteer help and that with continued community support the group will continue for many years to come.

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Killin Youth Club

As the new Killin Youth Group gets off to a flying start, it is interesting to look back to the Killin Youth Club in 1975. At that time the KYC numbered 80, just about every youngster of suitable age in the community, and spent a lot of time brightening the lives of their elders. They rang an old folk's club every Tuesday evening at which 30-40 senior citizens turned up regularly for tea and coffee and to be entertained by local artistes. Club members delivered logs at Christmas and took a party of old folk to the pantomime in Perth. Another time they invited 165 of Killin's older residents to a slap-up meal and cabaret which they organised, funded and produced themselves. Can you identify the locals shown in the picture?
(Answers on page 37)

Masonic Christmas Hamper Raffle

Through generous donations from members and friends, there is a splendid Christmas Hamper to be raffled to raise funds for various local causes. Tickets will be on sale from the first weekend in December and the winning ticket will be drawn at a local venue on 22nd December. Goodies include, tins of soup, cold meat, vegetables, fruit, biscuits, chocolates, hot drink makers, wines, various items of traditional Christmas Fare, a nice dram and lots more. Lists will be on display and updated as more donations are received. Tickets £1 each on sale from members.

Killin Floral Association

Congratulations to all of 2010 winners of Killin Floral Association awards. There are so many beautiful, well maintained and colourful gardens around the village judging is a tough task. Thank you to Mrs. Bridget Black from Gatehouse Nursery for undertaking this. Knowing the time and effort it takes, it is a joy to see the "flowers" of your labour. Recent newcomers to the village may be unaware of what Killin Floral Association (K.F.A) does. K.F.A is a group of volunteers (new members always welcome) who meet up periodically. We buy, maintain, and plant up the containers dotted around the village.

Shortlists of possible winners for each category award are made and an independent judge is organised. Sunflower seeds are sown and grown on and then distributed to the primary school children wishing to take part in the competition. In late summer we measure the width and height of competitors' sunflowers (occasionally a stepladder is required!). Each child who takes part receives a certificate. Winners are awarded a small trophy. K.F.A is also responsible for the maintenance of the area around the Millennium Cairn. Thanks to the Fire Brigade for their assistance in clearing the area and to Willie Inglis (our chairman) for all his time and

effort in the replanting of the cairn. Finally K.F.A fund raise, an essential element of the work. This year the bank balance was looking healthy due to a generous donation from Killin Masonic Lodge and a Co-op community grant. Thank you to both. Alas, the kitty is now starting to dwindle and we have to think about raising funds for next year. We hope to have a plant sale in May, so it would be great if, when you are dividing up your perennials or sowing bedding plants, you could pot up a few for us to sell, or give a monetary donation to make our bank balance blossom once again. Killin Floral Association would be most grateful.

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Mixed

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Andy Cousins and Georgia Third

Lochay Trophy

RD Lewis & J Crossan

Dr Stevenson

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Night Golf A Cousins & K Cousins

Ladies

Silver Medal (Shield and Badge)

Laura Aitken

Bronze Medal (Shield and Badge)

Sheila Aitken

McKay Cup Laura Aitken

Chrissie France Jackie Crossan

May Wilson Kay Dowling

& Susan McRobbie

SLGA Flag Brooch (Badge)

Sheila Aitken

Cancer Relief (Spoon)

Laura Aitken

Red Cross Eclectic (Scratch)

(+keepsake) Laura Aitken

Eclectic (Handicap) (+ keepsake)

Sheila Aitken

Captain's Prize (+voucher)

Laura Aitken

Breakthrough Brooch (brooch)

Jackie Crossan

Mystery Competition Liz Stevens

Birdie Tree (+keepsake)

Sheila Aitken

Par Tree (+keepsake)

Susan McRobbie

Flag Competition Jackie Crossan

Gents

Monthly Medal Winners

April G Aitken

May J Ronald

June C Woods

July C Fraser

August J Atkinson

September A Cousins

Medal Play off P Melia

Fourball Matchplay

RD Lewis & G Aitken

Foursomes Matchplay

L Brown & J Rutherford

Grouse Shotgun Foursomes

L Brown & J Rutherford

J.S.MacLean Trophy

J Ronald & J Atkinson

Jack Noble Stableford

JP Campbell

George Smith Trophy

JP Campbell

Fred France RD Lewis

Captain's Putter (no trophy)

B Ford

Arrochar Trophy J Atkinson

Dr Wilson A Cousins

Flag Competition G Aitken

2 Club & Putter (no trophy)

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Laura Aitken



Adam Kyle

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 Helen Telford (Pitlochry) 68
Bronze Division:
 Nora Campbell (Killin) 68
Longest Drive - Silver:
 Maureen Taggart (Old Ranfurly)
Longest Drive - Bronze:
 Sheena Chisholm (Killin)
Nearest the Pin:
 Eileen Watson (Blair Atholl)
Bronze - Nearest the Pin in two:
 Christine Ffinch (Callander)
Silver - Nearest the pin:
 Margaret macRae (Pitlochry)
Silver - Nearest the pin:
 Pat Simpson (Lundin Links)
Division 5 longest 2nd drive:
 Jill Bowie (Haggs Castle/Killin)
Bronze - drive nearest the white line: Eileen Callander (Crieff)
Magic 2's:
 Eileen Watson (Blair Atholl)
CSS: 70 RO

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Category 4
 Robbie Player
Eclectic (Handicap) Sam Frost
Knockout (Junior Trophy)
 William Kerr
Category 3
 Catherine Allan
Eclectic (Handicap) Catherine Allan
Knockout (Anniversary Trophy)
 Catherine Allan
Category 2
 Adam Kyle
Eclectic (Handicap) Adam Kyle
Knockout (McArthur Trophy)
 Calum Wyllie
Best Beginner William Kerr
Most Improved Golfer Euan Lang
Junior Club Champion
 (Dochart Trophy) Adam Kyle

2010 was my eleventh year as Junior Convenor at Killin Golf Club and I made the very difficult decision to retire from the post. I will not be disappearing completely as I will be around to help the new

convenor and team in the future if they need me.
 Over the last eleven years I have seen juniors come and go, some finding a real talent at the game and others enjoying the craic and realising that it is not all about winning, but about enjoyment and improving your game. When I look back I see a big change in the facilities and opportunities that we can offer at Killin.
 I want to thank everyone who has helped me during this time - all the folk who have walked round the course with the kids, my level-1 coaches, and the various PGA professionals (Mark Pirie, Allan Knox, Allan Martin and Ollie). I also want to thank everyone for my retirement present - it has already



Liz Stevens

been put to good use on a Kindle and a new tool for my crafting. Kids - just because the nights are drawing in doesn't mean that your golf clubs have to be pushed to the back of the cupboard - wrap up and get out there and practice and be ready for the new season in 2011.

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which really doesn't like the cold and damp out of doors, thrives with us warm inside. It is a great pleasure caring for the herbal family, which offers rewards through all seasons. Our first meeting of the year was a great success and much fun, as well as allowing us to accrue some funds for the visit of the Herb Society of America, Wisconsin Unit in 2011.

The next meeting in November will be the AGM, followed by a presentation of our visit in 2009 to Wisconsin. This will be followed by the Christmas Dinner at the Green Park Hotel in Pitlochry on 8th December. In January we will be making natural dyed silk scarves with herbal material grown and harvested this year in our gardens. If you are interested in any of these activities or topics, do contact us for further details of dates and timings. Our current herbs of the month are Rose hip, Juniper and St. John's Wort.

The Heart of Scotland Herb Society is affiliated to The Royal Horticultural Society and linked to The Herb Society UK and the Wisconsin branch of The Herb Society of America. For further details contact either **Judy Forster** 01567 820298 or **Patty Hope** 10567 820408

Green Team

Winter Program

We will be having monthly meetings on Saturday mornings from 10.30am - 12.00noon as detailed below. Sorry to any of you who can't make that, but it enables us to get outside if the weather is good, which we often can't due to lack of light if we continue to meet on Thursdays, even at an earlier time. We will meet in the school wildlife garden as usual, but may retreat to Lyndoch if the weather is particularly bad. Children should be dressed for the outdoors.

11th Dec - I'm dreaming of a Green Christmas
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Ranger Round-up

It's hard to believe that a year has gone since Gavin and Callum moved on to new pastures.

I am now based at Lochearnhead with Graeme Auty, half-time ranger and half-time land manager. Graeme covers Strathyre, Balquhider and St. Fillans, while I cover Killin, Crianlarich and Lochearnhead. Practical tasks and biodiversity surveys are done by us and the Callander rangers Jimmy Campbell, Stuart Thomson and Tom Lawrence. Tom joined us at the beginning of the summer having previously worked for the National Trust for Scotland on Ben Lomond. Conservation of natural heritage has always been at the top of the priority list for the ranger service. Effective maintenance of sites and trails encourages people to stay away from environmentally sensitive areas. Implementing the National Park Biodiversity Action Plan species was part of our summer work with programmes such as the red squirrel, water vole and black grouse work. Graeme has concentrated on black grouse conservation co-ordinating spring lek counts across Glen Dochart and south Loch Tay and

working with landowners between Lochearnhead and Callander to improve habitat for black grouse. I've been leading the water vole, red squirrel and great crested newt conservation programmes. Just under 1,000 water voles have been released into the Loch Ard Forest, near Aberfoyle, over the past three summers. National park rangers and volunteers have been carrying out the follow-up survey work. In spring and autumn rangers and volunteers have been monitoring red/grey squirrel distribution. The search for great crested newts (GCNs) in areas around Callander with historic records of GCNs has produced no results. We have no current record of GCNs from anywhere in the National Park, so if you know where there are some or suspect that there may be some, please get in touch. Shorter days and decreasing temperatures allow the loch shores to recover from the visitor pressure. As always we welcomed responsible visitors and struggled against the unsavoury elements. But we had some notable successes this year, in particular Operation Ironworks - with police officers and national park rangers patrolling the loch shores on foot and boat patrols on Loch Earn. The usual issues of littering, toileting

and tree and property damage reared their ugly heads but there was an improvement this year on 2008 and 2009.

This summer the trial of the National Park Voluntary Ranger programme was launched to help with the control of anti-social behaviour issues and promote the park to responsible visitors. Iain Fraser, a volunteer ranger, proved incredibly helpful in assisting with vegetation clearing along a stretch of old railway between Kinnell and the iron bridge.

It was a pleasure earlier in the year to work with Killin, Crianlarich and Strathyre primary schools on phenology activities. If the migratory birds go about their journeys with as much gusto and enthusiasm as the pupils went about their activities, we need never worry about migratory species extinction! We hope to be able to continue our schools programme in the future. Finally, looking back to Clanscape on that glorious August Sunday, this was a superb example of how the National Park and local communities can work together to stage an event celebrating our cultural past and the environment, whilst addressing issues relevant to the modern day. We estimate that around 800 people from Canada, USA, France, Germany



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and Israel as well as from much closer to home, enjoyed the day. Clanscape was a true credit to Killin and the surrounding area and was one of the highlights of the summer. Please feel free to call in at the Breadalbane Area Office in Lochearnhead (if the blinds are open), or call us at the Breadalbane Area Office

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Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority has launched a recruitment drive to find Volunteer Rangers. Volunteer Rangers will have the opportunity to help at Visitor Centres, delivering events, helping visitors at popular sites including village centres and working on environmental projects, such as, wildlife monitoring. With a minimum commitment of two days a month, Volunteer Rangers will be involved throughout the

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Flora celebrating her 90th birthday with family

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Flora's 90th

Flora Fraser was born Flora Thomson on 28th September 1920 in Muasdale, Kintyre, the 8th of 10 children born to Jessie and Duncan Thomson. Her childhood was spent idyllically on the west coast of Scotland where her father worked as a lobster fisherman. Aged 19, she answered an advert for the Post Office and started work at Fearnan Post Office. At a local dance in Fortingall, she met her future husband, Donald Ian Fraser, a plumber from Kenmore. They married on 26th October 1943 and for the first 18 months of their married lives lived in Glasgow. In 1945, they moved to Killin and for a few years lived in Midcottage, Laburnam, before moving to a new council house in Ballechoisk where Flora has lived ever since. In Killin, Ian set up a branch of his father's plumbing business, "A.C. Fraser and Sons" and developed an intricate knowledge of the local pipelines! Flora and Ian were blessed with three children, Alistair, Patsy and Gordon (Jock). They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August 1993 in the Killin Hotel, surrounded by many friends and family. Sadly, Ian passed away suddenly in 1995 and since then, Flora has lived independently at Ballechoisk with her little Jack Russell "Brucie". On 2nd October, Flora celebrated her 90th Birthday in the Killin Hotel, surrounded by her 3 children, 12 grandchildren and 12½ great grandchildren. In 90 years, she has experienced many joys and remains a true inspiration to her family and many friends. We wish her many more years of happiness and look forward to celebrating 100 years with her!! With lots of love from all of her family.

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Dani Grant

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who cares about the clock?

Well actually quite a lot of people. And if those who have been asking the question had asked the right people they would have found that out! It's really a shame that a more direct approach hadn't been taken, maybe asking someone connected with the Hall for an official response prior to publication of comments on the subject!

The Millennium Clock on the front of the McLaren Hall was damaged after being hit by an object some two years ago, probably a football or a stone. The object cracked the perspex face of the clock and the perspex restricted the movement of the 'fingers' on the face. More recently, in the depths of the cold winter it was hit by a snowball, evidenced by the number of near misses surrounding the clock face and one direct hit, which due to the cold took several days to melt. This caused further damage to the face. While those who care for the clock addressed the situation and carried out repairs to the cracks, with the passing of time the clock started to run slow, then slower, and slower..... until it finally stopped. The electricians have been checked and there are no obvious obstructions, but the clock basically

went on strike.

There is a commitment to get it back to work. And maybe by the time you read this it will be fixed. The target is to have it working by mid November. We await confirmation of the cost of the new perspex and the other work required. As the Hall currently has more urgent demands on its resources, the cost of the repair is being underwritten by others for the moment. The new perspex face and clock movement will not be cheap, nor will the installation work, and donations to the repair fund are most welcome. These can be handed to Lesley Syme via the Surgery or my front door.

Lesley Syme

Funraising!

I am writing to update you all on my recent fund raising party. We made an amazing £7,250.00! Thank you so much to everyone who made this possible. It is an achievement that Killin and beyond should be very proud of. I would also like to thank everyone who gave me birthday presents, contributed food and drinks and helped with the party. It was so kind and I received lots of really lovely gifts. It was a memorable day and thank you also to everyone for their continued support.

Judy Holden

Susan Whitehead

Betty, Philip and Carol would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all Sue's friends for their unfailing love and support during the three and a half years she suffered from motor neurone disease. Sue herself endured this with great strength and courage, seldom losing her wicked sense of humour, and she was an inspiration to us all. We are eternally grateful to Dr. de Laat and Mandy and her team for making Sue's last seven months as happy as possible with their excellent care, encouragement, understanding and friendship, often beyond the call of duty. We are grateful too to the Callander Carers for travelling in all weathers to give Sue as much help as they could, which enabled her to stay in her own home as long as possible. Thank you all for the generous donations made in lieu of flowers and which have been passed on to the Falls of Dochart Home. Our thanks to Andy Anderson for excellent funeral arrangements and the guidance and support given to us and to Myra and her staff at the Capercaillie for the lovely buffet which was enjoyed and appreciated - and also to Myra for providing meals for Sue when she could no longer cater for herself.

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Finally, you will appreciate that to us as a family living in Derbyshire, the three and a half years have been very difficult, but the support we have had from special friends (who know who they are) has enabled us to get through this very sad and emotional time, knowing they were there for Sue when we couldn't be. We shall never forget you all and will be popping up to visit our "extended family" when we can.

Sincerely,

Betty
(Sue's sister)

Shoebbox Appeal

Thanks once again to everyone who donated to the Christmas shoebox appeal by either filling a shoebox or by donating knitted or other essential items like clothes etc to go into the boxes. A total of 38 boxes were collected. It's lovely to think of the pleasure that the children and adults will get from these gifts as most of them really do have very little or nothing to call their own.

KR

Thank you

I wish to thank all my many friends who sent me beautiful cards and gifts on the occasion of my 90th birthday. A special thanks to my family who came from Canada, London, Edinburgh, Penicuik and Peebles including five great grandchildren. We enjoyed a lovely dinner party at the Killin Hotel where I saw my ninety years flash past in the form of photographs on the big screen. That was a lovely surprise. Thank you all for making my birthday so memorable.

Flora Fraser

Think About It

The famous composer George F. Handel was bankrupt in 1741 when a group of Dublin charities offered him a commission to write a new musical work. It was for a benefit performance to raise funds to free men from a debtors' prison. He accepted the offer and gave himself entirely to working on it. In just twenty four days, Handel composed his well-known masterpiece 'Messiah', which contains "The Hallelujah Chorus". During those twenty four days, he never left his home and often went without eating. At one point, a servant found him weeping over the developing score. Recounting his experience, Handel wrote, "Whether

I was in my body or out of my body as I wrote it I know not. God knows." Afterwards he also said "I did think I did see all heaven before me and the great God Himself." The Hallelujah Chorus" thrills my soul, whenever I hear it, and yours may be a similar experience. However let us be sure that we do more than listen to that magnificent music. Let us open our hearts in faith and adoration to the Messiah promised in the book of Isaiah (Isa 9:1-7). He has come to us in the person of Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. May each of you have a blessed Christmas.

Ladd Fagerson

Christmas Message

No doubt by the time you read this, Christmas cards will have begun to arrive through the post. Since the first commercial Christmas cards were sent in 1843, the number of cards sent each year has grown and grown. No longer are cards hand coloured, but are mass produced in a bewildering selection of designs.

Stamps back then simply bore the Queen's head - they weren't at all like today's colourful commemorative stamps issued by the Post Office. This year the stamps depict the animated characters Wallace and Grommit

celebrating Christmas. On the most popular stamp, the second class stamp, the characters are singing carols. We too will be singing carols at Killin Church on the Sundays before Christmas and on Christmas Eve at 11.00pm.

The message of Christmas is that God was, is and always will be with us. Some say that 'Jesus is the reason for the season' ... that's true ... but it is also true that 'Jesus is not just for Christmas'.

May I wish you all a happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas and New Year.

The Revd. John Lincoln

Thank you

Grateful thanks to you all for your concerns and cards regarding my time in Coronary Care at Stirling Royal and to Dr Ankie de Laat for persuading me to go in the first place.

Angus Dawson

Christmas Church Services



Church of Scotland
Sunday 12th December
10am Service with
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Sunday 19th December
10am Christingle Service with
Sunday School Children

Christmas Eve 11pm Service
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Boxing Day 10am Service
with Communion afterwards

St Fillan's Episcopal Church
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National Park

Week 40 commencing 27

September

Proposal: Erection of car port
(Retrospective)

Location: 7 Ballechroisk Terrace Killin
FK21 8TH

Applicant: Mr Iain Campbell

Application Type: Householder
Planning Permission

Week 41 commencing 4 October

Proposal: Installation of replacement
windows

Location: Auchlyne House, Auchlyne
Road Killin

Applicant: Mrs Emma Paterson

Application Type: Listed Building
Consent

Week 42 commencing 11 October

Proposal: Erection of summerhouse

Location: Larachbeg Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mr D & Mrs C Harrison

Application Type: Householder
Planning Permission

Proposal: Removal of Condition 2
Restricting Occupancy for Agricultural
needs on Planning Permission

93/00588/REM/S (R/93/0181/REM)

Location: Craignavie Craignavie Road
Killin

Applicant: Mr & Mrs George Bickerton

Application Type: Detailed Planning
Permission

Proposal: Erection of extension to
existing garage

Location: The Garage Main Street
Killin

Applicant: Mr Peter Farquharson

Application Type: Detailed Planning

Permission

Decision: Approve with Conditions

Week 43 commencing 18 October

Proposal: Erection of single storey

garage extension to dwellinghouse

Location: Fiarach Tyndrum FK20 8RY

Applicant: Mr Edward Robertson

Application Type: Householder

Planning Permission

Decision: Approve without Conditions

Week 44 commencing 25 October

Proposal: Installation of 3 No. air
source heat pumps

Location: Village Hall Crianlarich FK20
8QN

Applicant: Mrs Moira Robertson

Application Type: Detailed Planning

Permission

Week 45 commencing 1 November

Proposal: Erection of rear extension

Location: Ewich House Crianlarich

FK20 8RU

Applicant: Mr Ian Richards,

Ewich House, Strathfillan, Crianlarich

FK20 8RU

Application Type: Detailed Planning

Permission

Perth & Kinross Council

27 September

Proposal: Erection of lodges,
reception building and managers flat

and formation of landscaping,

drainage, access and site levels

(Approval of Matters Specified in

Conditions - 07/00467/OUT)

Location: Lochtay Highland Lodges,

Killin

Applicant: Mr Rupert Barrett

Application Type: approval of matters
spec major

Decision: Pending Consideration

Proposal: Alterations and extension
to dwellinghouse

Location: Dunaird, 4 Creagach,
Fearnan

Applicant: Mr D Butler

Application Type: planning permission
local

Decision: approve the application

Stirling Council

22 September

Proposal: Installation of two dish
antennas coupled with the removal of

two panel antennas

Location: Killin Transmitting Station

Applicant: Arqiva

Application Type: Statutory

Notification (Masts)

Decision: Approve

Picture Answer
The late Nellie McMartin (known as
"The Poppy Lady" because she
went round the houses with
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Day) holds the doll and Rhona
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Obituaries



Susan Mary Whitehead

Susan passed away peacefully on 24th July in the Falls of Dochart Home after a long illness (motor neurone disease). Sue and Tony moved to Killin twenty three years ago after Tony and some friends spent a week at the Highland Lodges enjoying a shooting and fishing holiday when he noticed a 'For Sale' notice at the Shielling camping and holiday park. By then he had fallen in love with the area so he went home and sold the idea to Sue and a few weeks later they purchased it. They spent fifteen busy but very happy years there developing the place and replacing old caravans with log cabins. During the years they made many good friends and enjoyed going to parties and hosting their own. In as much time as the business allowed, they became very involved in village life and indeed raised a substantial amount of money by using their two cars for weddings, Tony driving the bride and Sue the bridesmaids, only asking

the bride and groom to make a donation to Killin and District "CHAS" Children's Charity. When sadly Tony's health deteriorated, the Shielling had to be sold and they moved to Eilean Cor, Dochart Road. Although Sue was very happy spending

more time with Tony and her dogs, she still missed her busy life and she was happy to take part-time work with Maureen at the Cruachan Restaurant. Here again, with her lively personality and wit, she was very popular with the customers and indeed when some of the regular holiday makers heard she was ill, they often visited her at home. Sadly Tony died five years ago and just when Sue was picking up her life, she was diagnosed with the illness which she faced with great courage. We miss her terribly as I know all her friends do, but we take comfort in the fact she is no longer suffering. We are so proud of her. Everyone knows what a devoted couple they were so I was not surprised when she said in a letter she left for me to open after her death "Don't worry about me. I am where I want to be, with Tony." God bless her. We treasure our memories.

Betty Fox (Sister)



Peter George 1922 - 2010

Long-time resident of 3 Pier Road, Killin, Peter George passed away peacefully in his sleep in the early hours of Sunday 24th October. A well-attended funeral was held at Perth crematorium on Wednesday 3rd November, with a bugler movingly playing the Last Post. Born on 9th March 1922, Peter grew up in Battersea in south London, before volunteering for the army at the outbreak of the second world war. He joined at 17 as a private, and rose through the ranks to be a major by the end of the war. He served in the Royal Artillery in the Burma campaign, but in the final months was seconded to general staff headquarters in Ceylon (Sri Lanka), thanks to his expertise with maps and ability to help with the plan of campaign. The closest he came to death was a chance encounter on a hillside picnic with the deadly venomous banded krait

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Obituaries

snake - which he killed with a butter knife.

After the war, he worked first in banking, then became a sales agent, then a manager for the lubricating oil company Stermol, based in London, with works in Rye, East Sussex. Peter loved doing business in the 1960s, when deals were done in pubs and restaurants, with a handshake.

He married his first wife, Kloris Sturt, in 1953, and raised three children in a house in the village of Copthorne, Sussex.

But Stermol was taken over by French oil giant Elf in the early 1970s, and, much as Peter loved the corporate high-profile events which saw him meeting Formula One legend Jackie Stewart, by the end of the decade he opted for early retirement.

At the same time his marriage was breaking down, and when Peter came to the Highlands on holiday in the mid-1970s, he found where he wanted to live the rest of his life. He also met Susan Adams, who at the time was running the Falls of Dochart Hotel (before it became today's retirement home), and they built a very happy life together in Killin, and forged lasting friendships around the village.

They ran the hotel together for another 11 years, before retiring in 1988.

They then played host at dinner parties at Pier Road, savouring Sue's superb cooking, and Peter also turned out a huge number of sketches and paintings, because Scotland, its landscape and people, truly inspired him. Peter and Susan loved travelling through Scotland, and also enjoyed holidays and cruises around the world. Famously, Peter was happiest with a drink in his hand, especially a good whisky. Peter also loved crosswords because he was hugely knowledgeable, well read and well travelled - and rapidly completing the Telegraph crossword was one good way of testing (showing off!) his great general knowledge.

Peter was also a passionate gardener, and his garden at Pier Road won village prizes. He loved living in Killin, and it seems everyone in the village knew him. He is survived by Sue, and the children from his first marriage: daughter Philippa and sons Rod and Tim, and grandchildren - Joanne, Martin, Caroline, Jennifer and Malcolm.

Rod George

rod.george@talktalk.net

Dora Young 1808 - 2010



Killin's oldest resident, Dora Young, died on 9th November at the Falls of Dochart Home, aged 102.

Sunderland-born Dora and Arnold moved to Killin from Wokingham in 1970 when Arnold retired and after several shorter visits in the 60s.

Both quickly became part of community organisations, particularly the church, and Dora was a founder member of the Arts and Crafts group which held a well-attended sale in aid of charity every other August. For months before each sale she would be busy making

teddy bears, miniature mice, clove hearts, dried flower pictures and embroideries. Mum was trained as a nursery nurse and always loved children so having grandchildren and great-grandchildren was a great joy to her. In the 90s she became increasingly blind and immobile and in 2001 she joined Arnold in the Falls of Dochart Home, where he died in 2001. In spite of her disabilities she never complained and for many years refused to take even paracetamol when ill in case she 'got addicted'. She always took an interest in the lives and families of those around her and had a very good relationship with the staff at the Home who made her 100th birthday a very special day and a happy memory for all concerned. The family is very grateful to all Mandy's team and to Dr. de Laat for the loving care which made sure Mum was always kept comfortable. Sheila and I know that Mum's help and advice made a difference not only to our lives but also to those of many friends she made in her long life.

Margaret MacIver



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Obituaries

Margaret MacKenzie (Nurse MacKenzie) 1925-2010

Margaret MacKenzie ('Kenzie') passed away in the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home on 30th October 2010. Granny was born in Aberchirder ('Foggieloan'), Aberdeenshire in 1925 and grew up with her brother and twin sisters on the family farm at Torston, which her brother still farms today. During the war the family took in refugees who Granny still had regular contact with. During the war Granny trained as a nurse in Glasgow, Perth and Edinburgh, achieving the award of Queen's Nurse while in Edinburgh. In 1951 Granny married Alistair and set up home in Tomatin, where she continued to nurse until she gave birth to daughters Alison and Fiona. The family first came to Killin in 1958, when Alistair became caretaker of the McLaren Hall, with Granny not only looking after the family home, but also helping him prepare for the many functions that took place. In 1968 they moved to 5 Ballechrois and in 1975 Alistair passed away. Not long afterwards, encouraged by Dr Mairi, Granny returned to nursing, becoming a district nurse for Killin and the surrounding area. She loved nursing and serving the community. No matter the time of night or the severity of the weather, she was always there supporting others. We have been reminded of those days, by some of the lovely comments and



memories people have shared with us since she died. She continued as District Nurse until her (reluctant) retirement in 1985. While not keen to retire, Granny had many interests, which she indulged in the subsequent years. She loved gardening, baking and cooking, putting to good use her formative years spent on the farm. She also enjoyed knitting, visiting the library, reading, completing crosswords and all sorts of quizzes and cryptic puzzles, where she shamed the rest of the family with her wide ranging general knowledge. Unfortunately, as the years passed her eyesight gradually deteriorated to the point where many of these pastimes were not possible, and there is no doubt she desperately missed being able to pick up a book and have a good read.

Granny was a great believer in supporting the local community and always supported coffee mornings and charity events with baking and knitting. She also enjoyed her daily outings to the village shops and placed great importance on supporting those businesses.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those shopkeepers who assisted Granny over the last few years and also the neighbours and friends who kept an eye out for her, took her to church and supplied her with kindlings and logs for her fire. Although she had many interests, most important to her was her family and she kept in daily touch by phone to make sure everyone was OK. She particularly loved her grandchildren and we all miss her very much - from the days of her teaching us songs, rhymes, stories, card games,

playing dominoes, completing quizzes, walking, baking, gardening right through to more recently, when we were reading the newspapers and TV schedules to her every day and taking her on trips from 'the Falls', right up to her telling me the best way to pickle beetroot just a few days before she passed away. On behalf of Alison, Fiona, myself and the rest of the family, I would like to thank sincerely all friends and neighbours for their cards and telephone calls, with very special thanks to the dedicated team of staff at the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home for their continuous care and kind-heartedness throughout the eighteen months Granny was there. Many thanks also to Killin Medical Centre, especially Dr de Laat for her unflinching attention to Granny at all times. The family would also like to extend their gratitude to Andy and Ross Anderson for their caring and professional funeral arrangements, Jennifer's Flowers in Doune for creating such a stunning autumn spray and to the Killin Hotel for their outstanding hospitality after the funeral service. Special thanks to friends and relatives who made the long journey to pay their respects at the church and graveside, generously donating £300 to the Oncology and Renal units at Stirling Royal Infirmary.

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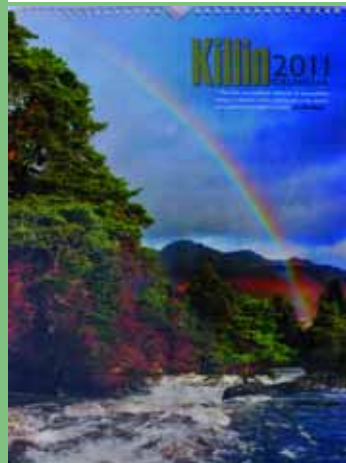
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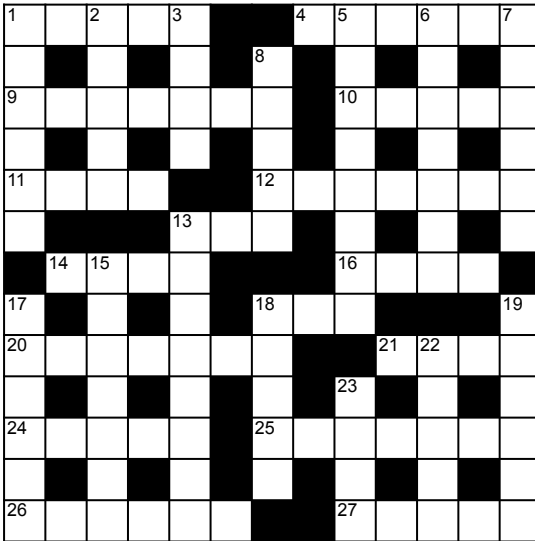
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Crossword by Scorpio



Across

- 1 Entertain a goddess (5)
- 4 Better (6)
- 9 Spanish entertainer tending to drama (7)
- 10 Sail South haphazardly to find a fibrous plant (5)
- 11 Unattractive citrus fruit, I hear (4)
- 12 Yellow gemstone (7)
- 13 Small sweet centre (3)
- 14 Size of a flat surface (4)
- 16 Poems intended to be sung (4)
- 18 Dispose of cleaver (3)
- 20 Lesions created by wild animal (7)
- 21 Complain about fish (4)
- 24 River running through Kashmir (5)
- 25 The smell of unusual oriental scenes (7)
- 26 To drip in a kind of slow, lethargic manner (6)
- 27 German originally, settling in UK (5)

Solution to 118

Across 4 boyhood 8 hoodoo 9 respite 10 cannes 11 hansom
12 envelope 18 reducing 20 allege 21 chapel 22 portion 23 albeit
24 attends

Down 1 chicken 2 connive 3 do well 5 overhead 6 hoping 7 option
13 on record 14 hippies 15 agility 16 all out 17 pestle 19 upheld

Down

- 1 A bundle or embrace (6)
- 2 United nations lit up to a point (5)
- 3 Headless bear caused disturbance in the current (4)
- 5 Let tunes invigorate and disturb (8)
- 6 Bear witness in test if you wish (7)
- 7 Depended on one elder defecting (6)

- 8 Little remains of broken crate (5)
- 13 Surf Loch Earn (8)
- 15 Repeated request to regulate (7)
- 17 The Spanish one in auction item is a poet (6)
- 18 Seats around a property (5)
- 19 Vital organ indicates ill humour (6)
- 22 Addition or extension (5)
- 23 Employs a variety of purposes (4)

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November

- 27 Cancer Research UK Coffee morning Lesser Hall 10am-12noon
30 McLaren Hall AGM 7.30pm Lesser Hall

Ballroom Dancing

Locheamhead Village Hall
Fridays 7.30pm

Badminton

Mondays
McLaren Hall 6.30pm

December

- 3 Heritage Society meeting Lesser Hall 7.30pm "A House with a Past"
6 Killin & District Agricultural Society AGM Killin Hotel 8pm
8 Herb Society Christmas lunch Green Park Hotel Pitlochry
8 Church Guild Craft Group Coffee Morning Breadalbane House 10am-12noon
14 School Nativity Play 2pm (see page 21)
14 School Fair 3pm (see page 21)
16 Fearnan Ladies Choir Guild meeting Killin Church 2pm
31 Hogmanay Fireworks Dochart Bridge midnight

Badminton

Mondays
Crianlarich Hall
evenings

Brownies

Wednesdays
Lesser Hall 6.30pm

BVLC

Library
Thursdays
10am-5pm

Carpet Bowls

Mondays
Lesser Hall
7.30pm

Community Choir

Church Hall
Tuesdays 7.30pm

January

- 1 New Year Dance McLaren Hall (see page 10)
11 Killin Community Council meeting School 7.30pm
15 Salmon Season opening Auchmore Boat House and Loch Tay Highland Lodges 9am
15 Salmon Opening Supper Bridge of Lochay Hotel 7.30pm Tickets from Alex Stewart 820224
19 Herb Society meeting Aberfeldy Town Hall 10am
20-22 Pantomime McLaren Hall (see page 15 for ticket sales)

Keep Fit

Wednesdays
Lesser Hall 5.30-9.30pm

Learning Cafe

Tuesdays & Fridays
Tyndrum Hall 11am-4pm

Pilates Class

Wednesdays
Lesser Hall 6.30pm

Quilting Group

Wednesdays
Church Hall 2pm

Tuesday Club

Church Hall 2pm

Tiddlers & Toddlers

Church Hall
1st Thursday
of the month 10am

Youth Club

Thursdays
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Juniors 6.30pm
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Which Bin which Week

Week beginning

6	Dec	Grey/Green
13	Dec	Brown
20	Dec	Grey/Green
27	Dec	Brown
3	Jan	Grey/Green
10	Jan	Brown
17	Jan	Grey/Green
24	Jan	Brown
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