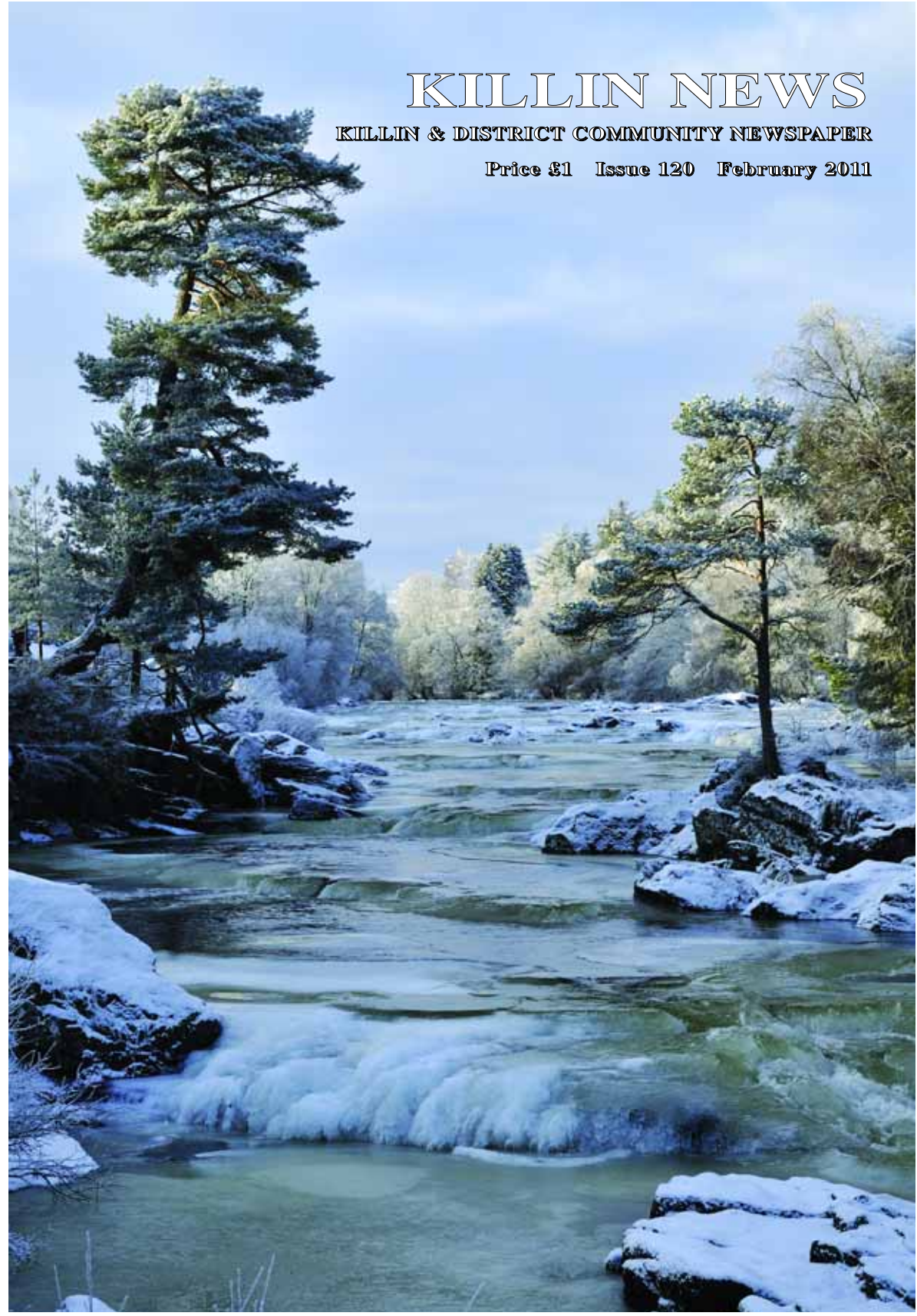


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Editorial

The recent extremes of weather and financial restrictions combine to make things a bit more difficult for remote communities. We are already feeling the pinch but this is only the beginning. News of Stirling Council redundancies was not unexpected and will inevitably lead to some reduction in services. Let us hope that where they affect Killin those reductions reflect the priorities of the community and follow consultation. Keep your Community Council informed about what you think is important. If you feel strongly about these issues there is one certain way to make yourself heard - become a Community Councillor. There is a space for you and you would be welcomed to join the team, just contact Fiona Kennedy or any of the community councillors.

Winter is a painful time for tourists in Killin when both public conveniences are closed on account of frost. The pressure is also on establishments with toilets to open them to the public and provide what is an essential facility for the intrepid winter visitors. When times are hard queues outside restaurants may not be what they seem to be.

It takes true grit to live in Killin especially at -110C. True grit would have been useful to help navigate the treacherous ice-coated pavements that isolated many in remote and inaccessible locations. Let's hope Fingal Road is adopted by Stirling Council before the next freeze-up so that essential services are not restricted.

On the positive side Killin has been at its most beautiful with sights that summer tourists cannot imagine or believe that we would be pleased to see go as quickly as they came.

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Community Consultation

The consultation has already started
If you wish to influence local developments
you will need to share your ideas
with the steering group

A flyer is enclosed in this issue for you to complete and drop in to

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Opening of new Housing Ballechroisk



The new housing was officially opened on Saturday 20th November. The building work was completed on time and all are now occupied. The mix of new homes, all for affordable rent and let on Scottish Secure Tenancies are as follows:

- 1 No. 2-bed 4 person amenity bungalow
- 1 No 2-bed 4 person wheelchair-

accessible bungalow

- 2 No. 2-bed 4 person houses
- 2 No 3-bed 6 person houses

Two of the houses generate their heating and hot water using ground source heat pumps. The other four houses using both ground source heating and solar panels.

Monthly rents for the different house types are in a range from £286 to £315.



Owen McKee Rural Stirling Housing Association, George Coyne, new resident, Fiona Kennedy, Chairman Community Council



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Hogmanay Fireworks

The first Hogmanay firework display at the Dochart Bridge was held in 1999 as part of the Millennium celebrations and was such a success that it was repeated in 2000. It is a wonderful way for the village to see the New Year in together and, by popular demand and largely thanks to Community Councillor Charlie Grant, the fireworks have continued now for twelve years. Charlie is most grateful to those who have regularly helped on the night - Anthony Dowling, Margaret Galloway, Richard MacPherson, Kay Riddell, John Sinclair and his own sons - and to John Burton who helped this year.

The quality and duration of the display each year varies depends on the amount of money spent and, as the fireworks have to be ordered in advance, it is important to know beforehand how much is likely to be raised. A minimum of £2,000 is needed. Each year there is a collection at the bridge on the night and in the early years there were grants available and sometimes sponsorship and donations but latterly fundraising has become increasingly vital. Any surplus raised goes towards the following year. This year the display cost £2,300 thanks to all those who helped. In addition to the Christmas Party (£350), the bridge collection (£650 - about



David Robertson

average) and boxes in shops, Ron and Sheila Allner from The Studio produced a very successful Killin Calendar, which raised £1,168 - and they hope to do another for next year. A raffle of Anna Robertson's knitted toy family and a piper raised £135 (winners Angela Ramsay and Glenda Mardon) and donations were gratefully received from the Capercaillie, House of Cattle, Louise and Stuart Thom, Killin

Highland Lodges and Killin Hotel. Apart from raising the money, organising the display involves a licence, insurance, health and safety regulations, first aid provision, traffic control, building and taking down the platform, setting up and running the display and - the essential job no-one offers help with - clearing up afterwards. Although Charlie loves organising the fireworks and finds seeing everyone enjoying themselves very rewarding, he would really like there to be a small committee to help with both fundraising and sharing out all the jobs to be done - and it would be good if more young people could be involved. The fireworks are an attraction for both residents and visitors. They have become a part of Killin tradition and are an asset to the village. If they are to continue, more help is needed so Charlie would be very pleased to hear from you (820 342) if you would be willing to assist in any way.

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Killin Calendars
We would like to thank everyone for their support in raising
£1,168-50
for the
Killin Hogmanay Firework fund
The Studio



Ron Allner

Killin Community Council January meeting

Killin Skip: The perimeter fencing has been removed. Cllr Owens will ask what is to happen to the skip area now.

Road Maintenance: Where are our community grit/sand piles for the village to use? Doctors surgery access requires to be gritted. Some grit bins have solid grit in the bottom from last year which is of no use. Cllr Owens to attend to and a letter to be written to Stirling Council.

Playpark: Ongoing.

Turning area: Has been tidied up slightly.

Folklore Centre: Waiting for a reply to the application to Stirling Council assets

Breadalbane Forum: Meeting with Bob Jack is now 21/3/11 for community councillors

Rural Housing Stirling:
New houses in Ballechroisk are now occupied.

Speeding: Speeding boards were in place for a week at the war memorial entrance to Killin. The average speed recorded was 28 mph. There were some complaints

that the 30mph signs were not visible enough. The police have spoken to Stirling Council about getting more signs further out of the village giving drivers an earlier warning. There was however no real problem with speeding.

National Park: Mike Cantley has left the National Park to go to Visit Scotland. Development Plan has gone to the Scottish Office to be approved.

AOCB: Fireworks went well and a big thank you to all who helped. Thanks to G. Aitken for getting the Xmas tree, to Stitt Bros & S. Forster for erecting it and putting the lights on and to the church for providing the site and power supply. A letter and cheque to go to the church.

The Goldmine: A new planning application has been submitted.

Biomass project: Gone to planning week 10/1/11.

Dochart Bridge: A burst sewer pipe and the damage the frost has created on the bridge were reported on 31/12/10. Ian Young from Stirling Council inspected the bridge on 2/1/11 and a further inspection was made on 5/1/11. It was then reported that it is in no worse

condition than it was in Oct 2009 and was not a priority as there are zero funds to repair it. The budget will be known in late Feb and a decision will be made then as to what plan of action will be taken. The Bridge of Lochay and Allt Lairig Bridge also require attention.

Community Futures: A questionnaire is to be sent to every household in Killin on how we are managing to cut carbon.

Community Action Plan: A consultation on the update of the plan is to take place in the Killin Hotel on Sat 5th Feb at 10.15 am to 2.00pm.

Scotlands Census 2011:
Questionnaires will be delivered from 7th March 2011 and must be returned by the end of April 2011. It is law that they are completed by everyone or there is a risk of a £1000 fine. These questionnaires are important to our community so please play your part.

Condolences were offered to the Macpherson family for their loss.

Next Meeting: Killin Primary School at 7.30pm on Tues 8th March 2011.

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Killin Youth Group



Xscape at Braehead Centre

Killin Youth Group is continuing to go from strength to strength. We now have over thirty members with twenty to twenty five regularly attending each week. Before Christmas we had two very successful winter themed trips to Glasgow and Edinburgh. In Glasgow we went to Xscape at Braehead and spent the morning skiing, snowboarding and sledging and the afternoon doing Laserquest and some Christmas shopping. In Edinburgh we went ice skating, had lunch at Jimmy Chungs, yet more Christmas shopping and finished the day on the swinging chairs ride at the carnival, which takes you alarmingly close to hitting the Scott Monument, much shouting and shrieking by the boys and some of the girls!

The New Year program has started now and we have lots of fun activities lined up including a trip to the Time Capsule swimming pool in Glasgow at the end of February. The youth group is open to all secondary school aged children who live in the Killin area. We try to put on a wide

variety of activities and events to appeal to everyone's interests. There are lots more young people who are eligible to come along so please do if you are aged 11-17 or encourage your children, your neighbours to join the group. We usually meet at the golf club, 7.30pm on Tuesday nights. I can be contacted on the number below if

you want to find out anymore details.

Finally many thanks to the members of the committee, the youth reps and particularly the Ardeonaig Staff who continue to help make KYG a success.

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Computer o r n e r



Broadband Loss in December

Many locals had problems with a total loss of broadband for a few days during the run up to Christmas. This was eventually resolved by a BT Engineer visiting the Exchange and repairing the fault. The loss of internet caused issues for many of us, some of whom rely on communications for business purposes.

I thought it might be useful to provide information about other methods of getting internet access, in case this problem occurs again.

We have a BT Openzone wireless internet hotspot in the village. The Telephone booth outside Shutters Restaurant on Main Street provides wireless broadband access. All you need is a laptop with wireless and either a BT Openzone account or some form of payment mechanism and then you can use this service to access the internet. You will need to be physically near the Telephone Booth, so that you

are in range of the wireless signal. You connect to the BT Openzone wireless network, and when you try to browse the internet you can follow the on-screen instructions and gain access. If you have a Business Broadband service with BT, then you are entitled to limited free time on BT Openzone.

Other methods include using mobile phone technology, either via a Smart Phone, for instance, iPhone, Google Phone, Blackberry, or using your computer and a "dongle" with a mobile phone SIM card. The "dongle" is a hardware device connected to a computer via a USB port, it is typically the size of a Memory stick - it is provided by Mobile Phone suppliers, and uses the mobile network to allow you to access the internet. Please note that each mobile operator has different price tariffs for browsing the internet, so please watch the costs.

More Telephone Fraud

This is getting very common now. In the past week I have heard of 3 people who have been targeted by con artists. I have mentioned similar attacks in the past, but this new approach is quite convincing.

If you receive a phone call from telephone number 01274-790083, or any other phone number, where the caller claims to be from Microsoft Windows Live Support, informing you that your computer is sending out viruses or Spam email, then please be very wary. This, allegedly, is a fraud.

The caller will scare you into believing that your computer is infected, and that you can resolve the issue by either allowing an engineer to log on to your machine, or going to a specific website to download software to "fix" your problem.

Their aim is to steal money from you - either by getting you to pay for software via a credit card or to have software downloaded to your computer that reports back to them any online bank details and passwords - thus allowing them to steal from you at a later date.

If you do receive such a call, I suggest you contact the Police to report the crime.

Multiple Anti-Virus Applications on a Computer

I am seeing more and more computers that run very slowly, but are not infected by viruses. In most cases what has happened is that there are two or more conflicting Anti-virus applications installed on the computer. In many cases these applications will use most of the computer's memory and processing power, and then the computer will immediately run very slowly.

If your computer is slow, and all virus scans appear to be clean of infection, then please check to see if there are more than one Antivirus applications installed on your computer. If there are, I recommend that you uninstall all but one of them.

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Frost Report



A Very Frosty Report

At the time of writing we are starting to recover from the winter conditions of December and early January. We had frozen and burst pipes and icy roads to deal with but think of 'the beasts of the field and the birds of the air' who have no home however draughty to hole up in. Food was scarce and hard to find for them all. The milk hinds we have shot recently have been very thin, the stags are coming in regularly to the feeds on the hill and it looks as though there will be quite a few deaths from the weather before the Winter is out. On some estates they have more to deal with; the stalker of many years has resigned from Mar Lodge where The National Trust have taken on a policy of forest regeneration which entails huge deer culls. This will have continuous and marked effect on all surrounding estates as deer are free to roam at will and so if an area has a lower population and more shelter they will move into it.

This will cause a reduction in numbers in surrounding areas. Similar controversy is going on in Glencoe with The National Trust. Also large areas are being fenced which often limits access to lower feeding ground which is essential in bad weather. Birds of prey have been finding it hard to find enough food as the small rodents which are often a mainstay have been invisible in their tunnels under the snow. It has been sad to see the odd barn owl just lying dead on the ice. Near Crianlarich there has been an eagle feeding regularly in the farmyard on any scurrying little thing he can find. You'll never guess who is still thriving! Yes, Mr. Wiley Fox. In a semi urban area recently there have been the two largest foxes recorded. Just as the clean air act a few

decades ago helped the gulls as tips were no longer set alight and so held many easily available titbits so the ever canny fox is probably taking advantage of the emptying of bins once a fortnight, when they are overflowing, to put on weight. Weighing in at 28.5 lbs and 34 lbs you may catch a glimpse of them taking advantage of the New Year offers at Weightwatchers. And another of those odd turnups, this time in the Southwest of England, when a farmer cutting maize came across a tapir. (Look it up in the South America section). As this was a fairly young animal it may mean that they are breeding in the wild.

Tim Frost

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Strathfillan Community Council

Strathfillan Action Plan

The Strathfillan Action Plan needs reviewing. This will allow the community to have a say on the way forward. The review will be led by the SCDT, but a steering group of Community Councillors and Trust Directors will work together to decide how to get the information needed. The new plan may not be as big as the previous one; we have achieved quite a lot, some projects are on-going, others are finished and there may be new projects. This plan will last for the next 5-10 years.

It is important that we all agree on what we are trying to achieve and that it is what the community wants. The Action Plan is an important document because it gives a mandate to local community groups and helps with funding applications.

Pulpit Rock improvements and Crianlarich By-Pass

Owen McKee met with Mike Russell MSP and others to discuss Pulpit Rock improvements and the Crianlarich By-Pass. It is highly unlikely in this economic climate that the By-pass will get priority. The NPA and Argyll & Bute Council both suggested to the Minister that the designers of Pulpit Rock improvements are asked to rethink the project and find a solution without closing the road. Local community objections could delay the project.

Burst water mains pipes

Crianlarich community has suffered disruption due to two burst water

mains pipes in the run up to Christmas. Each time the whole village's water supply is cut off. It was agreed that the CC would try to get Scottish Water to put in more cut-off points throughout the village and look at the infrastructure as it appears that the pipe system may need upgrading.

Right to Buy amended

Received a letter from Joanne McDowell, Right to Buy Policy Manager, Housing and Regeneration Directorate, Scottish Government, to say that on 3rd November 2010 the Scottish Parliament pass the Housing (Scotland) Bill 2010 which contains significant reforms in relation to the Right to Buy [RTB] including

- Ending the RTB for new supply social housing;
- Ending RTB for new tenants
- Introducing more flexibility and local control over pressured-area designations

Stirling Council Allocations Policy amended

The Allocations Working Group met on 24th November to discuss the reviewed Allocations Policy before it went to Full Council on 13th December when it was unanimously approved and came into force on 17th January 2011 in line with the new ICT system.

CiA consultants to give presentation at CC meeting on 14th February Robin Webster who is working for the CiA group will attend the next CC meeting to discuss CiA proposals for Crianlarich.

Russell Taylor, Depute Electoral Registration Office to give presentation at CC meeting on 14th March

Russell will give information on registering and voting options for the Scottish Parliament Elections on

5th May.

Tribute to John MacPherson

We were all saddened to hear of the death of John MacPherson, who was an incredible community server; Chair of Killin CC, instigator of the Killin Care Home, on the RSHA Board, on the Public Health Board. His energy, enthusiasm and commitment will be greatly missed.

CC meetings

Strathfillan CC meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7.30pm in Crianlarich village hall. All welcome.



Strathfillan Community Development Trust

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Tyndrum Enhancement Project

The Trust has applied for grant funding to furnish Tyndrum with new flower tubs, compost and plants. If our bid is successful, tubs will be placed along the main road, complimenting the existing floral displays put on each year by local businesses. If you would like to adopt a tub please get in touch with Joyce at the office for more information.

National Park Rangers

Ceci Alderton and Steven Kenney, NP Rangers for the Breadalbane and Cowal areas, have made arrangements with the Trust to have a "hot desk" within Tyndrum Hall. This arrangement will free them from being tied to a single office and give them more time to get out and about across their large area of the Park, getting to know Breadalbane and its residents better. They have put a wildlife recording book in the

hall as well as a noticeboard to keep locals up to date with what's happening in the Park. If you come across an animal, bird or plant you think is noteworthy when you're out and about, please come along and put it in the book. They are in the process of putting a schedule together which will specify the times they will be here.

Joyce Russell

Development Officer

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Hall Improvements

Crianlarich Hall has now reopened after a major project to install new heating and roof insulation. The benefits from the new heating are already being felt (quite literally) by hall users. The committee hopes that the warmer building will encourage local groups and individuals to make greater use of the hall and also anticipates a welcome saving in the cost of electricity bills.

New coloured dimmable spot lights have also been installed to the roof of the main hall, which will help parties and evening events to create

a bit of "atmosphere". To enquire about booking the hall, please contact Jim or Evelyn Ronald on 01838 300337.

Auction

The annual fundraising Auction Sale will be held on Friday 11th March at 6pm. Viewing from 5pm. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be available during the evening as normal.

Donations of goods:- furniture, bric a brac, electrical items etc. etc. will be much appreciated - large and heavy items can be collected from you. Collections will take place on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th March and the hall will also be open on these days for donations to be dropped in. Please contact Bryan Craig on 01838 300245 to arrange for items to be uplifted.

Crianlarich School

Under the Sea

This term class one has been learning about under sea. Our classroom has been transformed into an under the sea world with all our art work. There is also a shipwreck to play in. We have been reading non-fiction books about under the sea creatures and creating our own fact files on the computer. We have been reading The Rainbow Fish Stories. We have written imaginative stories set under the sea. Hopefully we will be going for a trip to the Sea Life Centre. We are learning about subtraction for our maths and we have played subtracting shark games.

Class 2

On Thursday 20th January PC Andy Ward and PC Iona Frickleton came into Class 2 to talk about the anti speeding campaign. There will be a competition between Killin, Crianlarich and Strathgryre schools. The competition will have loads of prizes to be judged. **Rebecca** Class 2 has been studying Australia this term. We have been finding out about Sydney, Harbour Bridge and The Opera House. **Natalie**

Scottish Day

Our whole school has been learning Scottish songs and Scottish poems. We will perform these to our parents at our Scottish day to celebrate Robert Burns birthday. The nursery will join us for Scottish dancing, stories, arts and crafts and food tasting.

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Strathfillan by the Way

Success at Reiver's Rally



Allan Brodie & Cameron Fairbairn were placed 2nd overall in this year's Hankook Scottish Tarmac Championship in their 1600 Ford Escort Mk2 only missing out on first place due to a front wheel puncture and having to drive seven miles to complete the last stage of the Kingdom Rally on 6th November.

They also finished first in class and first in the Howford Hydraulic Escort Challenge awarded for the first Ford Escort. Allan's previous best in the Scottish Championship was 4th place.

News from the National Park

A New Year has started, a new season beckons and with it comes hope. So let's start with a little good news. For some considerable time we have been searching for funding to tackle the problem of Japanese Knotweed and finally, despite the general economic gloom, some monies have been obtained which will enable us to start a campaign of eradication for the West Tay Catchment area i.e. Strathfillan, Glen Dochart, Killin, Glen Ogle and Loch Earn. Spraying equipment is being purchased and soon surveying will begin to get an up-to-date picture of the infestation. When we are in a position to start spraying we will be looking for some volunteers to help. Appropriate training will be given. The Scotsland Festival which was introduced to celebrate the bicentenary of the publication of Walter Scott's epic poem, *The Lady of The Lake*. As part of the Festival the Park Authority commissioned a composition on the same theme from Phil Cunningham with the aim of promoting the Park and, in particular, the Trossachs and Breadalbane areas to a worldwide audience. And where better than Celtic Connections and the Royal Concert Hall for its introduction. The big night was 19th January and an audience of over 1600 turned up to hear *The Trossachs Suite* performed by Phil backed by an array of very talented musicians. An extra and enchanting touch was the narration by the actor, Bill Paterson, of sections of the poem introducing each phase of the suite. For the second half of the concert Phil and his band were joined by Eddi Reader and Karen Matheson who added a further touch of magic to the night with wonderful performances of a number of songs from poems by Sir Walter Scott and others influenced by his writings.

As many of you will be aware Mike Cantley, our Convener, has been appointed Chair of Visit Scotland and will be leaving the Park Authority. Consequently we will be electing a new convener at our February meeting.

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Killin Care Trust

It was with great sadness that members of the Board of Directors received the news of John MacPherson's passing.

It was over eight years ago that John brought us together to form the Killin Care Trust with the purpose of purchasing and managing the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home on behalf of the community. It was his vision, tenacity, determination and great leadership that made this a reality and has left us with the wonderful legacy of a well run, well respected and invaluable home from home for older members of our community. Thank you John.

Reluctantly he gave up his Chairmanship of the Board last year due to failing health but remained involved through his ongoing support to the Manager, Mandy Hay and new Chairman, Jim Cushley. On days he felt able to, John still 'just popped round to the Home' to see how things were going. He will be greatly missed by all involved.

The Board is committed to keeping the Home running at the same high standard and would like to thank Mandy and her team for all their

hard work and strength particularly in recent months. It is the staff members who make the Home the success it is, evidenced both through the formal Care Commission reports and the spontaneous expressions of gratitude from residents, families and friends.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those individuals and groups who have donated so generously to the Home. These donations have helped to keep a rolling programme of redecoration going as well as allowing for more fun purchases such as Christmas presents and the recent acquisition of a Wii! It is these things that help to make the Home feel like a real home along with the busy flow of visits by family and friends who are always very welcome.

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Environmental Action Killin (EAK)

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Mervyn's Weather



Weather wise the year 2010 was burdened with various forms of ill-health. During the late Winter and early Spring, bouts of hypothermia and immobility plagued its early days then, in late May and most of June, it developed a mild case of dehydration, only to be followed by a prolonged period of rheum - runny nose and catarrhal depression for the rest of its summer. Autumn was little better, despite brief spells of a dry nose and freedom from sneezing and flatulences! However, December introduced yet more hypothermia and the accompanying inability to get around. Thus, after a brief fog-induced coma, 2010 slid into history uninspiring and unlamented!

2011 now has the opportunity to redeem and remedy the failings of its predecessor, although those that have access to modern technology insist that the present semi-arctic conditions could last till March. Why, I wonder, do the weather girls - and men - almost inevitably describe the state of the weather as

a wet "old day" or a frosty "old day"? Is age or lack of it so important?

Under anticyclonic conditions a phenomenon often occurs hereabouts - and presumably at other sites with a similar topography, ie. high ground to south or south-east and possibly a deep glen or valley leading down to lower ground. It is perhaps more noticeable during Summer high pressure cells which seem to be less frequent of late years. After a warm/hot and windless day, as soon as the sun sets, a very cool brisk wind sets in, lasting for perhaps two hours, ceasing when the rapidly cooling denser and heavier air slides downwards to push the warm light air aloft and equilibrium is restored. This is known as a Katabatic wind, from the Greek "to flow downwards", its antithesis being Anabatic, better known as a Thermal. I well remember during the vintage Summer of 1984, a glorious warm and windless August day when gathering for the ewe-

clipping at Roroyare (Glen Lyon), coming down the ridge of the peak of Meall Na H'eildeag, that conspicuous and symmetrical eminence opposite Camusvrachan, which has a sheer cliff fall on its North side. As we reached this point a strong, almost hot, up-draught of wind assailed us. Had I been an eagle, buzzard, or indeed a hang-glider, I could have launched into space and vanished into the ether, much to the amazement and concern of my dogs Wisp and Tweed!

Some person or persons unknown once reckoned that the wind direction on 10th November determines that in which it will blow all winter. Since 10th November 2010 on only six days have we had a West wind. The rest, with the exception of calm days, have without fail had an Easterly component.

All the best for 2011.

Mervyn K. Browne
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2010 Weather Data for Killin and Strathfillan (Kirkton Farm)

Killin 2010

Total Rainfall = 1414.3 mm (Killin ten year average (2000-2009) = 1851.8 mm)

Wettest Month = November (251.5 mm)

Driest Month = May (22.0 mm)

Highest Rainfall in a calendar Week (Monday to Sunday) = 116.5 mm (Week 43, 25th-31st October 2010)

Strathfillan (Kirkton Farm) 2010

Total Rainfall = 1671.5 mm (Strathfillan twenty year average (1991-2010) = 2528 mm)

Wettest Month = October (297.1 mm)

Driest Month = May (31.1 mm)

Highest Rainfall in a calendar Week (Monday to Sunday) = 158.9 mm (Week 43, 25th-31st October 2010)

Highest Maximum Temperature = 23.8°C (22nd May 2010)

Lowest Maximum Temperature = -8.9°C (7th December 2010)

Lowest Minimum Temperature = -18.2°C (3rd December and 8th December 2010) - The coldest temperature recorded since 28th December 1995

Since weather recording began at Kirkton in 1991 this year has seen:

The driest year

The driest January

The driest December

The wettest July

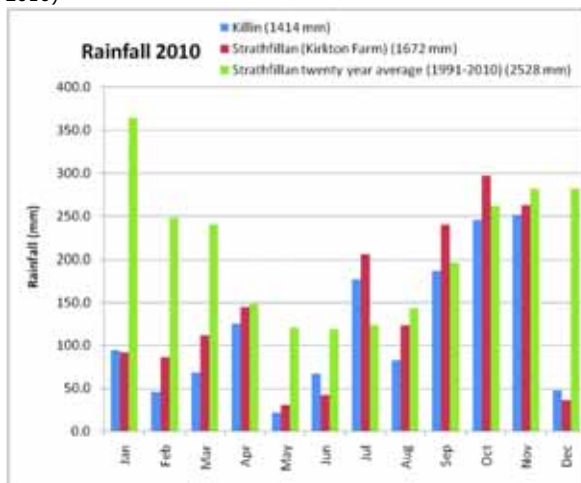
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The Scottish Crannog Centre



Fire and Ice Festival

Highland Perthshire's Fire and Ice Festival ended with a spectacular finale at the Scottish Crannog

Centre after a harrowing week of disruptions caused by the early winter weather.

Ticket holders were treated to hot cordials and whisky and a fire-juggling performance by circus actor Tam Baker before setting off on a procession through lochside woods. Four statuesque ice carvings were strategically positioned along the trail featuring a standing stone, a Celtic man with wild boar and bird, a fire god, and an ice crannog all eerily lit with miniature coloured LEDs. A very ancient and pagan atmosphere was created by the flaming torches and the strong drumming led by Ronnie Goodman. As the procession moved along the trail a series of dark, straw-clad images appeared - a Tree of Life with man and woman, an old hunched woman, a swinging pod and a Celtic horse and chariot. Each was lit, setting the night sky alight with sparks and shooting flames. The most spectacular image was the

horse and chariot set out in the water. In the still of the night, the ceremonial burning was reflected on the loch, and in the background the the snow-covered thatch of the crannog sparkled in the spotlights. On the way back visitors stopped to admire a burning tee-pee-shaped paper kiln made by ceramic artist Allison Weightman in which pots made by the children were being fired. After hot soup, participants walked under an ice gateway out to the crannog where local storyteller Claire Hewitt recounted traditional myths and legends. Inside the visitor centre, the Fire and Ice artists' exhibition featured LED lit tissue-covered willow stars from the workshop led by Georgia Crook, and paintings, sculptures and videos by Perthshire Visual Arts Forum members.

Barrie Andrian

Kenmore's February Winter Week

The Scottish Crannog Centre and other Kenmore businesses are offering visitors special hotel and activity packages 16th to 27th February aimed at visitors during UK

school midterm holidays and providing day trip visitors with a wider choice of things to do. For the first time the Crannog will be open in winter and the Crannog Crew is keen to try something new. In the lead-up to Winter Week, they will offer a range of craft workshops in textiles and woodworking and a new 'Living the Iron Age' experience in which visitors live the life of an extended crannog family including the traditional Celtic feast! The week's programme includes: Loch Tay Cruises in a heated tour boat with hot refreshments run by Legend Sailing. Special rates inclusive of Crannog Tours from Kenmore Hotel. Gourmet food and drink tastings from the Courtyard. 10% off all dinners and free entry to quiz and music night from Kenmore Club Restaurant. The Kenmore Post Office Shop will act as a hub for tickets and tourist information. The Loch Tay Steamers will play at the Crannog on 20th February to start the programme and later in the week storytellers will evoke the ancestors around a roaring log fire. For initial advance bookings, please email the Scottish Crannog Centre at info@crannog.co.uk or make direct contact with the other local suppliers.

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An Appeal for Help

Is Killin going to thrive in 2030? You might have read in the last edition of the Killin News that I have been visiting Killin to investigate what life in Killin is like today and what might be in store for 2030. I am undertaking this research for my PhD in sustainable communities at The University of Stirling. I appeal for your support for this and for Killin Cutting Carbon who have co-authored a questionnaire inserted in this edition of the Killin News.

In three focus groups, held in November, I posed two questions: (1) Is Killin thriving today (2) what might Killin be like in a low carbon world in 2030.

"Imagine life in a low carbon world 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 worldwide. 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? Some ideas on how to make life easier in the future related to Killin being more or less self-sufficient in renewable energy.

Killin has many burns and rivers so is hydro-electric power an option? Village history and what life was like forty or more years ago became the main talking point in the WRI focus group. Stories of the past gave wonderful insights into how people can live with fewer car and lorry trips.

In all the focus groups, there was common agreement that Killin is thriving in some aspects, but not in others. I would like to find out if you agree with what was said. Specific questions, relating to the focus group discussions, are in the questionnaire enclosed in this issue. There is more work to be done to understand life in Killin and I will share my findings with you later in 2011.

Please complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to the Killin Library, the Killin News Office, the Post Office or News First.

Replies will be entered into a prize draw for three £80 vouchers for a meal in the Killin Hotel.

In case you missed the last Killin News article, 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. My studies have been carried out in Fintry and Kinlochleven and I am concentrating on Killin until July 2011.

Anne Winther

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- *It is evidence of community support for activities and to attract funding
- *It can help when discussing community concerns with service providers such as Stirling Council and the Police
- *It can help the Community Council and KAT with planning for the future

A lot has happened since the last Action Plan for example:

- *The Youth Group
 - *Demand Responsive Transport
 - *Bus turning circle
 - *New Rural Stirling Housing
 - *Community Choir
 - *The Killin and Ardeonaig Trust
- What would you like to happen to improve your life?
What do you value and not like to change?
What is important for you and your family?

If you are a Killin resident you should find a flyer enclosed on which you can share your views either by returning the completed form to one of the collection points or emailing it to Suzanne Player, Rural Development Worker at: Players@stirling.gov.uk
The Community Consultation will continue for some time and we will keep you up-to-date as it progresses. Don't miss your chance to become involved.

Killin Cutting Carbon

This project is due to end at the end of March 2011. We don't know if we will be able to obtain an extension at this stage. More information will be available in the next issue, meanwhile a questionnaire included in this issue for those who live in the Killin/Ardeonaig area and is an important part of the project. Do please complete and return it and join in the draw for one of the prizes offered.

The Old Mill

Discussions are due to continue with regard to community involvement in the building and we will keep you informed on progress. Your comments and ideas are always appreciated so do please share your views during the Community Consultation.

Willie Angus

KILLIN CUTTING CARBON

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The deadline for handing in completed questionnaires is 4th March at either the Library, News First, the Post Office or the Killin News Office.

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Another Murder at Dall Lodge

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Lady Coco Channel, Franny and Bill Foldes, Hudson River and Baby Doll with her twin brothers (both named Duke!) Anna Sassin and her fiance Will de Beest, Lew's girlfriend, Ruby Valentine and her oldest friend Penny Farthing were the guests. The sophisticated ladies were suitably attired in feathers and flapper dresses, the men in dinner jackets. After lengthy cross examination and deliberation in between courses the guests concluded that the banker, Bill Foldes had 'dunnit'. In his defence Bill claimed that the victim "was a cad and was having an affair with my wife."

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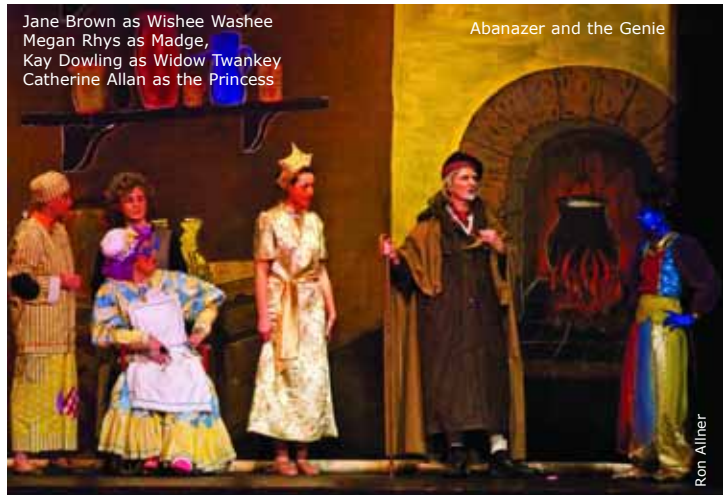
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Jane Brown as Wishee Washee
Megan Rhys as Madge,
Kay Dowling as Widow Twankey
Catherine Allan as the Princess

Abanazer and the Genie

Ron Allner

Whether you love it or not, you cannot argue with the fact that the Killin pantomime is a truly community effort with over seventy people involved. This year's panto has had its own dramas too - the Dame broke her ankle and Alex Tigwell has been unwell and had to pull out of the part of Wishee Washee after Christmas. Jane Brown took over the role, but that left us looking for a witch! Karen Lafferty stepped up into the part (literally!). The snow and ice in December had an impact on rehearsals as a good number of our cast live outside the village. Illnesses also affected rehearsals, in fact I don't think we had a full cast at rehearsal until a week before the show and even on the Friday night one of the cast had almost lost their voice!

If you attended the shows you will agree that walking into the hall you felt as if you were transported into China with the hanging banners and lanterns - we even had a real Chinese dragon making its way through the hall.

The show was a real test on the technical team and stage crew, with pyrotechnics, screen shows, huge pieces of scenery and fast scene changes.

The singing and dancing tested the skills of our youngsters. It's not easy to learn all these routines and songs - and with some quick costume changes in between.

Well done to everyone involved in putting on the show and of course thank you to everyone who came along to support us.

LS



Ron Allner

Killin Primary School

Class 1 Under the Sea Topic

We are turning our classroom into the sea. The windows have become water! We have already made fish out of paper. We are going to learn about the animals and plants that live under the sea, where the seas in the world are and what things look like Under the Sea.

Welcome Miss MacDonald!

Miss MacDonald is an HNC in Child Care and Early Years student who will be joining us in our class on a Monday and Tuesday. It is great to have her help in the classroom and we all looking forward to working with her.

Burns Day

We are learning poems and songs to celebrate Burns Night. Class 1 are learning Wee Willie Winkie and the Selkirk Grace.

Becca, Liam and Mr Lunan

P3/4/5

This term our topic is called Endless Ocean. We will be using the Wii and the game 'Endless Ocean' in our topic!

We got a letter from John Cousteau, who is a marine biologist.

He asked us to research the five oceans. He asked us to do that because he is in Australia looking at the Great Barrier Reef.

We have been learning how to write letters and have written him a letter.

We have been put into groups to play the game on the Wii and have Diver log books which will help us to keep track of which Oceans we have explored in the game.

We will be turning our classroom into the ocean so we can blend in with the wii game.

P6/7 Our Volcanoes

Last term we began building miniaturised volcanoes which we later erupted. First we chose a base to work around like a bottle or container, next we built up our volcanoes into the correct shape with paper Mache. Finally we covered them in modrock so it was suitable for painting. Once we had painted them, we had to think about how to erupt them. We first put the bicarbonate of soda into the volcanoes then a mix of vinegar and red food colouring. It started to bubble then slowly the pinkie mixture reached the top then it seeped over the side it dribbled down the side creating a pool at the bottom. We all really enjoyed making and erupting our volcanoes.

New Topic

This term's topic is Australia we have been learning about the geography of Australia and the areas around it. We are looking forward to all that we are going to learn about Australia.

Robbie Player and Megan Pease



Killin News would like to thank the Nursery School children who helped deliver the December issue.



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Mobile Phone Collection

A campaign, called 'Give Every Child a Voice', will

exchange old mobile phones for the latest classroom response devices. All phones donated during the campaign will be recycled and converted into valuable funds for the NSPCC's Child's Voice Appeal.



Caitlin Hall and Leah Murray depositing some old mobiles in the collection box



Number Day

On 17th December, all pupils and staff participated in Number Day joining thousands of other schools to raise money for the NSPCC, whose aim is to protect vulnerable children. The purpose of the activities was to show pupils the fun in numbers whilst testing their mathematical ability, stretch their problem solving skills and encourage pupils to work together as a team. The day's events were enjoyed by all and the benefits will no doubt be reflected throughout their future learning.

S3 Celebrating Success Assembly

On Wednesday 15th December awards were handed out at the Celebrating Success Assembly. Winners from Killin were:

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Adele Melia

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Killin W.R.I. Annual Party

On Thursday 6th January thirty ladies attended the annual WRI birthday party in the Lesser McLaren Hall and catered for by Carlotta Fraser of Town and Country Catering.
The birthday cake was cut by our

newest member, Jani Ellis. After dinner we were entertained by Broad Sword who had us dancing and shaking tambourines to a varied selection of music. Our competition theme was recycling, a poem and a dress made

out of plastic bags. The results:

Poem

1st Elizabeth Woods
2nd Margaret Macgregor

Plastic bag dress

1st Margaret Galloway
2nd Norma Lang
3rd Marion Macgregor
4th Ellen Stewart

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.

Elizabeth Woods



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If Trees Could Only Talk... The Telemark Raid and Ben Lawers

Trees provide a link with the past and, because of their longevity, will very often remind people of events that took place many years ago. An example is the scattered old pines on the lower slopes of Ben Lawers.

Many people will have seen the 1965 Second World War film the "Heroes of Telemark", starring Kirk Douglas and Richard Widmark. It tells the tale of a group of committed local Norwegians who successfully sabotaged a factory producing "heavy water" which the occupying Germans could have used to produce an atomic bomb, long before the Allies. It is no exaggeration to say that it probably changed the whole balance of the Second World War and Europe today might have been a very different place had the raid not succeeded.

A prior attempt to destroy the plant involved British Royal Engineers, who were to be dropped in two gliders on to a desolate high plateau, from which they would ski to the target and blow it up. The attack, known as Operation Freshman, went desperately wrong. Both gliders crash-landed well away from their intended drop zones. One of the planes pulling them also crashed and was destroyed. Only one plane returned to Wick from where they had set off. Of the two gliders, many of the engineers actually survived the crash but were captured by the Germans and executed, some after being tortured. None returned. Several Germans were tried at a War crimes tribunal in connection with the killings. It is a very sad story. Most of these young men were in their early 20's and from throughout the British Isles, including several Scots. There were about thirty of them and with the various air crews, almost fifty men in total died in the raid.



We have recently become aware that, in the preparations for this raid, those involved were trained to ski on the slopes of Ben Lawers, which was then in private ownership but is now managed by the National Trust for Scotland. A particularly strong memory involved seeing them zig-zagging through Scots Pine trees on the lower slopes. Commandos would have already been able to ski but the men on the raid were engineers and they were under the command of the Special Operations Executive (SOE). They would have been learning from scratch. Wooded areas would also be encountered in Telemark. Only a very few of these trees remain today, some next to the road, some higher up on the mountain and they are now the only remaining witnesses to these events on Loch Tay side.

It is very difficult to pass by these trees now and not think about the Telemark raid and this local connection with it - a story worth the telling but which could easily be forgotten.

If anyone else is aware of the story of their training on Ben Lawers we would be interested to know. I can be contacted on 01887 829 220 or victor.clements@scottishnativewoods.org.uk or contact Helen Cole, Manager/Senior Ranger & Naturalist at the Ben Lawers NNR office in Killin, 0844 493 2136 or email benlawers@nts.org.uk We will collate any accounts for future reference.

Please be aware that a great deal of artistic licence was taken with the film. In particular, it is wrongly depicted that the men all died in one single catastrophic crash. A good summary of what happened to the gliders and the names of those involved can be sourced at www.stephen-stratford.co.uk/glider.htm

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Letters

Good Show

Thank you to all who made donations to this year's fireworks. As I am sure you are all aware they wouldn't be able to go ahead without the kind and generous donations from locals. I overheard a visitor comment that the fireworks themselves and the whole atmosphere was better than being in Edinburgh. We have started a tradition on the bridge and it would be a shame to see it stop. If you are able to make a donation for next year's event or have any creative ideas for fundraising we would love to hear from you. Thanks.

Louise Thom (Morris)

Thank You

Margaret MacPherson, Mairi and Jonathan, would like to thank everyone for the huge number of cards, letters, visits and other expressions of sympathy on the death of John. We have been overwhelmed with the care shown for us, and the huge regard in which John was held. Very special thanks to Dr Anke de Laat whose care helped ensure John could spend the last few months at home. We would

also like to record how much we have appreciated the support provided by the community nurses and Marie Curie Care. Thank you so much to all the friends and neighbours who have provided marvellous support and practical help in the last few weeks and through all the years of John's illness.

Many thanks to all who attended the funeral and gave so generously the sum of £1,200 to Killin Care Trust. Thanks also to Gaulds funeral directors and to Killin Hotel.

Comforted

I would like to say a sincere thank you to all concerned for the cards, phone calls, kind words and hugs I received after my mother, Dora Young, died and to all those who attended her funeral. There are often letters like this in Killin News so anyone who reads the paper must realise that this sort of support and comfort is not unusual in the village, but it is only when you experience it personally that you realise how much it helps in times of distress.

Margaret MacIver

Coming of Age

I would like to give a huge thanks to all my family and friends for the wonderful cards, gifts and good wishes received for my 21st birthday and especially for such a great party.

Stuart Grant

Thanks

Alex and Fiona Stewart wish to thank their neighbours and friends for their help and support over the past weeks. Bone breakages are a real handicap, as others in Killin well know, but we are now fairly well down the road to recovery and appreciated all for dropping in and offering assistance.

Christmas Boxes

We would like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts received at Christmas and take this opportunity to wish you all a good new year.

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Auchmore House

There has been interest on Killin website recently as to why Auchmore House was demolished in 1962. As "the villain" in the piece I think it perhaps falls to me to tell the story. The original house at Auchmore was humble, although it was improved and extended over the years. I have always understood that it was completed in 1842 when Queen Victoria was rowed up Loch Tay and visited the house* but John Christie in his book "The Lairds and Lands of Loch Tayside" says that it was not completed until 1872. In 1932 the Breadalbane estates, extending to some 400,000 acres of land, were inherited by Charles William Campbell 9th Earl of Breadalbane and in 1935 they were released into his personal possession, less portions already sold to meet taxation and death duties. The condition of agriculture became depressed so he sold off Ardeonaig and Auchlyne and adopted Auchmore House as his principal residence, moving during the grouse season to Kinnell House (presumably for warmth). I believe also that during the war they lived in Kinnell House but there will be others in Killin who know more about this than I do. It is clear that by 1948 the 9th Earl could no longer afford to retain Auchmore or Kinnell and in August 1949 he sold Auchmore House with its outbuildings and 46 acres of land to the North of Scotland Hydro Electricity Board. At about the same time he sold Kinnell House and the remainder of Auchmore Estate to my great uncle A.C. Macnab of Macnab. The NSHEB created flats and other accommodation in Auchmore House and its outbuildings for their engineers, who were engaged in the Lochan na Lairige and Lochan Breaclich Hydro Electric schemes. By 1960 the NSHEB no longer required Auchmore House and its outbuildings and the property and put them up for sale including 46 acres and the two filter tanks of the water supply for not only Auchmore but also Kinnell House and two cottages. This, and the fact that the two properties were closely linked in other ways, was a factor in my uncle and myself deciding that it should become part of the estate again, although our agents advised that the house was in such a poor state of repair that it would be



uneconomic to restore. In 1960 the NSHEB accepted an offer of £10,025 retaining temporary possession of two flats in the mansion house and outbuildings until 1961. Subsequently one of the house tenants moved to the outbuildings and the other remained in his flat and acted as the Board's caretaker of the house. I remember being appalled at the time by the state of the backstairs, the whole of that wing and much of the rest of the house. What finally convinced me that the only really feasible option was demolition was the caretaker telephoning to say the back staircase had completely collapsed into the ground floor! We then decided that, with the exception of the caretaker's flat, the remaining parts of the house should be sealed off for safety. In 1961 the firm Band of Perth offered to strip and purchase all the internal fittings, the slates and lead, etc from the roof. From memory they paid me about £350. This left the outer stonework of the building with internal wooden joists, floors (where intact) and some of the roof sarking. As it all looked untidy it was agreed with Mr Band that his firm should remove and/or burn all the remaining woodwork leaving only the stone walls of the house standing. I believe they charged me £350. John Sinclair (whose mother had worked at Auchmore) remembers that, while this stripping was being undertaken, he and three or four teenage friends from Killin Junior Secondary School were spotted at the top of the tower. They made their escape through the tunnel which linked the house to the staff quarters in the outbuildings and stables, by which they had managed to get in. This earned them two swipes of the famous "Lochgelly" strap from the headmaster, Mr McGill - a Major in the TA in his spare time. Those were the days!! The County Council divisional road surveyor was interested in the

better quality stone for building of retaining walls on the verges of the improved A85 between Lochearnhead and St Fillans and acquiring the stone rubble for the base of this and other roads. Mr Band offered to complete the demolition with explosives, again from memory for £325. My wife and I were invited to watch and as the signal was given to start proceedings, a young

apprentice rushed up in an agitated state asking that the demolition be delayed. He had left his jacket with his week's wages in the house but was told it was too late as the time switches on the charges had already been set! This was a lesson learned the hard way!

The house was blown up in three stages; firstly the West Wing followed by the East Wing and then the main house with its tower and spire. The operation was over in a matter of minutes.

In May 1962 the Perth and Kinross Joint County Council purchased the rubble for £375 on the understanding that it was removed within 10 years and that they were given the necessary rights of access free of obligation for maintenance. The rubble was completely removed within about five years. I then asked the road surveyor if he would repair the Auchmore Drive. I think I was charged not more than £400 for this.

It has been suggested that in more recent times Auchmore House would have been listed, implying that it would have been saved for posterity. However in the 60s the building was no longer habitable and in my opinion the cost of restoration was prohibitive. I doubt if it would be any different now. It did provide a valuable serviced building site when, following the death of my great uncle Archibald Macnab of Macnab in 1970, my aunt, his widow, had a bungalow built on the site in which she lived until her death in 1980. The outbuildings and stables (and the tunnel leading to them) remained intact and over the years have been converted into the properties that exist today.

James C. Macnab of Macnab

**In her Journal Queen Victoria comments that "Auchmore, a cottage of Lord Breadalbane's, near the end of the lake, was the prettiest thing imaginable" so maybe she saw the humbler version.*

Angling News

West Loch Tay Salmon Fishers Association

The 2011 season was heralded in with the traditional morning breakfast along with a dram of Famous Grouse courtesy of our long term and much appreciated sponsors.

The severe weather kept many away but the hardy anglers who ventured out enjoyed the ceremony at Auchmore and the Rev. John Lincoln surprised the company with the blessing delivered in Gaelic. Most of the boats were safely back by early afternoon, as conditions were far from pleasant with ice flows and debris making fishing almost impossible.

The evening supper was held at the Bridge of Lochay Hotel, when piping hot steak and ale pie with copious amounts of potatoes and vegetables followed by steaming hot apple crumble with custard, was thoroughly enjoyed by the company.

Grant Tigwell, Chairman, thanked everyone for their support but, due to the absence of the trophy winner for 2010, Paul Flormann, the presentation was postponed until March. Grant thanked the Bridge of Lochay for hosting the traditional event and wished

Auchmore Courtyard



Alex Stewart

everyone a successful fishing season.

On Sunday the association AGM was held in the Capercaillie Restaurant, when the guest speaker, Bill Jack, Chairman of the TDSFB, asked for continued conservation measures in returning

Spring Salmon, especially in the headwaters where extensive fry and ova seeding had taken place. The Chair Grant Tigwell and Secretary Alex Stewart were elected for another term in office.

Alex Stewart

Morenish Salmon Opening

Soft rain and light winds marked the start of the fishing opening at Morenish. Undeterred Duncan Mackinnon accompanied by his black lab, Fluke, introduced the occasion by playing the Highland bagpipes. The minister, the Rev. Ladd

Fageron, gave a short address and blessing, then fortified by coffee, bacon baps and whisky, courtesy of Loch Tay Highland Lodges and the Boat House, the fishermen in their boats went out in the dawn light for a long, cold, wet session on Loch Tay.

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As a result of this the Tay District Salmon Fisheries Board (TDSFB) has announced its intention to devolve responsibility for many elements of river management to a new grouping based in that area, provisionally called the Tay Western Catchments Partnership. This new grouping will allow greater local input to management decisions, increase the capacity of both TDSFB and the Tay Foundation and attract greater funding to the system.

Given the current financial climate and the reductions in funding that public agencies such as SEPA will have to endure, this new arrangement offers the possibility of public and private sectors working together to deliver good

projects in a more cost effective and locally sensitive manner. This is especially important as the Water Framework Directive (WFD) and River Basin Management Planning (RBMP) have yet to be implemented in a meaningful manner at a local level, and as a statutory responsibility of government, this needs to be addressed.

Initial areas of priority will be invasive species control, more effective riparian woodland management, more river bailiffing and rangering input and addressing some of the more harmful affects of water abstraction in these headwater rivers.

The project will be looking for help from both community groups and public sector agencies to realise its vision of having the headwater rivers of the Tay returned to being the engine house of salmon production on Tayside, and delivering benefits to other wildlife and people living throughout these glens. It aims to return the Tay river system to being again the most important fishing river in Scotland, if not in Europe and is determined to start now to tackle a whole host of projects, big and small, to try and bring this about.

With the significant political backing of TDSFB doors can be opened and things can happen. Further information be obtained from Scottish Native Woods in Aberfeldy and the survey report can be found at a variety of outlets throughout the area.

Victor Clements
Scottish Native Woods
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Think About It

We had the opening of the Scottish salmon fishing season on January 15th. The Fish...How many times have you seen a symbolic fish displayed on someone's lapel or on the back of their car or in the window of a house.

Very likely this fish symbol was used as a sign by which early Christians found and identified one another especially in times of persecution. When scrawled on a wall or on the dusty ground in the market place, it would enable wandering Christians to know that others of their faith had come to this community. In some religious film you may have seen a man introduce himself to another person by scratching the fish symbol in the sand where he was standing.

Fish played a significant part in Jesus' life because he first called four fishermen (Andrew and Peter, James and John) by the lake of Galilee to be his disciples and then appointed them to be 'spiritual fishermen' as it were. He said "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men". That is why Peter is sometimes called "The Big Fisherman".

As St John, another of those four fishermen friends, declared in his first letter... "We have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Saviour of the world".

May this great Creator who died on the Cross to be our Saviour and was then raised from the dead on Easter Day watch over and bless you throughout this New Year of 2011.

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Sinclair Aitken 1925-2010

Sinclair died peacefully aged 85, at his home, Netherby, Killin on 5th November surrounded by his family. He had failing health for some time but only in his last few months was his life more restricted. A familiar site was Dad in his blue Berghaus jacket swinging his stick making his regular walk to the Co-op or Shuttlers. What he found to buy in the Co-op on such frequent visits who can say but we have found an incredible amount of Tic Tacs in the house!

Born in Glasgow and attending Hutchison Grammar School, he was an outstanding scholar of Latin and Greek. After his call-up to the army at the end of the Second World War he graduated from Glasgow University with an MA (Honours) in English and Latin before heading down south on a scholarship to Kings College London. After his graduation there he spent a short time teaching in Kings College before returning to his beloved Scotland to teach at George Watson's College in Edinburgh.

During his time in London he was commissioned to devise a new and simplified pronunciation system for the Penguin English Dictionary. The system he devised was the first phonetic system of its kind. While at Glasgow University he worked for the summers in Arran and it was there he met May, who became his wife in 1951. They were married for almost sixty years and

had four children, Andrew, Alastair, Kenneth and Susan. They also have five wonderful grandchildren, Daniel, Robbie, Jack, Harry and Sally. Dad did not stay long in teaching before starting work for the BBC in Glasgow then later in Edinburgh as Head of Educational Broadcasting for Scotland. In this role he was able to play a part in nurturing the minds of Scottish children and further develop a revival of the Scottish culture that was always dear to him. He was principal in the introduction of Gaelic to radio and television through the programme 'Can Seo'. He will be best remembered for his fanatical Scottish Nationalism and the many debates he incited round many a dinner table.

Dad left the BBC in 1982 to embark on a new career with Mum and they ran Craigbuie Guest House in Killin for many years. He had spent many holidays, prior to this, in Ardeonaig. Dad always had a keen zest for life and was a great role model to all his children. He spent many a weekend climbing and walking in the Scottish hills with friends and bagging Munros. He was also very keen on skiing and was able to continue skiing with family and friends up until his late 70s - he liked to get his senior citizens discount on his ski pass! He skied Ben Lawers in the days when a good deal of uphill walking was involved - not for the faint hearted!

Dad loved living in Killin and made many wonderful friends. It was here he found the time to pursue many different interests. His association with Killin Golf club over the years gave him a lot of pleasure and indeed it was almost his second home for a long time. He also found time to play carpet bowls, attend art classes, join the angling club, vegetable gardening, Killin News and morning coffee club.

Dad became great friends with the late Allan Walker and they enjoyed many adventures together. One of their greatest achievements was

starting the Killin News, which Dad was founder Editor of for many happy years. He loved doing the paper and in those days he had news articles and photos spread all over the dining room table to be arranged by hand for the printers in Stirling. Times have indeed changed and the paper is all done by computer now. Dad also attended almost every social occasion Killin had to offer and they are numerous. He will be remembered by all who knew him - dancing at the Jazz supper, singing at a Burns upper, debating some point in the paper shop, sharing a coffee at Shuttlers, walking around Killin, sharing a dram in the marquee at the show - and many other occasions.

At the heart of his life, as well as his family, was his great love of Scotland and the belief that there would be a resurgence of Scotland as a nation led by the realisation of its own rich cultural heritage.

May and all the family would like to express their thanks to everyone for the cards, flowers, telephone calls and the kindness shown to them at this sad time. Many thanks also to Dr Syme and all at Killin medical practice, all the carers from Stirling Council and Jan from Crossroads Scotland. Thanks also to Mandy Hay and her staff at Falls of Dochart Retirement Home where Dad spent a week recently and was cared for extremely well. The family is also grateful to Andy and Ross Anderson for their caring and professional funeral arrangements and Killin Hotel for the hospitality after the funeral. Special thanks to friends and relatives who travelled to Killin to pay their respects at the church and graveside, generously donating £540 to the Falls of Dochart retirement home.

Dad always said "this life is not a rehearsal" and he certainly lived his to the full.

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John Alexander MacPherson 1935-2010

John MacPherson was born in 1935 in Inverness-shire to a farming family. As a result of his father's ill health he took over responsibility for the farm before he even left school at 15 (with no qualifications!) In 1961 he married Margaret and they had 49 and a half happy years of marriage. Shortly after, they moved to Edinburgh when John joined the police. He enjoyed his time in the police and had many tales to tell but always missed farming. During his time in Edinburgh he experienced the loss of his first daughter, Annette, in infancy. He had great joy when Mairi was born 6 years after that. Margaret and Mairi were most important to him and he never left either in any doubt of his love and unwavering support. The family moved to Killin in 1977 when John managed to return to his farming roots as a haulage contractor. He got to know farmers in the area and across much of Scotland, gaining a reputation for never being late. His Christian principles meant he never worked on a Sunday though he worked long hours every other day of the week. Many local boys had their first summer job doing "the hay" with John. In 1992 he was told he needed a heart by pass operation (having unloaded hay earlier in the morning, to the astonishment of the Doctor!) It was to be the last day he worked as a haulage contractor. This was quickly followed by a second by pass operation and for the rest of his life he suffered very poor health. However, not being a man who was happy doing nothing, he joined the Community Council, going on to become its Chairman from 2000 to 2006. John's chairmanship was a delight to behold with skills quite extraordinary

for someone with no experience - just his natural ability to work with people in the most charming way. Anyone who attended Killin CC meetings will know that he could bring the most verbose of speakers to a polite but very definite close with just a few good humoured words. He also had a real knack of sharing out jobs - papers were quickly and efficiently despatched around the room to various people before they knew what was happening. Whilst CC Chairman, John became involved in many aspects of village life - roads, parking, flooding, new housing, park - if it was for the benefit of this community, John was prepared to get involved spending huge amounts of time responding to calls for help (including the many times the phone rang over family dinner with requests on everything from waste upwards!) John was also a Director for Rural Stirling Housing Association, National Park Community Partnership, member of the Community Health Partnership, represented community interests in the design of Larbert Hospital, and chaired numerous meetings in efforts to improve out of hours cover. He could often be seen driving to all these meetings - or being driven by someone else who would doubtless experience his frequent driving instruction (a hangover from traffic police days) The needs of this community were his concern and as an advocate there was no-one better to represent us. He seemed undaunted by the enormity of the challenges he undertook and even took Killin's causes as far as the Scottish Parliament on occasions. Probably John's greatest achievement for Killin was the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. Despite being past retirement age and suffering such ill health he was able to get to grips with the Care Commission, managing staff and budgeting and to lead the community in its purchase in 2002. He was really proud of the work of the manager, staff and board in making the home so successful and he took a daily interest in it. One of his many abilities was to recognise the skills and strengths in other people and put them to good use. John believed everyone should give their all to any and every task and he could be relied upon to follow through all his without delay - something he expected of us all; which meant he was often on the phone with a 'Sorry to bother you

but I was just wondering how you're getting on with...!' - his gentle reminder that a job was outstanding. John's ability to find humour in even the most dire circumstances was astonishing. Lying on an operating table whilst surgeons tried to work out how they could remove a piece of their hardware that had become stuck in his heart, only John could be making helpful suggestions related to his own experience of cleaning chimneys! John's achievements were many but it was the man himself and how he went about things that made him so very special. All who came into contact with him were touched by his humility and respected him for his transparent honesty and ability to champion the causes of others. Many people in Killin and beyond will remember that gentle voice on the phone saying 'Trouble the house MacPherson here..!' He treated everyone in the same polite, good humoured manner and it was this wonderful ability to communicate that made all of us on the receiving end delight in doing whatever he asked of us. His Christian faith motivated and inspired him all his life - to be a man of his word, not to work on Sundays, to work for the good of others, to be in Church. It was this that sustained him through the long and difficult illness when he had confidence that God would give him the strength to cope. That made him unafraid of death and the psalms he picked for his funeral demonstrated that. John died peacefully on Boxing Day, at home where he wanted to be, with his family at his side. He will always be remembered in this community and, although it is a poorer place for his passing, it is a much, much richer one for the time he spent here.

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Obituaries



Patricia Christie 1933-2010

Pat passed away on 26th October in SRI having broken her hip and spent six weeks in hospital struggling with her deteriorating health.

She was born in Comrie in December 1933, the youngest daughter of three to Stewart and Catherine MacPherson of Brough & MacPherson, purveyors. She attended school in Comrie and Morrisons Academy in Crieff and then went to the "Dough School" at Atholl Crescent in Edinburgh. Once qualified she worked for a time as supervisor in the School Meals in Blairgowrie.

She met Gibby at a Young Farmers dance at Lochearnhead Hotel in the early 50s and they were married in November 1957. Pat and Gibby were a partnership in so many senses. She was actively involved in the running of the farm and in between bringing up Stewart and

Jane, she would be turning hay or in the kitchen feeding the workers. Although they enjoyed their working life on the farm, Pat & Gibby also enjoyed their holidays. In the early days it was caravanning on the west coast of Scotland then further afield to France and, when she conquered her fear of flying, they enjoyed trips to Portugal, Majorca and cruises round the Med. After Gilbert passed away she was lucky to holiday in Majorca with friends but was also happy to visit anywhere on the west coast, her favourites being Tiree and Oban.

Music played a big part in Pat's life. In the early days she learned to play the piano and whilst in Edinburgh sang in a choir and learned the Church organ. Once married, she and Gibby, along with a few friends, formed the band known as the Glen Players. Great times were had playing at ceilidh dances and many impromptu musical evenings at the farm. Later she became church organist in Killin Parish Church and taught singing at the local primary school.

Pat was at her happiest in company be it young or old and was "Aunty" to many. She took great pride in her family, especially her grandchildren Siobhan and Andrew and was always keen to be around when Siobhan was playing her fiddle and happy to give advice from her years of experience. Although not 100% happy about motorbike trialing, she loved to come and watch Andrew at the local events and cheer him on.

Curling was another pastime which featured highly in Pat & Gibby's calendar and both were very involved with the Killin and Glendochart Clubs. Pat was secretary for many years and encouraged many young curlers. They were both fortunate to play in the Grand Match in 1979. In the summer months they exchanged their curling shoes for golf shoes and enjoyed many sociable rounds on a Sunday evening. Being so involved with the farm lead Pat to become secretary of the Killin Agricultural Show and, along with Gilbert as Chairman, run some successful shows.

Pat will be sadly missed in Glendochart where she played a large part in Glen life. Stewart, Jane, Duncan, Siobhan and Andrew would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy. A special thanks to Dr de Laat and the staff at Killin Medical Centre for the excellent attention given to Pat over the past few years. Also to the Killin Nurses Clinic. Special thanks to Andy & Ross Anderson for their caring professional funeral arrangements, Killin Hotel for excellent catering and to all who paid their last respects at church and graveside and generously donated £670 to The Falls of Dochart retirement home.

Jane Anderson



Joan Alexander 1912-2010

Joan was born in Glasgow into a family with almost no musical background but she showed a marked early interest in the piano and later attended the RSAMD. In 1934 she won a scholarship to Munich Conservatory during the time of Hitler and the Nazi rallies. Here she first became interested in

singing and went on to become a renowned soprano and teacher, singing regularly with the very best orchestras and conductors, at the Proms and on BBC programmes. Before she went to Germany, through her association with the Glasgow Orpheus Choir, she met Jim Christie and they were married in 1939. Jim was always supportive of his brilliant wife. They were kindred spirits sharing many interests, including music and outdoor pursuits which took them to islands, mountains, and wilderness.

Alan and Eleanor were born in the forties and Joan limited her musical commitments to allow the family to spend holidays at Arisaig and the family cottage on Loch Fyne. In 1956 the cottage was changed for a house in Killin where Joan rekindled her interest in golf.

She was also a keen gardener, home decorator, an accomplished

dressmaker and a skilled cook. Her grandchildren, Dougal and Caroline, both inherited musical talent from their Nannie.

Sadly Jim died of cancer in 1988 and Alan died when she was 90. Joan's interest in music never waned. At the age of 95 she attended a masterclass given in the RSAMD and was totally focussed and attentive for two and a half hours.

She passed the final four years of her life in Lambhill Court Home and even at this late stage of her life she enjoyed new experiences - having lunch at Ibrox Stadium and boat trips on the Forth and Clyde Canal. It is hoped a celebration of her life will be held at the RSAMD in the spring.

Eleanor Bruce

Local Planning Applications

National Park

Week 47 commencing 15 November 2011

Proposal: Erection of car port (Retrospective)

Location: 7 Ballechroisk Terrace Killin

Applicant: Mr Iain Campbell

Application Type: Householder

Planning Permission

Decision: Approve without Conditions

Week 48 commencing 22 November 2011

Proposal: Erection of summerhouse

Location: Larachbeg Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mr D & Mrs C Harrison

Application Type: Householder

Planning Permission

Decision: Approve without Conditions

Week 52 commencing 20 December 2011

Proposal: Installation of 3 No. air source heat pumps

Location: Village Hall Crianlarich FK20 8QN

Applicant: Mrs Moira Robertson

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve without Conditions

Week 1 & 2 commencing 27

December 2011

Proposal: Erection of extension to dwellinghouse

Location: Birch Cottage Wester Lix Killin

Applicant: Mr Tony Bellhouse

Application Type: Householder

Planning Permission

Decision: Neighbour Notification

Proposal: Removal of Condition 3 of

Outline Permission 92/00560/OUT (R/92/0402/OUT) and Condition 2 of

Reserved Matters Permission

93/00588/REM/S (R/93/0181/REM) restricting occupancy of dwelling for

Agricultural needs

Location: Craignavie Craignavie

Road Killin

Applicant: Mr & Mrs George

Bickerton

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve without Conditions

Perth & Kinross Council

Nothing to Report

Stirling Council

Nothing to Report



1st Killin Brownies

Yet again we want to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the village who gave us their Christmas cards to post and Kay, Dougie and Liz for providing collection points. This year we raised just over £400 which we are going to share with the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home.

A big thank you also to all those Brownies, parents, aunties and other friends (plus a 2 week old baby!) who helped sort and deliver cards around the village before Christmas. We had about twice as many 'posties' as usual which was great. We couldn't do it without you and it does raise lots of money for a great cause.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the organisers of the 2nd successful Ogham Concert - Davy Osler and Neil MacKenzie. They very kindly donated £50 of the proceeds to Killin Brownies. This money is gratefully received and will provide some great, special opportunities for our wee Brownies. Hopefully we will help deliver your cards again in 2011. Many thanks.

Fiona, Julie and all the Brownies



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Kara Mary Frost
born 16th
January to Kirsty
and Morven,
pictured with a
very proud big
sister Lexi



Louise Morris,
eldest daughter of
Jacqui Morris and
granddaughter of
Jill and Charlie
Sleigh, married
Stuart Thom in
Killin on 20th
November 2010.
Thank you to
everyone in the
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What Erin did with her Birthday money!



I was nine this year and had another fundraising disco in the church hall. I asked for no presents, instead for donations to buy 5 chickens and a cockerel, chicken bank, safe deliveries, baby heart surgery, nice new pyjamas and teddy, soft blanket for a new baby, cleft lip and palate operations for poor families. I bought all this in the good gifts catalogue! **Erin Rosendale**
Erin raised £140 to buy all these fantastic gifts. This is the second year she has done this. Last year she raised £110. Thank you everyone who supported her and well done Erin, we are all very proud of you again. **Jayne Kerr**

Graduation



Emma MacPherson graduated on 23rd November 2010 with an HND in Travel and Tourism from Glasgow Metropolitan College. All the family are very proud of her especially mum Yvonne, dad Richard, Alexander and both Grannies.

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Inconvenience

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Changes at Abernethy Ardeonaig



Day to day leadership and management of the Abernethy Trust's outdoor centre at Ardeonaig has smoothly passed into new hands. Graeme Young has been appointed Operations Director with effect 1st January 2011. Since graduating from St Andrews University Graeme's career has spanned the public and charitable sectors. Immediately before joining the team at Ardeonaig he was working in children's services in Bristol. Arriving in Ardeonaig a little over two years ago, he has served an 'apprenticeship' in all areas of the Centre's life and work. Graeme and his wife Helen have two children, Beth and Archie, settled in Killin Primary School and they continue to thrive in this welcoming community.

Rosemary Simpson, with twenty seven years under her belt in ensuring the effectiveness of the Centre's work, is inducting Graeme into his new job and looking forward to fully handing over all those little things that have more than filled her life for so long. She will continue at Ardeonaig in a slightly different role. Meanwhile Phil, though still based at Ardeonaig, has taken on other things across Abernethy Trust.

Phil Simpson



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Our wonderful Christmas luncheon at the Green Park Hotel fell in between most of the snowfalls, allowing us to get to and partake in the celebration. The Natural Dyed Silk Scarf morning in January was also well attended with most of our members bringing along lots of fresh and dried herbal plant material to make up our original creations. It should be great fun seeing how these unique articles turn out once seasoned in a few weeks time!

Next events are in February and

March and are good topics to cover out of the growing season. Mr. Ezzi-irani of Cechek Restaurant in Aberfeldy will be presenting a cookery demonstration at the Town Hall, Aberfeldy, on 16th February at 10.00 am. This is going to cover various uses of herbs and particularly spices which are a little more unusual to blend in with local cooking. On March 16th, 7.30pm at The Aberfeldy Town Hall there will be a talk on Prevention and Care of Heart Disease with Herbs, Nutrition and Exercise, by Dr. G. McRostie of Albion Biologic. Weather permitting, do feel free to join us for these events on food for thought, consumption and possible life style changes. Herbs of the month being discussed are Saffron and Hawthorn. Finally, it is definitely time to get the seed packets out and start some of the slower germinating varieties of herbs indoors, which will then be ready when the ground outdoors is more ready for them! Any queries regarding our organisation or events timetable can be addressed by phoning either

Judy Forster 01567 820298
or **Patty Hope** 01567 820408

Electoral Register

The new Register of Electors published on 1st December shows an increase in the number of voters eligible to vote in future elections from the last register published in 1st December 2009. Brian Byrne, Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) advised that the increase was welcome but may only be temporary as notices of deletion have still to be posted to electors in households who had not responded to the annual voter registration forms sent this year and last year. When no return is made and the ERO cannot verify who is eligible to remain registered to vote, he is required to remove the names from his Register of Electors. An early estimate is that over 4000 electors in the Forth Valley Area may have to be removed for not returning their forms in 2010.

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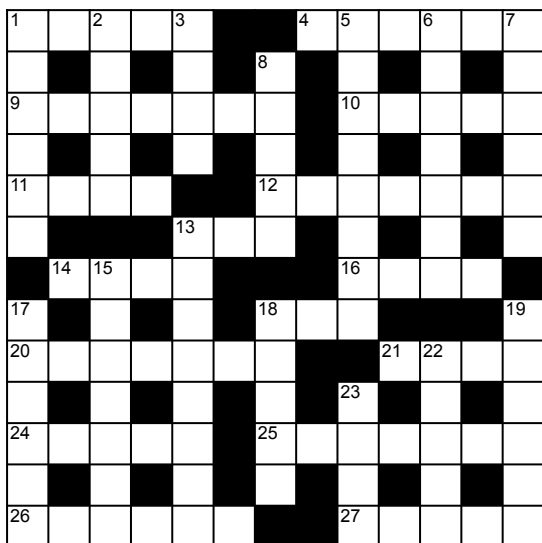
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 20 Sid turns to care and swell (7)
 21 Star of Russian aristocracy (4)
 24 Fowl perch (5)
 25 Average can come together in moral tale (7)
 26 Trepidations (6)
 27 Definite article and I make subject (5)

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Across 1 amuse 4 punter 9 matador 10 sisal 11 ugly 12 citrine
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 25 essence 26 torpid 27 saxon

Down 1 armful 2 until 3 eddy 5 unsettle 6 testify 7 relied 8 trace
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 23 uses

Down

- 1 Agree to disagree if in Fred's endless quarrel (6)
 2 Advance stealthily (5)
 3 May's upset about sweet potatoes (4)
 5 Suggests and engages (8)
 6 Tom rose in deed but was put down (7)
 7 Speed competitors (6)
 8 Two points are enough for a trap (5)

- 13 Removed or excused when sent a bed in error (8)
 15 Renovate as shop or outlet (7)
 17 Zero adder was shaken and became much loved (6)
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What's On in Killin & District

February

- 9 Café Sci meeting Tyndrum Village Hall 7pm speaker David Mardon
14 Strathfillan Community Council meeting Crianlarich Hall 7.30pm
16 Herb Society meeting Mediterranean Cookery Aberfeldy Town Hall 10am
16-27 Kenmore's February week see page 16

March

- 3 Safari Supper see page 24
8 Killin Community Council meeting Killin School 7.30pm
11 Auction Crianlarich Hall viewing 5pm sale starts 6pm see page 11
14 Strathfillan Community Council meeting Crianlarich Hall 7.30pm
16 Café Sci Tyndrum Village Hall 7pm Hydraulic Applications speaker Nicholas Taylor
27 Census day

April

- 9 EAK Annual Litter Pick meet at the Council Car Park 10am see page 13

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Community Choir

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Tuesday Club

Church Hall 2pm

Killin Youth Group

Tuesdays
Golf Club 7.30pm

Quilting Group

Wednesdays
Church Hall 2pm

Pilates Class

Wednesdays
Lesser Hall 6.30pm

Learning Cafe

Tuesdays & Fridays
Tyndrum Hall
11am-4pm

Tiddlers & Toddlers

1st Thursday of the month
Church Hall 2pm

Guild Craft Group

Tuesdays
Littlecroft 2pm

Badminton

Mondays
McLaren Hall
6.30pm

Badminton

Mondays
Crianlarich Hall 7.30pm
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Ballroom Dancing

Fridays
Lochearnhead Hall 7.30pm

Brownies

Mondays
Church Hall
3.30pm-5pm

BVLC

Thursdays
Library
10am-5pm

Carpet Bowls

Mondays
Lesser Hall
7.30pm

Carpet Bowls

Tuesdays
Crianlarich Hall 7.30pm
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alternate Mondays
Crianlarich Hall
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Thursdays
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Gatehouse Nursery	19		
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Grant & Welsh	10		
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Hairdressing at Home	4		
Heart to Heart	16		
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The next Safari Supper

will be held on
Saturday 5th March
Proceeds will be divided
between
The Killin Golf Club
Centenary Project
and the
millennium clock repair
Tickets will go on sale 8.30am
Wednesday 23rd February
from Elizabeth Woods
01567 820667
Anyone wishing to be a
host/hostess please contact
Elizabeth Woods or Marion
McRae on 01567 820719

Killin Medical Practice Computer Upgrade

We thought we should give you some advance notice that Forth Valley Health Board have decided that all GP practices in the area should use the same computer system. We will be changing our system and implementation may cause considerable disruption! The process will start on Monday 27th June 2011 and will take around a week to complete. During that time making appointments may be restricted and it would be helpful to avoid ordering repeat prescriptions as we will have limited access to your medical records.

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