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Editorial

The Killin News is in the news in this edition on its 20th anniversary (page 3). Re-reading past issues confirms the high standard set by Sinclair Aitken, Allan Walker and the team in those early days. The first few copies detail with accuracy the refurbishment of the Old Mill, the story behind St Fillan's healing stones and the building of the Sports and Social Club. It continues over the years to record change in Killin. This constitutes a valuable series of documents that are retained for posterity by the National Library for Scotland as a useful resource for the study of this rural community. In its pages we identify major local issues, Community Council decisions, local developments, and anxieties that give a snapshot of what life was like at that time. Group activities and even the vagaries of the weather are recorded in its pages. Thanks to the support of the wider community, local businesses and a strong volunteer base the Killin News continues to be delivered free to households in the Killin, Crianlarich and Tyndrum area. (If you don't receive a copy please let us know)

Given the pace of change it is hard to forecast what the next 20 years will hold for the Killin News. Many newspapers are going on-line to increase their audience and decrease costs. With the rapid rise in Wifi access, Blackberry and Kindle usage, electronic magazines are likely to become commonplace. The Killin News is already available as a file to download to your computer from the Killin Web Site (www.killin.info). It is likely that the technology will become cheaper and make it quicker and easier for people in the community, visitors and subscribers to have the Killin News automatically downloaded and available on their personal electronic reading devices. It currently costs over £11,000 a year to produce the Killin News and a dedicated team of volunteers to deliver it free to local households. Electronic copies would not only greatly reduce costs but could also provide a boost to readership and give wider internet access to local information and advertising. While it would bypass those who have not kept pace with the technology, who can be certain of the future? My personal preference is to have and to hold copies delivered by dedicated volunteers to the house available to read, dip into or to use for reference whenever needed. Do let us have your opinions. The Community Consultation continues (page 8 and insert). Your views and ideas are so important for the Community Action Plan. Please make sure that you join in and let Suzanne Player know what you consider is important. Identification of local issues and the construction of the plan can only happen in a fair way if we all take responsibility and become involved. The future of Killin is in your hands.

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Twenty years In Print!

In the early 1990s Sinclair Aitken and Allan Walker were away on holiday and saw a local newspaper which they considered very poor. They were convinced that they could do better and discussed this frequently both at home and at coffee each morning in Shuttars. Eventually Sinclair's daughter, Susan, got fed up with this and told them either to stop talking about it

or get on and do it. And so the Killin News was born, with Sinclair as Editor and Allan as Assistant Editor. But they needed help. Fiona Inglis was recruited whilst dancing with Sinclair at the Angling Dance - because she could type. Gradually a team of ten was built up, including Judy Forster and Angus Inglis, who are still on the committee. The paper was first hand written and then typed. Photographs were taken on film, which had to be taken to the Post Office and sent away for printing. (Fortunately in those days they were back the following day.) The layout was put together manually round someone's dining table or on the floor of a lounge. There would be a lot of discussion and argument sometimes late into the night, with perhaps the odd bottle of wine, until eventually the content was agreed. Articles were given numbers and the numbers were put on a skeleton foolscap layout to show where they should be placed. This was taken to the Resource Centre in Stirling where Pauline Roberts put it on computer and sent it for printing. Issue No. 1 had four pages but later issues increased in size. Sinclair retired in 1998 and Linda Fitzgerald became Editor. The Killin News got its own computer which was kept at her house and Pauline was always on hand to teach

desktop publishing and with help and advice. When Linda retired in 2003, the present Production Committee took over and moved into our office. Nowadays the paper is prepared directly on the computer for printing and digital cameras allow transfer of pictures straight to the computer. What a change. Over the past twenty years thirty-one volunteers have at sometime been on the Committee. The present team consists of eleven people who all contribute in different ways. There are four on the editorial team, one who collects the adverts, two who take it in turns to do the adverts, a distribution manager, a treasurer and several who collect information. The paper has always been financed by advertising and since the beginning has relied on Judy Forster, who seems to have just the right approach of charm and persistence to bring in the adverts. Judy has just been joined by Marion Strang, the most recent Committee member. Killin News is very grateful to everyone who supports the paper in this way and also to the many helpers who have delivered the paper over the years, the shops which sell it to visitors and all those who contribute articles and pictures. With your continued help the Killin News should be able to continue for another twenty years.

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Killin News AGM Tuesday 26th April Killin News Office 6:30

Breadalbane Community Councils Forum (BCCF)

BCCF, which represents Balquhiddier, Lochearnhead and Strathgryre, Killin and Strathfillan Community Councils, had a meeting in March with Bob Jack, Chief Executive of Stirling Council, also attended by Local Councillors, Paul Owens and Tony Finch, Owen McKee, National Park Board Member, and Les Goodfellow, Stirling Council Head of Roads. The purpose was for Mr. Jack to explain his CEO role but BCCF had also requested discussion of a more efficient way of providing local services. It was proposed that a locally-based maintenance team should carry out in the seven Breadalbane villages a range of tasks that are currently carried out by a number of teams from different Council departments. Mr. Jack explained that the Council was facing a period of unprecedented financial restraint but that, due to success in efficiency savings over the past 2-3 years, Stirling was not facing the same headline closures of facilities as other councils. The focus was

now on further efficiencies and a need to look at new ways of delivering services. There was also acknowledgement from Mr. Jack that the Council could do more to listen and respond to its customers, citizens and communities and he responded to the BCCF proposal very positively. It was agreed that a pilot approach to the delivery of local services would be considered, subject to elected Councillors agreement. The next step is for the Council to identify someone to work across services and with the Community Councils to take the proposal forward. Progress will be reported by the BCCF through the Killin News and The Villager. Full minutes of the meeting with Bob Jack are available through Stirling Council's website www.stirling.gov.uk or the www.scottishdemocracy.com website

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Killin Community Council - 8th March

Killin Skip: In the skip area there are plans to use the site as a box drop for the bin lorries

Road maintenance: Grit bins were not replenished as required as severe weather put extra pressure on the existing services. Roads officers are of the opinion that the grit bins in the area adequately served the public. Ballechroisk is a priority 2 route and is usually gritted once the priority 1 routes are clear. A grit bin is to be requested for the road to the surgery. The fire station is not an adopted road therefore it can be cleared for a price although this service has never been requested. Stirling Council is a member of Tayforth Machinery Ring allowing them access to plant and equipment held by local farmers and agricultural suppliers at pre-agreed rates along with appropriate standards of training of operators plus insurance. This allows local farmers as well as their expertise to assist the council with winter weather maintenance if they are also a member of the Tayforth Machinery Ring. A modest fee for membership is required. This allows the members to share all sorts of equipment.

Playpark: 3 funding applications have been made, 2 unsuccessful:

1 Investing in Ideas because Killin had recently received funding for the Thrift Shop

2 Awards For All as they will not fund a project which is on land that is leased or owned by someone else ie Stirling Council.

3 Scottish Community foundation the result will be known in April Stirling Council have offered help with the consultation of the play park and possibly offer match funding.

Breadalbane Forum: Meeting with Bob Jack is now 21st March for Community Councilors. Proposals for meeting were discussed and approved.

National Park: East Loch Lomond camping byelaws were given approval on 8th March

Biomass Project: Ongoing

Dochart Bridge: Surveys have taken place on 6th to 8th March. Police have been reassured that the bridge is structurally safe. Stirling Council is working on addressing the concerns of the Community Council

Community Futures: The meeting in the Killin Hotel was a great success and well attended.

Planning: Plan for Costcutters site approved.

ACOB:

Bobby Lafferty has permission to remove the concrete pipes at the skip site.

There is still to be access to the old grave yard after the work at the Killin Hotel is finished.

Census will be by post in this area.

Time and money was wasted in advertising a job that did not exist for the census in this area. Five people trailed to Stirling for an interview to find out there was never a job. Why? Just a waste of money and energy. To be looked into.

Glenlyon inhabitants were unaware of the imminent permanent closure of the hill road from Glen Lochay to Glen Lyon that they use on a regular basis. To be looked into.

Funding for new goal posts for the park is to be applied for.

More notices of Community Council meetings to be displayed in the village

Next meeting: Killin Primary School 7.30pm Tuesday 10th May.

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Glen Lochay to Glen Lyon Access

The Forest of Mamlorn is situated near the west end of Glenlochay about 3km west of Badour. The restoration project, also known as the Glen Lochay Native Wood



Creation, seeks to introduce patches of native trees chosen to be sympathetic to the terrain throughout the glen west of Kenknock. The blocks of woodland will be deer-fenced for protection and gaps between them will allow for deer movements through the glen. Care will be taken to minimise planting close to historical remnants and grazing pressures will be reduced and managed to enhance the surrounding vegetation. The aims of the project include enhancing the view, increasing biodiversity, improving the ecology, reducing erosion and protecting rare species (some of which rely on erosion).

Public access is to be encouraged and a car park has been constructed near the end of the council adopted

road that allows space for only nine cars. Signs will inform visitors about their rights of access and contact information will be provided for the less able bodied to gain

vehicular access to the area. Regular visitors will be aware that the former open parking area, marked on the O.S. map Explorer 378, used to hold up to at least 30 cars so it is likely that some visitors

will now need to park at the roadside in future.

The Ordnance Survey of Scotland First Series, 1856 Sheet 46, shows the hill road joining Pubil, Glenlyon to Kenknock, Glenlochay as the main and only route between the two glens. It was used long before the Hydro Board paved the road and up to the present day has been regularly used by vehicles of the farming community, the Glen Lyon community, the Killin community, visitors, tourists and more recently the tractor run in aid of York Hill Hospital.

The road now passes through a deer fenced area in the new project. The gate, we are informed, is not going to be locked but a warning given to the access officer was that it would be locked should it be found to have

been left open and it is believed that keys have been distributed in that expectation. Richard Barron, the Access Officer, is aware of local concerns in this respect.

Access to historical artefacts such as the archaeology and the Herring Stone is not obstructed albeit an extra 2.5km is added to the return journey due to the changed parking area, a distance that might discourage some of the older members of the Killin Heritage



Society, provided they have not already been put off by difficulties in finding a space to park. Public access is a major requirement of the government grant that underlies the project.

You are invited to go and see for yourselves. The best views and walks will be in twenty five years time when the woodlands start to mature.

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On Easter Saturday 23rd April, there is the annual Community Auction in the McLaren Hall Killin. Viewing from 4.30pm Sale at 6.00pm.

The kitchen will provide snacks with hot cuppas and there will be a Wine and Ale Bar to help fortify the shy bidders.

Instead of the usual multi choice raffle there is an entire Easter Hamper stuffed with a wide range of goodies with the draw around 8.00pm.

The community has generously donated a wide range of goods and items including kitchenware, decorative items, crystal and other quality glassware, oak cupboard with two under drawers, a wall unit, cabinets, paintings and prints jewellery and casual furniture.

Flyers giving details and contacts, have been circulated to every house. All donations are to be received by the 20th. The catalogue goes on sale on the afternoon of the 21st. Local organisations will benefit from the proceeds.

Alex Stewart

Homes for Unwanted Furniture

The Salvation Army, supported by Stirling Council's Housing and Community Services and the Criminal Justice Service, is running a project selling unwanted furniture and household goods to help people who may be setting up home for the first time or are in need of a one-off item or are rebuilding their lives after becoming homeless.

'The Valley' has a showroom at the Imex Business Centre, Craigleith Road, Springkerse, Stirling, and accepts tables, chairs, suites, beds and white goods as well as soft furnishings such as curtains, linen, cutlery, crockery, pots and pans, lamps and bric-a-brac. If needed, items can be restored and cleaned by Community Service Offenders who are learning valuable new skills while paying back the community. The Council's Housing Services and Waste Services will be arranging to collect recyclable furniture from the the Recycling Centre at Lower Polmaise near Fallin and from households requiring a special uplift and taking it to The Valley for sale. For further information call 01786 479262 or call in at The Valley which is open Monday-Saturday 9-5pm

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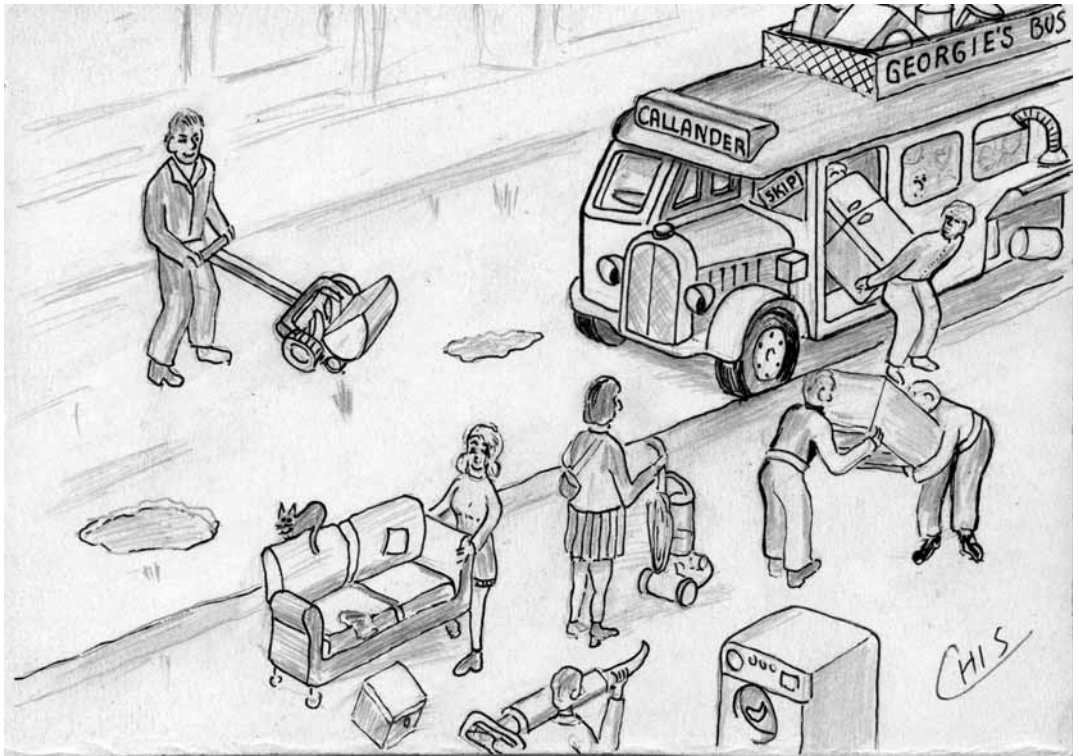
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Killin and Ardeonaig Trust

Review of Local Community Action Plan

Over 50 people, representing a good cross section of the community, attended the community event in the Killin Hotel on 5th February hosted by KAT. This was the start of a process to update Killin's Local Community Action Plan.

Working under thematic headings everyone had the opportunity to discuss what he/she felt was important for Killin. New ideas were generated, to add to others 'still on the list' and there was enthusiasm to work together to make some of these things happen. Thanks to those who have returned survey forms from the last Killin News which will also help to shape the Action Plan.

To find out how important these ideas are to people in the community, the yellow form in this Killin News lists many of the ideas that might be achievable with support and asks whether you agree or disagree with them.

Please take the time to complete and return it - if lots of people agree with an idea it may help local groups attract funding to make them happen. It will also help guide KAT and the Community Council in their work and let external agencies such as the Council and National Park know what the Killin community wants for the future.

What has been said so far:

Business and Tourism

Killin could:

- do more to market and promote itself;
- become a Fairtrade Village;
- have better public transport and signage to Killin;
- have better tourist information;
- better support existing events and develop or revive others e.g. music festival.

Facilities and Services

It is important to retain existing

facilities and develop new ones e.g. Thrift Shop, farmers market. Breadalbane Park should be upgraded with better drainage and improved play area for all ages and better equipment at Sports Club. Improvement needed to public toilets, tourist information, campsite, public transport and information on transport. Greater use should be made of Community Bus with improved information about access. Local people should be employed by Stirling Council for more village jobs e.g. street cleaning, pavement gritting etc.

Jobs and Housing

Is Killin now big enough - particularly when developments at Bridge of Lochay and Costcutters site are complete? Rural Stirling Housing Association still has a significant number of local people seeking rental accommodation.

Better broadband, business incentives, facilities for small business units, formation of local business association could lead to more jobs.

Children and Young People

There was great enthusiasm for current local activities e.g. Killin Youth Group, primary football, Brownies, Green team, Tennis, Badminton, Golf Club, Drama and Sunday School - but a need to develop the park play area for much wider age range and have sheltered space where young people can meet, and a need to develop other activities e.g. cinema nights for all, running club, highland dancing, guitar lessons.

Concern about safety on Main Street for walking and crossing - including the zebra crossing.

Environment

Killin and Council could do more to recycle and reuse. Permanent thrift shop and other ideas to swap and reuse goods needed - together with renewable energy, sustainable tourism and car sharing.

Next Steps

1. Consultation with local groups e.g. Youth Group, Tuesday Club
2. Local people to fill in the yellow form and return
3. Gathering evidence together from all sources of consultation
4. Presentation of findings at a COMMUNITY EVENT in May and agreeing the WHO and HOW of making things happen.

Please make your thoughts known by completing and returning the yellow form - and come along to the May event to see what everyone else said.

Suzanne Player

The Killin Cutting Carbon Effect

A questionnaire, circulated with the last Killin News, successfully helped the project to identify how behaviour could reduce carbon emissions in the future. This was associated with a prize draw. The draw took place in Killin Primary School and three lucky winners were selected, John Holland, Dan Watson and Eilidh Campbell who all won vouchers for a meal in the Killin Hotel.

The Killin Cutting Carbon project ended on the 31st March. The project has been a major player in carbon reduction changes in the Killin and Ardeonaig community over the past sixteen months.

77% of the households were surveyed at the beginning of the project. A follow up enquiry demonstrated a carbon saving of

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56.64 tonnes of carbon over the 16 month period of the project. A "random" telephone survey of 40 Killin households at the conclusion of the project showed that the average carbon savings varied from zero kgs to 16,972kgs, the average being 2,183kgs per household. The total savings over the 16 month period amounts to 739.88 tonnes of carbon emissions with a year on year saving of 545 tonnes for the future. Mairi Wilkie and Bernard Mallett-Griffiths are now experienced and

qualified domestic energy advisers. I would like to thank them for the enthusiasm and energy with which they achieved such excellent results for the community. Unfortunately a bid submitted to achieve more carbon savings through lifestyle changes was not successful. Without the additional funding we are unable to continue to use their services but wish them lots of luck with their future employment. They would like me to say how much they enjoyed the post and the contacts and friends

they made in the process. Anne Winther will continue her study in the Killin Area and report back to the Killin News. **WA**



2030 Questionnaire Success

A big thank you to the forty-five generous readers of the Killin News who completed my questionnaire last month. I had written it jointly with Killin Cutting Carbon (KCC) to help with my PhD investigating sustainable communities and also to help KCC gain feedback on their services. Just over two-thirds of the questionnaire respondents had accessed resources from the KCC, mainly to obtain information about carbon emission reduction. 83% of these respondents were satisfied with the help they were given. When asked to consider a resource constrained future in 2030, respondents ranked the statement

"self-sufficient in renewable energy and a community hydro-electric scheme" as being the most important. Second and third were "well-connected public transport and car sharing" and "growing, producing and eating local foods". In terms of energy futures, respondents thought that a community owned hydroelectric scheme providing income for the community was the best idea. In terms of other aspects of the community in 2030, land for allotments, a community market garden (gardeners paid to grow food by community subscriptions), a thrift and "swap shop" for furniture, clothes

and unwanted items, and apprenticeship support for trades (employment opportunities for young people) were ranked as important. A detailed report of the preliminary results is available on-line at: www.sbes.stir.ac.uk/people/winther and hard copies are available through Killin Cutting Carbon. The next stage of my PhD research is in June, when I shall be asking selected individuals in Killin to help with an ecological footprint questionnaire. This will enable me to estimate the ecological footprint of the community and model the impact of the ideas ranked as important in February's questionnaire on the ecological footprint. **Anne Winther**
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Play Park Progress

David Crighton, Teamleader of Stirling Council's Land Services, recently met with the Play Park sub-group. He talked through the annual ROSPA safety and play value surveys recently carried out on Breadalbane Play Park, the results of which closely matched the survey distributed in the Killin News. David is also proposing to offer match funding for our park improvement project.

Our sub-group is working hard to collate ideas and suggestions from the local community to produce a design for our amazing inclusive play pack which we can all be proud of. The sub-group is meeting again with David in May.

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Scotland and consider it home, to the degree that when they go to Slovakia snowboarding they can't wait to get back home to Scotland. They both have a wonderful command of English with a very definite Scottish accent! Their enthusiasm to make the golf club succeed is apparent in all their hard work cleaning and painting to make the golf club a warm and welcoming place to visit, with the added touch of fresh flowers on the tables. Lukas is doing the cooking and his passion for food is evident in their, as yet small but, interesting menu. Lukas believes in using fresh locally sourced produce and cooking from scratch. Homemade soups, fresh beer battered haddock and an interesting sounding apple and banana curry to name but a few. Good luck to you both for a busy season.

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First Responders: Murray McEwan told the CC about the establishment of Community First Responders [CFR] and Public Access to Defibrillators [PAD]. Many people die because of a lack of early CPR or defibrillation following a cardiac arrest. The chance of survival is increased when action is taken in the first 5 minutes, followed by advance cardiac care from an ambulance team. Murray had met with the Fire Services from Crianlarich and Tyndrum and said that for the Fire Service to operate the scheme seemed the best solution because Fire-fighters were already trained to respond to a cardiac arrest. More discussion was needed including about how call outs would operate. Implementing this initiative would not mean a reduction in ambulance staff. It was agreed that the CC would apply to the British Heart Foundation for four defibrillators, two for each village.

Scottish Parliamentary Election 2011: For details see page 25

Payroll Lottery: Members of staff of Clackmannan, Falkirk and Stirling Local Authorities [CFSLA] Payroll Lottery local authorities can choose to have a sum of money deducted from their wages and put into the CFSLA Payroll Lottery. 50% of this goes to charity. All constituted community groups can apply for funding; normally equipment is funded, not running costs. The maximum is £2000 a year with most payments about £800/year. At present there is approximately £18,000 to give away. Contact www.cfsalottery.org.uk/default.asp

Crianlarich into Action:

Attendance at the CiA meeting on 23rd February was disappointing, but a lot of good ideas were aired. **Goldmine:** John received an invitation to attend the pre-planning appeal, pre-examination meeting on the proposed goldmine in Tyndrum on 24th March.

Environment: Moira wrote to Derek Leitch (Land Service Officer, Wallace) to clarify a few points about village cleaning. Both villages will have the bins and dog bins emptied Monday/Wednesday/Friday and play areas and litter picking will be twice a week, three times if possible. Lay-bys into and out of the villages will be cleaned regularly and the verges inside the speed limits litter picked once per year. The rubbish in the field by the lay-by in Tyndrum is probably the owner's responsibility.

Scottish Water say they have no plans to update the pipework in Crianlarich but would look at the possibility of installing more valves. Owen said that getting the system upgraded would take a lot of effort and determination and suggested we logged every problem that is encountered.

Noticeboards: Alan has purchased noticeboards for Crianlarich and Tyndrum with a grant received from the Community Pride Fund. James Jardine will help him erect them.

Allotments: Alan is on the Allotment Forum address list and will post information received from them on our website, see www.scottishdemocracy.com/discussion/viewtopic.php?f=32&t=342

Litter: Isla received a complaint about the litter at the bus stop at the toilet car park, but there was nothing there when she went. It was suggested that maybe it was the number of cigarette butts and

perhaps a bin should be erected for stubbing them out in.

Kickaround area: John, Cameron and Alan are meeting with youths in the area who would like to see if something could be done about the kickaround area in Mansefield. It was suggested that perhaps the youths would take on the project. Cameron Taylor told us that an action group has now been formed between the landowners, gamekeepers etc. and an action plan will be made to reduce/prevent anti social behaviour at fishing grounds in the Loch Iubhair area.

Housing: Moira has received various booklets on buying and renting houses.

Community Futures Goes Green: The project is coming to an end; the final report is being prepared. A new funding application has been put in to extend the project to new areas.

Village Hall Auction

Crianlarich Village Hall held the annual fundraising auction on Friday 11th March. A fantastic £1600 was raised during the evening, for hall funds. The auction is a vital event for the hall, as the money raised helps towards the ongoing running costs for the building and enables hall rents to be kept at reasonable levels. However, an event of this type doesn't happen without a huge amount of help. Thanks in particular to all those who helped in front of and behind the scenes before, during and after the auction; to the many people who generously donated items for sale and of course to everybody who came along to bid and buy!

Bryan Craig

for Crianlarich Village Hall Committee



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Crianlarich Primary School HMIE Report

Crianlarich Primary School are delighted with their recent HMIE report as the school was found to provide a very good quality of education.

Inspectors found particular strengths of the school to include: confident, happy children who are eager to learn; positive and welcoming school ethos; high level of pastoral care and support for children; teamwork of all staff, led by the headteacher, in securing school improvement and providing high-quality learning experiences and partnership working with parents and the wider community.

The inspectors said : "Children are very well motivated and engaged in their learning. Children feel safe and happy, and are proud of their achievements. Across the school, children show a positive interest in reading and almost all read with fluency and good expression. At all stages, children benefit from increased opportunities to develop literacy and numeracy skills across different subjects. Children successfully learn French and Gaelic. The school's very good approach to health promotion teaches children the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Children learn about caring for the environment. The curriculum is



enhanced through a range of visiting teachers, excursions and visitors and parents sharing their skills and knowledge.

Lessons have a very good level of challenge for children. The school has effective approaches for identifying and supporting children who require additional help with class work. The support for learning teacher and learning support assistants provide high-quality support to children. Homework is regular and varied. The Parent Partnership supports the school very well. Parents receive helpful information about their child's progress through reports and parents' meetings.

Across the school, children are keen to take responsibilities. All children and staff serve on a committee, such as the communications and events committee.

The school has a very calm and

purposeful atmosphere. The quality of relationships between staff and children is a strong feature of the school. Children respond very well to the high expectations staff have for their behaviour, wellbeing and learning.

The headteacher knows the school very well. Through her open and consultative leadership style she has developed a strong ethos for learning. She is supported very effectively by the principal teacher. The headteacher has established very productive partnerships with parents and the local community and this has a positive impact on learning within the school. Staff are developing a very good, shared understanding of Curriculum for Excellence. The school is very well placed to continue to improve." A full copy of the report is available at www.hmie.gov.uk.

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Don't forget the PAL (Play and Learn) after school club on Tuesday from 4pm-5pm!

Tyndrum Enhancement Project

The Trust has been successful in securing a grant of just over £1,000 from Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park to furnish Tyndrum with flower tubs, compost and plants and to continue the much admired planting scheme in Crianlarich. If you would like to join

the hard working group of volunteers and adopt a Tyndrum 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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Crianlarich Primary School Rag Bag

Our clothes recycling bin has raised £204.50 so far with a collection due again soon!

World Book Day

We dressed up as our favourite book characters. Some of the children swapped books. The nursery children visited and we read them some stories from the story sacks and played some games.

Think Dance

After the fantastic success of last years Think Dance we are once again getting involved with this wonderful programme organised by Active Stirling. Mrs Hibbert and Class 2 are hard at work putting together the dance for this year's performance based on Australia. The children have come up with lots of brilliant ideas from how we can make Sydney Harbour Bridge to ways of showing the Europeans arrival in Australia. This is an excellent opportunity for Class 2 to be involved in a professional performance at the MacRobert Theatre. This year's show will take place on Tuesday 26th April. More information and tickets can be obtained from MacRobert.

Red Nose Day

We raised £39.50 for the Comic Relief Appeal by wearing "something red" and donating our mufti money.



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Mervyn's Weather



Although February is the shortest month of the twelve it has probably the most criticism levelled at it, mainly in the form of old maxims and sayings, such as the reckoning that should the badger look out from his sett on Candlemas day (2nd February) and see sunshine and blue skies he immediately retreats inside and goes back to sleep, as "The half o' the winter is to come and mair". However, should stormy and wet conditions prevail he would set off to do what badgers do! It is said that the fox will not cross a loch on the ice after the 15th of the month, although unless he has a Fox-hunters Calendar in his den he is unlikely to know the date! There are many more pithy sayings regarding February weather. Having said this, no matter how unsettled and disturbed the month in question - as in 2011 - almost inevitably one glorious day occurs, perhaps more. This year the 9th of the month was such, 7.1 hours unbroken sunshine was the most

since 27th September 2010, then on the 28th 8.5 hours was clocked up. The media has frequently stated that the winters of 2009/10 and 2010/11 were worse than the notorious ones of 1947 and 1963. Those of us who were around during those two years may remember that snow lay at various depths virtually unbroken for nine or ten weeks, whereas the most recent two winters have of course produced extreme arctic conditions for quite lengthy spells, interspersed by periods of less cold interludes which cleared nearly all of the snow from lower ground. This pattern more nearly resembles the winters of say 1951, 1978 and 1979 i.e. heavy snowfalls and severe frost for unwelcomely long periods, but separated by more acceptable interventions. Now into March the calendar tells us that it is Spring. "March the month of many weathers" came in as the proverbial lamb. In 2010 March came and went more in

keeping with a Polar bear! The high pressure system of 1st-8th (2011) gave very limited sunshine and was mainly damp and overcast. These latter conditions seem to be becoming more prevalent under anti-cyclonic regimes at any time of the year. "Anti-cyclonic gloom" used to be a facet of Autumn or Winter. Another phenomenon which is becoming more apparent is that of low pressure systems becoming anchored for several days over the British Isles. While this situation did occasionally occur, normally depressions cleared the decks after a day or so - probably to leave room for the next low! On 10th March an inclusion of polar air has gave some snow and sleet, but the daffodils are about to bloom and the temperature of the soil 10 cms below the surface has reached 10°C so grass will soon start to grow.

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Frost Report

Mink and Velvet

This is not a list of fabrics for my retirement do outfit. (Would that be a stag do?) As well we know mink is very expensive. You may say that it should be 'was' expensive since real fur coats are banned, but no, mink is still expensive. £4.2 million to be exact. This is what S.N.H. has spent on your behalf to try to rid the Scottish islands of mink. These are descendants of illegally freed or escaped animals from former mink farms. Apparently this works out at £2,100 per animal killed. This has been necessary to protect ground-nesting birds such as divers, plovers and corncrakes. Certainly some years ago the oyster catchers round here were decimated and we still only have a small residual population near the head of the loch.

Velvet, on the other hand can be healing so they say. About now stags will start casting their antlers. We often call them horns but this is incorrect as horns are kept through life by such as antelope.) When the new antlers grow they are fed by rich and sensitive blood laden skin

on the outside. This is called velvet due to its appearance and dies off and is rubbed off on fences etc. Scientists at Alberta University think that this velvet is rich in calcium and other nutrients and may relieve joint pain. Currently on sale for £28 per bottle, but I don't know how they harvest it. I might suggest that it would be a little risky to try to get it on the cheap by encouraging a stag to rub his velvet off on your knees. The new antlers will be ready in time for fighting at the rut. Research on Rhum suggests that the rut there has been earlier in the last few years, maybe due to (yes you guessed it) global warming. Here the rut has been later and a near non-event the last couple of years, so either we don't have global warming here, or filming for Autumn Watch makes the stags sexier on Rhum. The red deer at Mar Lodge are breathing a sigh of relief as the megacull has been 'put on hold and reviewed to see if it still remains appropriate.'

There are meetings going ahead looking into similar plans in Glen Coe.

Reviews are also going on into Asolux, which is the active chemical in bracken spray, which was to be banned by E.U. legislation. Now the fox tails - A woman in Cornwall came across a fox in the road which refused to move even when she sounded the horn and flashed the lights. She got out to shoo it off and received a bad bite on the arm which required plastic surgery and skin grafts. She laughed that it must have recognised her from the New Year hunt. A fox was found on the top floor of multi-story building site in London. Maybe it's an Olympic venue and foxy may chase the athletes into new record times. One reason for the overweight foxes in the last Frost Report may have been found. One was seen jumping the barrier at a London tube station with a full bag of chips in its mouth. It was good to see that another one was taking exercise seriously by running onto the rugby ground at Twickenham. Rugby-playing foxes - that's a thought!

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Keeping Windows Up to Date

Often I am called out to repair computers that seem to have been caught with viruses, even though they have anti-virus protection. In many cases (though not all) the reason for the problems can be attributed to either not installing Windows Updates or not keeping the Anti-virus up to date.

In all versions of Microsoft Windows, including XP, Vista and 7, from time to time bugs are found, which allow hackers and virus writers the opportunity of gaining access to our computers and potentially stealing our data. When Microsoft becomes aware of these "vulnerabilities" as these bugs are called, they fix the problem and release new software via the Windows Update facility. For those

of us who have broadband, this is not a problem, as we can set our computers to receive automatic updates at a time that is convenient for us.

However, in the remote community, where broadband is not available, it is essential that those using satellite internet connections or Anti-virus and Internet Security systems, keep these up to date. All these systems have automatic update facilities, which can be scheduled to run at times suitable to you. If you do not keep Windows and Internet Security applications up to date, then the chance that you are infected with viruses is very high.

Remote Access

Often when away from home or the office, I find that I need to get hold of information that is stored on my main computer, whether it is an email I sent or received, or that all important reference number for a flight or hotel booking. Luckily there are methods of allowing access to remote computers from any internet connected device. From another computer there are products that allow you to have a "remote desktop" over the internet to your home/office computer. Apart from the delay caused by

sending and receiving data, it is exactly the same as if you were in front of your computer - you can even use your home printer whilst sitting on the beach in Spain.

There are even "Apps" for mobile phones that allow you to have a remote desktop connection to your own computer - these Apps are widely available on the latest mobile devices. Of course the performance of any remote connection to a computer from a mobile phone can be dreadful, depending on the speed of the mobile network, and there are potential cost implications if you pay for internet access from your phone. I use a product called "Logmein" available from www.logmein.com, which has inbuilt security which protects my information as it works its way over the internet. There are dozens of other excellent products available, most (but not all) of which have similar levels of security as part of the base product. Most of these are free for home use.

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McLaren High School



Junior Ski Course

On 23rd January a group of 30 pupils from S1, S2 and S3 McLaren High School and twenty from Wallace High School set off for the annual Junior Ski Course in the Dolomite resort of Civetta. It was amazing how quickly everyone progressed. By the Wednesday the 'beginner' groups were able to access the whole ski area. Meanwhile the 'hotshots' were buzzing down the more challenging black runs, trying to persuade the accompanying teachers to take on an 'easy jump'!

Killin was represented by Finn Rhys, Anna Holden and Antonia Dowling.

Tam O'Shanter

Hopscotch Theatre Company visited McLaren High School on 3rd February, providing S1 with a truly memorable dramatic performance of Tam O'Shanter.

Here is some pupil feedback:
'The play was very good and I was amazed how two actors can make a whole play with only a few props. My Favourite part of the whole poem would be when they acted out the scene when Tam is going home and he sees the ghosts and ghouls. I would rate it 10 out of 10!'

Ryan Riddell S1
(formerly Killin)

My favourite parts in the Tam O'Shanter play were the hilarious facial expressions portrayed by the male actor, and the actress doing an

impression of Kate, Tam's wife. I also loved the ability of two actors to convey so many parts and personalities.

Bryony Semple S1
Killin

Ski Championships

On Wednesday 2nd March two teams from McLaren took part in the West of Scotland Ski Championships at Glencoe. Jane Brisbane, Hannah Brisbane, Seona Glen and Sophie Parsons were the McLaren A team, and Robbie Dingwall, Regan Dingwall (both Crianlarich), Ailsa Halliday and James Ronald (Crianlarich) were the McLaren B team. The pupils did very well, scooping up several medals. Robbie Dingwall was the fastest boy overall and the McLaren B Team got 3rd place.

PTA Draw

The winners of the PTA draw for February are Mr Ferguson from Killin and Mr Mathie, former Headteacher. They each win £25.



U14 rugby team

Young Writer of the Year 2010

Congratulations to Andrew King (Gordon & Sheila Webster's grandson) who received Young Writer of the Year 2010 award at the Stirling Community Newspaper Forum for an article printed in the Ben Ledi View about his Induction Day at McLaren High School.

School Vouchers

Tesco Vouchers for Schools and Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers The school is collecting Tesco and Sainsburys vouchers. If any of your friends or family shop there please encourage them to collect these vouchers which can be handed in to the Pupil Office at the school.

The more we collect the more equipment we can get for the school so start collecting today!

McLaren U16 v Morrisons Academy

McLaren U16s beat Morrisons Academy in the quarter finals of the Scottish Schools Bowl by just three points on 22nd February. The team will play against Jedburgh Grammar in the semi-finals.

McLaren U14 On 24th February the U14s beat Wallace High 3 tries to 0, then Balfour High 8 tries to 0 and finally Stirling High 3 tries to 2. Well done to the team who remain unbeaten this season with 8 wins and 1 draw.

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Killin Primary School



Rag Bag

Our clothes recycling bin is still proving to be very successful for our school fund. We have raised another £103! You are welcome to use our Rag Bag bin but the company responsible for the uplifts has asked that all donations are tied in bags, please.

World Book Week

We really enjoyed celebrating World Book Week. The children dressed up as their favourite storybook character and held a "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" quiz at assembly. The children visited Killin library and had a very enjoyable time. Thank you Jayne Kerr and the PTA for organising the Book Fair. It was very successful and well attended. The school will receive £50 in books.

Forest School

Every Friday for six weeks Class 3 went to the forest school. Forest school is just a short drive up to Tombreck near the Big Shed. We had our lunch in a yurt. A yurt is a bit like a tent, it is held up by some different shapes of wood. We played a game to learn each others names. Then we went to the tree just outside the yurt and we read the note that the tree left us. We all got a feather from the tree as well. That was our pass for the woods. We then went into the woods we played about and found a list of things like a place for shelter. We then had a talk and then went home on the bus.

Class 3

Red Nose Day

Our school raised money for Red Nose

Day on Friday 18th March by having a 'wear it red' day. We visited the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home to show them our wonderful outfits. Red noses, cakes and biscuits were sold in school to raise money and we had a great time!

Think Dance

As part of the 'Glee Club' at school, we have been invited to Think Dance at the MacRobert centre on the 26th April. We have been working really hard on our dances. We decided to choose songs that represent our School Values. The songs that we have chosen are: I got a feeling, Respect, True colours, Don't stop believing and Best-friend. Angela from 'Think Dance' comes in to help us improve our dance even more. She gave us lots of street dance moves, some cool lifts; everyone is looking forward to Think Dance after all the hard work we have been putting in!

Ellie Thomson P7

Book Characters



This spectacular sixteenth century castle, restored by the Menzies Clan Society welcomes visitors. Seat of the Chiefs of the Clan Menzies for over 400 years and importantly situated, it was involved in the turbulent history of the Highlands. Architecturally fascinating, it is a splendid example of the transition between earlier rugged fortress and later mansion house. Castle Menzies stands north of the River Tay at Weem on the B846, one and half miles from Aberfeldy.

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The Big Shed



Construction of The Big Shed, the new community resource at Tombreck, is well on the way to completion and should be ready for use in the summer. The Grand Opening will be held on Saturday 2nd July with a whole weekend of activities to celebrate.

Now that most of the bad weather has passed, Blairish Restorations are working very hard to speed construction along. The building is watertight and all doors and windows are in place. The stairs and the lift are ready and the wood

pellet stove has been ordered. A team of volunteers are ready to learn about clay plastering and begin the task of plastering upstairs in the office spaces. The kitchen and bakery layout is being finalised and the flooring in the main hall is being laid.

If you would like to take a tour of The Big Shed to see the progress and see how you think you could make use of this exciting new facility please contact Jane Watts, Project Development Officer to book a visit.

Jane Watts



Forest School

Children from Killin Primary School P6 and P7 have just completed a most successful forest school project led by Alice Warren in the woods at Tombreck. This was organised through The Big Shed and funded by The Forestry Commission.

Each week for six weeks the children have spent Friday afternoons learning about all sorts of things in the great outdoors from names and uses of trees, map reading, music making and building animal shelters. They had visits from Claire the storyteller who told a story under the welcome tree and inspired wonderful storytelling from the children in the comfort of a cosy yurt. Andrew Warwick from The National Trust for Scotland led the children on a forest walk to learn

about forestry, social uses of woodland and animal habitats and they found traces of woodpeckers and other wildlife and spotted puff balls. Treasure maps were designed to indicate the location of hidden

treasure jars for future children to uncover. Further forest time in June is planned followed by an exhibition of work in the Big Shed for parents.

Jane Watts



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Killin Mountain Rescue

2010 was another busy year for the volunteers of Killin Mountain Rescue Team (KMRT).

The figures below speak for themselves. Every callout is different and each has its own story, sometimes funny and sometimes sad. In the 12 months between January and December 2010 the team were called out to 29 separate incidents. Some only lasted a couple of hours while others lasted a couple of days. An average of 12 team members responded to each callout. We spent a total of 1,423.75 hours on incidents last year. We went to the assistance of 47 people....and one sheep dog (it got stuck on a ledge whilst gathering sheep). In addition to the above, some of the team members in the Callander area spent 15 hours on Community Resilience Tasks as a result of the harsh winter conditions.

How do these callout figures compare with previous years?

2010 = 29

2009 = 21

2008 = 29

2007 = 24

2006 = 26

The callouts alone do not give the full picture of the effort that is put into the team. The training of team members, in everything from operating in winter conditions to First Aid, requires a great deal of commitment from members and we could not do this without the support and understanding of our



Stewart Inglis

families.

Our incidents routinely bring us into contact with other Emergency Services. We regularly work with Central Scotland Police, RAF, Royal Navy and the Scottish Ambulance Service. However, last year we also worked with Central Scotland Fire & Rescue and Tayside Fire & Rescue.

On one occasion the team even had help from the Coast Guard Helicopter to recover an injured casualty from Ben A'An in the Trossachs. This was a first for KMRT and only came about because the helicopter was off the west coast searching for a missing sailor.

One of the most time consuming

training programmes we ran last year was the Mountain Rescue Casualty Care course. This required members who already held a MR First Aid Certificate, to undergo 48-hours of training in Advanced First Aid. We did this in a series of evening lecture sessions and practical training scenarios at the weekends. These were presented by Dr Dave Syme, Dr Rob Scott, Dr Elaine Turner, John Wyllie and John Morris. The programme was followed by an independent examination and assessment to nationally recognised criteria. The assessors, including Dr de Laat, were impressed with the demonstrated level of knowledge and thirteen members achieved the qualification of Casualty Care Certificate.

Other scheduled training included rope work, navigation, radio communications and the Joint Exercise with Lomond MRT and Ochil MRT in November. This took place in Balquhider Glen and involved over 60 volunteers; our thanks to the staff of Abernethy Trust, Ardeonaig Outdoor Centre, who acted as casualties on the Casualty Care Assessment and the Joint Exercise.

We hope that our services are not required and that people will enjoy the hills safely. However, if called the members of KMRT are ready to respond to those in difficulty.

John Morris
Killin MRT

Junior Agricultural Club

Aberfeldy & District JAC's New Members Afternoon will take place on Sunday 15th May at 3pm at Grandtully Playing Fields. We will have a range of team building games, sports activities and a BBQ to follow. If you are 14 to 26 and would like to make new friends, learn & develop new skills and more importantly have lots of fun, why not come along and see what we're all about. Over the summer we will have a range of meetings - rounders, stock judgings, visits, valuations, football, hockey & rugby, tug o' war, sheep dog trials, shearing competition and Aberfeldy Show Dance. Keep an eye out in the JAC round up in the Courier on a Monday or the Aberfeldy/Pitlochry local press for more information about our meetings. We cover all Highland Perthshire, Aberfeldy to Killin, Glenlyon to Blair Atholl, Pitlochry to Kenmore and beyond!

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Hound Dog Annual Report!



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Fiona & Michael MacLaren

Otters on Ice



Otters spotted by Jenny Huntley on the Dochart near the War Memorial on Christmas Day 2010

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New Leadership for Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park



Linda McKay

Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority have elected Linda McKay as its new Convener to succeed Dr Mike Cantlay. Linda is Principal of Forth Valley College and has had a long association with the National Park. Local Councillor and long serving Board Member, Craig McLaughlin, was elected as Depute Convener.

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Linda says that she is delighted to be taking on this new role and is looking forward to bringing real energy to some of the challenges and opportunities that lie with taking care of one of the most precious parts of Scotland. "I have a deep understanding of the conflicting challenges we face as a Park Authority including economic growth, access, protection of the environment and community aspiration. Scotland is working towards recovery and I firmly believe this National Park can contribute to this recovery. As I take on this role and share its stewardship with the rest of the board, I can assure people that the National Park is in very safe hands." Linda McKay was appointed to the Board in October 2010 and has extensive experience of steering organisations including the Police service, Scottish Enterprise and Scottish Qualifications Authority. On the challenges ahead, Depute Convener elect Craig McLaughlin said: "One of my priorities will be to develop partnerships with local authorities, public organisations and communities to strengthen the National Park Authority and ensure we find more joined-up solutions to some of the challenges we face. There is a huge emphasis on the visitors we have to the area but we must not forget that people live here. I'm proud to be part of the National Park and look forward to working closely with Linda and the rest of the board."

Ruth Crosbie

New Rural Housing Post for National Park

A new service to help rural communities in Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park take action on local housing problems is being established by the National Park Authority and the Rural Housing Service with support from Argyll and the Islands LEADER and Forth Valley and Lomond LEADER. Loch Lomond and The Trossachs Rural Housing Enabler (RHE) will help communities identify and develop solutions to address the issue of affordable and local needs housing in the National Park. The post is currently being advertised by The Rural Housing Service. Over the next two years, the RHE will work on pilot projects with a number of communities around Loch Lomond and the Trossachs to tackle housing needs and help Community Councils and Development Trusts explore all the housing options available. Working in partnership with local authorities, housing associations, estates and the National Park Authority as well as delivering housing solutions, we hope to produce a toolkit which will enable other communities to take forward their own housing initiatives.

It is anticipated the service will be up and running by April 2011.

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New camping laws on Loch Lomond

New seasonal camping byelaws aimed at helping to protect the landscape in Loch Lomond will come into effect on 1st June, when it will become an offence to camp overnight outside designated camping sites on the east side of the Loch in an area covering 9 miles between Drymen and Rowardennan, between 1st March and the end of October every year. This is just one of a number of solutions being introduced by Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park and partners to improve the quality of the area both for the millions of people who visit and for the communities living on the east side of the Loch. Work has started on the creation of

a new informal campsite, complete with composting toilets at Sallochy. The project is funded by partners on the East Loch Lomond Management Group which includes the National Park and Forestry Commission Scotland whose staff will manage the site, where visitors will be able to book pitches in advance. Improvements are also being made to Rowardennan car park at the foot of Ben Lomond, and at Balmaha pier, the local hub for water bus and ferry services. The National Park visitor centre at Balmaha will be refurbished this winter and clearer public information for road users will be put in place. This builds on existing successes in the area, such as increased patrolling through

Operation Ironworks, a multi-agency policing initiative and better traffic management. The National Park Ranger service will continue patrols along the east side of the Loch and will work with Central Scotland Police to monitor camping activity. Penalties for breaching these restrictions could reach a maximum of £500. Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority held an extensive public consultation in 2010, which resulted in 60% of respondents supporting the new camping byelaw proposals. The proposals were then submitted to Scottish Government for consideration.

Ruth Crosbie

May Elections

Thursday May 5th is polling day for elections to the Scottish Parliament and for a Referendum on the voting system to be used at future UK Parliament elections. Electors will receive three ballot papers for the May 5th elections except European Union citizens who will only receive the 2 ballot papers for the Scottish Parliament election. More information on the election and referendum is available at www.stirling.gov.uk and www.electoralcommission.org.uk. Should anyone who isn't already a postal voter want to vote by post at these elections then they need to apply as soon as possible as the last possible date for receipt of any completed postal vote applications 5pm on 14th April. Electors should note that ballot papers will not be posted until 19th April therefore if they will be away from home before 21st April they are advised to contact the Electoral Registration Office for advice on voting by proxy. Each registered elector should receive their poll card for the elections by April 8th. Anyone who does not receive one should contact the ERO as soon as possible to check whether they are registered to vote stirling@centralscotland-vjb.gov.uk Registration and postal vote forms are available in local libraries or from the **Electoral Registration Office** (ERO) www.saa.gov.uk/central Tel 01786-892289

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Cameron Tackles the Ironman



Since I started training for endurance racing, I have completed a number of events in the name of charity and been bitten by the adrenalin bug. I aim to complete an Ironman this year and in preparation competed in the Aberfeldy Middle Distance Scottish Championship Triathlon, a half Ironman distance, last August. I realised there was some very stiff competition as half the British Army Triathlete team seemed to be at the start. Nearly 400 competitors bobbed in the water at Kenmore waiting for the starter horn and I

was in for quite a shock as I had somehow positioned myself at the front/centre of the starting line - not the ideal place to be for a novice - so I started to manoeuvre myself to the side but had left it too late. It was certainly one of the most frightening experiences of my life. I was kicked, punched, slapped, swum over and swum underneath all at once and quickly realised that if I did not maintain a position I was going to be injured. I started swimming for what felt like my life. It took sometime before I fell into a rhythm but once I got out of the way of the more competitive athletes, I was able to concentrate better and complete the 1.9km swim in 45 minutes - not a great time but without injury. At this point I had realised how slow my swim was as there were only about 30 out of approximately 300 bikes left in the transition area. The 90km cycle was truly magnificent and with only one slight altercation with a herd of cows, I wheeled into transition 2 in 3 hours 11min. Off with the cycling gear and on with the running gear for the 21km run on perhaps the hottest day in August. I have to admit I struggled with low energy and I would be lying if I said I skipped into

Breadalbane Academy after 2 hours 11mins. I finished 162nd. I really intend to build on this in 2011 which will be a big year. Not only is my beautiful wife Elaine expecting a baby but I have committed to the Ironman Wales, a gruelling 4 km open water swim, 180km cycle and then a marathon 42 km run in September, Caledonian Etape cycle race and the Edinburgh marathon as build up.

Focusing on an achievement brings rewards in physical fitness, general wellbeing, time management and a true taste of success. True there are times trudging through the driving rain and cold wind, or when swim training is more like controlled drowning and you wonder why the hell you are putting yourself through such levels of discomfort (athletes do not refer to pain - just "level of discomfort") but take my word for it - it's all worth it just to feel yourself cross the finishing line. And you'll be back for more.

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Drama Club Success

Killin Drama Club, were placed as runners up at the Scottish Community Drama One Act Play Festival held recently in the McLaren Hall with their production of "A Man of Letters" by Tim Firth. Now they are delighted to have been runners up at the next round held in Livingston. They head to Inverness at the beginning of May to perform on the stage of Eden Court Theatre in the Final of the competition. An excellent play with a fantastic cast and support team. Fingers crossed! PS. If anyone can lend us a van for a few days which will take our rather large scenery (we need to be able to fit in one piece which is 10ft long) up to Inverness we would be very grateful!

LS



David Macaskill and Gordon Hibbert and below

BikeTrax

Work to complete Highland Safari's latest offering, the BikeTrax Mountain Bike Skills Loop, has been going on throughout the winter, when the weather permitted. The finishing touches have been now been added, allowing the first test runs of the new course and it is expected to be open in April. With Highland Safaris being known more and more as a bike friendly venue, work was also underway to enhance a number of natural trails, accessible directly from Highland Safaris.

The official opening for BikeTrax will be on Saturday 7th May to coincide with the Highland Perthshire Cycling Festival and Etape Caledonia, and John Swinney will be officially cutting the cord on the 13th May. For more info on BikeTrax, visit

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The season starts on Easter Sunday with a special event for families - Cadbury's have sponsored an Easter Egg trail, so come along, solve the puzzle and win a Cadbury Easter egg.

After Easter, work will begin to replace the tin on the roof and re-point the house, providing visitors with an interesting opportunity to see conservation in action. We also have new signs arriving soon and a new Interpretation Board with an illustration of the house as it may have looked when inhabited. We are always in need of new volunteers to open up the house and show visitors around. If you are interested please contact

Eleanor Murray
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New look for Killin office

A £35,000 project has been underway over the past few weeks to smarten up the exterior of Lynedoch the National Trust for Scotland office for Ben Lawers National Nature reserve. The work is part funded by the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park



conservation area regeneration scheme, which is supported by Historic Scotland. The building provides accommodation for seasonal staff, long term volunteers and groups of short term volunteers, has an onsite laboratory and is the site for exhibitions, talks and other local events. Over the weeks, we'll see improvements to the roof, external harling and some painting work.

Sarah Cuthbert-Kerr



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We were supposed to help out by planting some trees, but had so much fun that we ran out of time. At least we have a good excuse to go back soon!

Helen Cole



Green Team Summer Programme

Every other Thursday from 6 to 7.30 pm. Meet by the pond in the wildlife garden in front of Killin Primary School. Parents of children attending for the first time are requested to fill in a consent form, available from Mr Lunan or Helen Cole. For those children who have attended previously, your consent forms will remain valid unless there are any changes to the information given. If in any doubt please contact one of us.

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Are you a council tenant interested in local housing issues? Do you want to have an impact on future housing issues? Do you want to contribute to improving housing services? If the answer is yes to any of these, then you might want to get involved with Tenant Participation. There are many ways to get involved, from setting up a tenants group to becoming a Tenants Voice for your area. You can participate as much or as little as you like. The decision is entirely yours.

Tenant participation is key if Stirling Council is to meet specific housing needs. As your landlord they need to hear from you, because as tenants you are at the heart of the community. Every council tenant has the right to influence housing services to ensure that, with their input, decisions can be reached that are effective, fair and reasonable. Tenant Participation is a continuous and evolving process, but needs support from both tenants and landlords alike. So if you are interested then please call or email and we can discuss how you would like to get involved. I hope to work with you soon.

Emma Meldrum

Tenant Participation Development Officer

01786 443129

e-mail meldrume@stirling.gov.uk

Ronnie, 64, has cared for his wife Ann for 19 years. With MS and spinal osteoarthritis she needs 24 hour care and he had to give up his job 16 years ago to look after her. The main worry for Ronnie is the deterioration in Ann's health. She has a progressive form of MS, which has reached the stage where she can only move her head and left hand. Should her left hand no longer work Ronnie will have to feed her. He already sees to most of her everyday needs such as washing, dressing, toileting, lifting her in and out of her wheelchair and cooking. As she cannot move, he also gets up at intervals of four to six hours during the night to change her position.

Ronnie does not have the opportunity to go out much, which inevitably impacts on his own health. Their family can help when he attends regular carer support and training events. However Ronnie, Ann and their daughter are concerned about the future. Ann's condition makes it difficult for them to plan for the future, as they don't know how her health will change. At an age when many couples would be starting to think of retirement, Ronnie says "We can't plan ahead."

If you can identify any of the issues

Ronnie's Story

highlighted in this story then you maybe are a carer.

The Princess Royal Trust for Carers are organising a "Care with Confidence" introductory session in the Weaver Room, Nurses Clinic on Tuesday 19th April at 1.30pm for unpaid carers in Killin.

If you are interested in further information please contact Ian McCourt on 01324 611510 or email on ianmccourt@centralcarers.co.uk For information, advice or support for carers please contact:

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Tin Tabernacle under Wraps



In January, after 18 months of fundraising and preparation, St Fillan's Stage 2 bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund was passed and work started on site. Not the best time of year to start a major repair project, but necessary due to the time restrictions on some of the grant funding. The works had been competitively tendered to four local and one Glasgow-based company. Stitt Bros Ltd won the tender and were

awarded the contract. Local surveyor Kenneth Lang of Surveying Solutions Ltd is acting as Clerk of Works providing advice and inspection. Repair projects to historic buildings always carry some unknowns, areas which are difficult to investigate fully before the project starts. At St Fillan's the contractor's first task was to investigate the condition and location of the external ground drainage. As suspected this had completely failed with the original clay pipes broken beyond repair. These have now all been replaced. Next the protective canopy was erected, making the church very conspicuous! This will protect it from the elements during repairs, including the removal of all the tin wall and roof cladding, and will allow the contractor to work more

effectively. Underneath its protective tin coat, the church is a simple timber frame construction with timber

wall linings and flooring. With no damp proof course, it has been easy for moisture to travel into the timber and extensive wet rot was found in the base rail of the wall frame around the whole building and in the floor joists. The base plate has now been fully replaced with a damp proof course. The only way to do this work has been to remove all the wall cladding sheets! During this inspection the extent of the original church was discovered: it would have been only 3-bays long with the small entrance porch on Main Street. In 1885, a further bay and the crossing section were added. Progress has been hampered by the strong winds in February and recent snow, but we're looking forward to seeing the church emerge from its covers soon.

If anyone would like more information on the church or the project please get in touch via the Killin News.

Sonya Linskaill
Architect for St Fillan's



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Aberfeldy Cottage Hospital Christmas Cards

The League of Friends of Aberfeldy Cottage Hospital is looking for photographers, artists and designers to submit suggestions for this year's Christmas card.

The committee is looking to expand on its success and is asking for paintings, designs and photographs to be considered for this year's cards.

It is hoping artists can come up with paintings of local scenes or views and that there may be designers with different ideas for an Aberfeldy Christmas Card.

The League of Friends will choose one or two for the cards and all ideas will be welcomed and given serious consideration. They should be sent to

Susan Guinn

Aberfeldy Cottage Hospital
Crieff Road, Aberfeldy, PH15 2DH
or sguinn@nhs.net by the end of April

Birks Cinema Award

Aberfeldy's dream of bringing the old Birks Cinema back to life is suddenly much closer. On March 16th the charity formed to revive the disused 1939 building was awarded £658,520 by the Scotland Rural Development Programme (SRDP) towards the refurbishment - fully half the amount needed to carry out the project.

'This is a magnificent gesture of support for the whole area,' says Charlotte Flower, Chair of Friends of the Birks Cinema, who have been campaigning for five years to turn Aberfeldy's old Art Moderne picture palace into a contemporary 101-seat digital cinema, arts venue and café-bar.

Although the SRDP grant announcement is reason to celebrate, Charlotte cautions that it still does not make the cinema a certainty. We still have to find match funding within the next nine months. If we can't find the remaining sum needed to carry out the work, the SRDP offer will be withdrawn.

Friends of the Birks Cinema plan to apply to other grant-givers over the coming weeks, so now is the time to join them and help get the cinema built.

www.birkscinemafriends.org.uk

Killin Toddler Group

Due to popular demand the Killin Toddler Group will change its meetings from every month to every two weeks. Parents, babies and toddlers are welcome at the Killin Church Hall every first and third Thursday of the month, from 10am until noon. The meetings give children a chance to play with each other while parents can catch up and drink a cup of coffee or tea. It's a great place to meet new people and there is no charge. Please support us by coming along! Everyone is welcome.

Marieke McBean

07762 689612

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Killin Medical Practice will be closed on the following days:

Friday 29th April Royal Wedding

Training dates when the surgery
will be closed for half a day from 12 noon

May (to be confirmed)

Tuesday 14th June

Wednesday 14th September

October (to be confirmed)

Tuesday 22nd November

Bob MacGregor Memorial 2 Day Motorcycle Trial Saturday and Sunday 4th-5th June



Five years ago the trial started and has now grown in strength, quality and popularity bringing more spectators to the village to enjoy the spectacle. It is very encouraging to see so many new riders from the village taking up the sport to join along with riders who have travelled from all over Britain to compete in Killin.

The Bob MacGregor Trial is now accepted on the trials circuit as one of the trials not to be missed. The help of the village businesses and residents is essential to the success of the trial and we thank them all for their continued support. The organising committee is ever grateful to all the landowners for their kind permission to use their ground.

This year to mark the 5th anniversary there will be a new route to test the riders. Anyone wishing to lend a hand please get in touch with Bobby Lafferty 07887 643831. Observer training will be given.

Karen Lafferty



BBC First Click Using computers and the internet is easier than you think. The BBC have been running a First Click media literacy campaign for several months now, designed to persuade those not online yet to get themselves onto a beginners' computer course in their local area. This service is available locally here in Killin Library on a Thursday (10am-4pm) and at Tyndrum Village Hall on a Tuesday and Friday (11am-4pm). Just pop into either place to see Heather - no booking necessary!

BBC Learning has provided course material and step-by-step instructions for learners and beginners' computer courses on their dedicated website www.bbc.co.uk/connect/. You can find lots of activities, video guides and printable pages on this website to help you get started and feel more confident. It's all very easy and straightforward. This is a hugely ambitious project which shows the BBC at its best. Living in Perthshire, being able to access the internet is a valuable skill and can enhance your life in many ways. Maybe you have been thinking about learning something new or maybe you know someone who needs a nudge in the right direction to get started on the internet? Persuade them to pop into Killin or Tyndrum on the days mentioned above. You never know where it might lead!



A Music Room?



I am trying to set up a music place based at the Big Shed, Tombreck. This would be a place where young and old can come together and play music.

It would provide local youngsters an outlet to play music and meet others as well as learning instruments, singing and maybe start up a local folk club.

If there is enough interest, I will try to make this happen.

I have some experience and hope I can encourage you to get involved.

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Local Planning Applications

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27 Jan 2011

Proposal: Erection of 4 replacement signs

Location: Tourist Information Centre Crianlarich

Applicant: Mrs Aileen Miller

Application Type:

Decision: Pending Consideration

31 Jan 2011

Proposal: Installation of a wood fired combined heat and power plant

Location: Acharn Forest Killin

Applicant: Mr Fergus Tickell

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

07 Feb 2011

Proposal: Installation of LPG gas storage tank

Location: Tarmachan 52 Manse Road Killin Killin

Applicant: Mrs Alicja Fraser

Application Type: Householder

Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

21 Feb 2011

Proposal: Erection of 12 No. flatted dwellings with associated access and parking

Location: The Garage Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mr Robert Addis

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

24 Feb 2011

Proposal: Erection of extension to

dwellinghouse

Location: Birch Cottage Wester Lix Killin

Applicant: Mr Tony Bellhouse

Application Type: Householder

Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

22 March 2011

Proposal: Extension of existing car park

Location: Forestry Commission Car Park Inverardran Crianlarich

Applicant: Forestry Commission Scotland

Application Type:

Decision: Approve

Perth & Kinross Council

04/02/2011

Proposal: Removal of existing car park; reinstatement of site to moorland; construction of new car park and interpretation facility

Location: Ben Lawers Mountain

Visitors Centre Killin

Applicant: The National Trust For Scotland

Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Pending Consideration

Stirling Council

07/01/2011

Proposal: Micro hydro generation for watercourse and 1 green metal shed

Location: Fiddlers Bay, Killin

Applicant: Reay Mackay

Application Type: Full

Decision: Pending Consideration

Award for Chef



Peter Macnab, Head Chef at the Bridge of Lochay Hotel, has won a Merit Award in the Villeroy and Boch Junior Chef Finals at ScotHot 2011 at the SECC in Glasgow. He was one of eight finalists with the task of cooking and presenting a three course menu for four people to a tasting panel of renowned chef judges. It was his first competition and his experience has whetted his appetite to enter again next time. Peter is from Tyndrum, where his parents, Christine and Gavin Macnab and grandparents, Beatrice and Alistair McDonald, also live. His family are all incredibly proud of him.

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Fortnightly Mondays

Mar 31

Apr 14,28

May 12,26

Glenlochay 10.50 – 12.30

Ardeonaig 2.00 – 2.45

Hidden Tapir

I was very interested to read in the Frost Report in last issue the story of the tapir in the west of England. When I was teaching in Devon I had a small girl in my class of eight year olds whose parents had a tapir. They had obtained it from a wildlife park in Kent and it lived in a paddock next to their house. We were invited to take the children to meet it. He was a really lovely gentle animal and we were all able to pat it and feed it cut up chunks of apple. We were most impressed by his wiggly long nose. All the children thoroughly enjoyed meeting a foreign animal. I wonder if the tapir in the report is a descendant of our friend or an escapee from a large estate? It seems a bit strange when it would have plenty of food around that it should want to go walk-about.

Helen Hughes

Thank You

Very many thanks to all neighbours, friends in Killin and NHS Forth Valley Staff for all their thoughtfulness, care and attention, especially on New Year's Day but still continuing in so many ways. After a somewhat 'on the move' life, I am most grateful to be living in this lovely Scottish environment.

Barbara Laing

Letters

Killin Cemetery Neglect

Following previous complaints about the sad state of the Killin Cemetery, the Killin Community Council has received a further letter from Bruce Crawford MSP to the Stirling Council Chief Executive asking about the rolling programme of cemetery upgrading and restoration which he was told in September was "soon to begin".

Killin and District Sports Club 100 Club

Congratulations to the recent Lucky Winners of the £100 prize

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March: Bunty MacGregor

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Think About It

The last days of this month will witness special celebrations as Prince William, our future king, weds Catherine, his beautiful bride, in Westminster Abbey - all eyes will be upon them.

The triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday a few days before His death focussed attention on Him as Lord and King. When Jesus sent His disciples to get the colt he was to ride, He instructed them to tell its owners, "The Lord has need of it." (Luke 19:31) Also, when the crowds shouted their praise, they quoted from the Psalms saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the lord!" (Psalm 118:26) Jesus is Lord. His name is "above every name." (Philippians 2:9) As part of His title, the word "Lord" refers to His sovereignty. He is the King of glory and every believer in Him is a member of His kingdom. In this twenty-first century, we acknowledge Jesus as Lord of our lives by bowing to His authority as King. This means that we live in obedience to Him remembering that His is an everlasting kingdom. Many years ago at a camp in Ballater I learned the words of a hymn that were new to me - "Take me as I am, Lord, And make me all thine own; Keep me day by day, Lord, Underneath thy sway, Lord, And thy royal throne".

Ladd Fagerson

Killin & District Sports & Leisure Club

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Safari Supper

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Thanks to all who participated

Elizabeth Woods

BB Centre Caretaker Retires



After 36 years as caretaker of Craggan, Pearl Noble has hung up her keys and looks forward to a proper retirement. Craggan opened in 1975 as the Boys Brigade residential centre at Ardeonaig. From the outset Pearl and her late husband Willie were the welcoming faces of the centre. Hundreds of boys and their leaders have used the centre, introduced to it by Pearl and Willie. All have cleaned up afterwards to the high standards established by Pearl - not much missed her gimlet eye. Willie used to drive back and forwards from home to the Centre. Pearl has walked - many, many times. Had she worn a pedometer we might have a clue as to the secret of a fit

and active life.

The BB marked Pearl's retirement with a lunch at Craggan on Friday 11th March. A cake was the centrepiece of the lunch and Pearl was presented with flowers and then invited to unveil a plaque to mark her and Willie's loyal service. The generous sentiments expressed in speeches by the chairman of the management committee and by the Director of the BB in Scotland were a testament to their huge appreciation and the outstanding and faithful job Pearl has done. It was a pleasure for all attending that Pearl was accompanied by three other generations of her family.

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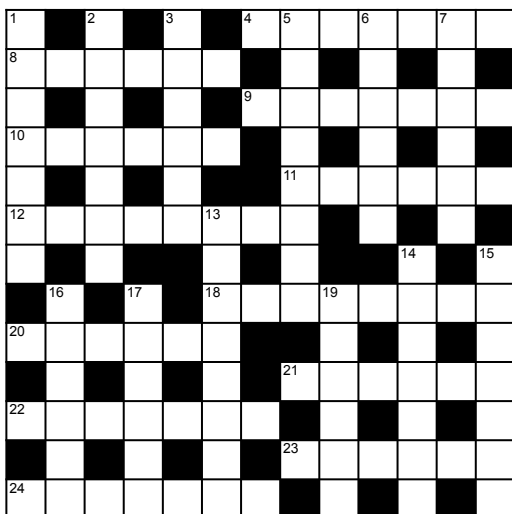
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Across

- 4 Endless sweet is religious cross (7)
 8 In the centre of the road? (6)
 9 Odoriferous sort of dens etc. (7)
 10 A fresh start (3,3)
 11 Yes let this become hard and unyielding (6)
 12 Loves and leaves (5,3)
 18 The next generation of mobile? (8)
 20 Diversion of French outing (6)
 21 Saline sort of spacemen (6)
 22 Sent gnu to find WW11 weapon (7)
 23 Sounds like a bad deal - it is (6)
 24 Deny first sort of fate (7)

Solution 120

- Across** 1 decoy 4 spider 9 free man 10 osmic 11 expo
 12 rooster 13 ace 14 drab 16 eddy 18 ass 20 distend
 21 tsar 24 roost 25 parable 26 dreads 27 theme
Down 1 differ 2 creep 3 yams 5 proposes 6 demoted
 7 racers 8 snare 13 absented 15 restore 17 adored
 18 adopt 19 frieze 22 sable 23 brat

Down

- 1 Farm shed predator (4,3)
 2 Gusher will lubricate everything (3,4)
 3 Attempts dissertations (6)
 5 A strange smell or an elderly relative (8)
 6 A team of two or a vehicle built for them (6)

- 7 Purloins broken slates (6)
 13 Unset voter and then run (8)
 14 Blanketed in crimson bay (7)
 15 Take me to the jumble sales for a childhood illness (7)
 16 Resolve to put down roots (6)
 17 A poem of 14 lines (6)
 19 Wan friend with cap (6)



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- 9 EAK Annual litter pick meet Council Car park 10:00am
 11 Craft class Crianlarich Hall 1.30-3.30pm
 16 Waterstones on Wheels McLaren Hall 11-5pm
 20 Herb Society - "Grow your own drugs" The Local Centre, Aberfeldy 7:30pm
 21 Church Guild meeting Church Hall 2:00pm
 21 Green Team see page 29
 23 Annual Community Auction McLaren Hall
 25 Craft class Crianlarich Hall 1.30-3.30pm

May

- 1 EAK walk to Strathfillan Caledonian Pinewood - meet car park Dalrigh 10:00am
 5 Election Day
 6 Green Team see page 29
 9 Craft class Crianlarich Hall 1.30-3.30pm
 10 Killin Community Council Meeting School 7.30pm
 18 Herb Society Annual Outing - details to follow
 19 Green Team see page 29
 21 EAK Annual Dawn chorus walk - turning circle car park 5:00am
 23 Craft class Crianlarich Hall 1.30-3.30pm

June

- 4 Summer Dance in Balhiddier Hall 7:30pm Tel 01567 830453
 4 & 5 Bob MacGregor Memorial 2 Day Motorcycle Trial

Ballroom Dancing

Fridays
 Lochearnhead Hall 7.30pm

Brownies

Mondays
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 3.30pm-5pm

Badminton

Mondays
 Crianlarich Hall 7.30pm
 Contact Jim Atkinson
 01838 400240

Badminton

Mondays
 McLaren Hall
 Juniors 6.00pm
 Seniors 7:00pm

BVLC

Thursdays
 Library
 10am-5pm

Learning Cafe

Tuesdays & Fridays
 Tyndrum Hall
 11am-4pm

Community Choir

phone Franny for
 details of rehearsals
 01567 829048

Crianlarich Youth Club

Thursdays
 Crianlarich Hall
 Juniors 6.30pm
 Seniors 8pm

Killin Youth Group

Tuesdays
 Golf Club 7.30pm

Tiddlers & Toddlers

1st & 3rd Thursday of the
 month Church Hall 2pm

Carpet Bowls

Mondays
 Lesser Hall
 7.30pm

Guild Craft Group

Tuesdays
 Littlecraigh 2pm

Pilates Class

Wednesdays
 Lesser Hall 7:00pm
 Contact Julie
 07963 088112

Circuit Training & Boxercise

Wednesdays 6.15pm-9.15pm
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 Pete Waugh 07786 558861

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