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Editorial

"In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." So said Benjamin Franklin in 1788, but unexpected happenings do shake us to the core. One of the wonderful strengths of Killin is the quality of the youngsters in our community and the attitudes of their parents. The sudden death of twelve year old Bryony Clare Semple while on holiday with her parents in Cyprus hit the community like a thunderbolt out of clear blue skies. Her grandfather died at about the same time. It was wonderful to see the spontaneous expressions of solidarity with the family from all who knew her on YouTube, FaceBook and from the

whole community at the poignant "celebrations" that surrounded her funeral. Our heart goes out to her family who went through such an abvss of emotions when this took place abroad in unfamiliar surroundings and in the profound changes it will make to their lives. We express our support for all her many many friends who will miss



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her so much. Killin will miss Bryony.

That community facilities can be attainable, attractive and empowering was exemplified by the recent opening of the Big Shed at Tombreck. The workshop, kitchens and auditorium will provide the potential for community activities from lessons in practical mechanics, cooking and crafts to a comfortable venue for lectures or jam sessions. If you have time to walk the signed pathway that leads to Loch Tay from the main entrance have a look at the Big Shed on the way. You will be made very welcome. Well done Loch Tayside CiC.

Good news for visitors or locals who walk or cycle along the narrow twisting part of the Kenmore road past the Golf Course. Stirling Council have agreed to erect warning signs in an effort to slow traffic and reduce the danger to walkers and cyclists who have no alternative but to use that route. A family with a pushchair have been seen on this road. Inadvertently it should help the red squirrels if cars slow down and pay more attention to the road.

Front page picture by Sonya Linskaill Willie Stitt attaching the finial to the top of St Fillan's Church at the end of the restoration project

Tractor Run





Malcolm Campbell and Alex Buchan

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On Saturday 28th May thirty five tractors once again gathered at Kinnell by kind permission of the Dowling family for the annual Tractor Run. This year's run was raising money for a new ultrasound brain scanner at the Western Infirmary in Edinburgh. It was a damp start as the tractors and drivers arrived at the steading but just as we set off the sun came out and it was rather pleasant as we went through the village where crowds of people had gathered on the street to see the tractors drive past. The route this year went from Killin to Kenmore via Ardeonaig. Luckily the road was rather quiet and we only met a few cars whose drivers must have been wondering just what was going on. Once at Kenmore we took the Duneaves road to Coshieville then Fortingall and up Glen Lyon to the tea room at Bridge of Balgie for lunch. The sun was still shining while we stopped and it was a good chance for the drivers to stretch their legs and compare notes as to how the old girls (the tractors) were doing. After a delicious lunch we continued up the glen to Lubreoch dam and over the hill into Glen Lochay dodging the pot holes coming over the hill road. Unfortunately the weather was less kind up the top of the glen and a heavy shower of hail soaked to the skin those without cabs. It was then a race to get back down the glen to Kinnell to get dried off for tea, coffee and homebaking which went down very well. We then held the raffle for a great number of donated prizes, some of which caused a lot of witty banter! The day ended with thanks and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Becky and helpers at the tea room for lunch and all who donated and took part. We managed to raise the sum of £1335 for the scanner which I'm sure you'll agree is a fantastic amount. **Donald Macaskill**

The Big Shed Opening Building for a Sustainable Future

The Big Shed, the new community building at Tombreck, had a very successful launch on Saturday 2nd July. The sun was shining and over 200 people turned up to join in the festivities - the event was hugely successful and very well organised. The afternoon began with the official cutting of

potential.

official cutting of the ribbon to mark the grand opening of The Big Shed by Tober Brown, the landowner who donated the land to the community. Willie Angus (chairman of Killin and Ardeonaig Trust) described the work and commitment from The Loch Tayside Community Interest Company to get the project so far and encouraged everyone in the communities around Loch Tay and along Glen Lyon to embrace the project and use it to its full

During the afternoon there were many activities to take part in to show-case the building. There were guided talks by Jane Watts, Project Development Officer, and the local architects ea (ecological architecture) Sue Manning and Mary Roslin were on hand to answer any questions and to give a photographic show of the stages of the build. In the main hall there was a range of music from pop with Patsy and Sandra to classical with Marie and Lawrence from Scottish Opera. A very informative talk by Alasdair MacIntosh about rekindling local communities and sustainability was very well attended. In the commercial kitchen members of Fearnan WRI demonstrated jam





making and Lois, a local Celebrity Chef, demonstrated a very tasty carrot cake. The large workshop area had hands-on activities with willow and paper craft from Georgia Crook and felt making and design with Sara Askew. Upstairs there were displays of Forest School work from Killin Primary School and information about The National Trust and its links with The Big Shed. Outside the building many locals were enjoying the sunshine and taking advantage of an all-day

barbecue manned by Julia and Laurie Lane from Fearnan. There was archery run by Alison from The Abernethy Trust, face painting, a bouncy castle, story telling in the vurt with Claire Hewitt, singing with Malcolm le Maistre and circus skills were demonstrated by Tam Baker. . Tober led a verv popular and informative

woodland walk and there were treasure hunts for children around the farm. The tea and home-baking stall was very popular and as the afternoon progressed into the evening and more people arrived, a fantastic buffet, conjured up in The Big Shed commercial kitchen, was laid out in the main hall for all to enjoy. The Loch Tay Steamers then took their musical instruments outside and an informal ceilidh continued far into the late evening. The Big Shed is now available for bookings so please contact Jane Watts to arrange a visit if you missed the launch and call to make a reservation or discuss ideas you may have. The building is here for you all to use and is very affordable (see price guide opposite page). Many locals have expressed an interest already and the building has been booked for classes, talks and workshops, including Perthshire Open Studios in September. The kitchen has been particularly popular with local groups.

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The Women and Children's Unit provides many extras to make time spent in hospital more comfortable, including an additional birthing pool, a changing room for partners close to theatres and en-suite delivery rooms where most women can stay until they go home.

In the new Emergency Department there are different treatment areas for major and minor conditions and two resuscitation rooms served by a separate entrance to give direct access for patients requiring urgent care who arrive by ambulance. Other services transferred to Larbert include the intensive care unit, maternity unit, gynaecology services, medical and surgical wards, cardiology and radiology services.

Stirling Royal Infirmary has become **Stirling Community Hospital**, one of four community hospitals which will support the work of Forth Valley Royal Hospital. It is a base for hundreds of NHS staff and is expected to handle more than 200,000 patient appointments each year, maintaining an important

The Big Shed

Tombreck, Lawers, Loch Tay

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	Hourly	Half- day	Day
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Kitchen	£5.00	£15.00	£30.00
Workshop	£8.00	£25.00	£50.00
Office space	£6.00	£15.00	£25.00
Whole building	-	£60.00	£115.00

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> Please contact Jane Watts to make a booking Tel: 07765 566935 Email: jane@bigshed.org.uk

presence at the heart of the community. This ensures people from across Stirling continue to have access to a wide range of health services, including a new Minor Injury Unit. This Unit, initially based in the former A&E department, will provide treatment for a wide range of common injuries such as sprains, cuts, minor burns and broken bones. It is open from 9am to 9pm, 7 days a week

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- *Diabetes Day Centre (including Diabetic Retinal Screening)
- * A range of outreach clinics provided by clinical staff from Forth Valley Royal Hospital (including Rheumatology Neurology, Endocrinology and Specialist Nurse Clinics)
- *Hepatitis Clinics.

There are also plans to transfer some inpatient services currently provided at Bannockburn Hospital to more modern accommodation on the Stirling Community Hospital site.



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Killin Community Council July Meeting

Road Maintenance: Councillor Owens to arrange for the standard of the road outside Craigbuie to be checked.

Grit Bins: The Council should be phoned if grit bins become empty. Grit still on pavements should be taken care of by home owners as there is no Council funding for this. Some villages have been 'deep cleaned'. Councillor Owens to check when it is Killin's turn.

Dochart Bridge: We will be given 28 days' notice of any closures for repairs.

Park: Funding is still being sourced for the Play Park. The area of hard standing is in planning stage and out to tender. Planning has to be applied for.

Breadalbane Forum: The Care in the Community Project based in Callander is working well.

Biomass Project: Still at planning.

Community Futures: There have been a lot of meetings to pull together ideas. Tourist Information Boards to inform tourists about the area are being looked at.

Kindrochit Challenge: Concerns over safety when cyclists using Main Street. Tim to write to David Fox-Pitt.

Glen Lyon Road: The gates there are to prevent sheep and deer crossing the road and are kept closed but not locked.

Cemetery: Some work has been done but more is needed.

Tir Artair Wood: Gordon to chase up overgrown trees.

Dog Litter: Fingal Road has been strimmed and dog litter does not seem to be a problem. The ditch does not seem to be cleared. Owen McKee to pass on concern.

Youth Group: Bus passes still being sorted out.

Cost Cutters Site: Stirling Council have applied to build 12 flats there.

Signage to pipe line: Stirling Council have promised to put signs up warning of hazards.

The Big Shed: A real asset for the village – office space, workshops, hall available for hire.

Alien plants: Giant hog weed on Costcutters site and Japanese knotweed in Manse Road need attention.

Fly-tipping: This is becoming a big problem.

Sympathy: Thoughts were with the family of Bryony Semple.

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The Old Mill Closing

The Trust have had discussions with a team from Stirling Council to explore the community opportunities presented by the Old Mill. Stirling Council are to close the Breadalbane Folklore Centre next year as it is uneconomic to run. While the Council no longer want the building, they are prepared to lease it, sell it to the community or sell it on the open market. They have offered it to the trust at a peppercorn rent with responsibility for the maintenance schedule for sixteen months from the time it closes as a Tourist Information Centre later this year to give it time to run it as a business and develop a business plan. There are a number of limitations on the use of the building for community purposes as it is B listed. The Trust would not wish to make any changes that would alter the character of what is an important iconic landmark and one of the last remaining connections with our industrial past. The prospects of making the building a useful resource for the community are small in view of the problems associated with disabled access. expensive maintenance and the restrictions we would find in developing it. We are told that we would need to find over £20,000 to re-point the building if we took it over in 2013 and that is over and above the routine maintenance costs that amount to about £1,500 pa. On enquiry, the National Park Planning Authorities and Historic Scotland were able to say that the building could be altered subject to planning permission but they could not tell us what alterations would be accepted or rejected as they only react to planning applications. It is possible that a developer could add windows and make changes that would affect the external appearance of the building. While we, as a Trust, would have a moral obligation to

maintain the structure in its best possible condition, no such obligation would appear to be in place for a private developer. (For example Finlarig Castle is "A" listed but the walls are under great threat from trees growing in the masonry.) If the community is not in a position to take over the mill and changes are made to its external appearance, it could affect its important role as part of the view from the bridge and as an example of Killin's industrial heritage.

How does the community value the Old Mill? Is it for its iconic appearance, its historical connections or do we just want to use it as a community resource? We propose holding an open meeting to gauge public opinion and support so that we can pass on community views to the planning authority and Scottish Heritage.

Community Consultation

This is nearly complete. The consultation was led by Suzanne Player. We have had two open meetings, circulated two different questionnaires and sought opinions from a variety of different local groups. The results are now being analysed and the Killin Action Plan will be published in an A4 booklet to be distributed to the community.

Silver Cottage

While this again came on the market the Trust decided that it would not be useful to start proceedings to purchase the property as the owner already has a potential purchaser.

Killin Post Office

The Post Office has been on the market for over a year. The idea that the Trust should consider taking it over as a community concern was brought up by some participants during the Community Consultation

and discussed at the last Trust meeting. It was proposed that if the property were a community concern it could continue to function as a post office, the shop area used for tourist information and the house had the potential for other sustainable uses. The large garden could be used for development at a future date. The possibilities are being explored.

Play Park

Sources of funding are being identified. It is well supported by Stirling Council who have promised £10,000 which will be used in matched funding. They have also agreed to maintain the new equipment and have already made improvements to the existing items such as the swings and paintwork. The major park users have been consulted and a fairly free hand was given to the Play Park steering group, led by Alma Walker, as to how they and the Council site the equipment which will extend beyond the fence that marks the current play area.

Park Drainage

The Council cleared the existing drains last year and a new drainage system has been constructed for the football pitch. This already shows a marked improvement over the whole area. Planning permission for hard standing near the main gate with underlying drainage is being sought to permit vehicle movements as vehicles were in part considered to be responsible for the deterioration of the old drainage system. This area will also be used for penning animals at the Killin Show.

The plan will also include drainage for the ground surrounding the newly designated play area.

The hard standing is to be of "Grasscrete" that will support large vehicles and allow grass and water to permeate the structure. Detailed planning and funding are underway.

Thrift Shop

Last year this succeeded in raising £1,667 for the community. £170 was donated to the church for the use of the Church Hall. All community organisations were invited to present proposals to the Trust Directors as to how they would use the remaining money for the benefit of the community. All who applied will receive a share: £500 to the Play Park Group, £450 to the Firework Committee, £400 towards a keyboard piano for the Community Choir and £150 towards litter bins for the Golf Club.

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This advice is generic and not necessarily suitable or sensible for all businesses, but it should give some

Marketing Communication and Collaboration

These are main aspects of any business. With many small businesses struggling to find and keep new business, it is essential to respond quickly to requests from existing or potential clients. With the staggering take up of technology, consumers can now shop for goods from suppliers from all over the globe so, in order to compete and continue to survive, small businesses need to

offer the same or improved levels of service, respond quickly to requests and ensure that products and work are completed in a timely manner. Various tools are available to improve communication with both clients and work colleagues, ranging from mobile phones with email functionality, to portable computing devices that connect to your office systems whilst you are on the move.

Many modern mobile phones have the capability to receive and send emails and many allow internet access, allowing traders away from the office to respond to clients, order parts and ensure that orders are still completed

This additional administration effort might seem a burden, but in the busy modern world, fast communication with clients is essential. Many opportunities are lost by a slow response resulting in a prospective client shopping elsewhere. Collaboration is the term used to work with colleagues, clients and suppliers to ensure that work is completed on time and to budget. Typically, this means ordering parts, project managing delivery and providing quotes and invoices to clients, as well as keeping a complete history of client communications. For hotels and B&Bs this could mean responding to availability requests, ensuring specific requirements are understood by all involved and ensuring sufficient fresh food is in stock.

Marketing is essential in any business - this involves having the right products and services at the right price and promoting business to prospective customers. It means advertising business via traditional methods, email or a website and also endeavouring to get repeat business from existing clients. The cheapest method is email and, if you have an understanding of their buying habits and specific requirements, you can target clients with particular products. To do this you need to keep details of each customer, any previous communication with your company, and details of what they bought and

Various tools are on offer to help with communication and collaboration and you should look at the overall needs of your business before looking at individual items. One of the most well-known is Microsoft Office, which uses email, word processing and spreadsheets for creating documents and its main collaboration tool is Microsoft Outlook, which is used for emails, but also for sharing tasks, diaries and other information. Other tools can be used for Accounting (Sage is the market leader) and Client Relationship Management systems (ACT /Goldmine). These tools require certain hardware, and you should ensure that any mobile device used on the road will be able to interact with your systems back in the office.

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The last few days of June 2011 and the first few days of July have at last given a brief glimpse of what, ideally, summer should be like. Whether or not this trend will re-establish itself subsequent to the next period of unsettled weather conditions currently forecast (5th July) remains to be seen. Until this welcome interlude the weather of May and June had been a replica of the summer seasons of the past four years. Responsible for this state of affairs would appear to be the positioning of the "Jet Stream", that narrow fast-moving west to east airflow, about 30,000 feet above sea level, which is the convever belt of successive lowpressure systems which plague our islands. Normally in summer this feature would be situated between N.W. Scotland and Iceland, thereby diverting depressions to some extent away from our shores. Recently however its course has been, and is, over central England.

Could the reason for this current situation be the increased summer melt of the Polar ice cap, causing a massive influx of cold water, complete with ice floes, to the south-flowing Labrador Current, thereby pushing the line of demarcation between it and the much warmer North-flowing, North Atlantic Drift, which originates

in the Gulf Stream, considerably further South? This line of distinction between warm and cold currents seems to be the processing factory related to the aforementioned "Jet Stream"; a situation further complicated by the cold Eastern Pacific Current of La Nina, the effect of which somehow passes over the isthmus of central America and affects the Northern Atlantic. Just a pet theory! Perhaps some scientifically minded reader could shoot it to bits or whatever!

For some reason, perhaps connected to some extent to the previous weather/climate set-up, many of our song birds and waders show diminishing numbers or indeed complete absence. Larks, curlews, peewits, oyster catchers, and many others are noticeable by their scarcity or are no longer to be seen, even cuckoos are rarely heard or seen to the extent they were in years past. Meanwhile Buzzards and other predators have "gone forth and multiplied", due perhaps to their own prolificacy, no doubt aided and abetted by the wholesale releases of predators both aerial and groundbased, by an element that does not appear to see past its own nose.

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Strathfillan Community Council

Automated External Defibrillators

The CC received a presentation from Steve Jelfs, Cardiac Science Corporation on Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Steve congratulated the community on their project to get defibrillation machines. The sub-group will now take this project forward.

Co-option of Jennifer Riley

Jennifer Riley was co-opted by unanimous vote as a Community Councillor. She has recently been involved with starting a tenants group in Mansefield, and has been elected Chairperson of the Steering Group. Welcome on board Jennifer.

Visit by Bob Jack

Both Crianlarich and Tyndrum received letters from Bob Jack CEO of Stirling Ccouncil referring to issues raised during his visit to Strathfillan on Tuesday 7th June. These letters are posted on the website

The Breadalbane CC Forum is meeting Bob Jack on 30th August; we believe that someone has been appointed to carry through the local service provision and will see what evolves.

Mansefield Residents Association

The residents of Mansefield have been discussing setting up a tenants association for several months. A general meeting organised in May resulted in 23 houses being represented, so we can truly say that the association will be representative. Lynne Martin, Will Bush, David Hardie, Gavin Macnab, Chris Macnab, Irene Fairbrother and Jennifer Riley are the members of the Steering Group. All reports are on the website under 'other groups'. Jen will report on the tenants association to CC.

Scotgold Planning Application

The planning application from Scotgold is likely to be submitted this week. Because of our experience at the last hearing; the CC being the only body which was allowed to speak in support of the application, we would hope to ensure that positive responses are sent by the CC, SCDT and others. We have 2 months to respond. John Riley will draft a letter from CC incorporating the social, economic and environmental opportunities highlighted in his speech at the previous hearing.

Pulpit Rock Improvement Scheme

John received a reply from Transport Scotland to the objections the CC raised. Please look at the letter and reply on the website. Comments made at the meeting were:-

- *The road will need to be closed at some time because the work needs to be done.
- *A temporary road should be put in place.
- *The consequences of a 14 week road closure will be disastrous for the area.
- *14 weeks is a worse case

The letter is asking if the CC is withdrawing our objections. If we do not, then we will have the chance to speak at any public hearing.

Angela proposed that we do not withdraw our objections, seconded by Gwenn. The proposal was accepted by 6 to 2.

Litter Collection in Crianlarich

Charlie Urquhart, Craig Bank reported that he has not seen litter pickers in the area for several weeks. Others have also noticed and reported that the job has not been done. Stirling Council are under the impression that the area is being cleared. It is supposed to be checked by a supervisor once a fortnight. Derek Leitch, Land Service Officer, [Wallace area] is the man in charge.

Wild Camping

Gwenn Hunter said there appears to be more wild camping around Inverarnan, one group with a



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campervan removed the gate behind the Drovers Inn to get into a field. Owen McKee said that throughout the season rangers and police will be conducting a survey to find out where the people have come from; if from Loch Lomond, the LL&TNP will take further action. Gwenn should let the rangers know where the new sites are that are being used for wild camping. People are entitled to camp but not to cause damage. There was also an incident at the play park in Mansefield. If people are not acting responsibly then call the police.

Strathfillan Development Trust



Saplings

The Saplings group have been awarded a grant of £600 from Stirling Council towards the running of activities this summer. Our grateful thanks to them for their valuable support.

At the time of writing we are half way through the summer already! We have welcomed some new participants this year and have been pretty lucky with the weather so far – even the midges have behaved themselves! A big thank you to all who have helped make 2011 another successful one for

the summer activities programme. Crianlarich into Action (Heritage Trail Project)

The consultants, Nick Wright Associates, have now completed their work on the ground and have delivered their final draft report to the working group. They will present their findings to a joint meeting of the Strathfillan CC and the Strathfillan Trust on the 27th July in Crianlarich village hall.

The project has been funded by Forth Valley Leader, Stirling Council and SCDT.

Members of the working group will be attending one of two **Paths in the Park** events organised by the Community Partnership. Designed to support the plans and aspirations of community groups within the National Park, the events will take place in **Arrochar 3 Villages Hall on August 13th** and in **Gartmore Village Hall on August 20th**.

Craft Group

The craft group is now meeting **each** Monday in Tyndrum Village Hall from 11am. If you want to get creative then please come along and join us. The group has amassed a huge variety of craft materials for communal use – currently being created are bags, blinds, curtains, cushions and lampshades. All welcome.

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Crianlarich Primary School

Mrs Irene Ramsay's Long Service Award

Irene has completed an amazing twenty five year's service at Crianlarich Primary School. She is a very dedicated member of staff and always goes that extra mile to ensure the children have the best possible opportunities. Irene received vouchers from Stirling Council in recognition of her long service and was presented with a gift from everyone at Crianlarich School.

Sponsored Walk

The joint walk with Killin took place around the Acharn Forest and the children have already raised over £400 – this is a wonderful achievement! A big thank you to everyone for supporting us and we look forward to using this to develop our school grounds in the coming year.

Thank you!

I would like to thank everyone in the community who have supported Crianlarich Primary School over the past year. There have been many events that have taken place including Grounds Day, Emergency Services Day, The Police Anti Speeding Campaign and Salmon in the

Classroom. Parents and members of the local community have worked fantastically with staff to offer the children excellent educational opportunities above and beyond the usual curriculum subjects. Special thanks as well to the Parent Partnership who have worked tirelessly to provide sports clubs, fundraising events as well as

supporting us in the classroom. We really appreciate the effort that you all put in and look forward to working closely with you in the future?



Katy Williams



The Strathfillan Lunch Club visited Scone Palace on July 15th. As you can see, the weather was kind to us and we all enjoyed the day. Our thanks to our funders, Stirling Council Community Grant and McQueen Brothers Charitable Trust.

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A dead fallen oak tree heavily embedded with coins can be found on Isle Maree in Loch Maree that







dates back to 1828 and became famous when visited by Queen Victoria in 1877 and reported in her diaries. Each coin is associated with a wish. The coins have been left for fear that removal of coins will bring misfortune to the taker. There are many more modern examples of coin and rag trees throughout England and Ireland. The local coin tree has a few coins and some well corroded metal objects embedded. It is an old oak adjacent to the Auchlyne road. If you have any knowledge about its history or stories associated with it please let us know at the Killin News





Local Beauty and the Beasties

The other day my wife was walking the dogs along the road (nothing like delegation of jobs!) when a lady stopped her car, rolled down the window and waxed lyrical about the absolute beauty of the area and the stunning views of the loch. Next she asked why do you live here and what do you do? Of course we know why - it's the area and its people and wildlife that keep us hooked. We are managing to keep up with our neighbour partridgewise as ours now tap on the conservatory door. Several times we have watched them chasing off cock pheasants. It's a bit like Barry McGuigan seeing off Frank Bruno. Then the two squirrels had a 'domestic' by the kitchen window. One is really smart and instead of popping in and out of the squirrel feeder with each nut he sometimes stops inside looking out of the 'window'. We should get a cat flap and see just what comes in. We haven't got sea eagles yet maybe they wouldn't find a suitable diet round here. For now even the R.S.P.B. have to admit that they (the eagles not R.S.P.B.) don't exist entirely on carrion but are taking mainly fulmars on the West coast. What we do continue to have are camping vandals. The latest is the taking down of fencing and an entire stile to burn on the campfire. Big mistakes in legislation have surely been made but there doesn't seem any way of changing it. Another instance of legislation which could go horribly wrong is the



Tim Frost at the Scottish Game Fair after receiving his Long Service Award from Stewart Stevenson MSP. Tim, who has now retired, has been at Boreland for 35 years firstly with the late Neil Graham and then as Head Keeper and Stalker and valued friend of the whole family, young and old.

proposed new code for deer management. We have Best Practice guides and area deer groups but now a new code is promised - if promised be the right word. The main aim is to make more people interested in deer. Apart from rural areas such as ours the average Joe Public is only interested in deer when it is nicely prepared on his dinner plate. The deer are victimised in the preview document for causing a good deal of damage. Rabbits, voles and other herbivores are not mentioned at all

for their part in the damage. Have you heard about the man in Doncaster who couldn't get rid of the warts on his finger so he shot the finger off. No, seriously, he got 100hrs community service for possession of an illegal firearm. Of course we need a fox tale to end. The Craignavie fox had a shock the other morning when confronted by a lady in her garden in her 'goonie'. Maybe we fox-catchers could recruit her. You know who you are Mrs. Willie Winkie!

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Aberfeldy & District Junior Agricultural Club

Aberfeldy & District JAC's summer syllabus got underway on 22nd May at Grandfully Playing fields, with a good number of new faces who had come along to see what we're all about. We played a couple games of rounders, football and some team building games. Scotty braved the winds and rain to provide us with an excellent BBO to round the afternoon off - thank you!

We held our annual Old versus Young rounders match on 31st May at Grandtully playing fields - a couple of the Bollywood choppers landed in the playing field but nothing would stop play as this is the most important match in our calendar! The old ones eventually came out on top - we think the young farmers who played on their team to make up numbers helped with the victory. We'll see you old ones same place, same time next year for the rematch!

Perthshire District Junior Agricultural Clubs held their annual field day on Saturday 11th June at Southfield Farm, Abernyte courtesy of the Sands family. All five clubs in the district come together for a day of competitions. It was an excellent day of various competitions including stock judging, fencing, valuation, bricklaying, bale stacking and then tug-o-war and sports races in the afternoon.

Results:

1st Carse of Gowrie JAC 2nd Strathearn JAC 3rd Bankfoot JAC 4th Aberfeldy JAC 5th Perth JAC

We held a valuation and mock auction at Glassie Farm, Aberfeldy (Rickard Family) on 14th June - it was a lovely evening to be up at Glassie; thank you very much for hosting us!

Yf Junior Boy Thomas Muirhead

Yf Junior Girl Emma Morris Yf Senior Bov

Stuart Grant & Leslie Dingwall

Yf Senior Girls Kirstv Meldrum Karen Stewart Yf Associate Sandy Walker Oldies Overall Sandy

Mock Auction:

1st Team 3 Knowledge, Leanne, Arran, Jill P, Kirsty M.

In the Royal Highland Show held on 23-26th June, we had Jimmy Wright and Sam Jacobs shearing in the Young Farmers Shearing Competition. Sam was placed 3rd in the Blackface section. Well done to Sam as this is the best he has ever done in a competition! He also did well in the Junior competition and has been nominated to represent Scotland at the shearing competition at the Royal Welsh Show in July - Good Luck!! Perthshire District had a team in the Pancake Tossing and Kist Making competitions - both teams coming 3rd and Finlay McFarlane from Bankfoot represented Perthshire in the Pole climbing competition. He came 2nd - well done Finlay - it was a very hard and high climb!

Our Summer stock judging was held on 28th June North Amulree Farm (Brady Family), an excellent 7 classes of stock was presented for our members to judge - thank you to Billy, Isabel & family for all their hard work to get this organised.

YF Junior boys Thomas Muirhead YF Junior girls Sarah Blackwood YF Senior boys Stuart Grant YF Senior girls Laura Milne YF Associate Copper Gordon Stewart Oldies

Thomas

Summer Syllabus

Overall

Aberfeldy Show 12th and 13th August- MARQUEE DANCE 9pm. Valuation Tuesday 23rd August

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Show versus Young Farmers Stock Judging (date & venue TBC) Fun day Out in September (TBC) Contact Ally 07900347810 or Kirsty 07557538525 or look on Mondays at the JAC reports in The Courier

Killin & District Agricultural Society Sheep Shearing Competition

The Annual Sheep Shearing competition was once again held at Auchlyne Farm by kind permission of Stuart Christie. The machine competition was judged by Colin and John Little from Callander with the hand competition judged by Peter Kennedy from Fort William. The competition was well attended and all had a very enjoyable evening. In the machine competition Callum Shaw won the cleanest pen award and came first in the open competition.

In the local competition Willie Taylor came first and the Junior machine was won by Callum Shaw.

The open hand competition went to Donald McCall and in the local competition the winner was Angus Webster.

Gordon Stewart received the award for cleanest pen in the hand section and Chris Duncan received recognition for being the youngest competitor.

Well done to all who took part and many thanks to all who helped to make the evening a success.

Lynsey Campbell





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Above: Andrew Anderson on the Falls of Dochart section

Left: Bob's daughter Sheila seated with her sister Maureen. Ian Shankie, responsible for the Bob MacGregor Academy, on the left and Bobby Lafferty on the right

Right: Alastair MacGregor, nephew of Bob MacGregor on the 1935 Rudge Motorcycle similar to one ridden by Bob.









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A great day was had on the Saturday when the flowers were set up and we all were surprised by each other's ideas. Not only did small groups of volunteers provide tea and coffee through the week but they 'went the extra mile' with much lovely baking being brought in. A total of £635 was raised and so my many, many thanks to everyone who helped in any way.





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McLaren High School



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Scorers were Finn Rhys (2), Will Cartwright (1), Conor Alexander (4), Cameron Hendry (4), Kieran Rennie (3), Andrew Nixon (4), Alexander Allison (1), Gregor Nixon (1), Conor Watson (1), Craig Arnott (1) and Duncan Henry (1).

A great effort from the team, not conceding a single try in the entire tournament!

Hungry for Success

The all new healthy eating reward scheme continued with fifteen sets of two cinema tickets awarded in April and May to fifteen pupils each month including Douglas Petrie and Lynsey Armstrong.

Congratulations to all and well done for making healthy choices when purchasing food in the cafeteria. The scheme has now finished for this session. The 80 pupils in Stirling Council's High Schools with the highest points for the year each received an Amazon voucher to the value of £100.

Jane Watts

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Congratulations to the following Killin pupils:

Laura Aitken, Catherine Allan, Stuart Berrow, Jinny Dowling, Antonia Dowling, Megan Rhys, Ailsa Taylor (Ardeonaig), Camilla Tigwell and Hazel Wyllie.

Well done for making healthy choices when purchasing food in the cafeteria

Sponsored Walk plus photos McLaren High School's annual sponsored walk of 5km through

sponsored walk of 5km through Coihallan Woods and back by the Invertrossachs Road was held on Friday 27th May and was a great success. All pupils from S1 - S3 took part and this year we had the most pupils who chose to run the course. It would not have been possible to have the walk without the help and co-operation of the many staff members who were seated at various points along the path and those who walked with the pupils. The sponsored walk is a great fundraiser and helps support the additional pupil activities that take place in the school. Many pupils even tackled the walk in fancy dress

Caitlin Hall and Emma Devlin S3



Tesco Vouchers for Schools

A big thank you to everyone who handed in vouchers to the school – we collected over 8,000 in total!! These will be exchanged for a Cannon Camera for use by the whole school, and a digital microscope.

Top Team and House Representatives for Session 2011/12

Congratulations those elected:

Top Team:

Megan Rhys (Head Girl) Kirsty Fingland Rachel Speirs Liam Garvie (Head Boy) Alasdair Sewell and Joe Howells

House Representatives:

Bracklinn

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Morag O'Shaughnessy **Leny**

Callum MacDougall (Captain) Henrietta Bowie Jinny Dowling & Emma Buchanan

Duke of Edinburgh Update

The McLaren D of E Group have already had a very busy expedition season starting in March with a training weekend for over 60 pupils learning the requisite skills to take part in their Bronze Practice & Qualifying Expeditions. Since then we have run exercises over 3 consecutive weekends with 11 walking groups successfully completing their training (2 days navigating and walking, one night camping). Our first group of 12 Bronze participants successfully completed their Qualifying Expedition last weekend. A further 24 participants are scheduled to do their Qualifying Expedition before the summer holidays with the rest



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waiting until the Autumn Term. We have a new Silver group established with around 18 participants, 8 will be doing their expedition by canoe and the rest will be doing walking expeditions after the summer.

McLaren also has its own "Going for Gold" group established by two pupils who have already registered and started working on their Gold Award. Further pupils are now in the process of signing up for Gold. We are very grateful to the Callander & District Round Table who, following a funding request letter from some of the pupils involved in the Award, presented a cheque for £1,500 to the Group to buy more equipment.

Advanced Higher Art Outing

On 16th June pupils from advanced higher art visited Edinburgh College of Art's degree show. We viewed fabulous works of art including glass pieces, metalwork and vibrant textiles in both fashion and costume design. We were then challenged by sculptures and installations, which suggested complex underlying meanings, yet could be constructed from things such as potatoes or a simple motif. We were all inspired and tested by the many forms of art in the degree show and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

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Killin Primary School

Retirement of Mrs Sandra McKellar

Sandra retired from Killin Primary School in June after sixteen years of dedicated service. She was an outstanding member of staff who showed great loyalty to the school. She always had a smile and a warm welcome for anyone visiting. Sandra was immensely popular with staff, children and parents and will be missed by everyone. A presentation of a watch and vouchers was made to her during the Leavers' Assembly at the end of term. We wish Sandra and Duncan all the best in their forthcoming move to the Central Belt and hope that they will keep in touch with all in the village.

Sponsored Walk

The annual sponsored walk took place around the Acharn forest and we have already raised over £700 in sponsorship – an amazing amount of money! A big thank you to everyone for taking part and the money will be spent on Literacy and Numeracy resources.

Bryony Semple

Bryony was a former pupil of Killin Primary School who had moved up to McLaren High School last year. We are all shocked and devastated by her untimely passing and offer our deepest sympathy to Lisa, Scot and Bethany at this difficult time.

Thank you!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the community who has supported Killin Primary School over the past year. For a small school, the children have fantastic opportunities to access lots of different educational experiences such as Emergency Services Day, Grounds Day, Forest Schools and the Gaelic Choir Mod which are made possible by the wonderful work carried out by members of the local community and parents working in partnership with staff. The PTA and Parent Partnership have also provided very important support for the school and we look forward to building on all of this in the coming year.

Katy Williams

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Killin & Crianlarich Nursery



Rapunzel

On 14th and 15th June the children from Killin & Crianlarich Nurserv performed the story of Rapunzel in the McLaren Hall. Throughout the whole production the children and staff were engaged in valuable learning experiences. The children had opportunities to play leading roles during rehearsals and it was evident that through this many gained confidence. The children developed their skills in co-operating with each other and making choices and decisions and many were involved in prop making. Through repetition of the rhymes and songs they very quickly

learned the words and actions, developing their communication skills along the way.

We were overwhelmed by the support received from the communities of Killin & Crianlarich and would like to thank you all for coming along.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes, home baking and sponsorship. We raised the grand total of £800, which will be spent on learning resources for the children. Now that the staff have experienced

the organisation and delivery of such a performance, there is no holding them back – Look out for our next production and please come along.

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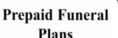
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If you enjoy creating, designing and making in any medium we invite you to meet us in Balquhidder hall on 14th September between 1pm and 4pm for an informal discussion of how we might build a craft group in our community which will meet on Wednesday afternoons to work together, for tuition, to exchange ideas and help each other, to mount exhibitions of our work and, perhaps most importantly, make friends. Don't sit home alone beavering away at your sewing machine, lathe or with your knitting needles or whatever your thing is. Share your talent with like-minded others and be stimulated by their ideas in return. Would you like to learn a skill or craft? Let us know and together we can plan for it to happen. We look forward to hearing from you or meeting you in Balquhidder Hall on 14th September.

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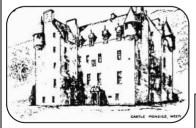
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A Long Bike Ride







Cycling from Lands End to John O'Groats seemed like a good idea in the planning. 'Wouldn't it be good to go for a long bike ride' and similar thoughts raised the level of anticipation in the preceding weeks. Cycling away from Lands End one evening in April was almost an anticlimax - it didn't seem possible that we'd started. In the same way 31 days and 1,300 miles later it didn't seem possible that we'd finished. Accompanied by a copy of Killin News every mile of the way. High points were seeing so much of Britain in one journey, it is all really lovely; meeting so many nice people; being in a rhythm of taking the tent down and pedalling on every morning and much more. Low points: there weren't any. A few notable experiences stick in the mind though, days of strong head winds in Scotland, the last of 3 punctures on the final morning as we left our campsite, navigating through some of the industrial areas in the north of England and central Scotland were tricky as we were maintaining our practice of keeping off the main roads and they were the ones signposted. Would we do it again, certainly, but next time

maybe we'll go on a really long bike ride. **Phil Simpson**

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Changes at Moirlanich Longhouse

While the tin on the roof is being replaced, archaeologists have taken samples of the thatch away for analysis – there are clearly various materials in use as well as a scrap of newspaper from 1927. The walls are also being re-pointed and will be freshly lime washed. We aim to have this work completed in time for the Doors Open weekend, on 17th/18th September and we would encourage anyone who hasn't visited in a while to come and see the house again. We will also have a new panel featuring an artist's illustration of how the house may have looked when occupied. We are always gathering information on the family who lived in the house, and in particular the life of Tom Proctor who lived there until his death in the early 1960s. Even the tiniest snippet of information helps us to build up the story.





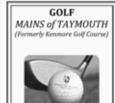
Recently we have been told that Tom Proctor wore a bowler hat when he came into Killin, that during the First World War he was part of a cavalry regiment sent to Baku, where his role was the care of the horses, and that his farming methods were considered ahead of his time. We also received a photograph of Tom Proctor and his cousins, John Robertson and Johnny Strachan, in the 1940s, donated by Hilda Cairns.

Eleanor Murray



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The WRI (also known as "The Rural") welcomes women of all ages with an interest in and commitment to rural life. In addition to our regular meetings we enter national competitions for activities including golf, curling, drama and singing. To learn more, check out the website at www.swri.org.uk or follow on Facebook or Twitter.

We look forward to meeting members new and old at the start of our new season in October.

To join, just turn up on the night or call Elizabeth Woods (01567 820 667) or Angela Ramsay (01567 820 451) for further information.

Angela Ramsay Secretary Killin SWRI

Our new programme includes:

Thursday, 6th October: Life in Killin with Dr M MacColl

Thursday, 3rd November: The Preshal Trust with Mrs M Nicolson

Thursday, 1st December: Cookery Demonstration: A Selection of Starters by Matt Duncan

Thursday, 5th January (6.00pm for 6.30pm): WRI Birthday Party catering by Matt Duncan and entertainment by

Thursday, 2 February: Theatre Make-up with Gemma Hughes

Broadsword

Thursday, 1st March: Expeditions to North and South Poles with Craig Mathieson

Thursday, 5th April: Spring Floral Arrangements with Jim Davidson

CFSLA Payroll Lottery

The CFSLA Payroll Lottery is inviting applications **NOW** for its next meeting in September.

The next meeting will focus on applications from community groups and charities dealing with the elderly and the local community and hopes to distribute over £4000 if it receives enough worthy applications by 31st August.

At the June meeting, equipment worth over £3800 was donated to a variety of local organisations including Alloa Brownies, Falkirk Archers, Seagull Trust, Alva Bowling Club etc.

The committee distributes £18,000 annually based on the applications it receives.

Special application forms to support staff fund-raising and applications to join the lottery with guidance are available on the website www.cfslalottery.org.uk. as well as a list of the latest winners and beneficiaries

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All participants will be asked to raise a small amount for the four local good causes the event is supporting – the Killin Youth Group, the Playpark Redevelopment Fund, the Sports and Leisure Club and Killin Mountain Recue. On the day there will be an event expo of local businesses plus a tea and coffee morning and BBO.

This has the potential to be a fantastic event for the whole village and I hope that everyone will be keen to get involved and support it. If you would like to sponsor the event through your business, volunteer on the day or have a stall at the event expo, please get in touch. Entry details and more information, including FREE training programmes, are available online NOW! Please go to www.tayfitness.com.

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Killin Youth Group



Killin Youth Group has started a John Muir Award which will run over the summer months. The youths have decided to focus their award around bats and will be carrying out a lot of work in the community, not only discovering about bats but taking an active role in conserving their habitats in Killin. They will also achieve a highly recognised award for their efforts.

Also it appears that someone has been fly tipping in the lay-by just north of Lix Toll on the A85; although this rubbish cannot be seen by passing motorists. If you stop in the lay by and look down the verge there is a disgusting amount of rubbish thrown down the slope ranging from tyres to toilets! The Youth Group, Lix toll and Willie Stitt are working together to clear this rubbish.

PC 462 Iona Frickleton



Think About It

A man wearing jeans, a T-shirt and a baseball cap took up a position against a wall beside a dustbin at a Metro station in Washington, D.C. He reached down, took a violin from its case and began to play. In the next forty three minutes, as he performed six classical pieces, over a thousand people passed by without taking any notice. No one appreciated it but the man playing outside the Metro was Joshua Bell, one of the finest classical violinists in the world. playing some of the most splendid music ever written on a three and a half million dollar Stradivarius. But no crowd gathered to listen to this artist. Joshua Bell said "It was a strange feeling that people were actually ignoring me." Similarly, God knows what it feels like to be ignored. The Bible reminds us that God has planted evidence of His existence in the very nature of man. (Romans 1:19,20) Creation daily reminds us of his power, creativity, character and beauty.

Let us then acknowledge and thank our Maker, the Lord from Heaven, who has so wonderfully revealed Himself to us. Ladd Fagerson





Restored Tin Tabernacle

The congregation of St Fillan's Episcopal Church is delighted that work to restore their church to full repair has been completed after its several months under a huge protective canopy. The canopy came down in June to reveal the new roof and gleaming white walls of this very important landmark in the village. Weekly services have now recommenced in the church for its Episcopalian and Roman Catholic congregations, but now without the companying dank smell or risk of dripping rain! The repairs have been made possible by a range of grants, with the most significant sums coming from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Killin Conservation Regeneration Scheme, a programme co-funded by the National Park Authority and Historic Scotland. Other significant funds were raised by St Fillan's. We are pleased to report that the project

Scotland's Tin Churches

An illustrated talk by Sonya Linskaill Architect for the St Fillan's restoration project

> 30th September 7.30pm St Fillan's Church

All Welcome Killin Heritage Event came in on budget and, on behalf of the congregation, Rev Ladd Fagerson would like to thank all those who made contributions to the project, both near and far. Thanks also, to Stitt Bros Ltd and Kenneth Lang of Surveying Solutions for all their hard work to ensure that the repairs were the most appropriate methods for this listed building. St Fillan's may be one of only ten tin tabernacles in Scotland still in use as a place of worship.

If you would like to come and see the completed project up close, the church will be holding an open day during August and will open on Doors Open Days on 17th and 18th September. There will also be a talk on Scotland's Tin Tabernacles, hosted by the Killin Heritage Society, on Friday 30th September at 7.30pm at the church to which everyone is welcome.

Sonya Linskaill Architect for St Fillan's



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Local Planning Applications

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13 June

Proposal: Installation of replacement verge drainage Location: Bridge over River Dochart Auchlyne Road Killin Applicant: Mr Russell Fulton, Roads Repair Department,

Stirling Council

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

4 July

Proposal: Erection of extension to dwellinghouse

Location: Kerrera, Manse Road, Killin

Applicant: Mr Gordon Webster

Application Type: Householder Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

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Proposal: Erection of a carport Location: Letterellan, Fearnan Applicant: Mr Glyn Thomas

Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Pending Consideration

17 June

Proposal: Alterations, extension and conversion of

bothy to holiday accommodation

Location: Easter Croftintygan Farm, Lawers Applicant: Mr D Waugh Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Pending Consideration

8 June

Proposal: Alterations and extension to existing building for form new reception/entrance, meeting room and 5 guest suites, dining room and gym and erection of 5 new build cottages (quest suites)

Location: House Of Cantle, Killin

Applicant: Cantle Leadership Development Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Pending Consideration

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Nothing to report.

CITYLINK COACHES SERVING KILLIN

Scottish Citylink Coaches Ltd are operating coach services via Killin (new turning circle) every day (including Sundays) until 2nd October. Services operate from Killin to Dundee, Edinburgh, Fort William, Oban and Perth, serving principal bus stops in between. National Entitlement Cards for elderly, disabled



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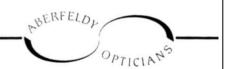
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Graduations



Lisa Hancock who graduated in June Bachelor of Science in Psychology (Hons) Glasgow Caledonian University



Jan Willison with her grand-daughter Holley who graduated in June from Glasgow University with a B.Sc(Hons) in clinical medicine. She is the daughter of Sandy and Vivienne. Holley has a further two years of study to do in medicine to gain a MBChB.



Siobhan Anderson who graduation in July with a First Class Honours degree B.A. Applied Music in Glasgow. She was also awarded the Alexander Stone Memorial award for excellence in music



Rachel Lincoln graduated from the University of Edinburgh with an MA(Hons) in Scottish Ethnology and Celtic



Stuart Laurence, Craiglea, Killin graduated from Dundee University with second upper class B.Eng. (Hons) in Civil Engineering

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Scratch

1st: Gordon Aitken (Killin) and Caroline Dunbar (Aberfeldy) 76 2nd: Andy Cousins (Killin) and Jackie Crossan (Killin) 79 3rd: Joe Kennedy (Harburn) and Aileen Kennedy (Harburn) 79



Handicap

1st: Donny Nicholson (Helensburgh) and Sheena Chisholm (Killin) 63 2nd: Andrew Dunlop

(Grangemouth) and Moira Dunlop (Linlithgow) 66

3rd: Allan McHenery (Killin) and Liz Stevens (Killin) 67

Best Killin (Bill Mitchell Salver)
Andy Cousins and Jackie Crossan 64

Nearest Pin Ladies (5th) Susan McRobbie (Killin)

2.10m Gents (8th) Ian Douglas (Lochwinnoch) 8' 8"

Magic Twos

Gordon Aitken (Killin) and Caroline Dunbar (Aberfeldy) Edward Walker (Bishopshire) and Morag Walker (Dunning) Billy and Lily McKay (Dalmally) John Freeman and Una Woodburn (Crieff)

Simon Johnson and Louise Trippleton (Bridge of Allan)

Jim Ronald and Laura Aitken (Killin) Douglas and Susan McRobbie (Killin) Stephen and Shauna Boyd (Sandyhills)

Tay valley Competition 18th June

The Tay Valley Competition was instigated by Mrs Jones from Aberfeldy in 1966 for clubs within the Tay Valley - Aberfeldy, Dunkeld and Birnam, Killin, Strathtay and Taymouth Castle. Each club acting as host on a rota, and provide prizes and a meal for the competition.

There was no trophy for about six years when each club contributed towards a shield for the best four nett scores returned from a team of six players and a statuette for the player with the best scratch score. Later on Killin provided a quaich for the player with the best nett score.

This year the competition was hosted by Killin on 18th June - a rather damp Saturday.

The overall results were:

Tay Valley Shield Killin 282 Runners Up Aberfeldy 288

Tay Valley Trophy (ind. Scratch) Caroline Dunbar (Aberfeldy) 75
Tay Valley Jubilee Quaich (ind. Handicap) Laura Aitken (Killin) 65
Silver Longest Drive Caroline Dunbar (Aberfeldy)

Bronze Longest Drive Liz Stevens (Killin)

Bronze Nearest the Pin Brenda Kerr (Dunkeld) 13ft 1 inch

This is the first time since 1996 that Killin has won the competition (again on home ground). In 1991 at Killin Aberfeldy also came second, Caroline also won the scratch trophy and Killin won the handicap trophy thanks to Dr Mairi McColl - even the team scores were similar at 283 and 284!

The winning team below: Sheena Chisholm, Kay Dowling, Jackie Crossan, Liz Stevens, Sheila Aitken and Laura Aitken.





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Ladies Open 4th June

Scratch: Silver Division Caroline Dunbar (Aberfeldy) 75 Scratch: Bronze Division: Sandra Johnson (Kilbirnie Place) 87

Handicap: Silver Division 1st: Laura Aitken (Killin) 64 2nd: Janet Buchanan (Dalmally) 67 3rd: Sally Birnie (Pumpherston) 67

Handicap: Bronze Division 1st: Margaret Hughes (Bridge of Allan) 66

2nd: Susie MacDougall (Aberfeldy) 67 3rd: Heather Clement (Dalmally) 68

Killin Cup (Best overall Handicap)

Sandra Johnson (Kilbirnie Place) 63 **Bridge of Lochay Salver (Best** Local Handicap)

Laura Aitken (64)

Dochart Trophy (Best overall Scratch):

Caroline Dunbar (Aberfeldy) 75 **Nearest the Pin** Cathie Reid (Killin) 3.84m Longest Drive: Silver Fiona McGlynn (Taynuilt)

Longest Drive: Bronze Sheila Aitken (Killin)

Magic Twos

Catherine Simpson (Bridge of Allan)

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New Grants for Tourism Projects

Sustainable tourism projects in rural Stirling District are set to benefit from a share of a £150,000 cash boost thanks to an innovative grant scheme designed by Stirling Enterprise. The award is one of the largest made by Forth Valley and Lomond LEADER, reflecting the potential for the scheme to deliver LEADER aims.

The 1-year pilot initiative aimed at new and expanding sustainable tourism projects.

Stirling Enterprise (STEP), who developed the innovative new rural grant scheme, will be responsible for assisting businesses and social enterprises through the application stage. Businesses with sustainable tourism ambitions can apply for a grant of up to £10,000 (or 50% of costs, whichever is bigger) for projects that show community benefit and support.

There will be four funding panels held in the scheme's 12-month duration, with the LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) having the final say on whether short-listed projects receive grant support.

When devising the grant scheme, STEP was conscious of the need to keep the application steps as userfriendly and straightforward as possible.



What can be funded:

- * Funds start-up and expanding sustainable tourism projects.
- Eligible items include feasibility studies, capital expenditure, machinery, equipment etc.

What's not supported:

- Any expenditure already committed prior to a decision being made by the LEADER LAG.
- * Accommodation and self-catering projects are ineligible. The scheme cannot support staffing

How grant is paid out:

- Subject to grant award letter.
- After completion of the project and on submission of proof of expenditure.

How do I find out more? Sandy Slater Contact

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Letters

Waterside Litter

On behalf of Killin Breadalbane Angling Club, I wish to comment on a number of issues raised in David Paterson's letter. I'd emphasise that I am in complete agreement with the overall points made by David namely, that there is far too much litter left on both the Dochart and the Lochay, not to mention around Loch Tay; there's absolutely no excuse for it and it certainly does diminish the enjoyment of locals and visitors using these areas. However, David's position regarding who bears responsibility is a shade simplistic - this isn't merely about

Over the years, KBAC have probably done as much as any local group/organisation to tackle the problem and every club member who has joined the litter work parties which we organise at various times each season can confirm that much of the mess is created by ordinary campers/picnic parties etc people who simply aren't here to fish. To illustrate the point - not many anglers that I know will have a whole lot of use for bottles of Veuve Cliquot Ponsardin Brut Champagne (a snip at around £40 a bottle) nor for M&S Sicilian Lemon & Ricotta Cheesecake (sounds pretty awful) nor indeed for Pampers Active Fit nappies (needless to say, heavily soiled) and certainly not for the various articles of female underwear that we find from time to time.

Undoubtedly, some anglers - which probably isn't the best way to describe these people - do leave a mess behind them; but we've seen clear evidence on numerous occasions that the litter problem is as much about the general public as it is about idiot fishermen.

David points out that the problem starts in spring and will doubtless

continue to the end of the fishing season. He's probably not far off the mark. However, it's worth remembering that the trout season happens to coincide almost exactly with what we optimistically call 'the tourist season'; put simply - there are more visitors (anglers and nonanglers) around during that spell. It's also worth noting that anglers do continue to fish for pike right through the winter and Killin attracts a pretty large number of them; the fact that the banks of both the Lochay and the Dochart were almost pristine over the winter might actually suggest that anglers are somehow less untidy than the average member of the public (and no - I don't believe that either). So what we do about the problem? Unfortunately, there are no easy answers and various measures taken by KBAC over the years have provided only limited and inevitably temporary respite:

* Approaches to local bodies - Perth & Kinross Council, Stirling Council, VisitScotland, the National Park and so on - have attracted only minimal, token support

* Litter-clearance work parties arranged several times a season (at KBAC expense - for bin-liners, skip hire etc) helps to contain the problem, but it certainly doesn't fix it and invariably the mess is as bad as ever within a few weeks

* The erection of anti-litter signage in various locations probably has some impact - but much of this is vandalised and/or removed over time

- * Ad hoc cleanup of litter (left by earlier, unknown visitors) is often carried out by our more conscientious members before they start fishing themselves
- * During permit inspections carried out each weekend during the season, all parties we come across -

anglers and non-anglers - are asked to tidy up when leaving and to take their litter home

* Finally, all KBAC documentation (permits/maps etc) issued to club members and to visiting anglers provides clear warnings against litter, camp fires and unauthorised camping.

Based on the club's experience over many years, it's difficult to avoid the rather depressing conclusion that there's no permanent fix for this one and it's something that - regardless of who the guilty parties are - we simply need to keep plugging away at. It's of no consolation at all to know that Loch Lomond, Loch Lubnaig and Loch Earn all experience this problem on an altogether different scale from ourselves.

The club is more than happy to work with other local organisations to explore further options to address the problem. However, short of one or more individuals being employed to carry out a full-time 'anti-litter patrol' combined with some successful convictions and heavy penalties for litter offenders (and hopefully, all very heavily publicised) - I suspect that we'll be dealing with this issue for some time to come.

Gerry McCarron Secretary, KBAC

Broadband facilities

What the village would really benefit from is Fiberoptic Broadband and the way to get this is if as many people as possible go onto www.bt.com/infinity and register an interest then this will raise our chances of getting ahead of the queue for Fiberoptic Broadband.

Gillian Hunt

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Cetters

School Retirement

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the beautiful ceramic watch, gift vouchers and flowers presented to me for my retirement. I would also like to thank all the parents, past and present, for the mass of individual gifts and cards also received. I have been overwhelmed by your generosity and kind words of appreciation.

A particular mention must go to the wonderful children of Killin Primary School for the special album they made for me - each child expressing their own unique thoughts, which made gratifying reading. The many packets of paper hankies, amongst my presents, were much appreciated! They also came in handy at the time of reading the beautiful poems written for me by Hazel Lafferty and Rory Chisholm. I will cherish all of these for the rest of my life.

I promise not to lose touch with Killin Primary School. I have made so many true friends in pupils past and present, parents, grandparents, not forgetting the dedicated staff. I feel so privileged to have shared a small part of so many of the lives of the young people of Killin. If anyone would be interested in

seeing my gifts, cards, album or poems, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Sorry champagne no longer available!

Sandra McKellar

Tractor Run Donation

I am writing to thank Sheona and Donald MacAskill for donating the proceeds of the charity tractor run to the Edinburgh Centre for Neuro Oncology Ultra Sound Scanner Appeal. Thank you to all those who took part, donated raffle prizes and helped organise the day. On behalf of all the staff and patients at the centre they would like to thank this community for contributing the most so far to the £90,000 raised. I would also like to thank all those who attended a recent fashion show in Dundee where we not only enjoyed a great day - but also raised over £3,000! As I write this, one of my best friends, Karen Stephen, and her sister, Claire Milne are walking the West Highland Way for the charity - donations can still be given on line at:

www.justgiving.com/scanner-appeal I am truly amazed at the kindness and support received in a time when there are real pressures on everyone's finances. Thanks again.

Judy Holden

Margaret Wilson 16.10.25-20.4.11 Graham Wilson 19 9 25-10 5 11

The Wilson family would like to say thank you for all the cards and expressions of sympathy following the recent deaths of Margaret and Graham Wilson. Special thanks to everyone at Killin Medical Centre and the district nurses who cared for them in their final years.

Gavin Wilson

Marie Curie Tea

Ann, Beatrice, Jane & Jenny would like to thank everyone who supported the afternoon tea which was held at Muirfield on Tuesday 5th July. A cheque for £200 has been forwarded to Marie Curie Cancer Care in Edinburgh. Ann Watson

Thank you

I would like to say thank you for all the cards, letters, flowers, plants and get well wishes, I received after my recent operation, and the many offers of help and support during my recovery. They were very much appreciated by myself and the family. Kind regards,

Yvonne MacPherson

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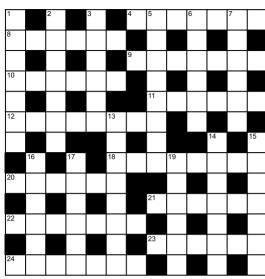
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- 8 Feminine aspect of wedding (6)
- 9 Inaest bird (7)
- 10 Dent on damaged sinew (6)
- 11 Elevated or flattened? (6)
- 12 Relied upon and determined by (8)
- 18 Listener and communicator combine for hearing aid (8)
- 20 Forth and Clyde entries (6)
- 21 Convertible facility for sightseeing (6)
- 22 Religious festival and break from work (7)
- 23 Oriental cures combine to give aid (6)
- 24 Ten deer staggered in (7)

Solution 122

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- 25 reorder 26 resort 27 pasty

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Down

- 1 Receding waters (3,4)
- 2 Child sleeps and steals away (7)
- 3 Silver haired primate sacred to the Egyptians (6)
- 5 Red owner upset by fresh demand (3,5)
- 6 Girl that is hunter's guide (6)
- 7 Donate in order to have made amends (6)
- 13 Initially Detective Sergeant agrees to equine performance (8)
- 14 Adjust and improve (7)
- 15 Hirsute kind of collie (7)
- 16 Change is down to reject (6)
- 17 Tear it up to wear (6)
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- 10 NTS Introduction to Navigation 10.30am Ben Lawers car park booking essential 0844 493 2136
- 17 National Trust for Scotland Hillside Safari meet Ben Lawers car park tel 0844 493 2136
- 17 NTS Talk at Lynedoch 8pm
- 19 Killin Show Craft Display Lesser Hall 6-8pm
- 20 Killin Show Breadalbane Park
- 25 Charity Concert Killin Parish Church see page 25
- 27 10K Run see page 29
- 31 NTS Talk at Lynedoch 8pm

September

- 3 Invitation to the Bridge of Lochay Hotel Ben Lui Lochheed Hudson group see page 17
- 7 NTS Hidden History on Ben Lawers 10.30am Kiltyrie booking essential 0844 493 2136
- 13 Killin Community Council meeting Killin School 7.30pm
- 14 3V Arts and Crafts see page 25
- 17, 18 Open Doors weekend
- 30 Tin Church talk 7.30pm see page 30

Bowls

Mondays & Fridays Bowling Green 2.15pm

Killin Youth Group

Tuesdays
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