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Editorial

The tourist numbers appear to be down this year yet we had a very lively and productive Killin Highland Games. The Games were much more representative of the community and the locality since they were relieved of the "International" status. Helped by the weather this year, they attracted record numbers as did the Killin Show in its new format. Both events demonstrated that effective changes can bring unexpected gains. Visitors like to see Killin as it is, terrier racing, hill races and all.

Killin has great strengths which need to be marketed to bring advantages to the local economy. There is a concern that the demise of the Tourist Information Centre in 2012 will ring the death knell for Killin tourism. We can rise above that. There is so much on offer here that each tourist could take weeks enjoying the experience yet many dismount from a bus, view the Falls of Dochart and speed on their way. Tourist Information needs a shot in the arm. Lateral thinking might provide the answer. Information should be out there on the web, on notice boards and into apps (applications). Others have taken the plunge. Pocket Northern Ireland consists of four new apps developed through a private/public sector partnership, consisting of a detailed tourist map, audio commentary and information on attractions; best walking trails; driving, walking tours, information on accommodation, and lastly, outdoor guides. All are available free to download to your smart phone, iPad, or iPod touch and available to the discerning tourist as an audio or video guide.

An app for Killin could include everything considered to be important in attracting visitors for example fishing, wildlife, hill walking, munros, archaeology, history, eating out, musical evenings, local events and accommodation. The information could then be downloaded free or for a small fee from the internet and played on your smart phone, iPad or iPod Touch. Tourist information could be replaced by a friendly guide in the pocket for the increasing number of visitors who use smart phones.

Congratulations to the Youth Team for their evening's work clearing rubbish left by inconsiderate and illegal dumpers (Page 20). Returning Killin and its environment to its pristine state demonstrates their commitment to the community and their action makes a statement and example for us all. We can measure our actions against theirs. How often do we pick up rubbish and tidy up this beautiful place we live in? It is good to feel proud of the youth of Killin and we owe them all a vote of thanks.

Dr Anke de Laat has retired after eleven years of service to general practice in Killin. She will be greatly missed by the community for the caring and supportive way in which she dealt with her patients. We owe her a debt of gratitude.

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Start of the Hill Race Highland Games

The Future of the Old Mill

The possibility of the Old Mill being sold on the open market made it vital that the community should be consulted, as the Mill is one of the most iconic buildings in Killin and also an important element in its history, connected to its roots, and a support for tourism, business and community prosperity. Much has been said concerning all these matters and the Killin and Ardeonaig Community Development Trust (KAT) wished to discover the strength of community feeling.

An open meeting was held on 14th September in the McLaren Hall and attended by over 70 members (over 10%) of the community as well as Stirling Council's Lesley Malcolm,

Strategic Asset Manager and Deborah Murray, Tourism, Marketing and Rural Development and Alicia Hayes, Assistant to Bruce Crawford MSP.

There is no legal documentation detailing the £11,000 raised, loaned or gifted, by the community when the Council purchased the building and the Mill is wholly owned by Stirling Council. If the building were to be sold, the money would become part of council funds which could be used anywhere in the Stirling area.

It transpired that the present lease between Stirling Council and Stirling District Tourism (SDT) was a full repairing and insuring lease but that, as SDT did not have the finance to keep to its terms, the lease had been annulled by SC who were not only SDT's landlord but also their backers. No forfeiture was sought for repairs not done and the building now requires finance to bring it back up to standard.

Following a previous meeting with representatives from the Trust, Killin Community Council and Stirling Council, KAT had turned down an offer from SC to take an initial short term lease as conditions on repairs were considered unsustainable but during the open meeting it became

apparent that this offer was not a final offer and that Stirling Council was willing to negotiate further. It could also be possible under certain conditions for the Mill to be sold to KAT.

It was felt to be essential that Tourist Information facilities should continue to be available in the village. Paddy McKinnon recounted how she was involved in the first setting up of a tourism service for Killin in 1962 using volunteers. This was well received by the meeting and Paddy was congratulated on her pioneering work. It transpired that there may still be a responsibility by VisitScotland for tourist information of some sort in Killin and they might support it financially.

At the end of the meeting a show of hands was overwhelmingly in favour of KAT continuing to discuss and negotiate with Stirling Council on the future of the Old Mill with the possibility of purchasing it. Only one person was against. An encouraging number of people signed up as being willing to consider helping in any way should the Mill be taken over by the community.

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Killin Community Council September Meeting

Roads: Ardeonaig road markings to be fixed in some areas. Auchlyne road needs preventative maintenance. Barrier still on the bridge on road to Clachan Caravan site.

Dangerous trees on Ardeonaig road will be reported to Stirling Council. Trees restricting the view on the Dochart Bridge and opposite the ambulance station need trimming back.

Grit bins: Refill tel 0845 277 7000 Dochart Bridge: Stirling Council to be asked what the plan is.

Playpark: Ongoing Breadalbane Forum: A job specification on village maintenance team to be discussed further with Community Council members.

Biomass project: Still at planning - Fergus Tickell to be asked to next meeting

Cemetery: Ongoing

Tir Artair wood: Golf club to cut their trees and the land owner on the opposite side has been approached to trim trees there.

Dog litter: Some red bins are being removed so dog litter to be put in any bin.

Killin Youth Group: In a litter pick-up at Lix Toll layby Crianlarich side the Youth Group collected 6 ton bags of rubbish - 1 toilet, 7 tv's, 26 car and tractor tyres, car seats and a baby car seat. Police may be able to help with funding for a fence for the layby. Killin CC have agreed to give a donation to Youth Group of refreshments and Community bus time for a trip to Glencoe

Costcutter Site: Purchase not yet final.

Signage to pipeline: Ongoing

Alien plants: EAK have removed heads on giant hog weed and Japanese knotweed plants twice this year.

Flytipping: Rats have been seen at the bottom carpark - pest control to be called. Stirling Council has carried out a huge clear up but rubbish has mounted up again. A fridge and a carpet were found up the Ben Lawers road. Stirling Council to be contacted.

Community futures: An update on information has been completed and is now available in the form of a booklet with more info available online.

Old Mill: Open meeting being held to ascertain whether the people of Killin want to try and save it from being sold. Various meetings have already been held to try and come up with an idea to save the Mill with an affordable scheme.

Park access and closures: The Killin Show and Games will close access to the park for the designated day of the event as payment is required to fund and support the events.

Planning: Youth Hostel: the original proposal for holiday accommodation has been changed to permanent homes and a contribution was given to Stirling Council to provide affordable housing in the Killin area ie Costcutter site.

Bank of Scotland: Opening hours as from 17th October will be Mon-Fri 10am to 4pm

Kings House buses: Request that they liaise with First Bus about buses waiting for a late connecting bus rather than leaving passengers stranded.

Ditch clearance: Rural Stirling is responsible for clearing ditch behind new houses.

Next meeting: Tuesday 9th November 7.30pm Killin Primary School

Pamela Farqharson
Minutes Secretary

Concert & Harvest Supper

Friday 28th October

**7pm Killin Parish Church
Killin Community Choir**

**8pm Harvest Supper
Lesser McLaren Hall**

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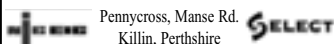
A concert arranged by Fiona Martin of Lochearnhead was held in the Killin church on 25th August, to raise funds for the MacMillan Cancer Support. Among the performers were the Killin Community Choir and talented young musicians and singers from Yorkshire - Imogen, Charity, Guy, Huw, Isabella, and Harr - who gave wonderful performances on various instruments. Afterwards there was an auction in the Killin Hotel of items kindly donated by many people and in all the evening raised over £2,000.

Killin Community Choir

The Killin Community Choir is now a fully constituted society and appointed its first committee at the AGM in September. The Choir meets on Tuesdays in the Church Hall in Killin and anyone wishing to join will be welcome.



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The Old Mill

It may seem that all is quiet on the KAT front but the Old Mill has been taking up much of our time (Page 3). We hope you will let us know your views on the Old Mill if you have not already done so by contacting me, writing to KAT at No1 Glebe Cottage, Main Street, Killin, to the Killin News, or email to willieandgina@btinternet.com. Your comments help us to represent your views in our negotiations with Stirling Council. If you feel strongly enough to help us in any way, let me know and I will add you to the list.

Breadalbane Park

The Play Park and drainage of the Breadalbane Park are major items on the agenda. The Park drainage, while improved, is not yet complete.

Funding, expected to be in the region of £140,000, is being sought to lay down a new drainage system in areas to the east of the football pitch. This is the area where surface water still lies and the new Play Park items are likely to be placed. The Play Park already has £11,000 on offer for new equipment which is available until March 2012. Decisions will soon be made as to how to proceed with the combined developments.

Community Consultation

The Community Consultation has reached its conclusion and the results are being collected for publication. It will be a smaller, easier to read and understand. More complete details will be publically available when all the facts and figures are collected and

published in an electronic copy available to download from the internet. This will be a source of information more useful to funders and those with a specialised interest in Killin.

BVLC

The Breadalbane Virtual Learning Centre is undergoing changes. Part of the organisation has remained in Strathfillan and is funded locally. The other element that remains in Killin will continue to run sessions in the Killin Library. It will become part of KAT through which it is seeking funding for the next series of meetings.

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Dr Anke de Laat

Dr. Anke de Laat has 'retired' from practice at the Killin Surgery after eleven years. Well known for her straight talking and for running everywhere, she will be much missed. Few minded waiting rather longer than usual in the waiting room when you knew you in turn be greeted with a big smile and a sympathetic ear and would be given the time you needed. As I know from my parents time, she was very patient with the elderly and took a great interest in the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home, where she will be particularly missed. She also gave much needed comfort to those suffering bereavement sometimes even dropping in to check they were coping. Anke would stand no nonsense and grown men would quail if she discovered they had not been following the treatment as she directed. It is good to know that she will not be leaving the village permanently and but will be back to spend a lot of time in her beloved garden. We all, I'm sure, wish her a long and happy retirement.

MM

Flu Vaccines

Free flu vaccines are on offer this winter to everyone currently aged 65 and over and anyone who will reach 65 years of age on or before 31 March 2012. It takes about 10 days for you to be protected against flu after having the jab so it's best to get it as early as possible in the flu season (from October onwards).

People currently aged 65 and over are also entitled to a free vaccination against pneumococcal disease they have not already had the vaccine.

Unlike flu vaccine most people require only one dose of this vaccine.

This year's flu vaccine will provide protection against the three strains of flu which are expected to be predominant this winter and at risk groups are now being encouraged to get the flu jab as soon as possible. Flu, unlike the common cold, is an extremely debilitating disease with fever, significant aches and pains and lethargy, and can make people, particularly the elderly, vulnerable to other conditions including pneumonia.

In addition to those over 65, at risk groups are those under 65 with chronic illnesses such as heart disease or asthma, chronic renal and liver disease, Type 2 diabetes on medication and those with neurological conditions such as multiple sclerosis, who are more likely to develop serious complications if they get flu. Pregnant women and unpaid carers are also eligible for vaccination.

The vaccine does not contain a 'live' virus so it is impossible to catch flu as a result of getting the jab.

Killin Medical Practice

We are pleased to let you know that Dr Elizabeth Watson will be starting at the surgery on 24th October.

She replaces Dr de Laat who has retired after 11 years.

F. Buchanan

Flu Clinic Over 65?

Macmillan Cancer Support
and Killin Medical Practice
invite you to a

Coffee Morning
McLaren Hall, Killin
Friday 21 October at
10.00am

OR
Criarlach Village Hall
Friday 28th October at
10.00am

While you are there you can
have a flu jab

Under 65?

If you normally have a flu jab
each year and are in
the "at risk" group,
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Trust's "Hidden Gem" unveiled

Moirlanich Longhouse is all set for a new lease of life, following the completion of vital conservation work and the formation of a new group to oversee the management of the property.

The conservation work meant we were able to carry out a detailed examination of the thatched roof, which gave us a fascinating glimpse into the traditional Scottish techniques used to thatch the building. This kind of examination is a very rare occurrence and our findings will be of great interest to building conservationists throughout Scotland.

The removal of the scaffolding coincided with the installation of a new interpretative panel outside the cottage and the inaugural meeting of a new management group for the property, comprising specialist Trust staff and representatives from Killin Heritage Society.

Killin Heritage Society has been a crucial element in the success of the Longhouse as a visitor attraction. Their members, who are all volunteers, staff the property and their knowledge of the property, coupled with their personal recollections, sometimes dating back to when it was lived in, really enhances the experience for our visitors. The formation of the Management Group means we now have a forum for everyone with an interest in the Longhouse and we can really be pro-active about how best we can develop, conserve and promote the property.

August saw an excellent example of this "joined-up" approach in action when a capacity audience enjoyed an evening with Margaret Bennett, the acclaimed storyteller, author, ethnologist and musician.

Margaret provided a fascinating, entertaining and educational evening, quoting from 'In Our Day', her recently published book of Perthshire memories, including some of life at Moirlanich, and singing some of the songs from the accompanying CD. Recollections included those of Pat McNab, who sadly passed away earlier this year at the age of 98. Pat lived in the Longhouse in 1928 and his son wrote a song about his experiences, which Margaret sang.

What's happening at Ben Lawers

Tenders for the construction of the new car park and interpretive structures within regenerating woodland by the Allt a Mhoirneas (see issue 118) have been received and the contractors will be appointed in the near future. The work, including restoration of the existing car park site, is scheduled to start in early October and we hope there will be minimal inconvenience to visitors. Plans for the new, external interpretation are ongoing and this should be in place for next season.

Staff and volunteers are also busy finishing outstanding monitoring work on the hill before winter sets in. Our rarest plants and habitats are monitored on a regular basis to inform management work. The process of writing up the summer's field work and analysing the results is just starting. Little monitoring takes place over the next few months, although the autumn is a good time to monitor red squirrels. Having invested considerable time and effort upgrading fences on the slopes of the Tarmachan ridge, preparations for contract planting of native trees and shrubs are underway. Staff and volunteers have already planted approximately 14,000 this year as part of a project to extend existing restoration of these habitats.

At the time of writing, the Upland Footpath Team will be on site for the last time before the winter, carrying out vital maintenance to try and ensure the paths can withstand whatever the weather throws at them.

This time last year, two members of HQ staff set themselves the challenge of climbing all 46 of the Munros owned by the Trust. Often

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accompanied by property-based and other staff they have now succeeded, but will complete their goal by climbing Ben Lawers again on Sunday October 16th to celebrate the anniversary of Sir Hugh Munro's birthday. Colleagues and friends will be joining them on the climb with others simultaneously heading for the other 45 peaks. Watch out for more news of how we got on.

Helen Cole



Winter Green Team Programme



Green Team meets on Saturday mornings from 10.30am-12.00noon as detailed below as this enables us to get outside if the weather is good, which we can't do because of lack of light in evenings. We will meet in the school wildlife garden as usual, but may retreat to Lynedoch if the weather is particularly bad. Children should be dressed for the outdoors.

22nd October
19 th November
17th December
21st January 2012
25th February
24th March

Getting ready for Winter
Make it Wild
The Real Rudolf
Winter Visitors
Skeletons of the Forest
The Return of the Sun

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Clanscape



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The Tarmachan Hill Race and Ceilidh

The Hill race will be on Saturday 15th October and a post Ceilidh race on the Sunday up Sron a Clachain.

The ceilidh is open to all and, going by ticket sales, will be popular. Tickets are £15 which includes a buffet supper by Carlotta and Craig Fraser. The band is Siobhan Anderson and Friends. Bar and raffle prizes. Tickets are available at the Killin Outdoor Centre. All profits go to Cancer Research UK.

The Meall nan Tarmachan hill race is 9.5km and 700m of climbing. Details of the race including entry fee times and registration at http://www.killinoutdoor.co.uk/tarmachan_hill_race.html The entry fee includes a goody bag and a great lunch provided by the Killin Cancer Committee which was a real highlight last year. All entry money is going to Cancer Research UK. Thanks to Sarah and Alan of the Real Food Café for the Goody bags, John Morris for organising hill safety, Duncan at the Coop, and in advance the marshals and support and, of course, the Cancer Committee for their wonderful food.

Trevor Shaw

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Warranty and Support for new Computers

In current economic times and commercial constraints, retail suppliers have reduced their margins on computers to such an extent that they cannot afford to support the computers themselves and rely on the original manufacturer's warranty to resolve problems for the first year of a computer's life.

What this means for the computer owner is that, unless you buy it from PC World, Curry's or Comet, or similar retailer, you have to contact the manufacturer if the machine breaks down within the warranty period. From my own experience, this can take two to three hours on the phone following instructions from the support staff, before they agree that the computer needs repairing. During this time, you

may have to reinstall the operating system, format the hard disc, or run detailed hardware diagnostic tests. Once the engineer has identified a hardware fault, arrangements will be made for your machine to be fixed – either by taking it away, repairing it, or, if you are lucky, an engineer will be sent to fix the machine on-site. If you have to send your computer away, then you should expect a delay of about a week before it is returned. If you are a business, then being without your computer for a week is just not acceptable and my recommendation is that you should check what type of warranty you have, prior to purchase.

There is no guarantee to protect your data when your machine is repaired under warranty, so there is a risk that you will be asked to format your hard disc, which will result in loss of all of your data – so please take care to ensure you have all your data backed up first.

Windows Updates

I would again remind you about the need to keep your machine up to date with the latest Windows patches. If you do not, then you are at high risk of infection from viruses. If you are not on broadband, then updating Windows is just not feasible, as it could take several hours of expensive internet costs just to download the latest

patches. If you do not have broadband, then I strongly recommend that you have your machine regularly checked and updated.

Windows 8

Microsoft have recently announced that the next version of their operating system, Windows 8, will be launched in 2012. This operating system will be suitable for both traditional computers and tablet PCs. I will provide more information over the next few months as and when I hear more.

Satellite Broadband

Even though the previous funding for rural broadband is finished, there are still many properties in the outlying areas of our community that do not have fast internet connections. The good news is that the cost of satellite internet has reduced, and you can now have fast internet access for a charge of around £25 per month. The cost of installation has also been reduced, now making satellite technology much more affordable. Please note that provision of satellite internet depends upon a site survey to ensure you can actually receive the signal.

Mark Lincoln

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Frost Report

Wild Invaders

If you have walked through much 'wayside and woodland' this summer you have probably been grabbed a few times by brambles, tripped up by lengths of ivy and made to feel like a tiny munchkin while trying to fight your way through bracken. We all know the invasiveness of bracken these days but we often don't realise how quickly it is changing our area. Looking at photographs of not-so- long-ago and in Moirlanich it is a bit of a shock to see the extent of heather then, which has now disappeared. But, apparently, brambles and ivy are also posing threats as land is not managed to keep these down and scientists claim that they are proving as destructive to smaller native plants as foreign invaders such as Himalayan balsam.

Other foreign invaders have hit the Home Counties and are causing near panic. This is the monk parakeet. In other countries they have spread

quickly and caused great damage with their huge communal nests up to six feet across. Apparently they were released in the nineties and have grown in number to 100 and DEFRA are desperate to eradicate them from the wild. Not quite on the scale of bracken is it?

One of the most potentially destructive invaders is, as we know in this area, 'the wild camper.' The National Park has banned camping in certain areas by Loch Lomond and is looking to extend this to the shores of other lochs within the park. This will obviously move the problem to other areas where the landowners have no such rights to protect their land.

A shocking report has come out that the RSPB and the SSPCA have been taking toy guns, tweed hats and fake poisons into classrooms as examples of how estate workers kill and maim wildlife and present legitimate country people in this twisted way. The charities claim that

this was to illustrate Victorian management but this was not how the views came across in reality. Now for the latest news on ticks. A Perthshire keeper, Dave Donley, realised that the acaricide leg bands used on poultry in U.S.A. could be used on adult grouse so the vapour from the band would protect brooding chicks against ticks. This has been recognised by the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust and a study is being carried out to find if this could be used for collars on sheep, other domestic stock and wild deer. The only thing is you would have to catch the deer first! So if you see local keepers, in their regulation tweed hats of course, chasing deer with a collar in their hand that's probably what they will be about. Or they may decide to try out the collars themselves? May I take this opportunity to thank everyone (all of whom read the Killin News) who made my retirement party at Boreland such a good night.

Tim Frost

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Strathfillan Community Council

The CC discussed the Provision of Local Services. The tasks were put under headings in the resulting document 'Provision of Local Services - Maintenance Tyndrum'. Both are available on the website under Breadalbane Community Council Forum.

At the Breadalbane Forum meeting, Bob Jack CEO Stirling Council suggested that some tasks like grass cutting could be contracted out to local places that already have the necessary equipment i.e. Killin Golf Club, or where local residents already provide the service i.e. in Crianlarich.

At present Stirling Council does not provide for services to maintain unadopted roads. If, as suggested, local businesses were contracted to clear snow from side roads, would it be only adopted roads which are involved? Four side roads in Tyndrum are un-adopted; two belonging to Network Rail; only Mansefield is adopted. In

Crianlarich, Station Road is owned by Network Rail beyond the steps and un-adopted. All other side-roads are adopted. Who would fund snow clearance of un-adopted roads?

The majority of tasks could be undertaken by a village officer, who would be employed by Stirling Council, but work to local schedules. A maintenance schedule is now being prepared for Crianlarich and Inverarnan drawing ideas for both drafts documents.

This project could result in local people looking after their own villages.

The CC also discussed Stirling Council's consultation on brown bin collection and replied positively but with caveats to the questions. It was agreed to change the format of the AGM next year and not hold a general meeting afterwards but for it to be followed by a social gathering. The month of the AGM may need to be altered in future to encourage local people to attend. The AGM will now include a short report from the leaders of the sub-groups on the problems that occurred, the problems that were solved, highlighting any achievements, and a brief glimpse of the future. We

would then have a yearly record of the problems and the achievements of the Community Council and also publicise what we have done.

Stirling Council in partnership with Clackmannanshire Council, hope to make another successful bid for Scottish Government funding to provide high speed broadband over both Council areas.

Housing - The Scottish Government are embarking on a series of consultation events around the proposed Social Housing Charter. Initial representations and proposals regarding the content of the Charter were gathered in the Spring of this year and are now summarised into a series of proposals/outcomes, which the Scottish Government are consulting on and wish to hear your views.

Stirling Council will host this event on October 4th in the Stirling Management Centre, Stirling University. The views of all are important on this issue, so it is vital that your voice is heard.

Mansefield Residents Association Steering Group is part way through training with Theresa Elliot. An AGM will be held soon after the Steering Group meeting on 31st October when the constitution will be finalised.



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Gwenn Hunter spoke to Frances at British Heart Foundation Restart in relation to the issues with the application form and she has confirmed that the only unit that they will fund is the Zoll unit, but this cannot be kept in a locked heated box. This means that it would have to be kept inside so we may have to review the locations. Frances had a meeting with Murray McEwan, Scottish Ambulance Service, to discuss our application and agree a best way forward for the villages. If there is a possibility that there will be a reduction in the number of units that can be funded by BHF, then Inverarnan will get a unit using the funding from SSE.

Café Sci (Café Scientifique)

Strathfillan Community Development Trust is again hosting a branch of Café Sci in Tyndrum Village Hall. Each of four meetings will be held on a Wednesday evening from 7pm to 9pm and light refreshments will be provided. 7pm to 7.30pm: Arrival and welcome with tea or coffee or wine. Meet the speaker. 7.30-8pm: The speaker will introduce the meeting's topic 8-9pm. More refreshments, questions and discussion. Admission is free but a donation towards costs will be welcomed on the night. To help with catering please let us know if you are intending to attend tel. 01838 400 545 or email strathfillandcdt@btconnect.com Topics are usually appropriate for students attending High School. **Wednesday 12th October** Marine aliens – how safe are our oceans? Liz Cook BSc PhD (Lecturer in Marine Biology, SAMS, Oban) will present research designed to explain some of the effects that the arrival of non-native species have on our native fauna.

Wednesday 10th November

Twenty years of weather recording at Kirkton Farm (Tyndrum No.3 Met Office Station) John Holland BSc PhD (Research Scientist, SAC Hill & Mountain Research Centre) will explain how manual and automatic weather data are collected at the Met Office Station at Kirkton.

Wednesday 22nd February 2012

Some funny things happened on the way to the refinery Ron Dalton BSc PhD CEng FICChemE (retired Chemical Engineer) will outline his industrial career in some interesting places around the world and will describe how some everyday things are made by the chemical and oil industries.

Wednesday 21st March 2012

One health – one medicine Peter Holmes OBE PhD FRCVS FRSE (Emeritus Professor, Veterinary Physiology, University of Glasgow) will explain how humans and animals share many diseases. By studying naturally occurring diseases in animals it is possible to make advances in human health in areas such as cancer, communicable disease, genetic disease and ageing.

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Crianlarich Village Hall committee would like to thank everybody who supported the recent family fun day. A fantastic £1,200 was raised during the day, which will be used to continue the ongoing programme of improvements to the hall. Particular thanks go to everybody who helped before, during and after the event, and to all those who donated raffle prizes and baking. We hope to see you all again next year!

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Saplings

Another summer has gone and with it another successful Saplings project. Our final day was spent in the sun on Ganavan Sands near Oban where all manner of strange, wonderful creatures were discovered, photographed and returned to the sea.

The Trust is very grateful to everyone who makes the Saplings project so successful; our day leaders, helpers and this year Stirling Council for their generous grant. It won't be very long before we start planning for 2012!

Crianlarich into Action (Heritage Trail Project)

The consultants, Nick Wright Associates and the CiA working group have presented their final report to a joint meeting of Strathfillan CC and the Trust. This has been followed up by a presentation to possible future partners and funders including the National Park Authority, Stirling Council, SC Housing dept, local

councillors, MP's and local businesses. The group has already secured grant funding towards some of the works identified in the master plan.

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

Ex Railway Land Purchase

The Trust is in the final stages of buying a stretch of disused railway line in Crianlarich.

The community will be able to suggest ideas for using the land when we start our next Local Action Plan.

Craft Group – Tyndrum Hall

The craft group is now meeting each Tuesday from 10.30am to 1.30pm, immediately after the Tai Chi class. If you want to get creative then please come along and join us. The group have amassed a huge variety of craft materials for communal use so all you have to bring along is your enthusiasm! A huge thank you to everyone who has donated their excess fabrics, thread and two sewing machines! They are all being put to very good use.

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Strathfillan Lunch Club

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Crianlarich Primary School

Congratulations to Miss Cockburn on the birth of her son Lewis. Welcome to Mr McDonald who is covering Miss Cockburn's maternity leave in class 1.

Topics this term

P1-3 Dinosaurs

P4-7 have been learning about the 1960's. So far, we have learned about the schools, the houses and the fashion. We also interviewed Mrs Ramsay about what life was like in the 60s, she also showed us how to use a washboard.

Jadyn has brought in a record player with records such as Elvis Presley and The Beatles.

Our art work has been inspired from the 60s, flower power and fluorescent colours. Our research groups are looking at Neil Armstrong, conflicts such as Vietnam, money,

and popular words from this time.

Class 2

Goodbye to Mrs Series our music teacher who has retired. She has been with us for many years, taking lessons and helping with school shows. She will be missed by all pupils and staff.



Primary 1

Killin Gun Club



On Sunday 21st August Killin Gun Club held its annual 50 target open competition and shooters from around Central Scotland came

to take part. Although the weather was not as kind as had been hoped, a good day's shooting was had by all.

The day was won by David Lyle (Callander) with a score of 40 out of 50, closely followed by Billy Williamson (Falkirk) who shot 39 out of 50. The highest placed local was Steve Bennett and the Junior Prize went to Regan Dingwall from Auchlyne.

The Club would like to thank the sponsors - A & B Services, The Green Welly Stop, Lix Toll Garage, Pentangle Shooting & Suile Lodge Hotel - for their generous donations. The Club shoots are held locally on the third Sunday of the month. We are always looking for new members, so please come along and you will be made most welcome.

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"Sic transit omnia" -
"So everything
comes to an end",
as indeed has this
somewhat tasteless

Summer, the fifth poor Summer in a row. Granted April and early May were idyllic but since then, apart from one or two very brief interludes, the pattern has been of successive low-pressure systems bombarding us. Now September is here and with it Autumn arriving - it would appear with a vengeance - rain and high winds in the outlook. It seems strange that a poor Summer seems to pass so quickly, perhaps because one is waiting impatiently for an improvement in the weather which does not materialize. Weather recording being essentially, up to a point, a repetitive subject, I have an underlying fear that these articles in Killin News could, if not already so, become a litany of seasonal meteorological characteristics, not always exciting or pleasurable. Discussing this with a reader of Killin News the possibility was suggested that, as a padding to the subject, perhaps a few derivations and translations of some of the Gaelic place-names of the district might be acceptable and of interest. So "to try it on the dog" so to speak, here goes! I have a somewhat limited proficiency in the language, and, particularly as one moves East, there

Mervyn's Weather and More

is considerable influence exerted by the Pictish language, and likewise towards the western seaboard and islands, Norse is much in evidence. Furthermore cartographers in the past had little knowledge of Gaelic so there remains in many cases much Anglicising and distortion of names. Beginning then appropriately at the headwaters of the River Tay. Ben Lui (Beinn Laigh) means "The mountain of calves" (probably deer calves). The big N.E. Corrie facing Tyndrum is known as Coire Gaothach - "The windy corrie". The river emanating from here is the infant Tay, here known as Abhainn Choinich - "The river of the island of dogs" (or wolves). The southern confines of the huge amphitheatre contains Beinn Oss - "The elks' mountain". This may be a misnomer and more likely to be "The Irish deer". Long extinct, this animal, the remains of which are occasionally found in peat bogs, had antlers of up to 12 feet in spread. Just above the point where the Abhainn Choinich becomes the river Fillan is a small lochan, Lochan nan Arm - "The lochan of the weapons", into which it is said that King Robert the Bruce threw his sword before beating a hasty retreat from the MacDougalls of Lorne. Tyndrum (Taigh an Droma), translates as "The house on the ridge", referring to Drumalbin - "The ridge or backbone" of the Highlands. This latter is a line of demarcation which can be traced

tortuously from somewhere south of Ben Lomond to beyond Foinhaven in N.W. Sutherland, signifying the watershed between rivers and burns flowing, on the one hand, East or North to the North Sea or Pentland Firth, and on the other to those bound for the Atlantic.

To N.E. of Tyndrum is a high hill called Beinn Odhar - "The dun coloured hill". The south-facing corrie here is known as Coire Thoin, euphemistically rendered as "The corrie of the buttocks", so called presumably due to the rounded eminences dividing the many burns resembling derrières! Further down stream we come to Crianlarich, often referred to by radio announcers as "cryin' larry"! I always understood the Gaelic name to be Craobh an Larach - "The tree in the ruin", or perhaps Lairig - hill pass, though nowadays the road signs show Crionn Larach meaning "the small or insignificant ruins". Strath fillan (Strath Faolan) is named after one of the several St. Faolans and means just the valley or strath of the said saint. Ben More (Beinn Mhor) just means "Big mountain" - which it is! In a shallow North-facing corrie on this peak lies each late spring a snow wreath called Cuidhe Crom - "The bent or crooked wreath", one of the very few named ones in the Highlands.

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The Big Shed Building for a sustainable

The Big Shed, the new community building at Tombreck, is now fully up and running. After the successful launch in July plenty of locals showed an interest in using the venue and John Swinney, MSP for Perthshire North, visited the venue once again and showed his support saying it was excellent to see the

is now a hub of activity on a daily basis. The community hall has already been used for several reiki classes and during Perthshire Open Studios Georgia Crook held some popular willow workshops inside as well as a social event for the hosts of the local studios.

Forest School, run by Alice Warren,



Willow Workshops in the community hall with Georgia Crook

project in full swing.

The Workshop has now been rented out on a monthly lease to a local young man who is using it for woodwork, metal work and mechanics. This area of the building

had a return visit to the woods at Tombreck on September 14th and The Big Shed now has an exhibition of the work of children from Killin Primary School on display. Teachers and assistants from Kenmore, Killin

and Crianlarich came for a meeting/workshop after making soup on a camp fire and toasting marshmallows with the pupils. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it is hoped these projects will continue in the future.

Killin Youth Group made regular visits in September. The organic baker Justin Tunstall has given them all a bread-making workshop where the teenagers baked soda bread and took the results of their efforts home. Scottish Opera musicians will be returning for workshops and Scottish Chamber Orchestra musicians have also shown an interest in using the hall as a concert venue.

On 2nd October local violin and piano pupils, aged between 4 and 75 years, gave an informal concert to inspire each other and to entertain their friends and families. This will become a regular event.

On Thursday 20th October at 7.30pm there will be a fantastic and informative presentation on the ascent of Everest by James Ogilvie (tickets £8 including refreshments 07766 566935) so do please come along and support this event. If this proves popular more talks will be planned.

BAKERY DAYS

Saturday 5th November 10.00am - 4.30pm The Big Shed, Tombreck

Baking for Christmas: You will be taken through the steps of making a Christmas Pudding and Christmas cake, Stollen, Ginger Bread and Mince pies (all for you to take home with you), with organic baker Justin Tunstall. The maximum class size is 8 ensuring that individual attention is given to each student. The cost is £95 and includes all ingredients and materials, recipe pack and an organic lunch.

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disappointment as there are limited places and they are proving very popular already.



Forest school - Killin pupils and teachers from Kenmore, Killin and Crianlarich Primary Schools enjoying a camp fire near The Big Shed

workshops using willow with Georgia Crook. On 30th October willow and tissue workshop will have a Halloween theme 'Spooky Lights' for local youngsters aged 8+. On Saturdays November 5th and 19th there will be full day bakery workshops for local people to enjoy in the commercial kitchen in The Big Shed. These are run by Justin Tunstall www.gaelic-bread.com 07736670033. Book now to avoid

Anyone with any ideas about what they would like to see or do at The Big Shed or who would like to book a room for their own event or party, please contact Jane. The building is for all local people to use so please get involved.

Jane Watts

Project Development Officer
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Highland Games Hill Race Results

The open hill race was run on a hot sunny afternoon at the Killin Highland Games on 3rd August with a record entry of fifty senior and six junior runners.

Senior Race

1. Stephen Rawlinson
Lochtayside 22m.01s
2. Tom Smith
Lochaber A.C. 22m.41s
3. Matthew Roberts
Eryi Harriers 23m.12s

Ladies

1. Joanna Schreiber
Gervain A.A. 32m.37s
2. Jo McGuire
Westerlands 34m.02s
3. Sarah Watts, 35m.33s

Masters group (Over 60s)

1. Herbie McLean, Killin 29.33
2. Ian Cookson
Bowland Fell Runners 31m.18s
3. Charlie Love
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Youth Group clean up Adult Crime

On Tuesday 13th September sixteen members of the Killin Youth Group, with myself, PC Ward and Gareth Kett from the National Parks went along in the pouring rain to clean up flytipping in the layby on the A85 just north of Lix Toll. From the nature of the discarded items it was clear that adults were responsible for this mess but the Killin Youths took it upon themselves to do something good for the community and the environment and tidy the area.

Willie Stitt donated six large (ton) builder bags and safety gloves for the clean up and every bag was filled to the brim with rubbish including six large televisions, over twenty five tyres, a stamp machine and a toilet! Lix Toll are going to lift the large bags from the lay-by and place them straight onto a council truck to have it removed.

This operation showed a great amount of community spirit to clean up a beautiful area, which some people had decided to destroy. Special thanks to the Youth Group for taking on this responsibility, to the Community Council for supplying us with juice and chocolate to keep our energy up and to Gareth Kett. And thanks again to Willie Stitt and Lix Toll for all your help.

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Inaugural Killin 10K Run a Resounding Success



Ron Allner

A field of 129 runners contested the inaugural Killin 10K in fantastic conditions on Saturday 27th August. The event started promptly at 12pm and wound its way through the village, around the Glen Lochay loop before finishing in Breadalbane Park. Many thanks to the event sponsors Sarah Heward and Alan McColm from the Real Food Café in Tyndrum, as well as John Morris, Iona Frickleton and the numerous local businesses who sponsored the various prizes, trophies and gave donations. Furthermore the day would not have been such a success without the many local

volunteer marshals and the Killin MRT who provided medical cover and radio comms throughout the event.

The race was won by Stephen Rawlinson (38m40s) who was also fastest local male, Dan Watson was 2nd (39m21s) and Under 18 winner Chris Ryan was 3rd (40m30s). The woman's race was won by Sam Ayers (42m32s), Jane Dunlop was 2nd (45m37s) and Louisa McGrandles 3rd (47m35s). Fastest local female was Iona Frickleton (50m02s) and 1st Under 18 female was Hazel Donaldson (56m21s). Frazer Macfarlane raised and

donated a total of £500 and several other people all raised over £100 - a huge thank you to them and to all those who raised sponsorship money.



Ron Allner

So far over £2000 has been raised for the 4 charities the event supported as well as money being generated by local businesses who had a stall at the event expo. Cheques will be presented to the charities in the coming weeks. Finally I would like to say many congratulations to all those who participated in the event - whether it was your first or fiftieth 10k I hope you enjoyed the day! It was fantastic to see so many people



Ron Allner

taking part and lots of local people and families out on the route to support the race. I have had a lot of positive feedback from the runners and all mentioned how wonderful the atmosphere was and how friendly, supportive and welcoming the spectators were. Thank you. Here's to next year!

Pete Waugh

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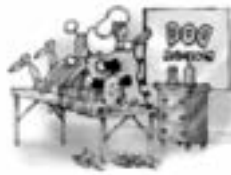


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ety Agricultural Show



Terrier Race



Killin Show Results 2011

Champion of Champion - Colin Kennedy Trophy - Messrs McLarty, Glentarken

Sheep

Blackface Sheep Section

Champion - Bowser Trophy - Messrs McLarty, Glentarken

Reserve Champion - Stroyan Trophy - Mr N. Dunphy, Roromore

Female Group of 3 - R Young Trophy - Messrs McLarty, Glentarken

Best Woolled Sheep - Ramsay Trophy - Mr Reilly, Tullochmhor

Pair of Ewe Lambs - Mid Lix Trophy - Messrs McLarty, Glentarken

Best Ram - Inverlochlarig Cup - Messrs McLarty, Glentarken

Best Female BF Breed - Immeroin Trophy - Messrs McLarty, Glentarken Bred by Exhibitor

Best Ram Lamb - Tullochcan Cup - Mr N. Dunphy, Roromore

Best pair Wedder Lambs -

Ben Lawers Cup - Mr R. Lewis, Auchreoch

Pair Ram Lambs - Mr N. Dunphy, Roromore

Pair Gimmers - Glenbeich Cup - Messrs McLarty, Glentarken

Male Group of 3 - Gilbert Campbell Trophy - Mr N. Dunphy, Roromore

Best lamb - Messrs McLarty, Glentarken

Best Sheep (opp sex to Champion) - Messrs McLarty, Glentarken

Exhibitor with most points -

Messrs McLarty, Glentarken

Stockman showing best animal - Bayer Shield - A. McKenzie

Shepherds Class - Derek Barker

Best natural Ewe - Braes of Ardeonaig Cup - Mr K. Taylor, Dall

Sheep other than Blackface

Champion Cross Sheep - Bovain Cup - P. McDiarmid & Co., Shenlarich

Reserve Champion Cross Sheep - Mr N. Aitchison, Bovain

Best Pair Prime Lambs - Mr R. Lewis, Auchreoch

Pair Lambs out of a BF Ewe -

P. McDiarmid & Co., Shenlarich

Pair Lambs out of a cross ewe - P. McDiarmid & Co., Shenlarich

Wool Section

Champion - Mr R. Webster, Meggernie

Reserve Champion - Mr R. Webster, Meggernie

Blackface - Mattress -

Mr R. Webster, Meggernie

Blackface - Fine - Mr N. Aitchison, Bovain

Cattle Section

Commercial

Champion - LSM Rosebowl - McDiarmid, Ben Lawers

Reserve Champion - Bank of Scotland Cup - McDiarmid, Ben Lawers

Best Calf native bull -

N. & E. Campbell, Succoth

Best Calf by limousin bull -

McDiarmid, Ben Lawers

Best Calf any other breed -

N. & E. Campbell, Succoth

Best Young Calf - Duncan Clark

Rosebowl - McDiarmid, Ben Lawers

Cow with calf - Inchbuie Cup -

McDiarmid, Ben Lawers

Stockman showing best calf -

Hamish McDiarmid

Highest Points - McDiarmid,

Ben Lawers

Sheep and Cattle Results

Shepherds Class

1. Derek Barker
2. Allan McKenzie
3. Fulton Ronald

Natural shown ewe and lamb

1. Dall
2. Tullochcan
3. Bovain

Ram 3 yrs and over

1. Glentarken
2. Braes of Ardeonaig
3. Bovain

Ram 2 yrs old

1. Glentarken
2. Roromore
3. Roromore

Ram Shearling

1. Glentarken
2. Roromore
3. Glenample

Ewe 3 yrs and upwards

1. Glentarken
2. Dall
3. Keilator

Ewe 2 yrs

1. Glentarken
2. Glentarken
3. Shenlarich

Gimmer

1. Meggernie
2. Glentarken
3. Glentarken

Ram Lamb

1. Roromore
2. Dall
3. Shenlarich

Ewe Lamb

1. Glentarken
2. Roromore
3. Shenlarich

Pair Wedder lambs

1. Auchreoch
2. Dall
3. Tullochcan

Sheep Other than Blackface

Pair cross lambs out of blackface ewe

1. Shenlarich
2. Shenlarich
3. Bovain

Pair of Cross lambs out of a Cross ewe

1. Shenlarich
2. Succoth
3. Tullochmhor

Ewe

1. Shenlarich
2. Shenlarich
3. Tullochcan

Gimmer

1. Bovain
2. Shenlarich
3. Bovain

Ewe Lamb

1. Bovain
2. Shenlarich
3. Shenlarich

Mule Ewe lamb

1. Tullochmhor
2. Morenish
3. Morenish

Sup

1. P McDiarmid & Co, Shenlarich
2. P McDiarmid & Co, Shenlarich
3. N Aitchison, Bovain

Lamb shown by young handler under 11 years

1. Anna McDiarmid
2. Logan & Thomas Reilly
3. Duncan McDiarmid

Lamb shown by young handler 11 - 18 years

1. Lewis McKenzie
2. Lauren McKenzie

Horticultural and Home Crafts

Handicraft Cup - Jinny Dowling

Photography Cup - Mayumi Paterson

Homecraft Cup - Ann Watson

Baking Cup - Elizabeth Woods

Produce Cup - Margaret Ogilvie

Vegetable Cup - Sue Manning

Flower Cup - Bunty MacGregor

Floral Art Cup - Cathie Reid

Girls Cup - Bea Warwick & Seonag Hay

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Friday 4th November

"A House with a Past"

Dr. Bruce Durie

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Friday 2nd December 2011

"Shining Lights - Scotland's
Lighthouses"

Dr. Alison Morrison-Low

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Friday 3rd February 2012

7. 00 pm Annual General Meeting

7. 30 pm "Cornwall to Tomnadashan
and back: a miner's tale."

Gillean Ford

Join us for a glass of wine and a
nibble.

Friday 2nd March 2012

"Dalgirby: a Highland baile"

Gordon Waddell

Friday 13th April 2012

"A History of Stirling in 100 objects"

Dr. Elspeth King

Director Stirling Smith Art Gallery &
Museum, Writer and historian

**All talks at 7.30p.m. unless stated
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Killin Golf Club

Gents Open 6th August

Scratch: The Davies Trophy

- 1 Allan Scougal (Culcrieff) 69
- 2 Kevin Michie (Glencruitten) 70
- 3 Joe MacIntyre (Crieff) 70

Handicap: The Melia Quaich

- 1 Jim Ronald (Killin) 60
- 2 Colin Bashford (Culcrieff) 62
- 3 Paul Melia (Killin) 62

The Wee Claret Jug: (Best Local Overall): Jim Ronald 60

Longest Drive

Category 1 (9th & 18th):

Darek Kuneck (Callander)

(Sponsored by The Wee Bake Shop)

Category 2 (7th & 16th):

Steve Miller (Culcrieff)

(Sponsored by Arthur Crammon – bottle of Malt)

Nearest the Pin

Category 1 (5th & 15th): void

Category 2 (8th & 17th):

Lawrence Begg (Tillicoultry)

(Sponsored by Invertay House – Bruce's bottle)

All in 3 (9th & 18th):

Allan Scougal (Culcrieff)

(Sponsored by The Real Food Café – Meal Voucher)

Magic 2's

Ian Hay (Granton on Spey)

Jim Ronald (Killin) x2

Andy Cousins (Killin) x2

Barry Cousins (Shawpark)

Bruce Ford (Killin)

George Aitchison (Culcrieff)

Davy Bremner (Culcrieff)

John MacCallum (Glencruitten)

John Jones (Glencruitten)

Kevin Machie (Glencruitten)

Martin Tait (Glencruitten)

CSS: 65

Senior Gents Open

7th September

Category 1 (0-14)

- 1 Bruce Ford (Killin) 61
- 2 B Lawson (Crieff) 66
- 3 Donald Sutherland (Linlithgow) 67

Category 2 (15-28)

- 1 A Sheriffs (Blair Atholl) 70 BIH
- 2 Ken Roberts (Callander) 70
- 3 Bobby Johnston (Dalmally) 72

Nearest the pin 15-28:

Peter Stallard (Killin)

Nearest the pin 0 - 14:

Donald Sutherland (Linlithgow)

Nearest the pin in 2:

Bobby Johnston (Dalmally)

Handicap winner (Kiltyrie Trophy)

Bruce Ford (Killin) 61

Mactaggart Trophy (Best Local

h/cap 15-28): W Archibald (Killin) 73

Lix Toll Trophy (Best Local h/cap 1-14):

Bruce Ford (Killin) 61

Magic 2's

D Sutherland (Linlithgow) x2

A Sheriffs (Blair Atholl)

J Christie (Helensburgh)

CS67



Jim Ronald with Andy & Kate Cousins

The Annual Prize Giving has been moved to Friday 21st October. Please contact the clubhouse for more details 01567 820312

Senior Ladies Open 21st September

Results

Overall Scratch: Margaret McRae (Pitlochry) 44

Overall Handicap : Janet Buchanan (Dalmally) 36

Silver Division:

1. Janet Buchanan (Dalmally) 36
2. Maureen Taggart (Old Ranfurly) 37
3. Merope Dunlop (Old Ranfurly) 37

Bronze Division:

1. Moira Hogg (Old Ranfurly) 38
2. Christine Soutar (Blairgowrie) 39
3. Sheena Davies (Crieff) 39

Longest Drive - Silver :

Janet Buchanan (Dalmally)

Longest Drive - Bronze : Jo Miller (Taymouth)

Nearest the Pin : Mary Cullens

(Strathtay) 9ft 8"

Magic 2's: Margaret McRae

(Pitlochry)



Bruce Ford



Sheena Johnston, Sheena Davies, Sheena Storie and Sheena Chisholm



McLaren High School

Top Team for session 2011/12



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

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

McLaren High took delivery of a large package from Sainsburys this week! It included among other things, table tennis bats, balls for PE, pizza trays, food storage boxes and vegetable peelers for HE. These items were obtained as part of the Active Kids Voucher scheme and we would like to thank everyone who handed in vouchers to the school for their help in achieving this. Many of our pupils will now benefit from your generosity.

Senior Awards Ceremony

On Thursday 8 September McLaren High School held its annual Senior Awards Ceremony. Stephen McIlvenny piped the platform party into the hall. Two hundred and thirty senior pupils had their academic, sporting and community achievements recognised. Alto saxophonist Daniel Speirs drew the event to a close. Rachel Speirs (solo voice) and Harry Milligan (trombone) captivated the audience with their musical interludes.

Henrietta Bowie



Henrietta Bowie from Gartmore won the prestigious Dux award.

The outgoing Head Boy and Head Girl's speeches were particularly moving as they spoke of all the good times, the friends they have



Outgoing Head Boy and Head Girl
Callum MacDougall and Jessie Menzies

made and the happy memories that have shaped them over their 6 years at McLaren.

Douglas Connell of Turcan Connell, a leading Edinburgh firm of solicitors and asset managers, gave the keynote address: "The more you practice the luckier you get". The whole McLaren community is very 'lucky' to have such talented and dedicated young people in their midst!



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Killin Primary School

In P5/6/7, we made our own World War Two acrostic poems using our own knowledge of how the war started. We made our acrostic poems by writing all the letters of the word down the side. Then we wrote a sentence about how World War Two started beginning each letter. Here are some of our finished poems.

Jack Robinson & Amy Forster

War was horrific.
Over houses bombs dropped.
Red sky from fumes.
Lives lost.
Devastated families.
Why, why, did the war start?
Air raid shelters built.
Rationing food, starving people.
The Blitz destroyed many homes.
Writing letters to loved ones.
Over six years of battle.
Joshua Douglas

Woeful memories still fill the hearts of people of that awful day,
On the 3rd of September 1939,
Rough lives for soldiers when they fought for their countries,
Leaving families behind meant broken hearts and floods of tears,
Death of loved ones was a constant worry to all,
Women from the city let their husbands go to war,
Agony as they sent children away to the safety of the countryside,
Ruthless Nazis destroyed everything they could on Adolf Hitler's commands,
Terrible Hitler struck fear into innocent hearts,
War left many broken hearted,
Only these were the days when the war had just started. There were six more years of tears to come.

Hazel Lafferty

Fun in Term 1!

When war started in 1939, there was a lot of devastation,
Over the days at the start of the war the brave soldiers risked their lives for their countries,
Radios announced that war was declared,
Lives were lost, houses were lost and cities were destroyed,
Determined to take over other countries Adolf Hitler lead the Nazi party to war,

Winston Churchill became Prime Minister of Great Britain in 1940.
All the children in big cities were evacuated and taken to the countryside.
Russia, France and Great Britain were allies.

The War went on until the year 1945.
"War, war, what is it good for?"
"Of course we'll win, we'll win for sure!"

Annie MacNaughton

Class 2 have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians! We have really enjoyed finding out about this interesting and (sometimes) yucky culture. We have stepped back in time to create our own timeline, drawn our own Egyptian houses and made collages of Egyptian Gods. When learning about mummies and tombs we turned Sam into our very own mummy! It was gruesome but fun. Our next plan is to turn part of our classroom into the tomb of Tutankhamun. We can't wait to find out more about the Ancient Egyptians!

All about me

Class 2 have been learning to use adjectives to write descriptively. Here are parts of Becca's and Lydia's descriptions.

My name is Becca and I am 7 years old. I live with my Mum, Dad and my younger brother. We all love playing outside and having barbeques because they are lots of fun.
 I have long hair. I have blue eyes, they are really blue like the ocean. My hair is all brown like coconuts. I have a rainbow hairband, my top is black. I used to have curly hair but now my hair is as straight as paper. I am usually really happy.

My name is Lydia and I am 7 years old. I am a pupil at Killin Primary School. I live with my Mom, Dad and my little sisters, I also live with my naughty dog Blue, he is seven and a half months old.
 I have gold-brown hair. My eyes are blue like the sparkling ocean and I am wearing a black ra-ra dress and beautiful shoes.
 I am very healthy, I eat lots of fruit especially bananas and kiwis too. I like to roller skate and skate board. I like walking my dog, it is very fun. I am very kind to my friends and family because they're nice to me. I have a dog which is clever like me.

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Killin Primary School



Killin and Crianlarich Nursery

We are looking forward to a busy autumn term at nursery and all the children have settled well after their summer break.

We are currently developing our garden in Crianlarich and would like to thank all the parents, friends, staff and families who gave up their Sunday to come along and help us, this was very much appreciated. If

anyone is willing to help in any way please let us know.

Thanks to the Parents Group who helped to organise a stall at the Killin Show and provided the children with lots of fun activities. Well done to the children who won 2nd prize in the parade! However our entries in the vegetable section didn't fare so well, better luck next time.

Killin nursery will soon be doing a "Big Toddle" for Barnados and Crianlarich will be having a "Welly Waddle" for Cot Death Trust. Look out for the children out and about shaking their bucket for these good causes.

Hair Raising £400

I would like to say a big thank you to all who sponsored me for my big haircut in June. As well as donating 12 inches of hair to the "The Little Princess Trust", who provide real hair wigs for children aged two to eighteen years who have lost their hair through cancer or other illness. I was able to raise £400 in sponsorship. This money goes towards the making and provision of the wigs allowing the trust to provide them for children free of charge. So thank you very much.

Iona Pritchard



Iona with her Mum Loraine and the hairdresser



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Local Planning Applications

National Park

Week Commencing 18 July

Proposal: Development of an underground mine to extract gold and silver with associated service and production building, plant, storage area, Tailings Management Facility (TMF), recirculation pond and gauging station, diversion of burn, access roads, bridge and car parking. Further revision of proposals Ref 90/01102/DET/S and Ref 2010/0017/MI
Location: Minerals, Cononish Road, Tyndrum

Applicant: Mr Chris Sangster

Application Type: Minerals Planning Permission

Week Commencing 01 August

Proposal: Erection of Boarding Kennels (retrospective)

Location: Leskine Farm Crianlarich Killin

Applicant: Mr James Booth

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Refuse

Week Commencing 22 August

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

Decision: Approve

Week Commencing 22 August

Proposal: Installation of replacement windows

Location: Auchlyne House Auchlyne Road Killin

Applicant: Mrs Emma Paterson

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Decision: Refused by Scottish Government 22 August 2011

Week Commencing 29 August

Proposal: Change of use and alterations to the former butchers shop to an administrative office

Location: Silver Cottage, Main Street, Killin

Applicant: Mr Alan Skelton

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Proposal: Installation of 3 rooflights

Location: Alma Cottage, 1 Clifton Road, Tyndrum

Applicant: Mr Scott Carey

Application Type: Householder Planning Permission

Decision: Neighbour Notification

Week Commencing 05 September

Proposal: Re-roofing works including replacement flashings

Location: Breadalbane House Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Van Doorn

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Neighbour Notification

Proposal: Erection of 2 holiday accommodation chalets

Location: Auchtertyre House Tyndrum Crianlarich

Applicant: Ms Lisa Burton

Application Type: Planning Permission in Principle

Decision: Neighbour Notification

Perth & Kinross Council

5 July

Proposal: Extension to dwellinghouse

Location: Dunaird Fearnan Aberfeldy

Applicant: Mr D Butler

Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Application Approved

Stirling

7 July

Proposal: Demolish existing extension and erect new stone faced, slate roofed extension

Location: 3 Auchmore Killin FK21 8ST

Applicant: Mr & Mrs MacIver

Application Type: Full

Decision: Pending Consideration

5 September

Proposal: Single storey extension to front and new dormer to rear

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Decision: Pending Consideration



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Graham

19.9.1924-10.5.2011

Graham lived in Killin for most of his life, going to McLaren High School in Callander. During World War 2 he was in the Royal Navy as an Aztec operator, detecting enemy submarines on the Atlantic convoys protecting merchant ships taking aid and munitions to Russia. So grateful were the Russian Government that he received medals from Russia in recognition for his service.

He worked alongside his parents in the local family woollen trade and was a JP and sat on many committees in the village. He was also a keen sportsman, taking great pleasure in salmon fishing, curling, and golfing and he followed Falkirk F.C. going to watch every home game.

Margaret

16.10.1925-20.4.11

Margaret came to Killin from Glasgow after being evacuated during the war. She did National Service in the Army before returning to Killin to marry Graham and work alongside him in the family

business. They had two sons and four granddaughters. In her younger years, she was a Guide Leader and organiser of the church flowers - flowers were a great passion of hers till the end. She enjoyed shopping trips to Falkirk while Graham went to the football. Graham and Margaret had many friends in Killin and made many further afield through the shop and they enjoyed keeping up with them.

Gavin Wilson

Joseph Wood

10.2.1936-27.5.2011

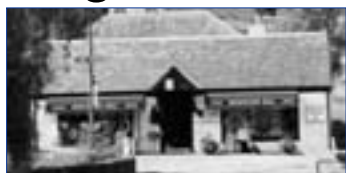
Joey was a familiar face during the summer months in Killin. He was born and brought up in Portessie, Buckie, on the shores of the Moray Firth. His father, James, was a local skipper and the sea kept calling Joey back throughout his varied working life.

On leaving school, he served his apprenticeship as a plasterer (5 years in those days) with a local building firm, Packman and Sons. We married in June 1959 and our first visit to Killin was in 1965 when we stayed at Maragowan campsite. Although Joey couldn't read music,

he could play anything with a keyboard - piano, accordion, even a church organ and it was because he was playing an accordion at the Killin Hotel during that holiday that we met a couple who were to become lifelong friends, Hilda and Harry Gittins from Shrewsbury. Our second visit to Killin was in 1970, camping again with Hilda and Harry and this time with our two children, Jennifer and Michael. We stayed at Cruachan which, at that time, was run by Jim and Jess Campbell, who made everyone feel at home. From then onwards, Cruachan and the area became such a special place in our lives. Every opportunity we got,



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we'd head off to Killin for a holiday or weekend, whenever there was a caravan available. Eventually, we had our own residential caravan at Cruachan and Joey loved it. There was nothing more enjoyable to him than to meet up with local folk for a good natter and, if an accordion was available, he had the makings of a good night – and there were many! In recent years, Joey struggled with poor health but kept on going, never giving in. When Maureen asked if I would like to help at Cruachan during the summer season, we were delighted and spent the last few summers enjoying the company of the regulars and welcoming new visitors to Cruachan. Joey was often seen parked outside the Coop, Lix Toll or the dump on a Saturday morning (pipe in hand) speaking to anyone who would stop by for a chat. He was a real character who loved life, people and music and always had a funny story to tell. He's fair missed by us a'. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Drs de Laat and Syme for their understanding and care to Joey during our summers at Killin and wish Dr de Laat many happy years enjoying her garden.

Nancy Wood

John Vallance-Owen 1920-2011



"John V-O" on his 90th birthday

Professor John Vallance-Owen Emeritus professor of medicine, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin (b 1920; qualified Cambridge 1946; MD, FRCP) died on 23 July 2011.

John Vallance-Owen ("John V-O") was educated at Epsom College where he won a scholarship to St John's College, Cambridge. A further scholarship took him to the London Hospital, where he stayed

on after qualifying, and worked with Sir Horace Evans. After a period of research into diabetes at Hammersmith Hospital and a Rockefeller Fellowship in America, he became a consultant physician and academic at Newcastle in 1958, and then professor of medicine in Belfast in 1966. In 1976 he (along with his brother in law Douglas Thornton) purchased Cuildochart and was a frequent visitor to Killin until a couple of years ago when his health deteriorated to point where he was unable to travel from his home in Cambridge. In 1983 he was recruited as foundation professor of medicine and associate dean at the new Chinese University of Hong Kong. Retiring in 1988, he continued private practice in London into his eighties. In spite of a birth injury to his right arm, he excelled at tennis and rowing as a young man and later took up golf (he was a member of Killin Golf Club for many years) and he also played the French horn. He leaves a wife Renée, two sons and two daughters, and 11 grandchildren.

Colin Vallance-Owen



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Letters

Think About It

Sympathy

Ron and Sue Wallace wish to express their condolences to David, Neil, Emma, the Bowser family and all the many friends of Judy Bowser on her passing. It is our hope that the enduring memories of Judy's strength of character and the joy she brought to all of us will assuage some of the pain of her passing.

Visiting Killin

"I love getting into scrapes, for they are the only things that are never serious." (Oscar Wilde) This is so - because intricate problems or hardships can be occasionally turned to one's favour. It just so happened to be the case when we, a Dutch family, were assaulted by regiments of midges on the Isle of Skye. Since nobody except the local population could stand them, we were obliged to leave the camping site. Subsequently we vowed that, wherever there might be midges, sleeping in tents would never again be attempted. The following days were thus spent in B&B's, but, as we intended to remain at one place for a week, we were advised to go to Pitlochry. However, on our way we passed a picturesque little village called Killin. We can't recall exactly what charmed us into staying. It could have been the magnificent river or perhaps it was grandeur of the Ben Lawers. Most likely though, it was the friendly, light-hearted atmosphere that the village radiated. It was very fortunate therefore, that the staff from the tourist office were able to find us a lovely cottage (Gracedieu) where we enjoyed the remainder of the week. In that week, Killin's kindness was ascertained during Clanscape. This event demonstrated that the village has a sustainable mindset and is truly tourist friendly at heart. Nevertheless, progress is inevitable and it has come to our attention that the Tourist Information Centre is to be taken over. We would deeply regret the disappearance of the staff for, without them, we and many other people would have passed Killin without having paid it a visit and that would have been very unfortunate indeed.

Dylan van Gervan

I once read that almost every culture in the world has a folk-tale about "three magic wishes". Most of the stories feature a genie or some other mythical creature who grants the requests of a patron. Many of these tales end in tragedy.

Among the most poignant of these stories is the tale of a stockbroker who met a genie on the way to his office. When offered a wish, the man asked for and received a copy of his local newspaper dated one year into the future. He quickly turned to the financial page, hoping to "make a killing" in the stock market. However, he found more than he bargained for. On the opposite page of the paper he saw his own photograph in an obituary describing how he was killed in an automobile accident the previous day.

Life is short and very uncertain. We cannot know what the future holds. We can only ask God to turn us away from trivial pursuits and direct our hearts to follow Him. We pray as Moses did in Psalm 90, "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom".

Ladd Fagereson



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Celebrations



Lachlan Thomas Taylor, born on 23rd April 2011 to Cameron & Elaine Taylor of Portnellan



Matthew Morris born 4th October 2010 to Michelle Butcher and Richard Morris from Dunipace. First grandchild to John and Jennifer Morris, who are chuffed to bits!

Siobhan Anderson and Friends

Siobhan was recently invited by the Tolbooth Arts Centre in Stirling to hold a concert showcasing her music to date, inviting some good friends to accompany her.

Since graduating from Strathclyde University with a BA in Applied Music, Siobhan has been fortunate enough to be involved with arranging a pilot ceiliidh trail through Fèis Fhoirt in Central Scotland. This has involved bringing a group of youngsters with various musical skills together to practise and perform at numerous venues throughout central Scotland. So it seemed appropriate to feature these talented youngsters. The first half of the concert included music from clarsach, accordion as well as lovely Gaelic singing.

In the second part of the concert Siobhan invited fellow music students Jen Austin on Keyboard and Alan on double bass to join her. A varied programme followed including some well known fiddle tunes as well as pieces written by Siobhan. This delighted the audience who ranged from family and school and university pals to some familiar Killin faces and even some from as far as Bridge of Orchy.

Siobhan was grateful to all who came and also to the Tolbooth for giving her this great opportunity.

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First Attempt at World Trial Championship

Having been a spectator at the World round in 2010 Andrew decided he would like a chance to give it a try and was fortunate to secure an entry at this year's World Trial Championship at Fort William. Being the only Scots competitor on home soil was a daunting task. The sections were challenging and more difficult than anything he had ever done. Riding beside world famous riders like Bou, Raga and the previous winner, Fujinami, was an honour. However he gave it his best shot and completed the trial coming 13th overall in the youth class and gaining championship points.

Next year Andrew would like to take part in the British championship, which involves nine rounds all round Britain, and again in the World Round at Fort William.

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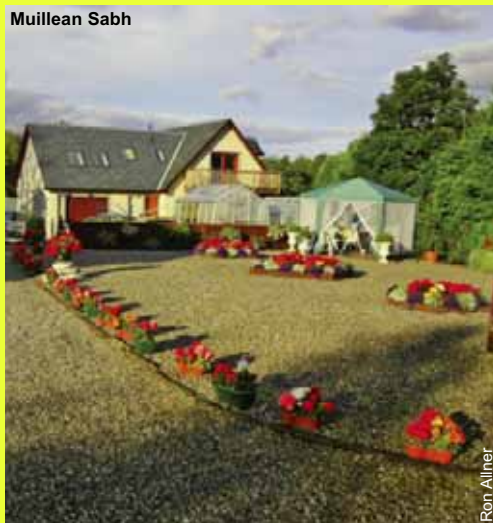
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The local Hydro Staff decided to use their "Community Service Volunteer Day" to make and install a bench above Lochay Power Station. This has been constructed from totally recycled material - the metal was old tunnel arch supports and the wood came from the old windows which were removed from Cashlie Power Station in Glen Lyon.

The name on the bench "Brendan Connolly" is in memory of a friend and colleague who was killed in a road accident on his way home from work at Perth Control Room in March 2011.

Roger Twigg



Jim Cushley, Cameron Frost, Roger Twigg

Staff at Scottish and Southern Energy Hydro Generation Division have been awarded money for a local charity as part of the company's "Safety Award for "Excellence" scheme to reward teams who have an outstanding safety record. Everyone from Hydro Generation was thrilled to get this safety award and feel proud to be able to donate £1250 to the Killin Care Trust.

Roger Twigg
Southern Hydro
Manager



The Killin Care Trust are very grateful to the Hydro Board for this donation and others over the years. The money will be used to buy a Stand Aid to assist residents at the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home out of their chairs or onto a wheelchair without injury to either the resident or the carer.

Roger retired from the Hydro Board on 16th September after 42 years and we would like to wish him a good and well deserved retirement.

Jim Cushley



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The Committee is pleased to announce that the annual Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday 12th

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Music by the Fergie MacDonald Ceilidh Band and a similar format to previous years - i.e. a formal dress dinner, followed by a ceilidh dance running roughly to the following timescale:-

6:30pm - 7:00pm Pre-dinner welcome

7:00pm - 9:15pm Formal dinner

9:15pm - 9:30pm Presentation of KBAC competition trophies

9:30pm - 01:00am Ceilidh dance

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Killin WRI

Coffee Morning

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As always, this will be used for the Killin Primary School Christmas Party.

Killin Show

This year's theme for the WRI competition at the Killin Show was Valentine's Day. The judge commented on the very high standard of the entries and the ladies from Killin WRI were fortunate to win by a narrow margin. Congratulations to Margaret Galloway, Ellen Stewart and Jenny Huntley.

Upcoming Meetings

7.30 Wednesday, 26th October:

Killin WRI will be hosting the Breadalbane WRI Group meeting. Tayside Police Force Wildlife and Environmental Officer, Alan Stewart, will be speaking about the work done to help ensure the protection of wildlife throughout the region.

7.30pm on Thursday,

3rd November: We will hear from May Nicholson of The Preshal Trust. The people at Preshal (gaelic for "precious") help those suffering social exclusion due to alcoholism, poverty, drug addiction, low literacy and numeracy levels, depression and low self-esteem in the Linthouse area of Glasgow. Details of the excellent work carried out by this charity can be found at <http://preshaltrust.org.uk/>. We look forward to welcoming members from Ardeonaig, Dull and Fearnan to this meeting.

7.30pm on Thursday,

1st December : A cookery demonstration by Matt Duncan from Lochearnhead. Matt will show us

how to create a selection of scrumptious starters. As an accomplished member of the Callander Amateur Operatic Society, he may even be persuaded to perform a song or two if the mood takes him.

Whist Drive

7.30 Saturday, 5th November: Our annual whist drive will take place and we will also be holding a raffle, serving tea, coffee, sandwiches and lots of delicious home baking. Highly sought after prizes will be awarded to those with the highest and lowest scores (there is always keen competition for the leek!). All welcome.

Angela Ramsay
Secretary, Killin WRI

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Killin's first weekend Festival of Comedy was a great success with local hotels and guest houses packed with drama participants and their enthusiastic supporters. Even the inclement weather didn't deter our intrepid amateurs who crowded into the local coffee shops whilst the rain poured down before venturing further afield to explore neighbouring Tyndrum, Kenmore and Aberfeldy. Each evening a warm welcome awaited in Killin's McLaren Hall



Killin DC - Cannae Cook Wilnae Cook

attractively transformed into a nightclub setting with performances interchanging between the main stage and a specially constructed cabaret area. Leittheatre stalwarts Don Arnott and Phyllis Ross staged Lauri Wylie's hilarious sketch 'Dinner for One', made famous by comedian Freddie Frinton as James the Butler attempting to serve his mistress Miss Sophie plus a group of imaginary guests at a dinner party and becoming more inebriated in the process. This proved a great curtain-raiser for the event.

Kirkcaldy Amateur Dramatic Society followed with Paul Beard's comedy thriller 'Cliff's Edge' in which a group of individuals with suicidal intent gather on the brink of a precipice and there were strong performances in Euan M. Howell's production. The final spot in the Friday programme was admirably filled by Falkirk's Tryst Theatre providing everyone with another opportunity to enjoy their Swindon-bound production of Yasmina Reza's 'Art' Act One. The cast were in sparkling form as the three friends whose relationship becomes strained following the purchase of a hugely expensive modern painting. Next evening our genial Master of Ceremonies, Gordon Hibbert, once again guided his audience through the varied programme of humorous offerings. Linlithgow Players presented 'On the Outside' by Leonard Morley directed by John McNeil in which Denzil, after spending an uncomfortable night on a park bench, wakes up to be confronted by Miss Havisham-lookalike Kate. he filling in the Saturday night sandwich was provided by veteran group The Mercators from Edinburgh, giving us a flavour of their Festival Fringe offering 'About Gilbert'. Written and compiled by Douglas Currie, the piece traces the life and writings of famous librettist W.S. Gilbert. The ladies of Kirkcaldy Amateur Dramatic Society brought the evening to a laughter-filled conclusion with 'Bus Stop' by Rae Shirley, which gave full scope to a gallery of superb character performances.



Killin DC - Murphy and O'Toole

Each item was interspersed with a selection of short sketches performed by members of Killin Drama Club - my personal favourites being the Alphabet Duo and 'Cannae Cook, Wilnae Cook' with its host of Scottish place names.



Killin DC - Seance

A tasty supper was provided by our hosts before everyone departed with smiles on their faces. Immense thanks to Andrew Murphy, Martin Butler and friends for their technical support and to everyone who worked hard behind the scenes at Killin. This event was devised as a fundraiser for the Association and a generous cheque was presented to H.Q. Roll on Komedly Festival II.

Stephen Lambert

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Your National Park - Your Say

New Convener Linda McKay urges communities and businesses to help

shape the National Park. On August 25, Loch Lomond and The Trossachs launched the draft National Park Plan 2012-2017.. Communities along with businesses in the National Park from Argyll up to the Trossachs are vital to the success of the National Park. We will continue our focus on conservation, visitor experience and rural development and build on our past successes including transforming east Loch Lomond from a no go zone into a family friendly visitor destination, restoring some of the best known buildings in Callander and Killin through our Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme, the new bridge at Bracklinn

Falls which has had a marked impact on visitor numbers, a new local plan which will help guide development in the Park and a new business forum and toolkit, designed to help businesses across Loch Lomond and The Trossachs.

Moving forward, we need you to comment on some of the ideas for action that came out of community workshops including managing water bodies and rivers to reduce pollution and flooding, improving facilities in the countryside like toilets and car parks, managing traffic in rural areas and affordable housing for young people.

We hope that this draft Plan addresses the practical requirements needed to make this National Park a truly special place. Working together across public private and voluntary sectors is paramount in this

challenging climate and this Plan provides an opportunity to deliver services in an innovative and coordinated way.

The draft Park Plan provides a blueprint for a National Park we can all be proud of. For that to happen, we need to know what your hopes for this Park are.

We look forward to seeing your comments.



Heart of Scotland Herb Society

Our meetings this year will begin with a presentation on Chocolate which will be held on 19th October at the Aberfeldy Town Hall at 7.30pm. This will be followed in November by our AGM and seed/plant swap on the 16th, again at the Town Hall, Aberfeldy. Our Christmas Luncheon will be on 7th December, at The Green Park Hotel and this is a members only event. Hopefully, in between the showers, you have all been harvesting herbs for the winter season and seeds for next year's plants. Do keep removing flower heads from those lovely but prolific, easily spreading varieties: Sweet Cicely, Verbascum, Marjoram, Feverfew, Lady's Mantle, Fennel, Borage and some of the Thymes, which will take over

valuable space next year unless you are diligent just now. Many of your herb plants can also be split now and shared with friends, so keep this in mind when clearing, tidying and putting your border to rest for next season. Just a little care at this time will protect these wonderful plants over winter and ensure continued success and rewards this following Spring.

Anyone wishing more information about joining the Herb Society or further programme information for this season, please phone either

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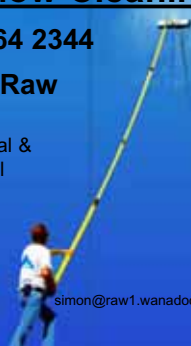
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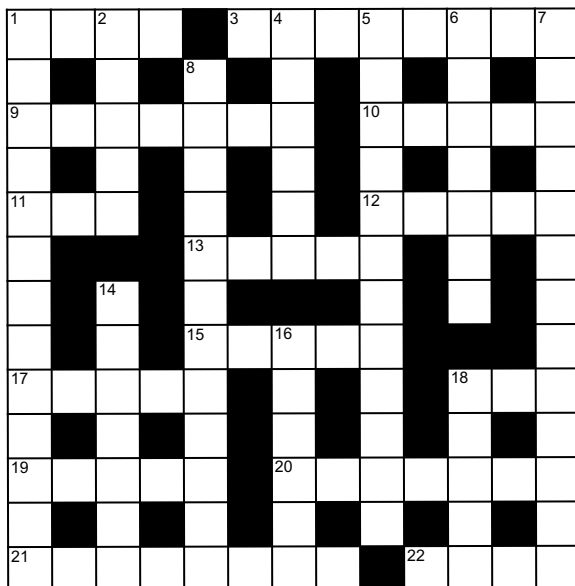
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Across

- 1 Sat with little king to perform a duty (4)
 3 Practice about funeral carriage (8)
 9 Encounter gives me odd touch of colour (7)
 10 Surfaced to make progress easier (5)
 11 Arboreal endangered species? (3)
 12 Vehicle hesitantly helps others (5)
 13 Employ something to fix suite (3,2)
 15 Toxic waste resulting from overexertion (5)
 17 Former performance is correct in every detail (5)
 18 Insect in tube escapes easily (3)
 19 To choose, I hear, a subject of conversation (5)
 20 Strange eagle in ancestral tree (7)
 21 Touch judges electrical cable workers (8)
 22 To overcome the most excellent (4)

Solution 123

Across

- 4 anagram 8 bridal 9 swallow 10 tendon
 11 raised 12 depended 18 earphone 20 firths
 21 tourer 22 holiday 23 rescue 24 entered

Down

- 1 ebb tide 2 kidnaps 3 baboon 5 new order 6 gillie 7 atoned 13 dressage 14 correct 15 bearded
 16 disown 17 attire 19 proper

Down

- 1 Harden a thought process to be volatile (13)
 2 Vapour from cooked meats (5)
 4 Driver, searcher or besieger, though one never in charge (6)
 5 Fearful or optimistic anticipations (12)
 6 Concerning poetry, take a step back (7)

- 7 Trial of hardship or privation (9,4)
 8 Collect firewood for a table game invented in China (4-2,6)
 14 Muscle ache connected to climbing aid (7)
 16 Develop in an organic way? (6)
 18 Fearless Red Indian warrior (5)



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What's On in Killin and District

October

- 7 Strathfillan Lunch Club 12.30pm (page 12)
- 7 Heritage Society meeting Lesser Hall 7.30pm (page 25)
- 12 Cafe Sci meeting Tyndrum Village Hall 7pm (page 11)
- 15 Tarmachan Hill Race (page 7)
- 19 Herb Society meeting Aberfeldy Hall 7.30pm (page 35)
- 20 Talk about Mt Everest at The Big Shed 7.30pm (page 18)
- 20 Church Guild meeting Community Rooms 7pm
- 21 Ardeonaig & Ardtalnaig CA outing Ten Pin Bowling (tel 829404)
- 22 Green Team meet at the School 10.30am (page 7)
- 26 WRI meeting McLaren Hall 7.30pm (page 39)
- 28 Community Bus Glasgow trip (page 25)
- 28 Harvest Supper and Choir Concert

Ballroom Dancing
Fridays
Lochearnhead Hall
7.30pm

Badminton
Mondays
Crianlarich Hall
7.30pm
starts 1st Nov

Badminton
Mondays
McLaren Hall
from 6.30pm
Tues from 6pm

Brownies
Mondays
?Church Hall
3.30-5pm

Carpet Bowls
Mondays
Lesser Hall
7.30pm

Choir
Tuesdays
?Church Hall
7.30pm

Tuesday Club
Community
Rooms 2pm

Craft Group
Tuesdays
Tyndrum Village Hall
10.30am-1.30pm

Internet/Learning Cafe
Tuesday & Fridays
Tyndrum Hall
11am-4pm

November

- 4 Heritage meeting Lesser Hall 7.30pm (page 25)
- 5 Bakery Course Big Shed 10am (page 18)
- 5 WRI Whist Drive 7.30pm McLaren Hall
- 9 Killin CC meeting Primary School 7.30pm
- 10 Cafe Sci meeting Tyndrum Village Hall 7pm (page 11)
- 11 or 12 Community Bus outing Livingston (page 25)
- 12 Angling Club Dinner Dance (page 39)
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Slimmers
Tuesdays
Crianlarich Hall
7.30pm

Tai Chi
Tuesdays
Tyndrum Hall
9am

Craft Group (Killin)
Tuesdays
Littlecroft
10am

Youth Group (Killin)
Tuesdays
Sports and Social Club
7.30pm

Toddler Group
1st & 3rd Thursdays
?Church Hall
10am

Quilters
Wednesdays
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6.30-9.30pm
starts 20th Oct

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14th Nov Brown
21st Nov Grey/Green
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