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Editorial

Is this a wake-up call?

The country is in recession, Stirling Council is cash-strapped and wants someone to take responsibility for visitor toilets, the Folklore centre is closed and its relevant brown sign at Lix Toll will soon disappear, there is no tourist information centre remaining in the village, one of the two main retail food outlets in the village along with its adjoining florist/garden centre business has ceased trading as has the Youth Hostel. Even before this, when times were better we lost other businesses including a bakery and two butchers. One good thing is that Killin is one of eight Visitor Hubs in the National Park.

Stirling Community Planning Partners have published their aspirations which include things like: *commitment to tackling inequalities, more disadvantaged citizens are supported, strong and resilient communities, a growing population and vibrant economy that is open for business.* The flip side of that is: *where people participate and take responsibility for their lives and their communities.*

This is a community that depends on tourism. With each loss there is less for tourists to do in the area especially in wet weather. Reduction in tourism will affect every business and every part of the community directly or indirectly. The community has no central tourist or business group to look into the problems it faces, no group to plan and develop initiatives to improve local footfall, support local facilities or interact with local authorities and their partners to ensure they understand local problems. We should not forget that Stirling Council is 37 miles away from Killin. That makes it difficult for people who live in Stirling to make good strategic decisions to support our community. It is only by developing a strong representation from our own business and tourism sector that we can establish the authority to negotiate our case with the 'powers that be'. There is still time to be proactive rather than belatedly react to circumstances thrust upon us. We may be marginal to the Stirling area but we don't need to be marginalised. If you agree, want to help, and have not already done so please ring me (Willie Angus) on 802038.

MacGregor's shop's closure came as a great surprise to most of us in the village accompanied by sadness that a retail outlet of such long standing should suddenly become unviable. It was more than a shop, a piece of Killin's history and a landmark, it was also a meeting place where local discussion and information exchange took place. Its loss will leave a gap that would be hard for any subsequent business to fill and it leaves more local unemployment in its wake.

Congratulations Strathfillan. The televised story of your support for the gold mine planning case shows how a resilient and determined community can help develop its own destiny. This is yet one more success of which you can all be proud. We wish you continued success in the long term. **WA**



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After nearly 90 years - Goodbye, MacGregor's

All over the country small shops are closing and when these are in small communities the impact is felt more directly. With the closure of MacGregor's, Killin is losing not just one shop, but three - the grocery, the garden centre and the florist, all with a delivery service - and six more people have lost their jobs. The Co-op in Killin is much better than it used to be and supermarkets make it so easy to get everything from the one place. Now that they deliver to outlying villages, it is not even necessary to make the effort to go there and young people have grown up not used to old fashioned small shops. So, with demand dropping, the decision was reluctantly taken to close MacGregor's. It will be much missed, particularly by the elderly for whom a short walk to buy food might be their only source not only of food but of village news. Though we can go elsewhere for our groceries, there is now

nowhere handy to get garden supplies or flowers for special occasions.

MacGregor's was started in the mid 1920s by Bob MacGregor (of motor cycle fame) as a fruit shop. In November 1962 it was bought by Sandy Webster, who was joined by his son, Gordon, in February 1963. After his father's death in 1971, Gordon took it over and with his wife, Sheila, ran it until four years ago. The fruit shop gradually developed into other areas almost accidentally. It had stocked a few flowers and some compost and when Gordon moved these into an empty part of the shop next door 'for Christmas', they stayed there and the business blossomed. The garden centre started on the site of an old garage behind the shop and later expanded further back, initially for no rent in return for the place being tidied up. Gordon took over sales of groceries when another shop closed and the wholesale side evolved as he began supplying hotels in the area. A mobile shop was part of the existing business in 1962 and a further two were added in the 60s servicing the Hydro Scheme camps as well as surrounding villages. Fish always came from the same supplier in Aberdeen - originally by train. At one time there were in fact nine shops in the village all selling food but travelling to



Gregor MacKenzie and Gordon Webster

Stirling then was not as easy as it is today and Stirling shops didn't deliver. Running the business was hard work and long hours - up early in the morning to the market and then working in the shop all day. 'Days off' were spent buying plants.

When Gordon decided to retire he handed over to his nephew, Darren Webster, and Gregor Mackenzie, who had both worked in the shop for several years. When Darren left the area, Gregor took sole charge but Gordon still kept an eye on things. They are both very sad at the closure, particularly for the staff, but feel that times and habits have changed and they are bowing to the inevitable.

Nobody likes to see empty shops and the hope is that someone else will come along and build up new businesses which will flourish.

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Killin Community Council November Meeting

Bio mass project: Planning has been granted. The excess heat that will be created is to be put to good use for the community and should create extra employment. It will cost approximately £20 million to build the project, with a time scale of about 20 months. Access to the National Grid should be available next year. The project has a life of 40 years and money will be put aside for decommissioning purposes. A meeting was proposed with KAT, EAK and the Big Shed to discuss a community project that will make good use of the excess heat.

Road maintenance: Ardeonaig Road not to be fixed until next year. Trees are to be cut at the golf course and opposite in due course. Trees opposite ambulance station to be trimmed.

A street lamp at the ambulance depot not working has been reported. Sign at Riverview to be cleaned. Work has commenced on the Dochart and Lochay bridges
Playpark: £1047.00 has been awarded from the Community Pride fund.

Breadalbane Forum: Les Goodfellow is helping with the ideas of the Community Forum for the village maintenance strategy

Cemetery: Vastly improved and the moles have been reported.

Costcutter site: Stirling Council has purchased the site and 12 units are to be built. Tony Cain to be asked to the next meeting.

Signage to pipeline: Ongoing

Kings House Buses: Ongoing

Community futures: Community Action Plan is complete and will be in Killin News (See P15)

Old Mill: A meeting will be held on 17th November to discuss next move. The Healing Stones are now in the church. Artefacts are being stored in various local homes. Brown Breadalbane Folklore signs will have to be removed.

Christmas tree: Gordon Aitken to attend to, Stitt Bros to be asked to erect tree and an electrician (to be determined) to be asked to put up the lights.

Turning circle: All the kerbs are destroyed as lorries and buses keep hitting them.

Fireworks Insurance: Community Council to pay.

Stirling: There is a choice between "Steadfast as the rock" and "Heid high and gang forrit" for the Motto A celebration of youth to take place at the site of the Battle of Bannockburn in 2014 involving all schools in the Stirling council and Clackmannan Council.

Winter maintenance: £100,000 spent on capital (outwith grit): 6

pavement spreaders, 20 snowploughs for farmers, 2 tractors maintained spreaders, 14 pavement blowers (4 for community use), 500 snow shovels.

The job of clearing snow would be much easier if everybody took responsibility for clearing their own area.

Next meeting: Tuesday 10th January 7.30pm Killin Primary School

Pamela Farquharson

Bank Opening Times

The Bank in Killin is now open only on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and over lunchtimes on those days.

Killin Medical Practice Opening Hours

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Scottish Water is advising communities throughout Stirlingshire to follow "The 3 C's" to beat bogus callers.

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Following Scottish Water's simple 3 C's advice could help communities across Stirlingshire to beat the Bogus Caller.

Where's our door?



New GP for Killin

Dr Elizabeth Watson, our new GP is now working at the Killin Medical Practice. She comes originally from Sheffield but moved to Garlieston in Dumfries and Galloway when aged eleven and attended Newton Stewart Secondary School. Her first university degree was in Pharmacology which she studied at Edinburgh University. However once Elizabeth had graduated she felt that her real interest was in clinical medicine so she applied to Glasgow Medical School and completed her medical degree there. Her three year GP training was also completed in Glasgow. Elizabeth is married to Barrie and they have a two year son, Ivan. They also have a black Labrador called Oscar. Barrie works for the Forestry Commission and they had vowed during their marriage ceremony to move to a rural area where they could both work and enjoy their interests of hill walking and mountain biking. Barrie is interested in the competitive side of both activities. Elizabeth would like to play her violin again and take lessons. They are planning to buy a house in the village when a suitably sized one comes on the market. Elizabeth loves her work in the village and has found everyone very friendly and welcoming.



GA

On television recently we saw that BT was encouraging communities to adopt their red phone boxes and boxes have been used for all sorts of unlikely things – a pub, a place for a defibrillator, a book exchange, community art gallery, exhibition and information centre, etc. Some while ago Ardeonaig bought its box for £1 to keep it as part of the character of Ardeonaig. But what about the one in Killin? Surprisingly this is still used for making phone calls but some weeks ago there was a problem with a door hinge and the door was taken away 'for

repair'. Since then users have been exposed to the elements and possible eavesdropping from passersby. Surely, if BT cannot repair our door, there are so many spare boxes that they could find us a replacement without problem. Trying by phone to find out what is happening means, of course, devoting hours, if not days, selecting numbers from menus and listening to recorded messages and still not getting to speak to anyone, so we gave up on that idea. We hope someone from BT will read this and the door will be replaced.

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of these. Table lamps were another successful suggestion. All his products (where necessary) are oven and microwave proof, practical as well as unique.

Andy finds that his craft keeps the body and brain active and recommends it as a skill for children and young people who may not be academically inclined but who are often very good with their hands. It is a pleasure to call in and visit Andy, not only to see him and his work, but also to enjoy the spectacular view of Loch Tay that can be enjoyed from his front door. **MS**

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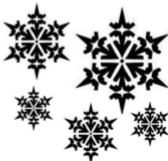
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New Year Dance

Yes, Folks, it is time again to remind everyone of the approaching end of year. How time seems to fly. The annual Ceilidh style Celebration of the arrival of the New Year, will take place in the McLaren Hall Killin on Monday 2nd January 2012, doors open at 8.30pm.

Tommy Walker and the guys will serve up their usual selection of Scottish Dances with the traditional toe tapping tunes and airs.

The Kitchen will be staffed by wives and girlfriends supplying homemade soup, tasty sandwiches and hot mini sausage rolls, all at a very modest charge. The usual raffle with a large selection of prizes drawn at the interval completes the picture.

The admission charge will be the same as the last few years, Adults £8, Concession, OAP and up to 16 years, £6 with 5 years and under free. This year there is a Family Group Charge for Two Adults and Two Concessions for £22, which is flexible within reason.

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Alex Stewart

Killin Tiddlers & Toddlers



We were overwhelmed by the support we had for our sponsored walk back in October. The day of the walk was also the day of the first snow on the hills – and plenty of rain in Killin! Still all mums, babies and toddlers braved the rain and had a wee toddle from the church hall down to the Braedalbane Heritage Centre and back. Afterwards we enjoyed hot coffee and tea for the mums and juice and a snack for the kids. Together we collected £300 and we'd like to say a big thank you to all who sponsored us.

Sadly, the Church Hall cannot be used any more for our meetings. We have decided to move to the Community Rooms of the church itself, beside the Killin Hotel. This is a central location and there's ample car parking at the McLaren Hall, so we hope everyone can join us at this new venue. We still meet every first and third Thursday of the month, 10am–noon. We now charge £1 per adult, to (partly) cover the rent.

If you have any questions about the group, please do not hesitate to contact us. New kids and parents are always welcome to come along!

Marieke McBean

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Laptops and Keyboards

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Passwords and Online Security

In this day and age when there are many attempts at gaining our

confidential information, we must all take care when selecting passwords for online accounts. For financial and other key websites we should select passwords very carefully – we should not choose names and age/birthdays of ourselves or family, or the names of our favourite pets. This type of information is easily obtained so it is quite possible that passwords could easily be guessed and you might find that you have been the victim of theft or fraud. My suggestion is that you should select a password of at least 8 characters with both lower and UPPER case characters and also use numbers. Avoid names and words that are in the standard dictionary and certainly do not use place or house names. It is also recommended that you regularly change your passwords. If your computer has been infected with a virus, it is essential that you change your passwords and check any online banking accounts to ensure that your money is safe.

Super Fast Broadband

British Telecom have recently announced their intention to bring forward their plan to deploy fibre optic broadband throughout the UK. At the end of October, BT announced that 66% of the UK population will have access to fibre broadband by

the end of 2014. I hope this will include us, but as history has shown, we are usually the odd ones out whenever it comes to broadband roll outs.

I wish you all the best for the Festive Season and I hope Santa is good to you.

Mark Lincoln
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Killin Community Bus

The next two Community Bus outings are on 10th December and 10th January, going to Braehead and Stirling respectively. The bus will leave at 8.45am for Braehead and the time for Stirling will be arranged depending on the wishes of the passengers. The Stirling outing can be arranged around a bit of shopping/lunch and perhaps a visit to the cinema. It is hoped the February outing will be to Perth and again can be arranged to suit the passengers. All outings at this time of year will be dependent on decent weather and will be cancelled if there is any doubt in the driver's mind regarding the road conditions. Please ring me to book with me on 820521 in advance of the outing.

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Comings and Goings

There are few sounds as evocative of the change of seasons into Autumn as the sound of geese flying over. The ospreys and swallows have gone to spend time in the warmer climes like Africa (sensible things) but we now have our new visitors from the North. Fieldfares and redwings are joining the wood pigeons in the garden eating the elderberries. We were intrigued to watch blackbirds managing to eat whole sloes. This looked like taking a healthy diet a bit far but they don't seem to have suffered any stomach upsets. Many of these blackbirds, as well as robins and other small birds, have come long distances from the North where Winters are even worse than ours. On Autumnwatch a question prompted information that some migrant male blackbirds from Scandinavia had black beaks instead of the more usual orange yellow of our own birds. And, hey presto, next morning we had several adult male blackbirds with black bills feeding in the garden. We have

another mis-coloured little visitor and goodness knows where from. It is a chaffinch which looks as though it has had a bad home hair dye job done with its white head and pale grey chest. It is getting a bit of bullying from the others but seems to be holding its own and turning up daily at the feeders for its breakfast and tea.

The other Autumn sound that we are fortunate enough to hear around here is the roaring of the rutting stags. In early October at Glen Falloch we were on the hill in thick mist. On several occasions there was a sudden loud roaring close by and a "Brigadoon moment" as the mist swirled away for a second to reveal a stag about twenty yards away and then the mist came down again and he disappeared.

I am beginning to wonder if deer behaviour is the same in all areas or whether, as parcels of wild land become separated by urbanisation, it may be evolving differently. On Autumnwatch again it was said that the red deer on Exmoor were unusually roaring into November but we often find this and even into December some years. Similarly they said it was unusual for hinds to

still be in milk in October but we often shoot hinds in milk till even December, although the calves are well weaned and grown and independent by then. It was also said that a stag will not mate with a milk hind (a female with a calf at foot) but we have shot milk hinds who are also pregnant. Maybe our boys are just sexier than the southerners?

Studies on Rhum are showing that the hinds are moving around in the rut to find new partners rather than the stags which has always been seen to be the case. Does this seem to be the case on the mainland or is this island community evolving different behaviour which may help to lessen inbreeding?

A good foxy tale to finish with; at Glen Falloch my son came upon a fight between a fox and an eagle. The eagle was diving at the fox who was gamely fighting back stretched up on hind legs. Unfortunately they fought their way over the top of the hill so we don't know if it ended with a submission or a knockout. Once again there is an appeal for samples of star jelly as research so far has proved inconclusive!

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The Goldmine

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the millions of years since nature formed the Cononish Glen and its stunning scenery. Natural regeneration will take place and the ugly scar on the hillside from the previous mine operation will be removed.

The social case stressed that the mine would provide all year round employment in relatively high paid work and encourage young people to stay in our community. Apprenticeships would provide skills and career opportunities for students unable to find places in universities. In addition we argued that the mine, unlike working in the tourist industry, would provide regular all-year-round employment.

The economic case stressed that the mine would contribute in excess of 1.7 million pounds per annum, in wages alone, to the local economy

manufacture and sale of jewellery made from Scottish gold, a working model of the production process from ore to metal and appropriate displays. It would employ local people and continue long after production ceases. Visitors to Scotland will insist on including it in their itinerary along with Stirling Castle and Scone Palace. We intend to invest some of the £200,000 community gain from Scotgold in a feasibility study to investigate the function, design, site and cost of the interpretive centre and to suggest an appropriate organisational structure which could be floated on the stock market to provide substantial funding. The remaining capital will be utilised in the construction and operation of the centre in partnership with appropriate bodies including SCDT, NPA, Stirling Council, Scottish Tourism Forum, Visit Scotland and many others. It is envisaged that SCDT will play a key role in the development and organisation and receive an income stream related to profitability. We expect that Scotgold will start building the mine in spring 2012 and commence production a year later. Now that Scotgold have planning permission, we will prepare our new action plan, to incorporate the interpretation centre.

John Riley

Strathfillan Community Development Trust



Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Strathfillan Community Development Trust will be held on Thursday 8th December at 7.30pm in Tyndrum Village Hall. After the meeting those attending are invited to stay and enjoy some cheese and wine. We are happy to welcome new members at any time, a bargain at £5 for 5 years! Our various working groups are always keen to welcome new volunteers, so why not come along and find out what's going on?

If you are interested in helping make a difference here in Strathfillan, why not consider standing for election to the board? Please get in touch for further information.

Three directors have to stand down in rotation each year but may stand again for election. This year the board is losing a very highly valued colleague, Effie Crompton. Effie and her husband David are leaving Tyndrum for pastures new in the next few weeks. Effie has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Trust both as a director and as chair. She and



The Strathfillan County Council speech focused on environmental, social and economic issues. The environmental case stressed that this was an opportunity to demonstrate gold and silver mining could be environmentally sensitive. We explained that relatively few people would pass by the mine and our impression, supported by members of KMRT, was that the mine would provide an interesting attraction. Also, there were many other man-made characteristics of the area, such as large farm sheds, 100's of hectares of Norwegian Spruce, telephone and power lines, a railway bridge, trains, telegraph poles and an occasional jet plane flying overhead. The building and operation of the mine would be a moment in time in comparison with

and more than 50 million pounds to the national economy so make a useful contribution to economic recovery. The mine would ultimately become an iconic tourist attraction in its own right. Scotland has a rich mining heritage and contributions from the mining industry have long been recognised as an engine for growth.

We also explained the immense national significance of a goldmine interpretation centre with the potential to attract tourists to Scotland, the National Park and Strathfillan. We envisage a multi million pound exhibition emulating the ones at Leadhills and Ballarat in Australia, major national tourist attractions. This exhibition, located on the route to Oban and Fort William, could include the

David encouraged and organised the series of winter lectures – Café Sci – enjoyed by so many. The Life-long Learning Project, Saplings and "Friends" of the Trust were all led by Effie with her boundless enthusiasm and endless patience. She kept us on the straight and narrow and kept her eagle eye on our accounts. I'm not quite sure what we'll do without her!! We owe Effie and David a great debt of gratitude for their positive contributions to life here in Strathfillan. We shall miss them both.

Café Sci

The next Café Sci will be on Wednesday 22nd February 2012 – 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 on our native fauna of the arrival of non-native species. For example, how and when did the Japanese skeleton shrimp, the Chinese mitten crab and the leathery sea squirt reach the UK? Are they already widely distributed? Are they putting other organisms at risk of survival? For how long must an alien species live in a place to be accepted as part of the native fauna? A very worthwhile and enjoyable way to spend an evening!

Internet/Learning Café

Whether it's just the basics to get you started, a distance learning course, on-line shopping or an IT problem, our friendly tutor, Heather, can help. The Café runs from 11am to 4pm each Tuesday and Friday with the PaL (Play and Learn) club on Tuesdays from 4pm.

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For further information –

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Joyce Russell
 Development Officer

Crianlarich Primary School

Nativity Play:

Our nativity play, Nativity Rock! will be held in Crianlarich Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday 13th December.

Tea, coffee and mince pies will be provided, donations welcome.

Sponsored Walk: Thank you to everyone for supporting our Sponsored Walk and I'm very pleased to announce that the final total we raised was an amazing £589.50!

Topics: The P1-3 topic is Transport and the P4-7 topic is Light. If you would be willing to come into school to talk to the children on these topics, we would be grateful if you could get in touch.

School Meals: Users of the school meals service one week in October were asked to complete questionnaires which were then put into a prize draw. Congratulations to Daniella Hay who won the cinema tickets.

Harvest: The £71 raised was sent to the Strathfillan Senior Citizens Christmas Party Fund. I'm sure they will be very grateful to all those who donated items or bought raffle tickets for the hampers.

Blythwood Care: We donated 13 shoe boxes for Christmas to children living in poverty.

Halloween: The children enjoyed their Halloween party on Friday. Prizes were given out for the best dressed and the scariest costumes.

Guy Fawkes Drive: We drew Guys for the November beetle drive. The children and parents had lots of fun.

Eco Schools: As you may be aware, we were awarded our Green Flag



Eco award just before we broke up in June. The assessors were delighted with the work that had been undertaken and how much the children were involved in the decision making process. A very big thank you to Mrs Hunter, Mrs Ramsay and Sonia Cull who have worked tirelessly to gather evidence and enable the children to become so Eco aware.

The Rag Bag recycling container in the playground is providing the school with a very healthy and regular income from all the collections that have taken place. So far this is £527.50. As ever, the wider community is welcome to use it as the more clothes we collect, the more money we will raise for school funds.

Alison Stewart

Administrative Support Assistant

Christmas Lunch

Strathfillan Lunch Club Christmas lunch will be held on Friday 23rd December at 12.30pm. All Strathfillan and Bridge of Orchy residents who are over 60 are welcome. If you would like to come along please contact: -

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Strathfillan by the Way



Sapper Kyle Robertson with his parents Carl and Erica at his passing out parade day. Kyle is a grandson to Moira Robertson

Killin WRI

On a chilly night at the beginning of October we welcomed members and visitors to the first meeting of the new season when the speaker was Dr Mairi MacColl who gave a wonderful talk about her memories of life in Killin. At the end of October we hosted the Breadalbane WRI Group Meeting. Members from institutes including Ardeonaig, Amulree, Comrie, Dull and District, Fearnan and Kenmore joined us for an excellent evening run by group president Charlotte Smith (Dull and District).

Speaker for the night was Alan Stewart, a retired Police Wildlife Protection Officer formerly with Tayside Police. From an unusually large number of entries for the competitions a



stunning picture of puffins in Shetland by Kay Riddell won first prize in the best wildlife photograph competition. The week following the group meeting, we had another excellent turnout to hear from May Nicolson of the Preshal

Trust. This is a charity which was set up by May nine years ago in Linthouse, Glasgow to help people suffering social exclusion through poverty, alcohol and drug addiction, low literacy and numeracy levels, depression and low self-esteem. We are having a tin food collection for the Preshal Trust and would be grateful for any contributions. If you wish to donate please hand tins in to Elizabeth Woods or Bunty MacGregor.

Competition winners

A pot of jam: Margaret Galloway

A local photograph: Cathy Reid

A flask of carrot soup: Jane

Anderson

Pennies in a matchbox (donated to The Preshal Trust): Margaret Galloway

Our birthday party is on Thursday 5th January in the Lesser McLaren Hall, 6pm for 6.30pm. A tempting selection of dishes is on the menu and members wishing to attend should book and pay (£20 per person) by Thursday 1st Dec at the latest. Due to popular demand entertainment will once again be provided by Broadsword.

Angela Ramsay

Secretary Killin WRI

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The programme does NOT teach people to be therapists. Participants learn how to ask about suicide, how to recognise signs of mental health problems, how to provide initial help and how to guide a person to appropriate support.

Courses run over two days with nationally approved instructors and attendees who complete the course receive a certificate. They will take place in Raploch Community Centre, Stirling, 09.30-16.30 on 17/18th January, 21/22nd February and 20/21st March.

For more information contact 01786 431132 or email jewen@nhs.net



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Rural H2H is being part financed by the Scottish Government and the European Community, Forth Valley and Lomond LEADER 2007-2013 programme, also Stirling Council and The Parish Development Fund and is the youth arm of Heart to Heart.

If you would like more info about H2H or are interested in volunteering with us please contact:

Ruth Kennedy

Rural Lifeguard Coordinator
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The Old Mill

Having been given the remit to continue to discuss the future of the Old Mill with Stirling Council and Stirling District Tourism, KAT is due to meet up with representatives from Stirling Asset Management after this issue goes to print. The Old Mill is such a major element of tourism in Killin that it is important for businesses associated with tourism to have an opportunity to have their say and to be involved. For that reason they have been invited to the meeting.

Representatives of the LL&T National Park have also expressed an interest. Killin appears in the Draft National Park Plan as National Park Visitor Hub D which indicates that it is expected to continue to have some visitor facilities including access to information. Stirling District Tourism has also informally mentioned the need for access to local information.

The objectives of the meeting are: to identify Stirling Council and Stirling District Tourism's plans to facilitate tourism in Killin now that

the Folklore Centre no longer exists; to identify support available, discuss terms for the community acquisition of the Old Mill, involve local tourist providers and to form a steering group to look at the problem of tourist information and plan to purchase the Old Mill.

It was mentioned at the open meeting that tourist information would be better situated in the centre of the village rather than in the Old Mill. This will need to be considered by the steering group as well as the development of a sustainable plan to provide enough profit to keep the Old Mill in good repair. A separate project to seek funding to re-point with lime mortar would take care of the majority of the expensive non urgent repair costs.

Tourism is the mainstay of the local economy and to maintain it has become even more vital with the recent loss of local businesses. If we lose tourist information, the Old Mill - a major visitor attraction - brown visitor signs, shop and toilets in so short a time, there will be little welcome left for visitors and they will stop coming. It is vital that the community addresses these issues as soon as it can, as it is unlikely that a knight in shining armour will do it for us.

The main contents of the Old Mill

have been given back to the owners. Killin Heritage was told to remove its items. Unfortunately this means a return to storing artefacts in cupboards and attics in the houses of well-meaning members and local supporters as this community has no buildings of its own. The Macnab, Campbell and MacGregor artefacts, pertinent to Killin, will now be unavailable for local study. Killin has lost the only collection of local items that relate to its own history. St Fillan's Healing Stones have found a niche within the village. Having spent at least 200 years if not since the time of St Fillan at the site of the Old Mill they have now been moved to the Parish Church where they are safe and can be accessed by the public. They were recorded by Mr Charles Stewart of Killin in his book, *The Gaelic Kingdom in Scotland 1880* as items which "... from time immemorial have been preserved at Faolin's Mill at Killin"

Killin Local Community Action Plan

The steering group had hoped to have the Action Plan delivered to your door with this edition of the Killin News, but we have decided to delay the production so that the Plan reflects changes that have happened in the village recently.

Willie Angus



Rural Stirling

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Mervyn's Weather and More

October 2011, with a great effort, produced one day

without precipitation, much in keeping with ruling conditions since early May. Autumn then, so far has not given any redress for this rather sad story.

Having supplied Killin News with monotonously jaundiced weather reports for months – years, indeed – it was perhaps no surprise that the clerk of the weather hit back. In mid-October, with daughter Deidre and grand-daughter Fiona, a brief visit to my "calf-country" in Donegal and Tyrone was arranged, mainly to show Fiona the scenes of the joys and disasters of my youth. The first day there wasn't too bad, but the second, eighteen hours of monsoon-type rain, coupled with the hills being snow-covered to their ankles, burns and rivers overflowing riotously, to say the least caused problems. On returning to our base in the small town of Glenties from a visit to friends in the Bluestacks, traversing a glen with the romantic

name of "Gleann Fada Na Sealga" – the long glen of the hunting – we came on a flooded stretch of road. As there were no warning signs and not expecting the water to be more than possibly just over a foot deep, we pressed on, not realising that the road had subsided and we found ourselves in four to five foot of water! Result – one written off Volvo! Some local lads got a tractor and hauled us out backwards. Later the Garda (police) arrived and told us that more than twenty cars had been pulled out of this flood, including a £30,000 Mercedes! Strangely enough as we were ferried away from the scene a large three foot sign "Road Closed – Flood" had appeared out of the blue. Perhaps I should in future be more considerate and polite regarding the vagaries of the weather!

Returning to the subject of the derivation of local place names: Passing over the huge bulk of Ben More and crossing the pass known as Bealach Eadar A'Dha Bheinn – the pass between the two mountains – we come to Stobinian, much more elegant though almost of equal height as its big twin.

Various spelt locally as Am Binnein – the sharp peak – or by some as Stob Binn Nan Eopin – the peak of the birds' mountain. The most likely though is Stob Innean – anvil peak – to observe its truncated summit one can see the resemblances. On the opposite, north, side of Glendochart is Auchessan – the field or enclosure of the waterfall, this feature being seen to advantage after heavy rain while progressing westward near Luib – a loop or bend in the river. Also here are two high hills – Sgiath Chrom – the bent or folded wing – and Sgiath Chuil – probably the wing at the back or recessed wing. Further east is Coire Lobhaidh – the stinking corrie or corrie of putrefaction. Why, I do not know. Perhaps some of the Bowser Clan or George Coyne of long residence at Auchlyne might have an idea. As to Glendochart itself, the only approach to this name that I know is the word Dochairt, meaning a connection with pain or sickness – not very complimentary!

Mervyn K. Browne
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instructed activity for the children. CashBack for Communities is a source of funding for activities for

young people to increase their opportunities to develop their interests and skills in an enjoyable way, using money recovered from criminals. More information can be found on this website:

www.abernethy.org.uk/ardeonaig
Feedback from the youngsters and parents was very positive so Abernethy Ardeonaig will be applying for another round of funding for next year, in the hope that a local summer activities programme may become an annual event for young people in the local community.

Morag Felgate



1st Killin Brownies



We had four new Brownies making their promise on Monday 31st Oct - the photo shows all 12 current Brownies.

We hope the Christmas Post will go ahead as usual but a 'sorting location' will be a problem. Please watch out for posters nearer the time.

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With record breaking temperatures to the south and talk of snow by the end of the month, it has been an unusual start to autumn as we leave behind a summer that never really was. Yet it has been a busy summer for the Breadalbane team of national park rangers. The byelaws, which prohibit camping and drinking in all but three designated sites between Balmaha and Rowardennan, which came into force in June have been very successful. The vegetation is already recovering from the damage caused by years of camping related damage.

There has been concern locally that displaced campers from East Loch Lomond would increase pressure on lochs Lubnaig, Doine, Earn and Iubhair, but we've seen no evidence of this (although I have heard from the Tay Foundation that Loch Tay has experienced an increase in camping related problems). Pressure from camping on the shores of lochs Lubnaig, Doine, Earn and Iubhair continues to present challenges but we have seen no increase in anti-social behaviour this year when compared to the past three years. We have been running a new volunteer ranger programme this year. Volunteer rangers Tim Rosie and Colin Beaton have been a huge help with positive visitor engagement activities this summer. They will continue to work with us

through the winter focusing on maintenance and conservation tasks. Back in August the annual Clanscape in Killin was held at Breadalbane Park in Killin on what must have been the wettest day of the year, but in its own way the rain added to the atmosphere as music from The Shiftin Bobbins and stories from Scot An Sgeulaiche diffused through the rain against mist clad mountains which appeared to engulf the Park with the tight knit circle of stalls and re-enacted highland encampment. Yet the event was well attended and a good time was had by all. Clanscape is a traditional event where visitors can try their hand at a number of crafts such as pottery, fly casting, willow weaving, wool dyeing, cooking and archery to name but a few. Thank you to the activity providers and the Killin Mountain Rescue Team who gave their time free of charge.

Each summer we monitor a butterfly transect in Glen Ogle. The 2km transect which roughly follows the old military road was set up in 2005. The data collected is passed on to Butterfly Conservation and forms part of a national database that is used by the government as a climate change indicator. Butterflies are very sensitive to abundance of caterpillar food plants, which in turn can be affected by changes in temperature, acidity and precipitation and hence are an obvious visual indicator of climate change. Sadly, as in other parts of the UK, 2011 has been a poor year for our butterflies in terms of numbers, although the number of

species recorded has remained constant to date.

You will almost certainly have noticed more squirrels (both alive and dead) on the roads over the past few weeks. Healthy, well nourished red squirrels breed twice each season with litters born February-April and May-September. The young become independent between nine and twelve weeks so from May each year there are young inexperienced red squirrels about. At this time of year all squirrels will be fattening up and caching food for the winter, which in many cases leads then to cross roads in search of food – often with fatal consequences. Sadly many red squirrels will not survive the winter due to cold and starvation so please give them the best possible chance by watching out for them on the roads. If you see red or grey squirrels you can contribute to the national data base monitoring red/grey squirrel population dynamics by entering your sighting on the Scottish Wildlife Trust website on the following link www.swt.org.uk/wildlife/squirrelsightings Please feel free to drop in if you are passing the NP Breadalbane Area Office at Lochearnhead. We won't always be there but if we are you're welcome to come in for a tea or coffee. We're always keen to hear about interesting wildlife sightings or any other news relating to the area that you may have.

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The Good, The Bad and the Panto!

The Bad News? The clocks have gone back, the dark nights are here and already there is a winter feel about the village. Halloween is safely behind us but the TV news is full of doom and gloom!

The Good News? Members of Killin Drama Club are busily working on their panto production for January, 'Sinbad the Sailor' by Pauline Stuart. The show can be seen on **19th, 20th & 21st January** at the McLaren Hall and tickets for reserved seating go on sale to the public on 3rd December at The Studio, thanks to Ron and Sheila Allner. (See posters for full details)

Once again we have newcomers to our cast, with an excellent example of voice projection coming from the Old Man of the Sea! Many of the usual suspects have been released from custody to perform for you and the enthusiasm of our junior cast is beyond belief.

Prices have been retained at the previous level, 'cos we do keep in touch with the real world sometimes, but we guarantee that there'll be NO cutbacks on laughs, NO limit on the fun and, as our rehearsal picture shows, NO shortfall in the massive effort from the cast. Oh no there won't!!!!

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We would like to thank everyone who handed in Tesco Vouchers for Schools. These were exchanged for a digital microscope and a digital camera which all our pupils will benefit from.

The Nuffield Foundation

I was very fortunate this summer to take part in the Nuffield bursary scheme. The Nuffield organisation is involved in the promotion of science, technology, engineering and maths to young people; to this end it offers summer placements to pupils in their fifth year at school. My placement was with the University of Edinburgh at the Centre for Integrative Physiology. This is a

research organisation within the university which focuses on the role of genes in the function of cells, organs and whole organisms. In my project I was attempting to map the expression of several genes in developing mice brains using a technique called in situ hybridisation. This was an excellent chance to experience working in a laboratory and to experience the challenges of scientific research. I had a very enjoyable time working in a friendly lab with a great atmosphere, if anyone is interested in a career in science I would highly recommend this scheme.

Stuart Berrow S6

McLaren

Duke of Edinburgh Update

Since the start of the summer, twenty three Duke of Edinburgh Bronze participants have gone on their gruelling qualifying expedition. Each group started at Ledcharrie Farm near Killin, then walked up through Kirkton Glen to Balquhiddy and on to Immeroin Farm where they camped for the night. The next day they headed off to Glen Finglas and finally their destination point at Brig O Turk. The groups were faced with all types of weather but they all managed to successfully complete their expeditions. Seven S5 pupils have completed their silver canoe training and have also gone on their practice



Duke of Edinburgh team

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High School

expedition to Loch Tay. A further nine pupils recently took part in their silver walking expedition from Crianlarich to Corroir and then walking from there to Kinlochlaggan.

Gregor Black S4

Charity Event

McLaren High School Charities Committee would like to thank all staff and pupils for their donations and help on stalls during the charity event on Friday 5th October. With everyone's help we raised £1,140.95. Half of this money will go to MacMillan Cancer Research. The other half will help to fund former pupils Sean, Neil and Darren Ferrier's trek across the Sahara Desert, which they are undertaking to raise money for the Cardiomyopathy Association in memory of their brother Callum. Bracklinn secured some more house points by winning the bake off. A big thanks to everyone who took part in the 'Keepy Uppy' Challenge – the winner was Callum Wyllie S5.

European Day of Languages

McLaren High celebrated the European day of Languages with a series of events. Thanks to the following pupils who read the daily announcements over the tannoy system: Laura MacDougall (Spanish), Maya Campbell

(Japanese), Marina MacLaren (Ukrainian).

Thanks also to the following pupils who helped to teach the teachers a foreign language: Laura MacDougall, Hannah Williams, Aimee MacLeod, Beccy McKay and Marina MacLaren. Thanks also to Mrs Lorna Leckie and all her team in the cafeteria who prepared a range of snacks from different European countries.

Annual Former Pupils' Reunion

This took place on 10th September and was attended by former pupils from throughout the UK and further afield. If you are a former pupil and would like information on former pupil events please contact Moyra McLaren at mclarenhs@stirling.gov.uk

McLaren High School PTA

The PTA would like to thank all the parents and staff who donated bottles and baking to our stall and supported us by buying raffle tickets for our fabulous Kindle. We raised £660.00! A big thank you also to the members of the PTA and their families who gave up their Sunday (in the rain) to help on the stall!

Parent Council Recruitment Drive

Thank you to those parents who responded to our plea, our numbers are now looking a little healthier. If

anyone else is interested, don't be shy, we are all quite nice and would love you to join us.

If you wish to discuss further and find out a little more about how the Parent Council works and what we do, please do contact me:

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Wheelbarrow Challenge

A big thank you to all pupils and staff who took part in the wheelbarrow challenge during Sports Day last term. I am sure everyone will agree it was great fun (even tipping the Headteacher out of his barrow!). Congratulations to the winners, Omar Al-Asadi and Rory Wilson.

Janet Al-Asadi



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The total cost is in the region of £500,000 - £550,000. The PTA/PC (MCMWG) has been given a target figure of approximately 90% to be secured by mid December. We are hopeful of successful bids to SportsScotland (£152,000) Cashback for Communities (£150,000) and have currently secured £90,463. There is a shortfall of approximately £80,000. The Working Group is working on other funding applications and is launching a series of community fundraisers, including Lucky Sods! We are sure you want this project and will appreciate the benefits of this facility. If you are in a position to help, or make a contribution or comment on the project, we would love to hear from you.

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Killin Primary School

Welcome

We are pleased to welcome Miss Jenny Campbell who is covering Mrs McGuigan's maternity leave in Class 2. It's a boy.

Halloween Party



A big thanks to the PTA who organised a fantastic Halloween party for all the children on Friday 28th October. There were some fantastic costumes and spooky pumpkins. Pumpkin -1st Emily Fraser
Class 1 Costume - Ross Munro
Class 2 Costume - Seonag Hay
Class 3 Costume - Emily Fraser

Class 3 - WW2

Last term Class 3's topic was WW2. After a visit from Active Stirling who taught us two dances from the 1940's including the Charleston, we visited the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home to show them our dances and read the Evacuation stories which we wrote ourselves. The Staff at the home had kindly prepared snacks from that period for us to try and some of the residents told us of their experiences from the war.

Hazel Lafferty

Eco Schools

The Rag Bag recycling container in the playground is starting to provide the school with a very healthy income. The wider community is welcome to use it as the more clothes we collect, the more money we will raise. On 18th November we will be having a special collection of old books and clothing/textiles that are no longer needed. We can accept unwanted textbooks, general literature and novels. We cannot accept journals

magazines or newspapers. Please put books and textiles into different bags. Books directly to the School.

Children in Need

We are having a Wacky Hair Day for Children in Need on Friday 18th November and the children will be doing lots of fun activities to try and raise as much money as possible.

Non-Uniform Day

Friday 2nd December Killin Primary School is hosting a non-uniform day to raise awareness of the continuing work on the Play Park Project. Children can come to school in their favourite PLAY/SPORTY outfit and can make a donation to the Play Park Project on the day if they wish. Stirling Council are purchasing a zip-wire and 5 springies to be installed in Breadalbane Park. All local contributions will help ensure more equipment can be bought.

Class 2 News

In class we have been doing maths and art. We have done money work as maths and we have used a website called Fun to Save and it's really fun. We have made dotted paintings of a famous picture called Water Lilies by the artist Monet. In reading we are reading about Life in Space.

Anna, Ellie, Liam and Lydia

Class 1 News

In Maths I am learning about coins.

We have made a shop to use our coins. **Keira Campbell P1**
In our topic Transport I am learning about cars, planes and diggers.

Ross Munro P1

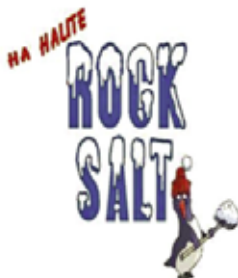
My Maths I am working with money. I am counting money using coins. I am learning how to give change.

Archie Young P2

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Lunan on the birth of their baby boy, Peter.



Peter Elijah Lunan was born on 10th October at Larbert Hospital, weighing 8lb 8oz. Mum and Dad, Angela and Alasdair, are delighted and would like to thank everyone who has expressed kindness to the family at this time.



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Killin and Crianlarich Nursery

Some of the children in the 0-3 room have been learning about water and have visited the water wheel to discover how the water moves the wheel. They have also looked at the Falls of Dochart in full spate. They have worked with pipes and containers filling and pouring learning about volume. Children in the 3-5 room have been learning about camping. What do we need to camp? How do we cook? The children made their own campfire for their role play and made food from salt dough they also pretended to roast marshmallows

around the campfire. Some children visited the Outdoor Shop to find out what equipment they required for camping. They sent a letter to Killin Mountain Rescue to ask if they will visit the nursery to give a talk on safety when walking and camping in the outdoors. We also had a very successful Big Toddle in Killin on Tuesday 25th October collecting for Barnardos. We collected £149 from businesses, villagers and visitors a big thank you from all of us. We still have sponsor money to add to this total and we will keep you posted as to how

much we raised. On Halloween we went Trick or Treating (or, as the more mature would say, we went out in the galoshes) to The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. The children sang Halloween songs for the residents and had fun dancing and dooking for apples. The children and families of Crianlarich Nursery raised £661.80 on the Welly Waddle for the Cot Death Trust. A huge thank you to all those who supported us.



Halloween at the Falls of Dochart Home

Shoebbox Appeal

Thanks once again to everyone who donated to the Christmas shoebbox appeal by either filling a shoebbox or by donating knitted articles or other essential items to go into the boxes. A total of 34 boxes were collected (slightly fewer than last year). It's lovely to think of the pleasure that the children and adults will get from these filled shoebboxes as most of them really do have little or nothing to call their own.

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Lochtayside Runners' Hill Race 2011

The second year of the Meall nan Tarmachan hill race took place on 15th October. The weather forecast did not look great with strong winds, low cloud and light rain predicted, however 61 people still raced!

The visibility was poor on the tops but the marshalls did a great job keeping the majority of runners in check. Thankfully, the wet and slippery descent was flagged so no mishaps occurred. The previous year's race did have snow patches in places so records were expected to be broken.

Prasad Prasad easily broke the record with Al Anthony edging in just on the right side of the record too. It was a close race for the ladies with Catriona Buchanan breaking the course record by just 5 seconds, and second place

going to Elke Prasad. Thanks to our time keepers, Mark and Bob, without whom there would be no records. Back in Killin a warm and filling lunch was provided by the Cancer Research UK committee. All runners were very appreciative. The race prizes were well received and every participant was given a well deserved goody bag thanks to Sarah and Alan from the Real Food Café and Duncan at the Co-op.

The ceilidh on Saturday was well attended with a lovely buffet put on by Carlotta and Craig Fraser from Ardlochay Lodge. Siobhan Anderson and Friends kept us dancing until late and all enjoyed the great music.

This was the first year that the Sron a Chlachain hill race on the Sunday (or

what I called the fun run) was held, but the route is well known as it is the same one set for the Highland Games race. Sunday's weather was warm sunshine and a light breeze, and there was a good turnout of 36 runners. The ground was very wet and thus times were slower than those set at the highland game race. The event brought a much needed boost to the local tourist economy at a quiet time of year with some competitors staying in Hotels and B and Bs. £1000 was raised for Cancer Research UK, a big thanks to everyone.

The dates for next year's race are the 13th and 14th October 2012

Stephen Rawlinson

Meall Nan Tarmachan results – Saturday 15th October 2011

Men's Results

1 Prasad Prasad	Squadra Porcini	M Senior	00:48:59
2 Alasdair Anthony	Ochil Hillrunners	M Senior	00:51:31
3 Adam Harris	Fife AC	M Senior	00:54:09

Women's Results

1 Catriona Buchanan	Ochil Hillrunners	F Senior	00:58:17
2 Elke Prasad	Squadra Porcini	F Senior	00:58:31
3 Hazel Sutherland	Carnethy	F 40-49	01:09:37

Sron a Chlachain – Sunday 16th October 2011

Men's Results

1 Stephen Rawlinson	Lochtayside	M Senior	00:22:46
2 Manny Gorman	Westerlands	M 40-49	00:24:23
3 Craig Harvey	Squadra Porcini	M 40-49	00:25:09

Women's Results

1 Julia Connor	Moorfoots	F Senior	00:32:22
2 Kate Tuer	Lochaber AC	F Senior	00:35:07
3 Jean Bowman	Lomond Hill Runners	F 50-59	00:36:00

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National Trust for Scotland

Munro Challenge - The conclusion – celebrating the 155th anniversary of Sir Hugh Munro's birth

On 1st October 2010 Emma O'Shea, David McKinnon and Angus McKinnon (no relation) began the National Trust for Scotland's Munro Challenge by climbing Beinn Ghlas and Ben Lawers in stormy weather. The venture was aimed at publicising the valuable work of a group of dedicated staff, often working in difficult conditions, for the various countryside activities undertaken by the Trust. On that day, work had just started on creating new visitor facilities for this iconic property, to be more in keeping with the mountain environment. We agreed to have the final climb up the same mountains to coincide with the 155th anniversary of Sir Hugh Munro's birth. Ben Lawers was the mountain he first chartered, creating what has since become a popular goal for many mountaineers to 'bag' nearly 300 mountains categorised as Munros (the use of developing technology changes the number from time to time). This challenge was the culmination of the climbing of all 46 Munros owned by the Trust by David



and Angus, plus various members of staff and volunteers.

The day started with 18 friends, family and colleagues gathering in the Trust offices in Killin where a welcome cup of tea/coffee and biscuits was waiting. The party, ranging from 11 to 65 years of age,

headed for Ben Lawers. On the way, a couple of stops gave Helen Cole, the Property Manager, a chance to tell the party about the work of the Trust and how it cares for this internationally important National Nature Reserve, including the vital work of the Mountain Footpath Repair Team, represented on the day by Nan Morris. At about 20 metres below the summit, our colleague Steve McLaren played the pipes for us as we passed. Once on the top we toasted the memory of Sir Hugh Munro.

We were joined on the day by over a hundred people who climbed the Trust Munros and recognised the work of Sir Hugh Munro.

After a windy but entertaining stop at the top of Ben Lawers, we decided to add to the youngest member of the party's Munro tally by descending to the bealach and over Beinn Ghlas in

misty and windy conditions. The weather improved as we reached the car park and we then headed back to the office for fond farewells, where we all agreed it was a suitable end to another enjoyable day in fantastic surroundings.



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The Big Shed Building for a Success

The Big Shed, the new community building at Tombreck, has had a busy few weeks with locals taking advantage of the exciting new facilities. There have been a variety of events and classes on offer which has drawn a wide collection of people from all around Loch Tay to the new venue.

Eighteen local piano and violin pupils gave an informal concert to a packed house at The Big Shed on Sunday 2nd October for family and friends. The hour long event was



Archie

very popular with both performers and audience. The performers all said they enjoyed the experience and felt that their hard work had



Beth

paid off. The evening began with two Chopin preludes and ended with a jazz piece. After the performances there were refreshments and time to chat and the young performers were able to let off steam outside while others enjoyed the beautiful views of Loch Tay. Everyone agreed they would regularly like to take part in these informal concerts at The Big Shed.

On 20th October the climber James Ogilvie from Edinburgh gave a personal account of his ascent of Mount Everest and presented some amazing photographs to a large audience. James explained what it was like to be 'staring down on stars' and attempted to answer the

popular questions: Why did you climb it? Weren't you afraid of dying? What's it like to stand on top of the world? James has climbed six of the seven highest peaks in the world's seven continents and plans to return to The Big Shed once he has climbed the last remaining peak, Mt Vinson in Antarctica. This event raised money for Tree Aid which is a uniquely forestry-focused charity that provides funding, training and



James Ogilvie (Climber)



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Killin Youth Group had another visit to The Big Shed. In September they made soda bread and tiffin cake in a bakery workshop and in November they took part in a music workshop with professional musicians from the orchestra of Scottish Opera. Lawrence (clarinet and saxophone) and Marie (cello and piano) delighted the local youngsters with their stunning performances. Local youngster Robbie Player seemed transfixed by a close encounter with Ravel's Bolero played by Lawrence on the saxophone!

On November 5th the organic baker Justin Tunstall held a 'Baking for Christmas' day where locals were taken through the steps of making Christmas Pudding, Christmas cake, stollen, ginger bread and mince pies in the commercial kitchen. The lucky participants were able to take their tasty dishes home.

Meanwhile Project Development Officer, Jane Watts has been busy exploring other ideas and opportunities for local residents and has attended a conference on Rural Resilience at Battelby, near Perth. This proved very informative and was a great opportunity to network and swap ideas with people involved in similar ventures across Scotland.

Future events include a Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday December 10th from 2pm so please come down to Tombreck and enjoy this exciting event where there will be an opportunity to buy presents for Christmas.

A classical concert series has been planned for the New Year and will be launched by The Edinburgh String Quartet on January 27th with a concert to include Beethoven. Scottish Reed Trio will play in February, a local Perthshire Young Musician of the Year finalist, Joe Norris, will perform in March, April will see percussionists Owen and Ollie perform and The Maxwell

String Quartet will play in May. This is a rare opportunity to hear top quality classical musicians in your local area so phone or email Jane if you would like to be put on the classical concert series mailing list. There are a limited number of tickets (55) for each event.

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

Thanks to local business, Lix Toll, who provided reflective signs at the end of the track which are easy to see in the dark and make it easier for visitors to locate The Big Shed.

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For very many years Taymouth Castle was a steadily decaying ruin but, thanks to a large degree to the dedicated work of the late John English as caretaker, renovation was still possible when it was taken over to be made into a five star hotel with golf and spa facilities. Even so in some areas walls had collapsed and damage from weather and fire, dry and wet rot had to be dealt with. Anyone who has had birds nesting in a chimney will know how much rubbish can come out of one small chimney. Imagine what had built up over decades in the forty four large chimneys at the castle. Reconstruction of the historic area is now almost complete and Killin News was given a tour by Project Manager Jon Moore, a Scot whose home is now in Australia and who

has worked on similar projects in many parts of the world.

We met in the main hall, not knowing quite what to expect, but at the bottom of the main staircase as we looked up all the way to the roof of the building, there were gasps of amazement - and more still as we were taken from room to room and began to understand the endless trouble which has

been taken to reproduce the historic features.

To make the Castle wind and waterproof, the lintels of all three hundred and sixty or so windows were replaced and 80 tons of new lead was needed on the roof.

Inside, the patterned marquetry floors in all the rooms were taken up and relaid and service channels laid beneath with wiring for the Victorian lights and ducting for all present and possible future IT requirements. Mobile phones will work anywhere in the building. The ornate painted ceilings are stunning. The intricate

decorative plasterwork has been carefully repaired and restored and round the windows the elaborate



Panel Restoration

wooden pelmets and panels have had missing pieces recreated and fitted. In some places the work is unfinished so it was possible to see and marvel at the work of the



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Castle Renovation

modern-day craftsmen from Perthshire to match the originals. The yellow silk wall panels in the so-called Chinese Room (which has



Library Dining Room

nothing Chinese in it) incredibly turned out to have been supplied originally by the same company asked to replace them so they were able to reproduce exactly what was needed. In the Banner Hall, which has floor to ceiling stained glass windows at each end, experts from

Glasgow have managed to recreate exact colours to replace areas of the sixteenth century glass. The original library will still hold books but will be used as a private dining/meeting room, accessed by the renovated cast iron staircase. Plans for the bar had to be altered when an original Robert Adam window was discovered and this had to be preserved for the future. It is now hidden behind a wall where a door had been planned.

And the castle is also haunted. Jon says he finds quite creepy when he's alone there and the security lights triggered by movement suddenly light up and sometimes footsteps have been heard. It has been on record for years that a mother and child are the ghosts and children have reportedly seen a small boy waving to them out of windows. There is still much to be done on the site. Ten first floor suites have yet to be built, including a 'Presidential Suite' which will have its own lift and glass balcony. The new North Wing will hold 107 rooms and in the grounds there will be 160 well spread out houses for sale. The historic area should be open sometime next year and when everything is completed, there should be many jobs available which

will be good for the area. Whilst the project is obviously aimed for the high end of the market, it is not intended to be exclusive and some



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facilities, including walks in the grounds, will be open to the public who will also be able to get a drink or meals in the castle. It will certainly be worth a visit.

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Glenlochay Memories

It is quite a number of years since I crossed the Lairig Eala but I occasionally look at your publication to see if there are any names I recognise but there are very few. However your article on Moiralanich (August edition) provoked a number of memories. My earliest would be of Johnnie Robertson arriving on my granny's croft in Killin (Ballechroisk) with his horse and mower to cut the hay. My granny and my aunt had the local dairy and hand milked 6 cows and this was augmented by milk collected from Daldravaig and Leskine. Tom Proctor took over the farming of Moiralanich after the Robertsons and was a friend of my father who would often visit him on a Sunday afternoon and news about things farming. I would usually tag along and it was on one of these afternoons that I was "volunteered" to help Tom with his haymaking. I would have been either 12 or 13 at that time. He had a Fordson tractor with solid wheels with spuds and he had a Clydesdale mare. I was too young to be trusted on the tractor so work with the horse became my responsibility. I soon learned how to harness her and one of my haymaking jobs was to work the "tumbling tom" which was a hay sweep to bring the hay from the swathe into the stack. After one long day we finished after 9pm and were famished so Tom sent me to the hay shed to find hens nests and I gathered about dozen eggs for our meal. By this time Tom had the fire

going and the frying pan hung on the swee and our meal was fried eggs, bread and butter washed down with a mug of tea. After a long day it was a very satisfying meal. I only once heard Tom talk of his war service and this was of his first evening after enlisting. He was in Maryhill barracks and at mealtime all of the recruits were seated at a long wooden table with a sergeant at the head who cut chunks of bread from a loaf, spread them with margarine and threw them down the table where hands grabbed at them. This was his first experience of margarine and his comment was that cart grease would have tasted better. Tom was also a good friend of Jimmy Forbes, an uncle of my father, who was also a WW1 veteran. He had been in the Post Office Rifles (one of the so called Pals regiments) and had been badly wounded and subsequently carried to his grave two bullets which were too close to his spine to be removed. Jimmy would have seen Tom most days as he was a postman on the Glenlochay run. He cycled to Kenknock every day and at that time postmen had to call at all houses as they not only delivered but collected outgoing mail. I can remember seeing photos of a Killin cycling club from the 1920s which included Tom Proctor, Jimmy and Meg Forbes and Johnny Strachan. Johnny Strachan did not live in the house at Moiralanich but had his own wooden Bothy about 100 yards away across the road. No doubt he built this himself as

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he was a joiner. Tom Proctor was very old fashioned in many ways and one which remains in my memory was how he addressed married women. My mother was never Mrs McMartin it was always Mistress McMartin.

Ian McMartin



Booking now for Festive Parties – our sumptuous festive menu is during December until and including lunchtime on the 24th. Limited spaces still available for our Hogmanay dinner. Call 01567 820272 to enquire.

Taekwondo Success

Robbie Player and Anna Holden competed at the recent UK championships held by the Traditional Taekwondo Association to win gold and silver respectively, helping to achieve a great result for the Callander club: winning the UK Championship event for an unprecedented 5th time.

The club hopes to start a beginners class for children in Killin soon, so look out for information in your school bags.



Robbie and Anna with
Callander Taekwondo Team

Local Planning Applications

National Park

Week commencing 12 Sept

Proposal: Erection of 7 No. holiday chalets

Location: Land Opposite Bridge of Lochay Hotel Killin

Applicant: Mr Greg Deacon

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

Perth & Kinross Council

09 Sep

Proposal: Construction of a 100kW run of river hydro electric power scheme

Location: Balbeg Farm Lawers Aberfeldy

Applicant: P McDiarmid And Co

Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Pending Consideration

17 Oct

Proposal: Renewal of existing consent (08/01586/OUT) Erection of farm shop and formation of ancillary parking (in principle)

Location: Morenish Farm Killin

Applicant: Mr T B Allen Snoxall

Application Type: planning permission in principle local

Decision: Pending Consideration

Stirling

1st October

Proposal: To replace an existing

rotted timber porch and provide a new extended balcony partly covered by extending the existing porch footprint and part open

Location: 6 Auchmore, Killin

Applicant: Surveying Solutions Ltd

Application Type: Full

Decision: Pending Consideration

24 October

Proposal: Removal of existing house and erecting new dwelling house on existing foundations

Location: Crofthill, 2 Pier Road, Killin

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pampering with a talk and demonstration on 'Winter Skin Care from Facials to Body Wraps' by Cecilia Duffy of Ultimate Serenity in Pitlochry. The herbs/plants we will be discussing in the next few months are Sea Buckthorn, Vervain, Cardamon, Seaweed, Lemon Grass, Ramsons and Borage. Should you wish further information about our 2011-12 programme or our organisation just phone me on 01567 820408 or Judy Forster on 01567 820298. All our meetings are open to the general public and we would be pleased to see you there.

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Sunday 19th February Pancake Party 4.30-6.30pm

Friday 16th March Ten-pin bowling to AMF Bowling, Stirling (local minibus pick-up from 6.30pm, bowling at 9.00pm)

Saturday 9th June Summer Outing to Loch Katrine or Loch Lomond (tbc)

Saturday 25th August Walk and picnic - trail at foot of Meall nan Tarmachan 3.30pm

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The Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. David Chillingworth, joined the congregation of St Fillan's Episcopal Church in a service of thanksgiving on Sunday 9th October, not for the autumn harvest, but in celebration of the successful restoration of possibly Scotland's earliest tin tabernacle. The service was attended by invited friends, donors

to the restoration fund and project partners including Stirling Council's Provost Wood.

The congregation completed the restoration to the church in the summer the result of a 2-year programme of fundraising, hard work and commitment to their special building. The project has been supported by a number of grant bodies with the most

significant sums coming from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Killin Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme, a joint funding initiative by the National Park Authority and Historic Scotland. Other significant funds were contributed by the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, St Fillan's and many individual donations from supporters both near and far.

The project has secured the church for the future and a 10-year maintenance plan is now in place to keep the church in good repair.

Sonya Linskaill



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In his letter to the Christians in Philippi, chapter 2, Paul describes the God of heaven and earth as laying aside His divine glory and becoming our servant by dying on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. Then he urges us to duplicate that same mind of humble service to others. That's the true Christmas spirit.

"Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour, All for love's sake becamest poor". The spirit of Christmas giving should be seen in all our living.

Ladd Fagerson



Open Doors for Free

Over 40 of Scotland's top heritage attractions will be opening their doors for free this

November. Historic Scotland is once again offering free admission to its winter ticketed attractions including Edinburgh Castle, the newly refurbished palace at Stirling Castle and Urquhart Castle at Loch Ness as part of its St. Andrews 'Visit For Free' programme.

In the central region, participating attractions are Castle Campbell, Doune Castle and Dunblane Cathedral.

Visitors simply need to register in advance at a special website <http://www.ticketgiveaway.co.uk> to download their free weekend pass which gives free access for up to two adults and three children to all ticketed Historic Scotland properties on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th November. Edinburgh Castle and St. Andrews Castle and Cathedral will also be free to visitors on 30th November. This gives the opportunity on Scotland's National Day to view the Honours of Scotland and the Stone of Destiny which both reside at Edinburgh Castle.

The 'Visit for Free' programme is part of Scotland's Winter Festivals – which celebrates three of the country's most distinctive festivals - St. Andrews Day, Hogmanay and Burns Night.

Christmas Church Services

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Sunday 4th December	10am Advent Service
Sunday 11th December	10am Service with Killin Community Choir
Sunday 18th December	10am Service involving Sunday School Children
Christmas Eve	8pm Service (Balquhitter 11pm)
Christmas Day	10am Service with Communion afterwards
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Letters

Many thanks

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to presenting me with a huge gift of money but also with a lovely book with personal good wishes for my retirement. This book means a lot to me, bringing back so many good memories of looking after my patients in the Killin Medical Practice. Also thank you very much to all who sent individual presents, garden vouchers and so many lovely cards. I have been overwhelmed by your generosity and kind words of appreciation. Part of the money is already spent in our local greengrocers/flowershop/gardencentre, which unfortunately has to close its doors after 49 years, which will be a great loss to us all. I wish to thank Gordon and Sheila Webster, Gregor, and all the staff, who all gave us such a good and friendly service, with such a wonderful supply of goods, home delivery, special orders over the years. I will miss the skills of the making of flower bouquets and the chanterelles, bread, fish and toffecake, among so many other things. I, as everybody else in our village, am very sad to lose them, but understand that they have no other option.

Dr Ankie de Laat

Halloween Disco

Debbie and I would just like to thank everyone who helped make the Halloween Fancy Dress Disco a very big success.

We had around 300 people nearly all dressed up. The best dressed winner was Claire McKenna as a Ned Zombie and the worst dressed winner was Dave The Rave as a Pimp. The money that we all helped to raise was for the Hogmanay Fireworks and the Bob MacGregor Trials, £900 for each and I just can't believe we all helped raise that amount in one night!!!! Thank you all once again and here is to next year.

Yvonne Gillies

Bryony's Charity

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated money to Bryony's Charity Malawi Education Project. We collected a whopping £1300. McLaren High School has decided to publish Bryony's and her classmates' poems into a book which is going to be called The Sweetest Flower and all proceeds from this book will be given to this charity. The book will be available to buy soon and we hope to sell as many copies as possible. Also many thanks for all the kind words, flowers and meals. Killin certainly knows how to look after the people that live here. Many thanks.

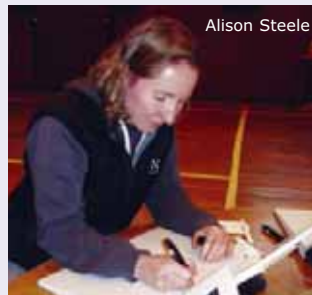
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Thank you

I would like to thank my family for all the help and support after my recent stay in hospital, also friends and neighbours for cards, phone calls and looking after my house and plants.

Johan MacDonald

The People's Bible



Alison Steele

The People's Bible came to Killin on Friday 11th November. This unique project invites participants to write two Bible verses with a digital pen. These will be put into a new paper copy of the Bible and an online archive of everyone's verses. The project began at Edinburgh Castle on 19th June 2011, the anniversary of the birth of King James VI/I at the castle in 1566. It will end at Westminster Abbey on 16th November 2011.

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Menzies and 'The Blargs' were Robbie Player and Robbie Taylor.

Thanks to all the teams who put tremendous effort into building and decorating their karts. They really were superb.

We are hoping to make this an annual event so thinking caps on for next year. The karts must be home-made, no engine is allowed and they must be pushed. Maximum team size will be three.

Kirsty Munro

Killin Golf Club Prize Winners 2011

Ladies

Silver Medal: Laura Aitken
Bronze Medal: Susan McRobbie
McKay Cup: Laura Aitken
Chrissie France: Laura Aitken
May Wilson: Jackie Crossan & Maureen Gauld
SLGA Flag Brooch: Kay Dowling
MacMillan Cancer Relief: Laura Aitken
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Captain's Prize: Laura Aitken
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Mystery Competition: Elizabeth Ingram
CLIC Sargent Gleneagles Medal: Sheila Aitken
Birdie Tree: Laura Aitken
Par Tree: Susan McRobbie
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Ladder: Mary Lewis

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May: Hamish Campbell
June: Paul Melia
July: Bruce Ford
August: Jim Atkinson
September: Jim Rutherford
Medal Play off: Gordon Aitken
Fourball Matchplay: Alan McColm & John Strang
Foursomes Matchplay: Martin Iliffe & Peter Stallard
Grouse Shotgun Foursomes: William Gerry & Jim Rutherford
J.S. MacLean Trophy: Laurence Brown & Jim Rutherford
Jack Noble Stableford: Dickie Lewis
Fred France: Paul Melia
Arrochar Trophy: Bruce Ford
Dr Wilson: Arthur Crammon
Flag Competition: Jim Rutherford
Millennium Outing Quaiach: Gordon Aitken
Captain's Putter (no trophy): Jim Rutherford
George Smith Trophy: Paul Melia
Club Championship: Andy Cousins

Mixed:

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Dr Stevenson: Susan McRobbie & Gordon Aitken
Save the Children Qualifiers: Liz Stevens and Allan McHenry

Adult and Junior: Stephen Hay and Harry McRobbie
Junior Champion: William Kerr

Senior Gents

Medal Play off: Jock Guild
Alister Robertson Trophy: No winner
Willie Allan Trophy: Martin Iliffe & Peter Stallard
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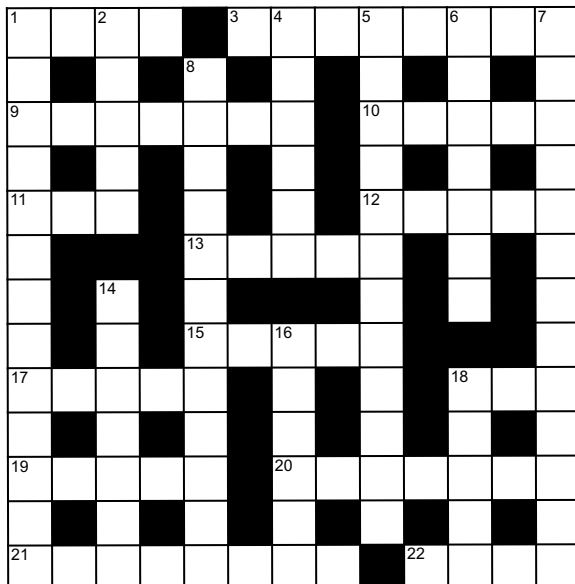
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Crossword by Scorpio



Across

- 1 Unswervingly loyal and correct (4)
- 3 Dejected as a deepwater angler? (8)
- 9 Inadequate obligation unlikely to be fulfilled (3,4)
- 10 Serve up stanza or part of a poem (5)
- 11 Listening device in clearing (3)
- 12 Texan farmstead (5)
- 13 One seabird is strangely lifeless (5)
- 15 In summer George can mingle (5)
- 17 Turbulent Portuguese river flowing out of US state leads to Middle Eastern Capital (5)
- 18 Half a drum for this cat (30)
- 19 I bail out with an excuse (5)
- 20 Oriental or nearest version (7)
- 21 A timely prompt concerning carer (8)
- 22 Strange mess for an eastern ruler (4)

Solution 124

Across

- 1 task 3 rehearse 9 meeting 10 paved 11 elm
- 12 carer 13 use it 15 sweat 17 exact 18 bee
- 19 topic 20 lineage 21 linesmen 22 best

Down

- 1 temperamental 2 steam 4 engine 5 expectations
- 6 reverse 7 endurance test 8 pick-up-sticks
- 14 crampon 16 evolve 18 brave

Down

- 1 Dining facility for one (5,3,5)
- 2 Beneath and subservient to (5)
- 4 Repair to cave to find a musical range (6)
- 5 In spite of that (12)
- 6 Adapt or reorder near rag (7)
- 7 The time when loopy hares cavort (3,5,5)
- 8 Groups on the move get things going (4,2,6)

- 14 In Iran I mismanage the belief that plants have souls (7)
- 16 Show great affection or hold in awe (6)
- 18 A local river, we hear, is a dentist's delight (5)

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What's On in Killin and District

December

- 8 SCDT AGM Tyndrum Village Hall 7.30pm
- 10 Community Bus outing Braehead Glasgow (see page 8)
- 10 Christmas Craft Fair Big Shed (see page 27)
- 16 Ardeonaig & Ardtalnaig Christmas party (see page 33)
- 23 Strathfillan Christmas lunch (see page 10)
- 31 Hogmanay Fireworks

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

January

- 2 New Year Dance (see page 6)
- 5 WRI Birthday party Lesser Hall
- 7 Herb Society meeting (see page 33)
- 10 Community bus outing Stirling (see page 8)
- 10 Killin Community Council meeting School 7.30pm
- 19, 20 & 21 Drama Club Pantomime (see page 18)
- 27 Classical music concert Big Shed (see page 27)

Brownies

Monday
Church Hall
3.30-5pm

Carpet Bowls

Mondays
Lesser Hall
7.30pm

Tai Chi

Tuesdays
Tyndrum Hall
9am

Craft Group (Killin)

Tuesdays
Littlecroft
10am

Quilters

Wednesdays
Community
Rooms 2pm

Tuesday Club

Community
Rooms 2pm

Internet/Learning Cafe

Tuesday & Fridays
Tyndrum Hall
11am-4pm

Youth Group

Thursdays
Crianlarich Hall
6.30-9.30pm
starts 20th Oct

Youth Group (Killin)

Tuesdays
Sports and Social Club
7.30pm

Slimmers

Tuesdays
Crianlarich Hall
7.30pm

Craft Group

Tuesdays
Tyndrum Village Hall
10.30am-1.30pm

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Toddler Group

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