

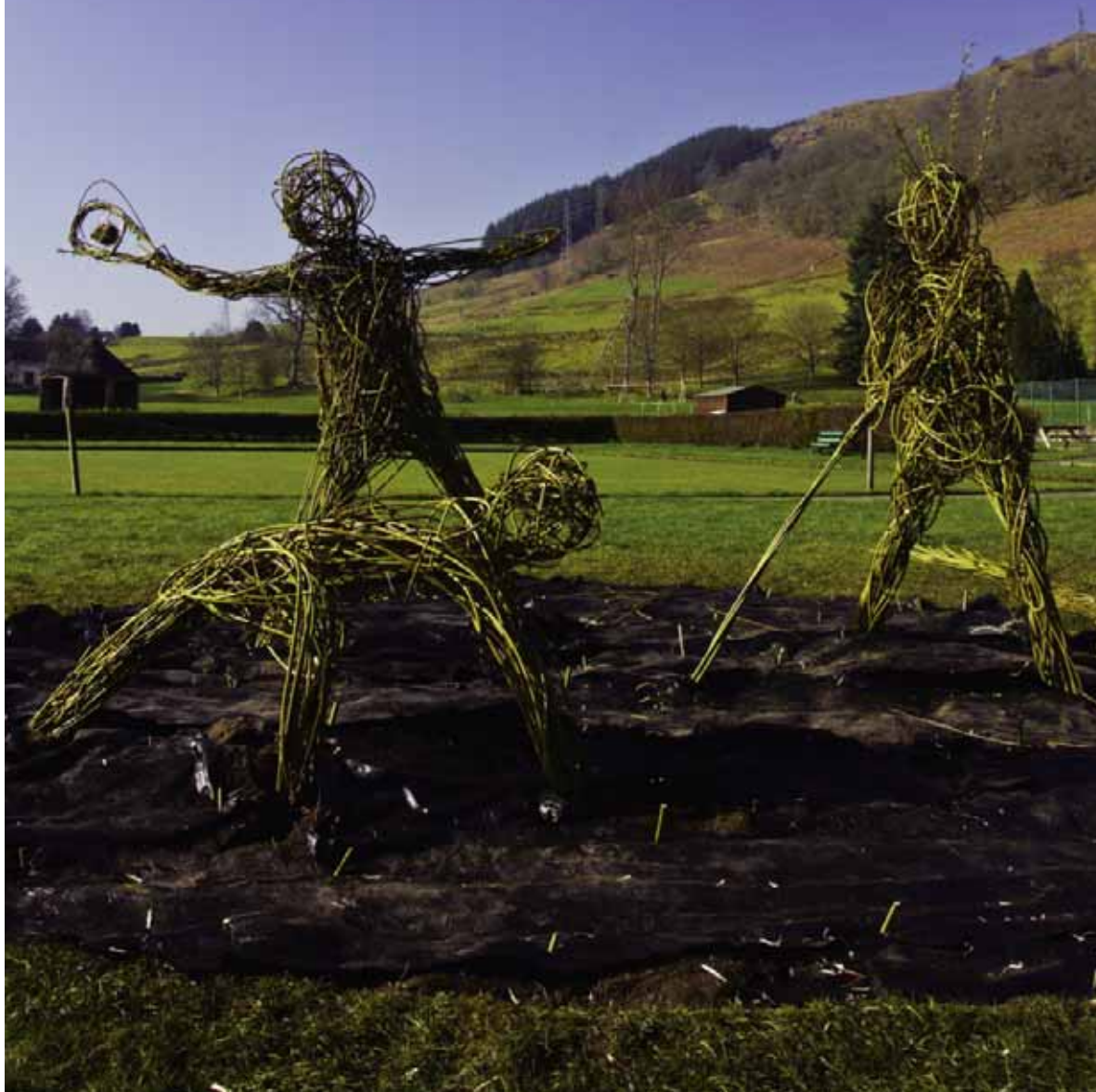
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Editorial

Spring describes the optimistic way our step responds to the lengthening hours of daylight, the new leaves and colourful flowers that seem to come up overnight at this time of year. It has been said that spring progresses at a walking pace from the south of England to the north of Scotland. A similar cycle takes place as youngsters enter schools, universities and their role in society. With active minds and exploring nature the young are a force that continually question and hone community sensitivities. The future will be very different to the past. If trends are to be believed they will fashion much better and less wasteful communities. You will find evidence of some of these strengths in the pages of this Killin News.

The Sainsbury Sports Relief Mile brought the three schools, Strathgryre, Crianlarich and Killin, together to have fun and raise money for people in need here in UK and in some of the poorest countries. Having first started in 2002, Sport Relief is run on alternate years to Comic Relief. The event involved the Killin Mountain Rescue Team, local sports trainers, enthusiasts and sponsors. Fun was had. (See opposite)

We can see how the Youth Club have enhanced the village with their living willow sculpture beside the Millennium Cairn. Supported with funds from the 10K run they have been involved in many projects one of which involved learning about art and willow sculptures under the tutelage of local artist Georgia Crook who has generously supported them in this project. The Youth Club, thanks to the members, Pete Waugh, the Abernethy Trust and a grant from Stirling Council, has pursued a wide range of interesting and community orientated projects to enrich the community.

The changes that are about to take place on the Costcutters site and at Tigh na Bruach will improve and enhance that aspect of the village for all who come here and replace the waste ground and dereliction. The new flats will offer space to those who wish to stay in Killin and provide options for those who wish to come and work in the community. Now is the time to explore, get out and about. Opportunities exist for everyone. Like to go for a walk? (See page 15)

Will we have a sunny summer? It's not possible to answer that but make use of the good weather while it's here.

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Youth Group's willow sculpture
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Schools' Sport Relief Day



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Ron Allner





Breadalbane Park Drainage and Play Park Development

Planning for the drainage and hard standing needs to be reviewed. In order to do this the Park needs to have a group of people, who represent community interests and who are prepared to give some commitment to ensuring the best designs for the Park. This group should be able to represent all the groups, organisations and the general community.

Much public consultation has already taken place and will be used by the new "Friends of the Park" group in their discussions and planning for the Hard Standing, the siting of the Play Park item and the remaining drainage issues. A plan will be drawn up and finance for the professional drawings will be sought following which the group will be involved in seeking the wherewithal to implement the improvements. Stirling Council have already spent £25,000 on the drainage since 2010 and have given £10,000 towards the play park project. The changes that are proposed to complete the

process are estimated to cost in the region of £170,000.

A meeting will be held in the Lesser McLaren Hall on Thursday 19th April. All interested parties are invited to attend. Many local groups who are likely to have a specific interest in park developments will receive invitations and advertisements will be put up around the village. Think about it, we all have some interest in a park especially when it is designed to cater for what we would like to do there. All are invited.

Your Breadalbane Park
Thursday 19th April
7.30 pm in the Lesser McLaren Hall
Come and make your views known
Does it suit what you want to do?
Could it be improved?
Become a Friend of the Park
Make it a great place to go
All are welcome

The Old Mill

The CARS scheme is providing funding to make a Conservation Plan on the Old Mill. This is a necessary preliminary to a feasibility study and business plan. Stirling Council are contributing towards the shortfall. The Old Mill Steering Group are working on the next stage to identify businesses or activities that

will generate the necessary finance to sustain and hopefully provide a small income for the building. A full feasibility study and business plan will be required to present to Stirling Council. If that is accepted by Stirling Council, the steering group will seek funding to purchase and development the building.

Killin Internet Learning Cafe

The former Breadalbane Virtual Learning Centre has been wound up. In its place Elaine Turner and Rosemary Simpson have obtained funding to continue computer and internet tuition in the Killin Library. (See opposite).

Killin Action Plan and Killin Profile

The launch of the Killin Action Plan took place at the KAT AGM on Saturday 25th February. Only a few hard copies of the Action Plan are available due to printing costs but it and the Profile may be downloaded from the KAT website www.killincdt.co.uk The Action Plan was produced following community

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consultation and represents the expressed wishes of the community. The Killin Profile gives details, facts and figures about Killin for funders and others interested in the community. This is only available on line and is designed to be regularly updated as changes take place. We would like to thank Suzanne Player for the amount of time, work and expertise she contributed to the exercise.

The Action Plan and Profile were presented to an audience consisting of representatives of local statutory bodies and organisations in the area on 5th March.

Willie Angus

and Fergus Wood at Action Plan Launch



Simpson, C Grant, P. Hayes, M Beaumont, A Inglis, Iver, Provost F Wood, W Angus, J Watt, A Walker

Killin Internet Learning Cafe open again

Good news! The Killin Internet Café is opening again, having been successful in obtaining a further year's funding from Stirling Council Adult Learning team whilst the library service continues to offer Killin library as the venue. Many thanks are due to both these partners.

Breadalbane Lifelong Learning Trust (BLLT), the group which brought broadband to village halls in the area and ran internet learning cafes in three villages, has now handed over management of the café to a sub-committee of Killin Community Trust. BLLT's directors are Elaine Turner, Rosemary Simpson, Alison Inglis and Pam Hopkins and the management committee is Effie Crompton, Julie Rhys, Sue Wyllie and Suzanne Player. They have spent eight years running the virtual learning centre project, introducing many local people to the wonders of the internet, as well as providing an opportunity to access broadband in venues and at times when it had not been available and, most importantly, employing the help of a learning assistant – usually Heather Hamilton with cover from Kay Riddell and Julie Rhys.

Now that Strathfillan Community Development Trust has successfully been running the Tyndrum Cafe for some time and funding for a stand-alone learning group is becoming increasingly difficult, it seemed appropriate to include learning as part of the remit of KAT, along with its other objectives. Rosemary and Elaine will continue as part of the management group of the re-launched café.

Why should anyone come along to the Cafe? Jim Ferguson has been a regular user and says it has opened up a whole new world 'bringing him out of the cave! emailing family and friends, swapping photos, chatting to his son and daughter through skype (which allows them to see each other too), making purchases over the internet and at the same time spending time with other learners and internet users in the library – it has become a very social place on a Thursday!

So come along and chat to Heather on a Thursday in the library. You can bring your own laptop or use the library computers, you can get help or manage on your own – all for £1 per hour.

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KILLIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Martin Earl introduced himself as the prospective Conservative candidate for the upcoming local elections and the chairman of Trossachs CC.

Biomass

Gordon and Anthony attended a meeting regarding this and there is nothing definitive for what uses may arise from the project. A possibility is growing plants in poly tunnels using heat from the scheme. Malcolm Campbell may be asked about using fields. Gordon will keep informing of progress.

Roads

The CC will lobby Stirling Council about the state of the roads. Stirling council say the complaints procedure does not seem to be used properly and the consideration of population figures does not warrant repairs. The overriding factor is the lack of finance. It was felt that the CC had done all that could be done, and the Killin News should be informed as such. Martin Earl described what they had done in the Trossachs regarding the marking of road defects and complaints logging with an aim to claims in the case of any damage to vehicles.

Play park

A grant has been obtained for goal-posts, but the decision has not been made about the suitability and safety of what is actually required. Alma Walker has funding for other aspects of the park when it is aptly ready.

Breadalbane Forum

The Breadalbane Community Forum is still actively seeking a local team of workers to do maintenance tasks within the local areas.

Cemetery

The bothy/mortuary is to be removed and given over to a memorial garden or as an extension to the present facility. Tim will write and ask about the plans for the existing stand pipe.

Signage to Pipeline On going

Kings House Buses On going

Turning Circle

Kerbs are to be replaced but turning not widened. Angela from SC Car Parks had witnessed a speeding problem and considers slowing down methods more appropriate. Killin Floral Society will take over the plant beds when it is ok with SC.

Phone Box No further forward. BT policy is no doors.

Community Futures

The Community Action Plan has been completed and will be sent to CC members. A hard copy is available in the library.

The 'hard stand' area is on-going. KAT would still like the mill and estimate that they need £150 p.w. for running maintenance.

The Tourism Forum is looking at info signs for Killin. Fiona will indicate a suitable position for new tourist board at Monemore.

Planning

Planning has been passed to turn the Tighnabruach Hotel into four flats. The old Costcutter site is still committed to work starting on the building project.

Correspondence

Tim outlined some correspondence. KAT are interested in taking on the lease of the Sports pavilion from the Sports and Leisure Club, with the OK from the Club. CC has no objections. There is a road race planned by Tay Fitness for 25th August 2012.

A.O.C.B.

The 'clean up' reparation for the Youth Group, of the community bus booking, is not suitable due to numbers. It was decided to make a donation of £100 to the group.

The wolf statue has been recovered with the spine broken and deemed not suitable for the nursery. The nursery can fund repairs and will seek an OK from Gillean Ford.

SC is now laying down charges for day care and prices are now prohibitive to the point that there is no attendance on Thursdays. Tim will write to SC to express the CC distaste of this practice.

Snow shovels and Hi viz vests have been acquired and will be placed somewhere in the village

Next meeting 8th May



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This and That

Nowadays cars can frequently be seen parked in the 'Coach Only' - after all, you can hardly read what is written on the road - but sooner or later there will be a problem when there is no room for coaches to park.



With split second timing a jackdaw claims squatters rights in the slot left by the clock!

A wooden electricity pole in Ardchyle is being rapidly hollowed out by a woodpecker. How long will it take before the pole topples and plunges the house into darkness?

Despite requests from the Community Council, it seems unlikely that BT will ever replace the telephone box door but someone else must have thought they had one which might fit.



Has anyone had a bird table visit from long tailed tits this year? Or any other unusual visitors?

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Windows 8 – the death of the desktop?

The proposed new version of Microsoft Windows – version 8 – is available for testing now. If you thought that the change between Windows XP and Windows 7 was a struggle to get used to, just wait until you see Windows 8. It seems that Microsoft have decided that mobile devices (smart phones/ touch screen tablets) are the hardware of the future and they have designed Windows 8 with this in mind. Gone is the Windows desktop and the look and feel will be similar to that of the smart phone. For office and business users, I am not sure how useful this new version of Windows will be, as this sort of user interface is not necessarily conducive to office work. For more

mature computer users, changing from the beloved Windows XP or Windows 7 to the latest version will be a significant learning curve. There is no doubt that the trend is moving towards handheld devices, and currently the market leaders in operating systems for these types of hardware are Android and Apple. This must be causing Microsoft problems as they have until recently been the worldwide leader in this field.

Historically there has always been rivalry between Microsoft and Apple, with Microsoft winning in the past, but if the Windows platform does not change to become more suited for mobile devices, then Microsoft would likely find themselves struggling to compete.

I expect that Windows 8 is Microsoft's attempt to regain ground and that they will aggressively market this new operating system soon.

I hope that they do not forget that there are a large proportion of users who will shy away from this new method of interacting with the computer, and that the "old fashioned" XP and Windows 7 user interfaces will still be available to us. Mind you it is almost impossible to find new computers with versions of Windows other than 7 – so if you do

find it hard to change and you use XP, take care when you buy a new computer, because it is likely to look quite different.

Recent Viruses:

I am being asked to repair a lot of computers recently that all seem to be suffering from similar symptoms – blue screen when turning on the computer and not being able to load Windows. I am wondering if there is a virulent infection doing the rounds that appears to be immune to the standard anti-virus products. Typically these viruses infect what is called the "boot sector" and some also turn off the anti-virus applications, so your computer believes it is not infected. Then once the virus becomes established, it eventually causes the blue screen problem (the techies call it the Blue Screen of Death).

Symptoms of these viruses (these are also symptoms of many other infections) include – dreadfully slow internet connection, taking a very long time to restart the machine, and eventually not being able to start the machine at all.

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Frost Report

Am I too sexy for my fur?

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The roe deer of Tullos Hill, an Aberdeen beauty spot, have more to worry about than sexual encounters. The fairly tame deer are to be shot to protect the 80,000 saplings which are to be planted there as a council green initiative.

You will never guess what is revealed as not at all too sexy for their fur. Apparently a dog fox only

becomes fertile between November and February and a vixen is only receptive for one to three days during this time. This must be why foxes are so vocal in their courtship, needing to contact each other with those blood-curdling screeches so beloved of the directors in 'Midsomer Murders.'

At least Mr. Fox can still surprise us with his body size (maybe they are going to the foxy gym to become more attractive). The last weight record has been beaten by an Aberdeenshire dog fox which weighed in at 38lbs - getting on for double the usual weight - and it was 4ft 9 ins in length which is comparable to a roe deer - and the 5ft 7inch farmer who shot it. Whether it's to attract a partner or not, some foxes in Wimbledon are being very naughty. They are pooing so much on a school playing field that the staff are having to spend a great deal of time clearing it up. We haven't heard if the staff are to have in-service training days for this or whether they are going to

get the Wombles back since they made such a good job years ago on the common.

In Bushey in Hertfordshire the street light switch off has attracted foxes and a boy on an early morning paper round phoned in to be rescued from a pair of foxes, which looked threatening. Maybe they were just getting amorous in the subdued lighting.

The much milder winter gave us virtually no snow on the ground and caught out a stoat near Ardtalnaig who was beautifully decked out in his white ermine coat in February. The first one I have seen for many years.

But I expect that all will be well and spring and summer will successfully bring their usual crop of baby animals of all types. One of Loch Tay's nestling ospreys of last year has been seen alive and well in Portugal and staff at Abernethy will be wondering if they will be lucky enough to have a baby otter stowing away on their boats again like last year.

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Strathfillan Community Council

Provision of local services:

Cameron Taylor and John Riley met Bob Jack and Les Goodfellow and explained that our ultimate objective is to have a local team based in Killin; this is still the aim from Bob's perspective and Les will consider how to move forward.

Les said that a local person is looking after the toilets in Crianlarich and Tyndrum, but could not name them.

There will be a further meeting on 22nd March at Portnellan, John and Cameron representing the community.

Bob will write letters to try to get other organisations, such as Transerve and Transport Scotland, involved.

Cost of the Day Care Service

Moira Robertson wrote a letter about the cost of day care and emailed it to all Local Councillors. Several replies/acknowledgements have been received, the most comprehensive from Cllr. Paul Owens.



Brian & Isla Craig, Fiona Robertson (from The Green Welly, presenting cheque)
Lisa Stafford, Gwenn Hunter & Murray McEwan from the Scottish Ambulance Service

Defibs

The AED training sessions were carried out over the past few weeks and were generally well attended. All companies i.e. Drover's Inn, Crianlarich Hotel and Green Welly Stop garage, now have the Defibs up and running. The CC would like to congratulate Gwenn Hunter and Isla Craig for achieving defibs in the three villages, and thank them for all their hard work.

Flower and Vegetable tubs

Alan Smailes has applied for a Community Pride grant for tubs and planters including some for vegetables.

Crianlarich into Action

On both volunteer days a lot of ground was cleared and we are now awaiting a chipper from National Park to get rid of the debris. With the money left from Community Pride we hope to improve the eastern end of Lower Station Yard. Some of the chipping from the clearance will go to the school play area and the footpath part of the railway line.

Some of the land to the side of the railway land could be utilised for allotments. It would be necessary to bring in soil for raised beds.

The CiA received £8000 from the Lottery Fund Community Open Spaces Scheme for development of the local paths network plan to a stage ready for planning permissions

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by October 2012 with a decision on future funding in 2013. The money will take the Action Plan to a fully-costed Development Plan.

An Extreme Event for Crianlarich?

Geasper Byrnes owns Crianlarich Hotel and is based in London but would like to take an interest in helping to make Crianlarich a destination.

He has looked at the CiA Action Plan report and has an idea for an annual event.

This would be a hill run contest over seven local Munros; an extreme event that would stand out in the crowd.

It would be a non-profit type day with all monies above the running costs going to charity.

It would need website branding and coincide with a mini festival in the village.

The number of contestants would be limited; say 50 or 100.

Those who complete the course would receive a T-shirt etc.

It would get Crianlarich seen as the home of Scotland's toughest event. It will need branding, funding and a famous person to launch it.

The CC offered its support in principle and it has been agreed to try to get the event organised for next year.

Olympic Torch Celebrations

The SCDT are organising a street market with bunting, gazebos etc. in the TIC car park in Tyndrum on Olympic Torch day, Saturday 9th June. The Torch will be passing through Inverarnan at approximately 10.55am and leaving Tyndrum at 11.55am.

The CC will try to arrange for flags, bunting etc. in Crianlarich and to follow the Torch up to Tyndrum.

Crianlarich into Action February Volunteer Days



Crianlarich into Action has recently had two very successful days clearing the old disused railway line and lower station yard of overgrowth and rubbish.

The National Park Rangers and their volunteers kindly lent their support, manpower and tools to the project, which helped bolster our own group of helpers. The first day, Saturday

4th was, unfortunately, rather wet and miserable but it did not dampen our spirits. Thursday 16th, however, was much better and over twenty people turned out. Refreshments were provided in the hall during both days by a small band of village ladies and an excellent lunch provided by the Rod & Reel, Crianlarich. All in all this was a great display of community spirit, which is the basis and overriding principle of the CiA.

Alan Smailes

Cononish Mine Funds to Strathfillan

Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park has negotiated a £2m financial package with Scotgold Resources Limited, the company behind the Cononish gold mine, which will now allow the development to proceed. Planning permission was approved by the National Park Board in October 2011 for a 10 year underground gold mine facility near Tyndrum, subject to a number of legal obligations being secured. The financial package includes three bonds totalling £1.3m which will allow the National Park to enter and restore the site to an agreed standard at any stage of the development should the operator fail to meet

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Strathfillan by the Way

defined obligations or abandon the site. The bonds include £950K to restore the landscape of the mine site, £160K for mining waste management and £222K towards The Greater Cononish Glen Management Plan, a 30-year native woodland regeneration project. The financial agreement also includes a commitment from the developer to contribute £325K towards other conservation and visitor projects in the National Park over the period of the mine. In addition contributions have been agreed from the developer towards the ongoing monitoring of the site by the National Park. A further pledge to donate £150K to Strathfillan Community Development Trust (SCDT) has been made by the developer and they have also agreed to donate a sum of £200K to SCDT as a contribution towards the development of a mining exhibition and interpretative facility. An initial application from Scotgold Resources Limited was refused in 2010. National Park specialists in landscape, planning and ecology worked closely with the developer to offer solutions mainly associated with the size and shape of the tailings management facility (TMF)

and its successful restoration. The second application halved the size of the TMF with a redesigned shape to fit the landscape and significant amounts of mining waste being deposited back underground. The application also included a 30 year commitment to enhance the wider Glen Cononish through native tree planting and other landscape and habitat improvements. It is Scotgold's aim to start work this summer.



Strathfillan Development Trust

Crianlarich into Action (CiA)

We are very happy to report that the working group have been awarded a development grant of £8,000 by the Big Lottery Fund. The award will help to take the Crianlarich Heritage project to the next level, producing an accurate framework to take forward to the next stage. Then it's more hard work putting together a compelling case for full project funding! Well done to all concerned.

Welcome to Amy

The Trust would like to congratulate Jen Lilly, our fantastic bookkeeper, and husband Paul on the safe arrival of another bouncing baby girl.

Thanks

Our thanks go to Effie and David Crompton for what has turned out to be their final season as organisers of Café Sci. Many people from near and far have enjoyed this innovative, informal and always enjoyable opportunity to meet friends, drink some wine and learn something new on a winter's evening. They can be assured that Café Sci will continue and will be in the capable hands of Dr John Holland.

Joyce Russell

(Development Officer)

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Although my hours are flexible, I am normally in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

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Green Team

Every other Thursday from 6 to 7.30 pm. Meet by the pond in the wildlife garden at the front of Killin Primary School.

19th April: Alien Invasion

3rd May: What a racket!

18th May: Inspired by the movies

31st May: Little wonders

14th June: Cereal Killers

Summer Holiday Specials

In place of regular Green Team sessions, two school holiday specials will be held between 10.30 and 14.30 on the following dates:

12th July: Woodland Crafts

Meet by the Big Shed, Tombreck 10.30am

9th August: Ben Lawers

Discovery: Meet in the Ben Lawers NNR car park at 10.30am.

The group size will be limited to 12 children, aged 8-11 years. Booking essential. To reserve your place, please call the Ben Lawers office on 0844 4932 136. Further details to follow on confirmation of booking.

23rd August: Playing for keeps

6th September: Forces of Nature

20th September: Autumn Art
Parents of children attending for the first time are requested to fill in a consent form, available from Mr Lunan or Helen Cole. For those children who have attended previously, your consent forms will remain valid unless there are any changes to the information given. If in any doubt please contact one of us.

Helen Cole

Volunteers Needed for Moirlanich

Could you help us bring this property to life? Volunteers from the Killin Heritage Society open this property to the public every year but we need more people to help us tell the stories of its history. Whether you are interested in local heritage or would enjoy an opportunity to meet visitors from all over the world, volunteering at Moirlanich Longhouse is a very rewarding experience.

Moirlanich Longhouse is an outstanding example of a traditional cruck frame cottage and byre, dating from the early 19th century. The building has been little altered and retains many of its original features, such as the 'hingin lum' and box beds. A small adjacent building displays a rare collection of working and 'Sunday best' clothes found in the Longhouse and an exhibition interprets the history and restoration.

The Longhouse is open on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons, from 2-5 p.m. during May to September and our volunteers typically cover one or two openings per month, working in pairs. Obviously, the more volunteers we have, the less everybody has to do. If you would like to volunteer please contact

Eleanor Murray

NTS office Lynedoch

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Mervyn's Weather and More



It could be described as almost a ritual that many "hands-on" hill men, shepherds, stalkers, hill farmers etc., first thing in the

morning and last thing before going to bed, look out to view the weather, to assess the likelihood of conditions on the following day, possibly referring to one of the old adages "Evening red and morning grey helps the traveller on his way, but evening grey and morning red, the wise man stays in his bed!"

Having been branded with an association with meteorology friends often ask me, "What is the coming Winter, Spring, Summer, going to visit upon us?". Having listened to the many classic boobs intimated by professional pundits regarding probabilities of "Barbecue Summer" or "Big Freeze" winters, one tends to fight shy of attempting forecasts of more than a day or two!

Having said this, there are odd pointers that have proved their worth over the years. The ceremonial opening of the Loch Tay Salmon fishing at Kenmore on 15th January is normally marked by photos of the

proceedings, taken probably by professional camera men. At least one of these records was, or maybe still is, hung each year in "Archie's bar" of the Kenmore Hotel. Should these photos depict a snowless scene, the remains of the winter following is most likely to be moderate in character. However a picture of the surrounding hills well covered in snow or even lying on the immediate precincts of the village means a continuance of Arctic conditions could be on the cards. Looking across Loch Tay, should the wooded gorge of the Dubh Eas (Lawers burn) have long tongues of drifted snow remaining among the trees, as long as these drifts persist milder conditions are remote. To have Mistle thrushes hanging around in December/January usually results in a more civilized type of winter season.

... and More

Having taken leave of Killin, Clan MacNab and its unique graveyard, the next port of call is the head of Glenlochay, the Glen of the black Goddess. It has been suspected that this lady has been identified with "The Cailleach Bheur" a somewhat shady lady of Celtic mythology. The deer forest of Mamlorn occupies much of upper Glenlochay. The word

Mam (Madhm) implies in the primary sense bursting or erupting and its use can either be employed as a mountain pass or smooth rounded eminence. So many Gaelic words can have a diametrically opposite translation. In this case a "mountain pass" would be appropriate. The word Lorn had me foxed until a neighbour who hails from Argyll put me right. Lorne or Latharna was apparently an important personage in the administration of the old kingdom of Dalriada which stretched from North Argyll to the Glens of Antrim. There are in this area many place and personal names Lorn or Lorne or Larne. Mamlorne and Blackmount to the North were the stamping grounds of Duncan Ban MacIntyre, probably the best known Gaelic bard, of whom more anon. Other names hereabouts, Badour - the dun coloured clump or grove, Bad A' Mhaim - the grove of the pass (Mam again), Coire A'Cheathaich - the misty corrie, Sron Nan Eoin - the nose or promontory of the birds, and Sron Tairbh - the Bull's nose. Others to follow in due course.

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Walks happen every Wednesday morning – meeting at 10.20, lasting under an hour. To find out more, call local Volunteer Walk Leaders, Don and Alicja Fraser on Killin 820690 or Jane Watts, on 01567 820141 or pick up a walk schedule from the Doctors' Surgery, the Community Nurses, Killin Library, or see posters around the village.

All walks are led by trained volunteers. No need to book - simply turn up. If you are recovering after surgery or

illness, or if you haven't exercised for some time, then this is a safe and supported way of doing so. To be healthy, adults need to be active at least 30 minutes a day. Walking in the Park is a great way to get fit. It's free and all you need are comfy shoes and waterproofs. It's a great way to meet new people and enjoy a coffee and chat together after our walk.

The routes are chosen because they are mostly flat, with slight inclines and

have good walking surfaces. Most are suitable for wheelchairs or buggies. You can choose to walk at your own pace and vary that pace during the walk depending on how you are feeling. Whatever pace you walk at you will soon find someone walking alongside you and chatting!

Wilma Ellis

Project Coordinator
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Date	Meeting Place	Route
11/04/12	Capercaillie	Kinnell Standing Stones
18/04/12	McLaren Hall Car Park	Glen Ogle
25/04/12	Capercaillie	Auchmore Circuit
02/05/12	McLaren Hall Car Park	Killin Heritage Trail
09/05/12	Capercaillie	River Dochart/Old Railway
16/05/12	McLaren Hall Car Park	Loch Circuit
23/05/12	McLaren Hall Car Park	Falls of Dochart
30/05/12	Killin Golf Club	Finlarig Castle
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If you would like more information about the training sessions or would like to register, contact businessinthepark@lochlomond-trossachs.org

Black Grouse

Black grouse in Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park are set to benefit from a major funding package from the Scotland Rural Development Programme (SRDP). On behalf of six private farms and estates, the National Park Authority has successfully secured over £720K for the Callander Black Grouse Project which covers an 8000 hectare area between Callander and Lochearnhead. The funding over five years will target conservation measures to help stabilise and increase the number of black grouse. The population has declined from approximately 50 lekking males in 1999 to around 15 in 2010. The work includes :

- * 3385 ha of moorland management
- * 186 ha of targeted heath restoration
- * 50 ha of heather burning and cutting
- * 272 ha of bracken management

- * 37 ha of new native woodland creation
- * 67 ha of existing woodland and scrub management
- * 133 hectares management of mixed grassland, wetland, woodland and scrub
- * 4193 ha of targeted predator control
- * 5575 m. of fence marking existing deer fences

The funding now enables the land managers to implement positive measures that will help black grouse to breed more successfully. Some of the measures that will be undertaken this year include grazing management, bracken spraying, scrub thinning, heather burning, tree planting and fence marking. Over 1300 hectares of the project area are owned and managed by Forestry Commission Scotland who are also working in partnership with the National Park Authority to actively manage this and other parts of their estate for black grouse. At Loch Katrine black grouse have increased from 35 displaying males in 2009 to 90 in 2011. EAK members are involved in Grouse Lek monitoring in various sites near Killin.



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Central Scotland Police Community News

Killin Policeman receives Long Service Award

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Killin - shed break-in

Between 6.30pm on 16th January and 8.30am on 17th January a shed was broken into at Easterlix between Killin and Lix Toll. A van parked in the drive was also entered and damage caused.

Nothing appears to have been taken but damage had been caused to the van and shed door.

Request for owners/occupiers of properties particularly those in secluded and isolated locations to please be on your guard. Secure your property and vehicles. Think about your security measures and how they could be improved.

If anyone was out and about during the times mentioned particularly around Killin/Lix Toll areas and saw any suspicious vehicles or persons, please inform local police or Crime Stoppers.

25th Anniversary - Killin MRT Member killed on Ben More

On 1st February a Commemoration took place in memory of SGT Harry Lawrie who was killed on Ben More 25 years ago in 1987. The Wessex Military helicopter was conveying team members of Killin Mountain Rescue Team (including SGT Lawrie) onto the summit of Ben More searching for a missing female hillwalker. The Wessex lost control and tumbled down the mountain throwing SGT Harry Lawrie to his death.

On Wednesday 1st February local Killin Policeman Andy Fleming, together with his Search & Rescue Dog, Dugald, joined Killin Mountain Rescue Team members - past and present - on a snow capped Ben Ledi, near Callander, where the plaque and memorial cross remain in place, to pay respects to our fallen colleague.

Andy (also a member of Killin MRT) is a serving police officer and based at Killin Police Station where Sgt Lawrie served the local community and is still fondly remembered by local residents to this day.

This incident shows the commitment and dangers that all Mountain Rescue Team members and Search Dog teams have to face on each occasion they respond to call outs and helping to save the lives of missing people.

Quad Bike stolen

Between Tuesday 7th February and Wednesday 8th February a Quad Bike was stolen from Innishewan Farm, Glen Dochart, near Killin.

The bike was seen on CCTV to be driven out of the farmyard sometime during darkness hours.

Honda TRX500FM Quad bike, red colour, valued about £3,000.

Police are appealing for any information regarding this theft or anyone who saw any suspicious vehicles or persons in the vicinity of Glen Dochart during the period described.

I would also urge farmers and owners to review their security measures and carry out any improvements to make it as difficult as possible for the opportunist thief.

Recent Thefts in Killin Area

16th February

Since the turn of the year there has been an increase in thefts mainly from isolated buildings and unoccupied dwellings. The area concerned is from Aberfeldy to Dalmally, Glencoe to Strathgryre, St Fillans to Ardlui.

In one respect I hope the thefts are the work of one person or at least one gang. If not it means there are a number of people who are working independently and travelling throughout the area targeting premises and property.

What can you do to help?

1. If you see or hear anything suspicious phone the police immediately.
2. Keep property out of sight from unwanted eyes.

3. If you can not hide it make sure it can not be moved.

4. Mark your property, use illuminous spray paint.

What to look out for

1. People walking around your property without your consent.
2. Vehicles driving away as you approach them.
3. People asking to buy your belongings without you offering them for sale.
4. People asking for directions or for house occupants.
5. People offering to sell you items from the back of vehicles.

Remember some people may appear genuine but they are practised thieves, this is what they do and have probably been doing it for years so they may very well sound genuine and know what to say and how to respond as, after all, it is their living to steal from YOU and your neighbours.

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Men seen acting suspiciously

9th March

Police have received a report of two men seen acting suspiciously in the gardens of households in Ballechroisk, Killin during the early hours of Thursday morning.

On this occasion nothing has obviously been tampered with or stolen, however, can I ask local residents to please be aware and take adequate security precautions. Can I also ask if anyone observes any suspicious activity that they make contact with the police straight away.

Take as much detail and description of the people or vehicles seen and directions of travel. Pass this onto the police.

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Allana Cairns and Ian Hitchin celebrate

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The good news is that it is now complete and looks and feels fantastic. The conservatory has beautiful views over the river and the surrounding countryside. It has been furnished in contemporary style with much attention to detail, plush sofas and rugs and comfortable dining furniture. A

perfect place for morning coffee, lunch, traditional afternoon tea (served with tea or champagne) and dinner in the evening. In the warmer weather guests will be able to exit the conservatory straight into the beer garden.

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McLaren High School

S1 Panto Excursion

On Friday 16th December, all the first year pupils went to see a panto at the MacRobert. 'We saw 'Jackie and the Beanstalk' with our English teachers. It was as well written as it was funny. The dame played a good part and was over the top as a dame should be! The beanstalk was cheesy as it was a Heinz Baked Beans tin with a tube of beans coming out of it. It was good fun and everyone enjoyed it.'

Luke Hibbert 1B

Tam O'Shanter

On Monday 6 February Patchwork Play Productions performed Tam O'Shanter in McLaren High School for all of S1. "The start was one of the best parts of this production because it was a way to introduce the poem. In the beginning Robert Burns is laughing at his new poem and when his wife comes in she asks him what he's laughing at. He tells his wife that it's his new poem and she asks what 'bellum' and 'nappy' mean. This was really good because it immediately introduced the audience to the meaning of some of the words that are used in the poem. There was a lot of audience participation throughout the whole play. For example in the church a few members of the audience did a hornpipe. Then for the special effect of the wind the actors waved a blue sheet over every chair. I listened closely and could picture everything that had been in the poem. Everything was rather easy to explain as the use of the props was clever. They used plastic beer mugs for the pub scene and that helped me to picture Tam and his 'drouthy neebors' having a drink. The actors also used percussion instruments for the storm and this helps me because that's how the storm is supposed to sound. I'd say the play definitely helped me understand the poem better."

Adam Watson S1

Sainsbury's vouchers

We will be collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again this year and would be grateful for any vouchers you can collect. Last year we collected a fantastic amount and were able to get lots of new equipment for the school.

Environmental Review



Olivia Ridgewell

To apply for a Green Flag, members of the Pupil Council are carrying out an annual environmental review of McLaren High School. The aim is to get a clear view on the current environmental state of the whole school to identify where improvements can be made. The council members will decide from the findings what the school action plan will be. The checklist is divided into sections that mirror the Eco-Schools Scotland's environmental topics ie Waste Minimisation, Litter, Energy, Water, Transport, Health and Well being, School Grounds, Sustaining our World and Biodiversity.

The Pupil Council members are currently consulting with members of the school community to complete this worthwhile task. Olivia Ridgewell S1 and Kenneth MacDougall S2 consulted with Mr Clark, teacher and Mr Ward, janitor.

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Health Promoting Committee

Last year the Health Promoting Committee applied to the Co-operative Group for a grant to promote healthy snacks for all in our school. They have great pleasure in informing you this application was successful and they received a cheque for the marvellous amount of £481.93



Homework Club

Class 2 have started a homework club on a Wednesday during lunchtime. This has proved to be popular so far and is running every week. This is only for class 2 but may be extended at a later date. Hope to see you there!

Euro Quiz

Congratulations to our Euro Quiz team, Ruairidh, Beth, Jack and Amy from P6 who were placed 3rd (Stirling Schools) at the Euro Quiz in Alva in March.

Killin and Crianlarich Nursery

Killin Nursery Spring

The children in Killin & Crianlarich Nursery are preparing the gardens and containers ready to plant vegetables and flowers. We plan to enter some produce in the Killin Show this year. We are very proud of our beautiful display of Spring flowers.

0-3 room

The children in the 0-3 room are becoming very familiar with the story of the Gingerbread Man. They have been making gingerbread men biscuits and also using clay to model gingerbread men.

3-5 room

We are learning about how to construct models from different resources and materials such as meccano and clay. We are also learning about maths and numeracy through sorting, matching and counting.

The Wolf

The latest news about our search for Fillan the wolf is that on 6th March we went on an expedition to find the wolf. The children had worked out from all the clues they had gathered that the wolf was at a very special comfortable new home which they >



Skiing At Glencoe

On 9th February fourteen of the Killin P6/7s went for a Skiing Taster at Glencoe. They were joined by pupils from Crianlarich and Strathgryre. Once they started to feel comfortable in their skis, they had to master the rope tow which pulled them up to the top of the hill and then they had to ski back down by doing the snowplough and also doing challenges. They all had a fantastic time and would love to go again.

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<are going to keep as a secret. The children and staff of Killin & Crianlarich Nursery would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has through letters and phone calls assisted us in our challenge to find the wolf.

Crianlarich Nursery 0-3 room

The children in the 0-3 room in Crianlarich are having fun exploring construction materials and the overhead projector and through these experiences the children are learning about shadows, shape and colour. We have also been trying out different ways of making sounds using natural resources (pots, pans, chains, spoons).

3-5 room

Some of the children in the 3-5 room in Crianlarich have been developing their knowledge of farming. We visited Keilator Farm and were made very welcome by the Ronald Family. We learned about the tractors and quad bikes that were used on the farm and met some of the animals. We even saw a calf that was just one day old. The children and staff would like to say a huge thank you to Fulton Ronald.

Brownies



William Stitt and Robert Lafferty from the Local Masonic Lodge presenting the Killin Brownie Pack and their Leaders with a cheque for £80 being a half share of the Hamper Raffle.

The Vintage Tea Party

This year for my birthday I decided to have another fundraising event. Last year I raised £140 at a disco and £100 the year before. When I got my Good Gift catalogue, I wanted to raise £1000 this year and save as many people's eyesight as possible. My Mum and I came up with the good idea of a Vintage Tea Party. We decorated the hall and sent everyone invites. It was so busy there were queues of people waiting to get in. We have so far raised £500 for sightsavers and we gave Lisa £540 for the Malawi Education Fund. Thank you to everyone who came and drank tea and ate cakes and to all who baked and made sandwiches. A big thank you to Louise Morris for donating the fantastic cake to the raffle. Oh and thank you to all the tea servers and dishwashers. People are still handing money in which we pass on to Lisa for Bryony's Charity (Malawi Education Fund) but if anyone would like to make a donation you can visit <http://www.justgiving.com/bryony-clare-semble>

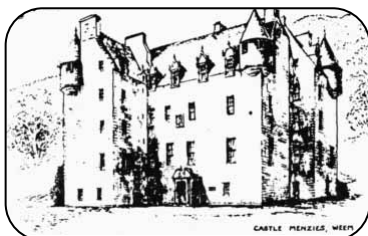
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I would just like to add how proud I am of Erin for wanting to raise £1000 and achieving it. She is such a special girl.

Jayne Kerr (Erin's Mum)

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Where is the Wolf?

In the last edition of the Killin News the children who attend the Nursery were wondering where the wolf had gone from outside the Breadalbane Folklore Centre. By the time the Killin News went to press their questions had been answered and the Nursery has an open invitation to visit the wolf, but others may also be wondering where the statue has gone.

When the Folklore Centre was closing, the wolf was one of several items offered to Killin Heritage Society by Stirling Council. The Society agreed to accept ownership of some of these items, including the wolf, and placed them in safe storage until new, permanent homes can be found.

The wolf is made of a very light resin, not the heavyweight that everyone thought it was, and is in rather a sorry state. There is a sharp edged crack right down its back, making it a health and safety hazard for children and adults who choose to touch it or sit on it. On



the removal day there was a small boy climbing on it, as many hundreds of children, and others, must have done and this is probably what caused the damage over a period of time. In these days of litigation mania it is surprising that Stirling Council had not taken action regarding the safety issues relating to the statue!

Many people have perhaps

wondered why the wolf was there in the first place. The old mill is also known as St. Fillan's Mill, after the Irish Saint who is believed to have built a mill in that vicinity in the 8th Century. The name Fillan is a diminutive of faol, a word in Irish Gaelic meaning "little wolf". There are many legends linked with St. Fillan but one tells the story of when he was building a church in Glen Dochart and a wolf killed the ox which was being used to carry materials. Fillan is said to have convinced the wolf of the error of its ways and it then took the place of the dead ox. Another version tells of St. Fillan ploughing the fields near Killin when a

wolf, much feared in the district, killed the ox. A geis (most common meaning is a spell or obligation) was put on the wolf, which meant it had to take the place of the ox and do the work, or misfortune and death would befall it.

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Killin Mountain Rescue

This again has been a busy year for the team. We had 22 callouts averaging 11.5 members per callout. We assisted 34 persons, 2 dogs and one sheep. Unfortunately 3 of the callouts involved human fatalities. Previous callout numbers were:

2010:29, 2009:21, 2008:22, 2007:24, 2006:26.

In 2011 we spent 708 man hours in rescue related activities. Compare that with 2010's 1,423 man hours.

Team activities are not restricted to rescues. There is a regular training schedule involving one evening and one Sunday per month. At these sessions team members practise all the necessary skills to enable them to carry out all elements of rescue work - rope work, stretcher loading, navigation and first aid to mention but a few of the necessary skills. We work on a regular basis with military helicopters as well as the air ambulance so training with them is crucial.

In previous articles, mention has been made of the importance of family support and understanding of our



T. Inglis

activities. I have lost count over the years how many times I have disappeared out the door just as the evening meal is about to be served or been out on a shout and realised that I was supposed to be at some family do or other.

We do fully appreciate the support, not only of our families, but also of the generous communities we live in and the employers of team members who let us disappear at the drop of a hat. The winter period of 2011-2012 has not only had its usual share of callouts but 1st February 2012 had a special significance for K.M.R.T. It was 25 years to the day in 1987 that Police Sergeant Harry Lawrie, who was team co-ordinator, died when the Wessex helicopter he was flying in crashed into the side of Ben More near Crainlarich.

The following is an article that appeared in the Ben Ledi View which gives a pretty full picture of the events leading up to that tragedy.

Killin Mountain Rescue Team members past and present joined family and friends at the Ben Ledi cross on Wednesday 1st February 2012 to remember Sergeant Harry Lawrie BEM, Co-coordinator of the rescue team who lost his life in a helicopter crash on Ben More exactly 25 years ago. Included in the group was Ian Ramsay, a Police Constable in Crianlarich at the time, who was on board the helicopter and recovered from serious injuries sustained in the crash. Seven out of the eight team members who rescued the air crew from the stricken helicopter were also present.

1st February 1987 was an almost spring like day and no-one could have anticipated the tragic events that would result in three people losing their lives in one 24 hour period in the hills of West Perthshire.

Many in the team on that day were preparing to spend the afternoon watching the Scotland Wales Rugby international at Murrayfield when they received a call to attend at Balquhiddy to assist in the recovery of a climber who had collapsed and died near Inverlochlarig.

Just as that incident was being completed a second call was received reporting a climber having fallen on the snow covered slopes near the summit of Ben More.



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Team Yearly Round Up 2011

The team diverted to Ben More, and eight members set off from Ben More Farm to locate the casualty. A Wessex helicopter from RAF Leuchars picked up Sergeant Lawrie and Constable Ramsay with the intention of dropping them off on the hillside to meet up with the rest of the rescue team to assist in the search. Coming in to the hover on the hillside the main rotor struck a rock causing the helicopter to crash in to the hillside and thereafter slide down towards the other team members making their way up the icy snow slopes. As soon as the aircraft came to rest the rescue team entered the wreckage and assisted the air crew and occupants out of the helicopter before it burst into flames. By chance RAF Leuchars Mountain Rescue Team was returning from Training at Tyndrum and saw the crash take place. They quickly attended at the crash scene and carried out triage on the hillside, arranging for Ian Ramsay and the air crew who were also injured to be evacuated by a second helicopter to hospital. Unfortunately Sergeant Lawrie was found fatally injured on the snow-covered slopes. He was carried down the hillside on a stretcher by his own team members supported by the RAF team and in the latter stages by Lomond Rescue team members who had been called to assist when the severity of the incident became

known.

The following day Killin Mountain Rescue Team and the RAF recommenced a search and found the body of the climber who had fallen on Ben More the previous day bringing the death toll over the 24 hour period to three.

Later that year a reception was held at Stirling Castle, where Hugh Pearce, the helicopter pilot, Team Leader Billy Stitt and Deputy Team Leader Stewart Inglis received the Queens Commendation for brave conduct and the Central Scotland Police Medal for bravery.

The late Jean Lawrie, Harry's wife, attended a ceremony at Perth a few months later with family and members of the Mountain Rescue Team. She received from HRH Princess Anne the posthumous award of the BEM which had been awarded to Harry a few weeks before he died in recognition of his service, not just to mountain rescue, but also to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and the Boys Brigade, to which both he and Jean had contributed many hours over a number of years.

The cross on Ben Ledi summit was constructed by the Late Jock Clark, Callander, and erected by Killin Mountain Rescue Team supported by other members of the community in Callander who knew and respected Harry. Harry's ashes and that of his wife Jean are placed near to the cross.

It was decided that the Ben Ledi Cross on the summit of Ben Ledi was the appropriate place to take time to remember Harry and the events of 25 years ago which brought Callander to a standstill on the day of his funeral in Callander Kirk.

Bill Rose

Co-Coordinator KMRT



This will be a year of reflection for the volunteers of Killin Mountain Rescue Team as well as a poignant reminder to us all that when fate takes a hand volunteers can also make the ultimate sacrifice carrying out a duty. As always, if going to the hills, be safe, carry a map and compass as well as a torch and whistle. Let someone know your intended route and any alternative plans that you may have. Take sensible precautions and enjoy your time in the outdoors.

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Choir Workshop

Killin Community Choir members were very unsure what they were in for when Franny, the Choir Leader, announced she had arranged an all day Workshop for them. Franny had persuaded three of her Scottish Opera colleagues, Fiona MacDonald, Adam Magee and Karen Murray, to come and work with the choir one Saturday in March. The day was a great success and no-one was asked to sing alone, which was what all had feared. Adam worked with the men in the Tin church while the sopranos and altos stayed in the Parish Church separately with Franny, Fiona and Karen. New pieces were learned to add to the repertoire for the autumn concert and the choir were treated to songs from the visitors and Franny. A lovely lunch was provided by the Cancer Research Committee and, after a very enjoyable day of singing, there was a social evening at Dall Lodge. Adam and Fiona are taking the lead roles in "Carmen" in Edinburgh in May and choir members will be going along to a performance. **MM**



Bob MacGregor Motorcycle Club

In December 2011, The Scottish Auto Cycle Union were pleased to announce the affiliation of the Bob MacGregor Motorcycle Club in Killin. Our newly formed Club is primarily for the running of the Bob MacGregor Memorial 2 Day Trial which has been held annually the first week-end in June for the last six years. Membership to support the Trial, which commemorates the only

Scotsman ever to win the Scottish Six Day Trials (the first time now 80 years ago) is open to anyone, rider, non-rider, adult or child at an annual cost of £5.00. This year will be the first year the Bob MacGregor Memorial Trial will be solely run by the new Bob MacGregor Motorcycle Club. Entries were released on the 1st March and in the first two weeks we received over seventy applications

from all over Britain and Ireland. Watch out for posters with further information on sections, times etc. We look forward to seeing you all for what should be a great and busy week-end for the village.

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News from the Big Shed

The last two months have been very busy at The Big Shed. Locals from all around Loch Tay and Glen Lyon have taken the opportunity to visit the new venue to attend an event or to take a new class. The atmosphere is always friendly and visitors find that their experience reaches far beyond their expectations. Following the success of the first classical concert in the series with The Edinburgh String Quartet, The Scottish Reed Trio performed to another sell out audience in March. The three young musicians,



(pictured) Catherine Earnshaw on oboe, Heather Pybus on bassoon and Frances Pybus on clarinet provided a stunning performance. It really was an amazing experience to be seated so close to brilliant musicians and to listen to ensemble music as it was originally intended to be heard. The next classical concerts are on Saturday April 21st (1pm or 3pm)

with a percussion ensemble called O Duo - Shake Rattle and Roll! Twice voted best Music Act at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and best known as the dynamic presenters of Children's Classic Concerts, Owen Gunnell and Oliver Cox take percussion to a new dimension. Not to be missed by music fans of all ages so ring Jane for tickets (£6) as soon as possible as these concerts are bound to sell out. On Thursday May 17th at 7.30pm the Maxwell Quartet continues the classical series. Following a taster session in March, Dave Hunt will be running a 2-day weekend workshop in Indoor and Outdoor photography on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th May (10am-4pm). Suitable for beginners and the more advanced alike, the course will cover the topics of using the camera, lighting and composition, portraits and landscape - working indoors and outside. The workshop will finish with a session on preparing your images for print for optimum results. Contact Dave Hunt (01567820990) for more information. Future courses for your diaries include An Introduction to Permaculture 15/16th September.



Douglas McBride

talk on South Georgia on Thursday May 10th at 7.30pm.

A sponsored 24 hour musicathon takes place on June 9th and we are looking for local musicians to take a performance slot. All proceeds will be divided between Glasgow Royal Hospital for Sick Children and future events in The Big Shed. The Herb Society is holding an exchange gathering in April and there are party bookings throughout the summer culminating in a wedding in September. Come down and see if you would like to hire the well kitted out commercial kitchen for your own event or visit the studio upstairs. The Big Shed now has its own blog: thebigsheds.blogspot.com where you can find details of all future and past events.

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John Connelly



Dave Hunt

Why not Foster a Pet?

Pet Fostering Service Scotland (PFSS), established in 1985, provides support for pet owners who are in an emergency, such as having to go into hospital and are unable to make arrangements for their pets to be cared for. PFSS aims to minimise the stress on both pet and owner by providing pet care in a volunteer fosterer's home until they are able to be reunited. In circumstances where pets are not able to be returned to their owner PFSS collaborates with The Blue Cross to find new homes. PFSS is a vital service to local pet owners. However, sadly, we have to turn down four fostering requests

every week in Central Scotland alone due to a lack of volunteer foster carers. It is heart-breaking to turn away pet owners who are desperate and have no other options. Without the help of PFSS and the Blue Cross we just don't know what will happen to these pets and it is frustrating that we are unable to help due to low volunteer numbers. Central Scotland is an area of animal lovers and there are many potential pet foster carers out there who are not aware of how much they are needed! Anyone who thinks they may be able to help please do get in touch. Callander fosterer, Janice Mathisen,

has just successfully prepared her 15th foster dog for rehoming and finds volunteering with PFSS a rewarding experience. She provides a safe temporary home for a pet till its owner can have it back, or prepares it for its new home. She can't help but enjoy each one...they're eager to go on walks, no matter the weather, or play with a ball, or just keeps her company in the house. If you feel you could offer your support as a volunteer, please call 0844 811 9909 option 5 then 1 or visit our website for more information. For an informal chat first of all, phone 01877 330996.

Fortingall Art

The Fortingall Art Exhibition committee is very pleased to announce that there will be another exhibition this year following the most successful one held in 2011. As in previous years it is to be staged in the Arts and Crafts Molteno Hall, Fortingall, 8 miles west of Aberfeldy on the B846 - PH15 2LL. ADMISSION IS FREE.

With over 30 exhibitors showing paintings, ceramics, photography, sculpture, jewellery and more, there should be something to interest everyone. However, the exhibition would not be complete without the

exciting and much appreciated children's Mini Art Competition. Last year we were delighted to have had over 340 entries from all over Highland Perthshire and the standard was exceptionally high. All entries must be 12cm x 12cm, in any medium and capable of fitting into a CD case. The categories are:

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M-FEST comes to Killin

Stirling Youth Partnership will be holding a special event in Killin for young people in the surrounding area. M-FEST is a new project that aims to promote mental health and wellbeing amongst young people living in the rural area of north and southwest Stirling.

The first M-FEST event is being held in Killin on Saturday 28th April 7-10pm in the McLaren Hall. Young people aged 12-18 are invited to come along and enjoy the free Mocktail Bar, music, take part in challenges in The Cube, win some prizes and watch films made by other young people from across the area. There will also be some great ideas on how to prepare for exams and keep stress at bay. All this and more – and it's all free! We will be sending out posters and flyers soon through the youth clubs, schools and local shops, so keep your eyes peeled for more information. If you are interested in this event, or have any questions, please contact: -

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Book Review

The Songwriter by Beatrice Colin

This is a richly atmospheric and deftly plotted novel. The story opens in 1916 in a rapidly changing New York and continues for four years. The city is full of exiled Russian revolutionaries and militant Italian anarchists. Against a backdrop of jazz, prohibition and communist scares, are woven the lives of the three main characters. Monroe Simonov, a song-plugger, is in love with a Ziegfeld Follies dancer. Inez Kennedy, a fashion model in a store, has just one season to find a wealthy husband before she must return to the midwest. Denisova, a glamorous political exile, gives lectures while she waits for the Russians to overthrow their Tsar. Their paths cross and re-cross leaving a trail of passion, infidelity and betrayal and hurtle to an explosive climax. The Songwriter is written with intelligence and whimsical charm. Reviewers describe the language as magical, glittering, passionate, compelling etc. This is definitely a

book to linger over and enjoy. Beatrice is a young Glasgow-based writer who as a teenager wrote and performed songs with her own band. She became a journalist and later wrote plays for BBC Radio before becoming a novelist. Her previous novel, The Luminous Life of Lilly Aphrodite was a Richard and Judy Selection in 2009 and has been translated into seven languages. She is currently a mentor for the Scottish Book Trust, edits a literary journal, "Algebra" for Tramway in Glasgow and is working on a new novel which is set in Spain during the Civil War. Her books have been shortlisted for a British Book Award, a Saltire Award and a Scottish Arts Council Book of the Year Award. Our group were privileged when she came to one of our get-togethers and some of us saw her again at a book signing.

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Local Planning Applications

National Park

Week 5 commencing 30 January

Proposal: Proposed double pole structure to support a 200KVA transformer

Location: Maragowan Caravan Park

Applicant: SSE Power Distribution

Application Type: Consultation / Notification - S36 Elec.Act

Proposal: Erection of one 4m high threshold sign

Location: Land Adjacent To A85 West of Clifton Tyndrum

Applicant: Miss Lynda Frazer

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

Week 6 commencing 6 February

Proposal: Change of use and extension of former hotel to form 4 dwellinghouses

Location: Tighnabruach Hotel, Killin

Applicant: Commercial First

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Week 7 commencing 13 February

Proposal: Formation of new access to A827

Location: Killin Pumping Station

Applicant: Scottish Water

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Proposal: Erection of new porch

Location: 8 Gray Street Killin

Applicant: Mr David Robertson

Application Type: Householder Planning Permission

Proposal: Erection of bunkhouse

Location: Kilbride Cottage Station Road Upper Tyndrum

Applicant: Mr Andrew Cousins

Application Type: Householder Planning Permission

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 being further revision of proposals Ref 90/01102/DET/S and Ref 2010/0017/MIN

Location: Cononish Glen Cononish Road Tyndrum

Applicant: Mr Chris Sangster

Application Type: Minerals Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

Week 10 commencing 5 March

Proposal: Partial demolition, restoration and extension of 2 derelict buildings to form

1 dwellinghouse

Location: Station Cottages Killin

Applicant: Mr Daniel Gardiner

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

Perth & Kinross Council

27 January

Proposal: Erection of a machinery shed (partially in retrospect)

Location: Land 70 Metres North West Of The Barn Craggantoll Farm Lawers

Applicant: Mr Greg Deakin

Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Pending Consideration

Proposal: Alterations and extension to store (partially in retrospect)

Location: The Barn Craggantoll Farm Lawers Aberfeldy

Applicant: Mr Greg Deakin

Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Pending Consideration

2 March

Proposal: Erection of environmental visitor centre with associated car parking and formation of new access in principle (Renewal of planning consent 08/02295/OUT)

Location: Land To The North of A827 Killin

Applicant: T Allen And B Snoxall

Application Type: planning permission in principle local

Decision: approve the application

Stirling Council

7 January

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

Location: Fiddlers Bay Killin

Applicant: Reay Mackay

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Community Bus Outings

The community bus has had a few outings recently, all of which have been very well supported. However up until now it has been ladies who are making good use of the bus and the next outings I hope will appeal to some of the men in and around the village.

On **Tuesday 24th April** the outing will be to **Rosslyn Chapel** leaving the Post Office at 9.00a.m. and returning around 5.00p.m. The cost will be £18.00 in total.

The following outing will be to **Gardening Scotland** at Ingliston on **Friday 1st June** and the cost will be £22.00. Names with money should be with me a.s.a.p. to allow us to get the benefit of any early booking concessions which are available.

On **Friday 5th August** it is **Ayr Flower Show** and again anyone interested in this outing should get in touch (cost yet to be confirmed) and later on, probably October, we hope to visit the Transport museum in Glasgow. The entry to this is free, however the bus fare will be £10.00.

Ann Watson
820521

Think About It

On 14th/15th April this year the world will be recalling the centenary of the tragic sinking of the legendary Titanic after hitting an iceberg on her maiden voyage in 1912. As the seven-man band played lively ragtime tunes that night the slant of the deck grew steeper and more alarming until suddenly the musicians began to play "Nearer My God to Thee". In a short time, 1513 people died, including the captain and the designer of the ship.

Have you ever dreamt that you were falling from some great height and you then awake in fright? I read about a man who had this sensation and was so suddenly awakened by his sense of falling that he was afraid to go back to sleep. He feared he would die and he imagined he was falling into a bottomless pit. One evening soon after this as he was walking slowly through a cemetery, he saw this phrase engraved on a tombstone: "Underneath Are The Everlasting Arms". These words reminded him that when God's children die, they are safely carried by the Lord to their home in heaven. He recalled the assurance of Psalm 23, "Yea

though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me." He suddenly realised that in life and in death and even in sleep, the "everlasting arms" of the God of love are there to catch and hold us. That night he was able to sing what he had been taught in childhood, "Teach me to live that I may dread the grave as little as my bed." At last he could fall asleep without fear.

Ladd Fagerson

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The Great Bake-Off

Remember to be careful what you claim to be best at when on holiday with pals! On a recent golfing holiday to Portugal Jane, Mary and Sheena each claimed to make the best Lemon Meringue Pie. The gauntlet was thrown down and a contest was arranged once back on Scottish soil.

To make things even harder the contestants then declared the decider between the top two should be a chocolate roulade made to Delia's recipe. The date was set and the judges (Liz, Audrey, Elizabeth and Chrissie) were organised. Judging criteria were put together and prizes (you have to have prizes!) selected.

On the night the contestants were nervous and the judges were even more so as none of them wanted to upset their friends! The judging began. It was so difficult - how hard it must be for the MasterChef or the British BakeOff judges! Finally (OK, so it took awhile!) the marks for the pies were decided and then all the roulades were judged so as not to give anything away to the contestants.

The winner of both Lemon Meringue Pie and Roulade was Mary. Sheena's husband, Allan, cleaned up our leftovers and said that they were all delicious - and that he would not want to judge between them!

LS

Jane Brown, Mary Lewis & Sheena CHisholm



Bunty's Dalek



Some many weeks ago a hole appeared alongside a manhole cover on the pavement outside Bunty McGregor's house. It grew gradually larger but the Council weren't interested as it was a BT manhole. BT were informed and, on the day of the Burns Supper, a cone was placed over the hole, surrounded by a protective barrier. This was a good thing from the health and safety point of view, but not from Bunty's as it blocks access to her garage. She protested and was told it would be dealt with 'soon'. It wasn't. Phone numbers she was given to ring were - unsurprisingly as this is BT- impossible to get through to. The barrier was hit by a lorry but as we go to press the dalek still guards the flattened remains and refuses to let Bunty get her car in and out. Send for Dr Who!

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Geocaching is like a treasure hunt using GPS coordinates. You type in your coordinates into a GPS or even a mobile phone and it will lead you to the secretly hidden cache. If you visit www.geocaching.com it will show you where you can find some in your area or anywhere in the world. After you have found the geocache you can put something small in and take something out, like badges or key rings. You can also log your visit and make a comment in the notebook provided. Geocaches are small plastic tubs like ones used for ice-cream. They are normally hidden under rocks and in trees, although there are other

great hiding places used. When you get home you then register your finds on the website, your page will keep a record of how many caches you have found. You can set up your own cache and hide it. I set one up a couple of years ago at the head of the loch called 'Routing Around'. Every so often I check on it and see who has visited in the note book. My sister and I put our own travel bugs in our cache, these are trinkets with tags on them that geocachers would recognise to move from one cache to another. We listed a mission for our bugs on the website to see which could travel the furthest, mine

has been all over the UK nearly 3000 miles in 74 caches, but my sisters is currently winning as it been all over Europe but also to Africa and back twice doing over 18,000 miles.

Geocaching is really fun and is a free thing to do when you are out on walks and it takes you to different places that you may not have been to. There are new caches appearing all the time and many locally that you may have walked past. Remember if you find a cache make sure you leave it well hidden!!

Ellie Ridgewell

Last Chance to Register to Vote

Electorals who have not responded to the voter registration forms sent to them since last October have only a few weeks to register in time to vote in the local Council elections taking place on 3rd May 2012. Whenever the registration office is notified of a change in owners or tenants at an address they send a registration form to the new occupiers and delete the electors. As only 30% to 40% of the forms issued are returned this will result in

60% of the people who have moved address in the last 6-9 months losing their vote on May 3rd unless they apply to register by the 18th April at the latest. Forms to register are available in local libraries or can be downloaded from www.gov.uk or you can phone 01786-892289, fax 01786-892255 or email to check if you are registered. Anyone who wants to vote by post at the elections is encouraged to apply as soon as possible by again

obtaining a form from or collecting a form from their library. The last date on which the ERO can accept an elector's completed, signed application to vote by post in time for the May 3rd elections is 5pm on 18th April.

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Those who knew her will have been sad to learn of the death of Diana Macnab. In late October she was diagnosed with terminal cancer and died at home in Leuchars in Fife on 2nd January 2012 aged 75. In April 1959 she married James Macnab, who had recently returned to the UK after 12 years service in the Far East. As there was no house available in Killin they rented 'Auchtubhmor', Balquhider from Sir Gregor MacGregor of MacGregor and lived there until 1961 when James

bought Finlarig Farm and they moved to Killin. During their time at Kinnell and Finlarig she did what she could to support James in his duties as local councillor and in the management of Kinnell. She had a passion for gardening and enjoyed the stalking, although she was never in the same class as Judy Bowser on the hill. As small girls Judy and her sister were looked after by "Nannie Robson", who then moved on to look after Diana. When they first met in the main street of Killin Judy's greeting was, "You must be my little Diana". Diana was appointed County Organiser for 'Scotland's Garden Scheme' in Perthshire. In 1983 she was elected Chairman of Scotland's Garden Scheme and held the post until 1991 when she became Hon Vice President. In 1985, following the death of her parents Lord and Lady Kilmany, Diana and James moved to Kilmany in Fife. They lived at Kilmany until James retired in 1993. They then moved to Leuchars Castle Farmhouse. During her time in Fife Diana was active with the Kilmany WRI and the National Trust for Scotland in St Andrews. In 1992 she was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Fife.

She is perhaps best remembered as a person who enjoyed parties and for her ability to engage with children and teenagers. Her family are sustained by so many happy memories and are very grateful for the hundreds of letters and messages of sympathy received.

James Macnab of Macnab

Evelyn Dorothy Tomlin

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My Mum came to live in Killin in May 1999, after my Dad died in 1998 in Bardney, Lincs. My parents had always loved Scotland and spent many happy



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Letters

Thank You

Following my recent operation I would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards and gifts to me when I was in hospital. Since coming home I have had lots of lovely visits and offers of help for which I am very grateful. A special thanks to Susan, Cilla and Evelyn, our local District Nurses. Their wonderful care and attention has helped me greatly on the road to recovery.

Fiona Inglis
Ballechroisk Terrace

Well done!

Congratulations to Lesley, Bethany, Annie and Megan for their fund raising event to raise money for Children in Need in November. They raised a total of £132.60. The girls raised £81.05 from donations and a further £51.55 selling cakes at the school gate. They used recipes I found on the Blue Peter and Children in Need website. They found it very fun and hope the money helps many children to have happier lives. Congratulate Lesley also for receiving a purple Blue Peter badge.

Dawn Meek

holidays with us here in Killin, in Aberdeenshire and touring the islands of Orkney and Shetland. It was natural therefore for Mum to end her days here with her family around her in a beautiful setting. Little did she realise how her life would be after relying so much on her beloved Raymond. She soon settled in to her new wee flat beneath Jimmy and Maureen, round at the Mart, and many happy times were recounted when I popped in. She showed a determination to be independent and acquired the famous "walker", which was her life line for getting out and about. Now there was no stopping her.....she made that end of the village her own - Shutters Restaurant, the paper shop, the post office, Tarmachan tea shop and the Co-op. She whizzed about, often at break-neck speed, astounding us all. My heartfelt thanks to all who looked out for her and made sure she was safe crossing the road, sorted out her money and entertained her over tea and cake.

I'm just wondering how many strangers (usually men!) might read this and remember being accosted by a little old lady wearing a hat and gloves asking for help to cross the road! This kindness and trust could

only happen in Killin.

In 2007 due to the onset of early dementia she joined the residents of the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. Initially it was for respite care but because she liked it so much she decided to stay and make it her home. I cannot express how I felt about this, only that it was a huge relief that she was going to be cared for by such a group of dedicated people and that she would be safe. For the past four and a half years, for the best part, she has had a super quality of life maintained by Mandy and her hard working staff and she has indeed been part of a very loving "family." I like to think that she not only received kindness from you all but gave you something in return, the gift of laughter and fun. Now I know where my comic nature came from, not always evident when families have stresses and strains to deal with. The last two weeks were challenging for us all but Mum was given great dignity and care and we the family were supported in so many ways. Thank you Killin once again for opening your arms and embracing my family. Thank you Mum for giving me your strength and fortitude.

Glenda Mardon

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Local Boxing Success

Young boxer Monty Ogilvie has made great progress on the boxing scene after coming back from a two year break. Light-weight Monty of 1314 Amateur Boxing Club started his success with a win at Fallin Miners Welfare Club against big-punching Kevin Perring in February this year. Monty was watched by a small but loud bunch of Killin supporters, who roared and cheered on our local boy. This was followed by a near miss in Liverpool where Monty fought

against Jack Dobbin and unfortunately lost to a split decision. However this did not discourage the youngster, who was then selected to represent the Universities of Scotland against an Edinburgh select at Edinburgh's Usher Hall in front of a 3000 strong crowd. Monty boxed Holyrood's tricky Alan Anderson and after three tough rounds was declared the winner in a split decision.

From these results it is clear Monty is one to watch and we are expecting great things from this young man.

Colin Hay



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Trialing enthusiasts and who knows, with support and encouragement for their dedication, the reward might just be another Scottish Six Day Trial winner for the village.

Alex Stewart

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If you have any questions about BIG Info Days please contact our Scotland reception on 0141 242 1400

EAK

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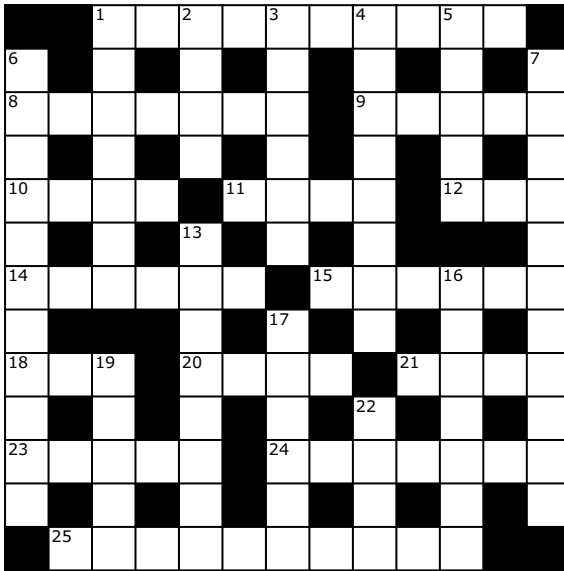
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- 2 Smooth out hard metal (4)
- 3 Aim of being under canvas? (6)
- 4 Science and practice of flight (8)
- 5 Nothing inside to tempt you (5)
- 6 Fawns served up as princess's companions (5,6)
- 7 Bathroom accessory sometimes raced in River Dochart (7,4)
- 13 Timber built repository for fuel (8)
- 16 Repeats of sic tree (7)
- 17 Prised apart small carnivore (6)
- 19 Unusual bee, so gross (5)
- 22 Medieval weapon and seasoning (4)

Solution 126

Across 1 park 3 cherubic 9 nirvana 10 vicar
 11 oar 12 routs 13 yield 15 ethic 17 elbow 18 bus
 19 amuse 20 harbour 21 eldorado 22 skye
Down 1 pantomime dame 2 rarer 4 hoarse 5 river
 dochart 6 because 7 christmas tree 8 happy new
 year 14 rebound 16 hushed 18 brook

Across

- 1 Removed odd item in deal (10)
- 8 Take advantage of noble deed (7)
- 9 Force in limp elastic (5)
- 10 Test formerly in the morning (4)
- 11 Sour tang of biting insect (4)
- 12 Affirmative response (3)
- 14 Ayrshire town famous for tyres? (6)
- 15 Rotten French collection, commonly served fragrantly in a pot (6)
- 18 A function of fuss and delay (3)
- 20 Easily fooled (4)
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What's On in Killin and District

April

- 5 EAK meeting Killin Hotel 8pm
- 7 Grand Auction McLaren Hall viewing 4.30pm
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Badminton
Mondays
McLaren Hall
from 6.30pm
Tues from 6pm

Badminton
Mondays
Crianlarich Hall
7.30pm

Ballroom Dancing
Fridays
Lochearnhead Hall
7.30pm

Brownies
Monday
Church Hall
3.30-5pm

Yogo
Fridays
Big Shed
10.30-noon

Carpet Bowls
Mondays
Lesser Hall
7.30pm

Ceilidh Dancing
Thursdays
Big Shed 8pm

Choir
Usually Tuesdays
Church 7.30pm
phone Franny
01567 829048

Craft Group (Tyndrum)
Tuesdays
Tyndrum Village Hall
10.30am-1.30pm

Craft Group (Killin)
Tuesdays
Littlecroft
10am

Quilters
Wednesdays
Community
Rooms 2pm

Internet Cafe
Fridays (tuition) & Tuesdays
Tyndrum Hall 11am-4pm

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

Internet Cafe
Thursdays
Killin Library
11am-4pm

Toddler Group
1st & 3rd Thursdays
Community Rooms 10am

Tai Chi
Thursdays
Big Shed
10.30am

Tai Chi
Tuesdays
Tyndrum Hall
9am

Tuesday Club
Community
Rooms 2pm

Slimmers
Tuesdays
Crianlarich Hall
5pm

Youth Group
Thursdays
Crianlarich Hall
6.30-9.30pm

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Sunday: Closed

Aberfeldy
Tuesday and Thursday
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Saturday and Sunday
10am - 5pm

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North Forr, Brioch Forr
All Year
Monday - Friday 9am-1pm
Saturday & Sunday
9am-5pm





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