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Editorial

A welcome to our newly elected Stirling Councillors for Trossachs and Teith: Fergus Wood, SNP, Alycia Hayes, SNP and Martin Earl, Conservative. In view of the current financial climate they will be under pressure from the community to deliver and from the Council to exercise restraint, not an easy line to tread. We hope the Old Mill will be on the agenda for the first Stirling Council Meeting and that there will be support for the community plans to obtain the property. (page 6)

There was a good turnout for the Duck Race, held this time on the River Lochay. The ducks were launched from the Pier Road bridge and finished close to the slipway by the Killin Hotel, where the lucky ducks were given a big welcome. Could the intrepid ducks be blazing a trail for the reinstatement of a raft race? (page 34)

The Internet Cafe and Learning Centre reopened recently in the Killin Library supported by Stirling Council funding. The fact that it is very busy shows the need for the service. (page 6)

Clanscape is to be replaced by an event that will include stalls, stands and community activities. (page 15)

Tourist Information is a major priority that is currently being addressed by the Killin Tourism Forum and information boards for the Heritage Trail, supported by a CARS grant, have now been installed throughout the village. We need things to attract and involve visitors now that our major tourist destination, the Breadalbane Folklore Centre, has closed. The good news is that plans are afoot to open it as a community resource that will also serve visitors, provide some information about Killin and allow some access to the building.

The other major visitor and community infrastructure, the Breadalbane Park, is still in the slow process of obtaining community support which will allow the community to make plans and obtain funding to improve the drainage and vehicle access to enable the Park to be used in wet weather for all the important activities that take place in Killin. At the initial meeting a wide range of changes were suggested; play park improvements, more seating, picnic area, circular walk, bike and wheelchair friendly area, some skate park facilities and new goal posts for football and rugby. (page 7)

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MacGregor's Market

A new lease of life is being planned for two of Killin's empty shops. Killin Community Enterprises, a newly formed, local not-for-profit company, (page 4) is undertaking to re-open the former MacGregor's grocers and garden shop under the name "MacGregor's Market". We wanted to keep the association with this long standing local business name, but change it slightly to reflect the broader range of activities planned. The first task is to establish a new Tourist Information Centre (TIC) in the old garden shop which seems appropriate, as this used to be the TIC location prior to being in the Old Mill. It is hoped that the TIC will be opened by mid-June, once the requisite legal matters have been finalised. As well

as providing information for visitors to the village, it will also provide community information for residents and provide a small café and publicly accessible toilets. The neighbouring shop, the former greengrocers, will re-open as an outlet for locally produced food as well as supplying a range of organic and fair trade wholefoods not currently available in the village. The ultimate aim is for the shops to be run for the benefit of the local community and hopefully managed by them. It joins the growing network of community managed village shops that have arisen as a consequence of the current economic recession and the need for remote communities to have more control over the local resources that they are dependent upon.

The shops, therefore, need to be responsive to local demand and to try, as best they can, to meet local needs. Customers will be able to influence what is sold but will also be encouraged to participate actively in the day-to-day running of the shops. It is hoped that will this provide an outlet for local food producers and also provide local employment and training.

The TIC will be independent with a remit to try and keep visitors in Killin, promoting the local area with all its attractions, events and facilities. This is one of the issues raised in the new Killin Action Plan - how to keep visitors here longer, encourage them to return and also how to attract them in the quieter months.

The new Killin Tourism Forum is a collective of local tourism businesses who are trying to do just that, using joint marketing and collaborative working to maximise visitor numbers. Our aim is to complement existing shops by selling things you can't buy anywhere else in the village. We will also have a small meeting space or the café itself available for evening meetings. We hope it can become a resource for the village, contributing to the local economy, providing indoor and outdoor space for groups to use and bringing a new vibrancy to the Main Street.

If you have ideas or suggestions, want more information or would like to get involved in any capacity, please do email us at info@macgregors.org.uk. The more the merrier!

Katy MacLeod

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Goodbye Clanscape - Hello Fingalferly!

Clanscape, a National Park initiative, started in 2003. While we tend to think of it as a Killin event, it has actually been an annual event in several communities within the National Park. For various reasons, the National Park has had to review the level of input it is able to give to "our" Clanscape, with the result that the management of the event has changed hands. The National Park will still be very much involved, with marketing and staffing the event, but the organisational side of the event now lies with the community. Killin Community Enterprises has volunteered to co-ordinate the event, with assistance from various other individuals and groups having also been offered. While change can be difficult to manage, it also offers opportunities for potential improvements, increasing the appeal of the event to a wider audience, bringing more business to the village and making Killin a destination not to be missed. Current tourism statistics show that a huge proportion of visitors to Scotland want to experience traditions, local culture and food and drink. Clanscape has offered all of these in the past; we want to build on that. We have a beautiful location, a rich cultural

heritage and a plethora of people with old and new skills to offer. The intention is to widen the scope of the event by having activities happening in more of the venues around the park. The Killin Hotel has agreed to host live music; the Sports and Leisure Club are planning a family fun day and a small Farmers' market is planned in the park area. The other thing that has to change, since we are taking over management of the event, is the name. The original aims of Clanscape were to:

- * show how the landscape in the Park area has been 'developed' by humankind over the era and still is being used and lived upon.
- * show how humankind is tied more closely to nature than most people consider and show that some of the 'ye olde' methods are now coming back into fashion for land management e.g. coppicing and green woodworking

It's an earthy theme, so an earthy name seemed to fit. Given that Fingal's Grave is said to be in the park, we decided to include him and add a good Scots word to the title. One word titles for events are easier to manage, so the new name for Clanscape is "Fingalferly". What does "Ferly" mean? As an adjective it means "strange, wonderful". As a noun it means "a wonder, a novelty, a curiosity". If Fingal could see the events in the park, he'd surely think they were just this; a bit strange and curious! Fingalferly will be held on Sunday 12th August, 12 noon-4pm. We need your help to make it a success: please email if you want to be involved, have a stall, run an event: info@killin.org.uk

Killin Community Enterprises

Killin Community Enterprises is a not-for-profit social enterprise established this year by Katy MacLeod, Dolan Betney, Heather Walker and Bernard Mallett-Griffiths with a remit to assist and support local individuals and organisations to develop and establish sustainable initiatives within the community, in line with local, regional and national priorities, which benefit the local community and promote local resilience. They are currently applying for registration as a small Community Interest Company with the CIC Regulator and are working with a number of local groups and individuals on various projects within the village. We are a group of experienced business professionals who are helping local individuals, groups and businesses to realise their potential and give them the assistance and support they require to develop as social enterprises.

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Killin Community Council May

Martin Earl, Alicia Hayes and Fergus Woods were elected at the recent Stirling Council elections. They were not present but should be in the future.

Biomass: The plan is to continue. There are still no concrete ideas for heat source usage. Some larger sites' plans have been scrapped as they required the importing of timber from outside their area.

Roads: Road resurfacing starts 21st May. Main Street will be done between Craignavie Road and McLaren Hall. The crossing will be done later. A different contractor, considered better, will be used this time. The Ardeonaig road has been put off again. Glen Ogle will be shutting 3 times at night through the summer for emergency repairs, with probable shuttles every 2 hours.

Play park: There are 2 grants for goalposts from SC and Rural Housing. Alma Walker has funding for other aspects of the park. There is a possibility that there will be no Killin Show in the park. Using other local fields presents a problem of having livestock restrictions prior to the event. There were conflicting

ideas on who was now responsible for taking park bookings for events. KCC pay for the electricity at events.

Breadalbane Forum: The next meeting is 28th May 2012.

Cemetery: The bothy/mortuary has been removed and left at an acceptable standard. SC says the stand pipe should be replaced with some kind of rain harvester with a tap which would be eco-friendly and cost effective. Vandalism has increased their expenditure, though this is not the case in Killin.

Signage to Pipeline: On going

Turning Circle: SC are happy to hand over maintenance to the Killin Floral Society with a map outlining the areas.

Phone Box: Still no satisfaction in getting a door for the phone box. Tim Frost can try the people who deal with pavement issues for a possible direct number in BT to establish a straight line of communication.

Planning: No planning issues.

Folklore Centre Signs: These are still in place and should be covered/removed or replaced with more appropriate signage. The council are to empty the bin at the Mill.

Coach Parking: An irate bus driver raised the question of people parking in the allocated bus park at Monemore.

Fingal's Stone: It was common opinion that a story/info board for Fingal's stone would enhance the experience of viewing - at present it is just stone with very little attraction. A grant may be possible from the National Park.

Next meeting: 10th July 7.30pm in the Church Community Rooms

AGM

The Council AGM was held immediately after the committee meeting.

Gill Farmer has resigned and been replaced by Pamela Farquharson as Treasurer. The other positions remain unchanged. S. Inglis was co-opted as a member of the Council.

Extracts from Minutes by
Douglas Petrie



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Heat use from Acharn Biomass Plant

Two meetings have been held to discuss the use of low grade heat that will be emitted from the biomass plant at Acharn that is due to be commissioned in 2014. This will be heat with a temperature of up to 35°C, useful only for aquaculture or horticulture.

Opportunities arise for business to use the free heat source as the heat could be ducted to a field across the road or used in an area adjacent to the plant. Wood drying and fish and tomato farming were discussed, as were issues of local markets, local interest, investment opportunities, light exposure, water abstraction and volunteer support.

An area beside the plant could be leased to the community but at present the local enthusiasm and technical expertise to set up a relevant low-risk community business in that location has not been identified. If you have the enthusiasm, interest and skills and would like to consider driving a community project please contact me on 01567 820238.

Fergus Tickell is to contact existing

businesses that might be interested in local investment, employment and development.

Killin Internet Learning Café



The Killin Internet Learning Café has started up again in the Killin Library thanks to funding from Stirling Council Adult Learning Support of £4,032. This is to assist in the teaching and development of internet skills. In addition it provides an extension for public access to the Library. The facility has been well subscribed since the day it opened showing the continuing need for this service.

Old Mill Group and Conservation Report

Sonya Linskaill has just completed the Conservation Report on the Old Mill. It will be posted on the KAT website.

<http://www.killincdt.co.uk/aboutKAT>.

[php](#) This is a detailed study of the history and importance of the Old Mill to Killin, demonstrates its unique characteristics and details the developments that have taken place since it was converted in 1994.

Its relationship to the history of Killin, St Fillan, and the healing stones, its stunning setting beside the Falls of Dochart, and its relevance as the last remaining representative of Killin's industrial past are all detailed. Sonya discusses possible uses by the community and the limitations that could be imposed by the building, its listing and planning consents.

Main points of interest include:

- * The previous planning permission depends on the near location of the public toilets

- * Any change of usage would require a new Building Warrant with updated requirements and for us to negotiate new Relaxations in view of the restrictions imposed by the "B" Listing. This could involve a great deal of expenditure in alterations. The "B" Listing restricts the way in which the building can be used by the community.

The condition report details work required to maintain the fabric of the building under the headings, urgent, immediate, essential and annual. The urgent work required before purchase and later this year



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amounts to £13,000. The remainder of the outstanding work amounts to £40,650 (in the next 10 years excluding routine maintenance). Many charitable funders will not give funding for project maintenance. Stirling Council would not be required to pay back the £5,000 CARS grant to the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park for the funding it received for the new water wheel if the building were transferred to the community. One model suggested for the use of the building is that it should be in one "ownership" and used by KAT on behalf of the community. That might not require new planning consent. That model could include a KAT office on the top floor, displays, small meeting area/educational space on the first floor and arts/crafts/recycling/information/reception on the ground floor. Discussions with Stirling Council continue, a proposal has been sent and a decision is expected by Stirling Council in early June. Meanwhile KAT has been offered a rent free lease for three months to run a community activity in the building. The consensus of the Old Mill Group is to run a thrift shop on the ground floor and an area to display art and craft work on the first floor. A decision will be made

when the details of the lease have been discussed by the group and agreed by the KAT directors.

Breadalbane Park Drainage and Play Park

The community is working with Stirling Council to improve the Breadalbane Park. This includes the drainage, access by heavy vehicles, play park upgrade and general improvements to meet the needs of the community.

As funders require a community group to support their park, a Park Users Group has been set up representing existing groups in the community. 25 people attended the initial meeting representing 14 interest groups. 15 people have signed up and are due to meet again to take these ideas further with representatives of Stirling Council. Any others members of the community who have an interest in the welfare of the park are encouraged to join.

Sports and Social Club Lease

Discussions are taking place between the Sports and Social Club and Stirling Council with regard to the possible transfer of the lease. An application by KAT has been sent to Stirling Council and a decision will be made at their next meeting on 6th June.

Willie Angus
Chairman

Stirling Community Website

The Communities Team has been working on creating a section of the Stirling Council's new website which brings together all the information which communities may need to access. The intention is to pilot this site with a group of community representatives to ensure it meets our aims and your needs, through their ideas and input work on its further development. All correspondence will be done by email and all information gathered will be anonymous.

If you would be interested in being part of this group, contact:

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robertsp@stirling.gov.uk

Killin & District Agricultural Society

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Follow Killin's Heritage Trail

A fascinating heritage trail has recently been installed in Killin. Its aim is to encourage visitors to explore the whole village beyond the Falls of Dochart and enjoy the rich history it has to offer. Five interpretation panels are located along the length of Main Street. The panels have been designed to illustrate landscape, architecture and local folklore. A leaflet will accompany the trail to guide visitors along the route and expand on these themes. The leaflet is available from local businesses, tourist information centres and Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park offices in Balloch and Callander. They can also be downloaded from the Killin CARS web page at www.lochlomond-trossachs.org or by scanning the code on the panels to smart phones.

Some of the interesting features of the trail include the evolution of the rich mix of building styles in the village, stories of local people who helped shape it and the legends that abound in and around Killin. Photographs taken by the children from Killin Primary school are featured. The heritage trail is part of the Killin Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS). CARS is jointly

funded by Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park and Historic Scotland. Stirling Council also made a generous contribution to the project.

The recent closure of the Breadalbane Folklore Centre means that the heritage trail is particularly important and will provide the many visitors to Killin with a permanent and easily accessible source of information on the history and development of the village. Much of the story and history of Killin and its place in the wider landscape can be told through its buildings and their uses over the years. The interpretation boards and the accompanying booklet will encourage visitors to walk through the village from one end to the other and perhaps persuade them that it is worth staying a little longer in the area or returning at a future date to explore further the wonderful heritage and the surrounding landscape. Local business owners who would like to display a sticker & leaflets please contact: -

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Killin Heritage Society Outings

Killin Heritage Society are arranging two outings this coming summer:

Saturday 23rd June to the Royal Burgh of Culross, on the Firth of Forth in Fife
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Saturday 25th August to the Secret Bunker at St Andrews Hidden beneath a farmhouse, Scotland's best kept secret for forty years, the place where Scotland would have been governed from, had there been a nuclear war. Entrance fees from £9.50 to £8.00, depending on numbers and there will be a charge for petrol for the minibus of approximately £10. There will be spare seats for non-members of the Heritage society. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested, so we can have an idea of numbers and take advantage of concessions.

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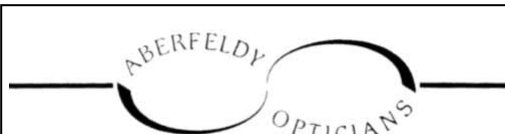
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Amongst the treats on offer will be a bouncy castle, arts and crafts stalls, local produce, a fortune teller, a car boot sale, bottle stall, plant stall, barbeque and demonstrations of green woodturning. There is a competition for our youngsters to design and make the best crown and or Olympic torch! (No real flames please!)

If you'd like to join in the fun, you can book a space or a table by calling Joyce at the office (01838 400 545) or Jen on (01838 400390).

Lower Station Yard, Crianlarich

A huge amount of work has been done by local volunteers to improve the site; hard graft and the use of a wood chipper and JCB have now opened up the area revealing long lost views down to the river and beyond. The determination and hard work of locals will turn this once desolate eyesore into a real asset for the village. To that end the working group (CiA) have had discussions with Stirling Council to secure a 10 year lease on the Yard for a peppercorn rent. Now that the local elections have passed we have submitted all the relevant documentation and information to the council in the hope of a swift rubber stamp! Watch this space!!

Computer Access

Although official funding for the Internet Café has come to an end, the computers and printing facilities are still available when I am in the office.

Efforts are ongoing to secure new funding allowing us to provide tuition from Heather Hamilton at least once weekly again. To help secure funding we need to know what the community needs! Would a Silver Surfer's Club help you

discover the amazing world wide web? Small classes or 1-to-1 tuition? Please tell us what you need! Joyce Russell (Development Officer) strathfillancdt@btconnect.com 01838 400 545

Although my hours are flexible, I am normally in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Or contact me at home 01838 300 220

Joyce Russell

Strathfillan Community Council

All Stirling Council tenants whose property has not had a full replacement heating system in the last 10 years have been offered a new system. They have a choice of Rointe electric heaters, wet-electric or Charnwood multi-fuel system. An Open Day was held on 18th April in Lochearnhead village hall to show the systems. Any council tenant who believes their property should qualify for this scheme and who has not received information about it already, should contact Stirling Council ASAP to discuss it further.

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Think Dance

On 23rd April class 2 performed a dance at the MacRobert Centre. We made up a dance and have been practising since Christmas. Our topic this term for Think Dance was "Extreme Weather". We had 3 songs and they were, "Walking on Sunshine", "Umbrella" and "Warm this Winter". Our props were umbrellas. The whole dance took a total of 10 minutes. Class 2 would like to thank Mrs Hibbert for helping us put the dance together. We really enjoyed being on stage.

Jordan and Rebecca

Playground Upgrade

Mrs Hunter applied for funding from Grounds for Learning to help us realise our dream of developing the playground. She was successful in securing £15,000 towards implementing the new design which is wonderful news. We will receive support to develop our ideas and plans. This will involve running a number of workshops and planning meetings with pupils and staff and will culminate in a succinct design brief.

The Parent Partnership hopes to meet with members of the community and Grounds for Learning to discuss the playground development at our next meeting. If you'd like to get involved, please contact the school.

Sports Relief Mile

On Friday 23rd March, Strathgryre, Killin and Crianlarich Primary Schools joined together with the nursery to complete a sponsored mile for Sport Relief. The event was a great success and we have already had some sponsor money come into school. The grand total raised was £577. Crianlarich Nursery raised £93.

Day Care



Strathfillan CC has been interested in the cost of day care provided by Stirling Council – see <http://www.scottishdemocracy.com/discussion/viewtopic.php?f=59&t=593> This is advance notice to say that the Stirling Tenants Assembly is holding its next meeting in Crianlarich village hall at 10,30am on Tuesday 12th June when the speaker will be an officer from Stirling Council to discuss 'the cost of day care'. All are welcome to attend.

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Balquhiddar Summer Music

With the departure of Alan Clarke from Balquhiddar, the popular summer concerts he presided over were under threat. The immediate danger was averted at the last moment when a Killin volunteer (Wouter van Doorn of Breadalbane House) was found to fill the void, but the future beyond 2012 is by no means assured. In these times of cuts and tales of economic woe, the arts are all too easily seen as a luxury to be dispensed with. Far and away the best method of ensuring that future seasons continue to happen is by maintaining the good audience numbers that Summer Music used to be able to trump up in the past. Your presence in the church at Balquhiddar is vital!

On six consecutive Sundays, starting 15th July 2012, Balquhiddar will once again host the annual evening concerts. This is the 27th season for this series of classical chamber music concerts, held in Balquhiddar Kirk, overlooking Rob Roy's grave. The individual programmes are varied and all concerts feature very different combinations of instrumentalists. We start out with a wind quintet, there is a piano and violin duo, an evening of songs for tenor and guitar, a string trio, a

baroque duo and we end the series with a violinist who manages to make his violin sound like a full orchestra. The vast majority of the players are young, professional Scottish musicians at the start of their career. For them it is an opportunity to play in public and for the public it is an opportunity to hear high quality music making, live, in a tranquil rural setting unrivalled by any regular commercial concert venue.

All efforts are made to keep the prices as low as possible to make these concerts accessible to as large an audience as we can manage. Under 15s can attend for free. Normal ticket price is £8, concessions £7. Sets of six tickets are available at £36 from the organisation, via the web-site www.balquhiddersummertime.org.uk. That site also gives full details of the individual concerts. Further enquiries can be obtained from:

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01567 820134

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We will eagerly welcome patrons wishing to sponsor us beyond regular ticket prices - every year

their donations help substantially in keeping Balquhiddar Summer Music alive. Our sincere thanks go out to them!

For those who would like to attend but have no means of getting to and from Balquhiddar, we plan to run the Killin Community Bus on the concert evenings. Please let us know (contact details above) if you would like to use the bus, as we need to know if there is sufficient demand beforehand. If it works out, the bus will leave Killin at 6:30pm and return by 9:30pm.

We hope to see you at as many of our concerts as you can manage. All events take place at Balquhiddar Church at 7pm. There is adequate parking around the church and don't forget - the Olympics can be recorded but Balquhiddar Summer Music can only be experienced live!

Wouter van Doorn

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Mervyn's Weather and More



The oft-quoted weather saws and sayings have come into their own during April 2012. The first few days of April used to be known as "The borrowing days" when it was reputed that this month borrowed these days of the snell winds and unpleasant conditions usually apportioned to March. There is indeed a short poem regarding three ewe hoggs (lambs) returning to the hill from wintering and almost succumbing to the elements when it "snew and blew" vigorously, but they survived. Later on, towards the end of the month, can come "The Cuckoo or Gowk" Storm, coinciding with the arrival of that "wandering voice". In the North-East of Scotland they talk of "The Gab o' May".

March was mainly very warm and sunny, with much growth of grass and virtually unprecedented early burgeoning of trees, shrubs and flowers. Daffodils had been out since February, oaks in leaf 26th March, bluebells in flower on Drummond hill 24th March, while purple lilac is now blooming almost exactly one month

early; many other examples too of precocious nature.

At date of writing (30th April) rain falls steadily with light snow cover above head-dyke level (1300 feet), this preceded by many days of desiccating N.E. wind cutting back grass growth and detrimental to the well-being of ewes and newly born lambs. Perhaps those of us who indulge in the trials and tribulations – and the joys – of lambing hill ewes have been spoiled over recent years as the period April – early May has been comparatively benign. Continuing investigations into the place-names of Glen Lochay and moving downstream from Mamlorn, the H.Q. of the large sheep farm situated here is Kenknock, Ceann A' Chnoc – simply Hill Head. Lubchurran, Lub, a bend in a river or burn. Churran could be either Corran – a reaping hook, signifying bent or semi-circular or possibly Choaruinn – Rowan trees. Inish daimh – Island or insulator meadow of stags or perhaps oxen, while Tom Ochrocher (Tom A' Chrochair) would imply the knoll of

the gallows, hangman or villain.

Another Inish – island – name further down stream is the island or meadow of sheep, Inish Chaorach. The high hill Meall Ghaordie stands to the north of the main Glen. While Meall is a very common Perthshire word for a rounded hill, Ghaordie has been distorted by Anglicising and it is difficult to ascertain its correct spelling in Gaelic. It is suggested that the word is Giort, a haunch, which seems feasible considering the topography of the hill in question. The wide pass from Duncroisg – the hill of the cross or crossing, through to Glen Lyon is Lairig Breislach – the Pass of Confusion, known by the Grouse Shooters and beaters of Meggernie Estate as "Puzzle Glen". Near the bottom of Glen Lochay is Dal Dravaig – the flat area or dale of sediment or dregs referring possibly to sand/river detritus, deposited owing to this being a flood prone section of the glen.

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Frost Report

Taking Control

It is good to see the ospreys returned to Loch Tay. At the beginning of May we saw three from our garden at Ardeonaig but others saw six that day. At the switching station in Glen Lochay there was recently a woodpecker in need of a few paracetamol and maybe some orthodontic treatment as he was determined to drill a hole in one of the pylons.

The black grouse has some allies at last in the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. Private estates and farms within the park are being given funding to aid predator control, including purchase of equipment and training in its correct use. Maybe there is a little scientific and common sense coming into being. Instead of conservation groups denial of the necessity of these measures would it not be better to educate their supporters in the realities of wildlife?

On the theme of control it has now been confirmed that the squirrel pox virus has reached the central belt

for the first time. So it is even more critical to control the grey squirrel. There is also funding available for this.

Although the Scottish government and S.N.H. are not going to control the Tayside beavers (this is not an American football team!) It is rumoured darkly that a blind eye may be turned to beaver activity and that any moving over the border will be culled. With the Olympics coming up and the pressures at Heathrow, I can't really see that they will be able to spare officers for border control at Gretna Green.

It's not just animals which are controlled. During the recent Winter storms it is estimated that about 15 million trees were blown down. To put this into context the forestry Commission fell approximately 15 million trees annually for commercial purposes.

There have been bi-laws passed to stop wild camping on the shores of Loch Lomond - bully for them - but will the rest of us around the area

have to cope with the fallout from this? If you are desperate to camp in the Loch Lomond area and have no objection to goose pimples or midges, you may like to take up the offer of the naturist (note this is naturist not mis-spelt naturalist) group on one of the islands who are offering free tea and scones to attract new members - be careful not to spill that hot tea!

Finally - foxes are causing great concern in Skegness by killing several cats including Tinkerbelle. Maybe the local birds are paying them to do a bit of control? At Glen Falloch my son was out at night after five lambs had been killed. Two foxes were working the field moving the sheep and lambs into a bunch and one fox walking along the wall was so intent on killing that it was not deterred by the human scent blowing directly to it.

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Tim Frost



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attend. Retained firefighters provide a vital service, particularly to the rural communities. They can work full or part time hours in other jobs and although not based in a fire station, when a call comes to their pager, a retained firefighter is expected to respond to their station quickly and safely. Potential candidates need to work or live in the local area and be able to reach their station within 5 minutes of a call. They will also have to be flexible and consider the impact of being 'on call'. Retained firefighters work alongside their full-time colleagues, providing a vital service to the local community. They will mainly attend incidents in the Killin, Crianlarich and Tyndrum area but could also be

called on to provide valuable assistance to other areas within Central Scotland. Often people are not aware of the work of the retained or part-time firefighters but the Fire Service could not function without the vital support that they bring, particularly within rural communities. It is a very rewarding career that is both interesting and challenging and also brings a financial benefit. Anyone interested in applying to become a retained firefighter should visit www.myjobscotland.gov.uk. More information on the role of retained firefighters can also be found on CSFRS website at www.centralscotlandfire.gov.uk

Ardeonaig Hotel

The Ardeonaig Hotel has now re-opened and is the third acquisition for the Adamo Hotel Group. The company already owns two hotels in Bridge of Allan and Stirling and are very excited about their new venture on the banks of Loch Tay. This hotel is likely to become the flagship of the Adamo Hotel Group. It has seventeen ensuite bedrooms, five

individual thatched Shieling lodges, two cottage suites and a contemporary restaurant which serves a selection of modern and classic dishes under the guidance of the Head Chef, Ross Miller. Ross worked and trained with the Roux brothers and Martin Wishart honing his skills at Michelin-starred Le

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Ultrabooks/Tablets/Smart Phones – the future?

The advances in technology, in particular computer processors allow hardware manufacturers to add more power into smaller and smaller devices. I expect that we will soon see what are being called "Ultrabooks" come to the market within the next year. These are highly powerful laptop computers that can also be used as a tablet device. Ultra powerful, very thin and light, these devices are expected to make desktop computers obsolete within a few years. My only worry about these devices is the more powerful they get, the hotter they will run, and thus they will need significant cooling to ensure they do not burn out or become too hot to use on your lap. The current trend in smart phones is to make the screen as large as possible without compromising

phone features of the device. Samsung have now taken this to the limit with its launch of its new smartphone – Galaxy S3. This is a larger phone than usual (137x71 mm – roughly 6" x 3"), and has a 4.8" viewing screen. The features of this phone look sensational, but really is it just too large to be used as a mobile phone? Time will tell, I guess.

Fibre Optic Broadband/BT Infinity

BT are rolling out fast Fibre Optic Broadband in Scotland and some of our neighbouring towns are scheduled to benefit from this service. There is, however, still no planned date for us. There is no doubt that our community suffers from the lack of fast broadband, but we will have to put up with it for the time being.

I have used BT Infinity in London, and am really impressed by the speed of the connection – it allows me to download films, watch the TV channels online and use the internet simultaneously with no loss of quality.

Windows 8 News

It looks as though we may see Windows 8 machines on sale later this year – October has been mentioned in the press. In previous articles I mentioned differences in the way Windows 8 looks and now I

have heard of some changes in the default email application. Current versions of Windows use Windows Live Mail to access and manage emails. In Windows 8 this will change and all developments of Windows Live Mail will cease and a new mail system, fully integrated into Windows 8, will be made available.

This means that when you change to a new machine from an existing XP/Vista/7 environment, you will have to arrange for your emails and settings to be moved to Windows 8, and you will need to learn how to use the new system.

Slow Computers

Once again I am seeing a spate of computers coming to me for repair when the only perceptible problem is that there is more than one security system installed. Whenever two or more anti-virus or security applications are installed on the same machine, one waits for the other to finish whatever it is doing and thus neither of them finishes a task, continually waiting for each other and stopping other applications from running. This makes the computer appear dreadfully slow, often grinding to a halt.

I therefore suggest you check to see that only one security system is installed and uninstall all others. This may well fix your problem, and save you money by not having to call out an engineer to fix the computer.

Local Computer Support for Summer

As I am likely to be away in London for most of my time over the next few weeks, I will arrange for someone else to work on my behalf if anyone is in need of computer support during my absence. Business as usual, except perhaps the person dealing with you might be different.

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Ben Lawers shares heritage stories

The story of an expert ecologist charged with the care of some of Scotland's most delicate mountain habitats is showcased in a new series of online soundslides for the National Trust for Scotland. Dan Watson is an ecologist for the National Trust for Scotland covering both Ben Lawers and Glencoe features in the Trust's Scotland's Stories project. He was filmed at Ben Lawers. Scotland's Stories creating 20 soundslides which tell the story of the diversity of the skills of the people needed to tend the places in the care of the National Trust for Scotland and their passion for their vital work to conserve and promote our heritage. The Ben Lawers story features at www.scotlandstories.com. The project is intended to raise public awareness of what's involved in caring for the nation's heritage and encouraging people to talk about it too, as outlined in the Trust's strategy "Securing the future of our past" published in August 2011.

The soundslides were created by Interpretation, a Black Isle-based heritage interpretation consultancy which works

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throughout the UK and in Europe. It brought together an expert team combining exceptional photography with high-quality audio-recording and film-making.

People can upload their own stories about Trust properties, their visits and experiences there at a dedicated Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/ScotlandsStories>

100,000 trees for Ben Lawers

Conservation charity the National Trust for Scotland has made a good start on a project to plant 100,000 native trees at Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve. 51,470 'sub-montane' birch, willows, rowan and alder have already taken root on the lower slopes of Meall nan Tarmachan.

The project is part of a long term plan to restore the native broadleaf woodland historically found at Ben Lawers, much of which has been lost due to management for sheep and deer.

Restoring the woodland will continue to enrich the habitat at Ben Lawers, encouraging more insects and wildlife. Visitors will appreciate the more natural landscape the future trees will create with a mosaic of small wooded areas and open hillside.

The £250,000 project, which is being funded through the Scottish Rural Development Programme is part of a wider objective to increase biodiversity and enhance landscape value at the nature reserve. Ben Lawers is rich in biodiversity and renowned for its rare alpine plants. However, like many upland areas in Scotland, the effects of grazing animals have restricted some plant communities to cliffs and

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inaccessible ground. In Scotland we often think that the mountains are supposed to be treeless, but that is not the case.

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By the end of 2012, more than 100,000 trees will have been planted in 75 hectares benefiting the environment at the nature reserve for decades to come.

Work to plant the remaining 50,000 trees will get underway later in 2012.

Ben Lawers NNR has been in the care of the National Trust for Scotland since 1950. It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a Special Area of Conservation under the European Habitats Directive for the exceptional examples of a number of habitats, rare on a European scale.

The reserve is also hugely popular with hillwalkers owing to its Munros, scenery and accessibility.

Montane plant art on show at Ben Lawers

Artworks inspired by the rare high-altitude plants found at the National Trust for Scotland's Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve will be on show at the charity's Killin office all summer.

The first works by Edinburgh-based artist Anne Gilchrist arrived on Thursday 3 May and have been hung at the Lynedoch, Killin. The artist will then add to the exhibition throughout the flowering season, aiming to have eight paintings in place by autumn 2012.

The oil on board pieces depict montane flora of Ben Lawers and are 90 by 120 centimetres square in size.

Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve is one of the most

botanically rich mountains in Britain, Ben Lawers is widely known for its outstanding range and diversity of arctic-alpine species and vegetation types. It is important for the very large number of nationally rare or scarce montane plant species that it supports, including vascular plants, lichens, and bryophytes. It also has an outstanding diversity of invertebrates with many nationally rare or notable species.

The exhibition at the National Trust for Scotland office in Lynedoch, Killin, runs from May until the end of September and entry is free. Opening hours vary, so check ahead with the office on 0844 4932136.

A selection of works will be available for sale.

For more information on the artist, visit www.annegilchrist.co.uk

Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve Guided walks & Events

Tuesdays 10th & 24th July and 7th & 21st August
Close Encounters: a children's walk

Enjoy activities and games that will bring you close to some of the less obvious animals and plants that live on the lower slopes of Ben Lawers.

Duration: 2 hours

Cost: adults £2, children £5. (Adults must be accompanied by a child and vice versa).

Bring: Wellies and waterproofs.

Meet: 10.30 am Ben Lawers NNR car park.

Wednesdays 18th July and 1st & 15th August
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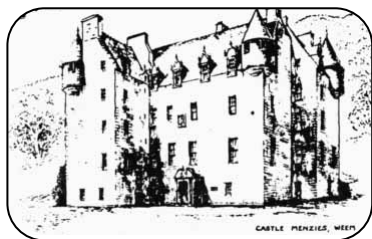
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Castle ghost vigils occasionally 8.30 - 10.30pm for over 15s only, minimum 8 people, £15 pp contact

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Castle Menzies

Saturday 9th June – Sunday 10th June Photographing Wild Plants

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Duration: 2 days

Cost: adults; £50 non-residential, £80 including self-catering bunkroom accommodation.

Bring: Walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing, your own camera, tripod etc and laptop if you have one.

Meet: 9.30am Ben Lawers NNR office, Lynedoch, Killin. Booking essential.

Friday 22nd June National Moth Night

A chance to see some of the less visible moths in the closest thing we have to a brown field habitat, this year's NMN target habitat, on the shores of Lochan na Lairige. Watch as they are attracted to our harmless traps. The rangers will be returning to the traps on Saturday morning to inspect the overnight catch and you are welcome to join them again then.

Duration: As long as you like

Cost: adults £2, children £1

Bring: Warm clothes, midge repellent, torch and sunglasses.

Meet: 9.30pm head of Lochan na Lairige.

Wednesday 11th July Mountain flowers

A high-level guided walk to see some of the arctic-alpine plants for which these hills are famous. Requires a reasonable level of fitness.

Duration: 7 hours

Cost: adults £25, children £12.50.

Bring: Walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing, packed lunch and drink.

Meet: 9.30am Ben Lawers NNR car park. Booking essential.

Friday 29th June – Sunday 1st July An introduction to mountain plant identification

A weekend learning the basics of how to use keys to identify mountain plants on this botanically rich nature reserve. Requires a reasonable level of fitness

Duration: 2 days

Cost: adults; £50 non-residential, £80 including self-catering bunkroom accommodation.

Bring: Walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing, a copy of Francis Rose's Wild Flower Key and a hand lens if you have one (available for loan if not).

Meet: 7pm Ben Lawers NNR office, Lynedoch, Killin. Booking essential.

Wednesday 25th July & 8th August An introduction to navigation

Get to grips with the basics of how to use a map and compass in the hills. Requires a reasonable level of fitness.

Duration: 6 hours

Cost: adults £12.50, children £7.

Bring: Walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing, food, map (OS Landranger 51 or Explorer 378) and compass.

Meet: 10.30am Ben Lawers NNR car park. Booking essential.

Wednesday 5th September Hidden History

Explore the rich archaeological landscape on the slopes below Ben Lawers NNR.

Duration: 4 hours

Cost: adults £10, children £5

Bring: Walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing, packed lunch and drink.

Meet: 10.30am Kiltyrie. Booking essential.

For further information or to book any of the above events Tel 0844 4932 136 benlawers@nts.org.uk

Ben Lawers NNR talks programme

Illustrated talks by NTS conservation staff and guests, held at NTS meetings room, Lynedoch, Main Street, Killin at 8.00pm:

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celebrities for which this nature reserve is renowned.

Wednesday 25th July Mountains for People

Alasdair Eckersall, Property Manager on the history, the why, and the how of upland footpath repair on some of Scotland's most iconic mountains.

Wednesday 8th August Habitat Restoration on Ben Lawers

Andrew Warwick, Ranger Naturalist on the pioneering work to restore vulnerable habitats on this famous nature reserve.

Wednesday 22nd August The Mysterious World of Bats

Lindsay Mackinlay, Nature Conservation Adviser tells us about the unseen inhabitants of many Trust properties.

Moirlanich Longhouse Life in 19th century Scotland revisited

The Moirlanich Longhouse, a perfectly preserved cruck frame cottage reopened on 1st May.

This National Trust for Scotland property has hardly changed since its construction and includes features such as a 'hingin' lum' and box beds. Visitors can not only get a glimpse of life in the 19th century but also

discover how the longhouse has been restored and preserved.

Once home to at least three generations of the Robertson family – the last leaving in the 1960s, this longhouse is also a fascinating piece of architectural history now replicated by modern day designers.

In a building next door there's an opportunity to discover more about the family who lived in the house from a collection of their working clothes and 'Sunday Best' found there. The volunteers from the Killin Heritage Society, who staff the property, often have their own personal recollections of the house which really brings a visit alive.

The Longhouse, near Killin, is open Wednesdays and Sundays 2-5pm. For information Tel 0844 493 2136

Moirlanich Events Wednesdays 18th July and 15th August

Magic and Murder at Moirlanich
Come and sit by the hingin' lum for some traditional tales of magical creatures and murder!

Duration: 1 hour

Cost: £5 for children, £2 for adults – includes entry to the house and exhibition.

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McLaren High School



50s Retro Night

On 9th March the McLaren "Going For Gold" Duke of Edinburgh Group held a '50s Retro Night' to help fundraise for their forthcoming trip to France to do their Gold Expedition. The expedition will be completed on canoe, making a tourist video of the surroundings. The night was a great success raising over £550.

Rugby

On Thursday 22nd March it was the turn of the McLaren S1/2 team to get into the action after a long winter lay-off. McLaren, facing a Wallace team that outsize them, were undaunted.

Final score:

Wallace 12 - McLaren 34

The Sweetest Flower Poetry Collection

In March the poetry collection written by Bryony Clare Semple was published by her classmates of 1B, now 2B. Bryony was a gifted writer and much loved friend who tragically died in June 2011. All proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to Bryony's charity 'The Malawi Education Project'.



Curriculum for Excellence Birdboxes

During one of our CfE experiences some S1 pupils had the opportunity to hang birdboxes on the trees in the school grounds. Emma Aitken from 1C said "I loved watching the birds investigating their new homes". I think that placing the birdboxes on the trees was fun and a great experience that was part of our John Muir Award. Sophie Rose S1

West of Scotland Ski Slalom

The West of Scotland Schools' Ski Slalom took place recently at the indoor ski arena at Braehead,

Glasgow. McLaren High School was extremely well represented with 14 boys and girls from S1 through to S3 taking part.

Regan Dingwall was our fastest male, finishing in fifteenth spot. He was followed by Craig Fingland (16th) and James Ronald (17th) and the closeness of these three ensured that the McLaren 'A' team finished in 5th position overall.

Senior Ski Course

On 30th March a group of forty pupils and six members of staff set off to Neukirchen in Austria for the Senior Ski Course.

Yvonne King



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Killin Primary School

Green Flag Award

We are delighted to announce that Killin Primary School has achieved the Green Flag Award again! We first gained this prestigious award in 2009 but it needs to be renewed every two years.



This achievement has been due to the hard work of the Eco Group and the whole school community. Our application was greatly helped by the free fruit we are able to give to pupils following our grant from the Coop. Other activities which contributed to our application included the first aid training all our pupils received, the Rag Bag scheme, zero waste lunches, Fairtrade activities and the Shoebox Appeal.

As you can see we have been given a new flag to fly alongside our original flag on our flagpole in the school grounds. We are very proud of our achievement and we would like to thank all in the community who helped us gain this award again.

Think Dancing

On Monday 23rd April, Class 3 took part in Think Dancing! At McRobert Centre, Stirling. Active Stirling has been running the Think Dancing project since 2008. Killin Primary presented, European Extravaganza, which was choreographed by Miss N Campbell. We performed several dances including; Blue Danube – Straus, Italian Tarantella, the girls did the Tango Flamenco and the boys did Hungarian Csardas.

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Killin Primary School

Class 3 trip

Despite an early start on Thursday 19th April, Class 3 arrived at school ready for their trip to Dynamic Earth and the Scottish Parliament. Dynamic Earth had loads of different rooms. Most pupils enjoyed the space room that contained a time travel elevator. After we adventured through all the rooms, we had lunch, then we all headed over to the Scottish Parliament. There was a protest taking place against bio-mass and the building was surrounded by security. When we entered the parliament we were listening to old debates through a phone, then we were led into the Conference room where we completed a challenge. After that, 3 MSP's came in so we could ask questions. Soon after, we went into a debating chamber and listened to a live debate.

Alya Christie & Hazel Lafferty

Swimming

Every Tuesday P4/5 go swimming in Callander. We enjoy swimming because we all find it spectacular. We all get put into two different groups. We are learning how to do the front crawl, the back crawl, breaststroke and at the end we get to play games in the pool.

Lydia

Killin and Crianlarich Nursery

Transition

Our transition process is well under way now for the children moving to school and will begin soon for the younger children who will be moving to the 3-5 rooms. Any transition is a very important part of all children's and families lives and we acknowledge this and support it fully. As we all know, starting school can be a very exciting or daunting experience and, by working collegially with the local primary schools, we support all the children and their individual learning needs. Together with the primary schools, we devised some new aims to ensure that this process is a smooth educational journey in which continuity and progression of learning is valued and families are involved throughout

Our Learning

We consider Nursery to be a learning community in which we are all proud to be learners together. Continued professional development is a crucial part of our journey as early educators. Throughout the year we have told you about what the children have been learning. Here's a sample of the learning some of the educators have been undertaking; BA Childhood Practice; Designing for Learning; Training on children pre-birth to three; Food

Hygiene; further training on making learning visible. More often than not we are learning from the children as they share their knowledge and experiences they bring from home. Here are some quotes from our children about learning; "You can't learn old things" said a child during a conversation about planning "This is where all the things we learn will go" - a child identified the purpose of the visual planning wall. "That's the castle. It's very old". The educator asked the child "How do you know it's old?" "Cos the people no more is" he replied. The children were recalling a visit from Zoo lab. One child stated "Toad's eyes go down his throat and then go back" (when eating). Kate has had the privilege of joining a working group to develop a framework that will support educators to provide an even better service for our youngest children. These are based on the Scottish Governments key principles for pre-birth to three "Relationships; Responsive Care; Respect and Rights of the Child". To read more about Pre-Birth to Three Document visit www.educationscotland.gov.uk

Traces of our History

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0-3s learning in local woodlands were in an exhibition in the MacRobert Centre Stirling a while back. Some of the children are still at Nursery and some are now at school! These photographs have found their way home and can now be seen in Killin Library.

Callander Chest, Heart and Stroke Club

Do you have a chest or heart condition or have you had a stroke?

Would you like to meet socially with others in a friendly and supportive meeting place?

If so Callander Chest, Heart and Stroke Club would like to hear from you. The new Club's (affiliated to Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland) first meeting is on:

Wednesday 13th June 2.00pm
Callander Medical Centre

We look forward to welcoming you to the group. Friends, partners and carers are also welcome

Carol Anderson
07760 760765

Tiddler & Toddler Group

The Killin Tiddler & Toddler Group is becoming more popular every week. On average, we get about 10 mums and up to 14 babies and toddlers coming along to our bi-weekly meetings. It's busy, bustling and fun for all! Of course any newcomers and also visitors to the area are welcome to join us at any time. We meet every first and third Thursday of the month at the Church Community Rooms, from 10am until noon. The charge is £1 per adult and includes coffee or tea plus a healthy snack for the children. Some exciting news: we have been awarded two grants to go towards buying new toys. Rural Stirling Housing Association was kind enough to donate £350 for new storage boxes and toys and the Community Grants Scheme of Stirling Council gave £626 to enable us to replace and add to the very old and used toys we are using now. New toys will be purchased in the next month or so.

Last but not least, the toddler group is organising one of its popular outings on Thursday 7th June. The venue is still to be confirmed but anyone interested in coming along should contact us. **Marieke McBean**

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A Growing Business

At a time when many shops are closing, it is good to see the opening of the Garden Shop next to the bank. It is now again possible to get a choice of plants and gardening necessities locally and to have flowers made up for special occasions. This is the latest - and unintended - addition to the other services Dani and Mick Grant already provide in the village. Dani originally trained in catering and hotel management at Glasgow College but wanted to work for herself so suggested to her parents that they bought a hotel and she would work with them for a year before going off round the world. Seven years later she was still working with them at the Clachaig in Killin. Her next venture was buying with Mick what is now Breadalbane House and transforming it into a guesthouse, the first in Killin with all en suite rooms, TV and evening meals. (In their first season they were fully booked from their opening in May until the end of September - and all from passing trade. Those were the days!) They ran that business, as well as a taxi service, for ten years while also bringing up a family. Mick was already a plumber and took over A.C. Fraser



Ron Allner

plumbing.

They next acquired Websters Power Tools (later the Wee Bake Shop and now Kirsty's Kitchen) and there had a small hardware shop and gas agency, a pet food shop and Mick's workshop (now PFK Performance). They started a £1 shop where the laundry now is and this later moved to the present site of the £1+ shop. Twenty years ago they sold

Breadalbane House and moved across the road over the Co-op and, when that moved out, they combined the hardware and the pet food shops there under the AC Fraser and Eureka names. You can get almost anything in there and what they haven't got they will almost certainly be able to get for you within a few days. When presented with problems they will always try to help find answers - some of the more unusual things Mick has been asked to do are to adjust an artificial leg in a vice, remove a fish hook from a dog and cut off a ring (not from the dog). Eight years ago they decided they needed to be able to get away from Killin for some peace and quiet and they bought a flat in Garelochhead. Within a short time they found themselves opening a £1 shop there - again an unintended venture. So it was really no surprise when they started a Garden Centre here - providing services where they don't exist is becoming addictive! Dani says their success is only possible thanks to the excellent staff she considers they are lucky to have. May the new Garden Shop flourish for them all and for Killin.

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Local Planning Applications

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Week 05 commencing 30 January

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 06 commencing 6 February

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

Location: Tigh Na Bruach Hotel Main Street Killin

Applicant: Commercial First

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Neighbour Notification

Week 07 commencing 13 February

Proposal: Erection of new porch

Location: 8 Gray Street Killin

Applicant: Mr David Robertson

Application Type: Householder Planning Permission

Decision: Neighbour Notification

Proposal: Erection of bunkhouse

Location: Kilbride Cottage Station Road Upper Tyndrum

Applicant: Mr Andrew Cousins

Application Type: Householder Planning Permission

Decision: Neighbour Notification

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

Week 13 commencing 26 March

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

Location: Maragowan Caravan Park Killin

Applicant: Carl Wedekind, SSE Power Distribution

Application Type: Statutory Notification - overhead lines

Decision: No Objections

Week 14 commencing 2 April

Proposal: Formation of new access to A827

Location: Killin Pumping Station

Applicant: Scottish Water

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

Week 15 commencing 9 April

Proposal: New Biomass heating unit and fuel storage shed

Location: The Green Welly Stop Tyndrum

Applicant: Mr Ian Wilkie

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Neighbour Notification

Perth & Kinross Council

4 April

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: Application Approved

19 April

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

Location: The Barn Craggantoll Farm Lawers Aberfeldy PH15 2PB

Applicant: Mr Greg Deakin

Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Application Approved

Stirling Council

20th March

Proposal: Alterations to farm house including alteration of flat roof dormer to pitched roof dormer and new window openings

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to Killin for those wishing to attend. This year we will also be running Kayak School for the Killin Youth Group in partnership with Firthush (Edinburgh University's Field Studies Centre).

An essential part of offering accessible activities for local young people is keeping the cost low. Aside from Abernethy's own contribution, it has also been important to attract external support. Last year we successfully applied for funding from Cashback from Communities and this year the Ardeonaig and Ardtalnaig Community Association are fund-raising on our behalf. We are extremely grateful for support from Youth Groups, Community Councils and organisations from both ends of the Loch. Continued partnership will help us attract the support we need to provide future summer weeks for the young people of Loch Tay and surrounds.

For more information contact:

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Dep	17.00	18.15	18.52

Killin to Edinburgh

	Killin	Arr Edinburgh
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Edinburgh to Killin

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Jul 2, 16, 30

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On 7th May we set off to walk the West Highland Way. We were joined each day by a different member of the Coop staff. We started at Milngavie and finished at Fort William and raised £2617 for charity which will be distributed to clubs and charities in the community. We would like to thank everyone in the village and the wider community for their support. **Euan MacKenzie, Kirsty Erskine and Pete Campbell**

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MS



Quiz winners: John and Marion Strang, Franny Allen (who replaced Liz Stevens from 1st night) and Lawrie Watson



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Walks happen every Wednesday morning - meeting at 10.20, and last under an hour. We have lots of interesting walks planned for the next few months, and we walk a variety of routes as you can see from the schedule below. 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 Rooms, Killin Library, or see posters around the village. Walk schedules are available on our website: <http://tiny.cc/walkinpark>



Cathy Scott

Project Coordinator
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Programme

6th June	McLaren Hall Car Park	Walk in the Park Diamond Jubilee Picnic
13th June	Capercaillie Restaurant	Kinnell Standing Stones
27th June	McLaren Hall Car Park	Glen Ogle (Car share)
4th July	McLaren Hall Car Park	Finlarig Castle
11th July	McLaren Hall Car Park	Killin Heritage Trail
18th July	Capercaillie Restaurant	River Dochart/Old Railway
25th July	McLaren Hall Car Park	Loch Circuit
8th August	McLaren Hall Car Park	Falls of Dochart

Think About it

This summer eyes are focused on London both for the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and for the Olympic Games. For visitors, there are two interesting and unusual museums in London amongst many others: The Bank of England Museum and The Clockmakers' Museum. Isn't it interesting that both money and time have been very important commodities for as far back as anyone can remember. Yet they present one of the great dilemmas of life. We trade our valuable time for money and then we spend our money to make the most of our time off. How seldom we possess the two with any degree of balance. By contract, Jesus during his life here on earth never seemed perplexed by money or time. When asked if it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, Jesus replied, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." With great demands on His time, Jesus spent early mornings and late evenings in prayer, seeking to know and to do His Father's will. You and I can properly balance money and time when we offer them both with ourselves to God.

Ladd Fagerston



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Book Review

The Black House by Peter May

Last month this was our chosen book. From the cover you might think it rather dull but you'd be wrong! We all gave it a big thumbs up and some of us have already purchased the sequel, *The Lewis Man* and are finding it just as exciting.

The central character is DC Finn McLeod who was born and brought up on Lewis and is sent to see if there is a connection between the murder he is currently investigating in Edinburgh and the virtually identical murder that has just happened on the island. He is

confronted by memories from the past. He meets old friends, including his first love, and reignites some old feuds as he tries to get to the bottom of this latest crime. As usual in all good murder mysteries he unravels lots of lies and deceit along the way.

This book is a real mix - you get the actual forensics of a murder mystery but its more about the characters and the choices open to them as they pass from childhood to adolescence and also a real sense of the island community's strong attachment to its ancient traditions. The best bit is the way Peter May

brings the characters to life and how he creates the picture (for me having never been there) of the island as a harsh, wild but stunningly beautiful place. Other book club members who have been there had their atlases out working out where on the island events could or did occur. We were all kept interested right up to the end in the many twists and turns as the mystery all unfolds on the annual gannet hunt on the Island of Sula Sgeir 'the rock' where the startling truth is revealed.

Liz Fettes

Sequel Book Club

World Book Night

On the night of Wednesday 25th April a World Book Night event was held in Killin Library. Kay Riddell kindly hosted and the seven chosen givers distributed books free to all comers. The books varied from sci-fi to chick flick, from murder mystery to comedy - something for everyone. Try and catch one of these books before they leave the village!



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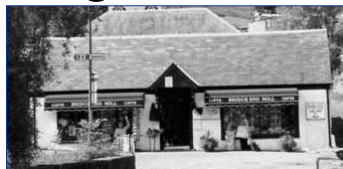
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Duck Race

The Killin Parent Partnership (Killin Primary's joint PTA/Parent Council) held a Duck Race on 12th May to raise much-needed funds for the school. This started from the bridge at Pier Road and finished at the fishing moorings at the Killin Hotel. The day was absolutely beautiful and many people (local and tourists) joined us to cheer our ducks along. Ron from The Studio was ready for the photo finish and the clear winner of the top prize (£50 cash) was Ivan Watson's 'Banana duck'. 2nd prize - a voucher for a facial and massage at Thyme Out in Auchterarder - went to Myra (Capercaillie) with her duck 'Byron'. 3rd was Ellie Farquharson with 'Peppa the duck' and she has Afternoon Tea at the Bridge of Lochay Hotel to look forward to. 24 others won chocolate duck eggs. After the race everyone joined us for tea, scones and juice over at the Sports Pavillion where the fun continued with a bouncy castle and face painting. It was a hugely successful and fun day which raised an amazing £700 for the school. Of course a day like this can only come together with a lot of help and we have a huge thank you to say to a lot of people.



Start of the Race

Ron Allner

Special thanks goes to: The Bridge of Lochay Hotel for donating the Afternoon Tea voucher; Thyme Out, Auchterarder for the facial and massage voucher; The Killin Hotel for the bouncy castle Shutters for the lovely baking; Lix Toll for the gazebo; The Angling Club (Gerry, Grant, Donald and hon. members Dan and Eloise) for helping all the ducks on their way and catching them at the end; Mark from the Abernethy Trust for powering up and down in his canoe to stop the ducks getting stuck in the bushes and boats; Ron Allner, The Studio, for taking lovely pictures of the day; and the ladies of

the Parent Partnership and Dan for refreshments, bouncy castles, selling ducks and all the other stuff! Thanks also to everyone who bought a duck, particularly those who bought corporate ducks - The Bridge of Lochay Hotel, The Coach House, The Killin Hotel, The Studio, Stitt Bros., Falls of Dochart Retirement Home Residents, A & B Services, Lix Toll, Scott Electrical, Mcphee Family, Auchmore, The Real Food Cafe, Thyme Out, Auchterarder. See you again next year!

Jayne Kerr
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- 3 Bruce Ford (Killin) 65

Category 2 (15-28)

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- 2 John Strang (Killin) 64
- 3 Jim Ferguson (Killin) 65

Nearest the pin 15 - 28

J. Delaney (Auchterarder)

Nearest the pin 0 - 14

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Nearest the pin in 2
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John Strang 64
Lix Toll Trophy
(Best Local h/cap 1 - 14)
R.D. Lewis 64

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Bruce Ford (Killin)
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Dickie Lewis

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Letters

Parking

This email is with regards to the parking in the bus lane which was brought up in the last Killin News. As a resident of Monemore I am more than frustrated when I come home from work to find all the spaces behind our house have been taken up, by either stupid tourists or the even more inconsiderate ILS CARERS!!!!!! so we have no choice but to park in the bus lane as there is nowhere else to park. I have this minute just came back from work to find... no parking!!! ILS have taken up two spaces, one of which is mine (as they always do!!!) so have had NO OPTION but to park in the bus lane.

Monemore resident
(name supplied)

Killin Floral Association

Killin Floral association would like to thank all those people who donated money and made offers of help, towards the planting and maintaining of the tubs, for this year's floral displays in the village. An impressive total of £285 was raised and this year's plants will be mainly red, white and blue, to mark the Queens Diamond Jubilee and it is hoped to get these planted out during the first week of June.

**Killin Floral Association
Committee**

February Ceildh

I would like to thank everyone who came along to our fundraising Ceildh on February 25th in the McLaren Hall. It was a fantastic night and we were overwhelmed by everyone's support. I hope everyone enjoyed the night as much as we did! Special thanks to Euan, Duncan and the staff at the Co-op for helping us out so much with the bar and to Neil, the McRobbies and the Devlins for helping set up and clean up the hall. Our trip was very successful and would not have been possible if it were not for the generosity of the Killin community. Thanks.

Siobhan Anderson

Community Auction

Once again the generosity of the village and surrounding area made for a highly successful Auction with just over 400 lots going under the hammer.

The range and quality of the items surpassed all expectations resulting in £1,000 being realised, which will filter back to local organisations charities and worthy causes.

The auction is well established as a fun evening in aid of worthy causes and provides a few amusing bidding moments when buyers vie for the lots. There are always some highlights and a local shed seems to

have been kitted out in style this year and it is rumoured it will be included in the Doors Open weekend. Many thanks to all who donated and bought and to everyone who helped out. Next year's Auction will be on Saturday 30th March when we look forward to another fun filled evening.

Alex Stewart

The Wanderer Returns

I'd like everyone who helped to look for Alfie to know that he returned safely to Drumfinn on 30th April just when I had decided to give up hope.



I don't where he'd been for five weeks but, although he was tired and thin and had brought a lot of fleas with him, I was delighted to have him back. Many thanks to all who helped me int the search for him and to everyone who has made me so welcome in Killin.

Jennie Bramall

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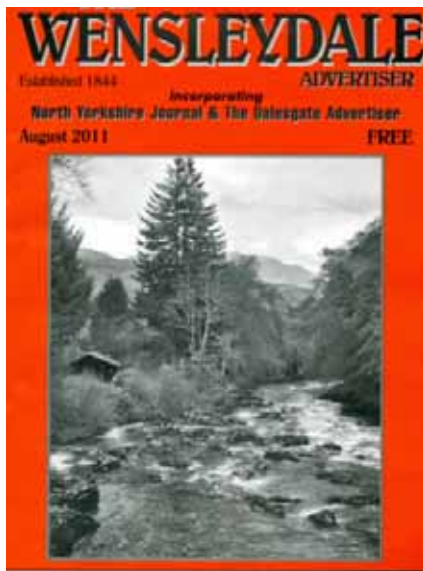
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This & That

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Comments in the last issue about parking at the Coach Park have mistakenly been taken as an slur on the drivers ability to read rather than on the illegibility of the signs and have brought attention to problems of parking elsewhere in the village.



Wensleydale? We don't think so!
(Spotted by Iain and Jenny Walker)

Friends of the Birks Cinema (FoTBC)

The Birks cinema is scheduled to open at Easter 2013. Residents in the FK21 area are part of the community at which this venture is aimed. FoTBC is currently setting up a trading company to run the cinema operation and want to appoint a wide range of people representing different sectors of the community. If you can offer knowledge or experience of one or more of the following they would be particularly pleased to hear from you:

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If you are unable to offer any of the above but would like to become involved, FoTBC would still like to hear from you. Board members won't receive any financial remuneration - just the satisfaction of seeing the business grow under their leadership. Board members should take up post by mid-July 2012.

To let them know you are interested and to talk it through informally and without commitment, you should write by 7th June 2012 to: Friends of The Birks Cinema, The Locust Centre, The Square, Aberfeldy PH15 2DD or by email info@birkscinemafriends.org.uk You should outline briefly the skills, experience or knowledge that you could bring which would help make the cinema a successful social and financial venture. Further information about the organisation is available on the wite: www.birkscinemafriends.org.uk

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News from the Big Shed



O Duo

The last two months have been very busy at The Big Shed, the community building at Tombreck. 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. Recently we have put on various events which have drawn a huge crowd (sell out audiences) from the local area and beyond. Following the success of the first two classical concerts in the series, Edinburgh String Quartet and The Scottish Reed Trio, the percussion ensemble called O Duo - Shake Rattle and Roll! performed to two full houses (100 tickets). The Duo also spent a whole day in Killin Primary School taking workshops with all the classes and the children all enjoyed themselves. The last in the classical concert series will be on Sunday 17th June at 4pm,

'Music for a Summer Afternoon' with piano, clarinet and cello.

The next 'Talk @ The Big Shed' will be in August about Cluny House Gardens with Wendy and John Mattingley.

Sponsored 24 hour musicathon

This takes place on 9th June and we are looking for musical locals, including pupils to take a slot. Proceeds will be divided between Glasgow Royal Hospital for Sick Children and The Big Shed for future events.

The Anniversary of The Big Shed will take place on Saturday 30th June from 2pm so look out for posters about this exciting milestone! Future courses include An Introduction to Permaculture 15th and 16th September. For details of regular classes for yoga and Tai Chi, see What's On on page 43

The Big Shed now has its own blog which can be found at

thebigsheds.blogspot.com where you can find details of all future and past events.

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. If you would like any more information about hiring The Big Shed or would like to be kept informed about events please contact:

Jane Watts

Project Development Officer
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Ceilidh Dances

Every second week there's a ceilidh dance evening in the Big Shed Lawers. It's a night where people get the chance to refresh some mostly well-known ceilidh dances or learn them from scratch. There is no need to attend every night; we talk through all the dances as required. It's a great way to learn the dances and get fit at the same time! It's all very informal and will simply help you to remember the dances and have fun. The charge is £2. The next classes will be on 14th and 28th June.

On Thursday 7th June we'll have a "proper" dancing ceilidh with a live band at the door) 8-11pm. or more information contact

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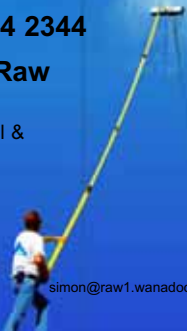
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Drama News



The Road to Stirling

Killin Drama Club travelled to Fintry in March with a wee play that we all loved but didn't think would get us anywhere in the One Act Play Festival. The play is called Swan Song by Vanessa Brooks - it is Donald's last day at work prior to his retirement and his faithful secretary, Margaret, is about to leave as well after thirty-six years of working together. As the play progresses it becomes clear that their relationship is not simply that of boss and secretary.

At Fintry (round 1) we were surprised (and pleased of course!) to get second place after seeing so many other brilliantly performed plays over the two evenings. So at the end of March we packed the trailer and cars to take the play to Lochgelly in Fife to compete against eight other plays from our Division. The adjudicator was very impressed with the 4th actor on the stage in the form of a clock expertly devised by Brian Hibbert. The standard was high and we came 3rd just four points behind the winner and, as only the top two plays go through to

Scottish Final, we thought that was that. But how wrong we were! On 16th April we were told that the winning play had withdrawn and we were invited to take our play in its place to the MacRobert in Stirling on 26th April. There were a few phone calls to check that the actors and crew could make the date (thankfully they could) and plans were set for getting in a couple of rehearsals before the Final. The adjudicator said that on initial reading of the play she wondered how it would work as it had little to commend it. However, she was full of praise for the cast, as through careful characterisation and excellent teamwork, they were able to make much more of the play than appeared in the script.

At time of writing, we have not had the marks back so we don't know where we were placed, but we all enjoyed the MacRobert experience, and once again we have put Killin on the map!

Thank you to all those who have travelled to see us at each location.

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Laughter in Killin

Killin Drama Club hosted the second Killin Comedy Festival in the McLaren Hall in May as a fund raiser for the Scottish Community Drama Association. Actors and technicians from across Scotland came to Killin for the weekend to have fun and entertain everyone. Fintry Amateur Dramatic Society put on two coarse acting plays and while the stage was reset Adam McNaughton sang. The GIP Theatre Company performed "Backstage Backdoor", Glenda Mardon did a sketch about contacting a telephone exchange and Ella Gordon from Fintry sang. Finally Killin Drama Club performed a radio play with the sound effects provided by members of the other teams. Laughter at the antics of the keen and unrehearsed volunteers almost drowned the words! The next night Killin Drama Club opened with "Here Endeth The First Lesson" about a parish council meeting and Adam McNaughton sang a song with full audience participation in the chorus. Members of The Mercators in Edinburgh did a sketch and Robin Smith from Aberdour Players gave a humorous monologue. Leslie Amateur Dramatic Society performed "A Nice Cup of Tea" and Adam Gibson from Kirkcaldy Amateur Dramatic Society a short 'bachelors soliloquy'. Killin Drama Club added some French lessons in the form of another short sketch and the final item was a second run of the radio play with a very different interpretation but with equally comic results.

It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying a weekend of drama and sitting with a wee glass of something being entertained. So if you didn't come this year, look out for the posters next year and create some new laughter lines!

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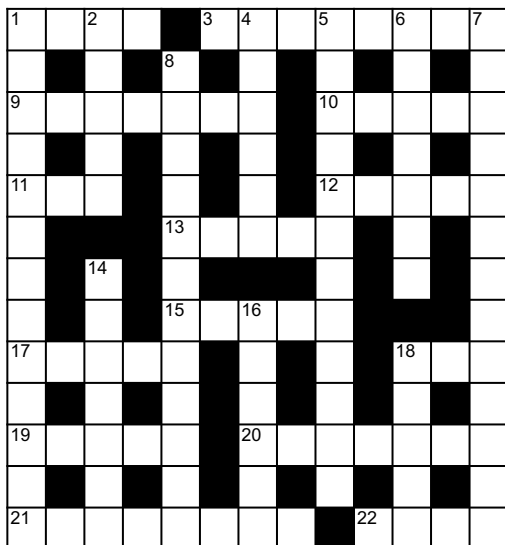
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- 3 Mad as biscuits (7)
- 9 Vehicle part commonly for sale? (3,4)
- 10 A thorny shrub - rose or bramble for example (5)
- 11 Run around the samovar?(3)
- 12 Temporary replacement for local service provider (5)
- 13 A sweet and clumsy resolution (5)
- 15 A blow of some power and influence (5)
- 17 Enclosure for sporting or theatrical events (5)
- 18 Academic goes back for a nap (3)
- 19 Native of war torn middle eastern state (5)
- 20 A maritime drifter or a lettuce? (7)
- 21 Intensifies and improves (8)
- 22 Lookers commonly in agreement (4)

Solution 127

- Across** 1 eliminated 8 exploit 9 impel 10 exam
 11 gnat 12 yes 14 dunlop 15 pourri 18 ado 20 dupe
 21 iced 23 flesh 24 drastic 25 tenderness
Down 1 emplain 2 iron 3 intent 4 aviation 5 empty
 6 seven dwarfs 7 plastic duck 13 woodshed 16 recites
 17 spider 19 obese 22 mace

Down

- 1 Singularly in an era upset, I pounce on mate (4,4,1,4)
- 2 Island found in far range of western seaboard (5)
- 4 Do turn around fat commonly (6)
- 5 Bob let scones be used as paving (12)
- 6 End vice made clear (7)

- 7 Gags (9,4)
- 8 Put into a fiction a formal announcement (12)
- 14 Ocular cleaner is rubbish (7)
- 16 A professional position and place (6)
- 18 River in US city is distressed and requiring help (5)



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Commercial - floral displays outside businesses and other commercial properties.

Sun Flower Competition - for the children to grow the tallest sunflower.

The Judge for this year will be Hilary Gunkel, the chair of Callander Horticultural Society. Get out there and show your horticultural and decorative skills. Results will be published in the Killin News in the autumn.

Alicja Fraser

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Monday
Church Hall
3.30-5pm

Badminton
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McLaren Hall
from 6.30pm
Tues from 6pm

Ballroom Dancing
Fridays
Lochearnhead Hall
7.30pm

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Church 7.30pm
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Internet Cafe
Thursdays
Killin Library
11am-4pm

Yoga
Fridays
Big Shed
10.30-noon

Junior Golf
Fridays
Golf Club 6pm

Tai Chi
Tuesdays
Tyndrum Hall
9am

Slimmers
Tuesdays
Crianlarich Hall
5pm

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

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

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



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