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Editorial

It is with great sadness that we lost the last of the two authors who constructed the Crossword for the Killin News. May Aitken, AKA Scorpio, died on the 23rd December 2012. Sinclair Aitken, AKA Crustacean, died in November 2011. Sinclair, along with Allan Walker, founded the Killin News in 1991. May or Sinclair dutifully supplied the Crossword throughout the period. May was a wonderful support to Sinclair and to all of us who produce the Killin News. For this and very many other reasons she will be greatly missed.

2012 was a poor tourist season from which many businesses are still recovering. Strong criticism has been received from some in the community about why Killin fails to attract visitors. "Why is Killin not doing anything about it?"

What is needed is yet another get-together involving all in Killin who depend on tourism to find out how, we as a community, can make changes to make Killin more in keeping with what the majority of its inhabitants would like it to be. Killin is very attractive to visitors, they keep telling us, but things can always be improved. Killin is not a sterile showcase model village, it is where a lively community works and plays with a wide range of incomes, tastes and ideas. Killin is attractive to many of us because of that variety. Who is dependent on tourism? The tourist providers, of course, but you then must add the retail businesses, services, trades people, farmers, bus services, artists, taxi services, churches, all local facilities, the householders who make use of those facilities and the businesses who can then stock a greater variety of goods. If you don't belong to any of those groups, it is still likely that your life will be affected by a reduction in visitors.

While the most extreme aspects of weather always colour our view of past years, it is surprising how the weather evens out over time. The constant rain we remember late last year was balanced by a dry period in the Spring. I don't think the weather is there for our own convenience. For weather details see page 14.

A piece of good news is always welcome in the aftermath of the Festive Season. The Straw Bale House, page 16, is a wonderful description of a community enterprise that is an example for us all. Congratulations to those involved.

A Farm Shop with local produce for sale opens in Tombreck. see page 17.

Front page Bobby Lafferty by David Robertson

Plunge in the Lochay

Who would have thought that there were this number of brave people prepared to plunge into the Lochay on Boxing Day. This was an idea thought up by Anna and Lucy Nicholson, daughter and granddaughter of Judy and David Bowser, to help raise funds for the repair of the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home roof. So far the charity event has raised £2,200 for the fund. Well done to all those who were couragous enough to fling themselves in or in some cases fell in or were pulled in by those already in the water. It is hoped that this will now become an annual event. GA

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season. The project income came mainly from the sale of thrift. Some came from the sale of art and craft

The Old Mill

The Old Mill Business Plan has been sent to Stirling Council Asset Management. Their recommendation will be give to Stirling Councillors in Early February and a decision will be made on the transfer of the building to KAT. We will then have to wait until we have offers of funding in place to repair and develop the building. If that satisfies the Stirling Council solicitors the transfer can take place. Meanwhile we seek to obtain a lease, in March, from Stirling Council to run the building in the form it ran for the duration of the project. The Trust has obtained a promise of an award of up to £38,703 from Historic Scotland to repair the fabric of the building. This is an encouraging start. Work will commence when the property has been transferred to the community by the Stirling Council Solicitors.

The Old Mill Project

Volunteers started the project at the beginning of July last year. It fitted in with the following objectives detailed in Killin's Action Plan 2012-

- *Support local services
- *develop and promote tourism
- *support employment opportunities
- *opportunities for learning
- *"what's on" and "what to do" for children



- *visitors toilet availability
- *green tourism
- *visitors stay longer
- *come at other times in the year and return again
- *keep the old mill open to visitors

The tourist information provided was designed to promote Killin and show visitors what is to be seen and experienced in Killin much of which is not covered by current tourist literature. The leaflets informing visitors about local businesses and artists will be upgraded for next

Breadalbane Park... have your say A meeting will be held in the Lesser McLaren Hall 9th February

Presentation by Connan Design at 11am followed by a Community Workshop Have your say and influence the final plans for Park

very supportive of the activities and complimentary about how the shop was set up and maintained. Fifty volunteers were involved in running the shop, sorting and adding value to the donated thrift. The community were very generous with the donation of articles and many positive comments were made about the quality of the merchandise by browsers and

buyers. There were some excellent bargains to be had. The lease was extended until 14th December. The volunteers guite guickly became a supportive community group. They participated in activities both in and outside the Mill. Working together on

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craft work and sharing their skills they manufactured items for sale on behalf of the mill and other charities and by adding value to thrift. It proved to be a good opportunity for new friendships.

Thrifty Christmas

Volunteers spent a number of hours making Christmas items for sale and decorated the building with seasonal items many recycled from previously donated thrift items.

An evening event rounded off the activities. The sales in the shop and the raffle made ± 360 .

The Group would like to thank all who donated items, with a special thanks for Ian Hitchens of the Killin



Hotel who donated a meal for two, Louise Norris for her beautiful Christmas Cake and Margaret from Killin Cuts for a haircut and blow dry. Thank you all for your support. We aim to open again in March.

Breadalbane Park Improvements:

Following consultations with the Breadalbane Park Supporters Group, the Landscape Architects, Connan Design, have produced a draft design for the Park. They now seek community feedback for the final design. Once the final design is agreed and costed, Lottery funding will be sought to complete the work, which must at least include park drainage and an area suitable for heavy vehicles.

A meeting to share the draft design



Mobile: 07767 398085 email: douglasmcrobbie@aol.com with the community is to be held on Saturday 9th February in the Lesser McLaren Hall starting at 11am. Your involvement is very important to ensure that the final design suits you as well as other park users.

Sports and Leisure Club:

The Sports and Leisure Club Committee are seeking to take on a lease from Stirling Council for one year from 1st April 2013. There remains hope that the Committee will be able to persuade Stirling Council to transfer the 999 year lease to the community so that eventually the building can be made more suitable for sports and leisure activities and provide a space suitable for the Youth Club. reduction in visitor numbers is likely to be included. How can the community address this issue?

Membership of KAT

If you support the aims of KAT and are not already a member, this would be a good time to apply. The one-off joining fee is £1 and if you have an email address we will keep you up to date on KAT activities from time to time.

We value our members and supporters and look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

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The KAT AGM is to be held in the Killin Hotel on Saturday 23rd February at 11am. Following the AGM a presentation will be . made on what has happened since Killin's Action Plan 2012. Priorities are changing. The meeting will set out an agenda to establish new priorities. Stirling Council and the National Park Authority have agreed to join together to provide money to pay for a consultant, who is familiar with rural communities and who has worked on similar issues elsewhere, to help develop a consultation on the most pressing problems. The closure of local retail outlets and the **Tourist Information** Centre and the

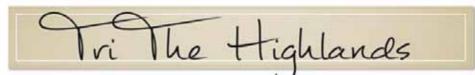




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Welcome to Tri The Highlands

The idea for Tri The Highlands came to me last year. I had a big event coming up and a family holiday booked. You can probably guess what the week away looked like ... whatever I was doing I felt I should be doing something else, if I was relaxing I thought I should be training, if I was training I wanted to be enjoying quality time with my family. Tri the Highlands lets you train hard without losing that precious time.

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Pharmacy Update

As announced at the public meeting, the Public Consultation period re the Pharmacy Application closed on 7th January. The Health Board received 116 responses, which is great We'd like to thank everyone who took the trouble to respond, which will help make the decision more accountable to local feeling. A petition against the application was signed by more than 800 people, which means that more than the population of the area have signed it. This is also a fantastic result. We have had positive interest from local Councillors, MSP's and MP's, as well as support from a range of people who know Killin or have connections here.

We now have a period of waiting, when not much will happen. So far, Forth Valley have pencilled in 20th March as the day the Pharmacy Practices Committee decide on the application, although this date is subject to change. Before that the Committee have to study the evidence for and against and make a "site visit" to the area, which we very much hope will include a visit to the Dispensary so they can see how it runs.

Meantime, we have had the "Mystery Surveyor" who appeared on four days in November to ask questions of village residents. So far, we haven't been able to find anyone who could get a straight answer as to who he was employed by (it wasn't Forth Valley Health Board) or who was asked to sign his questionnaire to confirm their responses. We have also heard that he would fill in different answers to those that were given. Meantime, Mr Allan Gordon from Davidsons continues to spread misinformation: "where a pharmacy can exist it is preferable and safer than a doctors' dispensary" (Herald 4 December) There is no evidence that pharmacies are safer than dispensing surgeries and this is an unjustified slur, not just on us but on lots of hardworking dispensary staff throughout the UK. Mr Gordon has also accused us of only thinking about our own pockets. This will be the same man who has just made fifteen staff redundant in Blairgowrie with the comment "The warehouse has commenced its orderly shutdown and its closure will generate annual savings of £ 250,000. Anticipated pre-tax profits for 2013 are £ 2.5M. The company is again debt-free and I intend to expand at a faster rate into areas of Scotland that we currently don't have a presence" (Davidsons website accessed 16 January) Not a single word of regret about the staff, you may notice.

Dr David Syme, Dr Elizabeth Watson

The public meeting held on 28th November was chaired by Bruce Crawford MSP who has written a submission to the Pharmacy Practices Committee in support of the Killin doctors and the community warning of the possible adverse consequences of the approving of the application by Walter Davidson and Sons Ltd., pharmacist.

Killin Community Council January

Points from the meeting

The Glenoglehead development may not go ahead as the National Park may run out of money for this project before this development is reached as it is the least prioritised. Also considerable concern was raised by KCC residents of Glenoglehead and Killin residents about the lack of prior consultation. The National Park has assured KCC that this will not happen again.

Thanks were expressed to the following for the Christmas tree in the village, Willie Dunn for its provision, Stitts for putting it up and Robert Grant for lights.

Thanks also to Charlie Grant and his team of helpers for another very successful New Year fireworks



display.

The biomass project is ongoing. It has been noted that all letters to NHS including KCC regarding the pharmacy have been replied to by a standardised letter.

There will be consultation over the play park at an open meeting on 9th Feb and questionnaires will be distributed. Goalposts for the pitch have been ordered.

Councillor Martin Earl will also investigate the water butt at the cemetery since KCC have not had any results from attempts to get this installed.

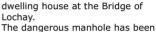
Councillor Earl will also meet Stirling Council regarding toilets.

Roads in the area, especially towards Lix Toll are to be checked regarding size of trees at the edges.

A change of use has been received for the flats to be changed to a single



Anderson Dentistry Taybridge Terrace Aberfeldy, PH15 285



repeatedly reported to Scottish Water over a considerable period with no result.

Peter Drummond is to attend the March KCC meeting regarding the Killin Conservation Area Management Plan.

Mr K. Chew sent in a complaint on behalf of The Tourist Association about The Co-op and empty hotels giving the village a rundown appearance.

The Floral Association will not be taking over the bottom car park as planned.

The Government is to make sure that 75% of rural areas receive broadband in future.

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Computer

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Windows 8

I have bitten the bullet and moved to Windows 8 on my desktop. It was a steep learning curve and, after two solid days of ironing out network and software clashes, I have a working machine.

The user interface is not intuitive and does not work well with just a keyboard and mouse, as in places it specifically expects you to touch the screen to get it to behave. Saying that, much of the system still expects you to use a mouse and keyboard. I just feel that Microsoft have tried to please both the modern day smart phone user and the desktop user, but they have not quite succeeded Apart from this guirk, which I can work around, I find that the most annoying, frustrating and just insulting part of the system is its inbuilt email application (app). In windows XP we had Microsoft Outlook Express, in Windows 7 we have Windows Live

mail, both of which worked well, but in Windows 8 we have a poorly designed featureless email client that just does not work. After a week of trying to get this app to work, I contacted Microsoft who were very negative and explained that their mail app does not support many features. They also stated that there is no plan to resolve this and their suggestion was that I buy Microsoft Outlook for my email needs. I explained that all I wanted was an email application that supported the standard email protocols, but the Microsoft representative did not budge from the party line. So beware, you might not be able to read your emails on Windows 8, unless you use additional software. In the end, I downloaded Mozilla Thunderbird and used this free software for my email needs. If you are comfortable using touch screen interface to your computer, then I am sure you will be able to get to grips with Windows 8 easily. But please note that you should consider the touch screen as an addition and not a replacement for the traditional keyboard and mouse, as many applications and software will not work well with touch alone. I feel that Microsoft's stance is to use

Windows 8 as the first phase of moving away from desktop computing into the world of the hand held device. I do think this is the way forward for computing, but I also believe there is a need for traditional desktop computers. Saying this, I am now comfortable with my Windows 8 desktop, even though I do not have a touch screen.

Touch Screen Laptops

Now that Windows 8 is here to stay, you should consider touch screen technology for your next laptop. These products are becoming more popular now, but you pay for this feature. It seems as though the market is still in its infancy. It looks as though the manufacturers are focussing on the small sized screens as, I expect, the cost of manufacture of touch screen increases proportional to the size of the screen.

The ideal laptop, if price is not an issue, is a convertible touch screen ultrabook. Convertible means there is a detachable keyboard, so the device can act as a tablet; Ultrabook is a term widely used, it is not clearly defined, but for me I would expect a lightweight laptop with powerful processor, lots of RAM and a fast disc used for the operating system, so that there is no delay when switching the machine on. But this beast is likely to set you back a thousand pounds. I feel the prices will reduce over the next few months and perhaps it might be better to wait before changing to a Windows 8 laptop.

> Mark Lincoln 07786 633877





Changing Scenes

A report says it will cost the taxpayer four million pounds to reinstate the northern peat bogs that were planted with Sitka spruce in the 1980s. At that time the planting was paid for by taxpayers, as tax breaks and grants, to wealthy individuals and organisations.

All has gone quiet about Ash die back disease. Maybe because politicians (probably clones of the ones in the 80s) don't want to answer questions on, "Where were the government, The Woodland Trust, The Wildlife Trusts and RSPB during the past three years since the threat was first identified?" I have previously mentioned the rarity of true Scottish wildcats but conservationists now warn that it could become extinct at any moment, mainly through being interbred with the 100,000 feral domestic cats, producing hybrids. In 2004 there were estimated to be about 400 and it is now thought that there may be as few as 35 purebred individuals left in the wild. The Scottish Wildcat

Many thanks to all who supported the Festive Hamper raffle which raised the sum of £186 for the Residents of the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. Thanks to the Capercaillie for hosting the ticket sales and draw. Charm Linee was the lucky winner. The New Years Night Dance was supported by both locals and visitors and Tommy Walker, who was playing at his 30th consecutive New Year dance, thought the quality of the dancing and variety of dances was on the up.

Decisions will be made in the near future as to which organisations should benefit from the proceeds.



Association are hoping to establish a zone North and West of The Great Glen free of feral cats by neutering and eliminating them. Diseases pose quite a threat as some ferals have been found to have feline AIDS. Remarkably, to date, no genetic tests have been devised to identify true wildcats and it appears that this may not be possible. Remote areas of Ardnamurchan have been chosen to pilot the scheme to establish accurate numbers in that area. According to some experts the Scottish wildcat is in greater peril of extinction than the tiger, the giant panda or the polar bear. This is borne out by my own experience in, for example, Glen Lochay where ten to twenty years ago wildcats could be seen on the hills and in the woodlands on a fairly regular basis whereas, in the past few years I have only seen one.

Native bird numbers at RSPB Berney Marsh reserve in Norfolk saw a significant rise over a five year period. There was a 392% increase in the lapwing, 486% in redshank and 200%

Masonic Lodge

Annual Auction McLaren Hall Yes folks it is time to get thinking about what surplus items could be donated to or given on a 50% share basis for the annual auction. The date is Saturday 30th March. Easter Saturday, with viewing from 4.00pm and the sale starting at 6.00pm. This has become a community day out when amazing bargains are bought and that all illusive 'Thingy' or 'Doofor' is at last found and purchased. Donations of bedding, clothes etc can't be accepted, nor can large electrical goods which are not in working order. Virtually anything else goes but if there is any doubt

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Not to forget our foxy footnote: an angler night fishing for carp in Sussex had a "wee nod" and was rudely awakened to find a fox tightly attached to his face. The resulting torn artery and cheek needed twenty six stitches. I wonder if the Angling club could recruit a few such foxes to deter litter bugging so-called anglers around the loch? Or maybe this was just a result of the fox being fed up with litter bins only yielding horse meat burgers.

Tim Frost

discussions will resolve the matter. Storage is at a premium this year so goods will be accepted by arrangement from Tuesday 5th up to Wednesday 27th March. Flyers will be circulated early in March and posters displayed, with some pictures and details on the Lodge web Site at http://lodge815.zxq.net/ A refreshment wine and beer bar and various goodies from the kitchen will help make the day complete with something for everyone. Contact:-

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Police

John Riley received a reply to the letter he sent regarding Police Centralisation. This has confirmed that there are no plans to change local policing arrangements at the present time. The full letter is available on the website at http://www.scottishdemocracy.com/d iscussion/viewtopic.php?f=29&t=695 Pharmacv

Lobbying on the Killin Pharmacy issue has continued, with letters sent to several individuals. A reply has been received from the Minister of Health, which has been published on the website at

http://www.scottishdemocracy.com/d iscussion/viewtopic.php?f=59&t=670 Replies have also been received from

Anne McGuire, MP and Bruce Crawford, MSP, both of whom are sympathetic with the community opposition to the proposal.





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Construction work on the by-pass is expected to commence in summer 2013. Forestry clearance work is scheduled to begin in February and will last for approximately 6 weeks. This will include the removal of two large Sitka spruce trees which show signs of die back.

Planning

Planning approval has been granted for each of the CiA applications for the footpaths project.

Environment

Stirling Council have almost completed their refurbishment works on Crianlarich Public Toilets. Work has included new worktops, taps, plumbing repairs and repairs to the disabled toilet, also repairs to the exterior paving. The hot water system has been repaired; however there is still no hot water in the disabled toilet. Cameron Taylor will find out if Stirling Council will be rectifving this.

CiA will now take on the deep cleaning and redecoration of the toilets, using the money given to SCDT by LLTNP. A local contractor has been appointed. Internal redecoration will start this week. external work once the weather is improved. Once the refurbishment work is complete, local publicity will be arranged, hopefully including both Stirling Council and LLTNP representatives.

No discussions have been had regarding refurbishment of Tyndrum toilets. However, if anybody wishes to champion this issue, Cameron can provide details of his contacts within Stirling Council.

War Memorial

Henry Forster has kindly offered to clean the war memorial. Historic Scotland have launched a £1million fund today for assistance with war memorial refurbishment. Alan Smailes will investigate this further and discuss with Henry Forster and

Cameron will contact Derek Leitch regarding planting and landscaping. Lower Station Yard

We have been awarded a bundle of 450 trees and shrubs by the Woodland Trust, for planting on the perimeter of the Lower Station Yard and along the fence as far as the Ben More. The plants supplied will be mostly fruiting (rosehips, sloe etc.), and also include one Royal Oak sapling. Delivery is expected in early March and a volunteer day will be needed for planting.

Joyce Russell is working on a site layout drawing for the Lower Station Yard, so that we can apply for change of use planning permission for the site. The lease for the site has still not been issued. Stirling Council are waiting for agreement from the Scottish Ministers to lease the land at less than best value.

Paths

Planning permission for the paths network has now been granted. The BIG Lottery are reviewing our funding application, and have been in touch with a number of minor questions. A decision is expected during February.

Gateway Sign

Having further discussed the relocation of the gateway sign from the western end of the village, the CiA group proposed that the only piece of the sign to be kept is the metal graphic, which would be positioned on the exterior of Crianlarich village hall. The remainder of the sign is too big and heavy to be of any practical use.

Goldmine

Work to secure funding is progressing. Scotgold expect to start building work in June 2013 with first production approximately 1 year later.

Report from Councillor Alycia Hayes

Alycia attended the rural broadband meeting on 12th January. The

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illan by the Way

meeting was attended by representatives from the two rural wards (Trossachs & Teith, and Forth & Endrick). Although Strathfillan wasn't represented in person, the points raised in the written submission were taken into account and were similar to issues from other areas. Improvement to rural broadband provision is largely in the hands of the Scottish Government, but we will hopefully see an improvement in the next few years. The Council recognises the rural economy is suffering from patchy broadband, and has commissioned a report from Farr Point on possible ways to make improvements. Likely suggestions will be a combination of 4G, radio, microwave & satellite technologies. Fibre Optic is the ideal solution but is not feasible given the small amount of money available. However, there are already a number of Fibre Optic networks in existence for different organisations (University, Police etc). There is no single map in existence of these different networks and Alvcia is working with Bruce Crawford to identify how this information could be collated and pooled between organisations.

Report from Owen McKee

The Scottish Government has given LLTNP a little extra money for infrastructure projects. This money



will primarily be used for West Highland Way maintenance and infrastructure improvements. Planning permission has been granted for the five lochs improvements. These improvements include toilet provision, informal campsites and motor home points at each of the five lochs, including Loch Lubnaig and Glenoglehead. Toilets will be installed wherever possible; however, in some locations compost toilets will be necessary. The facilities will be installed in the north car park at Loch Lubnaig, although the southern one will remain open for day visitors only.

Local services pilot scheme We still need to decide which facilities and services we could realistically take on. There might be problems finding someone locally with the right equipment and skills for the necessary tasks and each village has slightly different needs. There would also be benefit in contacting other organisations working in the area (e.g. Network Rail & Transerv) that may be able to cooperate in the sharing of resources etc. For example Transerv already has a depot in Killin and if there was a will there could conceivably be a way of co-operating. For this to work, it will require all parties involved to do some creative thinking and be genuinely willing to try a completely new approach. The CC still has a desire to try and take this pilot forward in some shape or form. (Received after meeting: Les Goodfellow sent a message via Suzanne Player that he is keen to hear back from Strathfillan on this matter).

Community Resilience Plan Discussions still need to take place. The Scottish Government is trying to raise awareness of the need for communities to have these plans in place. The three Strathfillan villages,



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Glenfalloch Road footpaths

Alan Cleisham has responded and indicated that it would fall within the bypass remit to make good these footpaths. Alan will respond to Alan Cleisham / Raymond Travers to make sure this is indeed included with the bypass works.

Bric-a-Brac Auction Sale

Crianlarich Village hall's annual charity bric-a-brac auction sale in aid of hall funds will be held in the village hall on Friday 1st March. Viewing from 4pm with the auction starting at 6pm. All donations will be gratefully received and can be dropped off at the hall from Wednesday 27th February. Collection can be arranged by contacting

Bryan 01838 300245

Crianlarich Primary School Village Party

We would all like to say a massive thank you to the village party committee for donating the Halloween party bags. The children all enjoyed them.

The Party Committee donated over £80 towards our Playground Development.

A great big thank you to everyone in the village who contributed.

Jen Lilly - Sponsored Walk

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Future Development of Tyndrum Charrette

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communities in the



National Park to be selected to take part in an in-depth consultation on future development. The charrette is a collaborative session over one day in which a group of

designers tackle development issues and opportunities for the benefit of the local community. These workshops will bring local people, businesses, landowners, agencies and organisations together to discuss and create a shared vision and actions for creating vibrant, successful and sustainable places and communities. They will take their findings away and come back to the community with the local vision in a masterplan for the future. Funding for this project is provided by the Scottish Government Scottish Sustainable Communities Initiative: Charrette Mainstreaming Programme and the National Park Authority. The other communities selected are; Aberfoyle, Arrocher and Drvmen.

If you want a say in how Tyndrum should grow and develop over the next 20 years then this is an opportunity not to be missed. This is an opportunity to make things really happen! It could transform Tyndrum! The event will be held in mid March so watch out for further information.

Strathfillan Action Plan

The Trust has just started the development of our new Action Plan. Running in conjunction with the charrette we will feed information to the designers. The AP concentrates on what we can achieve over the next five years for the whole of Strathfillan. Every household will get a short questionnaire asking you to list your priorities for the Strathfillan area. The new AP is a very important document for us all and is a crucial tool when trying to persuade funding bodies to part with money for our projects! So please take a few minutes to put your thoughts on paper and help us improve Strathfillan for all.

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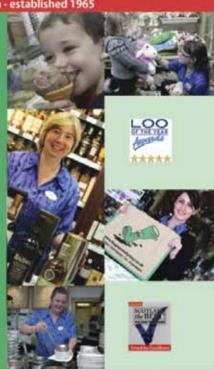
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Weather Statistics 2012

Although 2012 may have been the wettest year on record in England, here at Kirkton the total rainfall for the year (2506.6 mm) was very close to the twenty year average (2528.2 mm [1991-2010]). The first five months of the year were drier than average while the second half of the vear was wetter than average. The wettest month was December (420.7 mm) while the driest month was May (119.7 mm of which 62.8 mm fell on a single day [13th May]). The highest rainfall over a calendar week (Monday to Sunday) was 158.4 mm in Week 1 (2nd January to 8th January). The highest rainfall in a single 24 hour period (09:00 GMT to 09:00 GMT) was 89.4 mm on 20th December. There were 25 days when more than 25 mm of rainfall was recorded. The total number of rain days was 279 (76.4%). Snow and sleet were recorded falling on only 18 days. The highest temperature recorded during 2012 was on 24th May (26.8°C). This was the highest May temperature recorded at Kirkton since records began in 1991.

Temperatures of over 25°C were recorded on five days all of which were in May. A temperature of 20.7°C on 27th March was the highest March temperature recorded at Kirkton, and it was also the warmest March since records began in 1991 (with a mean maximum temperature of 11.55°C). As well as being warm March was also unusually dry with only about half the average monthly rainfall. The lowest temperature recorded during 2012 was on 6th December when the temperature fell to -9.5°C. On the 20th September the temperature only reached a maximum of 9.2°C which was the lowest September maximum recorded at Kirkton. An air frost was recorded in every month apart from July, and air frost was recorded on a total of 89 days. Gale force winds were recorded on 11 days and thunderstorms on 5 days. The weather event which caused most disruption to the farm was an intense thunderstorm on the evening of 28th June. The intense rainfall

and resultant flash flooding caused extensive damage to the farm infrastructure (including fences, roads, bridges, fields and buildings). Although the total rainfall recorded during the 12 hour period when the thunderstorm struck was nothing exceptional at 31.4 mm, the storm itself only lasted for a short time during which the sheer intensity of the rainfall overwhelmed the streams leading to flash flooding.

The rainfall recorded in Killin in 2012 (1836.0 mm) was also very close to the average (1837.1 mm [2002-2011]). March was the driest month with only 78.0 mm of rain, while December was the wettest month with 279.5 mm. During 2012 Killin received approximately 73% of the rainfall recorded in Strathfillan (i.e. some 670 mm less). July was the only month when more rainfall was recorded in Killin than in Strathfillan.

Thanks to the Met Office for supplying some of the Kirkton data from their automatic weather station. John Holland



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With the bubbles still surfacing as 2012 sank into its watery grave, 2013 was ushered in by yet further deluges, this despite a salient ridge pushing up northwards from "The Azores High", giving England and Wales a reasonable and mild start to the New Year, whilst, as so often happens, Scotland and Northern Ireland suffered further bands of dull and wet conditions.

It used to be reckoned that Old New Years Day - 12th January – marked the start of winter proper. As these notes are penned, 11th January, conditions are becoming less mild though still damp and dull. It is perhaps worthy of note that for some time "The Siberian High", that huge more or less permanent area of high pressure over northern Asia, has

been flexing its muscles and has spread westwards into Scandinavia. Were it to become even more obese and extend its influence across the British Isles, this could provide the ingredients for a spell of colder and hopefully drier conditions for us, which would be welcomed in view of the fact that we have suffered some nine months of dull and wet existence, providing of course that this possible wintery regime would not overstay its welcome and produce a long drawn out and snowy winter. While the media keeps insisting that 2012 was the wettest vear for many decades, this may have been so in Eastern and Southern areas, statistically Highland Perthshire clocked up an annual total just about the 1981 - 2010 average.

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Having suggested a few place-name translations on the north side of Loch Tay as far as Lawers, there is perhaps room for a few on the South side of the loch. Auchmore - "An Achadh Mor", "the big field" was the Dower House of the Marquis of Breadalbane, Culdochart – the angle or corner of Dochart near where that river enters Loch Tay. Some distance further East is a spot erroneously named "Fiddlers Bay". Its correct name used to be "Camus Na Fear Reamhar" i.e., "Fat Man's Bay". A large water worn rock here resembles a rotund gentleman floating on his back in the shallows, no sign of a violin any where around! Mervyn K. Browne Ardtalnaig

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Straw Bale House wins Self Build Award

At the end of 2012 we went down to Swindon to collect a UK Self Build of the Year award from National Self Build Association for the straw bale house we built. Although most of the work took place in 2008 and 2009, the house was not formally completed until late in 2011, so we weren't entered until last year. We'd like to thank the many people in and around Killin who helped us build our home:

Tober Brown, who sold us the plot, provided a bed when it was too cold for sleeping in a caravan and helped with the lime plastering. Sue Manning, who designed the house and dealt with Planning and

Building Control on our behalf. Andrew Warwick, who had just finished his own self-build and gave us a huge number of contacts, most of whom appear below.

Hamish and John Aitchison, masters of artistry with a digger, who did the groundworks and landscaping and introduced us to Chris Boynes who built blockwork walls and to Keith Mitchell from Acharn Bakery, who not only laid all our reclaimed timber floors and made a table, but also supplied very tasty biscuits. David Noble sourced and delivered the straw bales - and then when some of the original bales had to be replaced, found more for us via his mobile phone from a bar somewhere in Spain! The second batch of bales came as round bales and were then re-baled into traditional square bales by Hamish McDiarmaid. It's a little unnerving running down a hillside unrolling a bale of straw, with a tractor following closely on your heels.

Pat Hayes made the baling needles – just about the only bit of specialist kit required for a straw bale house – and you certainly couldn't get them in the Screwfix catalogue. Pat and his daughter Ishbel also helped get the



house ready for the straw bales. Ishbel put mouse mesh round the bottom of all the walls and it must have worked, because there are no mice in the house!

Rob Brodie and Duncan Somerville, then a student, were among the volunteers who helped build the straw bale walls. Duncan also collected and sharpened the hazel stakes that keep the bales in place in the wall. Katy MacLeod kept the volunteers supplied with lunch, tea, coffee and amazing biscuits. Then once the walls were in place, Ben Manning trimmed the window frames with a chainsaw.

Ewan McBean did a huge amount of work on the house, doing most of the joinery and much else besides. Cristina Campbell organised our supply of roofing slates and Ally Baird, from Callander, and his team slated the house, despite Ally's broken leg.

Douglas McRobbie did all the electrical work.

Suppliers occasionally couldn't understand that we were not running

a building company and that we would not have a forklift available to unload lorries. Fortunately Fraser Wilson and his tractor were an excellent substitute.

Aberfeldy builders' merchants Barhaul, however, came with their own unloading gear and were pretty good about arranging last minute deliveries.

Marieke McBean took the photographs for an article about the house in a Self Build magazine and that's where the house was seen and we were nominated for the award. Finally, Ian & Sian Hitchins at the Ben Lawers Hotel provided beds for the specialist lime plasterers. Oh – and all the dogs, but especially Thumper provided light relief when the whole thing was getting just too stressful!

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Councillor Mike Williamson (3rd from Left) officially opening the Tombreck Farm Shop in early December



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Big Shed News

The Big Shed began 2013 on a happy note by banishing the winter blues with a jazz/blues night with the brilliant group Baby Issacs. Feet were stomping and everyone was up dancing and enjoying themselves creating an amazing atmosphere. This year's classical concerts are also getting off to a great start with tickets selling well for the next in the series; a return visit of The Maxwell String Quartet on Saturday 23rd February at 7.30 (tickets £10) featuring music by Mozart and Verdi. This is followed by a return of the percussion Duet O Duo with 'Bongo Fury' on Sunday 3rd March performing at 1pm and 3pm following workshops at Killin Primary on Friday 1st March. Please get tickets early to avoid disappointment as places are limited. At the end of November we held our very popular Advent Craft Fair with craft producers selling a wide variety of Christmas and seasonal gifts and crafts to local people and visitors. It seems that the reputation of our craft fairs for good quality gifts is growing and another one is planned for Easter



Saturday, 30th March During the November fair local Councillor Mike Williamson officially opened the Tombreck Farm Shop in the Cart Shed Studio at Tombreck. This sells home grown produce including bread and butchery items produced in the Big Shed kitchen. Bread, meat (local venison, lamb and pork) leeks, eggs and turnips sold well. Regular events at The Big Shed continue through the winter months with Tai Chi on Thursdays 10.30am-12noon and Yoga on Fridays 10.30am-12noon. Evervone is welcome so do please come along and join in for a modest fee of £5 a session. The atmosphere is very friendly and views out of the windows towards the loch are stunning and a real incentive to exercise! On a more leisurely note, the new knitting group meets around the wood stove every Thursday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm during the winter to swap skills and experience and to chat and drink tea. All welcome, even babies and toddlers (with parents)! Cost is 50p so please just come along and try it out. Help is at hand if you are a beginner. A celebration of Tai Chi and the Chinese New Year will be taking place on Sunday 10th February 10am to 4pm £30 including lunch so do book a place and come along and try this



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activity out. Another yoga day is set for Sunday 24th February 10am-4pm with teacher Clare Stephens who came last Autumn and is back by popular demand.

Exhibitions in The Big Shed include willow and paper crafts by Georgia Crook in the Studio upstairs and paintings from Ben Lawers by Anne Gilchrist in the Hall. Anne is still hoping to come to the venue as an Artist in Residence later this year, pending a successful funding application. The Scottish Hang Gliders have booked the whole venue for their annual competition in May and several parties and events are booked throughout the summer including a final Munro party. We are open to your own ideas for events you would like to hold at The Big Shed so do get in touch. The Big Shed blog spot can be found at the bigshedblogspot.com If you would like any more information about hiring The Big Shed, running courses or booking tickets for events please contact:

Jane Watts Project Development Officer 07766 566935 jane@bigshed.org.uk



Birks Cinema

After a mammoth effort from a crack team of volunteers, we are about to see the culmination of seven years of tireless campaigning.

£1.8 million has been raised to bring this new modern cinema to the area. The building has been completely stripped out and renovated to the highest standard and we'll be taking the wrapper off our lovely, brandspanking new cinema in April 2013. We'll soon be appointing a manager for the café/bar area of the cinema. Keep your eyes peeled for updates on our website as there are many other posts to be filled before the cinema opens. We'll also be requiring a large volunteer force to help with the smooth running of this community venture

In the weeks immediately leading up to the opening, we'll be doing a number of free community screenings to help us test the cinema operation. Invites will go to the local schools as well as running a special Willy Wonka-style 'Golden Ticket' campaign for everyone to get involved. There will be a Gala Event for the lucky winners of the Golden Tickets, who'll be given the full VIP treatment. Details of how to get in the running for a ticket will be posted on our website once the plans have been finalised.

As well as showing the latest releases, the cinema technology allows us to show live broadcasts such as opera from New York, ballet from Russia and theatre from all around the globe, as well as closerto-home events including live music and sports broadcasts - so there's something for everyone at The Birks. I plan to be in Killin in the near future and look forward to meeting some of you in the village or when you come along to the Birks Cinema. For more information, contact details and to sign up to our newsletter visit www.birkscinema.co.uk

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McLaren High School



Green Flag Award

On Monday 12th November Dugald MacGilp, Secondary Schools Assessment and

Development Officer from Eco Schools Scotland, visited McLaren High School to assess us for our first Green Flag Award. A large group of pupils demonstrated to Mr MacGilp why we should be awarded a Green Flag.

Each school applying for an award must choose 2 topics from 10 to study, with Litter being a mandatory 3rd topic. The two topics we chose to study at an in-depth level were "Health and Wellbeing" and "School Grounds".

Mr MacGilp was very impressed with our enthusiastic demonstration of our part in the Eco activities and had no hesitation in awarding us our first Green Flag.

Snowsport Scotland Autumn Schools Dual Slalom Series Finals

Four skiers, Regan Dingwall (S3), James Ronald (S3) Craig Fingland (S3) and myself, Connor Ramsay-Clapham (S2) represented McLaren School at the the Snowsport Scotland Autumn Schools Dual Slalom Series FINALS at Xscape on Monday 12 November. I knew this final was going to be hard as we would be competing against the best teams from across Scotland. The race format was a team relay, head to head against other teams. It was a very exciting atmosphere with about 120 competitors warming up on the practice slope. We skied 10 races in total and won nine out of ten, so we weren't sure how we'd

the schools trophy. Connor Ramsay-Clapham S2

done until the prize giving but we

were so proud to have won gold and



Trip to Samye Ling

On Monday 5th November, twelve Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies pupils along with our teachers visited Samye Ling, a Buddhist Centre in the south of Scotland. We were escorted on a tour by a practising Buddhist, Ani Jinpa, who told us about her religion's traditions and living as a Buddhist. We spent time in the main temple which was breath-taking. It was full of bright colours, statues and spaces for prayer. Following this we undertook a brief ten minute meditation, an important part of Buddhist life. Although short-lived our experience at Samye Ling was very interesting and thought provoking. I also believe it shone light on our studies of Buddhism in giving us a practical experience of the reliaion. **David Wallace S6**

Debut Debaters Doing Damage! McLaren's debating team of Harvey Anderson and Harry Milligan (both S6) got off to a great start in this year's Schools Mace. The opening round was held at Beaconhurst School in Bridge of Allan, the competing schools being Balfron, Beaconhurst, Dunblane and ourselves, all competing for two places in the second round. The McLaren duo was new to the game and faced some experienced opponents in Balfron. Harvey Anderson opened with a well rehearsed and well delivered speech in which he clearly set the grounds for McLaren's arguments in opposition to the motion, "This house believes political parties should assign certain pre-election claims as binding promises, the breaking of which would automatically trigger a new election." Both McLaren and Balfron teams won through to the next round. Harvey and Harry greatly enjoyed the new experience which has given them confidence and enthusiasm about their prospects in the rest of the competition.

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School Fair

On Thursday 20th December 2012, Killin Primary School held a Christmas Fair in the school gym hall. They raised £130 and every stall made a profit.

Amy and Naomi

Stirling Schools Gymnastics

Erin Rosendale will be representing the school at the Stirling Schools Gymnastics Competition at the Peak on Tuesday 29th January.

Euro quiz

On Friday, 1st February, Amy Blake, Emily Fraser, Eloise Murray and Noah Robinson are representing the school at the Euro quiz in Alva.

Emily Fraser

Killin Primary School

Cross Country

Emily, Noah, Jack, Sorcha and Ruairidh will be representing the school this year at Active Stirling Cross Country Championship at Stirling Rugby Club on Thursday 7th February.

Ruairidh & Laura

We wish all our competitors every success.

Main Topics

Class 1's topic this term is "Castles". Class 2 will be studying the "Endless Ocean". During this topic Class 2 will be exploring the wii game "Endless Ocean" with sea animals of all kinds. They will be making models to show what they have learned.

Class 3 will be studying Democracy and the Scottish Parliament. They have three main questions for their topic; What happens at the Scottish Parliament? What different political parties are represented at Holyrood and what do they believe in? What's a typical day for a MSP (member of the Scottish Parliament) like?

Science Topics

Class 1 – Light Class 2 – Water Class 3 – Bones, Blood and Bodies Erin Rosendale

Eco committee

This term the Eco committee will be measuring how much food gets wasted and how much litter is in the whole school.

Keira and Peter

Killin & Crianlarich Nursery

0-3 curriculum

The 0-3 rooms in both buildings are now up and running with the new curriculum for our under 3's. This new system is very personal to this age group as it looks at both the learning and development for each individual child individually. The new curriculum links directly with the pre birth to three document and then to the curriculum for excellence. Both teams have created beautiful planning walls where the children's learning will be visible. In Crianlarich a learning group is exploring technology and all children are developing their individual language skills. In Killin the vounger children are developing their physical skills (climbing, walking, stepping, balancing depending on the individual stage) and role play (using the kitchen area and "babies").

3-5 Curriculum

The children at Crianlarich have a real interest in birds at the moment



and their learning is being extended through many areas of the curriculum-maths (bar charts to record the number of birds using our feeders), literacy (identifying and writing birds species, discussion birds), expressive arts (showing what they know about birds by drawing pictures of birds), social skills (working in groups). We are looking forward to having a visit from the rangers' services on the 26th February when one of the local rangers will share his knowledge with the children and educators. The children in Killin Nursery have a wide variety of interests ranging from castles, farms, measurement, shops and writing. The educators have discussed with the children their desired learning and have suggested to them the creation of a model village. This will enable the children to learn about the past, social studies, scale and literacy, thus incorporating all our children's interests and will link with our

transition programme with the school.

Transition

Our transition visits with all of the local primary schools have already started and we will send out dates and times for the future transition visit in due course. Both nurseries are hoping to have a very exciting activity day in their respective primary schools.

Parents Group Ceilidh

The Killin and Crianlarich Nursery parents group are holding a fund raising Ceilidh/Disco on the 16th February 2013 at 7.30pm in the McLaren Hall, Killin. Ticket prices are \pounds 8.00 for an adult and \pounds 3.00 for over 5's (under 5's free) and this includes soup and sandwiches. There will also be a bar and raffle. Tickets are available from News First, Killin, Crianlarich Shop/Post Office and Lochearnhead Village Shop. Everyone is welcome to this social evening.





Over the coming months walkers will share their stories about why they come along to the Killin Health Walks

Cathy's Story

More than five years ago my friend told me she was going to join a new local walking group and she asked me to come with her. After I stopped laughing, I reminded her that we don't do hiking – our ideal walk is up the street around the charity shops in Callander and finish off with a coffee. She assured me that this group was different and they didn't do hiking either.

We went along and I was really

pleasantly surprised that several people had tuned up to find out about this new group. One of the walk leaders explained the route and took a register. We started off on a very pleasant walk along the cycle track from Callander towards Kilmahog. The walk lasted about forty five minutes, it was on a flat path and I was able to walk at my own pace. As we walked I found myself chatting to several people and by the time we had returned to Callander for a cup of coffee and a scone I had made several new friends

For a couple of years I attended the group and enjoyed getting out, meeting people and improving my health. Then one day I thought that it would be good to give something back to the Health Walks by becoming a volunteer walk leader. Each walk is lead and supported by at least 2 trained walk leaders. One leader will lead the walk at the front and another will be at the back walking at the pace of the slowest walker. After a day's training and a first aid course I was then able to help others enjoy the walks. That was more than five years ago. Since then I have had the privilege of becoming the coordinator of the Health Walks in Callander and Killin. I have particularly enjoyed walking with the Killin group, meeting more new friends, working closely with the local volunteer walk leaders and viewing the spectacular scenery. Walks happen every Wednesday morning – meeting at 10.20, and last under an hour. To find out more, call local Volunteer Walk Leaders, Don and Alicja Fraser on Killin 820690 or Jane Watts, on 820141; or pick up a walk schedule from the Doctors' surgery, the Community Nurses, Killin Library, or see posters around the village, or me.

Cathy Scott Project Coordinator 01389 727748 or 01877 330055 cathy.scott@lochlomond-trossachs.org

Programme

13th February Capercaillie Restaurant Kinnell Standing Stones

20th February McLaren Hall Car Park (Car Share) Moirlanich Longhouse

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6th March McLaren Hall Car Park (Minibus) Tarmachan Track

13th March Capercaillie Restaurant River Dochart/Railway

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Home cooked meals (served all day until 8pm) Accommodation Bar with pool table Real Ales, Live Music hotelkillin.co.uk This photograph was taken by David Robertson on 9th December in the early morning. From internet searches there is no explanation as to how a rainbow could appear in this format. Are there any meteorolists out there who could give readers an explanation as to how this unusual phenomena is formed? **GA**

SWRI

At the December meeting of the Killin SWRI, the ladies had a lovely demonstration from Bob and Amanda from the Bridge of Lochay Hotel. They brought along some white mulled wine which everyone was allowed taste along with some mouthwatering nibbles which were fairly simple to make, at least that was what Amanda said. The evening was most enjoyable.

The mincemeat pies and a Christmas decoration competition winners were 1st Cathie Reid 2nd Margaret Galloway

The next meeting will be on Thursday 7th March in the Lesser MacLaren Hall at 7.30p.m. The speaker will be Nikki Webb from the Linus Trust. We look forward to meeting old and new members and any visitors wishing to attend.

Callander & West Perthshire U3A





Do you know what a cordwainer is? If you do, you would have been very welcome on one of the tables at the Dreadnought Hotel at Callander and West Perthshire's University of the Third Age (U3A) New Year lunch. The competition devised by Eleanor Malcolm

between the tables was an added bonus to an excellent lunch enjoyed by members who were able to meet new U3A friends who belonged to groups other than their own.

Many more opportunities to meet new people and tackle new subjects are presenting themselves this New Year.

So great is the demand for Maths, Art & Literature and Geology that duplicate groups are being formed. Photography, Singing for Pleasure, Bridge, Yoga, European History and a Lunch Group are all attracting numbers of interested members.

The twenty eight groups previously established continue to thrive, the only problem being the lack of an eighth day in the week!

Barbara Legg

1st Killin Brownies

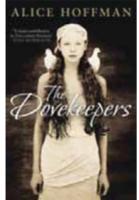


Yet again we want to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the village who gave us their Christmas cards to post and to Kay, Dougie & Liz for providing collection points. This year we raised £491.80 which we are happy to split between the Youth Group and The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. A BIG thank you also to everyone who helped sort and deliver cards around the village before Christmas. We couldn't do it without you and it does raise lots of money for these worthwhile causes.

Julie Rhys







"The Dovekeepers" by Alice Hoffman A known critic describes this title as:

"A book as monumental as its subject, magical, moving, quite beautifully written....."

The book could be divided in three main subjects: the biblical persecution of the Jews; Masada; and, the one I like best; women's endurance.

The persecution of the Jews brings a range of reactions from different quarters. This is a subject best left to experts and of course, the Jews themselves. But the author does not disappoint in bringing this message across quite so historically but

Killin Book Club

dispassionately.

Masada, which prominently features in this book, is an ancient fortification on the Southern District of Israel, on top of an isolated rock plateau overlooking the Dead Sea. Herod the Great built palaces for himself on the mountain and fortified Masada between 37 and 31 BCE (Wikipedia).

The four female characters in this book travel from afar, through the desert, mountains and sea. Whilst not all of them are Jews; they equally share a fate. Some escape persecution and one other, an undesirable marriage. She follows her lover. These women finally converge in Masada and meet through their similar circumstances, fate and desires: to escape slaughter, hunger and thirst, thus survive, while they can, within its walls.

At that time, Masada sheltered less than 900 people but as numbers grew, crops become insufficient and supplies dwindled. All the while, the Romans advanced and, while it seemed improbable or impossible that they would ever mount an assault on Masada, the Roman army set to build a ramp on the cliffs on the east edge which is about 1,300 feet high and would lead them to take Masada and their "rebels". In the days of doubt and fear in Masada, as inhabitants watched the Roman soldiers build the ramp, women bore children; fed their families on meagre supplies; took care of their wounded; attended the crops and made untold sacrifices for the sake of their own safety, their warriors, their families and their priests.

This book was thoroughly researched by the author, who travelled to Masada in the process. Apart from the main four female characters, the contents are historical. According to Josephus, when the Roman troops finally entered the fortress, they discovered that its nine hundred and sixty inhabitants had set fire to all the buildings, apart from the food storerooms and committed mass suicide rather than surrender to the enemy.

The Dovekeepers is a homage to the strength, will, love, passion, knowledge of the human soul and nature and to the endurance of the mind, heart, body and soul of woman as a whole, not only at that time, but all throughout human history.

Whoever searches Masada in the web, will encounter a fascinating story, which is real and biblical. These facts, combined with the fictional characters of this book, will make a combination for an unforgettable read.

This title is a "must" for a quality read. Cristina E. Campbell Morenish

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A huge thanks to all who helped with the setting up, collecting donations, stewarding and clearing up after the Hogmanay Firework display especially as I was not able to do much myself. As next Hogmanay will be the fifteenth anniversary I am looking to do something a bit different and am looking for suggestions as well as much needed assistance. Please contact me on 820342 or 07768 333792 with ideas as it's never too early to start planning. Thank you all once again.

Charlie Grant





These flower arrangements have been created by a few ladies who Cathie Reid has encouraged to come along and try their hand at this craft. The ladies met in the Community Room at the Church and were all delighted with the results. It is hoped to meet again later in the Spring when Cathie will demonstrate how to do an arrangement using spring flowers.



Salmon Season Opening





The Auchmore ceremony was attended by Salmon Fishing Rights owners and guests. The refreshments were kindly provided by Stephan Schueman. In the absence of the Minister, Roy MacGregor stepped in to 'say a few words' and bless the boats. The Bridge of Lochay hosted the annual West Loch Tay Fishers Association Dinner, where a tasty steak pie followed by apple crumble was enjoyed by all. Famous Grouse again kindly sponsored the event, donating miniatures, a litre and a gallon of whisky to the organisation. A raffle was held in aid of the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home and £107.50 has been donated to them for the new roof fund. Grant Tigwell



Morenish

The weather was kind this year for the opening of the Salmon Season fishing. There was a good turnout at Morenish with most boats hired for the event. Anglers and spectators were given a welcome bacon buttie and dram at the Boathouse Restaurant before the Rev. Ladd Fagerson formally opened the event with a blessing and prayer for those venturing out to fish. Duncan MacKinnon piped for the assembled crowd and as usual Paul Norris was the first hoat to leave the harbour.



GA









Linzi Stewart and Falcon Frost married in Inveraray on 29th November with Sam and Lewis Thanks for all the lovely gifts



Jill Leith from Parks of Keillour Farm, Metl Neil Aitchison from Bovain Farm, married 30th November at the Huntingtower Hote

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Karen Simpson daughter of Anne and Hamish Simpson, grandaughter of Bill and Alison Hunter married Grant Gilfillan at Killin Registrar office on 12th January



Maisie Louise Campbell born 23rd September to Hamish and Lynsey and little sister to Lachlan. We would like to thank everyone for all the lovely cards and gifts Maisie received when she was born.

Fingalferly 2013

Incorporating Clanscape Celebrating our History and Heritage Sunday 11th August 2013 Breadalbane Park

We are once again organising Fingalferly in the park and are looking for any individuals or groups who would like to run a stall or an activity as part of the celebrations. There is no charge for participating; community groups and not-for- profit organisations can raise funds and keep all proceeds. Commercial operators will be asked for a donation towards the cost of staging the event.

If you would like to reserve a stall or run an activity please let us know as soon as possible. Assistance is available in acquiring stalls and other equipment.

contact us on 01567 829050

or email fingalferly@killin.org.uk

Fingalferly is organised by Killin Community Enterprises CIC

MacGregor's Market

Community Shop, Café and Information Centre

A Public Meeting

will be held in the Lesser McLaren Hall

on Tuesday 5th March 2013 at 8pm

The idea behind MacGregor's Market is that it provides services and stocks items unavailable elsewhere in the village. There are several empty properties in the Main St, detracting from the attraction of Killin. We need to rekindle energy and enthusiasm during a time of recession, make Killin a place not to be missed. What do we need? What is lacking?

We have some ideas, but would like to hear yours. Please come along and join the discussion, whether you have an idea, or want to get involved in the planning, management or operation of the shops.

For further information contact Dolan on 829050

or email dolan@macgregors.org.uk

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This and That

Community Bus

The bus will be going to the **Quilt exhibition** at Ingliston on Friday 8th March, leaving the Post Office at 9.30am

The cost will be £15.00 and money should be paid to Ann Watson, Muirfield, Craignavie Road when submitting your name. It will also be going to the SECC in

Glasgow on Friday 10th March to Creative Stitches and Hobby Crafts

leaving the Post Office at 9am The cost will be ± 15.50 which should be paid to Ann as soon as possible.

To enable us to obtain the reduced prices and make these outings more affordable, names with money should be submitted without delay. If there is insufficient interest the bus will be cancelled two weeks prior to the outing taking place.

Ann Watson

Killin and District Sports Club 100 Club

Congratulations to the recent winners in our special Christmas prize draw - they each win £100 !

Ruth Pritchard, Mark Hughes, Franny Morrison, Ian Riddell and Lauren Third

Draws are usually held on the first Saturday of each month We currently have a few numbers spare. If you would like to buy one of these numbers the cost is £25 per annum - please contact Julie Rhys. There is a draw each month for £100 - You could be the next winner.

Killin Care Trust

would like to thank everyone in the community who have supported The Falls Of Dochart Retirement Home with our recent fund raising events. We had an overwhelming response from the village community and we are all so grateful of your support.

Funds are now in place and we will be able to carry out our roof repairs in the Spring. Thank you all.

Sheona Macaskill Secretary, Killin Care Trust

Safari Supper Hosts Required

It is hoped that the Safari Supper will take place on Saturday 16th March but we need hosts to make this possible.

If you would like to be a host please contact Elizabeth Woods on 07818023505 or Marion McRae on 01567 820719 by Saturday 16th February when a decision will be made as to whether this event can go ahead. The proceeds will go to the refurbishment of the McLaren Hall House. **Elizabeth Woods** Church Guild Craft Coffee Morning Tues 12th February 10am Littlecroft



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Local Planning App

National Park Week 46 commencing 12 Nov Proposal: Amendment to

Condition No.1 of planning permission 2007/0172/DET for erection of dwelling house to extend the time period Location: Land next to Dalchenna No22 Craignavie Road, Killin Applicant: Mrs Janet Willison Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission Decision: Approve

Week 47 commencing 19 Nov

Proposal: Removal of chimnev (Retrospective) Location: Glengarry House Main Street Killin Applicant: Mr Kenneth Horne Application Type: Householder Planning Permission Decision: Approve

Week 49 commencing 3 Dec

Proposal: Alterations to dwellinghouse including formation of french door and sliding patio doors, block up existing door and installation of LPG tank Location: 3 Dochart Road Killin **FK21 8SN** Applicant: Miss Jean Faichney

Application Type: Householder Planning Permission Decision: Approve

Proposal: Formation of all-ability path and community open space Location: Former Railway Line Rear of Village Hall Crianlarich Applicant: Strathfillan Community Council Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission Decision: Approve

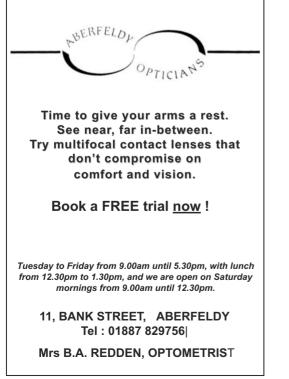
Proposal: Landscaping improvement works to village gateway (West Highland Way crossing point) adjacent to A82 and steps to Crianlarich Railway Station, and erection of Welcome signage Location: Network Of Paths from West Highland Way to Crianlarich Station Crianlarich Applicant: Strathfillan Community Council Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission Decision: Approve

Week 50 commencing 10 Dec **Proposal:** Formation of new car park and upgrade of existing car park: Formation of overnight car park with motor home spaces; Erection of building incorporating toilet facilities and hot food takeaway kiosk; Erection of store; Alterations to signage; Formation of footpaths and bridge; Creation of BBQ seating area and camp site and associated infrastructure/landscaping works Location: Glenoglehead Picnic Area Lochearnhead Applicant: Ms Lynda Frazer, National Park Headquarters Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission Decision: Approve

Proposal: Erection of 1No 4m high replacement threshold sign Location: Land At A827 Opposite Bridge Of Lochay Hotel Killin Applicant: Ms Lynda Frazer, National Park Headquarters Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission Decision: Approve

Proposal: Installation of seating, information panel and landscaping works

Location: West Highland Way Link Cairn Crianlarich





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Applicant: Strathfillan Community Council Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission Decision: Approve

Week 51 commencing 17 Dec

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse Location: Land South Of Bridge Of Lochay Hotel Killin FK21 8TN Applicant: Mr David Morby, Tarmaukin Hotel, Glendevon Application Type: Planning Permission in Principle Neighbour Notification

Proposal: Formation of informal paths and viewpoint feature Location: Network Of Trails South East Of Village Of Crianlarich Applicant: Mrs Moira Robertson Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission Decision: Approve

Proposal: Erection of 2 interpretative signs, 1 replacement interpretative sign and 1 temporary interpretative sign

Location: Crianlarich Village Applicant: Strathfillan Community Council Application Type: Advertisement Consent Decision: Approve

Perth & Kinross Council 15 Oct

Proposal: Replacement of front porch Location: Location: Rowan Cottage 3 Dalchiaran Fearnan Aberfeldy PH15 2QW Applicant: Mr Alistair Grier Application Type: Planning permission local

Decision: Approve the application

25 Oct

Proposal: Formation of parking area and erection of sheltered noticeboard Location: Land 220 metres north east of The Old School House Kiltyrie Killin Applicant: The National Trust For Scotland Application Type: Planning permission local

Decision: Approve the application

26 Nov

Proposal: Erection of garage and formation of vehicular access and associated driveway Location: Outdoor Centre Fearnan Aberfeldy PH15 2PQ Applicant: Mr Archie Maclean Application Type: Planning permission local Decision: Pending Consideration

27 Nov

Proposal: Erection of a deer fence Location: Land 100 metres north east of Greenacre Killin Applicant: Dr Ruth Anderson Application Type: Planning permission local Decision: Pending Consideration

24 Dec

Proposal: Variation of condition 6 of planning consent 10/01701/AMM (to allow the access to be provided with a bituminously bound surface only from the junction with the public road to Ivy Cottage) Location: Lochtay Highland Lodges Killin FK21 8TY Applicant: Mr Rupert Barrett Application Type: Approval of matters spec major Decision: Pending Consideration

Stirling Council Nothing to Report



Callander Photo Club

A small but committed group of about ten photography fans would like to invite others to join us for our spring activities. At the moment, there is no formal membership, so please come along to any meetings that interest you. Each meeting will include an opportunity to share and discuss your photos, so bring them too.

Our meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the first Wednesday of each month in the breakfast room at the Waverley.

6th February

Photographic Equipment - Bring your gear for a share and learn session on what we own and how we use it.

Photo Share Topic – winter scenes There will be a logistics and organizational meeting to follow. **6th March**

Night Sky Photography - Douglas Cooper will present his photos and experiences with photographing at night. A Q&A session will follow. Photo Share Topic – signs of spring **3rd April**

Technique Workshop – Member Andrea Khan will share information on using your camera. Learn about aperture and shutter speed setting, ISO, white balance and more. Photo Share Topic - night sky photos

First week of May Spring Photo Trip –

Join other members in the scenic countryside (possibly Loch Ard) with an opportunity to upload and process photos after the outing. Dates and actual location will be announced later as this trip will be weatherdependent. Photo Share Topic – shots from the day.

5th June

Photography Viewing – Members will work to choose photos for a small public display. AGM to follow Photo Share Topic – best from the vear

> Susan 01877 339 323



Wood For All

This is a new project that comes from a two year partnership between Stirling Council and Going Carbon Neutral Stirling, set up to encourage communities to support a low carbon, more sustainable future for Stirling. Leaflets explaining the project will be distributed to households in the community and posters will advertise the date and time.

Using finance from the Carbon Challenge Fund, "Wood for All" hopes to create links between woodland owners and local people to create a sustainable source of wood fuel in the area and to develop the woodland and other skills necessary to achieve this. They intend, by this, to create new jobs and improved woodland management while protecting the environment.

Over the next few years they will run drop-in sessions throughout the Stirling area to give advice about wood use, boiler types, and grants/interest free loans. The sessions will also attempt to link people with a local fuel source and sign them up for free woodland skills training, such as basic chainsaw work.

If you would like to learn how this could benefit you and the village come to Lynedoch on Wednesday 13th February from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Tea and coffee will be provided.





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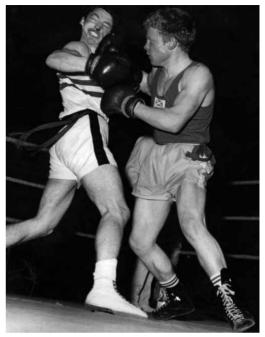
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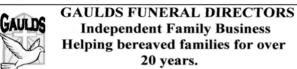
Scot's Boxing Hall of Fame



Retired boxer, Herbie Maclean was recently recognised for his outstanding career as an amateur and professional boxer by being inducted into the Scot's Boxing Hall of fame. As an amateur he boxed internationally representing Scotland on many occasions. Having turned professional Herbie was ranked 2nd at Bantam weight. He carried on boxing through his coaching bringing on the next generation of young boxers. At home in Killin Herbie still works out with weights and punch bag. He can still land a strong punch, as anyone who has held the pads for him will tell you.



Janice Maclean



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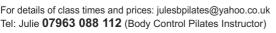
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Mary Strachan Aitken 22 November 1926 – 23 December 2012

Andrew, Susan and Kenneth wish to thank all who attended their mother. May Aitken's funeral on 29th December and give thanks for the many messages of sympathy and remembrance they received from friends and family. The collection for the Care Home raised over £400 and we wish to thank all those who contributed. The reception was a happy occasion, a celebration of May's life, just as she would have wished. May died peacefully, at the age of 86, on 23rd December at Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Larbert, surrounded by her immediate family. She had been failing for some time, but her spirits remained high and her indomitable morale and good humour remained with her to the end. Only a week before she passed away, she was

hosting a bridge party for her friends in the comfort of her own home, a passion she enjoyed for most of her long life. In the weeks before that, she was entertaining extended family, both in her own home, for lunch, and at a local restaurant. She had many good friends, as well as her children, and grandchildren, who visited her regularly, bringing laughter and light into her home as well as keeping her abreast of village news and affairs. May was born in Dundee to Albert (Alf) and Mary Davidson, and brought up with her brothers Eric and Jack. The family moved to Glasgow when May was very young and, at the outbreak of war in 1939, she and Jack were evacuated to Laggan Farm, Strathyre. It was here May made lifelong friends in the area and finished her schooling at McLaren High, Callander. Following her years in Strathyre, May went on to The Glasgow College of Domestic Science (The Dough School) successfully completing her training and going on to teach. In 1949 she met Sinclair while on holiday in Arran and they married in 1951, moving to London for a couple of years, where she was the breadwinner, supporting Sinclair while he completed a post-graduate degree at King's College. From London they went to Edinburgh, where her eldest son Andrew was born, and shortly after that returned to Glasgow, where three more children soon arrived; Alastair, Kenneth and Susan.

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May continued to work either part-time or full time throughout her years in Glasgow, teaching at a variety of schools, before being appointed headmistress at Nairn Street School in Yorkhill, the first domestic science teacher to become a headmistress, and she was also instrumental in stopping the use of the belt there, another first in Glasgow schools at this time. Her last post was as Head of Guidance at Liberton High School in Edinburgh. After a rewarding and successful career in teaching, she and Sinclair moved to Killin in 1982, buying Craigbuie Guest House, which they successfully ran for many years. May never really retired, and after she and Sinclair sold Craigbuie she worked as an assistant at Killin Crafts, as relief librarian at Killin Library, and as a local election officer, manning the polling stations in Ardeonaig and Strathyre, a gruelling 16 hour shift which she always looked forward to with her usual enthusiasm and dusto.

As well as her bridge commitments, May was a keen crossword enthusiast, and spent many years compiling the crossword for the Killin News. This will be the first edition for many years not to include a crossword compiled by 'Scorpio'.

May was warm and welcoming to all who visited, and a loving and devoted grandmother to Daniel, Robbie, Sally, Jack, and Harry. She will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all.

Andrew and Kenneth Aitken



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John Angus MacLeod

13 March 1929 – 6 December 2012 John Angus MacLeod passed away due to pneumonia, following several years of declining health complicated by a leg ulceration and cardiac disease. J.A., as he was known to many, was a sheep farmer, dog trialist, stalker, game keeper, fox hunter and dedicated outdoorsman. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Freeman; his sons, Donald Alexander MacLeod and John Torqvil MacLeod and their families and his daughter, Rebecca MacLeod.

He was known as a character throughout the dog and farming world, with friends throughout the UK and worldwide who shared his interest in these activities. John was always hunting for a 'good dog' and had many 'good yins' throughout his life. For over twenty years he was a member of the Scottish Team competing at the International Sheep Dog Trial competition. He started running in dog trials in 1950 and had continued to compete up until the year of his death.

He was born and grew up near Lochaillort on the west coast of Scotland, farming multiple crofts with his father, then working in various parts of Scotland. He spent the last 29 years in Perthshire farming along the shores of Loch Tay. He spent the first half of his life working with Black Face Sheep and the second half with Cheviot sheep, known as the 'sheep from the roof of Scotland' in the auction ring. His Cheviots were a source of great pride and satisfaction to him. J.A. was an expert shot and known for his expertise in fox hunting. While travelling to dog trials there were many locations that he'd identify as places he'd sheared, gathered sheep or hunted foxes. He was a source of dog trialling history for many. He was also superstitious and many people will have heard about his aversion to blue keel as a sign of bad luck with sheep, as well as favourable omens such as seeing white horses, black cats and magpies, but only in pairs. He favoured tweeds with plus-fours, a waist coat and a deer stalker hat in his prime. In the afterlife, he will undoubtedly be striding across the hills in his tweeds, determining how and where to poach deer and salmon and where to have a turn with his favourite dogs.

Letters

SOBS

On behalf of everyone who was involved with the SOBS LEJOG bike ride which members of my family and friends completed back in October, I would like to say a very Big Thank You to everyone in Killin and surrounding area who donated to the cause. The bucket in the Co-op collected over £200 and as you will have seen in the previous edition the Taylors and friends have raised over £22,000.

Again many many thanks to you all and to the Co-op for allowing me to put a bucket in the shop.

Emma Paterson

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Killin Calendars

Many thanks to everyone for supporting the 2013 Killin Calendar which raised £1,200 for the Hogmanay Fireworks Fund. Special thanks to Kay and staff at Bridge End Mill, The Wee Bake Shop and The Mill for helping with sales.

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Camelot



"It's behind you!" - After many months of tears and laughter, hard work and commitment the Killin Drama Club produced another successful Panto. "Oh yes they did!" The silent star of the show must be "I have never seen her bear before – Susan", but she was only one of many stars on stage this year. Bill – "I'm his Mum" was priceless. The seven ages of Merlin, cut down to three for this panto, was so well done we could hardly tell the difference, but in this case size did matter. The Royal Couple, played by Susie (hard to recognise you without your beard) and Catherine (you play the Princess role so naturally that I am beginning to greet you as such in the street) lead us naturally onto the second couple, the jester and Nell played by first timer Paul - you are so brave and made us "laughalot"- and a welcome back to Kiti in her move upstage to her first starring role. Sammy Hibbert had us using our imaginations to such an extent that we could all see her imaginary companion-in-arms Garlon, who had a faultless performance and needed no prompting from the all hearing, all seeing, Liz the prompt.

Lesley played the King so well it was hard to believe that this was her first time in a Killin panto, but, could we say that about Glenda, "Oh no we can't!" Welcome back Glenda, no one can lead the sing-along as you can.

As for Tam, he had a less active role than usual this year. His sidekick has a new nick-name "Dave the Snake". As for Eloise, you shall now be known as "The Bish"

Amongst the younger members, Ewan and Luke entertained us with their calculated routines, but they were ably supported by the rest of the Secondary School team, (Emma, Annie, Mary, Tegan, Olivia, Georgia, Robbie, Callum and Hazel with her great Clock routine)

In the Junior Chorus – Lydia had a wizard performance. Beth, Amy, Emily, Sorcha, Eloise, Elile, Noah, Jack, Erin and Bethany you were all on the stage so often and you were all perfect this year, well done.

No Pantomime could go on without the support from those not in the lime-light. Behind the scenes there are teams of people that deserve a special mention and thanks; The parents for supporting and encouraging their children throughout the rehearsals. The back stage crew, the light sound and technical crew, the front of house team, the Directors, including our World Renowned Musical Director – Sheena, our Stage Director Lesley and Director Gordon; thank you one and all for yet another splendid panto, well done everyone. **Alistair Ferguson**



What's On in Killin and District February Badminton q Breadalbane Park Consultation Day Lesser Hall 11am Tuesday Club Mondays 10 Tai Chi and Chinese New Year Day Big Shed 10am (p18) Community Rooms Crianlarich Hall 12 Church Guild Craft Coffee morning Littlecroft 10am 2pm starting November 13 Walk in the Park (p 22) 16 Ceilidh McLaren Hall 7.30pm (p 21) Radminton Brownies Internet Cafe 20 Walk in the Park (p 22) Mondays Mondays Tues, Wed and Friday 23 KAT AGM Killin Hotel 10.30am (p 4) McLaren Hall Lesser Hall Tyndrum Hall 11am-4pm 23 Big Shed concert 7.30pm (p18) **Knitting Group** Choir 24 Yoga Day Big Shed 10am (p 19) Crianlarich Youth Group Thursday Usually Tuesdays Thursdays, Crianlarich Hall 27 Walk in the Park (p 22) Bia Shed 2pm Church 7.30pm 6.30 - 9.30pm 27 Auction Crianlarich Hall (p 11) all welcome phone Franny March 01567 829048 3 Concert Big Shed 1pm and 3pm (p 18) 5 MacGregor Market meeting Lesser Hall 8pm (p 29) Craft Group (Tyndrum) 6 Walk in the Park (p 22) Internet Cafe Tuesdays SWRI meeting Lesser Hall 7.30pm 7 Thursdays Tvndrum Village Hall 8 Community bus outing Ouilt Exhibition 9.30am (p 30) Killin Library 10.30am-1.30pm 10 Community bus outing SEEC Glasgow 9am (p 30) 11am-4pm 16 Safari Supper 20 Walk in the Park (p 22) 27 Walk in the Park (p 22) 30 Annual Masonic Auction McLaren Hall (p 9) Yoga Tai Chi Softplay Club Wednesday Fridays Tuesdays Tai Chi Big Shed Tyndrum Hall Sports Pavilion Tiddlers & Toddlers Youth Group (Killin) Thursdays 10.30-noon 9.30am 12.30 - 2.30pm 1st and 3rd Thursday Tuesdays 7.30pm Bia Shed Community Rooms Sports and Social Club 10.30am 10am - 12 noon **Recycling Centres** Callander Monday - Friday: 5pm - 8pm Saturday: 10am - 2pm Sunday: Closed Ads Index Aberfeldy Jane Watts 30 24/7 Cars 20 7 **Tuesday and Thurday** A&B Services Jasmine Beauty 24 10am to 7pm Jason Campbell 35 32 Aberfeldy Opticians Saturday and Sunday John Morris Safety 9 Ally Baird Ltd 16 10am - 5pm Julia Alice Photography 26 Anderson Dentistry 7 27 Julie Baird Pilates 35 Andrew Anderson & Sons Killin & District Sports Club 14 Andrew Baird 24 Crieff Killin Internet Learning 34 Back Pain Clinic 9 North Forr, Brioch Forr Killin Library 21 **BI** Decorators 34 All Year KP's DIY 17 Bridge of Lochay Hotel 31 Learn to Sing 5 Monday – Friday 9am–7pm Bridgend Mill 25 Lix Toll 40 Saturday & Sunday Capercaillie 15 Loch Tay Pottery 9am-5pm Catering by Carlotta 5 32 Luib Hotel 18 Central Scotland Rape 37 14 MacGregor's Market 29 Charles Grant Mains of Taymouth 36 Coach House Hotel 23 Marieke McBean 38 Crianlarich Store 11 Mcfarlane Grav 15 Douglas McRobbie 5 Which bin Mobile Doa Groomina 22 Drain Dragon 33 News First Eco Carpet 30 16 which week? PFK 8 **Ecological Architecture** 19 Week beginning Portnellan 6 Eric McAllister 11 Post Office 35 11 Feb Grey/Green Eureka Garden Shop 34 Reid Tree and Garden 17 Fabric Studio 12 18 Feb Brown Rob Roy Homes 10 Fingal Ferly 29 25 Feb Grev/Green First Choice Roofina 28 **RTA Plant Hire** 14 4 Mar Brown Rural Stirling Housing 27 Gatehouse Nursery 37 S. Forster Electrical 11 Mar Grev/Green 35 11 Gauld's Funeral Directors Stitt Bros Λ Gourlav 19 8 Mar Brown Sula 10 Grant & Welsh 20 25 Mar Grey Green q The Old Smiddy 21 Grant's Laundry 1 Apr Brown The Studio 25 Green Welly Stop 13 Tom Murphy Fencing 4 8 Apr Grey Green Gus MacDonald 38 Wee Bake Shop 22 30 Hairdressing at Home Window Cleaning 4 Heart to Heart 37 **Highland Safaries** 33



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