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## Editorial

### Killin's Rich History

Killin has a timeline that owes its importance to the arrival of the early Celtic Christian missionaries culminating in St Fillan who came to Loch Dochart in the mid 8th century. The foundation of the Macnab Clan goes back to that era and is equally wound up in local history. The Memorial Service and interment of the ashes of James Charles Macnab, 23rd Chief of the Clan, along with his wife's ashes, marked a major historical event in the history of Killin. Succeeded by Jamie Macnab as 24th Chief, the timeline of history marches unceasingly. We are lucky to have such important connections with Scottish History and wish the new Chieftain a long and fruitful time in his Clan duties. *Page 4*

### Fire

The day of the Memorial Service will be remembered also as the day of the fire. This erupted quite suddenly while those attending the interment were on their way to Innes Bhuidhe. Our sincere good wishes go out to Gordon Aitkin, his family and Steve Bennett and others in A&B Services as they work exceptionally hard to bring the business back into full function again. This is a major and significant element of industry in Killin that contributes to the local economy. *Page 3*

### Scouting for Youth

Many of us 'old timers' will have fond memories of the excitement of scouting, knots, camping, cooking over small stoves, building unlikely contrivances with sticks and rope and learning how to safely use woods and wilderness. Maybe this is an outdated concept but the skills and attitudes we learned at this stage remained with us adults. Remembered events came flooding back on hearing that the 2nd Killin & District Scout Group is about to be formed. What better way is there to explore this remarkable environment and what a wealth of local advice and experience is available in all those who have worked this land over the years? Well done David Robertson who has worked hard to bring Scouting back to Killin. *Page 5*

### Killin Action Plan

It has always been difficult to engage with everyone in the community when seeking ideas, to achieve a balance and to take into account the views of all those who live and work in Killin. For example there are inevitably differences of priorities between those who work the land and tourist providers, the retired and the employed, commuters and local retail services, independent businesses and franchises and so on. The Action Plan update hopes to register the views of everyone. All views must be respected. Killin is for the people who live here and for all the activities that take place centred on the community. No one person can identify absolute priorities for the community but all must share their views if they wish them to be noted. *Page 18*

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Front page: The 24th Chief of the Macnabs, Jamie Macnab of Macnab, and his family  
Photo by David Robertson

# The Ides of March

Friday 15th March was always going to be a special day in Killin, with both the Macnab Memorial Service and procession to Inch Buie and, on the lighter side, the Comic Relief Afternoon Tea in Shuttlers. That day, however, will also be remembered by many people unaffected by either of those events.

Jenny Huntley was talking to Sue Hughes outside Craigbuie when they both began to cough and thought someone nearby was having a bonfire. Then they saw smoke.

Dogwalkers at the head of the loch noticed black smoke rising from the centre of the village. Audrey Weaver, on her way down to the bridge to watch the procession also saw the smoke – and that it was coming from somewhere near the Retirement Home. She rang the Killin Care Trust Chairman, Jim Cushley, and they both rushed down to the Home.

Shuttlers customers, prolonging their tea and cakes to watch the Macnab

procession, saw it come to a halt and then the kilted gentlemen and well-dressed ladies turned into the Park and went up to the bridge via Fingal Road – not so easy for the older folk. The smoke was coming from a fire at A & B Services in Main Street, where the main engineering workshop containing all the tools and machinery had caught fire and



fire from spreading to the house behind, the other crews worked from Main Street. As on a previous occasion, it was difficult to find the fire hydrant as again it had been tarred over. (NB Stirling Council!) PC Andy Fleming was already there for the Macnab procession but instead had to stop it – and the rest of the traffic – just as it was making its way up Main Street. All the buildings around A & B were evacuated and another procession – wheelchairs from the Home and with the residents' teatime sandwiches – made its way carefully to the Lesser McLaren Hall. Dani Grant, enjoying a belated Mothers' Day lunch, got a call from the shop to say they had to close. Her concern, however, was that the Bank was also closed so she couldn't pay in the PAYE contributions which were due. At the end of the school day the children were sent home avoiding Main Street. It took almost three hours before the fire was out and everything made safe. The house behind was damaged but safe, however the workshop situation is severely impaired. Gordon and Steve are, however, absolutely determined to carry on with business as usual. It will be very hard work for them and their team for the next few months rebuilding and replacing equipment but they have the work and the will to keep going. A & B Services has been going in Killin for almost 20 years and, for the sake of Killin as well as for their team, we hope it will continue for many more.

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*Gordon and Steve have been overwhelmed by the support they have had from customers, suppliers, friends and neighbours over this difficult time and would like to thank everybody for their kindness.*

rapidly went up in flames. Gordon Aitken, one of the proprietors, had called the Fire Brigade immediately but, although the Fire Station is very close, the Killin fire-engine was unable to attend right away as only three people were on duty and four are needed for a callout. Gordon had been a retained fireman himself and offered to be the fourth but this was not allowed, so he and two of his team did what they could until the Killin engine arrived about 30 minutes later to tackle what was by then a major fire. It was followed by appliances from Crianlarich, Tyndrum, Callander and Stirling. While the Killin crew tackled the back of the premises and prevented the



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# Macnab Ceremonies



Procession Distracted by Fire

A Memorial Service for James Charles Macnab of Macnab was held in Killin Parish Church on Friday 15th March and the church was filled to capacity. The Reverend John Lincoln of Killin Parish Church, and the Reverend Gordon Ogilvie of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, St. Andrews, conducted the service and there were contributions from the Macnab family. His son, Jamie Macnab of Macnab, gave the address and his grandchildren each played a part. Emma Fyffe, James Macnab younger of Macnab, Finlay and Francis Macnab and Eliza Cox gave the readings, with the Lesson read by Alice Fyffe. Daisy Macnab sang Psalm 23 and Bridget Cox played the pipes at the end of the service.

The ashes of both James and his wife Diana were then carried to Innes Bhuidhe, the ancient

burial island of the Chiefs of the Clan Macnab in a procession from the church led by Pipe Major Greig Canning. Here things did not go quite according to plan as the procession had to be diverted from the Main Street due to the fire at A & B services but eventually everyone reached the island. As the ceremony with the ashes began and they were laid to rest by James' two sons, Jamie and Geoffrey, heavy rain began to fall but did not stop proceedings. James Macnab younger of Macnab added his grandfather's bonnet to the grave and Jamie Macnab of Macnab, put on a new bonnet signifying that he was now Chief (24th Macnab of Macnab) and was then presented with the clan banner.

It was a memorable day for all concerned, despite the intervention of fire and weather.



The Procession on Innes Bhuidhe



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## 2nd Killin & District Scout Group Stirling & Trossachs.

In May Scouting will be returning to Killin & District for boys and girls from anywhere in the Breadalbane area. The 2nd Killin & District Scout Group, Stirling and Trossachs is now registered with H.Q. at Gilwell in London. Why 2nd Killin? Because it was felt that the contribution to Scouting of the previous Scout Troop in Killin should be not be forgotten. **An enrolment night** will be held in Killin School on Monday 15th April 7.15pm. Come along and get your child's name on the books.

**Scouts:** 10-14 years £3 per week (We have still to discuss how often we will collect the dues, weekly or monthly) The first meeting of the Scout section, will be Wednesday 8th May at Tombreck 7 to 9pm. This will be open to parents, who will be able to enjoy a BBQ and meet the leaders. They are Harriet Stevens and Zach Wishart, both from Crianlarich and who have previous experience in Scouting Leadership down south, and Neil Turtle from Tombreck who was an Explorer Leader in Ireland and in Dunblane before moving to the area. Tombreck has many things going for it, as far as Scouts are concerned, plenty of room to learn how to pitch a tent, to set a fire and learn how to cook on it. It is an ideal spot for outdoor activities and that's what Scouting is all about. The choice of the meeting place was taken, but after much discussion as some people thought it was too far away. But it's only ten, fifteen minutes from the village and The Big Shed people have been very kind to us financially. The Killin Bus may be available for transport to Tombreck. The Scouts will have the Shed to themselves on meeting nights.

Meeting Place for Cubs and Beavers would be the School

**Beavers:** 6 to 8yrs old (but can start a few months younger) £2.50 per week

We have a leader for the Beavers, Marieke McBean, but the section cannot start unless we have more Leaders as the ratio is one Leader to six Beavers.

Marieke has fourteen years' experience in Dutch Scouting, the last five years of which she was a Leader in the Scouts and Beavers. A great knowledge of Scouting isn't really needed to be a new Leader. Beavers are expected to enjoy themselves, plenty of treats, plenty of games, learning knots and a few compass points and yet more games. So come and join us.

**Cubs:** 8 to 10 1/2 yrs old. £2.50 per week.

We have an assistant Cub Leader, Charles Kemp from Killin and we need a Leader and another few assistants to help Charles. A few people expressed an interest at the public meetings but have since withdrawn because of pressure of work. The ratio for the Cub section is one adult to eight Cub Scouts.

**Explorer:** 14yrs to 18yrs (we are not looking at this age group at the moment, children have to be brought up in the movement - but "Be Prepared")

**Volunteer Leaders** will need to give at least two nights per week, or more if going camping.

Training will be in Killin and some can be done on your own computer. Leaders give of their time for the children and we need you to help the Leaders, because without you the Leaders will not have the tools to do

the job.

**Occasional Helper:** Parents and family members are encouraged to help out and get involved. Adults can also choose to run a particular activity or event.

**Parent's Executive Council:** An active council is needed if the Group is not to be a seven day wonder. We need a Chairperson, a Treasurer and we have Mrs Kemp as Secretary. We also need parents to join them to raise funds for tents etc.

Ring me on 01567 829171 to volunteer and remember, you don't have to have a child in the Group to volunteer for the Executive Council. We have Kenny Lang and Douglas McBride ready to help in whatever capacity they are needed. So come and join us and give the children of the District something more. This is a glorious area, an area of great beauty, an area of great history, but children need much more than that. In ten years time when our eighteen year olds are going climbing and camping all over Scotland and attending Jamborees across the world, you can then "We gave them that".

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## Killin Community Council March Meeting

**Glenoglehead Development** There is continued concern about this going ahead. It was said that this will take at least two years if money is still available. Concern was also raised that different National Park employees are giving different information and also that these developments would not solve the problem of troublesome campers but just move them on to other areas. It was stated by the National Park that tourism would be given priority in park planning.

### **Pharmacy**

The Pharmacy Practices Committee will consider the application on 3rd April. It was said that Davidsons have purchased the shop at Myrtle Grove.

### **Bridge Parapet**

This has been hit and Stirling Council will be contacted regarding possible traffic control.

### **Alien Species**

The National Park will control alien species - e.g. knotweed - in the Park area but not outwith.

### **Water Butt at Cemetery**

Not installed due to Council concerns of the potential of Legionnaire's disease.

### **Public Toilets**

Consultation on action plan expected.

### **Potholes**

Attention was drawn to deep holes near the Golf Course and Stirling

Council will not take responsibility for recently damaged vehicle.

### **Rundown Appearance of Village**

Stirling Council and the National Park have arranged for consultants to investigate.

### **Flowerbeds**

Floral Association now will take on these.

### **Park**

New goal posts erected.

**Birks Cinema Aberfeldy** - Opening 20th April - Marion Strang is organising a weekly bus from Killin.

**Public Water Supply** Upgrading by pumping from the River Dochart to go ahead.

**Renewable Energy** Consultation plan draft report out from the National Park.

### **Planning**

Owners of the Bridge of Lochay Hotel have not been notified about a proposed National Park sign.

Concern was expressed about lack of planning consultation by the National Park.

### **Next meeting**

Tuesday 14th May in Killin Primary School at 7-30.

*A Minutes Secretary is still needed for the Community Council.*

*One meeting every two months, payment through Council*

*Please contact*

*Fiona Kennedy 820 656*



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## The Old Mill

Stirling Council are pleased with the business plan submitted to them in February and have given us a Licence to occupy the building until October 2014. Applications for funding have been made and we are very pleased to announce that Historic Scotland have awarded us a grant of up to £38,703. Results of other bids are awaited. We would like to thank the community for their support as volunteers and for the donation of items for sale. Opening hours are 10am to 4pm. We have demonstrated that the community can generate more than enough profit to maintain the Mill and it is hoped that it will eventually be able to support other local projects as well. (See article below)

## The Killin Action Plan

Nick Wright and Viv Collie, funded by grants from the National Park Authority and Stirling Council, have begun a new round of consultations

to inform the update of Killin's Action Plan 2012. Concern at the reduction of visitors last year and the closure of some local businesses has been expressed locally. The consultation is to give everyone the opportunity to express their opinions. Some people were unable to attend previous open meetings, often due to the time and pressure of work. This time Nick and Viv are planning to work round that limitation by contacting those groups so that this update will be better informed.

At a time of financial constraints, if we want to feel proud of Killin, the community will need to be more involved in managing the local environment. Even simple things, such as picking up litter outside our own houses, can make a difference.

## The Public Toilets

We were told that the public toilets were to be closed for good from December 2012. They opened again

this January. There is opposition to the final closure of both sets of toilets as closure would dramatically reduce the number of coach trips coming to Killin, reduce day visitors, create problems for disabled visitors, and create difficulties for bus passengers at the bus turning circle en route from Dundee to Oban. Killin was not designed with toilets in mind. Over the past year or so we have had discussions with representatives of the National Park Authority and Stirling Council. One idea floated by an NPA representative was that KAT should take over the toilets by the Mill. It costs over £8,500 to maintain and run that toilet. Unless the toilet can be supported by a retail outlet with a rental sufficient to produce an income of that order KAT cannot take on that responsibility. Meanwhile we are not in the loop and do not know what current plans exist for public toilets in Killin.

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The Mill re-opened again on 9th March following the news that the Business Plan had been accepted by Stirling Council. They have awarded us a 20 month lease to enable KAT to seek funding to employ architects, surveyors and electricians, to draw up plans for the changes that need doing to the mill and find funding for the internal and external works. We were delighted to be awarded a grant of £38,703 at the end of December by Historic Scotland for repairs to the mill. We are also excited that the Architectural Heritage Fund have now been in contact and arranged a meeting with us in the next few weeks. We have a number of other bids currently awaiting results and are hopeful they will provide us with

## Old Mill

the income we need to get started on developing the building.

The project in the Mill will continue along the same lines as it did last year. We feel that we provide a bespoke Tourist Information service and have produced three leaflets, which we sell to visitors, on the history of Killin and St Fillan.

We continue to sell thrift, as this forms the major part of our income. The first few days since opening brought a lot of visitors, as well as locals in to the mill and we are pleased so many people continue to donate thrift. We have a very quick turnover of items in the shop, so donations of thrift are always needed. We are also pleased that visitors from last year are returning,

looking for a bargain and wondering how we are getting on with the project.

We are still developing the art and craft gallery upstairs and are in the process of fitting a new picture hanging system. We have space for craft and art work, so if you have anything you would like to show or sell please get in touch.

We are in the process of arranging a number of classes on the first floor. We would like to develop the idea of using thrift, which we can improve by using donated items, like wool, to produce interesting goods for sale and we are starting an upholstery class that will enable us to make use of donated material.

Two of the volunteers visited Heron Water Mill in Cumbria in early February, to learn about generating electricity using hydro power, with a view to using the water wheel for this purpose. This still needs further investigation and would be a real boost to the mill as a tourist attraction and help to reduce our costs and carbon footprint.

We are always looking for more volunteers to join us. We work in pairs and the number of hours is entirely up to each individual. If you feel you would like to get involved or have any thrift items you would like to drop off, or need us to collect, please contact us on 01567 820690.

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# Computer o r n e r



## Windows 8

### A personal perspective

I have now been using Windows 8 for a few months. My earlier view was that its touch screen interface was not sufficiently robust to become widely accepted, as many of the necessary apps shipped with Windows 8 have less functionality than we expect. I am still of the same opinion, but I am happy with my Windows 8 machines (I have 2 desktops and one laptop that I use regularly). I tend to use the desktop mode (i.e. looks similar to Windows 7) and I rarely use the touch screen interface.

What I really do like with these new machines is the performance. For the technically minded, the 64 bit processor, often dual or multi-core, with lots of RAM (32GB is not unheard of) makes the computers noticeably faster than previous hardware.

I can get around the problems with

Windows 8 mail, by downloading and running older email programs (I tend to use Thunderbird for email).

So I am now happy with my new Windows 8 machines and I believe, if you can adjust to something new, that it is worth the effort to get used to it. I still think that the touchscreen interface is not designed efficiently and I would not recommend, at this time, buying a touchscreen laptop – it does not seem to be worth the additional cost.

### Microsoft Office 2013 and Office Web Apps – a warning

The new suite of office software is making increasing use of the internet to allow you to use and manage your data. This idea is really sensible and a major benefit to most computer users. However the small percentage of the population who have to rely on satellite for their internet have problems using what have been termed “cloud based” applications and satellite internet users should limit the use of these types of application otherwise they will be in danger of using up the limit on their monthly internet allowance. However, if you are always connected to fast broadband and you are not in danger of using your monthly allowance of “bandwidth” then these cloud based applications are quite useful. For instance, wherever I am, whichever computer I use, I have full access to all my data and any changes I make will automatically be updated on all my computers.

## Online TV/Films

We have now all heard of online “Catch Up TV” websites, BBC iPlayer being the most common. These allow you to watch recently aired TV programmes via the internet. There are also subscription websites that allow you to watch films online – examples of which are Lovefilm, Netflix and SkyGo. Many of these services can now be accessed from your own TV – either directly if you have a more modern system, or via additional equipment. Most of the catch up TV is available free of charge and, for a small monthly fee, you can watch high definition films streamed directly to your TV set. This has major advantages over renting DVDs as it is instant and you do not risk the chance of receiving a damaged disc.

If you do use this type of product and if you have an internet connection that has limits on your monthly allowance, then you are in danger of receiving very high monthly charges for excessive internet use.

## IT Support

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**Killin News AGM**  
**Friday 19th April**  
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**6pm**

## Race Night Strathyre

On the evening of the 26th April 2013 at 7.30pm, we will be hosting a Race Night in the Village Hall in aid of the Strathyre Music Festival. As well as the racing there will be other fund raising activities such as raffles and whisky curling. Music will be provided by local band Balvaig and friends. BYOB. Two other dates for your diary is the Music festival itself, which takes place over the weekend of 1/2 June 2013.

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# Frost Report



## Love in a Cold Climate

After a reasonably mild January into February it turned into a bitter March – as I'm sure you were all aware.

Nevertheless the robins were dancing to their lady friends, the male pheasants were strutting their stuff (you know what I mean – we've all seen it at a dance in Killin!) and generally the birds, if not the bees, were turning their minds to the inevitable. The earliest of all, facing the worst of the weather, is the raven. An old Highland saying says that the raven must 'nest at candlemas (Feb 2), egg at Shrovetide and bird at Easter. If the raven have these not then death is its lot.' Certainly death was the lot of many in the Highlands in the late 19th century but it is thought that incomers killed the most as local highland keepers would not kill a bird mentioned favourably in the Bible. Certainly there are few finer sounds than a raven's croak of 'gralloch, gralloch,' over a deserted hillside as he waits for the spoils.

Certainly the elements were more suited to ravens than men in the busy time in early February getting the last few hinds to meet cull targets. Up in the Rhealdt corrie past the Lochan na Lairige dam we had to use the argo to get over the snow and the strong winds almost turned us into a hang-glider as we came home. At least we were not forced to become one of Lix Toll's numerous rescues from that area –

too many folk thinking that the road across to Bridge of Balgie was passable (although there is a sign warning of Winter conditions.)

Sometimes the gloom can close in on these short days before the stalker's work is done. One of my sons was returning to the hill to retrieve recently shot hinds when a seemingly huge shape rose slowly from one carcase the eagle was enjoying a nice tasty venison supper.

The cold days did bring me one new experience. I took out my 15 year old grandson to get a hind and we had a successful and most enjoyable day the young and the old on the hill together. I expect Americans would call it bonding, but it is a truly rewarding feeling that there are youngsters keen to carry on these ancient professions even though they are changing. I just hope that the old knees will keep going for a few more years as I have six (at the moment!) grandchildren still to go. I did manage to get one of the younger ones a wonderful encounter with an otter on the shore of Loch Tay at Ardeonaig. Thanks to the dogs one was flushed from his Sunday morning lie-in amongst the rocks and took a short cut between my legs to the Loch. The only trouble is that the wee fellow now expects to see an otter every time.

At the end of the hind season with two sons out by Loch Lomond it was great to see the nanny goats with their tiny young kids and admire

their agility at such a young age. These are reputed to be descendants of Rob Roy's goats – though who he nicked them from is not known.

As well as amorous birds and little goats out in the cold we also saw clouds of unidentified insects and a fair number of ticks. A few weeks later we were doing the annual deer count on the same ground, this time armed not with rifles but radios pens, and paper (we would run out of fingers to count on). Out in a boat with binoculars I was able to follow the progress of the two boys as they moved across the face. By keeping in touch by radio it was possible to count each group of deer, ensure that none were missed or counted twice. It is not an easy task to cover whole estates like this but it is necessary to set an accurate cull target for the coming seasons. This is done in conjunction with neighbouring estates in local deer management groups. Collaboration is the new buzz word in deer management. To nicely round off our counting day, just by the last group of deer, we saw two foxes playing tag (or whatever!) Remember I said we were armed only with . . . . so we had to be content with watching their agility and beauty against the deep snow drifts. We are not sure, however, if we didn't see one roll over and point two paws in the air.

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## Strathfillan Community Council

Strathfillan Community Council welcomed Suzanne McAlpine, Mansefield, who was co-opted following the meeting in February. Alan Smailes is a member of the Tyndrum to Oban path group. Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) has been working with various local groups to benefit local economies by bringing in business worth around £1m per annum. Also involved are Argyll schools, local churches (as pilgrim's way destinations) landowners and conservation bodies. Funding of £30k has been secured to take the project forward in partnership with Argyll and Bute Council who will employ and manage a consultant for a feasibility study.

### Crianlarich Church

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 17th April at 7.30pm to discuss the future of the Crianlarich Church building and its on-going sustainability. All welcome, please come and give your views and ideas.

### Charrette

On 11th March Community

Councillors and Trust Directors met with officials to discuss the Charrette in Tyndrum village hall. There was a lot of discussion about installing hydro schemes or other sustainable renewable systems in the area and how the process should be easier and encouraged, especially because all types of heating fuels available are very expensive and force businesses in the area to close in the winter because it is not financially viable to remain open.

### Bypass

Grontmij told us that the procurement process for the construction of the bypass scheme has started with the publication of the OJEU (Official Journal of the European Community) Notice. This alerts contractors to this forthcoming construction opportunity and allows them to make a prequalification submission in order to be considered as a tenderer for the works. The CC will ask for more information about the progress of the Pulpit Rock project.

### Pharmacy

Cllr. Martin Earl has been finding out in a general sense about legislation regarding pharmacy applications in areas which have dispensing surgeries. In a reply from Murdo

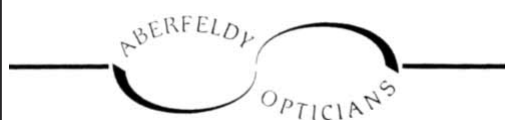
Fraser MSP the following was included 'In Scotland it is not the case that under current legislation the dispensary at the Doctors surgery has to close if a pharmacy opens in that area. While an NHS board would most likely consider asking the GP to close the dispensary, this does not mean it is an automatic decision. It is possible that an NHS board could foresee the need for both a dispensary and a rural pharmacy. In Scotland it is a requirement that dispensing doctors in a neighbourhood where a pharmacy application has been made receive written notification of the application.'

### Science Festival

Jane McGill from Making Science and Engineering Accessible to the Public is organising a mini pop-up Science Festival for May 3rd-5th in Crianlarich village hall.

### Solar Panels

Planning: Council houses in rural areas of Stirling District are getting PV solar panels installed by the Housing Department Stirling Council (from the HRA account funded from rents). Stirling Council Housing will lease the roof space to the tenant for the next 20 years and receive 45p for each kilowatt/hour produced; the



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## Environment

Over the last few years, dog bins have been removed; we are going to try to get them replaced and also educate people not to let their dog foul on rural pavements any more than they would in the town.

**Next meeting** is on Monday 8th April in Crianlarich village hall at 7.30pm. All Welcome

## Crianlarich into Action Progress Update

Many people will remember the consultation work done two years ago for Crianlarich into Action by Nick Wright Associates and may be wondering "did anything ever come from all that?" The answer is YES! Since that consultation a huge amount of work has been going on in the background to turn the suggestions and ideas into reality. Here is a very brief summary of where we are at:

**Footpath Network** – lots of people wanted easily accessible, signposted walks in and around Crianlarich. We have worked with Landscape architects to design a network of paths which will include an upgrade of the old railway behind the village hall to form an attractive "linear park" suitable for all abilities, additional routes within the community woodland and an upgrade to the existing "Bogle Glen" path. We have been granted planning permission for this work, and are delighted to announce that we have received a grant of approx £200,000 from the BIG Lottery Fund to enable us to carry out all the work! Work will be starting over the summer, and

hopefully finished by the end of the year.

**Lower Station Yard** – we have finally secured a ten year lease on this land from Stirling Council and are in the process of applying for planning permission. The intention is to open the area up as a village centre, with an attractive grassy area for picnics etc, as well as a signposted car park for visitors to the village. We have just been awarded 450 free shrubs and bushes from The Woodland Trust, which we will plant as screening in this area and also along the fence line to the East of the village.

## Public Toilets and War Memorial

– We have just finished an extensive upgrade of Crianlarich Public toilets, in conjunction with Stirling Council and the National Park. The toilets are now cleaner, brighter and a more appealing facility for visitors to our village. The car park area has also been improved. The shrubbery around the war memorial has been replanted, and the stone work on the memorial itself is being cleaned.

**Volunteer Days** – We had great success with our various volunteer days last year and have several more planned for this year to help with parts of each of the projects above.

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The first will be on Saturday 13th April, to continue the improvements to Lower Station Yard. A free soup & sandwich lunch is provided for all volunteers. No experience is needed – just plenty of enthusiasm!

**Alan Smailes, Cameron Taylor,  
Isla Craig, Joyce Russell,  
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## Crianlarich Comedy Club

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## Tyndrum Charrette

On 11th March Tyndrum played host to the design team currently working on long term planning in four villages within the National Park. Along with Aberfoyle, Drymen and Arrochar, the residents of Tyndrum were asked how they would like the village to develop over the next 10 to 20 years. Topics covered everything from more house building, the cycleway between the villages to improved tourism facilities. After their fact finding day and collation of questionnaires, the design team will return to Tyndrum Village Hall on March 23rd to share their findings and proposals. The feedback gained on the day will be fed into the final draft proposals to be unveiled at the NP headquarters at Carrochan in Balloch in late April.



## Church Buildings in Strathfillan Parish

There is one in Bridge of Orchy and one in Crianlarich. Both need ongoing upkeep. Crianlarich needs about £20,000 spent on its windows. Neither has a toilet. Grants may well be available but should public money be spent on under-used buildings?

The congregation of twenty plus is a reasonable number for the area (although we'd always welcome more people). Worship could take place anywhere eg in a village hall, in a hotel etc. but most would prefer to worship in a building built for the purpose.

Many people who don't attend church regularly (or at all) say they like church buildings and like there to be one in the area.

The church buildings could be used for other purposes while remaining available for worship as required eg. Sundays, weddings, funerals.

What might you like to see in the area that doesn't currently exist? Something that could be an asset for locals and/or visitors?

A museum or gallery?

A meeting place with comfy seats? Would you help raise funds? Pledge money? Volunteer in a museum?

You could be of any faith or none and like to see the buildings kept as community assets. We need help. Please come to a public meeting Tuesday 16th April 7.30pm in

Crianlarich Village Hall.  
There will be short presentations about possibilities from EA Architects and Arrochar Parish Church, plus a display of what other churches have done, as well as plenty of opportunity for discussion and sharing ideas. If you can't come to the meeting but have any interest in the church buildings please tell us now.

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## Strathfillan Action Plan

The Trust is currently working on a new local Action Plan to see us through the next few years. We would like to include some new photographs taken in Strathfillan over the last year or so. If you have some gems on your camera please get in touch with us.

## Big Lottery Award

A huge thank you and congratulations to those concerned with the project, particularly Isla who has gone above and beyond.....The hard work starts now!

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## Crianlarich School



### Cross Country

Logan and Jadyr took part in a Cross country event in Stirling recently and both did very well. They are pictured above with other competitors from Killin and Strathyre Primary Schools.



### Dressing Up for Comic Relief

### World Book Day (Week)

We've had a really busy week with reading lots of stories, writing our own stories. We also took part in a Gruffalo Hunt.

### Welly Waddle

Class 1 joined the nursery on their Welly Waddle around the Community Woodland. The nursery children and parents were taking part to raise money for the Scottish Cot Death Trust.

### Class One – February 2013

In class one, we have been learning about castles. We made models of Motte and Bailey castles. We have painted pictures of castles and kings and queens. We looked at a famous painting of a castle by Paul Klee and made our own copies by drawing round shapes. We have been reading lots of fairytales and writing our own fairytales. Now we are writing newspaper articles about fairytales. We have been finding out about William Wallace. We drew portraits of him and wrote facts about him. We have been singing songs about bears in music. In maths we have been learning to double numbers. Some of us can do this really quickly! In P.E. Mrs McLay has been teaching us how to do gymnastics. We have been jumping, climbing and rolling. We have been learning about friendship and how to be a good friend.

### Class 2 – February 2013

In class 2 we have been learning about democracy and the parliament. We know that there is a coalition government. We also learned about all the different parties. The main parties are Liberal Democrats, The Conservatives and Labour. In Scotland the main party is the SNP. There is also the BNP and the Green Party.

### Comic Relief

We've been selling Red Noses all week and we've sold them all! We had a great time on Friday with a fancy dress parade in the morning. In the afternoon we decorated Red Nose biscuits, designed our own red noses, danced to the Comic Relief Song and wrote funny stories or poems. Louise Norris made a special cake to be raffled in aid of Comic Relief.



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### Killin Youth Group Visit

This was the second year that the Killin Youth Group visited the café. Twenty one youngsters took part in a talk on sustainability and then completed a quiz on this very important subject. They learned a little about our fish sourcing and then fried their own fish and chips. Finally, they all took part in a gingerbread/man/woman icing competition with wonderfully creative results. The winners were:-

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## Mervyn's Weather

Of late there has been discussion in the Media regarding "Dark areas" i.e., freedom from light pollution in order to successfully study stars, planets etc.. Several sites have been mentioned including Kielder Forest in Northumberland and the Galloway Forests. On Loch Tayside we do not suffer from light pollution, although it has to be said that on some nights the Southern hill line is darkly silhouetted by the glare of the urban central belt. Sound pollution is something else to be reckoned with. Modern ears seem to delight in the cacophonies of traffic noise and ultra loud Pop music.

Many years ago, during army service, a group of us was discussing various sounds and aromas that reminded us of home. Being mainly urbanites the smells of fish and chips, city smells and noises were paramount. Two of us however were from the uplands, surrounded by many crofts and hill farms, so that to us the aroma of peat reek, the calls of curlews, grouse and snipe and indeed the

bark of a collie dog – not incessant barking, but a welcoming bark at a distance - in the dusk of a summer evening, were the most evocative connections to our environment.

At last, after almost a year of dull, damp, and sunless conditions the latter half of February 2013 has to some extent redeemed this state of affairs, having, until today's date - 13th March – even produced "wall to wall" sunshine on, at times, more than two consecutive days, though the air still has a cold bite. As mentioned in previous editions, the large high pressure cell over N.W. Europe and its pool of cold air still persists and as weaker systems tend to do, pulsates, at some times spreading westwards to cover all the British Isles with frosts and snow showers, at others retreating somewhat, whereby the cooler conditions are confined to eastern areas.

Oystercatchers arrived on cue on 19th February and daffodils struggle

to come into full flower. Many years ago my one time friend and neighbour, Sandy McLaren, reckoned that as long as the waters of Loch Tay remain at high winter level (which they have since May 2012) while we would have night frosts, they would not be too severe – how right he was. During the past winter, while we have had on occasion the odd moderately frosty night, it has not been severe. Also of interest is the fact that, despite high loch levels for months, Loch Tay has not "come out" at the Fish Farm, Acharn, nor Fat Man's bay, the usual flooding points.

Rainfall records for the year 2012 supplied by John Holland of Kirkton, Hamish McLaughlan of Conichan, Glenalmond, and myself have, with regard to the geographical variations in totals, all agreed that 2012 figures were almost exactly in line within the averages 1981-2010.

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# MacGregor's Market

About thirty people attended a public meeting on 5th March to discuss ideas for the proposed community shop, café and information centre, with a planned opening this spring. Dolan Betney explained that the shops are owned by a charitable trust and that the trust will rent out the shops to the planned Community Interest Company (CiC). The first two months have been negotiated as rent free after which an annual rental will apply. As it will be classed as a small business, there will be exemption from business rate payment. Initial funding for current repairs and improvements is coming privately from Dolan and from Katy McLeod. In order to request future funding for the project from the Plunkett Foundation (which specialises in supporting the development of community shops) it will be necessary to achieve a community status by being part of an Industrial Provident Society. To do this, interested members of the community are invited to become members of the community company by buying a £1 share in it. The members would then be able to decide how they would like the shops to be run. Dolan emphasised that he is very happy to contribute his knowledge and experience in accountancy and business management to the project but envisages the shops being run on a

day-to-day basis by the community. Katy McLeod then summarised the services that they hope can be provided. She sees the project as a means of revitalising the village by creating a central hub of activity, as well as shortening the food chain by having a more locally sourced food supply, eg. local meats, fruit, veg, and bread. This would also be more environmentally friendly. The main suggested services are:

1. A zero waste recycling centre - eg. batteries, poly bags, electrical goods - to be stored in secure sheds at the back of the properties.
2. A child-friendly outdoor play area at the back.
3. Shop sales to include monthly farmers' market, surplus produce from local household growers, produce from local farmers, delicatessen products and canned products (those not normally stocked by Killin shops), home baking. Home delivery could also be a possibility.
4. Tearoom with seating for up to twelve people, serving whole foods and home baking. This could be a business opportunity for someone wishing to run it.
5. Tourist Information
6. Benefits Advice as all tax advice/form filling now has to be done online, not ideal for those who are not computer literate.
7. Internet provision

8. Equipment Hire  
Volunteers would be needed to man the shops and services, give professional advice and to raise additional funding.  
Some concern was expressed about:  
1. The likelihood of illicit dumping at a recycling centre  
2. Possible noise disturbance to the surrounding elderly residents from a children's play area and the fact that the current children's play park in the Park is very popular and due to be revamped soon.  
3. The tearoom being in direct opposition to other local cafes, in particular "Shutters". It was also pointed out that all suppliers of home baking would need to have annual inspections of their kitchens to comply with Health and Safety regulations. There was much positive support for the ideas of local produce sales, hand deliveries, farmers' markets, tourist information, benefit advice and internet access. Suggestions were made for polytunnels at the back to grow some produce, with possible involvement of local children in this. The overall feeling seemed to be that the project could benefit villagers and tourism. For this to happen, however, good local support is a must.

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## Callander & West Perthshire U3A

Having announced the launch of eight new groups at the start of this year we all wondered if the weather would allow full attendances. So far seven of the eight are underway and all have shown that enthusiasm amongst our members has triumphed over the snow, unless roads were completely impassable. It proves that getting together with folk of like mind and shared interests provides not only stimulation of the mind but a very pleasant and sociable way to spend a few hours. (The Lunch Group will be starting soon).

Amongst the already established groups the Winetasters enjoyed a celebratory dinner in January while the Italian students completed their Beginners Course and are busy with plans for a holiday in Venice in 2014. Our latest newsletter is in circulation and the website has been updated. If there is anyone new to U3A who would like more information just go to the internet and type in 'Callander & West Perthshire U3A'. We welcome new members at any time of the year. Callander & West Perthshire U3A Two of our committee members attended a U3A Scotland workshop meeting delegates from many other U3A groups to discuss matters of finance, communication and development. The opportunity to share ideas and to learn how other groups function was very valuable especially as both large and small groups were represented.

Members of Callander & West Perthshire U3A met at the Callander Youth Project on 14th March for our second members' social meeting. Our guest speaker was Les Slater, who gave an entertaining talk entitled "Busy bees – a sting in the tale". From this we learnt that there are as many as 250 different species of bee in the UK alone. Les concentrated on the well-known honey bee, which is, apparently, the only creature other than man that can tell its fellows where to find something without

taking them there, which it does by using its waggle dance. We also learnt the origin of the term "bee line", which describes how bees head for a new home – in a dead straight line, one after the other.

Our next social meeting is planned for 5th June, again at CYP, when Frank Park will be talking to us about the Callander Community Hydro scheme. Keep up to date with our website.

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**Secretary**

### U3A Questionnaire Results

Only thirteen responses were received to the questionnaire published in the December Killin News, to ascertain the possibility of setting up a local U3A group for Killin and area. Those who did respond were interested in studying many subjects and some were prepared to teach. However, as the numbers were so low, (U3A would

need at least forty) the general feeling is that it may be more sensible to try and set up some local groups of like-minded people (not part of the U3A). There is still a chance that if more people are interested, a local U3A may yet be possible.

So far the subjects that people are interested in are Geology, History (especially Scottish), French conversation, Italian, Spanish, German, Greek, Model-making, Patchwork, Creative stitchery, Jewellery-making, Scottish dancing, Current Affairs, Art/learning to paint, Astronomy, Music Appreciation, Keep Fit and Yoga. You may wish to suggest others. If you feel that you might like to take up any of these or would like to become involved as a tutor please contact Alicja Fraser Tel: 01567 820690

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**Liz Howard**

### New Goalposts for the Park

It has taken some time, but the Community Council are delighted that their efforts to raise funds have been successful and there are now some new goalposts in the park for locals and visitors to enjoy. In the earlier good weather they were already being well used by all ages.

Many thanks to Stirling Council Community Grants, Rural Stirling Housing Association and BIG Lottery 2014 Communities for their grant funding and to Suzanne Player and others in Stirling Council for all their help, advice and support.

**Fiona Kennedy**

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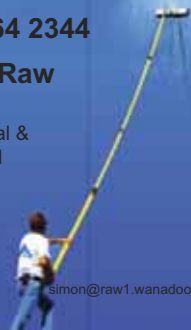
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## The Future of Killin What are your priorities?

Internet shopping, the economic downturn and public spending cuts are changing how we live and the places that we live in. In Killin, the closure of public toilets, shops and the Folklore Centre show that the local community is just as affected by these changes as anywhere else in the country.

That's why Killin's Action Plan was produced a year ago. Based on discussions with local people and organisations, the Action Plan pulled together and prioritised the things that you as a community felt

were important for your future. The diagram shows the range of ideas from the Action Plan that have been progressed over the last year.

Everything listed in the Action Plan will have a greater chance of getting money and support. Outside bodies like to support projects and groups which can show that they are part of a bigger plan and prefer to direct their support to communities which are getting on with doing positive things, rather than complaining about what's wrong.



When Killin's Action Plan was produced a year ago, it was always the intention to take stock after 12 months. What now are the community's priorities over the next 12 months?

Local people have been telling us over the last few weeks. We haven't been able to speak to everyone, so if you haven't already told us your views, please complete the short online survey to tell us what you think Killin's priorities are. The weblink to the online survey is: [tinyurl.com/killin2013](http://tinyurl.com/killin2013)

The main priorities we've heard so far are the Park, smartening up the village, improving tourist signage, refurbishing the Old Mill, reopening MacGregor's Market and more walking and cycling routes. The more people we hear from, the more clearly we will understand what you want your community to be like in the future. And that can only help to make your ideas become reality.

**Nick Wright**

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*Nick Wright and Viv Collie are helping Killin and Ardeonaig Trust and other community groups to update Killin's Action Plan that was produced twelve months ago.*

## The Register of Electors

This was last published on 1st December 2012 following enquiries made of every address in Stirling Council area.

This year over 35% responded by email. With postage costs in 2012/2013 of just under £100,000 Brian Byrne, the Electoral Registration Officer is encouraging any electors with email to supply them saving up to 60p per household.

Since the register was created over 1,000 electors have been removed as they had failed to respond or had moved address and not re-registered. As well as losing their right to vote in any future referendum or election these electors can expect to have future credit reference difficulties as all major credit reference companies buy the Register of Electors for use in credit referencing.

Efforts are ongoing to contact registered electors who have not responded to verify if they are still resident. If no response is received to the enquiries they are likely to be removed from the Register.

Anyone moving address needs to register their new address as soon as possible. They will be removed from their current address as soon as information that they are no longer resident is received from landlords, council tax, or from the new occupiers. Plans are being prepared for the next annual canvass of households this autumn which will request details of every resident eligible elector at every address for a March 2014 register which will be the Register of Electors used for the 2014 European Parliament election and the Referendum on Scottish Independence. For the purposes of the Referendum, the canvass will also ask for details of any under 16 year olds who will be 16 or over by 31st December 2014.

More information on registering to vote and voting by post or proxy the ERO's website at

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### The Birks Cinema

The long journey to bring the magic of cinema back to Aberfeldy is almost over. After a 30-year gap, The Birks Cinema is on track for opening to the general public this spring. The building work inside and out is almost complete and the official handover from the contractor Hadden Construction to the Friends of The Birks Cinema Board is expected towards the end of March. Following a tremendous fundraising campaign and a one year £1.3m construction programme, the modern cinema that will screen the latest blockbuster films will open its doors to the public towards the end of April and plans are in place to hold a series of community events in the run up to the official opening.

As it is a community-led social enterprise, the Board of the cinema has decided to offer 'sneak previews' to local children free of charge and to invite people from all walks of life including local businesses and community groups around Highland Perthshire and Killin to a number of advance screenings. There will be a very special evening of glitz and glamour at an exclusive Golden Ticket event on Friday 19th April. We have placed Golden Tickets in retail and café outlets across Highland Perthshire and, if you're lucky enough to find a winning ticket, you will be on the red carpet for the latest Hollywood blockbuster to hit the big screens. The Golden Ticket promotion has been sponsored by Mackies of Scotland and will be available from a wide range of Highland Perthshire businesses towards the end of March. No purchase is required to enter, just keep an eye out for the Golden Ticket Posters in participating outlets for your

chance to be a red carpet star for the evening.

Meanwhile Paul Foley, General Manager of The Birks Cinema, is extremely busy planning, recruiting staff and putting operational systems in place. In order to deliver the absolute best cinematic experience, the board of directors has consulted with industry experts to put together a state-of-the-art cinema, screening the latest blockbuster movies at the cutting edge of technical innovation, including 3D and live broadcasts. The Birks Cinema has a number of other plans for special events later in the year and also a special Gala night in the summer.

### A Bus to The Birks

Killin Community Bus is hoping to run a regular bus service to the Birks and that, if we have a regular slot, people should be able to book their seats at the cinema by phone, email or in person and also their seats on the bus. There are already a number of people prepared to drive the Community bus but if anyone else feels that they could add their name to the list that would make this idea more workable.

If you hold an ordinary driving licence with 3 points or less and are under 70 years old you will be eligible to drive the bus. In this particular case you also get to go to the pictures! For the trial period of this project the driver of the bus will receive a complimentary ticket donated by the Friends of the Birks Cinema.

If you would like to be included as a driver or have any other questions about this topic please get in touch with: -

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## Environmental Action Killin

### What is EAK and what have we done recently?

Many of you may know of Environmental Action Killin or EAK but we think it is about time to remind people of what we do. Our main aim is to participate in environmental action, campaigning and education at a local level but also to make activities as fun and welcoming as possible. Our regular meetings take place on the first Thursday of every month at the Killin Hotel from 8pm. There are also many practical outdoor activities and wildlife watching events that take place during the year. Some of our main actions over the last year have been: footpath maintenance, litter picking, wildlife auditing and a dawn chorus walk. Many of our members also campaign for improved access or seek to educate the community about the natural environment. We also take part in outside activities such as Black Grouse and Red Squirrel Surveys and control of non-native plant species, plus many more. Our group's experience and interests range from active outdoor users through to professional biologists and ecologists. Now we are looking at the proposed development at Glenoglehead by the National Park and clarifying issues relating to access and the environment. If you would like to add your voice to this matter or if you have an interest in Killin's natural environment and want to help or campaign in some way we'd always be happy to see you.

**Stephen Rawlinson**

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### 5 Lochs Project Update

The 5 Lochs initiative is a five year project based around a newly formed Visitor Management Plan. The Plan is looking to improve the experience you will get both as a resident of the area or as a visitor and is also seeking to raise the standard not only in how the area is being looked after, but also in the level of service everyone can expect to receive. The 5 Lochs area is based around Loch Earn, Loch Voil, Loch Lubnaig, Loch Venachar and Loch Achray. These are the bigger lochs that help define the area and ones that have suffered from more than their fair share of abuse over the last few decades.

The 5 Lochs Visitor Management Plan was officially launched in November

and since then, there has been a lot happening, with planning applications submitted and approved for Loch Lubnaig south and north, Inverlochlarig, and Glenoglehead car parks. The first two sites to be worked on will be Lubnaig south and north car parks. The contract for the works was tendered and a contractor appointed in the middle of January. Work started there on the 11th February and is planned for completion later this summer. New visitor facilities on these sites will include a building with toilets and a small kiosk selling food and soft drinks, informal camping opportunities, overnight motorhome spaces and day car parking for Lubnaig north and south sites. The sites will also be gated and no overnight parking permitted except booked motorhomes and informal campers. While this work is going on, both car parks will be temporarily closed.

We are also working with relevant agencies on issues surrounding the way vehicles are being used on both trunk and other roads in the area, including how to manage the area during periods of peak visitor demand.

Drop-in sessions are taking place to provide additional opportunities for communities to learn more about the 5 Lochs Visitor Management Plan and allow them to discuss their thoughts

or concerns with National Park staff. There will also be an opportunity to discuss the new Cycle Way proposal between St Fillans and Lochearnhead during the Strathyre, Lochearnhead and St Fillans sessions.

### 5 Lochs Community Drop-in Sessions

If you missed the Killin and Callander sessions, drop in and find out more about the 5 Lochs Project and learn more about the improvements we're making to visitor sites.

Strathyre: 6th April, NP Mobile Office 3:30-9pm

Lochearnhead: 17th April, NP Mobile Office 3-9pm,

St Fillans: 18th April, NP Mobile Office 2-7pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Ruth Crosbie**

PR and Media Manager

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### Violin Exams

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**Junior Ski Course, Bormio, Italy**

On Friday 1st February, pupils involved in this year's Junior Ski Course returned from Italy buzzing with enthusiasm from a fantastic week at Bormio in the Italian Alps. As ever the objectives for the week were to bring on skiing but also contribute greatly to personal and social development through experiences that can only be introduced in a residential situation. Additional benefits were achieved through 'real life' exposure to different language, geography and culture. The Ski School got lots of praise from our pupils. Tegan Dowling declared that "The ski instructors helped me a lot since I had never skied on snow before" with Olivia Ridgewell and Emma Aitken adding that "The instructors were very enthusiastic and good fun!"

The snow conditions were perfect with all runs open and a great variety of slopes available to challenge not only the beginners, but also the more competent in the group. Having enjoyed such a great week, it is of course worth noting that the

## McLaren High School



behaviour of the group was outstanding - a great credit to all!

**McLaren Ski Team Race Report**

It's not often that you arrive at a schools competition thinking that you might have half a chance, but we were really hopeful of doing well as we had already won a schools Team Dual Slalom skiing event a few months ago and we knew that we had a strong team with Regan Dingwall, Connor Ramsay-Clapham, Craig Fingland and James Ronald (pictured above). There were 22 gates spread over 300m of challenging terrain on a firm base of snow. Each of us raced as fast as we could and put in a solid run, but we weren't to know our actual times until the prize-giving later on at the end of the day. After a long build up, they finally announced McLaren High School as the winners! We are all delighted to have won gold at Glencoe and James did fantastically, coming in 3rd place in the overall individual ranking. We are

all looking forward to going to Cairngorm for the finals in March.

### Scottish Schools

#### Indoor Athletics

On 7th February a small band of athletes from McLaren High School visited the magnificent Emirates Arena in Glasgow to represent the School

at the Scottish Schools Indoor Athletics Championships.

First up was Andrew King (S3) in the under 16 60m sprint. With 70 entrants there were 6 heats and Andrew did well to achieve 8.41 secs, finishing sixth in his heat.

Adam Kyle (S4) from Tyndrum faced similar opposition and despite a powerful start, struggled to make the qualifying for the next round, finishing in a time of 8.71 secs.

As the afternoon progressed the McLaren contingent were on their feet again cheering on a magnificent performance from Andrew King, this time in the under 16 200m. Coming into the final straight he was in fifth place and managed to hold this through the finish.

This was a tremendous day for all four and a great experience. Well done to all of them, they demonstrated real effort and support to one another throughout the day!

**Yvonne King**

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# Killin Primary School

## Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

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Thank you to all who donated cakes which were sold in school at break and lunchtime, we raised £164.25.

### Class 1

Class 1 are studying Castles. As part of their homework, they were set the challenge of making their own castle and they came up with some fabulous designs. They will also visit Stirling castle on Wednesday 27th March.



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## Killin and Crianlarich Nursery

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and creative abilities, they build houses or bridges to incorporate into their game. The children's vocabulary is extended too as their play evolves and situations arise requiring negotiation and discussion. Physical exercise is necessary for the health and well-being of all children, enabling a 'feel-good' factor which in turn supports concentration.

So it is both fun and educational. Sometimes you need to take a step back and observe a situation; look deeper. This is what Early Childhood Educators do. Active learning is fun and children are learning all the time without even realising it

**Alexandra Tigwell**  
ECE Killin Nursery

### Ceilidh/Disco

On behalf of all the staff, children and families I would like to thank the Parents' Group for their hard work in organising a very successful Ceilidh/disco on 16th February. Thank you to all those who contributed by way of donations, raffle prizes, food, equipment, offers of help and, of course, to all those who supported us by attending. A special thank you to Marieke, Ewan

and William for providing the music for the Ceilidh and to Tom for the use of his PA system. The grand sum of £1,096 was raised and will be spent on improvements and resources for the children in both nurseries.

**Elizabeth Hancock**  
Head of Nursery

### Crianlarich Nursery

The children, parents, staff and members of the community from Crianlarich Nursery were joined by class 1 from the primary school and took part in a "Welly Waddle" on Tuesday 12th March to raise funds for the Scottish Cot Death Trust. It was a fresh morning with a little flurry of snow on the ground but this did not halt the "waddle" as we went around the community woodland walk. (In part it felt like more of a hike than a waddle). It was a great opportunity for parents to meet other families and staff. A great big thank you to all who supported this worthy fundraising event. To date we have raised a fantastic £400.00.



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## Carbon Trust Scotland winners of Low Carbon Building Awards 2013

Carbon Trust Scotland, in partnership with architecture magazine Urban Realm, has announced the winners of its Low Carbon Building Awards 2013 (new build category). The Big Shed is designed to recognise and celebrate buildings in Scotland that boast low carbon and sustainable design principals.

Katy MacLeod of the Lochtayside CIC said "The Board of Directors of the Big Shed is absolutely delighted with this award, which validates our determination to adhere to the original concept of the Big Shed. Sourcing local materials and trades in such a remote, rural location was not

easy; inclusion of an educational element – teaching local trades and volunteers how to work with eco-building materials was equally challenging. The end result, though, is something we are all immensely proud of"

Sue Manning of Ecological Architecture said "The choice of local materials and others with a very low energy content in their manufacture and processing, resulted in a building with a Low Carbon impact. We are very pleased that this, together with high levels of insulation, the use of renewable energy technologies, and the way in which the community was involved in its construction, has merited the Carbon Trust Award".

Anne Gilchrist will take up her the position as Artist in Residence in the Studio at the Big Shed next month. It is with great pleasure that we welcome an artist so deeply committed to studying the flora and fauna of Scotland. For the past year Anne has been working on and around the Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve. When asked Anne gave her thoughts on the approaching Residency: "Working at the Big Shed is like a dream come true for me - it's the nearest I can get to my subjects of interest - the plants, birds, animals and even the very rocks of Ben Lawers. I think being there day by day will give me deeper insights and inspirations than ever before".

You may have already seen some of her work at the Killin NTS office as well as in the Big Shed Hall last year. In May her work will be on show at the Benmore Botanic Gardens. We very much hope that she will find it a comfortable and inspirational environment, and that the experience will be a productive one for her, resulting in some great work! Please visit Anne's website at [www.annegilchrist.co.uk](http://www.annegilchrist.co.uk)

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# Shed News

Classical Concert series.

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Local artist Georgia Crook is exhibiting her work in the main hall of The Big Shed so please come down to an event to have a look at the stunning artwork on display.

## Forthcoming Events

### Poetry and Harp evening

Saturday 13th April 7.30pm

Kenneth Stevens (Poet and Author) and Wendy Stewart (Harpist) will be giving readings in a 'melding of music and words'

Tickets £10, contact Jane on 07766 566935

### Coppicing Event:

Conference and workshop Friday 19th and Saturday 20th April  
Regenerating Hazel Coppice Woodlands  
Presentations by the Scottish Crannog Centre on the biodiversity & economic benefits of coppicing hazel with case studies in Scotland. Excursions to new sites being managed will take place on each afternoon.

Contact the Scottish Crannog Centre to book your place on 01887 830583; the conference will be held in the Big Shed Community Hall.

### Classical Concert

Thursday 16th May 7.30pm  
Edinburgh Quartet with a programme of Haydn, Britten and Tchaikovsky. Tickets £12, contact Jane on 07766 566935.

### Regular Yoga Sessions

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Tai Chi classes with John Connelly Thursday mornings 10.30 - 12.00. £5 per session, Free taster available

### In the Pipeline

#### Gardening Workshop

Saturday 27th April

#### National Hang Gliding

Competition 2nd May-8th May based at the Big Shed

### Laurie and Julia's Ruby Wedding

Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th June - a big weekend of celebration is coming up, including music, entertainment, guided walks and ceilidh dancing lessons.

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

[thebigshed.blogspot.com](http://thebigshed.blogspot.com)

**Jane Watts**

Project Development Officer  
07766 566935

## Cheerio!

Unfortunately I will not get the opportunity to say cheerio personally to all of those within the Breadalbane area that I have worked with or have known over the past years as I retire from Central Scotland Police.

I first moved to this policing area nearly thirty years ago when, because of my climbing background, Sgt Harry Lawrie poached me for the Killin Mountain Rescue Team and to be stationed at Callander where I moved into one of the police houses. I was participating in the mountain rescue when Harry was tragically killed in a Search And Rescue helicopter crash on Ben More and, thereafter, I took the place of Ian Ramsay within the Killin Section whilst he recuperated from the injuries he sustained in the crash. Since those days I have served at all ranks up to my present one in this area. It has been working with you and your wider communities that has undoubtedly brought me my most

personal and professional satisfaction. You will be aware of the restructuring of the police as we move towards the creation of Police Scotland on 1st April 2013. I am confident that communities will see no diminution of service when this takes place. Inspector Gerry McMenemy, a former Callander Sergeant, will take charge of the Breadalbane areas when I finish and he will also have policing management responsibility for our part of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park and for Operation Ironworks across the whole Park. You may already be aware that I was awarded the MBE in the New Years Honours. I was especially pleased that, as well as for my environmental work that has had a national dimension, it specifically referenced my work with communities within the National Park. Without reservation I can say that it has been a very real pleasure and honour to have worked with you all, and I know that for some

of you it has been over this whole thirty year period.

Thirty years ago I and five others who were joining Central Scotland Police were going through the process of enrolment and someone asked the question what our police ambitions were. Some wanted to be in CID others Traffic and I believe one wanted to be a Chief Constable, I surprised them all by saying my ambition was to be a "cop at Killin" and it greatly pleases me that I realised this as a Constable and then as supervisor through to my present rank. With all of my family, including parents, located in Dumfriesshire Anne and I plan to retire back there in the near future.

Very best wishes and many, many thanks

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# Bob MacGregor Events



## Bob MacGregor Motorcycle Run

Vintage Motorcycle event

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before heading off on a 140 mile road run, stopping off to Kinloch Rannoch, Rannoch Station, Tummel Bridge, Aberfeldy, Kenmore, Glen Lyon

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## Bob MacGregor 2 Day Memorial Trial

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Anyone able to help out at the trial observing or stewarding

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Bobby or Karen on

Tel: 01567-820854,

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## Boxing Day Dip 2012

On 26th December twenty one brave – or perhaps just crazy – people took to the balmy waters of the River Lochay to raise money for the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home Roof Fund. We were very lucky as it was a beautiful day and the level of the river had dropped considerably.

Among the dippers we had Santa (see cover of last issue) a fairy and a baby dinosaur, prompting the suggestion that this year we have a fancy dress dip. Afterwards a big group of us adjourned to the Killin Hotel for some much needed delicious hot soup kindly provided by Ian Hitchens and his staff.

We were absolutely amazed and humbled by the number and generosity of spectators who turned out to

encourage us. Thank you all. There was a real sense of fun and community spirit about the whole event. When Lucy dreamt up this crazy idea, we hoped to raise a few hundred pounds but, thanks to the huge generosity of villagers and friends from near and far, our final total came to £2,207!

To those who braved the freezing waters, those who encouraged us and gave so generously, to the photographers and those who collected sponsor money, to Ian and his staff and Sarah with her donation bucket at the Real Food Café, a HUGE thank you.

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## Killin SWRI

On Thursday 7th February the members welcomed their President Elizabeth Woods back in to the chair. Elizabeth opened the meeting and introduced Georgia Crook who gave a slide show explaining some of the pieces she had done for various projects in paper and wickerwork. She brought along a few examples of some of her work which were really lovely and rounded off her talk with a demonstration of how to make paper.

### Competitions:

Flower Arrangement  
1st Margaret Galloway  
2nd Cathie Reid  
Handmade Bookmark  
1st Ellen Stewart  
2nd Margaret Galloway.

The speaker for the March meeting was unable to come and at the last minute, local girl, Lindsay Willison stepped in and gave a very informative talk on her occupation as a dog groomer. Lynne Ferguson brought along her dog Jodie who was a perfect model and sat very patiently being admired by all and listening intently to hear how she and all our dogs should be looked after. At the end of the evening Jodie thought she had behaved well enough to be rewarded and managed to prise the lid of a cake box and help herself to a piece of cream sponge whilst no-one was looking. Thankfully she was none the worse after eating the cake.

Favourite Egg Cup:  
1st equal Margaret Galloway and Ellen Stewart  
A Smartie Tube filled with 5p Pieces,  
1st Margaret Galloway  
2nd Sue Hughes  
3rd Ellen Stewart.

### Saturday 11th May

The Annual Outing will be to Stirling for a two course pre-theatre dinner at the Riverhouse Restaurant followed by an ABBA Tribute show in the McRobert Centre.

**Wednesday 22nd May** group meeting will be held in the Lesser McLaren Hall when we hope to have Perthshire Preserves from Callander giving a talk. For more information **Elizabeth Woods or Ann Watson 802521**

## Surgery News

By the time you read this we should know whether the Pharmacy Application has been successful after the committee meeting on 3rd April. We would like to thank all those who supported us so well by writing to the powers that be. Whatever the result, we remain firmly committed to providing the best quality health care we can for our practice patients. In these straightened financial times there is a responsibility for us to get the best value we can for the NHS budget (also known as "your money"). This can mean that we need to change the medication you are on for one which is just as effective but cheaper. Sometimes this may mean extra visits to the surgery or blood tests, to check we are keeping you as well as possible, and we hope you will be tolerant of that. You might think that the sums would be quite modest but one of the medical students attached to the practice did a study last year which showed that if we moved everyone from the most expensive 'statin (drug which lowers cholesterol) to

the cheapest we could save around £14,000 a year and that's only for one drug - our total spend on drugs in the year to November 2012 was around £344,000.

We will also be reviewing our prescribing of some drugs, mostly strong painkillers, sedatives and sleeping pills which are not good to continue long-term. The issue this time is not one of cost but simply that these drugs may sometimes end up doing you more harm than good - something we would all want to prevent.

On a brighter note, we now have a new website for you to look at [www.killinmedicalpractice.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.killinmedicalpractice.scot.nhs.uk) there is a lot of information on the site already and links to Health Information. We will tweak it over the next few months to make it more personal to here. We expect to be able to provide such services as the ability to order your Repeat Prescriptions on line rather than by phone and to be able to feedback your views about what we are doing. Of course, we are always pleased to have your views anyhow, in whatever way you want to give them to us.

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# Obituaries

## James Charles Macnab of Macnab 14.4.1926 – 11.1. 2013



James Macnab of Macnab, 23rd chief of Macnab, who has died aged 86, claimed lineage back to the Celtic era of an early Abbot of Glendochart in Perthshire, Mac an Aba meaning "son of the abbot". Succeeding as 23rd chief in 1970, he was styled The Macnab, following the Scots custom of employing the definite article to denote chiefship of an important family.

The Macnab took his clan duties diligently, meeting clansfolk and playing an active role for many years in the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs. He was involved in both the International Gathering of the Clans in 1977 and the subsequent Gathering at the Scottish Homecoming of 2009.

The Macnab made his home at Kinnell, by Killin, centre of Macnab territory, taking a lively part in local life. In days when the Lochearnhead Games was the local gathering (Killin Games did not start until years later), he is particularly remembered for being what a fellow chief affectionately termed "a dominant character" at the Lochearnhead Games, being chieftain on several occasions.

Death duties of a predecessor meant that in 1978, he had to sell the family home of Kinnell House, but he remained by his beloved Loch Tay at Finlarig, just outside Killin, until the death of his wife's parents in 1985 when he moved to Leuchars.

Succession to the chiefship became tangled after 17th chief Archibald

died without a direct heir in 1860. It took almost a century of research before Archibald Corrie Macnabb (sic) – who successfully strove to buy back the immediate Macnab estate – was recognised as 22nd chief by Lord Lyon Sir Thomas Innes of Learney in 1954. James, his great-nephew and heir, changed his surname from Macnabb to Macnab, becoming James Macnab, Younger of Macnab, succeeding to the chiefship in 1970 as 23rd Macnab.

Educated at Radley College, Oxfordshire, young James was evacuated from London to Canada at age 14 in 1940, returning aged 18 in 1944 as a volunteer and seeing active service in the closing year of the Second World War in India, Java and Singapore before being commissioned into the Seaforth Highlanders. His transfer in 1948 to the Federation of Malaya Police Force for nine years meant much to him and he attended London reunions of the Malaya Police Association until last year. He was involved in several gunfights against guerrillas.

The Macnab combined running the family acres at Kinnell with public office, serving for 21 years from 1961, first with Western District Council of Perthshire and then, for 14 years until local government reorganisation in 1975, as a county councillor with Perth and Kinross and finally as a member of Central Regional Council. He maintained service with the Seaforths (TA) until 1964, as well as duties as a Justice of the Peace for 18 years until 1986.

For a decade until 1992, he held an appointment with the investment company Hill Samuel as a consultant. A keen shooter, he cut a colourful figure on the hill, always in the kilt.

The Macnab had a long and happy marriage to the Hon Diana Anstruther-Gray, elder daughter of Lord Kilmany, and when she died in January last year, it was his wish that their ashes be interred together on Innis Bhuide, the island in the Falls of Dochart in Killin that has been the burial place of Macnab chiefs for centuries. This took place after a memorial service in Killin Kirk on 15th March.

He is survived by his four children Virginia, Jamie, Geoffrey and Katie, and eight grandchildren. James, born 1963, becomes 24th Macnab.

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## Martin MacLean 1920-2013



Martin MacLean was born in Glasgow on the 28th April 1920 to Martin and Flora (McLure). Martin had an older brother and sister James and Flora. His father was a tram car driver. He was raised in Sorley Street, Partick and left school aged 14 to start work as a trainee grocer. He and James were both keen cyclists and cycled round much of the country especially Killin and Kenmore. Martin enlisted in 1939 and joined the navy as a stoker in an escort vessel protecting the merchant fleet in the north Atlantic.

After the war he joined Galbraiths the Grocers in Partick as under manager where he met his wife Betty. They were married in 1949 and enjoyed 60 years of happy married life together. Martin gained employment with D. & J. McEwan Grocers in Killin and he and Betty moved to Killin the day after their wedding. They soon moved into 8 Ballechroisk where they spent the rest of their life together. Martin and Betty had three children, Farquhar, Martin and Norma, seven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. All the family were very much cherished by Martin and Betty.

When the Hydro Electric Scheme started in Killin, Martin joined the Cementation Construction Company building the Lawers Dam, tunnel and pipeline. When the Hydro project finished, he returned to grocery where for many years he was the driver and shopkeeper of the Co-op grocery van servicing the outlying rural areas of Killin. This made him a well known, popular member of the local community. He also developed handyman skills, particularly electrical work and was always repairing someone's electrical

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## Anne McLellan Willison

11.12.1930 - 29.1.2013

appliance or rewiring a house. After retiring, Martin drove for the Hospital Car Service and helped neighbours and friends who needed it with transport.

Martin and Betty's home was always open to friends and neighbours and a welcoming dram was always available. Their great sense of humour, kindness and humility added to their popularity. After Betty's death in 2009, Martin's life was never the same and her loss was devastating for him.

Although he had lost so much, Martin still retained his own sense of humour and was fortunate to spend his last few months in the care of the wonderful staff at the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. Their professionalism, kindness and compassion was a great comfort to the family. The funeral service collection amounted to £201.00 which has been donated to the Retirement Home. Martin was a devoted husband, loving father, a much loved grandfather and great grandfather and is sadly missed.

**Farquhar MacLean**



Anne McLellan Anderson was born in Glasgow. She had two older sisters, Jess and Margaret. She attended Whitehill School where she obtained her Baccalaureate in 1946. Anne excelled in English, Sport and Music, passing all her piano grades. Piano was an interest she maintained throughout her life. She was a member of the Scottish Junior Singers and also the Women's League of Health & Beauty. On leaving school she attended the Glasgow & West of Scotland College of Commerce to study business. She joined the family business in

Glasgow as a secretary working up to Company Director. After the early death of her father, David Anderson, in 1951, the family took holidays with the Campbell family of Mid Lix Farm, Killin. It was during these holidays she met Douglas Willison, a local sheep farmer. True love blossomed and they married in Glasgow on 19th June 1956, honeymooning in Jersey, a place which became very special to her. Anne & Douglas lived at Easter Lix where Anne had to adapt very quickly to farming life, which she did, and she soon loved the outdoors and the countryside. Their children Doug, Beth & Sheona soon followed. Anne was a devoted mother to them all. She brought up her children on the farm and led a very active life with them.

Anne's hobbies included badminton, tennis and curling, which she enjoyed regularly and was an active member of the local Badminton and Curling Clubs. She used her secretarial skills being secretary of the Agricultural Show for many years.

In 1983 the family bought Craigend Farm at Fintry, where Anne spent ten busy years helping to build up the farm, now run by Doug & Catriona. She was very competent in the farm books and taxation.

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## David Guy Philip Howard

9.12.1955 - 12.1.2013

Anne & Douglas returned to Easter Lix Killin in 1993. Later life brought an interest in gardening and plants and her six grandchildren, Duncan, Donald, Mike, David, Mhairi & Robbie. She spent a lot of her time in her garden, especially when the sun was shining, attending to her plants. She loved walking the dogs which she did right up to Christmas 2012. Anne spent many enjoyable holidays in Jersey with her family, following the sun and looked forward to her holidays by the sea with a large G&T! Anne led a very active, happy and contented life at Easter Lix. She was a much loved wife, mum and grandma to all her family. She is sadly missed by us all. Douglas Snr, Doug, Beth and Sheona would like to thank everyone who attended Anne's funeral on the 5th February. The collection was for the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home and £740 was donated to them. Thanks to everyone who contributed and especially to all those who travelled long distance in the wintery weather. Thanks also for the many messages of sympathy that we have received and for all the support given to us from family and friends near and far.

**Sheona Macaskill**



David was born on 9th December 1955 at Moseley, Birmingham. An only child, he was brought up in Birmingham and South Wales, then Kenilworth where he went to high school and enjoyed helping out at the local stables. His higher education was at colleges in Leamington Spa and Coventry when law was his main interest. During his teenage years he helped to care for his mum Joyce who contracted a type of multiple sclerosis which left her partially disabled. She regained good health and later became a frequent visitor to Killin which she called her "second home".

In 1976 David joined the army and became a stock controller in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Whilst in the army he was lucky enough to be trained as a ski instructor and never lost his love of skiing. His last skiing experience was with his grandson Jack at Braehead Snozone (not quite the wild outdoors but still great fun!). His army postings took him to Cyprus, Germany, Canada and Belize and fostered his great love of travel.

On leaving the army in 1984 David worked in an office job at St Albans. Soon after this he met and married his first wife Evelyn and they later moved to Dunstable where he worked at Vauxhall IBC Vehicles in Luton for many years as part of the logistics team. He admitted to getting a thrill from driving around on a counterbalance truck but the nearest he got to that in Killin was a sit-on mower which trundled along! It was in 2000, whilst he was on holiday in Sorrento, Italy with his mum that I met David. Our first encounter was amongst the ruins of Herculaneum and his chat-up line was "That's a nice camera you have". David moved north to be with me in Killin in 2001. Finding a job was not easy for him and after trying various roles at the Green Welly Stop he

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## Joyce James

**3.8.1922 - 21.2.2013**

found a long term post that he enjoyed, working with Ian Armstrong and his team for 24/7 Cars, driving taxis and school minibuses. The move from busy town to quiet, wet rural Perthshire was a big culture shock for him but he grew to love the area and was very happy to make Killin his home, as long as he could get a weekly shopping fix in the big city of Stirling! We married in Sri Lanka in 2010, a very happy and memorable occasion.

David had no children of his own but quickly grew to love and be loved by his new family, my children and grandchildren. (Jenny and her partner Andy and their son Ben, Paul and his wife Cath and their children Jack and Susie - and now also Joseph born in February). David was excitedly looking forward to the birth of this grandchild and to Jenny and Andy's wedding in Bath later this year. Throughout our time together, we shared many happy experiences and holidays. David loved photography and music, and was becoming a computer and iPad whiz kid! At home he was adept at DIY jobs and was an enthusiastic lawn mower, hedge cutter and strimmer, the latter causing me some disquiet when he regularly strimmed plants that he thought were weeds! He was a huge fan of James Bond films and holidays were often engineered to be at locations which had featured in these films, eg. Italian Lakes district. Part of his recent birthday treat was a trip to see the latest film "Skyfall". David was a valued member of the elite Shutters coffee group and had lately become notorious for his contributions of one liner jokes! David was a gentle giant. A much loved kind, considerate, sensitive and caring man who gave me some of the best years of my life and we will all miss him greatly.

**Liz Howard**

Joyce was born Lilian May Reading on 3rd August 1922, the middle of Rose and William's three girls. Her sisters, Dorothy and Phyllis, remember that Joyce never knowingly did anything to hurt anyone, not even her sisters' feelings. She changed her name when working with others called Lilian, not wanting to shorten it in any way and then mistakenly being introduced as Joyce. She decided that suited her and has been called it ever since. Many also knew her as JJ - which was her suggestion for what her grandchildren might call her - as she said, it was better than GG. She always enjoyed making plays on words.

Joyce had a long, happy and loving marriage to Bill from 1941 until Bill died in 1999. They had three children - Peter, Moira and Heather. Sadly Heather died aged 20, something a mother can never get over but Joyce made herself keep going. She was always active. She and Bill loved walking the hills and were keen cyclists even having a tandem for a while. Joyce taught the children to cycle and weekends and summer holidays were spent cycling and camping. Although she also taught the children to swim, she only learned to do so herself once she was 40 and then swam regularly till her mid 80s.

The family moved to Crianlarich in 1971 when Joyce became the Youth Hostel Warden. She would take youngsters from the village up Ben More or on the West Highland Way to Tyndrum. As she got older she kept up the walking and it tied in well with her interest in wildlife. She used to walk from Willow Square to the West Highland Way and often saw the lek where the black grouse displayed. She was a keen reader and anything new she did she would read up first. She learnt German, Dutch, Gaelic,

and photography - how to develop and print as well as take good photos. She was a keen gardener, from necessity in the early days. She read up on it and planted her rows at a different angle to the other allotments mostly tended by men but her plants thrived growing at the correct angle for the sun. Joyce could always communicate with people of any age, getting on well with children, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her sense of humour and ready wit endeared her to folk. She would amuse the staff at the Falls of Dochart by showing that she could still be quick-witted. One carer saying, "I'll just put your trousers on", got the unexpected response, "I don't think they'll fit you." As a friend of recent years put it, "She retained such a youthful outlook". She used to say that it was chance which brought Moira to Crianlarich and then she had to look after her mum. But in fact it had worked both ways - after three years of sharing her two bedroom house with Moira and her two children, the mother/daughter friendship had become firmer. Once back in separate houses they continued to spend much of their time together - shopping, swimming, cups of tea and later holidays too.

Joyce had a huge variety of interests and was very knowledgeable. She had a healthy active lifestyle until just a few years ago. It was hard for her to accept the restrictions of failing health but she retained her humour and adapted as best she could. She will be missed but now she is free and at peace.

Her family would like to thank Doctors Syme and de Laet for all their care over the years, the Falls of Dochart Home for their love and care over the past 18 months and also all those who sent cards.

**Moira Robertson**

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# Book Review



## **The Woman In Black by Susan Hill**

I loved this book! I read it a few years ago and also saw it on stage in London during which the audience was screaming! I recently borrowed the DVD which seemed to have turned it into a horror film. The book is a classic ghost story, a spectre haunting an English village. Although written in 1983 it is in the style of a traditional Gothic novel. The story begins on a Christmas Eve and the storyteller, elderly Arthur Kipps, is recounting to his step

children a tale that has haunted him throughout his adult life. As a young man and a junior solicitor in a London law firm, Arthur is sent to the remote village of Crythin Gifford to attend the funeral and settle the affairs of a recently deceased client, Mrs Alice Drablow. She lived in a desolate mansion, Eel Marsh House, which is connected to the village by Nine Lives Causeway. It can only be reached by pony and trap and is inaccessible at high tide. Despite warnings from the locals, who believe that a sighting of the woman in black means the death of a child will follow, Arthur decides to stay at the isolated house while he

concludes his business. Night after night he hears the eerie sound of a pony and trap, the screams of a dying child and sees a ghostly woman dressed in black.

This novella is successful due to the author's brilliant use of language, creation of atmosphere and the way she manages to unsettle the reader. We enjoyed The Woman In Black and would recommend it but not for reading late at night!

**Sally Connor**  
Sequel Book Club

## **World Book Night**

World Book Night takes place on 23rd April each year, chosen because it was both the birth and death date of Shakespeare. The aims are to raise the profile of reading for pleasure, give books to those who do not normally read, improve literacy and bring communities together. Twenty books are chosen by an independent committee and members of the public sign up to be givers. The successful givers collect their books the week before from a chosen collection point and inscribe them with their name and a unique identifying number enabling the books to be tracked. This year Sequel Book Club along with Kay Riddell will be hosting our World Book Club Night in the Library from 7-9pm on Wednesday 24th April. Please come along and enjoy some refreshments with us and collect your **free** books! This is not just for those in book clubs but anyone in the village interested in reading.

**Sally Connor**  
Sequel Book Club

## **Heart of Scotland Herb Society**



Here we are surrounded by snow and freezing temperatures and yet these wonderful little hearty and very

hardy perennial herbs are waking up and stretching after a long sleep. A quick and not too thorough rake finds the tips of chives, bergamot, nettles and geranium and stalks of comfrey and the fennels well on their way and striving for more sun and warmth. It is great to see this happening again, a quick check on ourselves, who might be a little more reluctant to make the most of our time when weather conditions are not optimum. Herbs certainly make the most of their viable opportunity. Do make the most of yours and have a regular wander around the border just now. Everyday sees a new shoot, shade of green or bright yellow and even a hint of scent

you don't want to miss at this early and active, though maybe not vigorous period in the garden.

Our next meeting is not one to miss. Jacqui Calder, our local herbalist, will be speaking on 'Bone Health' on Wednesday, 17th April, 730pm at the Aberfeldy Town Hall. We can all use some hints on natural supplementation and care of our bones when nature and maybe not so much usage is drawing back our reserve. Wednesday, 15th May is our annual bus outing to The Glasgow Botanical Gardens (and glasshouses) with a stop for high tea at the River House in Stirling. Any interest in either of these events, please phone either Judy Forster on 01567 820298 or myself on 01567 820408 for further details.

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# Letters

## Hospital Problems

### Letter to Bruce Crawford

Dear Bruce,  
My wife Barbara is seriously ill and awaiting surgery in Larbert.  
In the last few weeks, at my tender age of 77, I've driven the 60 miles to and from this hospital on a number of occasions. My experiences have reminded me of the extensive consultations prior to this hospital being built. I seem to remember that we were assured about various concerns; including a slip road off the motorway, a helipad and most importantly ample car parking facilities.

Unfortunately my recent experiences have made me realise that assurances made in such consultations are not promises. My observations are listed below:  
The hospital is superb in design and the staff/professionals are excellent  
Car parking is a nightmare; queues of cars waiting to access spaces as they are vacated. The disabled parking (My wife has a blue badge) is always full to capacity. The situation is particularly difficult during visiting times. Also, I believe that there's a warden booking cars which park incorrectly. In addition the 'drop off' facilities always seem to be full. There's no slip road off the motorway, when travelling from the Stirling direction. Accordingly, one has to find ones way via Bannockburn or via the motorway. The first directional sign seems to be actually in Larbert. There's no helipad.

You can see that, whilst impressed by the working part of the hospital, I'm dismayed that previous assurances have been ignored.

At the hospital I was informed that during the design stage, NHS Forth Valley representatives asked for 2500 parking spaces and the Scottish Government reduced it to 1500 on the basis of 'green' arguments. How green is it for dozens of cars to be queuing to find a parking space or to get in or out of the grounds? When I mentioned this issue to Barbara's consultant, he explained he and many of his colleagues often experience similar difficulties when called in for emergency operations. I look forward to receiving a reasoned response and assurances that remedial action will be taken in the near future.

**John Riley**

*We have also had problems parking both visiting and trying not to be late for appointments and are sure others have too.*

*Donald & Margaret MacIver*

## David's Odd Rainbow ...

Here in Aberfeldy, I too saw these unusual rainbows on 9th December, although nothing as spectacular as in David Robertson's excellent photo. Here, they just looked like little bits of rainbows, mainly pink and green, dotted all over the morning sky and lasting for quite a long time. I was sufficiently intrigued to make a note in my diary of how beautiful and unusual the sky was that morning. My American son-in-law is a keen weather observer, (in fact used to be a "storm-chaser" which involves getting as close to tornados as possible when most sane people would be going in the opposite direction!) and he's also a very keen photographer, and when I told him about this he immediately said: "Oh that would be a Circumzenithal Arc!" "R-i-i-i-ght", I said, "of course!" So, your readers could do as I then did, Google Circumzenithal Arc - which will provide lots of images and explanations, most of which were too technical for my feeble brain! Just to add: I see the "Killin News" now and again, third-hand as it were, passed down the lochside by various folk, and am always interested because many, many years ago (far too many to record here!), as a child, I lived at the Schoolhouse, Ardchyle, 4 miles west of Killin. I still have lots of happy memories (and photos) of growing up there, and attending the school next door, so I'd better say "Hi" to anyone still in Killin area who remembers me as Sheena Stewart! And, yes - the summers **were** better then!

**Sheena Leszke**

## ... and again

We also saw the odd cloud here at Auchlyne. My sister then emailed me a cutting from the Times, Tuesday 11th December which said that it was a nacreous cloud, which is made up of acid rather than water. These

clouds are usually seen over polar regions where the stratosphere is intensely cold, e.g. -80 degs. Their appearance over Scotland was a sign of a huge upheaval in the upper atmosphere over the Arctic which had suddenly warmed up and sent cold polar air flooding down over the UK and Europe.

**Emma Paterson**

## Loft Lagging Legacy

In 2009 the 'Killin Cutting Carbon Insulation Project' was launched and many householders took advantage of the free or discounted loft insulation. A great project but dependent on your house! We had this done on our ex council house.

On going into the loft this year we noticed how cold it now was with a lot of condensation and the roof trusses very damp. We contacted a roofing company who knew immediately what the problem was, no ventilation. The roof space was not designed to have so much insulation. We had to have ventilating tiles fitted to the roof. Had we not noticed this, a few years down the line we would have needed a new roof! So if you have had this done, please check your loft.

**Mary Lewis**

## Thank you

I would like to thank relatives, neighbours and friends for their kindness to me after my stay in hospital.

Thank you to all who visited me in hospital and at home and to all the nurses for their care and attention since I came home.

I would also like to thank all my friends who sent me lovely cards on my 70th birthday. Thank you one and all.

**Annie MacNee**

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# Letters

## Thanks to you all!

I would like to thank everyone who so kindly gave me good wishes and presents when I left my post as Manager of the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the Home and will always hold it in high regard and as a special place. It has a great team of staff and Board of Directors, all of whom gave me and my special residents and relatives a real good send off. (I have to say I have yet to visit a Home to match it!) To all who organised my last day and night out and made them so memorable: to the Board of Directors for a great lunch and to the District Nurses and Dr. de Laat for taking me out for lunch and for all the support and advice throughout my seven years at the Home. Thanks too, to all relatives of past residents for their kind wishes and presents. And finally, thanks for the support given by the GP Practice and District Nurses throughout my time at the Home.

**Mandy Hay**

## Thank you

I would like to thank everyone in Killin, Crianlarich and Tyndrum for their tremendous support following the sudden death of my husband, David, in January. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have made a very difficult time that bit easier to bear. Your cards, letters, phonecalls and visits, as well as gifts of baking and flowers were all very much appreciated by myself and my family. A very generous total of £630 was donated in David's memory and this has been divided between the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home and the Multiple Sclerosis Trust. It is and always has been a pleasure to live in such a wonderful community. Thank you so much.

**Liz Howard**



## June's Story

I moved with my family to Killin from Kent in December 2011, and although I had been coming to Killin for many years staying at the Maragowan caravan site, I didn't actually know anyone in the village.

After seeing an article in the Killin News about the Health Walks, I decided that as I enjoy a stroll, this seemed like a good way not only to improve my fitness but to meet new people and explore the local area with people who knew the history of the area.

One day in April last year, feeling rather nervous, I took myself off to the meeting point. Everyone was so friendly. The walk leaders explained how long the walks last, where we would be going that day and introduced me to the rest of the group. When we set off I found I was able to walk at my own pace with no pressure to go faster or further than I felt comfortable with and as we

strolled along I found myself chatting to various people within the group. By the time we returned to the meeting point for coffee I felt I was with friends rather than a group of people I had only just met. For me, joining the group has given me the opportunity to improve my fitness in a way and time that fits in with my day to day life and it has enabled me to meet some very friendly people who have welcomed me in to their community.

I would strongly recommend these walks to anyone wanting to improve their fitness in a gentle way or like me wanting to get out and meet new people in the relaxed atmosphere of a gentle stroll. June Walks take place on a Wednesday morning at 10.20am and last about 45 minutes - no need to book, turn up and join in. If you would prefer a shorter walk these are available on request. Please contact the Project Co-ordinator Cathy Scott on 01389 727748 or 01877 330055 Or email: [cathy.scott@lochlomond-trossachs.org](mailto:cathy.scott@lochlomond-trossachs.org) Or Volunteer Walk Leaders, Don and Alicja Fraser 820690, Jane Watts 820141; or pick up a walk schedule from the Doctors' surgery, the Community Nurses, Killin Library, or see posters around the village.

## Health Walk Schedule April - May 2013

Walks take place on Wednesday morning, meeting at 10.20am

<b>10th April</b>	McLaren Hall (car share) Glen Ogle (Cycle Track)
<b>17th April</b>	McLaren Hall (minibus) Kingshouse
<b>24th April</b>	McLaren Hall Loch Circuit
<b>1st May</b>	McLaren Hall (Car share) Golf Club walk
<b>8th May</b>	Capercaillie Craignavie Road
<b>15th May</b>	Capercaillie River Dochart/Old Railway
<b>22nd May</b>	McLaren Hall (car share) Glen Lochay
<b>29th May</b>	McLaren Hall (minibus) Glen Ogle to War Memorial

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# Births



Reyss William Frost born 29th December weighing 7lb 14oz to Cameron Frost and Clair Neil and little brother to Alaya. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone for the cards and the lovely gifts received when Reyss was born.



Joseph David Lambert born 21st February to Paul & Cath, little brother for Jack & Susie, grandson for Liz Howard



Jaemii Skye Bush, sister to Danny Bush, born on 31st December-12 at 00.20 weighing 7lbs 20z, daughter of Natalie and William Bush



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## This and That

### Who's on the Map?

The BBC Scotland weather map usually shows different small places in Scotland each day in addition to the main cities. These are often unfamiliar and quite interesting but what are these places? Are they towns, villages or hamlets? Killin, Crianlarich and Tyndrum occasionally feature but in recent months a more common name from our area has frequently appeared – Portnellan. On the Ordnance Survey map Portnellan is no more prominent than Lix Toll or Ledcharrie – and less prominent than Ardchyle or Monemore! This prompts us to ask why does Portnellan appear? And why so often? There must be a reason!

### Duck Race

Saturday 4th May  
11am

Ducks cost £2 each  
available in various  
outlets  
in the village  
1st prize £50  
2nd prize £25  
3rd prize £15

### Community Newspaper Awards 2012

Stuart Lang won a Special Acknowledgement  
in Young Writer of the Year with the Killin News

The Killin News was awarded

Runner-Up in the Most Amusing Contribution category

Winner of the Best Photograph Supporting an Article category

Runner-Up in the Community Newspaper of the Year Award

Congratulations to all concerned

## Mobile Libraries

### Tyndrum/Crianlarich Fortnightly Fridays

Apr 12, 26, May 10, 24, June 7

#### Tyndrum

Station Road 10.50–11.10

Clifton 11.15–11.40

Mansefield 11.45–12.00

#### Crianlarich

Willow Square

12.05–12.35

Police Station & School

1.40–2.30

Benmore 2.35–2.55

Suie Lodge 3.05–3.25

### Glen Lochay/Ardeonaig Fortnightly Mondays

Apr 8, 22, May 6, 20, June 3

Glenlochay 10.50–12.30

Ardeonaig 2.00–2.45

### Perth and Kinross Fortnightly Mondays

Apr 8, 22, May 6, 20, June 3

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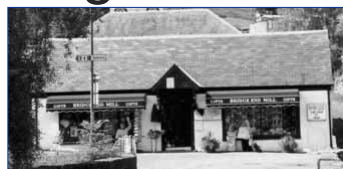
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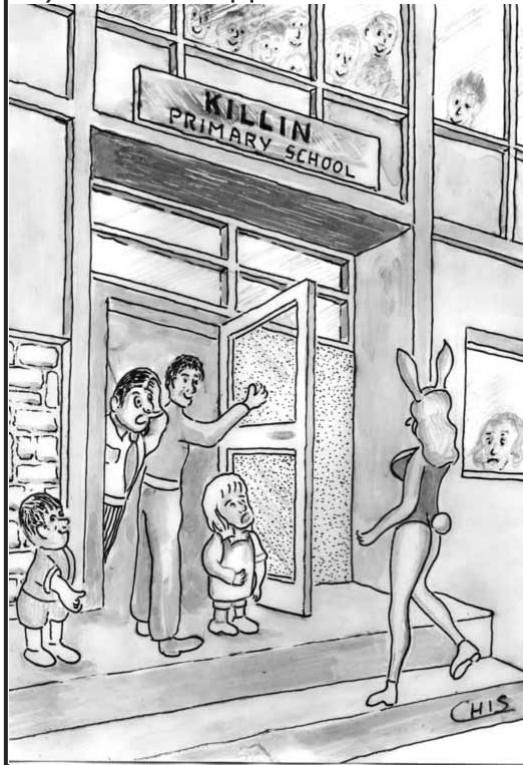
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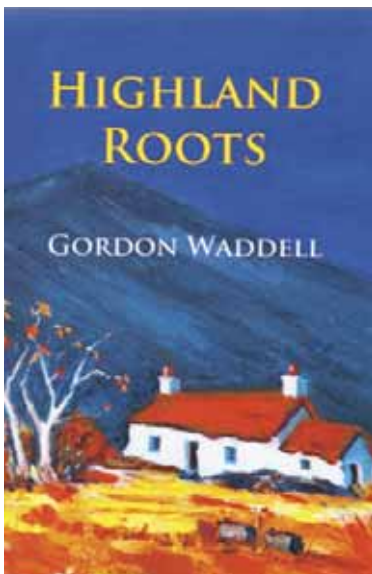
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magnificent £670  
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afternoon tea and  
cakes event.  
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Molly and Mary  
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# Local Planning Applications

## National Park

### Week 3 commencing 14 Jan

**Proposal:** Change of use of dis-used steading to form 2No. holiday units

Location: Leskine Farm Crianlarich Killin

Applicant: Mr Doug Ashbridge

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

### Week 4 commencing 21 Jan

**Proposal:** Erection of 7 No. holiday chalets and associated parking

Location: Land Opposite Bridge Of Lochay Hotel Killin

Applicant: Mr Greg Deacon

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

### Week 6 commencing 4 Feb

**Proposal:** Erection of agricultural storage shed

Location: Leskine Farm Crianlarich Killin

Applicant: Mr Douglas Ashbridge

Application Type: Agricultural and Forestry Notification

### Week 9 commencing 25 Feb

**Proposal:** Change of use and extension of former hotel to form 4no. dwellinghouses

Location: Tigh Na Bruach Hotel Main Street Killin

Applicant: Commercial First

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

**Proposal:** Erection of 25No. 'wigwam' holiday let accommodation units and 1No. facilities chalet (retrospective); and demolition and replacement of 3 wigwams.

Location: Auchtertyre Camping Site

Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr John Curry

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

### Week 10 commencing 4 Mar

**Proposal:** Temporary siting of 5no. staff accommodation caravans for 10yrs (retrospective)

Location: Drovers Inn Inverarnan Crianlarich

Applicant: Inverarnan Inns Limited

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Refuse

**Proposal:** Alteration and extension to form 9 additional ensuite bedrooms

Location: Stagger Inn Inverarnan Arrochar

Applicant: Mr Ernest Strang

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Decision: Approve

## Perth & Kinross Council

### 12 Jan 2013

**Proposal:** Change of use of first floor office to art studio/living accommodation

Location: The Big Shed Tombreck Lawers Aberfeldy

Applicant: Lochtayside Community

Interest Company

Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Pending Decision

### 30 Jan 2013

**Proposal:** Siting of 7 timber tents

Location: Lochtay Highland Lodges Killin

Applicant: Largo Leisure Parks

Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Pending Consideration

### 14 Feb 2013

**Proposal:** Fomation of a run-of-river hydro scheme and associated powerhouse

Location: Wester Tullich Hydro Scheme Ardeonaig

Applicant: Allt A Mheinn Partnership LLP

Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Pending Consideration

### 22 Feb 2013

**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

Applicant: Mr Rupert Barrett

Application Type: approval of matters spec major

Decision: approve the application

### 28 Feb 2013

**Proposal:** Extension to existing consent (02/01992/FUL) to site chalet for further 5 years

Location: Rynachulaig Farm Killin

Applicant: Mrs Kathy Freeman

Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Pending Consideration

## Stirling Council

Nothing to Report

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# What's On in Killin and District

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**Badminton**  
Mondays  
Crianlarich Hall

**Badminton**  
Mondays  
McLaren Hall

**Brownies**  
Mondays  
Lesser Hall

**Crianlarich Youth Group**  
Thursdays, Crianlarich Hall  
6.30 - 9.30pm

**Choir**  
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Church 7.30pm  
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**Internet Cafe**  
Tues, Wed and Friday  
Tyndrum Hall 11am-4pm

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

## May

- 1 Walk in the Park p34
- 2 - 8 National Hang Gliding Competition Big Shed
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**Internet Cafe**  
Thursdays  
Killin Library  
11am-4pm

**Knitting Group**  
Thursday  
Big Shed 2pm  
all welcome

**Softplay Club**  
Tuesdays  
Sports Pavilion  
12.30 - 2.30pm

**Tiddlers & Toddlers**  
1st and 3rd Thursdays  
Community Rooms  
10am - 12 noon

**Tai Chi**  
Wednesdays  
Tyndrum Hall  
9.30am

**Tai Chi**  
Thursdays  
Big Shed  
10.30am

## June

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

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10.30-noon

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