

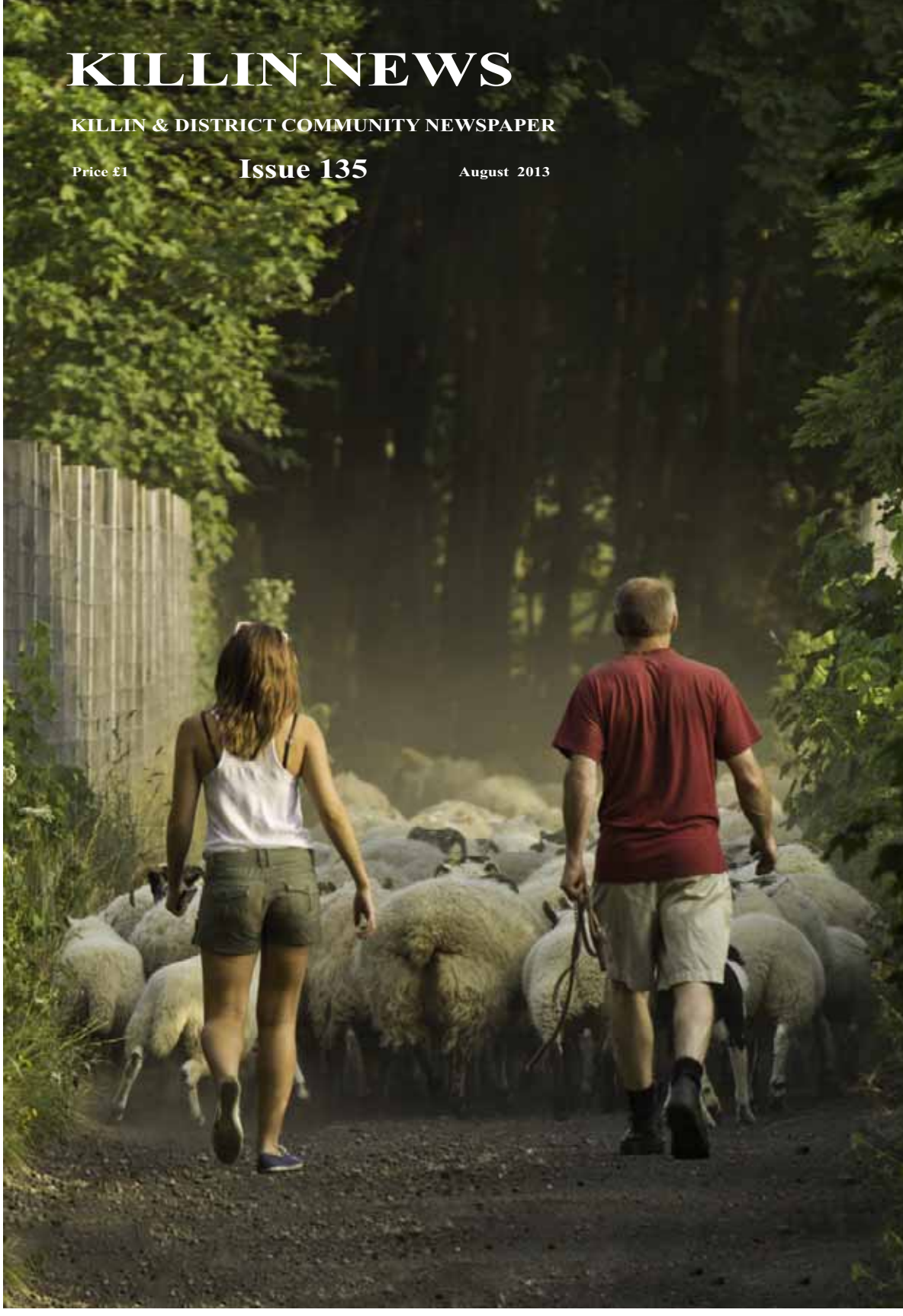
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Editorial

Summer is here bringing its quota of visitors. It is good to see business on the up following the relative quietness of the winter period. Volunteers have repaired and painted benches, tidied up grassy areas, picked up litter and created colourful displays of flowering plants making the village appear more inviting to visitors. On behalf of the community we would like to give them all, a vote of thanks.

Community developments, the Old Mill and MacGregors Market, are in action and attracting visitors. This is only the start of these ventures that are set to develop over the coming months as funding opportunities arise.

The Killin Action Plan (page 9) gives us further guidance and identifies opportunities to add to the attraction of the village. (Full copy available in the Library) This is a guidance document only. If you feel strongly about any of the points feel free to take up the issues of your choice.

The new goalposts in the park are proving popular with locals and visitors. However they appear to attract empty water bottles that would be much better placed in the rubbish bin near the gate.

Wildfires in the Scottish Highlands caused widespread problems in April this year. We are now experiencing extremely dry conditions and high temperatures. The forest undergrowth is tinder dry. Summer holidays are here. This leads to circumstances where campers and picnickers could easily start devastating fires by cooking, tossing away a cigarette, or even leaving empty bottles or glass on the ground. The photo below was taken alongside the Dochart, discovered during the morning with the fire still burning from the night before. This is a criminal offence that can put lives at risk. I don't think the people who do this read the Killin News.



The threat of public toilet closure still hangs over the village. A Feasibility Study has been funded by the National Park that will look into all the possibilities, problems and risks associated with the closure and how at least one public toilet could be maintained in Killin. Failing that would a bag it and bin it campaign be in order?

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Front page photo by Ron Allner

The Age of Communication?



Ron Alner

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The road closure

At the beginning of June news began to filter round the village that the road from the Bridge to just past the war memorial would be closed for resurfacing from 17th-21st from 9.00am to 6pm, thus effectively cutting Killin from its main access road. Questions were asked. What about deliveries of supplies to shops and the surgery? What about the school bus? What about emergency vehicles and hospital visits? What about loss of visitors in the tourist season to a village depending on tourism? Couldn't the work have been done at night or outside the tourist season? What about people cared for by carers working in both Killin and Lochearnhead or Crianlarich? And, most of all, why hadn't we been warned?

Emails and phone calls flew to our MP, MSP and Stirling Councillors and an emergency meeting was called in Callander. As a result the road was closed for only three longer days and work finished on the fourth with traffic lights controlling vehicles. Of course the village managed, as it has done before in emergency closures caused by landslides or accidents, but it was a quiet week in Killin and shops, cafes and B&Bs predictably lost custom.

The school bus was allowed through (with the occasional hiccup), some deliveries were made before 9am and non-essential journeys were postponed or made via the narrow Auchlyne Road or via Aberfeldy. Answers to some remaining questions were: nightwork was impossible with houses so close to the road – and also cost more in overtime: work had to be done in

the summer when temperatures were right for the road materials: June was considered less busy than the alternative of September. But why weren't even the people most affected told in good time?

Notification had been sent earlier that roadworks would be done on 17th June – not that the road would be closed for a week. Further communication was sent in late May to the Community Council at the Council contact point (the Chairman's home email) but she was on holiday. A notice was placed by Stirling Council in the Stirling Observer on 31st May – but few people in Killin take the Stirling Observer. There was also no clear understanding whether Stirling Council or the Community Council was responsible for notifying everyone else.

Stirling Council normally notifies the business forum which passes on news to businesses but unfortunately Killin has no such business organisation. One way and another in this case communications did not work.

As a result of this and the anger created, new systems have been put in place and in future there will be face-to-face consultation between Stirling and Community Councils when roadworks and closures are planned- and the Community Council will have more than one contact point.

The co-operation generated in dealing with the problem this time should help on future occasions.

The bus timetable

There have been recent changes in bus timetables and Killin News reported in the last issue that the C60 service between Callander and Killin would be withdrawn from Sunday 18th August – this was only partially correct. The error arose because the information sent out assumed that anyone reading it would know that the C60 ran on other days and was not just a Sunday service. We confirm that it is only the Sunday service of the C60 which will no longer run. For those of you who do not use computers, you can find local bus times at the Library, the Post Office or the Mill as well as at the bus shelters.

This is the age of rapid and instant communication but communications can still go wrong.

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Good News: We have great pleasure in thanking The Big Lottery for the Grant of £10,000 to enable us to employ a professional to help us prepare an informed bid to the Big Lottery for the development of the Mill and a further £10,000 to employ a Landscape Architect to prepare accurate plans to make a bid to the Big Lottery to develop the Breadalbane Park. After some years of planning, it's very encouraging to see progress. Both projects are now at the first stage.

KAT Support Worker

With financial support from LEADER, Stirling Council and the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park a part time Support Worker for KAT has been engaged until 28th January 2015. Theresa Elliott was selected and is now in post. Her duties involve working with the KAT Directors to help co-ordinate the four major projects, the Old Mill, Breadalbane Park, the Sports and Leisure Club and doing a space audit, i.e. identify what spaces are available for community use and how they could be used. Theresa will also be involved in activities related to these four areas and will produce reports on progress from time to time.

Currently she works for twenty hours per week but this will shortly be increased to twenty seven hours a week, the extra hours being used to support mill management.

Funding

£10,000 Funding for Investing In Ideas has been obtained from the lottery for the Old Mill. This is to employ a consultant Conservation Accreditation Architect to liaise with KAT and the community as a lead professional to assess what requires to be done to bring it up to a good state of repair and development to meet the needs of the community. The lead professional will develop the design and engage with the contractors required to complete the plans and identify the detailed costs of the work so that a further bid can be made by the community to the Lottery to obtain the finance to take the project forward and complete the development. We are looking for tenders for the work.

Finance is available from Community Spaces Scotland for the Breadalbane Park to engage a landscape architect and support team to review the work already performed by Conan Design and to refine the plans and costs for the next stage. This will involve further community consultations. The original plans far exceeded the

budget so priorities have to be made. Priorities include drainage, support for the Play Park developments and to make the Park suitable for the major events. The winning bidder will be considered for the second stage, if and when we acquire lottery funding, and will project manage the changes.

Killin Action Plan

The summary of the updated Killin Action Plan is reproduced in this edition (page 9). A copy of the report is held in the Library. An electronic copy will be sent by email to all members of KAT. Much of the work suggested in the report is either underway or has been tackled by individuals in the community. It shows what a vibrant community this is and how much we owe to those who are generous with their time and skills on our behalf. Thank you all community volunteers.

Why not become a KAT Member?

It costs only £1 and there is no annual fee. Memberships helps KAT to represent the community and allow those members to have an influence over the activities developed and run by KAT. Members are kept informed about KAT activities by email

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KAT Project Support Worker

I have been settling into my role over the past month and have set up a small office at the sports centre pavilion which I use for meetings and when required. I tend to work Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays though my hours vary on these days. I have met some of the volunteers that I will be supporting and am keen to meet up with the other groups in my remit.

The Old Mill

I have been introduced to the work of the volunteers in the thrift shop and the plans for redeveloping the Old Mill. There is a lot of work that the volunteers do behind the scenes of the thrift shop with the storing and sorting of all donated items, ensuring all electrical items are tested for safe use prior to being sold and restocking shelves making attractive displays. The Old Mill is moving forward and to help the group achieve its full potential they are looking for a manager to develop the project. As well as the day to day management of the thrift shop, the position will involve supporting and recruiting volunteers, training, accounting, arts and craft provision and a lot more. The Old Mill is looking for more volunteers to help in all areas of the

shop. Volunteers can help in either a one off event or by donating more regular time every month - it's up to you, all help is welcomed. If you want to know more, contact me and we can have a coffee and chat, or drop into the Old Mill and speak to one of the volunteers.

The Old Mill needs lots of work done to ensure it is kept up to a good standard. Funding has been received from the BIG Lottery to recruit professional consultants in the conservation of old buildings to help the Old Mill group see the potential of the building. This would include essential maintenance and any internal development required to make the building more accessible for all. It could even look at how the wheel could be a usable asset. This report could help get more funding to carry out the work required.

The Breadalbane Park Improvements

I have been fortunate to be starting this job at an exciting time with the Park Improvements group. This group has also been successful in receiving funding from the BIG Lottery. The funding is to employ architects who specialise in designing and developing parks. They will carry out consultations to finalise the park plan and put in another application to the BIG Lottery to get funding to actually develop the park.

This application has to be in by October so there's lots of work to be done over the next few months. We need as many people as possible to talk to the consultants so they know exactly how the community would like the park to look on completion. I'm looking forward to meeting and working with the Sports Pavilion group and starting work on the space audit.

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Killin Community Council July Meeting

Glenoglehead Development

A letter from MP Anne McGuire has outlined her actions. Tim Frost to follow up if no further response soon.

Trossachs National Park sign at the Bridge of Lochay Hotel

Greg Deacon is the current landowner. Owen McKee to follow up.

Pharmacy

The appeal date has been put back but not yet specified.

Falls of Dochart Bridge parapet

A date awaited for Stitt's to undertake full repair. Stirling Council will provide traffic management

Public toilets

KAT is undertaking a feasibility study on public toilets in Killin, considering all options and the potential health hazard of not providing public toilets. Stirling Council say they will close the toilets and have approached local businesses regarding the Comfort Partnership scheme, which offers funding of £500-£2,500 for businesses making their toilets open to the public. Some funding is available from the National Park to upgrade public toilets but this would not cover the ongoing costs. The National Park charges the public for using toilets but Stirling Council could not do this.

Breadalbane Forum

The Stirling Local Transport Strategy has issued a draft Towns, Villages and Rural Areas Transport Plan for 2013/14-2016 for consultation. Councillor Hayes strongly recommended a response given the recent cuts to the bus services. Mitchell's have been awarded the school

transport contract as their buses are all fitted with seat belts.

Community Council Elections

Nominations to be submitted by 25th October.

Traffic Speed in Lyon Road area

Fiona Kennedy has contacted Stirling Council Roads Manager Brian Roberts and Stuart Geddes. Councillor Hayes will follow up.

Coach Stop

Now with Stirling Council's Legal Department

Stirling Council Funding

Grants are available for growing edible borders, planting fruit trees and encouraging wild flowers. The information will be passed to the Floral Association and the Primary School.

Stirling Council

A new Complaints leaflet is available at the library.

Stirling Council Archives

Copies of old Community Council minutes are available from the archives.

Police Scotland

A review of Traffic Warden provision throughout Scotland is underway and the Community Council will be kept informed.

Taking Community Planning Forward

There will be a new date for this meeting sometime in August.

Glenogle Closure

Following the recent closure of the road for many hours because of an accident, it was proposed that the Resilience Plan be amended to include measures to ensure that school children can be

brought home in reasonable time. The police investigation could also be speeded up by having the appropriate equipment available sooner. Provision should also be made to ensure "Road Closed" signs are displayed at Lix Toll, Callander and any other relevant sites and local radio stations kept informed.

Resurfacing

Dougie Petrie raised the negative impact of this on local businesses and residents and stated that the road should not be closed during the day. Fiona Kennedy and Pamela Farquharson acknowledged the difficulties this created but only became aware of the proposed closure on the 24th May – earlier notification had been sent out by e-mail but not received, no hard copy was issued. They did attend a meeting with Stirling Council to ask for other options to be considered but were unsuccessful. The system of passing on information regarding dates of the proposed closures was insufficient. Councillor Hayes has raised a motion to improve the level of consultation with rural communities and the length of notice provided to Community Councils. She has written to Stirling Council to pass on local opinions regarding the closure and the impact it had. Charlie Grant stated that the efforts of Killin Community Council were not acknowledged and that all residents of Killin are able to contact Stirling Council individually.

Next meeting - Tuesday 10th September at Killin Primary School, 7.30

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Nomination papers will be available nearer the time but if in the meantime you would like to find out more about the role of a Community Councillor please contact either:

Fiona Kennedy, Chair Killin CC: 01567 820656

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Or Suzanne Player, Stirling Council Rural Development

Worker: 01567 20154

Give it a Go

It is now some years since an election took place for the Killin Community Council which has meant that anyone nominated has automatically been appointed without the community having a vote. The same stalwarts have coped with everything but at the moment the Council has only nine councillors instead of the permitted twelve, thus putting extra responsibility on the nine. It is possible that some of them may decide they need a well-deserved break from office, leaving even more vacancies. New or returning previous candidates are urgently needed for what could be a rewarding job. If you feel you could help make a difference to Killin, please consider standing for election and possibly also thereby giving the village a chance to make a choice. An active Community Council can change a community.

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Frost Report

Escape to the Country

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One species which is enjoying a widespread increase is the badger (could there be a link?). Lower Lough Erne in N. Ireland has seen its most successful bird breeding season in 2012 after installing badger aprons. These are not natty little outfits for

them when they serve your coffee but wire mesh buried around the R.S.P.B. reserve to prevent badgers digging in. A slightly less subtle approach was made by the same organisation when a licence was obtained from Natural England to kill 3 adult lesser black-backed gulls, destroy 76 nests, to prevent the hatching of 73 grey lag goose eggs by oiling them and to destroy 195 barnacle goose eggs. This has come to light through the freedom of information act. Crows, Canada geese, magpies and the eggs of black swans have also been destroyed by the same organisation which is also vociferous against the terms of the general licence permitting control of pests such as crows and pigeons by gamekeepers and farmers.

They had also spat out the dummy about a small scale shoot being allowed to destroy 4 buzzard nests to protect their pheasants. Obviously the safest place for the average bird may be on a reserve or maybe a shoot!

If you happen to be a wader, black

grouse, curlew, ring ouzel or lapwing looking for somewhere to set up home then a grouse moor is to be recommended. The traditional style of management with the rotational burning of heather, control of bracken, control of selected predators and regulated sheep grazing gives a habitat where large numbers live. And yet a recent 'State of Nature and Healthcheck' of the U.K.'s wildlife compiled by 25 conservation organisations took no input from gamekeepers and the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust even though a survey has shown that keepers manage more land than the combined forces of Natural England, R.S.P.B. and many others. Presumably the percentage would be even more for Scotland.

Maybe the R.S.P.B. could get a licence for some of the Loch Lomond islands where the increase in wild camping is thought to be the cause of very depleted numbers of capercaillie recently.

Rats have always had a tendency to outbreed their welcome and there are plans to ban some rat poisons. Who needs poison when a pack of Patterdale terriers can kill 1,603 rats in a day – and more humanely. This happened at a waste processing plant recently.

But where has Mr. Fox been this time? Apart from his usual lamb and chicken activities, he attacked a cat in Dundee causing it to have to have a leg amputated and had a fight with the actress Denise Welsh's bulldog – we believe he may have been winning on points till a pest controller turned up with a rifle.

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Breadalbane Park

Implement proposed improvements to Park, for residents and tourists of all ages

- * Key priority for the village – make sure it happens
- * Finalise masterplan, taking account of local consultation results
- * Provide for young people's outdoor and indoor activities
- * Secure funding for implementation

Lead and support players: Killin & Ardeonaig Trust, Park Users Group, Stirling Council

Visitor improvements

Smarten up village (particularly for visitors), improve visitor signage to/within Killin, ensure adequate toilet provision. Undertake feasibility study into toilet provision in the village as a whole and subsequently implement appropriate public toilet provision

- * Continue 'Ring of Breadalbane Explorer' bus service in summers 2013/14
- * Erect visitor information points in village and towards Loch Tay
- * Facilitate access to Macnab burial ground and island as key tourism asset Improve visitor signage from A85 at Lix Toll and east end of Loch Tay
- * Organise floral/planting/nature displays for summer 2013/14 (including school wildlife garden)
- * Encourage businesses/owners in village centre to keep buildings occupied and well-maintained (in line with the new Killin Conservation Area Management Plan)
- * Consider how Lyon Rd/bus turning circle could be improved for tourism, and feed comments into National Park's Main Issues Report consultation later in 2013 (see Background Note 4)
- * Organise a community 'Placecheck'

exercise in collaboration with National Park and Stirling Council (see Background Note 3) and implement subsequent action

- * Prepare tourism action plan
- Lead and support players:** Killin & Ardeonaig Trust, Killin Tourism Forum, Community Council, National Park, Stirling Council, VisitScotland, Scottish Enterprise, Business Gateway, Killin Floral Society

Walking & cycling

Improve walking and cycling routes in and around Killin for visitors and residents

- * Install more benches on paths, including north shore of Loch Tay into Perth & Kinross Council area
- * Identify route for path along Loch Tay and other improvements to the walking/cycling path network
- * Continue to work towards long term aim of cycle track to Crianlarich
- * Decide on other medium-longer term actions from Background Note 3
- * Undertake a community audit of footpath and cycle signage into and out of Killin

Lead and support players: Killin Tourism Forum, National Park, Killin & Ardeonaig Trust, Environmental Action Killin.

The Old Mill: Create income-generating operation & acquire building as a community asset.

- * Operate as viable enterprise to secure asset transfer?
- * Evaluate options for most appropriate long-term use of building

Lead and support players: Killin & Ardeonaig Trust, Stirling Council, National Park, Community Council.

MacGregor's Market: Re-open the shop as a sustainable social enterprise

- * Open proposed community shop/information point/toilets/café
- Lead and support players:** Killin Community Enterprises, Stirling Council National Park

The full report may be seen in the Killin Library or the KAT website www.killincdt.co.uk

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Strathfillan Development Trust



Saplings

All too soon the summer has flown by and another Saplings activities programme has come and gone. We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped make the days so successful. Thanks also go to Stirling Council for their grant of £315 towards the running costs and last but not least to the youngsters who came along and made the days such good fun.

Strathfillan Tubs

Once again the hard working volunteers have given us a wonderful display throughout the area. As well as the flower tubs there are vegetable planters to be harvested by the locals – you can't get fresher than that! A special mention must go to Alan and Eileen Smailes of Crianlarich who have put so much time and effort into the project.

CiA Heritage Paths Project

At the request of the Big Lottery we designed a project brief and invited six companies to tender for the work. We have received three tenders and at the time of writing we are putting together a tender report for the Big Lottery. They must approve any decision we make with regard to awarding the contract to complete the project. Hopefully by the time this goes to print all the various hurdles will be cleared and it will be time to put spades into the ground.

Old Mill Thrift Shop

Please don't forget to support the Thrift Shop – you never know what you may find there! If you have anything to donate but can't deliver it, please get in touch and I'll be happy to take it along.

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

Strathfillan Community Council

The AGM was held on 10th June when John Riley was re-elected as Chairperson and Alan Smailes as Vice-Chairperson. Moira Robertson and Mary Anderson both stepped down from their roles as secretary and treasurer respectively after many years' service. Isla Craig was elected as Minute Secretary but there were no nominations to fill the remaining posts. We are delighted that Alan Smailes and Charlie Urquhart have stepped into the breach as secretary and treasurer respectively and these positions were ratified at the meeting on July 8th.

John's Chair's report

It's apparent that our elected representatives, the Scottish Government, have decided that financial savings can be achieved by centralisation; as with the police and the fire service. It remains to be seen whether assurances about democratic accountability are experienced in practice. In my opinion centralisation can result in top down rigidity which destroys morale through the ranks, resulting in a considerable loss in efficiency unless an enlightened policy of

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federal decentralisation is applied. Similarly Stirling Council has seemingly decided that providing bus services to widely dispersed rural communities is relatively inefficient. May I recommend that the focus is shifted from departmental to area wide economics; particularly bearing in mind that tourism is a major industry both in Stirling and nationally?

The outstanding success of our community council can be attributed primarily to our philosophy of delegating both responsibility and authority to individuals and groups. It was unanimously agreed that a system of delegation of responsibility and authority is the best model for this CC as it helps to share actions with individuals and groups. This is the model we will continue to use. It was agreed that a document is needed to define responsibilities and decision making boundaries for delegated groups. John, Alan and Joyce Russell will review and revise the existing documents for further discussion at the next meeting.

Councillor Alycia Hayes' Report
Council is currently in recess. A full council meeting was held just prior to recess and motions passed re-blacklisting and review of welfare



Mary Anderson, John Riley and Moira Robertson at a ceremony in the Raploch Campus on 4th June receiving Long Service Awards presented by Stirling Voluntary Enterprise for twenty years Voluntary Service

reform bill. A motion was raised by Alycia regarding roads, based on recent road closures in Killin and others in area. This issue has been temporarily shelved, but will be raised again in the autumn. The proposal is to inform all CCs at the start of the financial year about works in their area and meet with key stakeholders to discuss timing of closures to minimise disruption. This proposal would emphasise the need

for SC to consult with affected communities.

The Killin road works experience highlights that agreements made during negotiations with community representatives need to be honoured by works teams.

The CC has an effective working relationship with Transport Scotland regarding communication and consultation on works to trunk roads in the area and this model could >



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Mervyn's Weather

For the first time since summer 2006 we are enjoying sunny and calm conditions which have lasted more than about three days – long may this continue!

On a recent visit to Ulster, in order to launch a project for the control of bracken by helicopter spraying, it was interesting, to say the least, to see some of the havoc wreaked by the blizzards of late March/early April. This band of very heavy snowfall stretched from Derbyshire and parts of Wales, Isle of Man, parts of Galloway, through Arran and Kintyre. Perhaps the worst conditions were endured in north east Ulster, Mountains of Mourne and the Antrim Glens, the area in which we were working last week. The heavy snowfall was accentuated by severe south east gales which piled up the snow on the lee sides of high ground to depths of forty feet or more. Nor did the lower ground escape, as many of the inbye flocks were starting lambing. Sheep sheds

were flattened by weight of snow, many ewes and lambs newly released were buried, fences and dykes rendered useless and so on. Subsequent to the partial thaw, the lack of grass – which we endured here too – was detrimental to the well-being of sheep, and indeed cattle, which must be fed extra and expensive fodder and concentrates. Now however, while many hill farmers in the worst affected areas are licking their wounds, hay/silage making and ewe clipping are going on apace. In order to comply with the image of grumbling farmers the present warm/hot weather can be a handicap to men and dogs gathering and handling sheep, hence the tradition of setting off in the very early morning, when it was more acceptable to men, dogs and sheep, before the heat of the day.

Mervyn K Browne
Ardtalnaig



Tony Ffinch

We were sorry to learn of the death on 18th June of former councillor Tony Ffinch, who for many years was one of the councillors representing Killin. Mr Ffinch is survived by his wife Christine and children Corrine, Allison and Antonia. He also was father to the late Jeremy.

A memorial service will be held at St Andrew's Church, Callander, on Monday, 5th August, at 11am



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Kiltirye Trail

A new archaeological trail on the lower slopes of the Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve reveals the landscape's hidden story. Like many hillsides across Scotland, the Kiltirye area on the slopes of Ben Lawers are now almost completely unpopulated and are mainly used for grazing. This was not always the case – the area was once well-populated by families making their living through farming on the Laird's land.

Ben Lawers is scattered with the archaeological evidence including homes, agricultural enclosures and travel routes.

The Trust has now created the Kiltirye Hidden History Trail which is a self-guided walk around some of these features. Walkers follow a way-marked trail mapped in a leaflet to discover a series of archaeological features on the hillside.

The walk highlights the evidence of settlement in the 18th and 19th centuries and how the population and approach to land distribution changed over this period. It is a story very typical to the Central Highlands in particular, but it applies

to much of the rest of Scotland too, with similar remains to be found in numerous glens.

At first glance, it might appear that there is nothing remarkable about this spot at Kiltirye. Much of the archaeological evidence is now covered in vegetation and could be mistaken for a pile of stones, but it actually tells us a great deal about the social and cultural history of this area.

Kiltirye Hidden History Trail is located approximately 6 miles east of Killin, below Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve. The site is free to visit and the walk takes around one hour to complete across rough and sometimes boggy terrain. Stout footwear is strongly recommended.

Illustrated Talks Programme

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

Wednesday 7th August; Habitat Management in Norway

Paul Thompson, Ranger Naturalist at Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve, reflects on what we can learn from the Norwegian approach to management.

Wednesday 21st August; Ben Lawers, More than a Munro

Helen Cole, Senior Ranger Naturalist talks about conserving one of Britain's top Nature Reserves.

Green Team

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Duration: 2 hours

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

Bring: Wellies and waterproofs.

Meet: 10.30 am Ben Lawers NNR car park.

Friday 9th August:

Moth Night

A chance to see some of the moths of the mountains as they are attracted to our harmless light traps. The rangers will be returning to the traps on Saturday morning to inspect the overnight catch and you are welcome to join them again then.

Duration: As long as you like

Cost: adults £2, children £1

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

Meet: 8.30pm Ben Lawers NNR car park.

Wednesday 14th August:

An introduction to navigation

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

Requires a reasonable level of fitness.

Duration: 6 hours

Cost: adults £15, children £7.50.

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

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

Wednesday 28th August:

Hillside safari

Experience the rich flora of the lower slopes of this famous botanical nature reserve and the varied wildlife flourishing in restored native plant communities.

Duration: 2½ hours.

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Meet: 1.30pm Ben Lawers NNR car park. No need to book.

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It was soon clear that it was going to be a fantastic day as the sun was already burning through the morning cloud. Our route this year started with a parade down the Main Street where it was great to see so many people of all ages out to cheer on the tractors. We then set off down the Ardeonaig road where we met a Bentley Car rally coming in the opposite direction. Some drivers were very twitchy as the tractors squeezed past the very expensive cars. Finally, after what seemed a lifetime we made it to Bridge of Balgie tea room for lunch kindly supplied by Becky and her team of volunteers. After lunch the tractors continued on up Glen Lyon and over the bumpy and steep hill road into Glen Lochay before returning to Kinnell for a nice cold drink, delicious home baking and a raffle with many great prizes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated money, raffle prizes, baked cakes and, of course, to the team of helpers during the day. The fantastic sum of £1,623 has been raised and handed in to Yorkhill - our biggest amount to date, so well done everyone and here's to next year!

Donald Macaskill

Bob MacGregor Memorial Trial

The Bob MacGregor Memorial Trial was held on 1st and 2nd June
The Premier Award winner, as last year, was Joshua Woods from Haydock who finished 1st on 31 points, Stephen Larkin 2nd on 69 points and John Charlton 3rd on 71 points.

Local Entries:

Robert Lafferty won the Gordon MacGregor Memorial Cup Youth A Class
Andrew Anderson finished 4th in the Premier Class
Gareth Palmer (Ardeonaig) came 2nd in Non Expert Class
Neil Forsyth finished 5th in the Novice Class
Harry McRobbie and Jonathan Devlin competed in the Blue Route Novice Class
Patrick Palmer (Ardeonaig) 4th in the Over 40s Blue Route
Michael MacLaren competed in the Over 40s Green Route
Bronwyn Palmer (Ardeonaig) competed in the Youth A Class

Many thanks to all the landowners who kindly give their permission to use their land, to all the observers, officials, for the help offered from friends, Next year we are applying to hold the Trial on 31st May and 1st June 2014, so get the dates in the diary now.

Karen Lafferty



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Nat Felgate and his team mate Peter White were among a record number of people who competed in this year's Artemis Great Kindrochit Quadrathlon. Participants are required to swim to the north shore of Loch Tay, run or walk seven munros, kayak seven miles and cycle thirty four miles to the finish line. Scottish adventurer and round the world cyclist, Mark Beaumont and his team-mate, Bruce Duncan, completed the course in the fastest time, in just eight hours and thirty seven minutes. The team from Largs completed the course in fourteen hours forty four minutes and forty nine seconds. Bruce was the oldest competitor to compete in the event. Both Nat and Peter work for the



Abernethy Trust, Nat in Ardeonaig and Peter in Ardgour, and have trained extensively in the local area. "It was one of the toughest days of our lives but the stunning views and our unbreakable team spirit got us through in the end, commented Nat. "We're delighted to have supported such great charities to tackle hunger and poverty in hot spots around the world."

The Artemis Great Kindrochit supports two charities: Mercy Corps' works to improve the lives of

those living in the city slums in Indonesia and Mary's Meals works to feed 755,000 children in schools around the world. Since the event was launched thirteen years ago by Perthshire-based outdoor adventure challenges company WildFox Events, almost £6 million has been raised for charity.

WildFox Events' managing director, David Fox-Pitt said, "Participants hope to raise £250,000 from today's event and with match funding from the European Commission, we hope to take this figure to a staggering £850,000! This has only been made possible due to the dedication of those that took part, the generosity and encouragement of their supporters, and of course the many volunteers who have helped make this event such a success."

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For Activities Week I went horse riding then took a tour up the Wallace Monument. It all started on Thursday 30th May when I was taken to a riding club outside Stirling.

Once I was signed in and met my horse called Toby I went round the arena (rather slowly and I thought this was easy) and then I went outside into the countryside. Toby was led by instructors so he walked at a nice walking pace. I was then taken to be shown all the other horses and some of the carriages afterwards. I also watched a farrier, who was replacing shoes on



Top Team

Finn Rhys and Duncan Lloyd, Deputy Head Boys; Daniel Speirs Head Boy; Mr Martin, Headteacher; Samantha Boyle, Head Girl; Charlotte Kindig and Nicola Allan, Deputy Head Girls

certain horses. I found this very interesting. Then Mrs Dowds, Mrs Steadman and I went to a garden centre for lunch. The next day we set off to the Wallace Monument. It took some time to climb all the way up a steep hill (and that was before we started to climb the monument) but we got there and then we had to climb 246 steps to the top of the Wallace Monument. Afterwards Mrs Dowds, Mrs Steadman and myself had a picnic in the Causewayhead Park.

Adam Watson S2



On Saturday 1st June the sun shone for most of the day for the McLaren High School PTA bookstall. After much running around setting up tables and gazebos we were ready for a day of selling, chit chat and laughter. Tourists and locals stopped to browse our fantastic range of books and have a chat and we managed to raise £231.



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The traditional plough was topped by Finlay MacAskill, with Stuart Christie second and Robert Waugh third. The modern reversible plough was won by Fraser Wilson with Robert Grant second.

The overall winner was Finlay MacAskill.

Chairman Sandy Taylor thanked all for attending and the day was rounded off with a supper at The Old Flax Mill.

Shearing Competition

Auchlyne was the venue for the annual local and open shearing competition on the evening of 28th June.

The local section was won by Sandy MacKellar with Billy Ronald second and Richard Lewis third.

The Open competition was won by Sandy MacKellar with Scott Wilson second and Billy Ronald third.

The overall winner was Sandy MacKellar followed by Scott Wilson. The best up and coming shearer was Alan MacKenzie.



Alex Stewart

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Remember the Scarecrow Competition is new this year, register at News First, the entries to be in place by Monday 12th with the judging on Friday 16th. Don't forget the Go-Karts so make sure the finishing touches are done and paint dry by the show day.

The Comrie Pipe Band will lead the parade from the Dochart Bridge at 12.30pm followed by Vintage Tractors, the Fancy Dress and the Go-Karts. In the evening Full Steam Ahead will play in the marquee from 7.00pm to midnight with a Grand Raffle to round off the day.

Action on Drainage

A decision has been taken by the Show and the Highland Games Committees to improve the drainage in the field adjacent to the Breadalbane Park.

The open ditches on the slope of the hill to the west of the park, which were dug many years ago to channel the surface run off and seepage, have become blocked and filled in. This has created a bog area close to the park with water flowing over the park boundary.

A contractor has been engaged to clear these ditches and ensure there are clear channels to take the water from the hillside into the existing drains and clear of the most used areas of the park.

The cost is being met jointly by the two organisations and the work will help to resolve local drainage problems.

Alex Stewart
Show Committee

Big Shed News

The Big Shed has been popular during the summer months and is looking very different with the newly sown grass making the area to the front much smarter. The beautiful views over Loch Tay have attracted visitors far and wide to book the venue for parties and events. It certainly is proving to be very versatile.

Young traditional musicians from Plockton School of Excellence gave a fantastic showcase concert in June to a full house and it was amazing to see so much home grown talent. They hope to return to The Big Shed as part of their tour of Scotland and the youngsters claimed that the catering was the best they had experienced in the whole of Scotland!

The kitchen is now in daily use with large quantities of bread being baked and distributed to Aberfeldy, Tombreck Farm Shop and the Community Café in Killin. It has been hired for outside catering events on a regular basis and delicious soups and snacks are created from the local produce on offer.

An exciting new regular class has been set up at The Big Shed by two local ladies. Core synchronisation and massage sessions are taking place in the hall every Tuesday (12-6pm) and are proving to be very popular. If you would like to book a session phone Lauri 07766395491 or Gabriela (massage) 07425205420 direct. Yoga is re-starting on Friday 16th August at 10.30-12noon after several evening sessions in July and Tai Chi continues through August every Thursday 10.30-12noon

Future events:

Saturday 5th Oct 7.30pm Rallion in Concert

Sunday 6th Oct 10am-4pm Yoga Day with tutor Sue Atkinson

Saturday 9th November 10am-4pm Yoga Day with tutor Sahita

Saturday 16th November 7.30pm Baby Isaac returns with a jazz night

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August - September
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14/8/13	McLaren Car park	Loch Circuit or old Railway if wet
21/8/13	McLaren Car park (car share)	Glen Lochay
28/8/13	Capercaillie	Kinnell Circuit
4/9/13	McLaren Car Park	Glen Ogle
11/9/13	Capercaillie	River Dochart/Old Railway
18/9/13	McLaren Hall (car share)	Glen Lochay

Walking is a safe activity especially for those who have not been active for some time. Walking in a group is a great way to start walking more and stay motivated. All adults should aim to be active for at least 30 minutes a day on 5 days of the week. This could be in bouts of 10 minutes or more. Killin Walk in the Park can help you to start slowly and build up gently. It's also a great way to meet new friends and be part of the community. Walking can reduce the risk of heart disease and some cancers, lower the risk of strokes, improve mood and reduce the risk of depression. In older adults walking helps to protect joints and reduce the risk of falls.



Callander Photo Club

Callander Photo Club has grown from our first meeting in May 2012. We now have an active list of twenty five members and are busily making plans for our second year of activities beginning in September. We are a relaxed friendly group with goals of learning more about our cameras and the art of photography. Please join us as we grow and develop. Meetings are in the back room of the Waverley Hotel on Callander Main Street at 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month:

11th September

9th October

13th November

11th December

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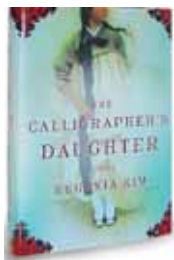
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Book Reviews

The Calligrapher's Daughter by Eugenia Kim



In Korea at the beginning of the 19th century Najin Han, the privileged daughter of a calligrapher, longs to

choose her own destiny. Smart and headstrong, she is encouraged by her mother, but her stern father is determined to maintain tradition, especially as the Japanese steadily gain control of his beloved country. When he seeks to marry fourteen year old Najin into an aristocratic family, her mother defies generations of obedient wives and instead sends her daughter to serve in the king's court as a companion to a young princess. However the king is soon assassinated and the centuries old dynastic culture comes to its end. In the shadow of the dying monarchy, Najin begins a journey through increasing oppression that will

change her world forever. As she desperately seeks to continue her education, will the unexpected love she finds along the way be enough to sustain her through the violence and subjugation her country continues to face? Spanning thirty years, "The Calligrapher's Daughter" is an exquisite novel about a country torn between ancient customs and modern possibilities, a family ultimately united by love and a woman who never gives up her search for freedom.

Jennifer Morris
Killin Book Club

Highland Roots by Gordon Waddell

This is an amazing book - not just another book on Scottish history but our history, a story about Dalgirby cottage and our own Glen Lochay. Gordon spent three years researching and writing this book and the information and evidence he has gathered is second to none. He takes us on a journey through time from the Iron Age, the Romans, Medieval times, the Lairds of Glenorchy, the Earls of Breadalbane, right up to the Hydro Scheme. There is so much information in this book

yet it does not read like a text book as the personal touch is always present.

The book really shows how hard life must have been in the past and just how remote and cut off the community that lived in Upper Glen Lochay was. This is a great insight into our area with wonderful detail about farming, estate records, wars, medicine, the kirk, education and survival.

As to Dalgirby itself, I loved reading about Gordon's first encounter with the cottage, camping there with the Scouts in 1963 over the snowy

Easter weekend. The rebuilding of the cottage after he bought it in 1982 which took three summers and two winters. The camping out on the floor and all the various people who came to help including the Scouts. What a labour of love it was.

This has been such an enjoyable read and I know I shall pick it up again many times.

Sally Connor
Sequel Book Club

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2nd: Caroline Henderson (Aberfeldy) 79
3rd: Suzanne Graham (Pumpherstoun) 82

Handicap

Winner gets Killin Cup

- 1st: Jean Faichney (Killin) 59
2nd: Liz Stevens (Killin) 65 BIH
3rd: Marion McRae (Killin) 65

Bridge of Lochay Salver

(Best Local Handicap)
Jean Faichney 59

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Carol Church (Dalmally)

Longest Drive Silver

Laura Aitken (Killin)

Longest Drive Bronze

Sandra Johnson (Kilbirnie Place)

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Improving the village

Perhaps you have noticed a few improvements that have been made to brighten up the village. The tubs have been painted and are now looking bright and colourful with summer flowers. Thanks to the Floral Committee and Charlie Grant (for painting). The seats in Monemore, Old Mill and Pier Road have all been repaired and painted thanks to John Sinclair and Allan Chisholm. The garden at the Old Mill has been cleared and replanted by Sheila MacEwan - thank you, Sheila. Thanks also to Duncan MacKinnon for his help and Jenny Bramall for shelving and chairs. There are many people in the village who volunteer and give their time to many things. A very special big thank-you to you all. **JF**



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Floral Association

Once again we have been planting up the tubs around the village and thinking about the Killin Floral Associations' annual floral awards. Many thanks to all who donated a magnificent total of £280 towards the purchase of the plants for this summer. Categories for our annual competitions:

Domestic category for village gardens, including tubs and hanging baskets. A chance for you to show off your gardening skills.

Commercial - floral displays outside businesses and other commercial properties.

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

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

We currently have vacancies on the committee, so anyone who is interested please come and join us. We meet only about four times a year, are a friendly bunch and would be happy to welcome you. **Alicja Fraser**
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Ring of Breadalbane Explorer



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Passenger questionnaires are available on all buses and have been very helpful in getting a feel for what is going well and what needs to improve. So far most passengers take the bus to see the beautiful scenery of Breadalbane and to stop off at the various 'things to do' around the Ring. 60% of passengers have said that they would not have gone out and about if the service had not been available. The most talked-about stop-off points so far have been Auchingarrich Wildlife Park, the Farmers Market at Aberfeldy and the tour at Dewar's World of Whisky.

The Explorer runs every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday until 20th October on a route passing the attractive towns and villages and stopping at key visitor attractions such as the Action Glen at Crieff Hydro, Highland Safaris, Auchingarrich Wildlife Centre, Dewar's World of Whisky, the Birks Cinema and The Scottish Crannog Centre.

The Explorer now also operates feed-in and take-home services at the beginning and end of the day from and to Coupar Angus, Blairgowrie, Dunkeld, Ballinluig and Perth.

There are many discounts and offers available to Explorer passengers this year. The Breadalbane Tourism Co-operative has developed a range of itineraries, 'Day Trips Made Easy' which will help passengers to decide upon their perfect day out. With an enormous amount of activities available visitors will be spoilt for choice! To book bikes on the Explorer contact the operator, Smith & Sons Coaches, at 01828-626262 or email info@smithandsoncoaches.co.uk.

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The end of Windows XP

Microsoft have announced that they will be terminating support for Windows XP on 8th April 2014. What this means is that there will be no further security patches or updates for this operating system from that date. Windows XP has undoubtedly been a good tool in the IT market for over 10 years – but now it's time has come. Newer operating systems fully take advantage of better and faster hardware and this results in much faster performance than XP can handle. For those of us who still use XP, we should now start planning upgrading hardware and software to new platforms. I expect from early next year other software providers will also stop releasing their products for release on Windows XP and, in order to benefit from these products, we will have to upgrade. It is my strong recommendation that you upgrade before April 2014. If you do not you will be prone to security attacks as anti-virus software will not be updated on XP.

For businesses that use XP, I firmly believe you must upgrade and I would suggest you do so before the end of this year. Please note that moving from

Windows XP to a more modern operating system might mean you have to upgrade other software as well – e.g. accounting packages and office software. Also, if you have old printing or scanning hardware, you may well have to upgrade these.

There will be a learning curve when upgrading and you will need to bear this in mind. Not only does Windows XP look different to the modern operating systems, but also software packages look and behave differently.

Windows 8.1 is coming

We should see a new release of Windows 8 in the autumn, designated Windows 8.1. This version is still designed for touch devices, e.g. tablets and smart phones, but it does have slightly better support for desktop users. I am not sure how it will be received but industry experts have stated that if you dislike Windows 8, you will still dislike Windows 8.1.

For me, I am getting used to Windows 8 - I still think it could have been designed better, but I am sort of happy with it. It is clear that this is the way the market is heading, so I guess desktop users will just have to live with whatever Microsoft offer us.

Future of keyboard-less Computing

The chip manufacturer, Intel, has acquired the Israel-based company, Omek Interactive, a firm that specialises in software and develops tools to allow recognition of the user's hand and body movements. This software could be integrated into any computer, household

and gaming devices which could, theoretically, be controlled with a flick of the wrist, a nod or a wink. This, along with voice recognition systems could easily mean we move one step nearer to the computers we have seen on TV programmes like Star Trek. I wonder how long it will be before we have a fully functional office computer that does not need a mouse or keyboard to function effectively? Perhaps soon the repetitive strain injury related to too much keyboard use might be a thing of the past.

Android and Security

Recently, security problems have been found with some versions of the Android operating system (typically used in many mobile phones and tablets). These problems, or vulnerabilities, are severe and could mean hackers can access your phone by infecting apps before you install them. These apps might well appear genuine, but hackers could take advantage of this security vulnerability and change the app and the way it is installed so that a virus can be installed on your device. There are updates to Android operating systems that protect against these vulnerabilities but the phone providers often take time to release these updates to the market. Google, however, scan their "Play Store" to ensure all the apps on their store are free from these infections. Other app providers might not be as proactive as Google – so please beware.

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Letters

Missing Rabbits

In late May whilst on one of our many trips up to Killin, my wife and I both commented on the lack of rabbits in the area. Not one seen in Glen Dochart or in Glen Lochay. Does Mr Frost have any explanation for this? I look forward to hearing his ideas on the subject.

G. Dodd
Normanton
Yorkshire

Is Killin being ignored?

I have stayed in Grey Street Killin for eight years now and have noticed a general decline in the village. Every town and village in Scotland is suffering, I know, but Killin, being on the outskirts of Stirlingshire, is suffering even more. In my opinion – and that of many others in the village – Killin is being ignored and forgotten by Stirling Councillors and politicians in general. This attitude by people in authority in Stirling, is shown in the road management of Killin when compared with the other villages in the area. In villages Doune, Strathyre and Lochearnhead, a traffic calming policy is in place with 40mph signs, well before the 30mph speed limit sign. After that there is an electronic

flashing sign of 30mph reminding motorists that they are in a built up area. There are no calming policies in place at the western end of Killin, and very few at the other end. The 30mph sign at the western end of the village is sited right at the start of a bad right hand bend which blocks any view into Dochart Road and motorists are upon the 30mph sign and into Dochart Road and the village before they have time to slow down. The very least that could be done would be to move the 30mph signs a hundred yards or so back from the corner, thereby slowing drivers down before they hit the village. Then there is the traffic police presence in these villages. Police measuring speed limits seem to be present in Lochearnhead twice per week, regularly in Strathyre and Doune and very seldom in Killin. So why not Killin? These other villages have much wider roads than we have in Grey Street where if two lorries meet, they often have to mount our property to get past each other. Why should one village on the edge of Stirlingshire, be without traffic calming in such a busy street?

David W Robertson

(Extract from letter to Stirling Council)

Getting Us out of a Hole

Three Killin News committee members would like to thank three Killin good Samaritans for extracting vehicles from holes on three recent occasions. It good to know that there are knights in shining armour still in our community.

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Summer Fest

Callander & West Perthshire U3A celebrated the conclusion of its first year with a splendid Summer Fest in Callander Kirk Hall on 15th June. Despite the appalling weather outside, the hall was full of festive colour, fun and friendly people ready to inform the many visitors about U3A, its aims and objectives, by demonstrating the great variety of



Callander and West Perthshire U3A

interests pursued by its members who now number almost 170. There were videos and slide shows, exhibitions of Art, Photography and Creative Stitchery, performances by the Country Dancing and Singing for Pleasure groups and even a sketch in French. Many potential members showed their interest in current or new courses and took away leaflets and the timetables for the year starting in September. Teas, coffees and home baking were served

throughout the day and thanks to all the U3A members who provided the delicious array of food. The group leaders and committee are to be congratulated on the day's achievements which have entailed so much hard work and gained great reward.

The next important date
Friday 30th August at Callander Youth Project, AGM at 2.00pm, Enrolment for 2013/14 at 3pm

Enrolment Fees set to tumble!

At a recent committee meeting it was agreed that having completed our first year with a healthy membership of 167 we could offer a reduction in next year's fees.

A proposal will be put to the AGM: to set the fee at **£12** for the year 2013/14 and to offer members of any other U3A a reduced fee of **£7** (on proof of such membership). There is no obligation for members to attend the AGM but we hope that a large number will come in order to elect a new committee and to ratify the decision on fees for the next year. As this has been our first year we have only had a steering committee and all posts are available viz: Chairman, Vice Chairman,

Secretary, Treasurer, Interest Group Coordinator and Membership Secretary, together with committee members responsible for Publicity, Social Events, the Newsletter, the Website and a Members' Contact who acts as a hub for collecting and passing on information via the members' e-mail list. Anyone wishing to stand for election at the AGM must send in their details, together with names of a proposer and seconder to the Secretary by **16th August**. Nomination forms are obtainable from any member of the steering committee.

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Walk for Yorkhill

I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me on my walk on the West Highland Way for Yorkhill Children's hospital. I left Milngavie on 29th June and arrived at Fort William on 3rd July. Money is still coming in so please keep an eye out for next month's issue when the amount raised will be announced. The support I received has been overwhelming and as a result I might make this an annual event. A special thank you to Helen MacGregor for

helping me obtain the right footwear, my wife Fran and family for all the support and help along the way, Bobby and Karen Lafferty for essential equipment such as waterproof bivvy bag, roll mat, map, midge spray and net without which I would have been eaten alive, Stuart Watson for the loan of a dry sleeping bag, Andy and Muriel Martin at Rose Cottage Inverarnan for allowing me to pitch my tent in their garden, Dougie and Liz from News First, Kay

Riddell, Liz from the Falls of Dochart Inn, the Pound shop who advertised my walk. Also for the night at the Drovers with drums and tunes with Gerry McCarron, Dochie MacDonald, Carol MacKecknie, Yvonne Gillies and Duncan MacKinnon who played some music, for the bottle of whisky and breakfast at the Drovers and the Kingshouse. Finally to Milrochay Bay for not charging me for my overnight stay.

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Local Planning Applications

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Proposal: Installation of replacement intake for run-of-river hydro scheme
Location: Inverchaggernie Farm Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr Peter Christie

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

07 Jun

Proposal: Erection of conservatory extension to dwellinghouse
Location: Stoneycroft 24 Manse Road Killin

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Ireland

Application Type: Householder Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

27 Jun

Proposal: Construction of 0.8km of permanent access track
Location: Upper Falloch Hydro Scheme Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr David Lowes

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

27 Jun

Proposal: Construction of 6km of permanent access track
Location: Derrydarroch Hydro Scheme Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr David Lowes

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

05 Jul

Proposal: Installation of 4 replacement windows

Location: Loch Tay Cottage Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mrs Lesley Syme

Application Type: Householder Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

08 Jul

Proposal: Amendment to Condition No.1 of planning permission 2008/0063/DET thus extending the time period for erection of dwellinghouse

Location: Tayview Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mr Colin McRae

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

Perth & Kinross Council

03 Jun

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

Location: Wester Tullich Hydro Scheme Ardeonaig

Applicant: Alt A Mheinn Partnership LLP

Application Type: planning

permission local

Decision: approve the application

Stirling Council

14 Jun

Proposal: Erection of a dwelling house for site manager

Location: Land East and Adjacent To Killin Log Cabins Killin

Applicant: Mr Bradley

Application Type: Full

Decision: Pending Consideration

Killin 10K Run 24th August

A 10K event and family fun run is taking place in Killin on Saturday 24th August 2013 at 12pm. The event offers all budding runners and local residents the opportunity to get involved as a participant, volunteer or business and help raise money for local charities. Whether you want to walk, jog or run – everyone is welcome. Further details from Pete Waugh www.tayfitness.com

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50 Years a'curling



Chrissie Fenton and Mairi MacColl have received medals from the Royal Caledonian Curling Club for fifty year continuous membership of the Royal Club and their mother club. They have both supported Breadalbane (Killin) Curling Club over the years and in the early days were encouraged to curl with the

Glendochart Club. Peter and Donald Stewart of Luib Hotel, along with Jimmy Christie of Auchlyne and Donald Campbell of Ledcharrie all encouraged the ladies to join with them at curling during the hard winters of the early sixties when outside ice was the norm. Many a 'guid game' was enjoyed on

the Acharn Pond and on the river Dochart opposite. The craic was always of good humour and the support of the canny nature. 'You'll make a curler yet' could be heard whispered from an experienced mouth.

Chrissie and Mairi, having had an apprenticeship with the 'masters' of the ice were then asked officially by Hall Farquharson to join the Killin Club in 1963. At this time the Killin Club was badly in need of members and Hall encouraged a lot of ladies to join.

May Wallace, Rachel Hunter, Molly McRobbie and Margaret Marquis were among many ladies who joined around this period.

The rink of May, Chrissie, Rachel and Mairi skipping, would compete, with great success, in such competitions as the Love Trophy and The Scottish Open to name but a few.

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Celebrations

Birth



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Wedding



Sean Russell to Monta Ervalde in Latvia on 14th June

Graduation



Sean Paterson, son of David and Mayumi Paterson of Dochart House, Killin, graduated on 19th June 2013 from Heriot Watt University with a Masters Degree with Distinction in Mechanical Engineering. He also won the Chevron Prize for the best student in a team environment. More than ten years earlier, Sean had studied Cell Biology at London University but failed to graduate. He then worked for Threshers, the wine merchants and became one of their youngest-ever area managers. He wanted to be out of London,

however, and came to Killin to work with his father in his photographic business, before doing a stint at Loch Tay Highland Lodges. His success at Heriot Watt is a result of a lot of very hard work, not least because he did not initially have the correct school qualifications for entry to the course so had to study part-time for a year to get Scottish Higher maths and physics before starting on the 5-year mechanical engineering university course. Sean is now working in the Glasgow office of the Wood Group and is frequently home in Killin.



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What's On in Killin and District

August

- 6 NTS Guided Walk for children (p 15)
- 7 NTS talk Lynedoch 8pm (p 14)
- 7 Walk in the Park (p 23)
- 7 Highland Games (p 7)
- 8 Green Team (p 14)
- 9 NTS Moth night (p 15)
- 11 Fingalferly Breadalbane Park
- 14 NTS Guided Walk (p 15)
- 14 Walk in the Park (p 23)
- 17 Agricultural Show Breadalbane Park
- 20 NTS Guided Walk for children (p 15)
- 21 NTS talk Lynedoch 8pm (p 14)
- 21 Walk in the Park (p 23)
- 22 Green Team (p 14)
- 24 10K Run (p 32)
- 28 NTS Guided Walk (p 15)
- 28 Walk in the Park (p 23)
- 30 Callander U3A (p 30)

Internet Cafe

Tues, Wed and Friday
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Choir

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Internet Cafe

Thursdays
Killin Library
10am-4pm

Library

Donate books and
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open

Softplay Club

Tuesdays
Sports Pavilion
12.30 - 2.30pm

Tai Chi

Wednesday
Tyndrum Hall
9.30am

Tai Chi

Thursdays
Big Shed
10.30am

Tiddlers & Toddlers

1st and 3rd Thursday
Community Rooms
10am - 12 noon

Youth Group (Killin)

Tuesdays 7.30pm
Sports and Social Club

Yoga

Fridays
Big Shed
10.30-noon
Starts 16 Aug

September

- 4 Walk in the Park (p 23)
- 5 Green Team (p 14)
- 10 KCC meeting school 7.30pm
- 18 Walk in the Park (p 23)
- 19 Green Team (p 14)

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Week beginning

5 Aug Brown

12 Aug Grey/Green

19 Aug Brown

26 Aug Grey/Green

2 Sept Brown

9 Sept Grey/Green

16 Sept Brown

23 Sept Grey Green

30 Sept Brown



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