

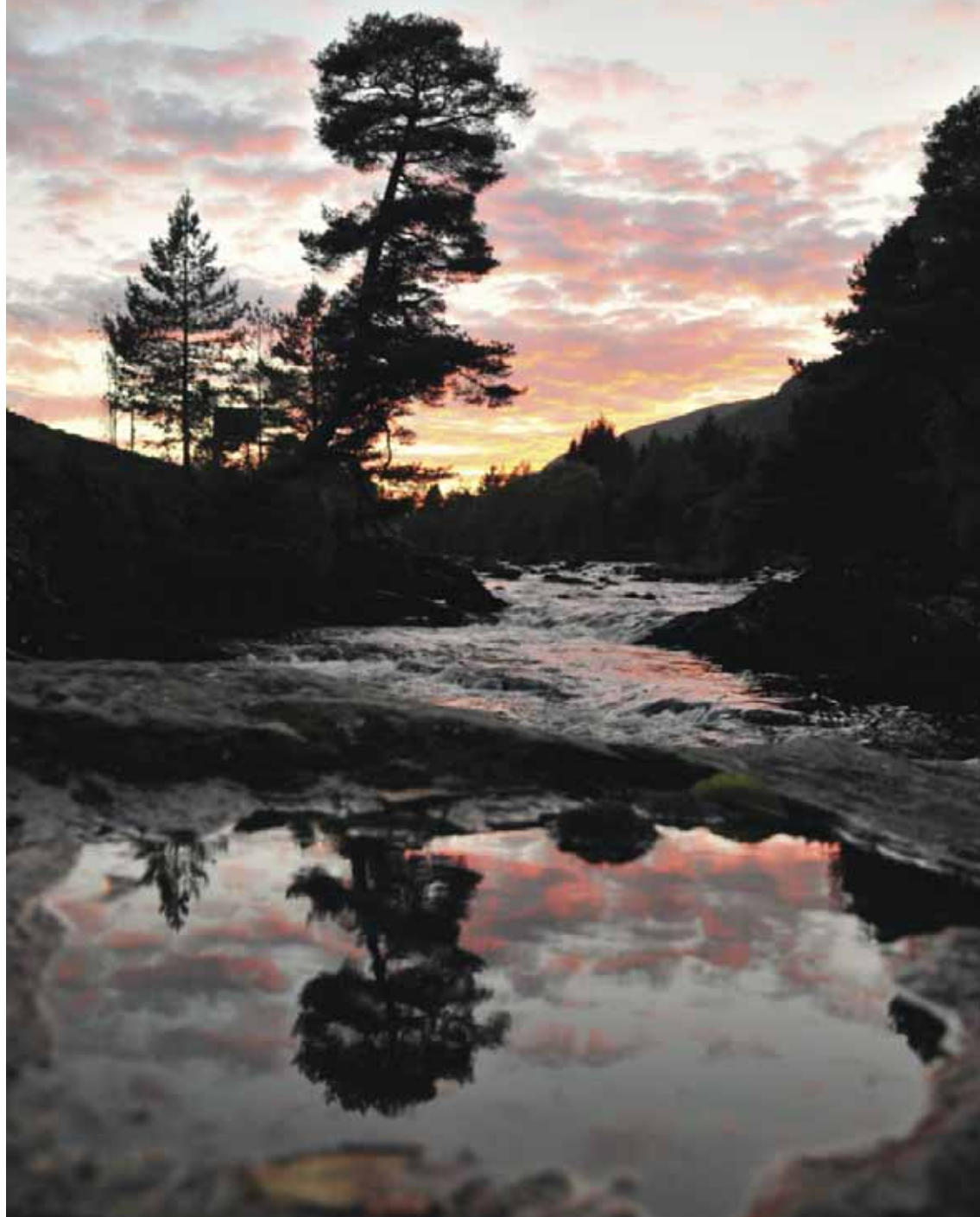
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## Editorial

Killin has no standing Community Council until another vote is arranged early next year. Situated at the very edge of the Stirling Council area, Killin has a sense of remoteness that is likely to be exacerbated by not having a Community Council in regular communication with Stirling Council. How else can they make decisions that take local opinion into account?

The recent house break-ins were a shock to us all. We don't expect that sort of crime in a small village. Commiserations to those affected. The fact that the police have arrested suspects is no compensation for the invasion of privacy and loss of irreplaceable items but gives us hope that there will be no more burglaries. Meanwhile, take what precautions you can and report any suspicious behaviour by phoning Police Scotland on 101.

We should all start next year with a degree of optimism. The new flats will have been constructed, new businesses are opening up, finding their feet and needing your custom, Killin will probably have a post office and the Community Council will be re-established. If you are a Killin resident, the latter could depend on you. The Killin News team join in wishing all our readers a Happy Christmas and wonderful New Year. Enjoy the fireworks!

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# No Killin Community Council

## Volunteers Needed

Sadly, not enough people volunteered to stand for the Community Council at the recent elections in October so we no longer have this level of local government to represent Killin and Ardeonaig.

## What does this mean?

There will be no opportunity for a community view of planning applications to be made. Stirling Council, National Park and many other organisations will have no body to consult with on plans or decisions which may impact on our community. There will be no insurance or organisation of the Christmas Tree. Killin loses its direct connections with Stirling Council Officers and it will be more difficult to know who to contact about matters of concern. Consultations on licensing applications, roadworks, road closures etc will no longer have a forum for discussion within the community.

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Killin will not be invited to attend meetings/discussions/consultations which may impact on the village and its residents.

## Is there another opportunity to form a Community Council?

Yes, there is a second opportunity to elect a Community Council in February/March 2014. A minimum of six people is needed to form the Council with the full complement being twelve. If more than twelve people submit nominations, a postal ballot will be held.

The Community Council will then serve for just under four years until October 2017.

If you are interested in community issues and would like to represent your community to bring about positive change, then **please think about becoming a Community Councillor** – without a Community Council it really does feel as if Killin has lost its voice.

If you would like to find out more about the role, please contact

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## No council so what do we do?

In the absence of a Community Council, our contact with Stirling Council is directly through the three Stirling Councillors for our ward who will be looking after the interests of Killin. Surgery dates have not yet been fixed but all three can be contacted by telephone and both Martin and Alycia have said they would be happy to visit a constituent at home or at a place of the constituent's choosing. Contact details are:

**Alycia Hayes**

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All three can be contacted

via 01786 233114

Don't hesitate to contact them with any problems.

## --but the Good News

Despite the lack of a Community Council there will be a Community Christmas tree in its usual location to cheer up the village this Christmas. It will be organised by Charlie Grant, who is also organising the usual Hogmanay Fireworks which have been the focus for locals and visitors every year and attract people from areas outside the village as the place to be at midnight on 31st December.

## Post Office Update



Like us all, Killin Councillor Alycia Hayes is concerned about the lack of progress on the Post Office and feels that the matter is urgent and needs to be resolved as quickly as possible. The Post Office has informed her that they cannot go into the reasons for the unexpected temporary closure although these are outwith the Post Office's control. They appreciate we are keen to see a permanent solution and they are also committed to this. Meantime a temporary solution is that a mobile post office is providing some service for customers. They will keep us informed of any developments.

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## KAT Report

The Project Development Support Worker and the Mill Manager have both added a more professional approach to the management of our projects. Their reports leave me with less to cover here

## Space Audit

In line with the Killin Action Plan Theresa will conduct a study into what facilities are available for residents and visitors to Killin. This will include private establishments open to visitors and will help the Trust identify what additional facilities are needed for community activities. If your establishment comes into that category you may be contacted.

## The Public Toilets:

You may be aware that KAT is seeking an answer to the problem of public toilet closure and does not have the annual income of £8,500 required for each toilet block. You may also be aware that Stirling Council stated that they intend to close both public toilets. The Trust received a grant from the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park to look into the problem and identify how it could be solved. It has been agreed that we can obtain help for a

feasibility study to look into a wide range of aspects of the problem, of having or not having a public toilet, from the effect on the environment, the community, businesses, visitors, health, and so on. Any amount left over from the £10,000 grant will go towards some aspect of toilet provision. If the exercise identifies a feasible way to provide a cost neutral public toilet, then it could be a reference document for other small rural communities. The study will seek your opinions. If you wish to have a copy of the background information please email or contact the Killin News. If you have the answer please let us know. The Killin and Ardeonaig Community Development Trust Directors are very appreciative of all the wonderful support given to the Trust projects by the community and by the many visitors who come here regularly. We hope you will visit and enjoy some of the activities in the Mill and have a very successful and happy Christmas and New Year.

**Willie Angus**  
KAT Chairman

## Project Support Worker's Report Breadalbane Park

The group has applied for BIG Lottery Community Spaces Stage 2 Funding and we should know the outcome early 2014. The cost of the Park Project has been spread over 3 phases and the application to the BIG Lottery is for phase 1.

### Phase 1

This phase will include the sorting of the drainage by renewing all the old pipework around the Park. This should make it usable all year round. Hard standing is also being put in at the entrance of the park and by the round house. There will be a path network to allow Landrover size vehicles to have access around the Park to the hard standing at the round house. Larger vehicles will only be allowed to use the hard standing near the entrance area. This is the best way to protect the new drainage system. Stirling Council have been storing some play equipment on behalf of KAT and this will be erected during this phase.

### Phase 2

This is predominately about the Play Park. The group is now looking at redesigning the Park and funding to

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enable the Play Park to be improved. The area will be made bigger and will be enclosed by part of the path network (phase 1) and a fence. This area will include a small skateboard park for the older children and youth to use and perhaps other things yet to be discussed. Some hedges, trees, benches and picnic tables are also being included in this phase. If you're interested in being involved in helping 'Design the Play Park' let me or Suzanne Player know and we will invite you to the meetings.

### Phase 3

Everything else, hedging, trees, meadow flowers, benches and new signs.

A lot of hard work has been carried out by local volunteers and the group has also been supported by Suzanne Player and KAT would like to thank everyone involved.

### Old Mill

The Old Mill received funding to contract a conservation architect (Sonya Linskaill) to work with KAT to look at how they could ensure that they were adhering to the requirements to enable KAT to become the owners of the building. Part of the requirements are that KAT needs to show Stirling Council how they are going to bring the building

up to a good standard. Sonya has developed a plan to renew the heating and lighting and put toilets into the building. She is also looking at the possibility of putting in a lift and the feasibility of using biomass for the heating system.

If you want to know more about the plans come along to the Open Day the Old mill is having on Saturday 7th December from 11.30am

**Theresa Elliot**

Project Support Worker  
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### Mill Manager's Report

The Old Mill has had a very successful summer and for the first time we are now opening during the winter months. We will be closed from Mon 23rd December and re-open on January 6th 2014.

### Events

**Open Day** on Saturday December 7th from 11:30 -16:30pm

**Evening openings** on Thursday 12th and 19th of December from 16:00-20:00pm

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We would like to give a huge thank you to the fantastic group of volunteers without whom we would not be able to remain open. We are always looking for more people to come on board. If you want to come and help please let me know. We would also like to thank all the tradespeople who have given their time and skills in helping to maintain the Mill throughout the year. Thanks to everyone there is a continuous flow of goods brought to the Mill. This is really tremendous and allows us to remain open. Everything that is donated is in some way used. We take most goods except videotapes, video recorders and large difficult to handle objects. We are now developing our "upcycling" range which is creating something new from the materials and goods that are donated. If you would like any information regarding classes, events or volunteering, you can contact me on francesmorrison@killincdt.co.uk follow us on facebook or on the Killin Watermill website. We wish you all a Happy and hopefully Thrifty Christmas. **Franny Morrison**  
Mill Manager

### **OLD MILL OPEN DAY**



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On a sunny Remembrance Day, all age groups in the village were well represented at the annual ceremony at the War Memorial. Rev John Lincoln led the service to remember all those who gave their lives fighting for their

country. The dwindling numbers of ex-service personnel were supported by four serving soldiers from two regiments who travelled to Killin to show their respect. RoyMacGregor and Willie Dunn ensured that the memorial

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## Frost Report

### The Changing Year

It's turned cold at last. Time for this year's young to be prepared. One of my sons was watching a young eagle happily flying over the hill when it was set upon by an ambush of hooded crows. Suddenly the parent eagle appeared and, with a few whooshes of wings, the crows were seen off.

Another stay at home is the blackcock. Some of the places you may be lucky enough to see some are in Glen Lyon, between Aberfeldy and Dunkeld and on the Trinafour road to the A9. The latter is having a lot of pylon work done at the moment and a couple of go-ahead blackcock have been seen utilising the controversial Beaulieu to Denny line as a handy perch.

In a recent study by The Game Conservancy of Berwyn Moor in North Wales it was found that black grouse numbers had declined by 78% between '83 and '02, red grouse by 54%, lapwing become extinct, curlew declined by 79% and golden plover went from 10 birds to 1. The only remaining black grouse population in Wales lives on one keepered area of the moor. While some have left for sunnier climes, some, like us, have to stay put. At least some have a watchful parent still keeping an eye out.

Help is hopefully on the way for Scottish wildcats. S.N.H. have heritage lottery money to raise awareness and neuter feral cats to stop further inbreeding. Start panicking Killin moggies – the plan includes Tayside! The Scottish Wildcat Association would prefer money to be spent on captive breeding.

Maybe the wildcat will not be pleased that the idea of reintroducing wolves and bears has again reared its ugly head. Paul Lister wants to erect an electric fence round 50,000 acres at Alladale Estate in Sutherland for them. That may seem a lot but is a wee back yard compared to the areas that they have in the success stories of Yellowstone etc. Mr. Lister says that the introductions would control deer – which, presumably, would be fenced in as well as a captive food source. This would seem to emulate a safari park but will the wolves and bears be able to fill in all the required paperwork on deer returns? A spokesperson for The Ramblers' Association says that they are not against wolves and bears but access must be a priority. They may well start to ramble a bit quicker that's for sure.

Maybe there could be an introduction on the island of Canna to control the

estimated 16,000 rabbits – so that's where they all are! All except one which was hopping along Killin Main Street one evening recently. It carried on up into the Tigh-na so maybe it's on holiday. The population explosion occurred after a £600,000 publicly funded cull of brown rats on the island and since then they've just bred like – well, rabbits. There are some rabbits around Brae Lodge, Ardeonaig, but they may have to go 'canny' as a large family of weasels is also around. At least for a time they were thought to be living under some of the decking and popping out to play 'king of the castle.'

So where has Mr. Fox been? He may be getting a little above his station or maybe it's just the excitement about the royal christening but he has killed two of the iconic ravens in The Tower of London. Now the birds are to have upgraded cages and exercise area to be kept safe at night while still flying free in the day. So the tradition of at least six ravens to protect the tower and the monarchy since the time of Charles II's time will continue. But I have it on good authority that Mr. Tod McFox will not be in the New Year's honours list.

**Tim Frost**

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# THE OLD KILLIN CEMETERY



The Old Cemetery, which is behind the Killin Hotel, is closed for burials, but members of the public can walk round and read inscriptions, some of which date back to the sixteenth century.

As Lodge Secretary, I have received some enquiries from overseas relatives, who have Masonic connections with Killin and who have family interred in the old graveyard. Most of these are seeking to confirm the connection with Killin and dates etc for creating or filling gaps in family trees.

Photographs are sometimes asked for and it has been difficult to get suitable clear pictures.

This prompted an enquiry to Stirling Land Services to see if some tidying up could be carried out to allow safer access. An exchange of letters and a meeting with Barbara Docherty resulted in the Lodge being given permission, under strict conditions, to carry out work to remove self-seeded saplings and other scrub and clear matted grass to create paths between the lines of gravestones.

Great care will be taken to carry out this project respecting the memory of those interred and ensuring no stones are damaged.

A risk assessment was carried out and agreed with regular reports to be given on progress and any difficulties encountered. The work has no time span and the more difficult aspects will be carried out when members with the knowledge and skill required are available. Once the trimming and clearing has been done, the condition of the gravestones can be assessed, as any work on these requires specialist care. There are many which require little if any work more than a soft brush to remove moss and similar growth, but some have fallen and others are difficult to read through weathering.

The Lodge Members are all committed to this project working and along with Stirling Land Services, hope eventually to make access safer and allow visitors to look round this historic cemetery. As progress is made the Lodge will keep the grass cut thus ensuring there will not be a return to overgrown stones and making sure the cemetery is always kept tidy.

**Alex Stewart**

## Footnote

A couple of years ago Killin Heritage Society members and other volunteers spent a lot of time in the Old Cemetery recording readable inscriptions on the gravestones. These records and some photographs, together with the information already collected by Arnold Young when he was Registrar, are stored on the Killin Heritage computer. The work was not fully completed and was due to be finished this winter. The Chairman of Killin Heritage Society, Gilleen Ford, is away as we go to press but we are sure that on her return she will be happy to deal with any enquiries.

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## Strathfillan Community Council Waste Removal

David Hopper, Waste Service Manager, Stirling Council, apologised for the problems that have beset waste management recently. Things had gone wrong very quickly since industrial action started and SC has the right amount of resources to collect waste with very little spare capacity. The work-to-rule meant only about 65% of the waste could be collected so it was decided that not collecting brown bin waste would cause the least upset. There would be one more brown bin collection during November.

Cardboard is still collected from brown bins in this area. SC need to put the infrastructure in place before they can issue and collect brown boxes in this area; the idea is to have a bulking facility in Callander and this will happen sooner rather than later. Cardboard will then be picked up by recycling truck every Tuesday.

## Police report

There have been twenty one calls for Police attendance in Strathfillan area since the last CC meeting: Disturbance 4; Mountain Rescue 3; Road related and RTC 7; Theft 2; Animals 4.

There were about 6 break-ins in Lochearnhead/Balquhiddar area and it is suspected that a group travelling through are to blame, probably linked to a series of housebreak-ins in Balforn for which 2 people are in custody. Operation Ironworks has now finished for the year during which there were very few incidents which may be due to the Loch Lubnaig car parks being closed. Fuel was stolen from the Green Welly Stop, but a speedy response and diligent Police work in circulating the details resulted in a person being caught and brought to Court.

## DRT Sustainability

David Brown, SC, has suggested a possible hybrid system, which would include a DRT service in Killin and Strathfillan and provide a timetable system between Crianlarich and Killin and vice versa. The detail has to be worked out but could be operational by the spring.

## Primary School Bus Shelter in Tyndrum

SC has agreed to install a conventional bus shelter next to the play park in Mansefield which was installed in October.

## Maintenance of Mansefield Play Area

The roundabout has been installed. A programme of maintenance and improvement work has been agreed, and will be implemented between now and Spring 2014.

## Relationship with BEAR & Road Closures

There had not been the same notification of roadworks etc since BEAR took over from TranServ. A recent closure at 9pm between Crianlarich and Killin occurred at short notice and led to great frustration for locals from both villages. This was disappointing and we hope that in future the excellent relationship which had evolved with TranServ can be realised with BEAR and that trunk roads in this tourist area will not be closed before 10pm.

## Repairs to Crianlarich Station Platform

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# Ilan by the Way

be carried out between 10pm and 6am due to the intransigence of First Rail and this will inconvenience several houses next to the line. Contractors have yet to be appointed but work should commence from October until early New Year but is weather dependant.

*Extract from minutes of Strathfillan CC Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October (no meeting in November, due to CC elections)*

## Community Council Elections

At the time of writing, Strathfillan residents are voting in a postal ballot for their new Community Council members. Twelve nominations have been received, for ten vacancies. This is the first time in recent years when there have been more candidates than spaces and it is great to have so many people interested in serving their local community. The election process has got Strathfillan electors thinking about the role of the Community Council and the importance of local representation. The ten elected Community Councillors will be able to move forward knowing that they have the mandate of the Strathfillan community behind them.

Please remember that members of the public are very welcome to attend any Community Council meeting. Meetings are normally held on the second Monday of the month in Crianlarich village hall. Meeting minutes and agendas are published on community noticeboards in Crianlarich & Tyndrum and are also available online at [www.scottishdemocracy.com](http://www.scottishdemocracy.com)

## Crianlarich Village Hall

Thank you to all who came along to the recent barn dance – and to Tarmachan for the fantastic music. Unfortunately there were not quite as many people there as had been hoped but everybody who attended had a great time, and there was a real all-age feel to the evening. A modest profit was made, which will go towards the Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner. This year's Christmas Dinner is being held in the Benmore Lodge on 19th December and invitations will be being sent out in early December.

**Bryan Craig**  
Chair

Crianlarich Village Hall Committee

## Crianlarich into Action (CiA)

Crianlarich into Action have just submitted a change of use planning application for Lower Station Yard, to formally use the space for a car parking and picnic area. Work is now beginning on grant applications to purchase signage and picnic benches and it is intended that these will be in place by next summer.

## Strathfillan Community Development Trust



### New Community Action Plan

Part of the work undertaken by the Trust this year included a local consultation on what the people of Strathfillan would like to see happen in the short, medium and long term to help the area become an even better place to visit and to live in. The final document is now in the last design stage and when published, will be delivered to every household in Strathfillan. With a clear picture of local needs and desires, both the Trust and the Community Council can help drive projects forward and help find funding. The Action Plan becomes an invaluable tool when seeking funding as it proves that the community has been listened to and projects have a sound basis on which to develop. Our thanks to the Community Partnership of the NP for their help and support in putting the Action Plan together and to all who contributed.

### Heritage Paths Project

The working group have now appointed the Landscape Architects who are developing detailed designs for the project. Hopefully we will soon have dotted all the i's and

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crossed all the t's in our legal requirements with the Forestry Commission giving us access to the full award amount. Until that is in place only 5% is available to draw down, but enough to get the project going. Again thanks to the volunteer group who have given their precious time and energy over the last year and to Kelda and David of Munro Landscape and Craignish Design for their expertise and advice.

## Volunteers

In our Action Plan survey the top "like" at 76% was our scenery, landscape and nature. Number two was people and community spirit at 63% which is very encouraging as both the Trust and Community Council rely on valuable volunteers to get things done locally. A recent example is the provision of a bus shelter in Mansefield for the schoolchildren – this was achieved in just a month! If you would like to volunteer in any way you will be made very welcome – we are always keen to listen to new ideas and value fresh energy and skills.

All of us here at the SCDT would like to wish all the readers of the wonderful Killin News a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. Don't forget that all those unsuitable items can find a new home at the Old Mill Thrift Shop!!.

**Joyce Russell**

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

**Crianlarich Primary School  
Blythwood Care Shoebox appeal**  
We have returned 12 shoeboxes this year.

## Harvest Festival

We wish to thank everyone who donated goods and bought raffle tickets for the Harvest Hampers. The proceeds have been donated to the EXIT Youth Group. The hampers were won by Eric, James and Archie.

## Eco Schools

The Rag Bag recycling container continues to provide the school with a very healthy and regular income. Thanks to the kind donations of used clothing from the community, you have helped us to raise £722.50! Donations must be in bags to keep the clothing clean and dry. We are unable to accept soiled or wet clothing, pillows, duvets, cushions, carpets or rugs.

## Class 1

Last term we were learning about electricity. I liked drawing the circuit (*Ellidh M*). It was super fun doing the experiment and building a circuit (*Ewan*). In our topic, we went on a Gruffalo hunt outside in the playground – it was fun (*Kate*). In Art we painted the Gruffalo and the Mouse which I really liked (*Jane*). We were writing sentences about the Gruffalo. In Maths we were learning to double numbers higher than 100 (*Jack*). I really liked taking part in Land Art,

building everything outside (*Aaron*). We had lots of visitors to the class too.

Craig, the policeman and the Mountain Rescue came in to visit us and told us how they looked after and helped us. This term our topic is Night and Day. In Science we made models showing us how the moon goes around the earth and the earth goes around the Sun. We are reading Operation Night Monster – a story about a boy who is afraid of monsters in the night. In RME we were learning about a Christian baptism and we acted this out.

## Class 2

Last term we were doing persuasive writing and recounts. We had lots of visitors including Vicky Jack. She talked about all the seven summits of the world that she climbed. They are Denali, Aconcagua, Vinson, Kilimanjaro, Elbrus, Everest and Carstenz pyramid. This term in maths we are learning symmetry with Mrs Higginson. We are enjoying it very much. In literacy our class novel is Christophe's Story. It is about a boy that lived in Rwanda, there was a war between the Tutsi and the Hutu people. We all really enjoyed it and we would read it again. We are going to be starting story writing and also report writing.



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# Unknown Killin

*Killin News has been given a copy of a paper on "Unknown Killin" given by Allan Cameron Walker (1894-1975, father of Allan Walker, co-founder of Killin News, and his brother Cameron) to the local branch of An Comunn Gaidhealach probably in the 1920's. In it he mentions places 'unknown' at that time, many of which are not immediately identifiable today. If anyone has clues to their whereabouts do please let us know. What follows is Part 1 of 3. Bear in mind that this was written in the 1920s.*



The Abvrach

It is a regrettable but true fact that here in Killin, a place literally steeped in tradition and legend, very few of the present generation take any interest in many tales and places which really should be the source of much pleasure to them.

This may be in a large measure due to the apparently never ceasing and deplorable decay of the Gaelic language and the consequently ever lessening numbers of those able and willing to translate old tales, but may also be caused by the materialistic outlook on affairs which is at present the predominant feature of our national and local life. The days have long gone when the wandering tradesmen occupied the seat of honour by our firesides on the long winter nights telling their tales of Ossian, Cuchullin, and Fingal, and meanwhile we pay homage to the man with the fat pocket book and the woman with the stylish costume, irrespective of what their heads and hearts may, or may not, contain. This paper will not recount any stirring tales of Black Duncan of the Cowl, Francie Mhor Mac-an-Aba but will draw attention to some little known places of interest in the district.

As far as the village itself is concerned, most buildings with a tale attached to them have in modern

times disappeared, but in the Abvrach, that old buttressed place, roofed with Ben Lawers slate, we have a building wherein many a decent Highland man in the far days when the Breadalbanes were Hereditary Sheriffs of Perthshire, spent his last night on earth, ere crossing the Larig in the morning to be hung on the 'Kind Gallows o' Crieff'. All that maybe for no greater crime than the lifting of a cattle beast or the dirking of some inquisitive stranger who had wandered in from the South!

The splendid sycamore tree at the Parish Church which is held to be older than the Church itself is said to contain within its trunk the chains and iron collar with which minor offenders, in the eighteenth century, such as gossips were fixed up on Market Days to be the objects of scorn and derision. It would be a pity to spoil the tree, but they might, with advantage to our present-day community, be brought into use again!

Tradition also holds that the Killin Hotel and the Episcopalian Church are built on land really the property of the Church of Scotland, and that the Hotel Garden and Washing Green form part of the Glebe which once stretched from Dundarroch right along the river bank to where the

now covered-in burn which occasionally bursts through in the School Playground and in front of the Institute ran into the Lochay ere the Railway embankment was constructed. If this be true, and it is peculiar that the Hotel should stand between the Church and the Churchyard, those householders now paying annual tribute to Lord Breadalbane for the privilege of having a boat on the Lochay, should really be paying it to the Minister of the Parish!

Just across the Lochay from the Hotel, in the field commonly known as the Show Park, the Great Montrose camped with his army during his brilliant campaign of 1644. In that year also, he burned Killin from end to end, and laid waste all Breadalbane.

It was here too, that Dorothy Wordsworth saw growing the finest oats of her lifetime. Save for local volunteers, the field was unoccupied by a military force from the days of Montrose down to the visit of the Scots Greys in 1907.

*Our thanks to Mrs. Janet Walker for sending us this article*

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# This and That

In early November The Scotsman ran an article about the contrast between the warm Scots welcome VisitScotland is promising visitors to the Commonwealth Games, the Ryder Cup and the Homecoming next year and the experiences of the columnist on a recent trip round Scotland.

Unfortunately a third of the article concerned the very cold welcome she and her husband received in an establishment in Killin.

What a pity a poor experience in this case has given the village such bad publicity when so much of Killin is in fact warm and welcoming.

Rumour has it that the Craigard has been sold. As far as we can establish it is certainly under offer. Let's hope it will soon be open again.

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## RIP

In the very wet weather at the end of October, a notice was stuck over the Old Mill signpost and Mill volunteers went out to remove it.

Because of the rain, it was difficult to see what the notice was about and the only words distinguishable were 'Rest in Peace' and 'drowned' so, out of respect for the bereaved, the notice was allowed to remain. But who had been drowned? Why didn't anyone know about it?

Several rainy days later when nothing on it could be read, it was felt safe to remove the sodden notice without causing offence. However when it dried out it was evident that the deceased was "oor Wullie's" camera, accidentally knocked into the Falls of Dochart and mourned in verse by Wullie's mates, Mick, Joe and Billy. To quote:

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# Computer corner



My first word of warning when considering giving a gift of a computer/phone/tablet or similar devices is to check what the person actually wants or needs. It will be a complete waste of your money if you buy nephew Johnnie a Samsung S4, when all of his technology suits an iPhone. The S4 will be up for sale on eBay before New Year.

Also, be careful what you get for your money – for instance, most entry level devices have limited power, or will be out of date on Boxing Day. Certainly if you are buying for a child at Primary School, then their needs will not be as much as those for the teenagers.

If you are buying for someone who is technically aware, then you really have to check with them as to what levels of power/disc space/memory and other functionality is required, otherwise you are in danger of buying them a device that is less powerful than their existing one. Then eBay will beckon once again.

Nowadays the trend is to move to hand held devices, i.e. Smart Phones or Tablets, and only the dinosaurs amongst us (me included) carry a laptop computer.

It is just as important to select the correct device as it is the correct operating system – with iOS for iPhones, Android for other phones/tablets, and Windows for laptops/ultrabooks and some tablets. The main reason is that the person receiving the gift is likely to have made previous investments in "apps" or software or hardware which are only compatible with a specific operating system.

Please remember that the value of all technology devices will depreciate faster than your brand new sports car, and will be out of date by February. So don't be upset if young Fiona is looking at new phones at Easter wondering if she can trade in her ancient 3 month old device for the new iPhone12

When it comes to Smart Phones there are many excellent devices, with Samsung and Apple leading the way. However, Android is the most common operating system as it is used on many hardware platforms. A word of warning though. Many of the latest features are no good for us as we do not have the mobile network infrastructure to support "4G" broadband mobile internet – we are lucky if we even get "3G" speeds.

Thus take care not to buy a device that has features that just will not work in our area.

I believe that the Market Leader for Tablet operating systems is Android, but there are some reports that Apple iOS is still a contender. What is clear is Microsoft Windows has a lot of catching up to do.

Traditional Computers/laptops are becoming less commonplace in the market. It is very difficult to find a 17" laptop suitable for my needs, for instance. Desktops will still be used in offices, laptops by business users but I can see the day when even my powerful 6 month old desktop and laptop will be in the Killin Gallery as a good example of ancient technology. It'll only be a few years before the children ask their parents what is a keyboard and/or a mouse. So the word of warning here is, if you buy someone a desktop or laptop computer as a gift and if it is not wanted, it will not be used.

I guess the best advice is, if you are unsure, then ask for advice – either from the person you are buying for, or someone who understands technology. Happy Christmas and I hope you get the device you want.

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of rain which has re-established the somewhat sodden ground reminiscent of 2012. There have been slight dustings of snow at levels above 3500 feet on 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September and on 1<sup>st</sup> November another covering above 2900 feet.

**... and More**  
Having reached Ardeonaig in an earlier edition of Killin News, regarding place names and their origin, here are a few more, proceeding eastwards along the south shores of Loch Tay. Allt a'mheinn – the mine burn, referring to the gold/silver mine at its source. The remains of this project and the ruins of the miners' cottages are still in evidence near the summit of Meall nan Oighreg – Cloudberry hill. Also in this area is Creag garbh – the rough rocks, a precipitous slope above Allt Gleann a' Cloidhe – the stoney burn. Sliabh Fuar – the Cold hill, it faces east whereas its opposite number across the glen of Ardtalnaig, Meall a' ghrianan – the sunny hill, due to its westerly aspect sheds any snow cover more rapidly. More anon.

**Mervyn K. Browne**  
Ardtalnaig



This year's courses are now in full swing and the membership is still growing. Our target of 200 was passed in early October and we are still recruiting new people, which is hugely encouraging for what has been the newest U3A in Scotland. Last year's Creative Stitchery Group produced a wall hanging depicting Ancaster Square in Callander and this has been presented to the Old Bank Café which hosts many of our groups and also our committee meetings. The stitchers were Anne Guthrie, Margaret Slater, Eleanor Malcolm and Barbara Legg.

Our new Sunday Lunch Group has proved popular and on 29th

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## st Perthshire U3A

September members enjoyed a delicious meal at Poppies Hotel in Callander before attending the opening ceremony of the new Friendship Garden down by the Library. Our Gardening Group Leader, Hilary Gunkel, was instrumental in the organisation of this venture by Greener Callander to refurbish the grounds beside the Library where the public toilets once stood. It has been a magnificent achievement and C&WP U3A is proud to have contributed to the Stepping Stones which form such a feature of the garden.

With the Referendum on Independence now less than a year away two meetings for our full membership have been arranged in order to help us all decide which way to vote:

Murdo Fraser, Conservative MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife, will speak for the 'Better Together' campaign on 9th January 2014.

Gerry McLaughlan, SNP Bannockburn, will speak on behalf of 'Yes Scotland' on 20th February 2014.

Times and venues will be announced later.

## New Year's Night Dance 2014

The popular annual Ceilidh Dance in the McLaren Hall held by Lodge Breadalbane St. Fillans No.815 brings together old friends and makes new ones so don't miss out. Admission is by ticket only and these can be purchased from News First, Bobby Lafferty 01567 820854 or Alex Stewart 01567 820224.

Ticket prices remain unchanged, adults £8, juniors 5 to 15 years and Senior Citizens £6 with the Family ticket (two adults and two juniors or Senior Citizens) £22. Extra members can be added to the Family package at a cost of £7 and £4 respectively.

Tommy Walker and the usual suspects will provide the traditional Scottish Tunes for the dancing. There will be hot soup with a selection of sandwiches and mini sausage rolls during the interval.

The raffle will be drawn and a good selection of prizes awarded to the lucky winners.

The doors will open at 8.15pm or earlier depending on the weather with the first dance around 9.00pm.

Various local organisations and deserving causes will receive donations from the proceeds, so come along and lend your support.



### McLaren Hall Christmas Decorations

The Lodge will be providing the Tree for the hall and this, with all the festive decorations, will be put up on Tuesday evening 17<sup>th</sup> December. If anyone has unused decorations lying in boxes or hiding in cupboards or the attic, these could be given a new home in the Hall and bring an extra sparkle to the festive atmosphere.

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Alex Stewart

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## Green Team

### Tree-mendous transformation of Kiltyrie

Young people from Killin were out planting trees on 9<sup>th</sup> November in the latest stage of a project intended to restore native broadleaf trees on the lower slopes of the National Trust for Scotland's Ben Lawers. Members of the conservation charity's Green Team – a young naturalist's group for local children to take part in a series

of nature and conservation-related activities – planted individually protected oak trees at Kiltyrie, about 6 miles east of Killin. Generously funded by the Edinburgh-based Small Group Tour Operator Rabbie's, this is the latest development in a programme of habitat improvements which has been underway for several years.

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biodiversity of the area and also enhances the environment for visitors who are coming to enjoy our recently installed archaeological trail too. Members of Rabbie's staff have volunteered previously at this site to build protective deer fencing and plant trees around a small pond. The company, which runs tours to some of Scotland's best-loved beauty spots, has well-established environmental credentials and is keen to 'give something back' to Scotland's heritage and to the communities and places that help make their tours so successful. Ben Lawers is widely known for its outstanding range and diversity of arctic-alpine species and vegetation types. It is important for the very large number of nationally rare or scarce montane plant species that it supports, including vascular plants, lichens and bryophytes. It also has an outstanding diversity of invertebrates with many nationally rare or notable species.

**Helen Cole**

## Hill Races Weekend

Fantastic weather blessed over 100 hardy runners and marshalls over the two days. A new ladies record was set by international champion Angela Mudge of 55min 4 seconds for Meall nan Tarmachan on Saturday. Angela was first to the summit. The race winner, Manny Gorman 53.24, battled with his rival of many a race, Alan Smith, getting away from Alan on the landrover track near the end. Alan was second.

Alan is so competitive he drove back home to Tomintoul on Saturday, thought about it - "Manny will be too tired for Sunday Sron a Clachain" - and drove back down Sunday morning for a rematch.

**Sron a' Clachain on Sunday** Another great day - blue skies and warm - but Alan's hopes were doomed. Manny won again, racing in perfect conditions and coming down hill like a demented harpy with Alan in hot pursuit. Both days we were fed and watered by the ladies of Killin's Cancer Committee and a big thank you to them. Thanks also to all the marshalls and helpers. If it wasn't for them the weekend wouldn't happen. There are many local sponsors who help - many thanks to the Real Food Café for goody bags and to Duncan at the Co-op (Duncan got a PB on Saturday). You all helped to raise £1,000 for Cancer Research, Killin Mountain Rescue Team and the NTS in Killin. One of the rewarding things over the four years of organising the event is not only helping raise funds for good causes but to see the increase in local participation in the races themselves. Here is your challenge for next year - let's have 20 local Lochtayside runners in 2014.

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## Walk in the Park

The group has been enjoying walks in and around the village this autumn in the stunningly beautiful countryside that we live in. We are looking forward to our Christmas Lunch at the Capercaillie on 11<sup>th</sup> December. If you have walked with us at any time over the last 2 years and would like to join us, please let Alicja know.

The group will take a break over Christmas and New Year and will resume walks, weather permitting, on 15<sup>th</sup> January. For further information please contact the Project Coordinator- Cathy Scott on 01389 727748 or 01877 330055 or cathy.scott@lochlomond-trossachs.org or call local Volunteer Walk Leaders, Don & Alicja Fraser on Killin 820690 or Jane Watts, on 820141

### Meeting place

4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	McLaren Hall Car Park
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Capercaillie Restaurant
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Capercaillie Restaurant
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	McLaren Hall Car Park(car share)
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Capercaillie
29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Capercaillie

### Route

Golf Club Walk  
Kinnell Circuit & Xmas Lunch  
Village Walk  
Glen Lochay  
River Dochart/Old Railway  
Auchlyne Road

## 20's Plenty

The 20mph flashing lights at the school have been out of order for some weeks now and a group in the village, together with Alycia Hayes, one of Killin's Stirling Councillors, have been trying to get them back in action. Winter is here, visibility is often poor and the safety of our children should be a priority. Apparently nothing can be done to fix the lights because "all the engineers are too busy" and have been since September, even though a lot of work has been going on in the same period round the new flats further up Main Street where new street lights have been fitted. Another excuse is that a budget has not been approved for this work. Surely there must be a repair budget. Would it take the same time to get a similar problem fixed in Stirling? Maybe the problem will be fixed by the time you read this ... or maybe not.

## S.W.R.I

Killin SWRI meets on the first Thursday of each month through to April. At the first meeting of the winter season on Thursday 3rd October President Yvonne McPherson welcomed a good turnout of ladies to hear a very interesting talk on acupuncture from Lou Bradford from Aberfeldy. Old and new members are most welcome to join us at any meeting at the Lesser McLaren Hall at 7.30pm.

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# Mc Laren High School



## Double Gold for McLaren Ski Teams!

Last year was amazing for the McLaren ski team with three gold medals and a shield under our belts. This year, we (Regan Dingwall, James Ronald, Craig Fingland and Connor Ramsay-Clapham) were ready to step up to the highest level of schools skiing competition, and compete in the "Experienced Race Team" category, against other top school teams on Friday at Firpark. The McLaren C team (Lachie

Fingland, Drew Galloway, Dan Hesp and Finn Saunders) were also competing and both teams were rewarded with Gold!

Both teams go forward to the finals at Snow Factor in Glasgow at the end of October.

The double win for McLaren is an outstanding schools sporting achievement. It is the first time ever that one school has won both the "Novice Race Team" and the "Experienced Race Team" categories at the same event.

## MacMillan Bake Sale

On Friday 4 October, McLaren High

School held a bake sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Teachers and senior pupils baked 'house' themed cakes with Dochart making blue, Bracklinn making red and Leny making yellow. Overall we raised £586.44 with Leny winning narrowly by only two pounds. Well done to the Charities Committee for great organization and putting on a good day.

## Mufti Day – Breast Cancer Awareness

On 10<sup>th</sup> October some S6 pupils and a select few staff at McLaren High School were auctioned off to become a 'slave for the day' to help raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness. Thanks to the generosity of all at McLaren we managed to raise a staggering £1160.95 for this great cause!

## Killin Primary School

### Rag Bag

The Rag Bag recycling container continues to provide the school with a very healthy and regular income from all the collections that have taken place. In the last six months we have collected 784kgs and raised £392. Please ensure that all goods are put into a plastic bag before being deposited into the bank.

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### Harvest Festival

We wish to thank everyone who donated goods and bought raffle tickets for the Harvest Hampers. The proceeds, £45, were donated to the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. The Hampers were won by Karen Lafferty, Caitlin Paterson, Sue Poole and Claire Grant.

### Topic

Class 1 - Night & Day  
Christmas Enterprise  
Class 2 - Christmas Enterprise  
Class 3 - Fairtrade  
Christmas Enterprise  
Class 2 and Class 3 are also studying Materials as part of their science topic.

### School Play

On the 12<sup>th</sup> December Killin Primary School will be performing the play "Do you believe in Father Christmas" in the school gym hall at 2pm; friends and family are all welcome.

### Floral Association Sunflower Competition results

#### Tallest Sunflower:

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## Killin Primary School continued

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October class three went to the Edinburgh Playhouse to see the Lion King.

At 9:00 o'clock we came to school (all buzzing about the Lion King). We watched a short behind the scenes movie about the Lion King. At 11:30am we all got on the bus and started towards Edinburgh. I sat next to Sophie. When we got to Dobbies, Beth and Noah came on the bus as well. When we finally got there, we all ate lunch on the bus then we went into the Playhouse which was crowded with people. We managed to find our seats and settled down.

When the Lion King started we saw all the different animals coming up to Pride Rock after Simba had been born. The animal costumes were great, I really liked the lion masks. I also liked the baboon Rafiki she was really funny.

## The Lion King

At the interval we all got ice cream and some people bought bags and keyrings. The rest of the show was great. Simba had run away for ages but Nala came looking for help and found him. When Nala found Simba they were overjoyed but when Nala tried to convince Simba to come back Simba refused. Rafiki helped him remember his Dad convincing him to go back to Pride rock and be King. The rest of the show and bus journey was lovely. The Lion King was great and I would love to go again.

**Ellie Ridgewell**

Class 3 and I went to the Lion King at the Playhouse in Edinburgh. We got on the bus at 11:30 am; I sat next to my best friend Amy. We got to Edinburgh at 1.30 pm, we had our lunch on the

bus. We were in the tenth row and had really good seats. I was next to Lydia and Amy.

The show started, there were lots of animals coming down the aisle to the stage and the music was great. My friends liked the good characters but I liked the bad ones.

At the interval we got ice cream, it was tasty but I would of preferred chocolate instead of vanilla.

Then the second part started, I was getting excited because the second part is better than the first part. On the bus Amy and I were playing games, it was fun. We finally got to Killin.

I thought the Lion King was a very good show and I would love to go again. I want to say a big thank you to the teachers who organised it, so a big big thanks to you all. **Emily Fraser**

As part of the Curriculum for Excellence, we are educating the children about the meanings and the importance of festivals, celebrations and customs.

In both buildings there was a bubble of excitement and enthusiasm for Hallowe'en with the children and staff dressing up and taking part in traditional and new games which promoted problem solving and physical development. The children excelled with their creativity and model making

## Nursery News

skills using many techniques and different media.

This leads nicely on to Bonfire Night and the history of Guy Fawkes with discussions about how to keep safe whilst having fun.

Preparations are well underway for the Christmas plays. Rehearsals for 'Rapunzel' have started in Killin and likewise for 'A Christmas Carol' in Crianlarich.

'Our transition to school' programme is currently being created and this year

Killin and Crianlarich Nursery is feeding into five primary schools across three counties. On 6th November the P1,2 & 3 children, staff and helpers from Crianlarich Primary School joined the nursery children, staff and parents on their Welly Waddle. We walked the Community Woodland route in the rain to raise funds for the Scottish Cot Death Society. Our thanks to all the people who sponsored the children taking part in this event.

*picture on page 12*

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## 2nd Killin & District Scout Group

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### Beavers

The Beavers are aged 6-8 and meet every Thursday night from 6.15-7.15pm at Killin Primary School. We are very proud to have invested all Beavers just before the October break. The Beavers now wear their blue uniform jumpers and burgundy neckerchiefs. They have earned their Membership and Outdoor Challenge badges and are now working towards their Health & Fitness badge. The

Beavers learned about packing bags for going on hikes and also had a very enjoyable spooky night at Halloween. One of the highlights recently has been building campfires out of biscuits, hazelnut spread, chocolate sticks and sweets...! This was a special treat after investiture. The Beavers were very good at pointing out dangers in our specially set up "danger room"; it won't be long before they've earned their safety badge. We're looking forward to having some meetings outside again soon - it will be very exciting to explore Killin in the dark.

**Marieke McBean**, Beaver Leader  
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### Cubs

The Cubs are aged 8-10 and meet every Wednesday night from 7-8.30pm at Killin Primary School. We would like to welcome Vicky Grant as our new Assistant Cub Leader. Pack meetings are going well and we do lots of different exciting activities every week. Recently the Cubs have gained their Local Knowledge, Personal and Home Safety badges. We will now start to cover some of the requirements of the Scottish Challenge Badge as well as other

aspects of the Cubs Badge Programme.

**Charles Kemp**, Cub Leader  
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### Scouts

Scouts are aged 10-14 and meet every Wednesday at the Big Shed, Tombreck, from 7-9pm. Scouts have had a fun-filled second term. We have been progressing with our forestry badge, which many have now nearly earned. We have learnt navigation skills and what suitable kit is required for walking. We are now waiting for a good opportunity to get outside and test out our knowledge in the hills. Two of our leaders, new to Scouting, have been invested and it won't be long until all the Scouts are invested and in uniform too. This term started with a great Halloween party and we are now looking forward to learning about stars and rockets and a bit of first aid. We will finish off the term much in the same way as we started with a Christmas party.

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## Obituaries



**Margaret Bruce Coyne**  
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Margaret was born in Glasgow and following a very brief spell at Duke Street Hospital, quickly found herself in the countryside with her parents Donald and Martha. Margaret's father was a shepherd and his working life resulted in the family moving around Perthshire from Dollar to Little Glen Shee, thereafter to Langside (between Braco and Comrie) and finally to Harperstone, Sherrifmuir, where Donald completed his working life before he retired to Dunblane with Martha. Margaret enjoyed watching and helping her father at work and the challenges outdoor life provided. Her brother Calum appeared on the scene during their time at Langside in September 1953, after she sadly lost her

younger sister Sheena to meningitis in March 1950. Margaret attended Braco Primary school, and completed her schooling at Crieff. She left school and commenced work as a nurse, thereafter changing career path to enjoy hotel work, becoming Head Housemaid at Dunkeld Country House (now the Hilton Dunkeld). She also worked at Ballinluig Inn during the winter when Dunkeld Country House was closed and this is where she met George, who occasionally stopped by for a quiet pint after a hard day's ghillie work on the River Tay. George and Margaret married at Braco Church in October 1966 and thereafter settled at Meggernie, Glen Lyon. At this point George had become Under-Keeper/Stalker and Margaret assisted with domestic duties at Meggernie Castle. Donald was born in May 1969 and the family moved to Auchlyne, Killin, in May 1973, as George had been successfully appointed as Head Keeper/Stalker on Auchlyne and Suie Estate and they stayed there until retirement in December 2010. During their time at Auchlyne, Margaret mainly worked at the 'big hoose', assisting with domestic duties and helping George feed and walk the working dogs. Margaret was happiest working a duster and baking her famous

gingerbread for friends who helped George control the fox population during the spring time. Never one to travel far, she enjoyed home life making sure George and Donald were always well turned out. Margaret didn't have any hobbies as such, but did enjoy baking, walking and reading – and particularly enjoyed the New Year get together at Auchlyne Farm!

Margaret was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis ten years ago and life became more difficult for both her and George and they fully appreciated and valued the support nearby friends provided. By the time George retired, Margaret's condition had deteriorated and a purpose built house was provided by Stirling Rural Housing at Ballechroisk, Killin. Being in the village provided access to much needed support and, although Margaret was obviously in discomfort, she always had a cheery smile for everyone and adopted the attitude that there was 'always someone worse off than her'. Being granny to Jamie also provided a welcome distraction. Although her body had started to fail, Margaret's mind was always as sharp as a tack and she particularly enjoyed the banter with the carers and friends. Margaret was much loved and will be missed by family and friends.

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George, Donald, Calum and family take this opportunity to thank all friends, staff at Killin Medical Practice, Stirling Council and ILS carers for their support during Margaret's illness. Thanks also to all those who provided messages of comfort and support following Margaret's death and for the funeral collection which raised a generous £575 for the MS Society.

**Donald Coyne**



**Mary Twigg**

**6th July 1923-4th Oct 2013**

Mary Reid was born in Aberdeenshire in 1923 and was brought up around the villages of Oyne and Old Rayne, Mary walked over two miles to the local school where she excelled and regularly come first in most subjects. In 1937 at the age 14 she left school and took up employment with the Clark Fish Merchant family at their home in Manchester. She stayed there for four years then returned to Aberdeen with the Clark family. By this time she had acquired an English accent, much to the annoyance of her father.

The war was now underway and when Mary was working in the kitchen of the Aberdeen house, an

armed trawler in the harbour, whilst loading coal, accidentally fired its large deck gun. The shell entered the house through the front door, went up the hallway, ricocheted off the kitchen wall and exited out through the back wall injuring a neighbour. Luckily Mary was unhurt. It was around this time that she first met her future husband John, who was serving in the Royal Navy. Mary then volunteered for the WRNS and spent most of the war years stationed at the Royal Naval base at Scapa Flow. Mary and John married in 1946 and for a time lived in Cardiff where John worked at the Steelworks. Duncan was born in Cardiff but because of poor housing at that time they moved back to Scotland where John got a house and a job at the Fettercairn Distillery. Mary's other two sons Roger and Randy were born in Fettercairn.

In 1954 John left the Distillery and started working on the Lawers Hydro Electric Scheme at Killin. When that was complete the family moved into a Hydro House at Ballechroisk. With the family growing up Mary started work at the Co-op butchers and became a dab hand at making Co-op

### John Stuart

We would like to thank the people in Killin, Dunkeld and all over who gave us such support, cards and flowers, at the very sad time of losing our lovely brother John Stuart, who died on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013. He had struggled with ill health for years and sadly dementia took over. He made deliveries to Killin during his work with Shell Company from Perth, made many friends, including Mari Stitt, a special lady who always had the leaf tea ready. His wife, Margaret, and family were such a support to him and he will be sadly missed.

**Jessie McLeod and sister Barbara**

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## Obituaries

Bangers. She worked there with Colin and Ginge Campbell, Jimmy Taylor and Jim Callan, until her retirement. Mary and John bought GlenGarry House on Main Street and, after a lot of hard work carrying out renovations, they moved there in 1970. Mary was always industrious, knitting, sewing, cooking, gardening and loved having the grandchildren to stay. Her Christmas lunches were a great success and she really enjoyed having the extended family there.

Mary and John loved to go away with the caravan and often took some of the grandchildren with them. On one occasion they were meeting up with Randy and his family at a caravan site where Randy put the children to bed and strongly warned them to be quiet as they must not disturb the people in the other caravans. Mary and John arrived and, as it was her birthday, she was having a few whiskies. A short time later young Frank shouted through "Gran you've got to be QUIET". No guessing who was making all the noise. After Mary and John retired they travelled around Canada and New Zealand visiting relations. Mary had an active village life and was a long time member of the WRI. In 2004 Mary sold GlenGarry House and moved into the flat at Fingal

Road where she spent her last years. She will be sadly missed by her immediate and extended family. The collection at the funeral service raised £253 for the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home, many thanks to all those who donated.

**Duncan, Roger and Randy Twigg**



**Helen MacGregor**

Helen MacGregor passed away on 16th October 2013 in Perth Royal Infirmary after a short illness. The family would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the lovely flowers and cards and words of kindness towards Helen and all the family. The Church was very well attended and the family would like to thank you for your attendance and generosity in raising £669.64 which we have donated to Strathcarron Hospice, a charity close to Helen's heart. Thank you all once again from all the family.

**Duncan, Rhona and Sheena**

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**Emma Meldrum**

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## The Big Shed



We are delighted to welcome Gwen Raes to the Big Shed as our new building manager. Originally from Belgium, she has lived in Scotland for three years: some of you will know here from her work as a seasonal ranger with the NTS in Killin. She is especially interested in good food, local food, the transition movement and likes to bake. Her other interests include outside activities, learning to play the guitar,

and meeting people - so come along and meet her at the Christmas Craft Fair on 14<sup>th</sup> December from 11 till 3, to which admission is free.

There will be a wide variety of edible goodies to purchase, including chocolates, home-baking, preserves, eggs, bread and locally-raised meat. Art and craft work will also be for sale with stallholders offering painting, prints, photography, willow-work, seasonal decorations and more.

Snacks, including mouth-watering home-baking will be available, as will teas, coffees and mulled wine.

Whatever the weather, the pellet burning stove will keep everyone toasty-warm, so come along and find something unique and hand-made to give to friends or family this Christmas. You'll find the Big Shed on the north side of Loch Tay, about 6 miles from Killin. Access is signposted from the main road.

As well as organising the Craft Fair, Gwen has been very busy updating the Big Shed's website and Facebook page. Have a look and see what she's been up to: you can contact Gwen on 0750 864 5453 [gwen@bigshed.org.uk](mailto:gwen@bigshed.org.uk)



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## Christmas Message

Have you ever watched young babies trying to walk? They tend to walk on tiptoes as they are carefully supported by a loving parent. Yet before the year is out their feet firmly connect them to the earth. In the *Carmina Gadelica* I came across this verse:

This night is the eve of the great Nativity  
Born is the Son of Mary the Virgin  
The soles of his feet have reached the earth,  
The Son of glory down from on high ...

What a lovely way to express the coming of Jesus - saying that the soles of his feet have reached the earth. He truly came and dwelt among us. The next verse begins with praise

The peace of earth to Him, the joy of heaven to Him,  
Behold His feet have reached the world ...

As a youngster he worshipped with his family and the local community - as one of our hymns reminds us

O Thou whose infant feet were found.  
Within Thy Father's shrine,  
Whose years with changeless virtue crowned,  
Were all alike divine.

The gospels tell us of his life on earth - the child born to be our Saviour, Redeemer and Friend.

Each Christmas we celebrate the coming of the Christ child into the world. As usual on Christmas Eve (8.00pm in Killin and 11.00pm in Balquhiddy) we gather to sing carols and hear the old story once more. The door is open - come along.

**The Reverend John Lincoln**

## Christmas Church Services

### Church of Scotland

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 10am**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday All-age Advent Service with Abernethy band.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 10am**

Nativity Service with children from JAM (Sunday School).

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 10am**

Service with Killin Community Choir.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 10am-**  
Carol Service.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 8pm**

Christmas Eve Service with Mince Pies afterwards (11pm in Balquhiddy).

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 10am**

Service with Episcopal Church & Communion afterwards.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014 10am**  
New Year Service.

### Roman Catholic Church

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 7pm**

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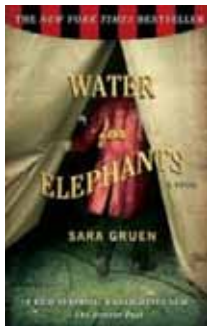


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## Book Review



The lovely thing about our book group is that we all like different genres of books and for that reason we have read many different kinds. This can strike up some interesting conversations as people's likes and dislikes are uncovered. *Water for Elephants* was one of the books that

we all seem thoroughly to enjoy together so what better recommendation could you ask for. A family catastrophe leaves Jacob Jankowski homeless, penniless, and numb just before taking his final veterinarian exams. In desperation, he literally grabs the first opportunity that comes along—a slow-moving circus train. His expertise with animals is quickly apparent to Marlena, the top performer and also to Uncle Al, the relentless opportunist and owner of the show. Marlena's sadistic husband, August, resents Jacob's intrusion into his circus menagerie and his violence ignites the plot.

When Uncle Al buys Rosie the elephant, both Jacob and Marlena fall in love with her, even as they try not to fall in love with each other. But Rosie turns out to be "stupid,"

seemingly unable to live up to the promise of a headlining elephant act. However, when Jacob discovers her secret, everything changes and the story stampedes to a shocking climax.

The narrative swings easily between the past and present - between the naïve 23-year-old Jacob in the circus and the crotchety old widower he becomes in his 90's. He now lives in a nursing home, alone with his guilt and memories all locked up. When a little circus sets up nearby, Jacob hobbles out to see it and his memory of his time with the circus comes flooding back.

I was very quickly drawn into this book and found it difficult to put down as it had the right level of suspense to have you wanting more.

**Jayne Kerr**

The Sequel Book Group

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### National Park

#### 3 October

Proposal: Erection of extension

Location: The Real Food Cafe Tyndrum

Applicant: Mr Alan McColm

Application Type: Detailed Planning

Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

#### 4 October

Proposal: Reinstatement of drainage, improve paths, reinforce grass areas, install play equipment and furniture, undertake tree planting

Location: Breadalbane Recreation Park

Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mr Charles Grant

Application Type: Detailed Planning

Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

#### 7 October

Proposal: Change of use of former church to Cafe and workshop with retail area

Location: Strathfillan Church,

Strathfillan Church Road Tyndrum

Applicant: Mr Jim Mailer

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Decision: Pending Consideration

#### 10 October

Proposal: Installation of replacement window

Location: Tigh Muileann Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mr Gavin Wilson

Application Type: Householder Planning

Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

#### 10 October

Proposal: Erection of a dwellinghouse

Location: Church Hall Ballechroisk Killin

Applicant: Dr Philip Simpson (Session Clerk)

Application Type: Planning Permission in Principle

Decision: Approve

#### 4 November

Proposal: Change of use to form amenity area, including landscaping, car parking and picnic area.

Location: Land At Station Yard

Meadow Grove Crianlarich

Applicant: Mrs Isla Craig

Application Type: Detailed Planning

Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

### Perth & Kinross Council

#### 16 September

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse and ancillary boathouse

Location: Land 180 Metres South East Of

Keprannich House Ardtalnaig

Applicant: Mr and Mrs N J and S M

Douglas

Application Type: planning permission

local

Decision: Pending Consideration

#### 19 September

Proposal: Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse

Location: Cairistonia Dalchiaran Fearnan

Applicant: Mr And Mrs N Ballantyne

Application Type: planning permission

local

Decision: Application Approved

### Stirling

Nothing to Report

## Mobile Libraries

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#### Tyndrum

Station Road 1.35-1.50

Green Welly 1.55-2.20

Mansefield 2.30-3.00

Benmore 3.15-3.15

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Dec 2, 16, 30, Jan 13, 27

Glenlochay 10.50-12.30

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Dec 2, 16, 30

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# Celebrations



Sarah Louise Campbell BVMS RCVS, granddaughter of Stanley Mudd of Falls of Dochart Cottage, married Will McCarthy BVMS RCVS at Saint Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr on 16th August. They are now settled in Kirkcudbright.



Hollie Stafford (granddaughter of George and Joan Bickerton) graduated with BA Hons in Primary Education at Leeds Metropolitan University and is now teaching at Newark.

Elizabeth Devaney, Royal Logistics Corps from Crianlarich at Operation Herrick Medal Parade and Volunteer Reserve presentation at Stirling Castle on 24<sup>th</sup> October for service in Afghanistan.



Yvonne Sutherland (niece of Joan Bickerton) graduated with BA Hons 1st Class in Social Work from Leeds Metropolitan University and is now working with Barnardo's



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# Celebrations



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Cecilia Woodward tending the garden at Ballechroisk Court which won 2nd Prize in the category Communal Garden category of a Rural Stirling Housing Association Competition.



## Brownies Christmas Post

It's nearly that time of year again! During December (until 11am on Sunday 22nd Dec) you will be able to hand your Christmas Cards in to either News First or the library along with a donation of 20p per card. All the money raised will go to The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home.

The cards will be delivered for you on Sun 22nd Dec. Please note that we can only deliver cards to those houses within reasonable walking distance around the village.

If there is anyone (young or old) who wants to come along to help sort & deliver cards on Sunday 22nd then please come along to the McLaren hall at 1.30pm – we need your support! You don't need to be a Brownie to help! Scouts and Beavers are welcome.

Thanks to everyone who helps us with this annual event.

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## Letters

### Thank you

I would like to thank all the village folk who gave me lovely cards, gifts and good wishes after my hip operation. Thank you also to Doctors, Nurses and hospital staff at F.V.R.H. I very much appreciate all that friends and neighbours have done for me, thank you all very much, also special thanks to my daughters for their help and support over the past few weeks.

**Andrea Simpson**

### Quilt Raffle

The Coach House Craft Society's recently held raffle was a great success. We managed to raise a substantial amount which we can now pass on to our charities for their continuing good work. We sincerely thank everyone for the support given to us. It has been fun and many more people can benefit from your generosity. Thanks again. Raffle prize winners have already been notified.

**Allan Wilshere**

### What at mess!

I am an old resident of Killin and loved my days there. I worked in the Post Office, Bickerton Painters, Bridge of Lochay Hotel, Craigard Tea Room, Morenish Lodge Hall, and I loved it as it was and still is a beautiful place.

Recently I was getting off the bus from Edinburgh at the old station where I used to board the train to go to Callander School and was horrified at the dirty surrounds and the ladies toilet was the most disgusting, smelly place I have come across. The filth was beyond belief. It's such a shame and certainly should give the tourist food for thought.

It would make a lovely tourist information centre with old photos of the pug, the boat that used to be on Loch Tay, nice flower displays and small café with seats to welcome tourists not send them away. They see all that filth before coming to the lovely Shutters Restaurant with home-baking and seats to sit out on a nice day, a good welcome from the paper shop up to the Falls of Dochart - beautiful all the way.

Surely the Council or whoever is in charge should have a big clean-up.

**Helen Cairns**  
Fort William



Debbie and I would like to thank everyone who attended the Hallowe'en Disco on 2<sup>nd</sup> November in the McLaren Hall. The money raised will be split between the Hogmanay Fireworks fund and 2<sup>nd</sup> Killin & District Scout Group. Thank you also to our friends and families who helped out on the night with decorating the hall, setting up the bar and manning the door.

#### Winners

Nursery: Noa De Coterlet  
P1-P4: Caitlin Patterson  
P5-P7: Seona Hay  
Adult: Euan MacKenzie (Above)  
Well done everyone **Yvonne Gillies**

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## December

- 3 Guild Craft Group Coffee Morning Breadalbane House 10am
- 4 Walk in the Park p20
- 5 SWRI
- 7 Green Team, 10.30am meet at the School pond
- 7 Old Mill Open Day 11.30-4.30 p6
- 8 Children's Crafting at the Old Mill p5
- 11 Walk in the Park p20
- 12 School Play Gym Hall 2pm p21
- 14 Santa Dash and Christmas Fair p14
- 14 Christmas Craft Fair Big Shed 1pm-4pm
- 15 Children's Crafting at the Old Mill p5
- 18 Walk in the Park p20
- 21 Dinner Dance Killin Hotel 7pm p14

**Brownies**  
Mondays 5pm  
Lesser Hall

**Badminton**  
Mondays  
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starting November

**Bowls**  
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**Tuesday Club**  
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**Guild Craft Group**  
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10am-12 noon

## January

- 1 New Year Dances p17 and p20
- 5 Bedding of the Healing Stones Old Mill p6
- 6 SWRI
- 15 Walk in the Park p20
- 16 Green Team, 10.30am meet at the School pond
- 22 Walk in the Park p20
- 29 Walk in the Park p20

**Tai Chi**  
Wednesday  
Tyndrum Hall  
9.30am

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

**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

**Tai Chi**  
Thursdays  
Big Shed  
10.30am  
starting late October

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

**Slimmers club**  
Sports and Leisure  
Pavilion, Tuesdays  
5.30pm

**Quilters**  
Wednesdays  
Community Rooms  
2 - 4 pm

**Internet Cafe**  
Thursdays  
Killin Library  
11am-4pm

**Softplay Club**  
Tuesdays  
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12.30 - 2.30pm

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## Recycling Centres

### Callander

**Monday - Friday: 5pm - 8pm**  
**Saturday: 10am - 2pm**  
**Sunday: Closed**

### Aberfeldy

**Tuesday and Thursday**  
**10am to 7pm**  
**Saturday and Sunday**  
**10am - 5pm**

### Crieff

**North Forr, Brioch Forr**

**All Year**

**Monday - Friday 9am-7pm**  
**Saturday & Sunday 9am-5pm**







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