

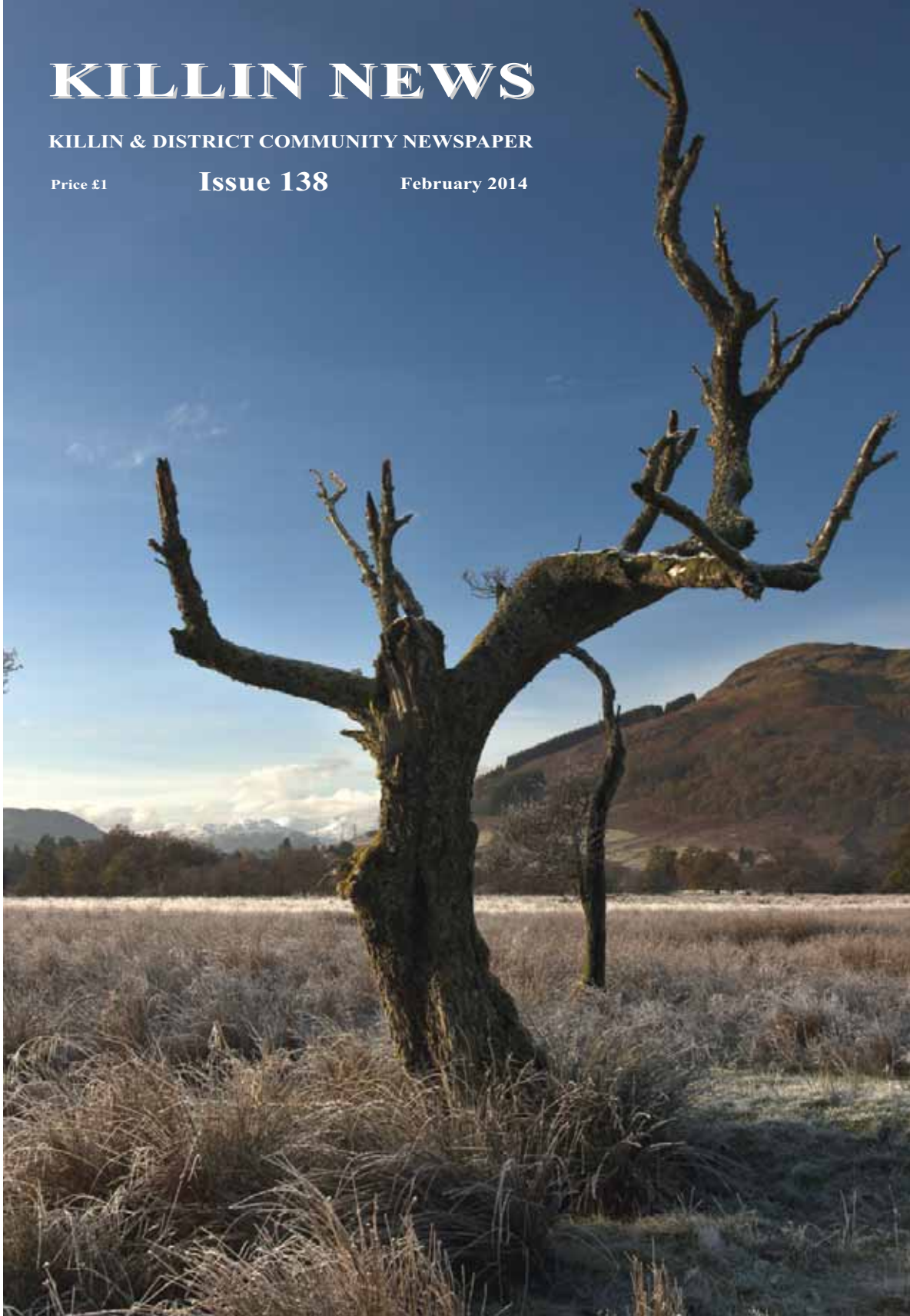
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Editorial

Tourism is the main driver of the local economy of Killin. £30 million was awarded to VisitScotland to promote tourism for the three years up to 2015 and to capitalize on the major events. How will that affect our local tourism? Will VisitScotland send tourists our way? Will we be in good shape to receive them? What have we to offer?

Killin is not just a transit stop for tour buses but a destination in its own right for walkers, cyclists, campers and others. Some come here to eat or stay but some day-trippers and visitors set off on other activities. While many flit through in buses, glance at and photograph the Dochart Falls during a comfort stop and ask where the village lies, some come here to relax and enjoy the many sights sounds and activities that make Killin a very special location. Views from the Breadalbane Park give visitors an impression of the surrounding countryside but it is only by immersing themselves in the scenery that visitors can see the many things that intrigue those of us that live here. The history is written in the rocks, the numerous ruined houses, shielings and crannogs. Wild life of all sorts is there ready for inspection by those with the knowledge and interest to acquire the specialized skills. Rare flora can be found on the hills. Views many would die for, not that that is essential, surround us and trail off into Rannoch and Glen Coe. The loyal visitor, who returns again and again, is one who understands aspects of Killin in depth. Sometimes these regular visitors return and teach us the results of their studies. Surely there are many, yet untapped, who would be as fascinated to see Killin in detail as they and we do?

How can we make this place visitor friendly so that the bus tripper returns to stay a week or so? Words like welcome, help, information, comfort, cup of tea, chat, come to mind, but we do all that. Perhaps it's more a case of ensuring that all aspects of this destination are detailed on a website in a way that potential visitors can identify and choose exactly what activities suit them before they come to Killin. Now there's a challenge.

Killin Main Street is in the process of regeneration. The new flats have tied up a corner, the new shops, opened or about to open, will give a better impression of the village. It is good to see older buildings being resurrected and brought to their former glory. It gives us all confidence in the future.

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John MacPherson Court

After the Minister for Housing and Welfare, Margaret Burgess MSP had 'unveiled' the two new blocks of flats at the top of Main Street, on 6th December, the opening ribbon was cut by Margaret MacPherson. The twelve flats have been named John MacPherson Court in honour of her late husband who did so much for the Killin Community, especially in setting up The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home.

The new tenants, almost all from Killin, were able to move in and some celebrated Christmas in their new homes. The project has been completed to a high standard of energy efficiency with both solar and photovoltaic panels, high levels of insulation and a mechanical heat recovery system. Work began in July 2012 and cost more than £1.569m to complete. The Scottish Government contributed project grant funding of £30,000 per flat.



One of the two new blocks

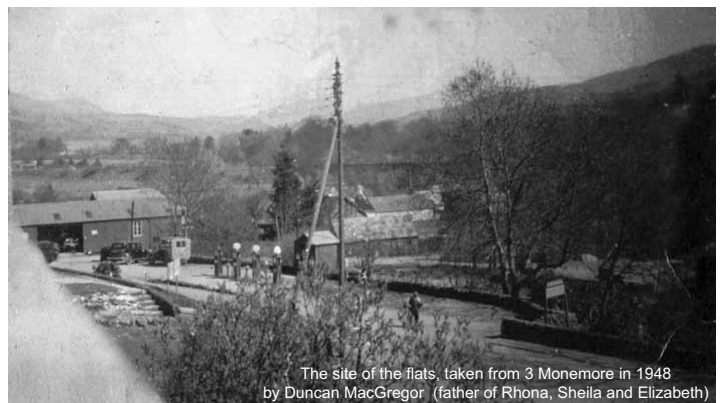
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Margaret MacPherson is presented with a bouquet by Margaret Burgess MSP

Ron Allner



The site of the flats, taken from 3 Monemore in 1948 by Duncan MacGregor (father of Rhona, Sheila and Elizabeth)

Essential Services - Post Office

Killin continues to rely on a mobile Post Office from 3.30-5.30 on Tuesdays and from 4.30-5.30 on Wednesdays. This now operates from behind Frasers store where shelter for the queue is kindly provided by Dani and Mick.

The good news is that negotiations are taking place about opening a Post Office in News First but that is not likely to happen until about April.



Kenny Lang

Opening of the Salmon Season 2014

The weather finally changed for long enough for water levels to drop, which allowed for many fisherman to gather at Auchmore for the opening of the salmon fishing ceremony. A wonderful German breakfast was again kindly provided by Stefan Schuermann, from Germany, who has been a regular angler for more than 20 years. The Famous Grouse sponsored the event as they have done for many years, by providing small whisky gifts and the main prizes. Reverend John Lincoln blessed the boats before they left the shore from the old staging where Queen Victoria landed in 1842. In the evening 32 people met at the Bridge of Lochay Hotel for dinner. After the meal, a presentation was made to Mr William Hill for the heaviest fish at 32lb for 2013 and he auctioned his prize, a gallon bottle of The Famous Grouse whisky, in aid of CHAS. This made a total of £126. In addition to this, a raffle was also drawn with the proceeds of £136 again going to CHAS.

Grant Tigwell, Chairman, West Loch Tay Salmon Fishers Association

Lodge Breadalbane St. Fillans No 815

Christmas Turkey

Just before Christmas the Killin Masonic Lodge was gifted a 20lb turkey reared free range and prepared for the oven and it was decided that the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home could make best use of this. Jim Cushley was contacted and thanked the members for the gift. However the oven at the Home wasn't big enough to take the turkey so it was taken home by Jim. His wife Frances slowly cooked the bird for around eighteen hours in their oven. All at the Falls of Dochart had a hearty Christmas dinner and no doubt a few turkey orientated meals over the following few days.

New Year's Night Dance

The dance to bring in 2014 was enjoyed by all, even though the numbers were much reduced from previous years. Unfortunately the

disastrous weather in the south, which brought about flooding and power loss, caused some people who were affected to cancel plans to holiday in Killin for the New Year. Many regulars had problems and quite simply did not want to risk leaving home. We hope they managed to raise a glass to 2014 and that they all are getting back to a form of normality. The Lodge thanks all who supported the dance and will be distributing funds to local causes in the near future.

2014 Auction

The ever popular Community Auction will take place on Easter Saturday, the 19th of April. Details will be circulated during March but this advance reminder will get everyone thinking of what they might contribute and get the buyers noting the date in their calendars.

Alex Stewart

Killin Community Council Election

If you are over 16, resident in the Killin Council area and would like to stand for the Community Council, please complete and send in a nomination form. These are available in the Library, on the Stirling Council website: www.stirling.gov.uk or from Suzanne Player 01567 820154. There are twelve vacancies. If you would like to discuss or find out more about the role, please contact Suzanne. Forms need to be in by 4pm Friday 14th February.

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Santa Dash



The Killin Santa Dash took place on Saturday 14th December with 131 locals and visitors donning matching Santa suits to raise money for the local schools. The route went from the Falls of Dochart Inn to the Bridge of Lochay Hotel, a total of 2km, a fantastic effort for everyone but particularly the youngest Santas. Amanda and Bob at the Bridge of Lochay helped organise a Christmas

market where finishers and spectators enjoyed mulled wine, home baking and were able to buy Christmas gifts from the stalls organised by local groups and businesses and listen to the Killin Community Choir. Although the event was just for fun, prizes of embroidered Santa hats were awarded to the fastest adults and youths. These were won by Stephen Duff, Emily Swain, Aaron Hibbert and Rosie Cooper. £1,231 was raised by sponsorship and donations, which has been split amongst the three local primary schools, McLaren High School and Killin Youth Group. Participants were able to select which school they wanted their money to go to, with Killin Primary raising £817 towards a trip or new sports equipment. Our thanks to Mrs Williams and Mrs MacRae, PC Frickleton and her colleagues at Police Scotland, John Morris, The Falls Of Dochart Inn, Bridge of Lochay Hotel, the stallholders and volunteers and all those who took part. The event will happen again this year I hope to see you there!

Pete Waugh
Tay Fitness

Boxing Day Dip



Sixteen hardy souls took to the very swollen waters of the River Lochay for this year's Boxing Day dip and once again there was a great turnout of folk to encourage us. We had a crazy costume competition which was very ably judged by Mandy Hay and deservedly won by "Scooby Doo and Friends" from The Real Food Cafe in Tyndrum. Many thanks to them and their customers for the money they collected at the cafe. Thanks to Iain at the Killin Hotel for providing soup and changing facilities for us, to our loyal and very generous supporters and especially to those who braved the freezing waters. We are considering changing the time of next year's dip to 2pm but more about that nearer the time! Due to everyone's huge generosity we raised £1061 for The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. **Anna Nicholson**

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Space Audit

The space audit has now started and I will be in contact with all providers of community facilities, halls, recreation facilities, churches, Weaver Suite, to see what their facilities offer. I will also be in contact with local hotels to see if they provide meeting and function rooms and how the community may be able to make better use of their facilities.

The other part of the space audit is to talk to the community groups to assess their needs and requirements and I will also contact them. If you are part of a community group in Killin or Ardeonaig and you have not heard from me get in contact so I can come and talk to you.

Ideally I would like to speak to a minimum of 2 committee/board members/trustees together as this will give a bigger picture of requirements and needs.

Killin Sports & Leisure Club

This project is progressing. We are developing a business plan to enable us to take over the lease from Stirling Council, but it is early days yet. We are also looking at funding for replacing the synthetic turf.

Breadalbane Park

We will not hear from the BIG Lottery regarding phase 1 until the end of March 2014. We are now seeking funding for phase 2 which is the play park area of the park. Planning permission has been granted for the park.

The Old Mill

We had a very successful Open Day on Saturday 7th December which raised £677 which will go towards the repair the Lade. As the Mill was being referred to as both "The Killin Water Mill" and "The Old Mill" we asked people, by a questionnaire at the Open Day which name they would prefer. The majority of participants preferred 'The Old Mill' so this will be the name for the building.

The lade wall is in a bad state of repair at a cost of £7,979.24. We have been fortunate to receive funding from Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park Authority, £2,223, Dalrymple Donaldson Fund £3,000. These grants and the open day money means we are still short of £2,079.24. We are waiting to hear about another grant application, but this grant on its own won't cover the remaining cost of repairs. Any donations will be gratefully appreciated. The lade needs to be

repaired in order for the wheel to turn and enhance its attractiveness. Would you like to learn some traditional building skills? We are looking for up to 3 volunteers to work on the lade and be taught to use lime mortar and build with natural stone. If you are interested and would be available for a couple weeks from mid February get in contact.

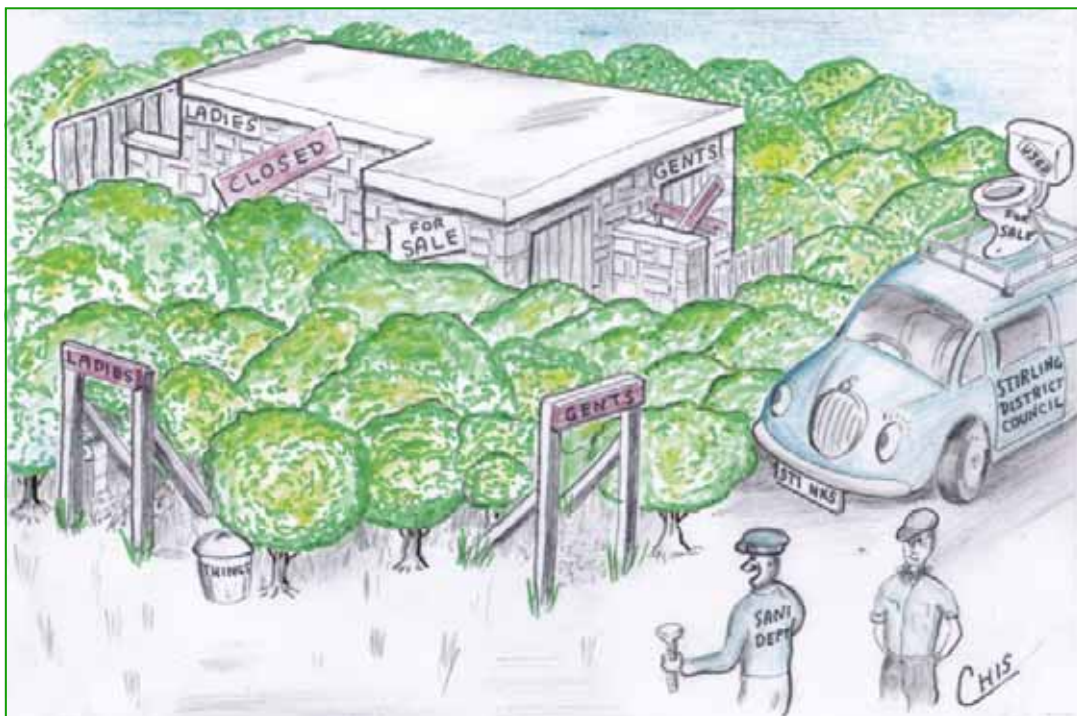
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KAT AGM

The KAT AGM will be held on Saturday 15th March in the Killin Hotel from 11am to 2pm. Following the AGM there will be presentations on KAT related activities including the Old Mill, the Thrift Shop, the Breadalbane Park, the Sports and Leisure Club and the Feasibility Study into a public toilet for Killin. You are invited to come along, join or renew your membership details, and become involved in the discussions. This is your opportunity to help KAT make Killin a better place. Soup and sandwiches will be served.

Willie Angus
Chairman



A toilet in hand is worth two in the bush!

KAT Toilet Feasibility Study



Jim Bennet, Shona Sinclair, Chris Morgan

Priority Based Budgeting proposes to close all public toilets on a phased basis, resulting in half being closed over a five year period.

Stirling Council has decided to close all public toilets. This is what S.C. Assets Management have told us over the past two years. But if public toilets are not available for visitors it will dissuade many from visiting. It may mean some of those who are less active will visit and spend time in hotels or cafés but that will be of little help to walkers, climbers, fishermen, tradesmen and others who want to work in or explore our local environment.

The National Park very generously offered KAT the opportunity to seek a grant of £10,000 for Killin public toilets. Aware that Stirling Council would stop maintaining them and as Killin & Ardeonaig Trust do not have a regular income, we obviously decided that to repair the existing toilets, would be a waste of money if they were to be subsequently closed. It would be better to find out if it is possible to design one suitably placed toilet that could bring in a sufficient income to maintain itself. We have engaged SKS Scotland, a social enterprise, to do a feasibility study. They will look into all the possibilities and are very keen to seek your opinions. It is important you support us and respond to our questionnaires during the survey over the next two months.

Whether or not you are a tourist provider, you will be involved in the consequences if there is no publicly available toilet in Killin. Every business here is dependent to an extent on visitors, many of whom are dependent on access to a public toilet. While we may be able to find the money to build one, neither Stirling Council nor the National Park will offer the money to maintain and run it. It is highly unlikely that volunteers would be keen to clean them so SKS Scotland will seek alternative proposals that could include an attached retail unit, advertising, entry payments, sponsorship or something like that.

If we are successful in identifying a good design that makes it easier and cheaper to maintain, then we will have set up an example for other remote communities to follow.

Shona Sinclair is our main contact for the project supported by Chris Morgan and Jim Bennet. SKS Scotland is a social firm and management consultancy that has worked with an impressive list of social enterprises in Scotland.

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St. Fillan's Healing Stones

On Sunday 5th January, traditionally Christmas Eve in the Julian calendar, the ancient ceremony of the bedding of St Fillan's Healing Stones took place in the Old Mill by the Falls of Dochart in Killin. The ceremony dates back to the 8th Century and is performed each year. Straw and weeds freshly collected from the river replaced the old bedding materials. The ceremony, attended by locals and visitors, was performed by local school children Emily Fraser, Olivia Ridgewell, Ellie Ridgewell and Stacey Riddell. The old bedding was thrown into the river. The ceremony was managed by Franny Morrison, Old Mill Project Manager. The mill runs a charity shop on the ground floor manned by volunteers. Local tourist information is provided for visitors. The mill wheel is in good condition but the laide is damaged and plans are in place to repair it so that visitors will soon be able to view the wheel at work. Eventually it will be used for electricity generation. The Healing Stones are displayed on the first floor along with local arts and crafts. The stones may be handled for healing purposes by appointment under supervision.



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Frost Report

Winter Mix – with a high

As we get well past New Year, I'm sure that most of us cannot help but be looking forward to the spring and drier weather. One of the marks of spring for us, along with the return of our friendly neighbourhood ospreys, is the return of our red squirrels to the garden feeders. With the lack (so far) of snow cover and a particularly heavy crop of hazelnuts etc last autumn. I expect it will be a while yet. We all know that squirrels don't hibernate or migrate and many people enjoy their company through the winter but ours tend to return in the summer when the wild food is used up. Scientists from the University of Liverpool, doing a four year study on a National Trust site on Merseyside, have found that 10% of the red squirrels on the site have antibodies in their blood to suggest that they have recovered from the squirrel pox virus. Hopefully this may happen in other areas and, like myxomatosis, it will cease to be the killer threat that it is at the moment. Let's hope that the research proves more useful than that carried out by Edinburgh University School of

Biological Sciences on Rhum. After nearly 40 years of study they have decided that it is right to shoot the calves of shot hinds as they cannot fend for themselves and will die. This has always been the practice of any self-respecting stalker since time immemorial and has been part of the Best Practice guidelines since they were set up. It is generally perceived that shooting is one of the most dangerous sports but injury and death statistics tell a different story. Golf and horse riding are the most dangerous while, in America, catching cheer leaders causes the most injuries of any sport. But you don't need a gun to get rid of rats. It is well known that terriers are good at this and many a distillery in Scotland and brewery in the Midlands have stuffed champion dogs from years gone by. When we lived in Burton, famous for its brewing, I wanted to get one of these at a sale but my wife vetoed the idea – quite strongly but I don't know why. I was recently reading an article about a John Gaunt who, in the late 1800s and early 1900s, trained foxes to

catch rats. They were faster than terriers and could hold several in their mouth at once. I have witnessed a fox catching mice while already having several in its jaws. He lived in Belper, Derbyshire, but never managed to train the foxes to the lead in daylight, a skill which my wife managed without trouble with her pet fox some years ago. Her fox did not catch rats but she was deadly on slugs. That's the foxy bit for this month so let's end on a couple of different characters. A white stork was detained by Egyptian Police on suspicion of spying because it had a zoologists' tag for research into migration. It was later released (presumably without a stain on its character) but was later eaten as part of the Nubian diet. A keeper, cutting rides in North Yorkshire, noticed that the plants were unusual. He discovered that they were cannabis plants. The word went out that whoever planted them was hoping for high pheasants.

Tim Frost



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Sci-Fi is now a reality?

Technology moves forward - we have touch screen hand held devices, wearable computers and even televisions that work out your viewing habits, suggest programmes for you to watch and respond to your voice commands. These forms of technology are established and have been readily available for some time.

Very soon we will be seeing futuristic technology within our vehicles. Cars already have on board computers which manage various aspects of the car, its maintenance and even the driving experience. There are also cars that are being tested that drive themselves, wake you up if you fall asleep as the "driver", and add extra levels of security whilst you drive by "seeing" other traffic and preventing you from hitting nearby cars. I wonder how long it will be before these types of transport are commonplace? I can certainly imagine within the next 5-10 years my car driving to London with me sleeping in the recliner seat and being woken up by the car when it is time to refuel both it and me, and also being reminded that I have to send off a card for the maiden aunt's 85th birthday.

However, I do feel that technology is moving ahead so quickly that, until we in the rural areas get modern internet connectivity, we will be left behind.

Apple/Android/Windows Battle

Android is the most common operating system used for phones and tablets. But there are so many versions of Android, many changed slightly by manufacturers to add value to their hardware, that your version of Android might look entirely different in some respects to mine. Apple is Apple, and its iOS operating system is intuitive and looks basically the same across all Apple devices. Microsoft are still struggling from not getting a phone/tablet dedicated operating system ready to meet the huge take-up of hand held devices. But unsubstantiated rumours suggest that Microsoft are working to resolve this failure and might offer the market something this year.

I would welcome a fully fledged Windows operating system on a mobile device, so that I can use my tablet or phone with the full functionality that I currently enjoy from my desktop and laptop computers.

Moving back from Windows 8 to Windows 7

I am being asked to remove Windows 8 from new computers and to install Windows 7. The look and feel of Windows 8 is just too different for many people to cope with and I have heard reports of people becoming frustrated and very angry with their new computer. This downgrade process is a labour intensive process that, in some situations, needs a new licence for Windows 7 to be purchased. The basic version of Windows 8 is aimed at a home user and offers no downgrade option - so you have to buy a licence for Windows 7. However the more feature-rich Windows 8 Pro operating system, ideal for business users or within a network environment, has a free downgrade option to Windows 7 - although the downgrade takes a lot of effort and skill to do.

But saying that, if you are struggling with Windows 8, and you really cannot get on with it, there is a way forward (OK correctly - backwards). Please take care to order the correct version of Windows 7 and, very importantly, ensure you get the correct "architecture" i.e. 64 bit or 32 bit Windows 7. I expect (but will not guarantee) that Windows 8 machines are 64 bit architecture.

Moving from Windows XP to Windows 7

From April 2014 Microsoft stops all support for our trusted friend Windows XP. From then onwards, any internet connected XP machine will be open to hackers and criminals. It is 100% essential for XP machines not to be connected to the internet after April. There is a possibility that your existing XP machine will be able to be upgraded to Windows 7. This is an easier process compared to moving back from Windows 8, but it is not guaranteed to work. Firstly you need to ensure that your motherboard, your processor and all your hardware are compatible with Windows 7, otherwise the move just will not work. You then need to obtain a Windows 7 licence. The process is then not complicated, but can be long-winded. I am not sure how cost effective this option is and logically it might be better to invest in a new computer. Please note that you will need to install Windows 7 32 bit operating system, unless you are 100% confident that your XP machine can support 64 bit operating system. (I would not be confident at all!)

Local Computer Support

I am looking to retire this year from IT Support work, but will retain my current contracts with local businesses. I will help out if and when I can for others but not on a full time basis and on an ad-hoc basis if and when I have spare time. I will be working part-time at least until the

end of April (after the death of Windows XP) as I believe many people will then need help to move on to newer operating systems. In the meantime, the best way of contacting me is via my mobile. I will be building up my other business over the next few months - teaching/training and playing Bridge. It is my hope to have handed over Your Computer Manager business by the Summer - although I expect I will continue to keep my hand on the reins for a while.

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Strathfillan Community Council

After a very good turnout in the postal ballot, the following Community Councillors were elected to Strathfillan Community Council: Mary Anderson, Isla Craig, Dennis Dawber, Alistair MacDonald, Calum Marr, John Riley, Joyce Russell, Alan Smailes, Cameron Taylor, Charlie Urquhart. Office bearers elected at the inaugural meeting on 16th December were: Chair John Riley, Secretary & Vice-chair Alan Smailes, Treasurer Charlie Urquhart. The minutes secretary is Isla Craig.

Since then the principle focus of the CC has been to respond to the Stirling Council Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) consultation. Strathfillan CC has sent in a strongly worded response stating that the concept of budget cuts being proposed by departmental heads and accountants is regarded as negative and destructive. There is a real concern that council officers will make cuts where it is easiest, which is likely to be areas of relatively small population, with minimal influence in terms of council income/head in comparison with densely populated urban communities.

Infrastructure and council services built up over several years are severely threatened by this draconian proposal: for example public toilets, mobile and area libraries and services such as bin collections and bus services. We shouldn't accept the dismantling of services and facilities, which would be difficult to reinstate. Each community is likely to have slightly different priorities. For Strathfillan, reducing the maintenance on the West Highland Way is of concern, which may not impact on other communities. However, SC roads issues are less relevant here

than in other places because the majority of roads are either unadopted or trunk roads currently maintained by BEAR.

The CC response asked the Council to postpone the PBB proposals and instead consider the high contribution to the nation's prosperity from the numerous successful businesses in our area. Surely this must be included in deliberations with such serious consequences!

The Strathfillan CC response has been widely circulated at a senior level within Stirling Council and also to the local press.

A copy of the full response is available online in the "public discussion" section of www.scottishdemocracy.com. The CC will be using this website as a focal point for communication and discussion on local issues and to help keep local people informed about the work the CC is involved with. Meeting agendas and minutes are also published on the website and individuals are encouraged to visit the site on a regular basis to participate in discussions on the site, and to use it to bring specific issues to the attention of the CC.

Isla Craig

Double victory for local Badminton Champion

At the recent club competitions at McLaren Badminton Club in Callander, Fiona Tickner from Crianlarich was winner of the Ladies Singles, winner of the Mixed Doubles with partner Gavin Bruce from Gargunnoch and runner up in the Ladies Doubles with partner Eleanor Hamilton from Gartmore.

As well as playing at McLaren Leisure Centre in Callander on an occasional Tuesday and Wednesday, Fiona also plays badminton at Crianlarich in the village hall and at Killin in the McLaren Hall. Crianlarich meet on a Monday over the winter months, and Killin play Mondays and Tuesdays.

Fiona is ever willing to encourage all players to improve their badminton and passes on helpful hints and advice. If you are interested in playing in any of these clubs you can contact the local venues in which they take place for more details. Along with Active Stirling coaches, Fiona coaches the older youngsters from Crianlarich Primary School and they have come on so well that Active Stirling has put them forward for the local schools' competitions at the Peak in January.



Strathfillan Development Trust

New Year – New Challenge?

Are you looking for a new challenge in 2014? Do you enjoy living and/or working in Strathfillan but can see room for improvement?

The Strathfillan Community Development Trust exists to help make Strathfillan a better place in which to live, work and to visit. The Trust will be holding its Annual General Meeting at the end of March and would be delighted to welcome anyone who would be interested in becoming a Trust Director.

A Director usually heads up a project in which they have a particular interest or passion for and with the help of a working group of volunteers (and me!) sees the project through from planning, fund finding, perhaps working with other agencies and on to completion.

Our current working groups include;

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Forestry Commission

CiA – Crianlarich into Action have secured funding of £198k to build a Heritage Path network in and around the village

Tyndrum Hall – Our HQ and village hall

SAG – Strathfillan Activities Group responsible for planning and running our award winning children's summer Saplings programme as well as organising our Woodland activity days, fetes, the book club, art exhibitions and much more besides.

Environment – This group has provided the flowering tubs across Strathfillan, vegetable tubs in Crianlarich and is actively improving the Lower Station Yard in the village.

Your Trust needs you! If you are interested in any of our current projects, have a brilliant idea or a burning ambition to get something done, then the Trust could be just the vehicle you need to succeed! Your new Community Action Plan will be published and delivered soon and we hope you may find inspiration there. Please don't be shy – get involved – get in touch with me to find out more about being a Director or a project volunteer and to discuss your ideas.

Joyce Russell
(Development Officer)
01838 400 545

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

St Valentine

Signs and influences of our long Christian heritage are visible on a daily basis in our common life here in our even yet United Kingdom. We all get a bit maxed out with the present day Christmas event and it is perhaps with a sense of peace and quiet that we welcome St Valentine's Day on 14th February.

Not a lot is known about St Valentine. What is reasonably certain is that he was beheaded on 14th February 270 because he would not renounce his Christian faith. There are even accounts of his attempts to convert the Roman emperor to the faith! While he was in prison he is believed to have healed his jailer's daughter of blindness and to have left her a note on the day of his execution signed, 'your Valentine.' Another popular story about Valentine is that he secretly married couples so that the husband would have a period of grace before having to go off to war. We do know that folk memory has a long and on the whole fairly accurate way of keeping alive and, if not the factual record of a time or person, it is good at remembering and preserving the 'meaning and value' that are good and worthwhile for our common life together in each generation.

St Valentine represents the ideals of deep loyalty and commitment, even at the cost of life itself; of the love and

care of his fellow men and women, including those who were a threat to him (the jailer); and, of course, the fundamental importance of the love of a man and woman, a husband and wife for one another as the building block of all life and community.

John Sheddon

I am locum minister at Strathfillan (reincarnation) in the vacancy resulting from the departure of Liz Gibson.

Crianlarich Village Hall

The Village hall annual charity bric-a-brac auction will be held in the village hall on Friday 14th March. Viewing is from 5pm and the auction will start at 6pm. This is always a fun evening and a key fund raiser for the hall funds. The usual refreshments will be on sale throughout the evening so why not come along and join in the banter. Take the chance to clear out all those unwanted items from the loft and drop off your contributions to the hall during the day Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th March. Or to arrange collection, call

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Morag MacNee Retires

Thanks from Morag

As many of you will know, for many years, Morag has been a tireless fundraiser for Children's Hospice Association Scotland, Kinross (CHAS) and for the Oncology department of Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh (RHSC). Between 1991 and 2010 when she finally decided to call it a day, she and her many helpers in Killin and District raised the magnificent sum of £55,000, £26,000 of which went to CHAS. However until recently Morag was still receiving bits and pieces which she sold through window adverts in News First to raise a further £750. The account has now finally been closed (after some delays outwith her control) and Morag gives her sincere apologies for this delay. She would like to thank all those who helped in so many ways and for all the much appreciated donation. Special thanks to the Mallinson family who in 1991 started the ball rolling by allowing annual auctions at the Salmon Lie pub, where the very talented auctioneer, Davy Osler (see photo of Davy with Morag and young Kenny Campbell) coaxed the bidding ever higher,



whilst at Auchmore the annual BBQs regularly raised around £1,000 from donations brought for the Big Raffle organised by Liz McGregor. Also thanks to the lovely staff of NTS Lynedoch for renting out their premises for so long for the charity fayres.

Thanks to Morag

Killin and District owe an enormous thank you to Morag for being the driving force behind this amazing achievement and an inspiration to so many. Through her determination, courage and positivity she has helped to lift the spirits and lighten the load of so many children and their families affected by cancer.

It was her granddaughter Lauren's diagnosis with a brain tumour at a very early age that inspired Morag to start fundraising. Lauren sadly passed away at the age of 14. Morag was always there for her and regularly spent time at Rachel House in Kinross with Lauren and her brother, where their spirits would be revived. Despite being a busy home help, Morag organised many and varied fundraising events with help from all ages.

Children helped with auctions, businesses gave generously, tea and cakes were copiously provided and consumed at fayres and stalls were held at the Highland Games and the Show. Time was given by so many and auction bidders and donators came from far and wide. For example a visitor from Wick left with childrens' kilts donated by a Livingstone kilt maker and a locally crafted walking stick fetched £92. An Airth fisherman, Colin McLuckie, twice won a gallon of whisky for catching the biggest salmon of the season. Not liking whisky, he auctioned them and donated the money raised. Nearer to home the late Sue and Colin Whitehead would donate the proceeds of their wedding car business, whilst homemade clootie dumplings would fetch £50-£60 at auction and then be resold at 20p/slice - truly canny Scots involved there.

In 2013 for the 21st anniversary of CHAS a new song, "Key to the Door" was specially recorded with help from Scottish Opera. One line of this song says "I wonder about the reasons why we do this, then I look and I see your smile is ten foot wide".

Morag's devotion to their cause has helped to create these ten foot wide smiles and for that we congratulate and thank her. If you would like to support the cause you can still do so directly rather than through Morag. on www.chas.org.uk

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The building was used as holiday accommodation by Jan and her great friend Anne on their first visit to Killin as youngsters. There they met and later married the Willison brothers.

The photograph was taken by Douglas Willison in 1950.

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Unknown Killin

This is the second part of a paper given in the 1920s to An Communn Gailheadch by Allan Cameron Walker 1894-1977. Mrs. Janet Walker, who kindly sent us this article, says "He was described in the family as 'living in a Celtic twilight', doing his best to educate us in the history all around us in Killin."

Behind the Parish Manse in the hollow called Corr-na-Conach was fought a desperate and bloody battle between the Campbells and the MacDonalds of Keppoch. This battle supplied Iain Lom the Keppoch Bard with material for his verses entitled 'The Day of Stronachlachan'. It is good, but not to be compared with his nicely satirical 'Battle of Inverlochy'.

Craignavie is a place of more than passing interest, for its name 'The Rock of Heaven' takes us back to the introduction of Christianity to these parts. From the top of Cnoc Bheannaich – Hill of Blessing – nearby, St. Fillan was wont to preach to the multitude of barbarians assembled from far and near to receive his blessing. Craignavie Cottage or more properly 'Tigh Bheannaich' – the 'House of Blessing' stands by the roadside near the Cnoc.



Ard-na-Gaul, that group of ruins between Craignavie and Bovain, has a very interesting name and probably represents the high water mark of a later invasion of Gaels from the continent which supplied us with our earliest known inhabitant.

High up among the rocks above Ard-na-Gaul is a cave now blocked up and forgotten, but once known as Uarh-na-Papanich from the fact of several Roman Catholic families having hidden there at the time of the Reformation, in a vain endeavour to escape forcible conversion. Just behind the seat near Ard-na-Gaul and Bovain are plainly to be seen the foundations of what must at one time have been a massive circular building. This, according to

the late Mr. C.G. Cash, a noted Scottish Archaeologist, marks the site of a Roman watch tower, probably occupied at the time of Pontius Pilate who was born at Forthingall and which served the double purpose of guarding the Sith Bruaich ford and keeping observation on the roads opening out from Glen Ogle which is the key to the mastership of this district from a military point of view.

Further west than this and now covered with young trees is the Sith Bruaich or Fairy Mound. It is regrettable that with the advance of English and Materialism the fairies have disappeared. They may, or may not, still exist. At any rate, the writer never speaks of them on a Friday out of courtesy to the beliefs of his ancestors.

Bovain was long a seat of the vanished MacNab power, and in Kinnell may yet be seen a marriage settlement deed drawn up between a MacNab of Bovain, and a daughter of the Menzies of Culdares.

Over the Dochart from Bovain on Wester Lix Farm and by the side of an ancient road is raised a stone marking, according to tradition, the grave of a Roman Legionary.

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Mervyn's Weather

Records could be said to be made to be broken – or not as the case may be! Weather-wise of late years many long standing established statistics have tumbled. Rainfall totals, snow depths, wind strengths, longevity of drought conditions, and so on, world-wide. Nearer home, December 2013, the total precipitation for the month at Ardtalnaig was 411.6 mm (16.5 inches) thereby just pipping the figures for February 1990 of 409.6 mm (16.4 inches). Other figures given by neighbouring rainfall recorders were, Strathtay 9 inches, from Glendochart (Auchlyne) 18 inches. Doubtless figures from, say, Cononish (Tyndrum) or the heads of Glen Lochay and Glenlyon would be considerably well above those mentioned. Gales (Beaufort Scale force 8) were more frequent than usual – 6 for the month, although there were many instances of "Near Gales" i.e., force 7. Due to the sodden ground conditions – worse even than 2012, many trees have been toppled. While inland we have been spared the even more damaging winds and sea surges/very severe river flooding; even the driest fields are literally running with water and out-wintered stock have not had dry skins for weeks.

Strangely enough the two points on the south Loch Tayside road which at times become submerged by rising loch waters have not yet been affected, this perhaps due to the fact that snow cover above 3,000 feet has remained intact, thereby locking up potential flood waters. Should this thaw rapidly?! The Arctic conditions presently affecting Canada and U.S.A. do not always migrate eastwards to our islands but on occasion they do! It would appear that of late years there is considerable moisture suspended in the atmosphere. The spells of anti-cyclonic conditions, which in the past would have bestowed upon us days, even weeks, of wall-to-wall warm sunny weather in summer and perhaps brisk frosty spells in winter, seem to be a thing of the past. The high pressure systems do not appear to have resistance against invasion by low pressure rain/drizzle bearing fronts. This predominantly overcast canopy precludes for much of the time the privilege of studying the sky at night and watching the progression of constellations as they march inevitably across the heavens, not to mention meteorites and nebulae.

Mervyn K. Browne
Ardtalnaig

2013 Weather

Killin

The total rainfall recorded in Killin in 2013 (1846.5 mm [72.7 inches]) was just above the ten year average (1837.1 mm [2002-2011]); however the monthly rainfall figures were below average in nine of the twelve months. As in 2012, March was the driest month with only 34.0 mm of rain, while December was the wettest month with 540.0 mm. The rainfall in December 2013 (which was more than three times the average December rainfall) was the highest total for any month since recording began in 2002. April was also particularly wet with the highest ever April total (174.5 mm). During 2013 Killin received approximately 76% of the rainfall recorded in Strathfillan (i.e. some 572.4 mm less). The rainfall was higher in Strathfillan in all months.

Kirkton Farm, Strathfillan

The main features of the weather in 2013 were a cold and dry spell from the middle of February to the end of March; a cold and wet April; a sunny, warm and relatively dry summer (June to September); and a mild, very wet and very windy December. The total rainfall recorded at the meteorological station at Kirkton in 2013 was 2418.9 mm (95.2 inches)

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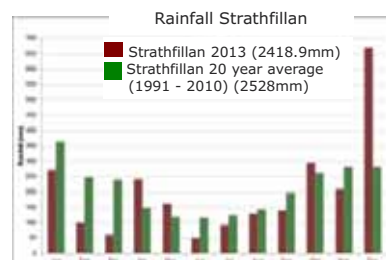
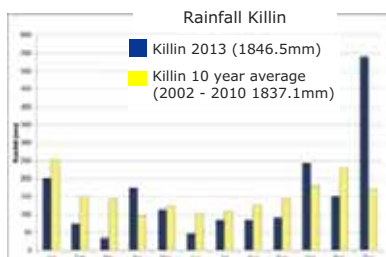
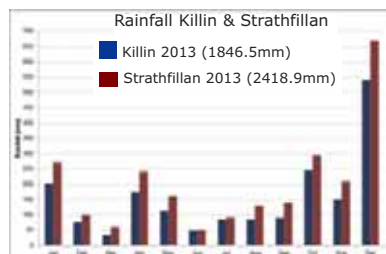
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which was slightly below the twenty year average (2528.2 mm [1991-2010]). The wettest month was December when a total of 669.6 mm (26.4 inches!) of rainfall was recorded, which was more than twice the twenty year average. Rain was recorded on every day in December apart from the 1st. The driest month was June with a total of 50.1 mm of rainfall. The highest rainfall over a calendar week (Monday to Sunday) was 210.8 mm in week 52 (23rd December to 30th December). The highest rainfall in a single 24 hour period (09:00 GMT to 09:00 GMT) was 57.4 mm on the 4th December. The total number of rain days was 275 (75.5%). There were 28 days when there was more than 25 mm of rainfall recorded, and 2 days when more than 50 mm of rainfall was recorded. March was unusually dry with only 59.9 mm of rainfall (25% of the average monthly rainfall); while April was particularly wet with over 166% of the average monthly rainfall. Between 15th February and 13th March (27 days) a total of only 7.8 mm of rainfall was recorded. The lowest temperature recorded

during 2013 was on the 12th March when the temperature fell to -8.3°C. March was the coldest month with a mean temperature of 1.52°C and a mean maximum temperature of only 4.52°C. Both of these values were the lowest recorded for March since recording began in 1991. An air frost was recorded on a total of 96 days during 2013. The highest temperature recorded was on the 19th July (27.3°C). July was the warmest month with a mean temperature of 16.12°C. Temperatures of over 25°C were recorded on five days all of which were in July. December was particularly mild with only four days of air frost and the lowest temperature was only -1.1°C. December was characterised by a succession of Atlantic depressions bringing very wet and often stormy conditions, with strong to gale force winds frequent throughout the month. Thanks to the Met Office for supplying some of the Kirkton data.

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This and That

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*“The number of salmon taken in Loch Tay in 1878 was 828: average weight, 21 3/4 lbs or within a fraction of 22 lbs.”
This is reported by Malcom Ferguson in his 1891 book Rambles in Breadalbane. The salmon season then opened on 5th February and closed at the end of May.*

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• The Craigard has been
• taken over by The
• Smiddy and is currently
• being treated for dry rot.
• All being well and with
• the help of friends, the
• hope is to open it again
• in the Spring as a hotel,
• bar and restaurant. The
• Smiddy will remain open.
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**At the end of last year The Archives column in The Courier mentions a presentation 100 years ago to Mr. Daniel Ferguson, stationmaster at Killin. He received “a handsome piece of plate and a purse of sovereigns” on the occasion of his promotion after a connection with Killin for over 21 years. And his wife received ‘a beautiful gold brooch’.
A real golden handshake!**

Sales of the current Killin and District Telephone Book have so far amounted to £1,843 for the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home

Killin News on the web

Followers of the killin.info website will be aware that for some time now part of it – arguably the best part – has been missing and the following message now appears where **Killin News** should be:

Aww ***!** (Expletive deleted by KN)

The Killin News Committee has decided, without discussion, to cease sending us their magazine. The standards of their PDF were slipping into a terrible state and when asked to simply readjust their settings for your viewing pleasure (or allow us to do so on their behalf) their committee has taken this as an offence, taken their balls and gone home. Until the powers-that-be declare in their infinite and undeniable wisdom that we may be allowed further PDF copies of their magazine, unfortunately there are no up-to-date versions here today!

In truth we had a problem with only one PDF which affected the margins on the pages but was completely readable. It was easily correctable but, for reasons that most people would accept as perfectly reasonable, we could not deal with it immediately. This prompted what we will politely call undiplomatic and condescending communications from the killin.info webmaster. As a result we decided to put Killin News copies where they perhaps belong – on the Killin News website. Here, unlike on the other site, it can be read online without having to be downloaded. We have no objection at all to past copies continuing to be passed on to killin.info and, if the webmaster would ask us nicely, there is no reason why this should not happen.



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Killin Mountain Rescue Team 2013



Last year was one of the busiest years for the team. We had no callouts until the 2nd February but the first was quickly followed by many more. By the middle of March the team had turned out 20 times before it tailed off. With an annual total of 34 callouts, we were not idle.

Previous years' callouts

2012 - 26
2011 - 22
2010 - 29
2009 - 21
2008 - 29

Some brief statistics for 2013

34 callouts
46 people rescued/assisted
2 fatalities
464 individual attendances of team members
Nearly 2,000 person hours on callouts

We train one Sunday and one weekday evening every month from September through to May and have a monthly kit maintenance night at our stores. Last year a number of

new members joined the team all willing to get stuck in to the training programme and learn new skills.

In 2013 the team became an Incorporated Charitable Organisation registered by OSCR. A tortuous process but the tenacity of one or two members paid off. We are now a registered charity.

Since April 2013 we have had a national police force under the banner of Police Scotland. The police have responsibility for all missing persons in the UK and we, as an MR team, work closely with them, not only at a national level but, more importantly for us, with local officers in our own locality. We must be doing something right as at the time of writing we have six police officers as team members from the Killin, Lochearnhead and Callander areas. We wondered how centralised call centres and police officers from other force areas tasked to help us would affect our operation on callouts. We did not have long to wait. Two constables from Helensburgh were

tasked to assist/liase with our team on a callout in the Crianlarich area. They had to get directions to Crianlarich. We have had phone calls asking us to turn out to callouts in what are the Glencoe or Strathclyde team areas. It is a learning process for us all.

The news is that avalanches have become more common and claimed more lives in Scotland in the past two years. We have sent members on courses to learn how to avoid getting caught up in avalanches and how to rescue buried victims. Among the key safety items we now have are avalanche transceivers. These are personal beacons worn next to the body that emit a radio pulse detectable by another transceiver. This gives those buried in an avalanche the quickest and best hope of being found alive. Mainly through donations, we have managed to buy 24 units at £250 each, which is usually sufficient to equip most on a callout. Every year several team members renew their mountain first aid certificates.

All who go into the hills should carry a map, compass, whistle and head torch, include ice axe and crampons in winter and know how to use them. Some of our callouts were walkers who were lost and navigating with their mobile phones that use a very poor quality map and relying on battery power. There are outdoor courses, some local, that teach basic hill navigation. Some knowledge can make our job much easier. Hills in Scotland become mountains in winter. Treat them with respect and enjoy them.

Teddy Inglis
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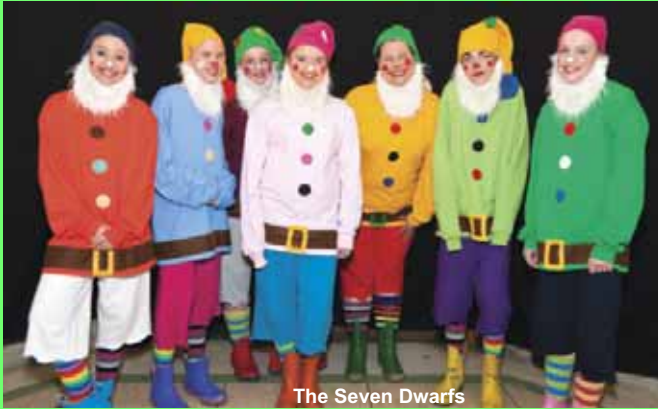
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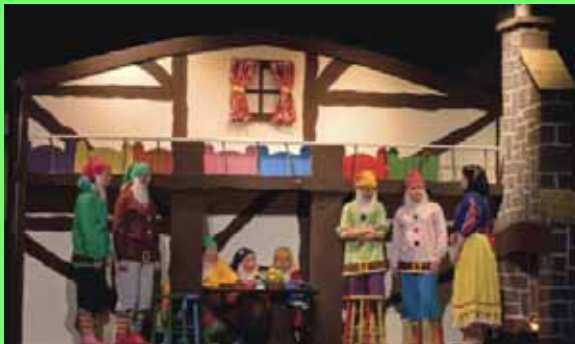
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Stinkwort and Bogwort

What a highly entertaining evening for all with so much talent from the youngsters to the "oldies". You know who you are - Oh yes you do. The Bogwort and Stinkwort double act (Lesley Donnelly and Hazel Lafferty) had the audience in tears of laughter whilst Queen Caligula (Kay Dowling) was truly evil and deserved all those

loud boos and hisses. The stage sets and backdrops were amazing and the audience response was very loud and animated, which goes to show how successful a panto it was. Well done to one and all and roll on the next special panto production.

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McLaren High School



Children in Need

On 15th November the pupils of McLaren High took part in a 'Children in Need Day' and paid £1 to come to school in 'non-uniform' for the day. The senior pupils turned up in fancy dress and the rest of the school judged them! The winners were Iona

Campbell and Kate Preston dressed as Mike and Sully from Monsters Inc. During lunchtime a video produced by the Sixth Year boys was shown. A remarkable £871.71 was raised for Children in Need.

Hamish Cordner S6

Small Christmas Hamper Appeal

I'd like to thank everybody for the items of food that have been handed in for the Small Christmas Hamper Appeal. The parcels, decorated, packed and ready to deliver to people in the wider school community were delivered by pupils. We hope we can repeat and improve this next year. Thanks again.

Finn Rhys S6

Children in Distress Shoe Box Appeal

The Charities Committee at McLaren High have been working hard this year to raise funds for those less fortunate. As Christmas can be a difficult time of year for many people, we decided to take part in the Children in Distress Shoe Box Appeal. This appeal helps children and elderly people in Eastern Europe. McLaren High managed to put together over 30 boxes containing small gifts and essential items to help people in these countries have some sort of present at Christmas time. Thank you to all who donated items.

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Greetings from N'Djamena, Chad



John Richard Silcox

I am the Principal Teacher of Killin Primary School but, accompanied by my wife, Angela and our two year old son, Peter, I am in Chad teaching for a year. I would like to thank the Killin community for their support in the time leading up to my family's departure and Killin Primary and Stirling Council for allowing me to take this Leave of Absence. I was sponsored to run a 10K to raise funds and on the wall of my Chadian classroom are cards and messages from Killin Primary School pupils.

Cockroaches and Crickets

We arrived in Chad in early August to be greeted by the local bugs – cockroaches the size of a small child's foot! Although Peter was completely enthralled by these creatures, thankfully they did not follow us to our three-bedroom flat with concrete floors, cold showers and occasional electricity located on the school grounds. We

haven't seen cockroaches of that size since, although their smaller cousins frequently visit! You can imagine the response Peter gave when Mummy returned from a trip to the market with a bag full of delicious fried crickets with chillies and lime!

Wellspring Academy

I teach the Grade 4/5 (Primary 5/6) pupils in the school and have got used to teaching an American Curriculum with all the history and geography lessons focused on American History. I teach PE to the whole school but I am able to hand the leadership of assemblies over to my wife Angela!

Eglise Douze

My family and I go to a church unimaginatively called Eglise Douze (Church 12)! Services start at 8am, with two choirs and approximately 1,300 people attending. Peter, despite often being the only white child at the service, enjoys it as there is plenty to see and a little bit of dancing on the way to the offering plate!

ABC of good health

We have learned (the hard way!) that the ABC of good health in Chad is: Always Be Cautious, but we have found there is no guaranteed method for ensuring this despite our best efforts. We take precautions to ensure our food is 'bug free' before eating it and used to buy flour from the market which we needed to sift, sift, and sift again (I will spare you the details of what was found living in it!). This seemed to help

maintain our good health but this improved further when we started using imported parasite-free flour instead! Both creeping and bacterial bugs are prevalent – the open sewers that are everywhere do not help – but we praise God that there are some medications that eradicate the stubborn bugs that want to linger and are thankful that so far we haven't been afflicted by malaria.

Dancing with the Ducks

Geographically, N'Djamena is not a huge city but getting out and about can be a challenge. Beyond the gates of our compound is an unknown world of dust, holey roads, sewers, noise and heat. Bikes, motorbikes, pedestrians, dogs, ducks, lorries and cars come at you from all directions! At first every street looked the same and the 27 year old Toyota we rent didn't have all the correct paperwork or functioning controls (the gearstick often popped out and the suspension is long-gone). As you weave in and out to avoid collisions, potholes, pedestrians and whatever else happens to cross your path – often a family of ducks – you really do feel you are dancing as you travel along the road. Having found the confidence (and correct bits of paper) to drive, we enjoy getting out and about, but the journey – rather than the destination – is usually the adventure!

I look forward to sharing more with you on our return in June.

Alasdair Lunan

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Nursery News



Rapunzel

The Christmas shows, A Christmas Carol and Rapunzel, were greatly enjoyed by families and friends in both buildings. The children demonstrated their abilities to learn lines and moves, together with songs and actions evidencing commitment, confidence and pride in their achievements. Light refreshments were served afterwards by the nursery staff and the funds raised from this, together with ticket and raffle sales, will be divided between Cancer Research UK and the nursery. Following on from our festival, a morning with Zoolab was arranged for both buildings where we learnt about the Chinese New Year. We were taken through the history of the festival and

the zodiac and then introduced to some of the animals from the calendar together with a few surprise ones. This educational experience was funded by the nursery.

Documentation evidencing the children's learning is being displayed through large books and on the walls. The 3-5 year old children in Crianlarich are currently researching the sun, moon, stars and trees and the younger children are learning about animals. In Killin the older children are evaluating their learning by revisiting the Rapunzel show and the under threes are revisiting Going on a Bear Hunt story.

Bridge of Lochay 250th Anniversary

2015 will be the 250th Anniversary of the Bridge of Lochay Hotel, as per the 1765 dated stone at the front of our building. It's not every hotel that can claim to have such a long history and, as the current custodians of 'the Lochay', as it is affectionately known locally, Bob and Amanda would like to mark the occasion. We know anecdotally that the hotel has been the place where many people have spent key moments in their lives, whether working here, getting married, holding funerals and much, much more.

We have already come across some superb old photographs, letters,

invoices etc relating to events at the hotel and we would love to see more. For example there is the original version of the 39 Steps which features the hotel and a well-known actress, whose parents owned the hotel for a time was photographed in what we now call the Riverside Room. We also have a few copies of bills which were handwritten and pertaining to purchases of 'liquor' by a local. It doesn't matter how mundane something might seem – what we are keen to do is to MAP the history of the hotel in as many and varied ways as possible – we will of course take care of any material loaned to us, copy it

where required and of course return it afterwards.

Our plan is to hold a small exhibition to mark the start of the 250th year and we are asking all locals if they have any photographs, letters, stories, invoices etc to let us see and use for this. We are also considering producing a commemorative book if there is enough material collected and we will of course include thanks to all those who have helped us gather the information.

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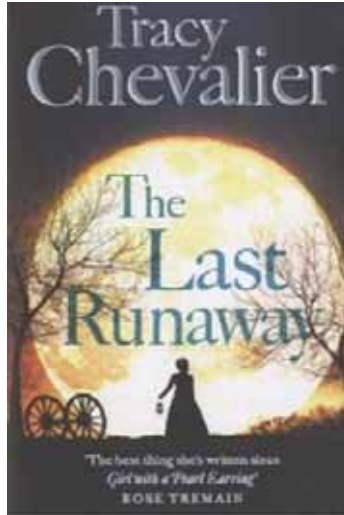
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Book Review

This is a cleverly written, informative and moving novel encompassing the prevailing issues of Ohio in the 1850's, namely racial division, slavery and rapid industrial development linked to the new railways. It also gives a good insight to the pioneers' daily struggles and hardships as well as the Quakers' lifestyle. The state of Ohio formed part of a route used by runaway slaves fleeing the south and heading for Canada. The intersection of the Quakers' lives with those of the runaways was inevitable. The Quakers, with their simple plain lives were forbidden to tell a lie and had to strictly obey the law of the land, which left many feeling trapped between their duty to live as good Quakers and their conscience over the cruelty of slavery, wanting desperately to help them along their escape routes.

The book depicts beautifully the customs, attitudes and lifestyles of the Quakers, including fascinating descriptions of quilting which played a major role in the women's' lives.

The story follows a young English Quaker girl, Honor Bright, who sails from Bristol with her sister to find a new life in America, hoping to leave



behind her heartache over a broken relationship. Tragically she is left to face life alone in Ohio and is dependent on the kindness of strangers whilst living among a pioneering Quaker community. Nature is cruel in Ohio and families struggle each year to grow and store sufficient food to last through the winter. Meanwhile ruthless men hunt

down runaway slaves, demanding that the Quakers help to catch them. Although opposed to slavery, not all are brave enough to defy these men and the law, fearing the consequences if they help Honor to hide and feed escaping slaves passing through their land. This book, a very human book, tells her story and it is well worth reading.

Liz Howard
Killin Book Club

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The Big Shed

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Thursday 20th February, 7.30:

A young classical duo, Polish pianist Mira Opalinska and Scots violinist Feargus Hetherington will be playing a selection of music by Scots composers from the early 18th century to the present day. Tickets £10 if booked in advance and £12 on the door.

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd February:

Georgia Crook will be running a willow weaving workshop, introducing the basic techniques for making traditional willow baskets. £90 including lunch on both days, but

excluding the cost of materials (approx. £10), which can be purchased from Georgia at the workshop. Places limited, so do book early.

2nd March: the Garbage Band will take over the Big Shed at 12 noon and 2.00pm. Come along and get hands on with Owen and Olly in a family workshop designed to turn junk into funk! Don't miss your chance to create your own wacky and wonderful recycled percussion instrument. Places are limited so early booking is advised – no experience required.

29th March: a yoga workshop will run from 10.30–3.45 with Sadhita, a popular tutor who is based in Spain. £35 including lunch. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat if you have one. Regular yoga sessions are run from 10.30 to 12 noon on Friday mornings in term time by Emma Burtles at a cost of £5 a session.

The Big Shed is on the north side of Loch Tay, about 6 miles from the Co-op in Killin. Access is signposted from the main road and there is parking close to the Big Shed. The Big Shed is currently applying for funding to develop a new project; a Heritage Activity Hub which will add

to the current activities at The Big Shed and give opportunities to learn about and experience the heritage of the area through new and exciting activity days. We will be recruiting for two new posts for this project if the funding is successful, so keep looking at our website in March for more details!

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2nd Killin & District Scout Group

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We are really pleased to say that David Riddell has accepted David Robertson's invitation to become Chair of the Executive Committee and he joins Annette Kemp as Secretary and Charlie Kerr as Treasurer, the all-important money man. Annette and Charlie have been carrying out their roles in the Group for some time. Now that we have leaders for our executive, we will be keeping an eye open for another few nominated persons to join us. After that we will be on the hunt for volunteers to come our AGM. Thanks go to the Dutch Group Ogham, for their very kind donation of £50 presented to Neil MacKenzie during their recent visit to Killin. Thanks Neil for passing it on. Thanks also to Anna Robertson for knitting a large "Miss Sweetie" doll and to Liz and Dougie at the newsagents for displaying it and selling raffle tickets, which raised £60. The draw was made and the doll was won by Sue Wylie of Killin. We would also like to thank the Masonic Lodge who presented us with a cheque for £164. This came from the raffle of their Christmas Hamper which was won by Mr Duncan (Dochie) MacKechnie.

Beavers

The Beavers are aged 6-8 and meet every Thursday night from 6.15-7.15pm at Killin Primary School. The Beavers have had several exciting meetings which included night walks, learning about basic knots and healthy eating. For our Safety Activity Badge we learned about dangers in and around the house and also outside. Thanks to PC Fleming who visited the Beavers with the aim of explaining "stranger danger" to



the kids. He did a great job and to the Beaver's delight he was able to answer many questions about his work. The highlight of the night was having a look inside a real police car, and being allowed to sound the siren - many, many times! Our first meeting in January was a photo-hike through the village. We are looking forward to our first sleepover which will take part at the Big Shed, Tombreck, in May.

Marieke McBean

Beaver Leader, tel. 07762 689 612
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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 have a good number of Cubs attending every week. Our meetings are filled with a variety of activities including, of course, plenty of games. The Cubs & Scouts enjoyed a joint night in the Sports Pavilion in December making chocolate cake. As a result, the Cubs now have their Chef Badge. As the weather gets better we're hoping to get outdoors more. There are lots of exciting things to look forward to this session, including investiture on 26 February!

Charles Kemp

Cub Leader, tel. 01567 820835
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Scouts

Scouts are aged 10-14 and meet every Wednesday at the Big Shed, Tombreck, from 7-9pm. The Scouts were out and about last term visiting another Scout group and the Killin Cub group. In November they went to visit Aberfeldy Scouts where they had great fun making new friends and joining in with a wide game which involved working as a team and running around in the dark with glow sticks. The last meeting before Christmas was spent with the Cubs and lots of chocolate-based activities and other games kept everyone entertained. Fresh back after the Christmas holidays we carried out our first investitures and now have our first Scouts in uniform. Scouts are already getting excited about the summer as we have our first ever summer camp to look forward to. We still have plenty of spaces so new members who join Scouts now will still be able to come on camp with us.

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On the Mend

I would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to friends, family and colleagues who have supported me through my recent surgery and treatment. I have been overwhelmed by everyone's kindness and the lovely cards, flowers and gifts I have received. I am on the road to recovery now and look forward to getting back to good health.

Elizabeth Hancock

Killin Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree is usually organised by the Community Council but due to there not being sufficient members there is no Community Council at present.

I would like to thank the locals who rallied round to ensure that we did not go without, especially Anthony Dowling, Stitt Bros. Ltd, Scot Electrical Services, Strathfillan's Episcopal Church and KAT.

Charlie Grant

Hogmanay Fireworks

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Hogmanay Fireworks - to those who

provided transportation, assisted with the set up and taking down, the stewards, donation collectors and the organisers and sellers of calendars and, most of all, to everyone for their continuing support. The grand total of £921 was collected on the night.

Charlie Grant

10K Run

We would like to thank sincerely all who sponsored us to run the Great Scottish 10K run in October. Your generosity has raised £620 for Strathcarron Hospice.

We all know people who have been helped by Strathcarron and it's great to give something back.

Many thanks

Julie Rhys and Sammy Hibbert

Thank you

Chrissie Fenton would like to thank all friends, members of the Golf Club and the Curling Club for the many cards and flowers she received when she returned from hospital last August.

From our Posties

To all the people of Killin we wish you all the best for 2014 and hope you all had a nice Christmas and New Year.

Thank you to everyone who gave to us over Christmas, it was very much appreciated.

John, Gregor, Tommy and Donald

Brownies Post

This year we raised £508.20 which will all go to The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. A BIG thank you to everyone who helped sort and deliver cards around the village on the snowy Sunday before Christmas. We would also like to thank everyone in the village who gave us their Christmas cards to post and Kay, Dougie & Liz for providing collection points. We couldn't do it without you and it does raise lots of money for this very worthwhile cause.

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Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park marked the official opening by Bruce Crawford MSP. of its new visitor facilities at Loch Lubnaig on Friday 22nd November. The two sites on the busy A84 tourist route north of Callander, which will open all year round, have been developed with the help of additional capital funding by the Scottish Government. It is the first development to be implemented from the National Park's 5 Lochs Management Plan aimed at transforming the visitor experience at some of the busiest visitor sites in the Trossachs area of the Park. The

improved facilities on the main northern site include picnic benches and barbecue sites, a new semi formal camping site with fire pits, a new building incorporating toilets, a small hot food kiosk and campers' washing facilities, car parking bays and pitches for motorhomes. A smaller site, Lubnaig Beag to south, provides parking and picnic facilities for day visitors. The facilities will be operated by a local business in partnership with the National Park Authority. The development is designed to prevent the previously unsustainable and environmentally damaging levels of litter, anti-social behaviour and tree removal associated with the sites, creating a more attractive destination for National Park visitors.



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Obituaries

Jean McLarty (Sheriffs)

12th July 1933-
28th December 2013

Jean was born in Pitlochry where she spent her early years. She worked at the station bookstall with her Aunt Jessie after school and on Saturdays. When she was thirteen the family moved to Killin where her father joined the plumbing firm of A.C. Fraser. At school in Killin, Jean excelled at Maths and English and was awarded prizes for Algebra and Geometry. On leaving school her first job was in the Post Office and it was there that she met Calum McLarty. They were married in 1957 and over the next few years their five children, Donald, Annie, David, Malcolm and Christopher were born. The family lived at Railway Cottages in Pier Road and Jean managed her children who wanted for nothing. They moved to Craignavie in the early 1960s and then on to Fingal Road. Her grandchildren started arriving in the early 1980s and they all visited her and spent time with her. Jean worked in several shops during her adult life including the grocers D. & J. MacEwan, the village sweet shop and the bakery. She also worked as a one of the seasonal staff at the Tighnabruich. She lived a full, contented and happy life and will be missed by her children, daughters in law and Marion, Laura, Christine, Calum, Roisin, Ben, Becky, Morgan, Erin and Josie her ten grandchildren. During her final few months in hospital in Larbert, Grant and Alex Tigwell were a wonderful support to the family by helping with transport to the hospital for which the family are most grateful. The family would like to thank the

staff in Larbert especially the nursing staff in Ward 21A, the medical staff at the Surgery in Killin, Andrew Anderson who dealt so sensitively with the family when arranging the funeral and John Lincoln for conducting the funeral service. The collection at the funeral for the charity CHAS amounted to £528.93. Our thanks, too, to everyone who attended and for all the flowers and donations.

Donald and David McLarty

Len Fenton

1922-2013

Chrissie, Helen and family wish to thank all family and friends for the beautiful cards, flowers and gifts they received when Len passed away on 27th October 2013. Len came to Killin to work with William Tawse on the Lawers hydro scheme in 1951. After the Killin scheme, he worked all over Scotland, from Shetland in the north to Patna in the south. He also spent time on the Island of Mull.

In 1987, after over 40 years with the same company, Len retired. He was then able to pursue his lifelong love of gardening and he also joined the Curling Club, eventually becoming an Honorary Life Member. Len had been an invalid for many years. He was cared for by Chrissie assisted by the dedicated team of local doctors and nurses and his assigned team of carers. To those people the family are eternally grateful.

Len was always interested in village affairs. He particularly

enjoyed the visits of his many friends who kept him up to date on all the local news.

The retiring collection at his funeral service raised £345 for the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. Many thanks to all who donated.

Chrissie Fenton

James Macleod

James Macleod passed away on 18th October at the Marie Curie Hospice (Fairmilehead, Edinburgh). James was born and raised in Killin. He moved to Edinburgh and had a lengthy career as an engineer with Alcatel/Neopost.

During his retirement he spent much of his time on the golf course, both competing and coaching as part of the Scottish Disability Golf Partnership. At this time we send our sincere condolences to his beloved wife Agnes (Edinburgh, formerly Isle of Scalpay) and brother Sandy who lives here in Killin.

David Macleod



Heart to Heart now has 2 projects. It continues to support adults coping with divorce and/or separation. Our second project brings hope to young people affected by parental divorce or separation. H2H continues to impact and change the lives of 11-18 year olds living in the rural district of Stirling by an individual support plan delivered by young adult volunteers who have been through a similar experience. These volunteers are called *Lifeguides*. Lifeguides are trained in a unique toolkit that employs basic cognitive behavioural therapy principles to alleviate anxiety and put in place positive coping methods. H2H also supports young people through group work with an adaptable toolkit delivered by the Lifeguide Coordinator and Lifeguides to equip young people to better cope and deal with change and loss.

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Killin's Voices of The First World War will be a performance of words and music from that time, accompanied by an exhibition of material brought to the workshop and research of the chosen name. Please contact me for further information.

Fiona MacDonald

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The group started the new year with a well attended lunch at the Dreadnought Hotel, giving members the opportunity to socialise with others who follow different courses. A challenging quiz made for enthusiastic competition between tables and thanks are due to Eleanor Malcolm, our Social Secretary, for this and all the arrangements for the excellent meal.

In the same week the first of our two Scottish Referendum meetings was held and 65 members attended to hear Murdo Fraser MSP put the case for the 'Better Together' campaign. Questions were wide ranging and specific and these will also be asked at the next meeting on 20th February when Gerry McLaughlan, SNP Bannockburn, will speak on behalf of 'Yes Scotland'. Once again this is a U3A members only meeting due to restrictions in the numbers of seats at our venue, the Callander Youth Project. We ask members to come promptly for the 2.00pm start as parking spaces are limited.

The Astronomy Group, run by Keith Wilson, paid an evening visit to the Royal Observatory Edinburgh for a talk by the staff there and to use one of the telescopes. A full report will appear in the next newsletter. Keith has also established links with the BBC2 programme 'Stargazing Live' and there will be more news of this soon. Patricia Macinnes, who runs the Scottish History Group, is to be congratulated on the forthcoming publication of her researches into the life and death of the 3rd Duke of Perth – the Jacobite Duke. The annual Journal of the Northumbrian Jacobite Society will publish the full story, an edited version of which appeared in the community newspaper The Villagers at the end of 2012.

All our courses are in full swing again and if anyone requires further information or wishes to join us please visit our website <http://u3asites.org.uk/callander-and-wp> or Google us at 'Callander and West Perthshire U3A'

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social time is offered in a local café afterwards. The walks are free and no special equipment is needed – just a pair of comfortable shoes or boots and weather related clothing. The Walk in the Park project is managed by the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs Countryside Trust, with support from Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park, Paths for All, Forestry Commission Scotland, the Scottish Power Foundation and NHS Forth Valley.

If you have any questions regarding joining any of our walks please contact the Project Coordinator-

Cathy Scott

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Walk Leaders, Don & Alicia Fraser
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Date

12th Feb
19th Feb
26th Feb
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19th Mar
26th Mar

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Route

Golf Club walk
Village walk
Glen Ogle viaduct
Glen Lochay
River Dochart Old Railway
Auchlyne Road
Glen Ogle viaduct



FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Draft Local Fire Plans

LSO Kenny Rogers has now completed his draft local fire plans and is keen to get feedback from our community via a very simple Survey Monkey tick box questionnaire. You can access the new local fire plans for Stirling and Clackmannanshire http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/media/486413/stirling_draft_local_plan.pdf

Your feedback on these plans can be given via:
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Ring of Breadalbane Explorer

The future of Ring of Breadalbane Explorer is assured for 2014-2016. On 30th December 2013, Scotland's Transport Minister, Keith Brown, announced £4.2 m worth of funding to be allocated to bus projects across Scotland over the next three years. The award includes £135,000 towards the funding of the Ring of Breadalbane Explorer bus service for the years 2014-2016.

This is wonderful news for visitors wishing to explore Breadalbane and for locals needing public transport. The Breadalbane Tourism Co-operative is very grateful to Transport Scotland and the Scottish Government for helping us to continue to develop the Ring of Breadalbane Explorer bus service. We will now be seeking match funding from other public sector bodies and private sector sponsors with the intention of providing an extended service from Easter through to the October holidays. This three-year funding period will help truly establish the service. The hop-on hop-off circular service, which takes in Aberfeldy, Amulree, Crieff, Comrie, St Fillans, Lochearnhead and Killin, runs in both directions and calls at all the major

tourist attractions in the area. The pilot Explorer service in 2012 ran for 36 days and was extended to 66 days in 2013. The expansion of the service in 2013 was made possible thanks to generous financial support from LEADER, Scottish Enterprise, Perth & Kinross and Stirling councils, Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park, Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership and 30 private-sector sponsors. The latter are too numerous to mention but we would like to pay special thanks to Kingshouse Travel of Balquhider which made a contribution of several thousand pounds.

From 2014 onwards, the Breadalbane Tourism Co-operative also plans to promote several other "Rings" that will extend the geographic coverage and consequent economic benefit within the Breadalbane area and further boost the Breadalbane brand. These include a 4-7 day walking "Ring", an 88-mile road bike "Ring", a mountain biking "Ring" and a golf trail taking in four 18-hole and five 9-hole courses, plus a 9-hole par-3 course. We will also promote the many angling opportunities in the area.

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Local Planning Applications

National Park

4 November 2013

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

6 November 2013

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: Approve

8 November 2013

Proposal: Construction of 6km of permanent access track

Location: Derrydarroch Hydro

Scheme Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr David Lowes

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

26 November 2013

Proposal: Extension to agricultural shed

Location: Auchtertyre Farm

Crianlarich

Applicant: SRUC

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

29 November 2013

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: Approve

10 December 2013

Proposal: Installation of replacement window

Location: Tigh Muileann Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mr Gavin Wilson

Application Type: Householder

Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

11 December 2013

Proposal: Erection of replacement agricultural shed

Location: Kirkton Farmhouse

Crianlarich

Applicant: Erin Clerihew

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

19 December 2013

Proposal: Construction of a hydro scheme

Location: Ledcharrie Farm Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr Henry Paterson

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

23 December 2013

Proposal: New plant room and pellet store for hotel

Location: The Crianlarich Hotel Main

Street Crianlarich

Applicant: Crianlarich Hotel

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

24 December 2013

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: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

Perth & Kinross Council

6 November 2013

Proposal: Erection of conservatory

Location: Am-fasgadh Dalchiaran

Fearnan

Applicant: Mr John Raeburn

Application Type: planning

permission local

Decision: approve the application

12 November 2013

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: approve the application

Stirling Council

13 November 2013

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: Approve with Conditions

29 November 2013

Proposal: Erection of external deck and stair

Location: West Brae Cottage Killin

Applicant: Abernethy Trust Ltd

Application Type: Full

Decision: Pending Consideration

8 December 2013

Proposal: Replacement of two existing Proven Wind Turbines with two new C & F Green Energy CF20 models to 20.584m hub height, and 27.131m blade tip

Location: Ardeonaig Outdoor Centre Killin

Applicant: Abernethy Trust Outdoor Centre

Application Type: Full

Decision: Approve with Conditions

9 December 2013

Proposal: Proposed hexagonal shaped timber clad extension to existing log cabin

Location: The Holt Pier Road Killin

Applicant: Mrs Barbara Nettleton

Application Type: Full

Decision: Pending Consideration



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Macnab Homecoming



Clan Chief
Jamie Macnab

With great pleasure I would like to announce the Macnab Homecoming scheduled for 6th-8th August 2014 in Killin. We hear of numerous Gatherings all over Scotland but this, to us, is a true homecoming. On the several visits I have made to Killin since 1977, I always get the feeling I have returned to a very familiar place after a long travel or absence. And when I cross the bridge at Dochart, I know a feeling of

comfort and security that I do not feel anywhere else. After the death of our late friend and Clan Chief, James Charles Macnab of Macnab, we were blessed with the knowledge that his oldest son that we affectionately know as Jamie, will take the helm of guiding our heritage and appreciation of same with Clan Macnab. I first knew him as a very quiet and shy 11 year old whom we have grown to love and appreciate for his gentle ways and firm resolve to keep the clan knowledgeable and appreciative of our history, heritage and commonality.

And this is where Killin and its people have a part. We want to introduce Jamie and his wonderful family to the extended clan, find ways of communicating and to support all things Killin. So you see, Killin is much more important to us than just a venue to hold a gathering, it is our Homeland and we want to introduce it to our clan as well. So if you see strange people invading Killin during that time, please try to look at them as wanderers who have just returned after a long absence. We look forward to seeing you again.

W.Lanny McNabb
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Word Game Award



In November, Andy Briggs and Angela Ramsay went to Birmingham to receive a business award from ex-Dragons' Den star, Theo Paphitis. The award was for their business, Blankgame which manufactures the word game Blank here in Killin. Blank was also voted one of the Top 10 British made Christmas Buys for 2013 and was subsequently seen in the Mail on Sunday and BBC Breakfast.

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Baby Birks

The first session of Baby Birks took place on 15th January and is led by our very own Franny Morrison. There are eight specialist music sessions for young children and have proved very popular with local parents and their children. Sessions for the oldest two groups are fully subscribed but, if you have a wee one aged 6 to 18 months, there are still some spaces available for that age group. There is a nominal charge for this activity with most of the cost being subsidised by the Friends of The Birks Cinema. We have been very fortunate to receive funds from both Mid-Atholl Community Council and The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations



(SCVO) to help us to fund this venture.

If you missed out this time around we hope to be able to offer this again later this year. Please watch this space or check the cinema posters around the village.

Food, Glorious Food

The cinema recently unveiled their new menu which has been lovingly put together by new Head Chef, Bob Buchanan. The focus is on classic and modern dishes using locally-sourced, seasonal ingredients.

Contact: To book for lunch or dinner, ask about Baby Birks or any other aspect of the cinema please call 0871 902 5754 or go to www.birkscinema.co.uk

Killin Community Bus

Why not leave your car behind and use the Community Bus, this bus belongs to you, the community of Killin and surrounding area, Lochearnhead, Crianlarich and Tyndrum.

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For more information see our website www.killinbus.org.uk

Ann Watson

Killin Bus Outings

Friday 21st February

The Spring Quilt Festival at Ingleston, Edinburgh leaving McLaren Hall at 9.30a.m. £15.00 for bus and admission.

Thursday 6th March

Hobbycraft and Creative Stitches exhibition in the SECC, Glasgow, leaving McLaren Hall at 9.00a.m. £16.00 fare and admission.

Sunday 30th March

Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh for the Spring Flower Show. Bus £10 and entry to the show £2.00. Names and money to Ann Watson, 820521 at least 2 weeks before each outing. Please let either Ann or Alicja Fraser 820690 know if you are interested in coming.

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Celebrations



Harry Paul Leonard Heatherington, 8lb 15oz,
born in Durham on 12th November 2013 to
Rachel and JP.
First great grandchild for Chrissie Fenton.



Kirsty Elliot, daughter of Janette and
the late Jimmy Elliot and Hugh Keith
the first couple to be married in the
Weaver Suite at Killin Registry Office
on 11th September.



Monty Ogilvie has had a
busy season taking part
in four competitions,
closely losing two and
winning against the
Scottish Intermediate
champion in one. He
recently moved up to
light welterweight
division (63.5kgs) to
compete in the open
class Scottish university
championships which he
won in the final against
Daban Kamil of
Aberdeen University,
making him the
Scottish University Light
welterweight champion
and he was also Boxer
of the Tournament.
He would like to thank
Morag and Neil
MacKenzie for their help
towards his training.

Jenny Martin



Former Killin Bank Manager
Archie McLachlan and his wife Anne
celebrating their Golden Wedding



Aberdeen Community Health and
Care Village has now been handed
over to NHS Grampian. Project
Director Jackie Bremner (daughter
of Andrea Simpson above with Alex
Salmond) led this project from
concept in 2006 to completion and
was personally commended by all
the agencies involved.

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SWRI Celebrates 90 Years in Killin



Members and past members of Killin SWRI, along with members from Ardeonaig and Dull, gathered at the Killin Hotel in January to celebrate the club's 90th anniversary.

The birthday party celebrations were also attended by the Group President, Kate Conway and by specially invited guests

Isobel Robertson, National Chairman, and Linda Retson, Federation Chairman.

Killin SWRI holds regular meetings at 7.30 pm on the first Thursday of the month in the Lesser McLaren Hall. New members and visitors are always welcome to join them.



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What's On in Killin and District

February

- 12 Walk in the park p32
- 15 Green Team 10.30am School
- 19 Walk in the park p32
- 19 Cafe Sci Tyndrum Village Hall 7pm
- 20 U3A Callander p 31
- 20 Big Shed Concert 7.30pm p26
- 20 Heritage Meeting Lesser Hall 7.30pm
- 21 Community Bus Outing Quilt Exhibition Edinburgh p36
- 22/23 Willow Weaving Workshop Big Shed p26
- 26 Walk in the park p32
- 26 Advice for Homeless issues Library 9.30am-12noon p29

March

- 2 Big Shed Concert 7.30pm p26
- 5 Walk in the park p32
- 5 Advice for Homeless Issues Library 9.30am-12noon p29
- 6 Community Bus outing Hobbycraft SECC Glasgow p36
- 6 SWRI meeting Lesser Hall
- 12 Walk in the park p32
- 12 Advice for Homeless Issues Library 9.30am-12noon
- 14 Auction Crianlarich Hall 5pm p11
- 15 Green Team 10.30am School
- 15 KAT AGM Killin Hotel 11am p7
- 19 Advice for Homeless Issues Library 9.30am-12noon p29
- 19 Walk in the park p32
- 19 Cafe Sci Tyndrum Village Hall 7pm
- 20 Heritage Meeting Lesser Hall 7.30pm
- 22 Concert McLaren Hall p25
- 26 Walk in the park p32
- 29 Big Shed Yoga Workshop p26
- 30 Community Bus Outing Royal Botanic Gardens p36

Quilters

Wednesdays
Community Rooms
2 - 4 pm

Tuesday Club

Community Rooms
2 - 4 pm

Yoga

Fridays
Big Shed
10.30-noon

Badminton

Mondays & Tuesdays
McLaren Hall
Juniors P7 and up 6-7pm
Adults 7-10pm

Badminton

Mondays
Crianlarich Hall
evenings

Bowls

Mondays
Lesser Hall
evenings

Beavers

Thursdays 6.15pm
School

Brownies

Mondays 5pm
Lesser Hall

Cubs

Wednesdays 7pm
School

Book Club

last Wednesday of the month
Tyndrum Hall
1 - 3pm t. 01838 400 545

Guild Craft Group

Tuesdays
Littlecroft
10am-12 noon

Crianlarich Youth Group

Thursdays, Crianlarich Hall
6.30 - 9.30pm

Internet Cafe

Thursdays
Killin Library
11am-4pm

Scouts

Wednesdays 7pm
Big Shed

Choir

Usually Tuesdays
Church 7.30pm
phone Franny
01567 829048

Youth Group (Killin)

Tuesdays 7.30pm
Sports and Social Club

Softplay Club

Tuesdays
Sports Pavilion
12.30 - 2.30pm

Tai Chi

Wednesday
Tyndrum Hall
9.30am

Internet Cafe

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

Tiddlers & Toddlers

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

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