

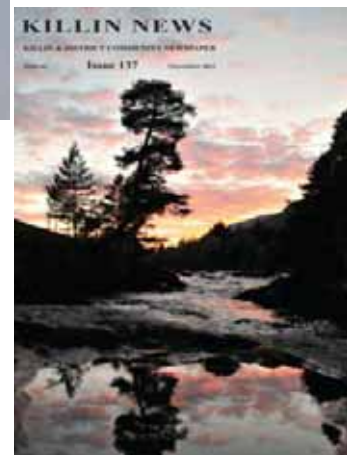
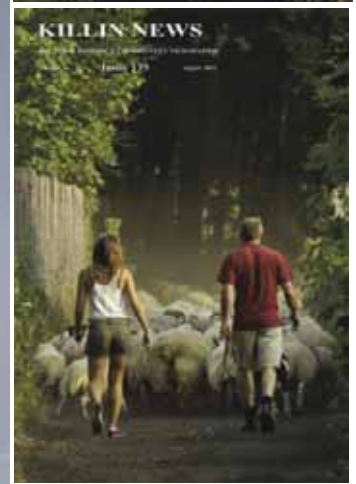
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## Editorial

Killin News has won the Stirling Area Community Newspaper of the Year 2013 award. This gives the team a boost. At the newspaper awards meeting we discussed how we could share these skills with others who would benefit from them. If you feel you might enjoy learning about newspaper production please contact Gina Angus on 820238 and she will discuss it with you. If you have any ideas, reports or opinions that you feel would be useful to air in the paper please submit them to the Killin News office, email [killin.news@madasafish.com](mailto:killin.news@madasafish.com) (use the @ sign). We are pleased to hear that MacGregor's are considering taking on the Killin Post Office. Much preparation work, interviews and a presentation have to be completed first. We hope for their success. Killin needs a Post Office.

The signs of development at the Youth Hostel site and at the Craigard all augur well for the coming tourist season. Hopefully there must be little rain remaining following the deluges of the past few months and with, unusual, luck a sunny summer and prosperous season would give us all a welcome break. The tourists that come to the Old Mill show their enthusiasm for Killin and what a great place it is whatever the weather. Hopefully the waterwheel, which will start when the cured mortar and service allow, will be an added attraction. Visitors and locals already enjoy watching salmon fishing in the pool below the Dochart Bridge, cycle and motorcycle events on the rocks and other activities around the area.

Having recently had no Community Council, due to a temporary lack of volunteers over the past few weeks, we have one back in business again. The role of the Killin Community Council is to represent Killin to Stirling Council and provide a way of obtaining the fullest possible local consultation (how about a Facebook page?). The Community Council is a valuable asset to local democracy and cannot be ignored by Stirling Council. This is especially important for Killin in view of its location at the very margin of the Stirling Council area and because Killin is a village community partly bisected by the Stirling and the Perth & Kinross Council boundaries. It is not easy for Council decisions made in Stirling for the Stirling area to take full account of the consequences of those decisions on remote rural Killin. This was made more apparent to me some years ago when a Council official asked me how far Killin was from Stirling. An 80 mile round trip was too far for him to attend an evening meeting on our Killin Cutting Carbon project. I suppose we must forgive him as Killin does not appear in *Nicholson's Road Map, Falkirk, Stirling and District*. I wonder which district we do appear in? We need our Community Council and we must all offer our support in whatever way we can. **WA**

## Killin News AGM

**The AGM will be held in the Killin News Office on Friday 18th April at 6:00pm**

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## Changes in Medical Practice

Medical treatment in Killin has changed a lot since the days when Dr. McColl and then his daughter Dr. Mairi McColl singlehandedly looked after a population far larger than the current one. Not so long ago we had three doctors who worked out of hours and then it became three doctors each working a four day week and no out of hours. Over the last two years there have been problems and we have got used to locum doctors. Now more changes lie ahead as a result of the new pharmacy causing the practice to lose its dispensary and therefore the income for one doctor. Because of this it is planned to make the service less GP led with the intention of providing a better service for patients.

Dr. Syme will continue with his two sessions a week for the foreseeable future but locum Dr. Cairns, who it was hoped would stay on has now left. Dr. Watson will continue as usual. Dr. Holden has now resigned and will not be returning. The practice intends to advertise for a salaried GP but it may be a few

months before he or she is in place. For the moment a number of locum doctors will work at the practice - Dr. James McKelvie and Dr. Sue Middlemass will already be familiar to some patients and Dr. Philip Gaskell will become known over the next two to three months.

The new part-time and experienced Practice Manager is Audrey Whitton from Crieff and the new Practice Nurse is Jamie Anderson from Lochearnhead, who did some of her training as a nurse in Killin. As a hospital nurse, she will be undergoing training as a practice nurse over the next two years and will be dealing with cytology, child and travel immunisation and later with asthma, hypertension and warfarin reviews.

There will be four part-time ladies looking after administration, three of whom will also be health care assistants looking after height and weight, blood pressure, urine analysis, phlebotomy and ECGs. They will be attending FVH training courses and until fully qualified at the end of the summer will act under supervision.

In order to maximise the availability of doctors, the practice has cut the time of appointments from 15 to 10 minutes. Patients can ask for a double appointment if necessary but there will obviously be times when appointments unexpectedly overrun and delays occur so patients are asked to understand and bear with the situation. Some slots will be kept for acute cases each day but there may be longer waits for normal appointments. If anyone is acutely ill

and there are no appointments, a doctor will telephone, assess the situation and make any necessary arrangements. The practice will no longer open on public holidays and will continue to close for training sessions and also between 1.00 and 2.00 on Mondays. Visits to Crianlarich and Tyndrum will no longer be made except for clinical reasons.

Written prescriptions can be taken direct to the new pharmacy. Repeat prescriptions can be ordered over the telephone hotline as now and, as these have to be downloaded, typed out, signed by a doctor when available and then sent up to the pharmacy, the full 48 hours should be allowed before collection. If medication is required urgently (not just a forgotten repeat) ring the surgery direct and not the hotline. Those not wanting to use the new pharmacy can arrange to have their prescriptions sent elsewhere and can then pick up the medication initially at the surgery although a different pick-up point in the village is likely to be arranged later.

It is appreciated that the system will take time to settle down and there could be teething troubles. The surgery is anxious to give as good a service as possible and would like to set up a Patient Focus Group with a mixture of people of all ages. It would meet about three times a year and try to deal with any problems reported to it. Anyone interested in taking part please let Audrey know and in the meantime all feedback, suggestions or complaints should also be passed on to her.

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I feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to become a part of your community and have moved into the area so you will see a familiar face every time you pop in. I strongly believe that a pharmacy has a key role to play in a community like Killin and look forward to meeting you all so we can build a good relationship and develop our services to best meet your needs.

For those of you who do not stay in the village I want to re-assure you that we will continue to deliver your prescriptions to the local shops at Crianlarich, Tyndrum and Lochearnhead with a new additional pick up location at Strathyre. We have stocked our retail area with a range of items that are popular in other branches of Davidsons. There is a huge range available but we appreciate we might not have what you are looking for. If this is the case, please tell any member of staff and we will do our best to source it for you.

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Verity Jones Shona Hunter Laura Bathgate

pharmacy, without the previous need to visit a doctor and I can offer advice on a wide range of minor illnesses. Many of you will be entitled to receive such medicines free of charge under the NHS Minor Ailments Service so please ask for more information. No appointment is necessary. Feel free to come in and speak to me at any time. Our consultation room provides a private area where I can talk to you in complete confidentiality away from the busy public area of the shop. An important part of my role is to complement the role of your GP in the management of long term conditions. I can offer advice on a wide range of medical conditions and prescriptions and we are able to provide free blood pressure testing in our private consultation room. Additionally, if you take medication for a long term condition, you will be entitled to register for the NHS Chronic Medication Service. It is extremely important that you take your medication as your GP has prescribed, however we understand that taking many different medicines can be confusing and difficult to manage. We are here to help you and, where appropriate, we can provide weekly compliance aids at no cost. Please speak to me if you feel

yourself or a relative could benefit from this service.

Giving up smoking is one of the best things that you can do to help improve your health and we're here to help. As part of our smoking cessation programme you are invited to attend our pharmacy where you will be able to receive free nicotine replacement products and support at informal weekly sessions.

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## Killin Community Council

The new Killin Community Council held its Inaugural Meeting on 11th March. The new CC members are: Ron Allner, Cheryl Campbell, Louise Campbell, Fran Chisholm, Pamela Farquharson, Tim Frost, Yvonne Gillies, Charlie Grant, Stewart Inglis, Charles Kemp and Fiona Kennedy. Office bearers were elected as follows:

**Chairperson** Fiona Kennedy  
**Vice Chair** Charlie Grant  
**Secretary** Tim Frost  
**Treasurer** Pamela Farquharson

### Minutes of Discussion following Inaugural Meeting

**Five Lochs Management Group:** A five Lochs Management Plan has been developed with the aim of providing visitor facilities that will help manage problems in the Lochs Lubnaig, Earn, Voil, Venachar and Achray area. The top of Glen Ogle is also in the Killin CC area. There was discussion about the knock on effect that restricting access to other lochs was having through displacement of people to other areas, including Loch Tay. C Campbell to attend five lochs meeting on 1st April

**Surgery and Pharmacy:** Changes at the Surgery have resulted in difficulties for some people.

Whether there is a minimum standard of service that surgeries are required to provide was queried and issues involving the new pharmacy and availability of some prescribed medication were discussed. Rumour and speculation were not helping the situation and it was decided that FK should meet with the

Practice Manager to ascertain the facts. Cllr Hayes would arrange a meeting with the Practice Manager and research any minimum standard requirements.

### Traffic Calming measures in Ballechroisk and Ardeonaig Road:

Slow down signs had been requested. Progress is not known. Part of Ardeonaig Road has not been resurfaced.

The Programme of roadworks meetings with community reps still has to be scheduled. These works to be raised by CC reps if not included.

**Police Report:** PC Fleming reported a quiet time in the area but there have been garden sheds broken into with theft of power tools etc.

### Demand Responsive Transport:

Although no cuts to services had been included in the budget, savings still have to be made. Suzanne distributed a consultation document Stirling Council has produced giving options for changing the way that DRT is delivered in Killin and between Killin and Strathfillan. The changes are intended still to meet local need but also be provided in a more cost effective way. A meeting with CC reps, Stirling Council and 24/7 Taxis, the current DRT operator will be held Monday 31st March to discuss the options and how Killin might best be served. Killin Community Bus reps will be invited to attend. A copy of the consultation document is in the Library.

### Paths and Pothole:

Suzanne had been asked about maintenance of Fingal Rd path through the park. Responsibility for

maintenance is being explored with hope that the path will be assessed and any necessary repairs carried out in the near future. A deep pothole in the pavement outside A&B Services is causing problems and Cllr Hayes is to ask for it to be fixed asap.

### Other CC Business:

**KAT:** Ron Allner is a Director of KAT and agreed to be the CC representative.

**Emergency Committee:** It was agreed that F Kennedy, C Grant and L Campbell would be the 3 named members forming an executive committee who can make decisions if urgency dictates.

**Breadalbane CC Forum** is a meeting of BLS, Strathfillan and Killin CC members to discuss and address issues of common interest. F Kennedy and T Frost would continue to represent Killin but new CC members were welcome to attend to understand the role of the group and perhaps become involved at a later date. The Forum will meet in April when the structure and objectives of the group will be discussed.

Frequency of meetings has been two monthly. CC members to think about whether they want to alter this.

**Accounts** to 31.3.13 were presented and approved. Killin CC receives an annual admin grant for expenses and payment to employ a minutes secretary. The CC still needs to pay the park electricity. The Agricultural Show contributes to this cost. Suzanne will send in accounts which will trigger payment of this year's admin grant.

**Next meeting:** 7.30 13th May in the Primary School.



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### Glen Art First World War Commemoration

Fiona MacDonald from the charity Glen Art will be coming to the Old Mill on 27<sup>th</sup> April from 1pm-4pm. Fiona is keen to collect letters, photographs and any information about Killin during WW1. The information gathered will then be shown in an exhibition at the Old Mill

later in the year in conjunction with a concert with the Killin Community Choir.

### Art Classes

The artist Angela Steel will be holding a free taster art class on Weds 30<sup>th</sup> April from 6:30-9:00pm with a view to holding regular classes.

### Paper Technology

We have the opportunity to hold a paper technology course. This is the art of making crafts and furniture from paper mache. We need to get an idea of how many people are interested in order to organise the number of tutors necessary. The course will last Mon- Fri am or pm at a date to be confirmed. If you are interested please contact me on my mobile or email.

We are grateful for your donations and your commitment to the Mill. We now have a Wanted Board at the Mill so if you are looking for something in particular, please let us know. If you are interested in volunteering please contact me.

**Franny Morrison**

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## KAT Toilet Feasibility Study

Since the last issue of the News, we have been out and about getting the views of as many people as possible on the issues we need to look at and consider in providing a solution for the public toilets in Killin. We have been using the survey you may well have seen and the response has been excellent. We have received nearly 100 surveys to date and we are planning to carry out some more surveys as the tourist season gets underway.

The results have been interesting including that 80.4% of those asked would use a toilet with handbasin for use by both men and women and 19.6% would not and nearly 80% would not be prepared to volunteer to clean public toilets.

We have also been exploring how people in other communities are providing public toilets, with the purpose being to ensure they are viable and sustainable both financially and environmentally. Meantime, Chris has been concentrating on looking at design and architectural solutions that might work for Killin and we will bring this together into a summary for the Trust towards the end of April. Please do get in touch if you have any comments or queries.

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## KAT Funding

### The Breadalbane Park

A BIG Lottery grant of £15,000 funded City Design Co-operative to take on work involving local consultations, to develop an agreed design, plan phases of development and identify costs. We have submitted a bid to the Big Lottery, Community Spaces stage 2, to fund the changes to complete the drainage, an area for the access and turning of heavy vehicles, a circuit track for walkers, wheelchairs and young cyclists and to place play park equipment already held in store.

### The Old Mill

£10,000, was granted by the Big Lottery *Investing in Ideas* to plan and identify the costs of developing the Old Mill. Conservation Architect Sonya Linskaill is currently working on this element. We are about to apply for a grant from the Big Lottery to complete the work. The Architectural Heritage Fund provided £1,910 towards professional services for the Mill Repair. In the meantime Stirling Council have given the Trust a lease on the property. The Lade has been repaired to help attract visitors. Funds for the lade repair came from Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park (LL&TNP) £2,223, Built Heritage Repair Grant, Stirling Council, £1,500, Community Pride fund, Dalrymple Donaldson, a Scottish Charity supporting community development, £3,000 and proceeds from the Old Mill Open Day, £677.

## Mill Manager

The funding for Franny Morrison, the Mill Manager, comes from The Stafford Trust £5,000, The Christina Mary Hendrie Trust £7,500 and the Foyle Foundation £5,000.

### Project Organiser

Theresa Elliot, the KAT Project Organiser's funding includes Forth Valley & Lomond LEADER £21,920, Stirling Council match funding for LEADER £8,000, LL&TNP £5,000 and the Architectural Heritage Fund, £8,584.

### Killin Internet Learning Café

This has been funded by Stirling Council and we are hopeful that it will be funded for a further year.

### KAT Administration Grant

Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park have funded the administration of the Trust in past years and £768 has allocated for the coming financial year.

### Killin Public Toilet Project

The Trust has been given a grant of £10,000 from the LL&TNP to determine if it would be possible for

the community to own and run a public toilet in Killin. It is hoped that, by using modern technology and a self-generated income stream, it would be possible to maintain and run a toilet without relying on local donations and volunteers to provide the cleaning. This project is still underway.

Killin doesn't have compensation from windfarms, hydro schemes, fracking, landfill payments, bequests or any of the "windfalls" from which many other communities benefit. I would like to thank all our funders, for giving us the incentive to improve local facilities, the volunteers and others who unconditionally support our activities, those who donate items to the Thrift Shop, and Suzanne Player who has been instrumental in guiding us to this point in our community development. Thanks also to our employees who provide such an excellent and professional service.

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## The Old Mill

The work on the Lade is going well. Andrew Bradley, the stonemason, has completed the rebuilding of the wall that was collapsing and will be returning in the spring/summer to complete the work on the sluice gate, the lade floor and the outfall channel. These works can't be done while the water is high.

Part of our funding for the lade was to provide training in traditional skills for local people. We had one voluntary trainee, Donald McLarty, who felt he learnt a lot from Andrew and found the experience really worthwhile. KAT is pleased to have been able to provide Donald with the opportunity to learn new skills locally and hopes to provide similar opportunities in the future.

KAT wants to explore the idea of using the wheel to generate electricity for use in the Mill. We have applied for a CARES grant from Community Energy Scotland to have a feasibility study done on what the options are and how much electricity can be produced.

### Breadalbane Park

The group have been looking at the play park area, which will be phase 2 of the development, to see what additional play equipment would enhance the park. We are meeting with a representative from Timberplay to look at the play equipment they offer and costs. The additional play



Andy working on the lade

equipment that we are considering will provide climbing structures, a skateboard area and some equipment that could be used by disabled children.

### Killin & District Sports & Leisure Club

I have been working with the group to develop a business plan, which is at its early stages. We are also looking at funding to replace the Astro Turf. We have had a meeting with Tennis Scotland to help us identify surface options and funding sources. We are also working with Active Stirling to bring sports activities to Killin and have organised tennis sessions for all.

### Space Audit

The space audit is progressing and I have met with quite a few people who run community facilities, hotels and churches, as well as community groups who use these facilities. There are still lots of groups and people that I need to contact to arrange to talk to. If you haven't heard from me yet and run a community group or are on a committee of a community facility, church or hotel then please send me an email or phone so we can arrange to meet.

**Theresa Elliot**

Project Support Worker  
07789 265823



## Macnab Gathering at Killin Highland Games

We are pleased to announce that there will be a Clan Macnab Gathering at

The Killin Highland Games on Wednesday 6th August

James Macnab of Macnab will be Chieftain of the games

The day will start with a march from the Falls of Dochart Hotel to the Games Field

There will be a Clan Tent at the Games where you can meet the Chief and clansmen from all over the world.

A party from America led by Lanny McNabb will be in attendance.

If you have time to stay there will be local visits around Killin on Thursday 7th August and a Clan Meeting and Banquet in the McLaren Hall on Friday 8th August

Please share this news with anyone with Macnab connections and let us know if you plan to attend.

Jamie Macnab of Macnab

Lanny McNabb

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## Strathfillan Community Council

### The future of DRT

DRT was originally introduced on a two year trial basis but is now in its fourth year. DRT cannot continue in its present form because Stirling Council do not have sufficient budget for this and it is financially not viable for 24/7 Cars to continue with the present system. The scheme was originally implemented as a subsidised taxi service, although the intention was to provide a subsidised bus service. Strathfillan and Killin is a huge area, which results in too much unpaid "dead mileage" for the operator. Subsidies are only paid for miles covered when a passenger is actually being carried, and not for the additional mileage required for the vehicle to travel to and from its base.

24/7 Cars has been working with Stirling Council to identify radical changes which would make the service sustainable for both parties. The Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) consultations originally proposed a

50% cut across subsidised bus services, which would effectively have done away with DRT altogether. Following the PBB consultation, Stirling Council now proposes to redesign community transport across the Stirling Council area, including a reworking of the DRT schemes. Strathfillan & Killin is expected to be the first area where a revised scheme is introduced.

The proposed revised service includes a scheduled service between Strathfillan & Killin, which will largely connect with the C60 bus service to Callander. The schedule allows for times during the day when the DRT vehicle will be in Killin and will then be available for pre-booked DRT services in the FK21 area. The proposed schedule would still give Strathfillan passengers the opportunity of around an hour in Killin.

A timetabled service to Killin starting and finishing in Tyndrum, in conjunction with Citylink and Scotrail services, would provide ample services between Crianlarich & Tyndrum and there should be no need for additional DRT services between the villages. Pre-booked DRT services would still be required

to link Inverarnan with Crianlarich. The current proposal does not include a scheduled link with the 07.55 C60 service to Callander. This is an important link for young people to access college and further education in Stirling. The DRT schedule would need to extend to include this. An alternative solution would be to allow college pupils to use the existing High School transport as far as Callander. Cllr Martin Earle agreed to explore this option further.

### Killin Pharmacy and Killin Medical Practice

The Community Council has received several verbal and written reports of problems accessing Killin Medical Practice (KMP) services. Complaints include:-

Having to wait a week or more for the next available routine appointment

Clinics running very late, resulting in a long waiting time at the surgery and prescriptions being issued after the Pharmacy has closed for the evening.

Home visits are no longer routinely offered. It is understood that home visits will still be made where there is a clinical reason for one.



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# by the Way

The Community Council will request a meeting with the Killin Medical Practice Manager to discuss some of the problems.

## Roads

John has been in contact with Robert McMaster at BEAR, and raised several issues with him, including:

Various serious potholes in the area, including a very bad one near the Bridge of Orchy hotel

Poor quality repairs to the sections of road where work has been carried out

A broken road drain in Tyndrum, causing water to flood through the Tyndrum Inn car park

## Goldmine

There is another investor interested and 2 local men have now been re-employed at the mine, currently on a part time basis.

## Crianlarich Village Hall

The annual charity fund raising auction on Friday 14th March raised a brilliant £1200 for the hall funds. This event is extremely important in ensuring that the hall can continue to be available as a community resource and the committee would like to extend its thanks and appreciation to everybody who contributed items and participated in the bidding on the night. We now look forward to next year and doing it all over again.

Bryan Craig



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## Update on Striking Memory

Last year we published an article about the railway worker who lived in a tent in Killin in the early part of the last century. The article was read by the railway worker's daughter, Nancy. There were some mistakes in the details and she was able to expand the story for us.

George MacRae's place of work was Killin junction and he wrote to Lord Breadalbane asking permission to erect his tent near his work place. The year was 1935 not 1926 as mentioned in the article. Nancy kept the reply and the conditions requested by Lord Breadalbane.

The letter:

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of 26th ultimo and my call on you on Saturday, I am pleased to inform you that Lord Breadalbane is willing to allow you to erect a tent on the site pointed out to me for a period of say 5 weeks. I enclose a permit herewith from which you will see there is a small charge of 2/6d per week.

I am,

Yours faithfully,  
John G Skelton

Factor

*Nancy did send us some photocopies of photographs taken of the family in the tent but sadly they were not good enough to reproduce in the paper. The tent was an ex Scout Bell tent. I wonder was the school Ardchyle?*

The permit:

Mr. George MacRae  
c/o Station Master,  
Killin Junction

1st July 1935

Dear Sir,

On behalf of Lord Breadalbane I am willing to give you permission to Camp near Killin Junction from 6<sup>th</sup> July to 10<sup>th</sup> August 1935 on the following conditions, viz:-

- 1) That you pay a charge of 2/6d per week.
- 2) That you remove at once if called upon to do so.
- 3) That you be responsible for any damage which may be caused by you camping.
- 4) That you dig a trench for sanitary purposes and fill it in before leaving.
- 5) That you tidy up the site of your camp before leaving to our satisfaction.
- 6) That you do not enter Woods or Plantations
- 7) No dogs be kept at the Camp

I shall be glad to hear that you agree to these conditions

I am,

Yours faithfully,  
John G Skelton  
Factor

While staying in the tent George was joined by his wife and three daughters. Nancy remembers going to Grendochart school which can only have been for a few weeks as it was the summer and they then moved to Kirriemuir Junction. His railway ticket from Killin Junction to Kirriemuir is dated 19th September 1935 so the stay in the tent was for just over 2 months rather than for 18 months.

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## Mervyn's Weather



At a recent "get-together" someone suggested that it is rare nowadays to experience drizzle, as opposed to heavy rain. This is indeed a fact. Nature seems to have gone into overdrive on many counts. As witness this winter season (December – February) just past, which has produced over the three months, 1023.1mm (41 inches) which represents well over half of the total for 12 months, 1397mm (56 inches) precipitation for this weather station. Some years ago I mentioned in Killin News a young Oxford University student Mandar (now Dr.) Trivedi, of Southern India, who was giving a dissertation for his thesis on "Climate Change". To this end he had for a time a range of electronic recording devices placed along the Ben Lawers and Tarmachan ranges. He also stayed here for a spell in order to peruse weather records ranging from 1958 until early 2000's. In his subsequent deliberations he has predicted that by 2080, due to increasing precipitation and rising temperatures, snow will rarely lie below 2,700 ft, while above this level cover will be much increased. Indeed the recent figures for the past winter would appear to be a sample of his prognosis. Since early December

2013 snow has fallen relentlessly and temperatures have remained constantly below 0°C at levels above say 3,000 ft while between about 1,500 ft and 2,800 ft snow cover has been transient, although at times deep, wet snow has caused many avalanches at these levels on steeper slopes. Due again to low temperatures at very high levels, flooding, although constant, has not been as dramatic as might have been the case. Having said this, the land is saturated as never in the past sixty or more years. The use of 4x4 tractors or 4x4 A.T.V.'s is severely curtailed. Normally here we feed the ewes on this lower ground with a "Snacker", a hopper on wheels which when the shutter is opened, distributes concentrate nuts or rolls in a long line, thereby avoiding mad rushes and possible crushing of pregnant ewes, also to minimise "poaching" of the grass. This year so far this method has been entirely ruled out. One can only hope that by the law of averages we will be blessed with a dry – but not too dry – Spring!

**Mervyn K. Browne**  
Ardalnaig

## This and That

The Breadalbane Folklore Centre at the Old Mill closed in 2011 but the large sign at Lix Toll still directs tourists to it. Does it really take so long to remove a sign or even just paint it out?

..... and talking of Old Mills, we now have two. The Old Mill in Killin may be surprised to get meal bookings meant for the Old Mill Café in Glendochart!

An advert in an official handbook (1961) of the Port of London Authority shows a new monthly Far East cargo liner service. Three of the new liners had been named "Glenogle", "Glenlyon" and "Glenfalloch".

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## Frost Report

### In the Face of Change

As I write this we are all enjoying the welcome change in the weather. The change from the incessant rain to some lovely sunny days with the birds singing their little socks off, the formerly empty dull pond suddenly full of frogs bubbling out of the mud to lay clumps of frogspawn and being woken in the morning by the chirring of our one remaining neighbourhood red-legged partridge. The poor soul is all alone and advertising for a mate but, in the absence of internet dating sites for partridge, I'm afraid that he isn't going to find a soul-mate.

It's reassuring to know that the natural rhythm of the year will come round in the end. Sometimes it is forgotten that there are larger and more encompassing rhythms to the earth that we tend not to notice - such rhythms as global weather changes. Recent investigations by Stirling University have revealed that about four thousand years ago almost all the ancient Caledonian forest was wiped out due to a tremendous increase in rain which heightened the water table in the peat so that the roots were suffocated leading to the death of the trees. Not only that, but this may have taken as little as ten years to happen. Maybe the experts have been wrong and it was not all about clearance by man and overgrazing after all.

The trees in these ancient forests were naturally spaced to give a less dense canopy which allowed a

viable understorey to grow which sustained a variety of wildlife including deer, which are actually a woodland animal. It's just that much of our present, planted woodland is too densely planted and the practices of thinning and coppicing have died out so we end up with blanket forest with no floor cover.

The Scottish government is wanting to plant 25,000 acres of forestry per year for the next ten years on the one hand but, since 2007, about 2510 hectares (equating to about 5 million trees) have been destroyed for wind farms. The number of golden eagles needs to be protected but what effect will the proposed planting have on their available hunting grounds of mountain and moorland?

One endangered native species which enjoys a good forest habitat is the Scottish wildcat. It has been discovered that Ardnamurchan has the purest wildcat population. Because this area has few un-neutered domestic cats, the gene pool is comparatively pure. It is thought now that as few as 35 totally pure animals survive. Eat your heart out you not-so-rare pandas!

Scotland's rural affairs climate change and environment committee (R.A.C.C.E.) is concerned that many open hill deer management groups are being too slow in establishing deer management plans. If this is not done by 2016 the result is likely to be that deer numbers will be government controlled on all land

from small crofts to farmland to large sporting estates. We are not sure whether Big Brother will himself be responsible for cull targets on all private land. If the whole of Scotland becomes like a national park will it be like U.S.A where anyone can get permission to shoot anywhere?

I wish anybody who is woodland stalking better luck than I have had of late. Taking off my distance specs to use my rifle scope, I have laid them down - never to be found again. And on several occasions. I am becoming quite well known at Specsavers. Maybe it will feature in a new 'should have gone to Specsavers' advert when they start doing a five for one offer. In the meantime, if anyone sees a deer or fox wearing specs could you let me know please.

If all this bad news has depressed you, be thankful you don't live in China where Walmart had to recall 'Five-spice donkey snacks' because they were found to contain fox meat. (I bet foxy's glad he's not there either!) If you still have a headache you could try an old remedy where you tie the 'nether region bits' of a fox on a string round your head. Let me know if it works.

**Tim Frost**

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# Unknown Killin

*This is the final part of a paper given by Allan Cameron Walker (1894-1975) to the local branch of An Comunn Gaidhealach sometime in the 1920s*

Near the lochside on Morenish Farm is an ancient MacDiarmid burying ground with healing stones on the walls. The present day MacDiarmids in this district are apparently forgetful of their forefathers who rest there, as the place is now in a disgustingly neglected condition. In September this year, human bones and skulls were lying on the surface of the ground as a result of rabbit burrowings.

In the wood at Culdochart is the Whooping Cough stone, a large rock with on its top a basin like hollow – probably artificial. For long generations all children in this neighbourhood suffering from Whooping Cough were taken to this stone to drink the curing waters. On the height above Fir Point is the site of a Pictish Fort, worth climbing to if only for the view obtainable from it, and on the Rifle Range is a large cup marked stone believed to be a Druidical altar.

Here in former years Baal fire was lit at Beltane.

We Highlanders – and to be a Highlander is to be the butt of Lowland comedians and the English Press in the times of peace and a veritable wee tin God to the same people when it comes to fighting – are fast becoming Anglicised and merging our identity as a people in the race-mass of these islands. Neither materially nor spiritually are we benefitting from the change as witness the decrease in our numbers and the decline in our manners. It is time therefore that we band together and come out into the open to fight for our very existence as a race. An Comunn Gaidhealach has done much to preserve our language and our music, but only when An Comunn Gaidhealach becomes like Sinn Fein, a political as well as an academic movement, will it ever succeed.

It is vital that every Highlander should seize on to, store up in his mind and scatter Broadcast among his fellows every little piece of local tradition which comes to his

knowledge. In doing that he is doing but little, but he is doing something, and that is helping to preserve the spirit of his race. May the day yet dawn, when instead of men with a pat to bail (sic) being foisted upon us as our Parliamentary representatives, we may have the opportunity of sending to the House of Commons some one of our own blood and kin, vouched for and sponsored by An Comunn Gaidhealach.

*Little doubt how the author would have voted in the upcoming referendum!*



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# Church of Scotland

## Killin and Ardeonaig Parish

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To celebrate his time with us, to thank him and to send him and his family to pastures new with our good wishes, the congregation is organising an evening buffet meal. It will be held in the Church Community Rooms on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May. All are welcome. If you wish to come, to find out more or to contribute in any way, please see Bunty McGregor, Kirstine Inglis or Phil Simpson.

The 10am service on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May will be the Rev Lincoln's final one as our Minister. It will also be the last service at which Sheena Chisholm accompanies our singing as the Church Organist. She has been playing for us for many years – at first on an ad hoc basis and in recent years, almost every week as our main organist.

We thank both of them for their commitment and huge contributions to the life of the church community.

**Sue Wyllie**



## The Easter Story

There is nothing like a good story to entertain us, teach us, open our eyes to see things differently, express our deepest feelings of love, anger, betrayal, loyalty, truth, deception, fear, courage, good and bad, right and wrong - the list goes on. It is a wonderful gift to write or tell a story that unfolds to us the amazing breadth and depth of the human spirit, our inmost 'self', 'oor benmaist hoose' as it has been described in the Scots tongue.

I knew a woman in Saskatchewan, Canada who was about 90 years old. She had travelled there with her parents from Yorkshire in 1902. The last part of the journey was by covered wagon. Father built a sod hut, a dugout with a wood frame on top covered with turf. That was their

home. Dorothy told me that when she and her sister woke up, they had to press their fingers to their eyes to melt the ice before they could open them. She and the prairie farmers she lived among were by then well enough off, each self sufficient in their own little corner but Dorothy said she much preferred the days when they had hardly anything but shared it all with each other.

Great tales of the human spirit are told in the Jewish Christian tradition. The Christmas and Easter stories are the ones most of us will know best. We are now in Lent and preparing to hear the Easter story, of how Jesus Christ, after a false accusation and corrupt trial was put to death on a cross, but after three days rose from the grave to a new and eternal life, and promises the same to those who believe his story.

The Easter story can be easily dismissed and is by many today but it has spoken to the inmost soul, the 'benmaist hoose' of countless millions down through the Christian ages and has given them a vision of life from beginning to end that no other story can tell. Listen to it again this time around - you never know!

With good wishes to you all

**John Sheddon**

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23rd April	McLaren Car Park	Loch Circuit (Railway if wet underfoot)
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7th May	McLaren Car Park (car share)	Glen Lochay
14th May	Capercaillie	River Dochart/Old Railway
21st May	McLaren Car Park (car share)	Loch Ard Loop with Callander Ramblers - 3 - 4 miles
9.15am		Or a 45 minute shorter walk
28th May	McLaren Car Park (car share)	Glen Ogle to Viaduct

## SWRI

At the March meeting of the Killin S.W.R.I. the ladies had a most interesting talk from Catriona McGeogh who runs her business at Balquidder. Catriona explained about the making of Harris Tweed which is traditionally hand woven in order to obtain the Harris Tweed official Orb logo. The ladies were invited to make covered buttons which was a great success. The evening was then rounded off with a lovely cup of tea and biscuits served by Mairi Hunter and Jenny Huntley.

## Competition results

A pair of knitted socks:

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- 2 Marion MacGregor
- 3 Margaret Galloway

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# National Trust for Scotland

## Talks

We have two illustrated talks by NTS conservation staff this spring, held in the meetings room, at the Ben Lawers Ranger base, Lynedoch, Main Street, Killin at 8.00pm – there is no charge, but donations are always welcomed:

### Wednesday 16th April

"The Year of Homecoming: finding the homes that were left behind." Derek Alexander, Head of Archaeology with the NTS, returns with an illustrated talk that reveals some of the post-medieval abandoned house sites in the care of the National Trust for Scotland.

### Thursday 24th April

"Holding it all together: papering over the cracks"

Fiona Butterfield, Conservator with the National Trust for Scotland who specialises in paper conservation will be looking at conservation work on wallpapers and works of art on paper at various NTS properties. She will also focus on the project to conserve the wallpaper at Moirlanich Longhouse. The Scottish Conservation Studio have now separated sections of this into its component layers for research and display and these will be at Moirlanich Longhouse this year and on display at Fiona's talk.

After the talks, tea and coffee will be served and there will be time for questions and discussion.

## Moirlanich

Could you help us bring this property to life? Volunteers from the Killin Heritage Society open this property to the public every year but we need more people to help us tell the stories of its history. Whether you are interested in local heritage or would enjoy an opportunity to meet visitors from all over the world, volunteering at Moirlanich Longhouse is a very rewarding experience.



The Longhouse is open on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons, from 2-5 p.m. during May to September and our volunteers typically cover one or two openings per month, working in pairs. Obviously, the more volunteers we have, the less everybody has to do. If you would like to volunteer please contact Eleanor Murray at the NTS office, Lynedoch, tel: 01567 820988 or email: emurray@nts.org.uk

## Photos

We have had a number of copies of photographs donated to Moirlanich Longhouse by Linda-Ann Sim, the daughter of Thomas Dorrance, including one of Mr Robertson which was taken prior to 1939. If anyone can tell us which Mr Robertson it is, we would be very grateful. We would also like a better idea of the dates. All the photographs will be on display in the Display Hut at Moirlanich Longhouse. Contact us at Lynedoch Tel: 0844 4932 136 or email: moirlanich@nts.org.uk

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22nd May	Noisy Neighbours
5th June	Trip to Balnassum Woods*
19th June	700 years of nature
3rd July	Moth Night**
17th July	A Land Down Under
31st July	Biological Boffins
14th August	The Human Essentials
28th August	Playing for Keeps
11th Sept	Autumn Art
25th Sept	Hear Me Roar*

Parents of children attending for the first time are requested to fill in a consent form, available from Helen Cole at the National Trust for Scotland Ranger Base, Killin or from your school office. For those children who have attended previously, we will ask you to update your consent form this year. If in any doubt please contact one of us. \*Further information and permission slips will be issued nearer the time \*\* On this evening we will be setting up harmless moth traps. The following morning we will be checking our catch and children are welcome to come. Information to follow nearer the time.

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The event starts at 2.00pm and last entry is at 4.30pm.  
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# National Trust for Scotland

## Pining for Ben Lawers

The iconic Scots Pine is making a return to the lower slopes of Ben Lawers thanks to the combined efforts of the National Trust for Scotland, some local young naturalists and small group tour operator Rabbie's.

Local children from the Killin Green Team planted fifteen individually protected Scots Pines at Cragganester on the Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve which is in the care of the National Trust for Scotland. Around fifty trees will be in place by the end of the project. The 1769 map of the area shows that Scots Pine were planted within three enclosures on the lower slopes of Ben Lawers but only a handful remain. The stumps of those which were felled over the years remain together with casualties of recent gales. The newly-planted trees come from a local seed source and will be recreating some of the features of a former landscape, giving visitors an idea of how the area might have looked in the 1700s.

The work has been generously funded by Edinburgh-based Rabbie's which runs tours to the UK and Ireland's best-loved beauty spots. The company has well-established environmental credentials and is keen to 'give something back' to



Scotland's heritage and to the communities and places that help make their tours so successful. They have funded several previous projects on Ben Lawers over the last few years and have actively contributed to one by providing a minibus full of volunteers. Planting at Cragganester has been a more delicate operation than usual,

due to the fascinating archaeology of the area, which contains extensive evidence of previous dwellings on the hillside, and special consent was needed to enable the planting to go ahead.

The conservation charity has recently established an archaeological trail at nearby Kiltyrie which aims to bring the landscape and its often overlooked features to life for visitors, pointing out the signs of those who lived and worked the land centuries before.

The pine planting is the latest in a series of projects to restore native tree species in the Killin and Ben Lawers area which is renowned for its outstanding range and diversity of vegetation, especially arctic-alpine species. The reserve is important for the very large number of nationally rare or scarce montane plant species that it supports, including vascular plants, lichens, and bryophytes. It also has an outstanding diversity of invertebrates with many nationally rare or notable species.

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## Killin Action Plan Progress

Killin's Action Plan 2012 is now two years old. A review of how the Actions have progressed shows how much has been going on in Killin over the last couple of years. The voluntary effort to move forward has been enormous - the Old Mill, MacGregor's Market, Soft Play and the Scouts to name just a few projects - and there is ongoing effort to progress other actions. This all builds on, and adds to, the work of the many volunteers who have been providing Killin and Ardeonaig with a wide range of community led facilities, activities and events for, often many, years

### Local Economy, Jobs & Housing

**KAT to form a sub group to apply to fund, manage and further develop the Internet Learning Café in Killin Library:** Sub Group established, Internet Café still running, Stirling Council financially supporting the project.

**Steering group set up to explore possibility of a Breadalbane area credit union:** Breadalbane CC Forum in touch with Stirling CU about possibility of a branch in Killin. Would need local volunteers to run.

**Community Council to lead on lobbying for better broadband services for Ardeonaig and Killin:** A Stirling broadband advisory group is pushing this. Killin and Ardeonaig are part of the Digital Scotland Rest of Scotland rollout which aims to upgrade broadband in the latter half of 2015.

For more information:  
<http://www.digitalscotland.org/superfast-broadband/>

### Children and Young People

**KAT to continue working with Stirling Council to improve the Breadalbane Park play area:** Progressing well, application in to Lottery Community Spaces. Play area currently being looked at in more detail.

**The Sports Club to work on funding applications for new equipment:** Sports Club purchased new football goals and basketball nets in 2013. Now exploring replacement of the court surface.

**Parent Council, Active Stirling and Primary School to work together to increase provision of activities for younger children in the village:** Active Stirling running tennis coaching for all ages over the 7 weeks of the summer holiday (from age 4 to adult). Scouts, Cubs and Beavers now up and running in the village.

Soft play for pre-school started up. New Football goals in the park  
**KAT/Community Council to explore possibilities of toilet availability for users of the park:** Consultation work going on to find a solution to public toilet issues. Led by KAT.

**KYG/Brownies/Tiddlers & Toddlers to explore options for venues in the village** Work through KAT currently taking place to assess

all group and community space needs.

### Environment

**Organise village clean up:** EAK have an annual litter pick that encompasses the railway line from the Bear depot, Pier Road and the path round the head of the Loch and is planning to have another litter pick on Saturday 12th April. Everyone is welcome to help. It is possible that litter pick could be extended to a wider area but this would need more volunteers and more co-ordination.

**Run a thrift/swap shop part of each year:** Great progress and success at the Old Mill with support from dedicated team of volunteers.

**Street lights turned off for periods:** This is a proposed cost cutting measure in the Priority Based Budgeting proposals although not specifically in Killin. There would be full consultation before any action taken. Meanwhile EAK have organised, in conjunction with the NTS Earth Hour, events which highlight the use of the Earth's resources and encourages people to switch off their lights for an hour.

**Develop Green Tourism:** while tourist providers are coming together to look at how to develop and extend tourism in the area.

EAK have set up a working group to develop the idea of a Killin Wildlife Festival for 2015.



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## Tourism

Create an accommodation, attractions and events website:

Yes at [www.killin.net](http://www.killin.net)

**Develop a locally-run Tourist Information Centre that focuses on the Killin area and its attractions:**

Old Mill and MacGregor's Market both offering information.

**Support the Sports Pavilion and associated facilities, not just for locals but for visitors:** Putting green moved onto part of bowling green. New equipment in place. Improvements to all weather court planned. Summer tennis coaching to be advertised for visitors to join in. Planned park improvements.

**Continue to develop the NTS information room at Lynedoch, advertise it better and extend opening:** The National Trust for Scotland installed bespoke interpretation in February last year and opened the doors to the general public on an ad hoc basis depending on other use of the room and staff availability for 118 days. Over 2,300 visitors were counted entering during these times. We don't know what info they were looking for as the room is not manned, but information provided relates to Ben Lawers NNR, Moirlandich and the wider work of the Trust. Other folk come to the door, asking a variety of questions, often not related to NTS properties.

## Facilities and Services

**KAT to lead on an audit of existing space availability and to document needs and gaps:** This is under way and will help inform both providers of available spaces what is needed and users as to what is available or might be adapted to meet their needs.

**Form a Breadalbane Park users group:** Group formed. Successful meetings resulting in appointment of a consultant, park plan and funding applications in.

**Develop a community enterprise providing community and tourist information as well as a local food and Fairtrade retail outlet:**

MacGregor's Market shop and Cafe going well with dedicated volunteers helping to build the business up. Providing local produce and wholefoods as well as special foods for special diets.

**Establish Old Mill Steering Group to lead on purchase of the building:** Funding applications are being made to repair and improve the building. When funds are in place, KAT will be able to take on ownership. Increasing number of activities happening in the Old Mill – look out for posters.

Suzanne Player

## Mobile Libraries

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June 6

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Glen Falloch Road 11.35–11.50

Willow Square 12.0–12.25

Suie Lodge 3.05–3.25

**Tyndrum**

Station Road 1.35–1.50

Green Welly 1.55–2.20

Mansefield 2.30–3.00

Benmore 3.15–3.15

**Glen Lochay/Ardeonaig  
Fortnightly Mondays**

April 7, 21, May 5, 19,  
June 2

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Ardeonaig 2.00–2.45

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## Microsoft and Windows 8

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Many computer experts have a deep dislike of Windows 8 and its successor Windows 8.1 – I share a lot of the sentiments of these experts but there are one or two features that I like.

However, it should not be a surprise to you that I feel that Microsoft have made a serious error in releasing an operating system that is neither suited to desktop users, nor touch screen

devices.

If you are deciding to get a new laptop or desktop, then my advice to you is to either get one with Window 7 installed, or alternatively ensure that any Windows 8 machine actually has Windows 8 Pro operating system installed (this offers free downgrade to Windows 7 Professional)

## Withdrawal of support for XP

By the time you read this, our tried and trusted friend, Windows XP, will be now dead and should be buried. If you are still running a computer with Windows XP and this computer is connected to the internet, then your data (and perhaps everyone else's data in your home/business) is at serious risk.

## Smart TV

One of my hobbies is to watch films, and I have recently set up a home cinema system with a Smart TV. This television set is connected to the internet and allows me to watch a variety of films, either broadcast over the airwaves, or from the internet. Apparently I can also control the television from anywhere in the world via my

mobile phone. So, if I am late home, I can press a few buttons on my phone, and can record the programme I would have been about to miss.

The TV will also accept voice control, or can even be controlled by waving your hand at the screen.

The TV also allows me to do emails, browse the internet, use social media and even make skype phone or video calls. It even guesses what programmes I want to watch. Soon (very soon, I believe) we will also be able to manage our household appliances from our TV screen. As the TV itself can be controlled from anywhere in the world, this will mean we have full control of all of our household technology over the internet.

With this exponential growth in technology, will our social habits turn more and more to interfacing with machines, rather than meeting people in "real life"?

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## Killin Heritage Society

**Thursday 10th April 7.30p.m.** in the Lesser McLaren Hall "The Brooch of Lorn" with Catherine Gillies, Museum Curator, and Kenny Lindsay, actor and Gaelic playwright. The talk is accompanied by a pop up exhibition and the valuable replica of the Brooch in its display case. Hear the history of the Brooch and its significance to the story of the power of the Clan MacDougall in the 13th and early 14th centuries and when they came within a whisker of bringing down Robert the Bruce and changing the course of Scottish history.

A great deal of the action surrounding the Brooch took place in Strathfillan and close to Killin. Legend has it that the Brooch was taken from the fugitive King Robert the Bruce at the Battle of Dalrigh on 11th August 1306. Over the following several hundred years it disappeared and resurfaced several times. We are privileged to have Catherine Gillies and Kenny Lindsay come to Killin and present "The Brooch of Lorn". This will be a special evening and one of only a handful of performances.

Please come along and support Killin Heritage Society and enjoy a glass of wine or a soft drink and a nibble or two, whilst you learn more about the story behind an iconic item that is linked, not only to the history of the Killin and Strathfillan area, but to the history of Scotland.

Tickets cost £5 (KHS Members £3) and are available from:-

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## Snowdrop Rescue

Passing the old Youth Hostel site and realising that building work was imminent, Rosie Third was very keen to rescue the many snowdrops that

grew on the site. On the morning of the day the mechanical diggers were arriving, just in nick of time she and a group of like-minded local

enthusiastic volunteers got together as a team of human diggers and managed to salvage most of the snowdrops. Those helping included the McLarty family, Jan Duncan, Julie Rhys, Judy Forster, Janet Somerville and Franny Morrison. The photo shows the atmosphere (not sure if Franny was singing or not). The snowdrops are all to be planted on the newly cleared banking between the Dochart Bridge and the Old Mill and it is hoped to add a few daffodils as well to create a colourful display by next spring.



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### Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to Mary Donnelly S3 and Hazel Lafferty S2 for a spectacular performance in the recent Forth Valley Public Speaking Competition



Bethan Rimmer, Hazel Lafferty, Mary Donnelly

The competition was organised and judged by the Procurator Fiscal Morag McLintock and her colleagues. The girls will now go on to compete in the final at Bannockburn High School on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

### Junior Ski Course, 2014

The thirty boys and girls who took part in this year's Junior Ski Course at the resort of Bormio in Italy had a great time. Despite some overcast weather at the beginning of the week, the investment of time on the dry slope at Tillicoultry began to pay off and fresh snow every morning gave the chance to make some tracks. The Hotel lived up to expectation with a really fantastic spread of hot and cold food, - no excuses for being hungry. By the end of the week, the clouds relented,

leaving an azure sky with very welcoming sunshine. What a climax to a great week. The instructors were very quick to compliment the group on their skiing abilities, their willingness to listen and learn, as well as their manners and the respect they demonstrated for one another. Flavio's group was singled out for exceptional credit being described as the most outstanding school group he had ever worked with!

### Burns Supper

On 25<sup>th</sup> February McLaren High School held their first Burns Supper in over a decade. On arrival the guests were greeted by McLaren's Traditional Scottish Music group playing in the social area. Our chairperson for the evening was Mr Steve Allan and the merriment kicked off with Callum Hall (S3) piping in the haggis followed by Mr Niall Williamson giving the Address to the Haggis. We enjoyed a lovely three course meal, provided by Mrs Leckie and her canteen staff, with traditional Scottish food being eaten. Following the meal, we were lucky enough to have Mr Fergus Wood giving an in-depth Immortal Memory which he finished off with a song that we all joined in.

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The evening moved on to pupil's participation with Ava Dinwoodie singing "My Love is like a Red Red Rose" accompanied by the McLaren String Quartet. Craig Russell (S5) "Toasted the Lassies" and Amy MacDougall (S5) replied on behalf of the lassies. More music was performed by Lauren Third (S6) and poems were read by Alistair Orr and Eilidh Strang (both S6). Our second guest speaker of the evening was Mr Charlie Methven who did a fantastic rendition of Tam O'Shanter. He was very animated in the delivery running about the hall and capturing everyone in the audience leaving them wanting more. The night's entertainment was rounded off by Highland Dancers (Kayleigh Glen, Gillian Harvey, Beth Hunter and Nicola Craig) before we sang Auld Lang Syne. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all and we hope that it will be first of many more Burns Suppers to come at McLaren.

**Lauren Third  
Samantha Boyle  
Gillian Harvey**  
S6

## Killin Primary School

### S.S.P.C.A

On 7<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Killin Primary School had a visit from the SSPCA. P1, 2 and 3 had a special assembly to find out about what they do and how they help animals. Both P4/5 and P6/7 had a workshop about being animal friendly citizens. Emma told us lots of stories and explained what we should do if we see an animal in danger. We all got a chance to play games and watch some video clips.

**Fred Murray  
Amy Blake**  
Class 3

### P5 and 6 Curling Tasters

P5 and P6 children from Killin Primary School got the chance to go to Callander Primary School for two taster sessions of curling. On our first week at Callander Primary School we learned how to pass our indoor curling stones to our partners. Indoor curling stones are much lighter than real curling stones! Our second week at Callander Primary School we got a target mat out and used it to get our aim better. We went in to teams of two or three and we were back to back and we had to pass the indoor curling stones around our circle of three. The following week we went to the Peak in Stirling and got to go on the ice rink. We went into two groups,

Killin v all of the other schools who did the curling tasters. In our groups we put one foot on a hatchet and the other was used on a slidey foot thing. We had to use our foot at the back to push forward and then we let go of the real curling stones, they were VERY heavy so we could not lift them about like the indoor curling stones! Everyone who went really enjoyed it and we hope to get another chance to play.

**Becca Noble  
Seonag Hay**

### P6 skiing

On 30<sup>th</sup> January primary 6 went to Polmont dry ski slope in Falkirk. When we got there we had to put our ski equipment on. We learnt how to stop and use the ski lift and we also learnt how to go up the hill sideways. Then on 6<sup>th</sup> February we went to Glencoe on real snow! There we learnt to turn and jump. We also learnt how to use a rope lift. Before lunch we had to walk up a snowy hill and the snow was blowing us backwards. After lunch we got to go down the real slope! Then we went back down the hill. It was an amazing experience and we would all love to go again.

**Holly Weir  
Ellie Ridgewell**

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# Killin Primary School

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## Salmon in the classroom

This term class 3 have taken part in the Salmon in the classroom project. Gareth Kett from the National Park has been working with us. During the first session Gareth told us all about the life cycle and we made our own diagrams to help us. Later that week Gareth came back and brought with him 102 salmon eggs. They had to be kept in a fridge at the back of the class and stay at a certain temperature for two weeks. The salmon eggs soon hatched and became Alevin. On 13<sup>th</sup> March it was time to release the alevin into the burn at Acarron class. We walked there and then had to dig a hole in the ground to put the alevin into. We are going to go back in June to see what has happened.

**Bethany Semple  
Olivia Watson  
Class 3**

## World Book Day!!!

On 7<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Killin Primary celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as their favourite book characters, having an extreme book challenge and other activities. For the extreme book challenge the pupils had to take pictures of themselves reading in the wackiest place. We had one in the bath, one up the climbing wall, in caterpillar tunnel, up a tree, Lego minifigure, in the theatre, sitting in a bin, in a fire engine and the winner Laura Hill getting a check up at the dentist. Thank you to all the people who entered! After lunch the P7s gave the other pupils loads of fun activities to do with World Book Day. There were some story games, make a bookmark, draw a book, colour in book characters and watch a documentary on Julie Donaldson the author of the Gruffalo and Room on the Broom. Everyone really enjoyed the day!

**Emily and Eloise**

## Nursery

**In Crianlarich** the 3-5 children are extending their research skills and improving their observation skills by watching and recording the birds that visit the feeders in the garden. The younger children have been learning about animals and are developing their movement skills. They have visited the community woodland, the train station and the park to experience different terrains and physical challenges.

**In Killin** Nursery the 0-3 children are experimenting with their fine and gross motor skills and sensory resources both indoors and outdoor. The older children

have been developing their representational drawing through studying images of superheroes. They have also been looking at the properties associated with parachutes and experimenting with small ones attached to toys.

In both buildings our "learning together; learning for life" trees are growing. Please come and have a look.

**News Flash** - the children have been discovering gnomes dotted around the village, park and castle. They will update the Killin News as the story unfolds...stay tuned.



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## Youth Group



Luke Hibbert, Amelia Hemmings, Robbie Taylor, Robbie Player

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March Killin Youth Group visited the Real Food café in Tyndrum. Café owner Sarah Heward was a magnificent host to nineteen teenagers from Killin and the surrounding area. With superb support from Seafood Scotland, Colin McGeoch (Senior Supervisor of the café and Finalist of the Young Fish Fryer of the Year 2014!) gave the club members a talk on six different species of fish.

We were fortunate to have six samples of whole fish - Haddock, Cod, Hake, Plaice, Pollock and Coley. We passed around these to be examined up close. They were all fresh so were cold to touch and you could almost smell the ocean. The awesome staff then cooked fillets and we made notes on the tasting. Generally everyone was pleasantly surprised by how nice all the species tasted, even the ones we were less used to. My personal

favourite was the Pollock (nice and meaty, yum!).

We then had a hand out which we completed with notes from the talk. All these fish came from sustainable Scottish sources and this taught us that certain species of fish such as Haddock are in constant danger of being overfished. Sarah considers that educating young people like the Killin Youth Group about the viability of eating other varieties and species is very important for the future of fish stocks and for biodiversity.

The quiz was won by Robbie Player. He won a two course meal for four at the Real Food Café. Finally there was a cupcake decorating competition, this was lots of fun and the adults commented on the high standard of the cupcakes. Not meaning to boast, but I won that competition and won the same prize as Robbie.

The evening was very worthwhile and I'm sure the whole group enjoyed it as much as I did. Many thanks to Pete Waugh, the Youth Leader, Sarah and the whole Real Food Café crew for having us and putting on a brilliant event as always.

**Ewan Watson**  
Killin Youth Group

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## Beavers

The Beavers and Cubs are preparing for their first Moving On ceremonies, where the oldest Beavers will move to Cubs and the oldest Cubs will move to Scouts. This means there will be space for new Beavers. If your child is aged 6 or 7 and would like to try out Beavers please contact us. If your child is not yet aged 6 but you'd like him/her to join our waiting list, please also let us know. Beavers are aged 6-8 and meet every Thursday night from 6.15-7.15pm at Killin Primary School. The Beavers are busy with a varied programme both indoors and outdoors. We've played plenty of games, explored Killin in the dark and also spent an evening making "something special" out of clay. We'll hopefully paint our special creations sometime soon (the clay needs time to dry first). Stephen has helped all Beavers to gain their Emergency Aid badge. We have now started work on our Global and Animal badges. A special mention should be made about James Elliott who, in his own time, worked hard to get his Music Badge - we loved your piano playing! In a few weeks' time we'll be



Members of the Cub Scout section of the 2nd Killin and District Scout Group proudly display their investiture certificates after making their cub scout promise. They were welcomed into the worldwide brotherhood of scouting by group scout leader David Robertson. For the leaders of the Cub Scouts it was also a very proud night.

spending a morning at Abernethy Outdoor Centre in Ardeonaig to take part in the much requested archery and low ropes course. We're also looking forward to our sleepover in early May.

**Marieke McBean**

Beaver Leader

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## Cubs

Cubs are aged 8-10 and meet every Wednesday night from 7-8.30pm, at the Lesser Hall in Killin (new venue). They have been busy over the last few months. Congratulations to all the seventeen cubs who were invested. They all looked very smart



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Bringing hope to  
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affected by Divorce  
or Separation

# strict Scout Group

in their uniforms. Thank you David Robertson GSL for taking them through their investiture. We've had a Burns Night where the kids made their own tartan. We even persuaded some to try Haggis which one of the leaders had just caught that day. With the help of the Scouts we made potato prints so thank you Harriet, Zach and the Scouts. We have made some Chinese lanterns for Chinese New Year and learned about the Chinese zodiac. We will have had our first night away by the time this article goes to print and will have a special report from one of the Cubs on their adventure. We would like to thank Chris for all his help while we met at the school. We will be working on our Emergency Aid badge and if we can get some clear skyies our astronomy badge.

**Charles Kemp**

Cub Leader

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## Scouts

Scouts are aged 10-14 and meet every Wednesday at the Big Shed, Tombreck, from 7-9pm. Scouts started the year with a great show of their creative talents. Firstly a very messy evening was spend with the Cubs creating paintings using the good old fashioned method

of painting with potatoes (which inevitably progressed into just painting with hands). We then had a go at stop motion films, where the Scouts' patience in taking hundreds of pictures paid off when these were put together to make two short, but rather impressive films. The Scouts spent a very cold and wet day in February exploring Tombreck, identifying trees and helping to gather wood for our camp fire. Despite the weather we still had fun and a few weeks later had the opportunity to have our camp fire, learn some camp fire songs and eat bananas covered in chocolate cooked on the fire (once we managed to get the fire lit).

**Harriet Stevens**

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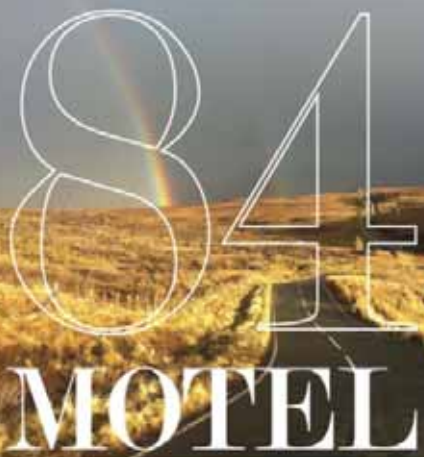
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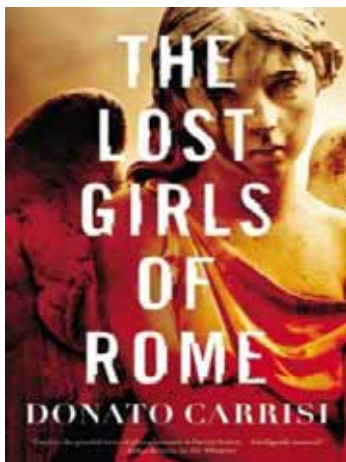
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## Book Review

### The Lost Girls of Rome by Donato Carrisi



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Simultaneously we read about the hunter who is seeking a transformist, an evil person who kills people in order to take their place in society. Having tracked him all over the world, the hunter finally confronts the transformist in the barren wasteland of Chernobyl.

Lastly there is Sandra, a police forensic photographer. Her husband, having told her he was in Oslo, suffers a fatal accident in Rome. Goaded by an Interpol agent, Sandra travels to Rome to investigate her husband's death, uncovering a link between him and Marcus. What is their connection? Is Marcus who he says he is and why is Interpol taking an interest in an accidental death? The *Penitenzeri* work in the shadows, their existence known of but denied by the Vatican. What happens when a *Penitenzeri* becomes corrupted by the evil he is dealing with every day - and if you are truly evil, can you ever become good?

Jan Duncan

Third Chapter Book Club



The Sequel Book Club held their annual non-book night enjoying another Murder Mystery at Dall Lodge, which was re-named "The Famous Hollywood Rock Café". This was the venue for the after show party following 'The Purple Roses' sell out world tour. The new lead singer Zak Sabbath and the rest of the band had been rockin' all over the world after the success of their hit single 'The Clock Keeps Tickin'. Everyone was kitted out in their rock-chick best and we were kept guessing until the end of the night as to who had murdered Zak Sabbath



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## el Murder



just before the party. Had we been better listeners we would have heard the clue at the very beginning when a taped conversation was played - many thanks to Dave Fettes and Andy Aitken for the voiceovers! We hope you have already received your Equity fees.

Everyone really joined in the spirit of the evening with Sally being a far-out and cosmic host and Liz and Caitlin making sure that we had all the information we needed to fully play our parts.

**Marion Strang**  
Sequel Book Club



Ron Alner

**An all too familiar sight in recent months**

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We also have had a few staff changes. Jantje left us to go travelling and has been replaced by Andrew Hogg who has returned from his travels. Andrew will join our large and small animal team of Mhairi Mackie and Alasdair Ryder. We also have a new small animal vet, Kirsty MacMillan, who will be working part time in the Pitlochry surgery. Our vet nurse Charlotte Knight is now fully qualified and will be running weight clinics and puppy classes in the near future.

Our groomer, Diana Dow, is still available in on a Wednesday in Aberfeldy where we now have the added facilities of bathing small dogs. Bigger dogs can be bathed in Pitlochry where Diana grooms the rest of the week.

## Local Planning Applications

### National Park

**10 January**

**Proposal:** Erection of Biomass boiler and pellet storage building  
Location: Strathfillan Church Strathfillan Church Road Tyndrum  
Applicant: Mr Jim Mailer  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission  
Decision: Pending Consideration

**30 January**

**Proposal:** Erection of double pole structure  
Location: Youth Hostel Killin  
Applicant: Carl Wedekind  
Application Type: Statutory Notification - overhead lines  
Decision: No Objections

**15 February**

**Proposal:** Erection of agricultural shed and polytunnel  
Location: Innischeroch Crianlarich  
Applicant: Mr Jim Ronald  
Application Type: Agricultural and Forestry Notification  
Decision: Pending Decision

**21 February**

**Proposal:** Change of use of land for the siting of a mobile snack bar (Renewal of Temporary Permission Ref No 2009/0147/DET).

Location: Loch Lubhair Lay-by Crianlarich  
Applicant: Ms Nicola MacLean  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission  
Decision: Pending Consideration

**27 February**

**Proposal:** Up to 200kw run of river

hydro scheme

Location: Auchessan River North Of Auchessan Hamlet Crianlarich  
Applicant: Sian Thomas  
Application Type: Pre-Scoping Advice  
Decision: Pending Consideration

**1 March**

**Proposal:** Erection of new front porch and installation of flue  
Location: Barn Cottage Killin  
Applicant: Ms Karen Kane  
Application Type: Householder Planning Permission  
Decision: Pending Consideration

**3 March**

**Proposal:** Installation of 100 kw Hydroscheme  
Location: Cononish Farm Cononish Road Tyndrum  
Applicant: Mr David Burton  
Application Type: Pre-Scoping Advice  
Decision: Pending Consideration

**4 March**

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing stable and erection of storage building  
Location: Land North West Of Auchlyne House Auchlyne Road Killin  
Applicant: Mrs Emma Paterson  
Application Type: Agricultural and Forestry Notification  
Decision: Pending Consideration

**4 March**

**Proposal:** External re-painting of station building  
Location: Tyndrum Upper Railway Station Station  
Applicant: First Scotrail  
Application Type: Listed Building Consent  
Decision: Pending Consideration

### Perth & Kinross Council

**4 February**

**Proposal:** Erection of boat house  
Location: Land 500 Metres South West Of Altbeag Fearnan  
Applicant: Mr M Morrice  
Application Type: planning permission local  
Decision: Approve the application

### Stirling Council

**14 February**

**Proposal:** Application under Section 42 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 to not comply with condition 1 of application reference 11/00138/FUL  
Location: Firlush Point Field Centre Killin  
Applicant: The University Of Edinburgh  
Application Type: Full  
Decision: Pending Consideration

**22 January**

**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: Approve with Conditions

**9 December 2013**

**Proposal:** Micro hydro electricity generation scheme  
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Decision: Pending Consideration

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### What is Sustrans?

Most of you will know that Sustrans is a charity which promotes cycling and walking, by working with Councils and local landowners to plan and build cycle friendly routes, throughout the UK. The Northern half of National Cycle Route 7 runs from Glasgow to Inverness and comes from Callander to Killin via the Glen Ogle railway, continuing down the South Loch Tay road to Aberfeldy and Pitlochry by backroads, marked by all those small blue signs. (See for information on all the national routes)

### Volunteer Rangers

I have been a volunteer ranger for Sustrans since 1999, before Route 7 was fully opened, and I help to look after the route with other volunteers. Our formal volunteer numbers have diminished since I last wrote an article in the Killin News. Rosemary Simpson keeps an eye on the road from Killin to Kenmore and I aim to cycle the route from Killin to Balquhider at least once a month, picking litter etc. Other users and dog walkers also keep a look out for hazards and obstructions. The landowners are very good at keeping the route clear of fallen trees and Sustrans respond well to bigger problems such as floods and

## On Yer Bike!

landslides, of which there have been a few.

### Volunteers needed!

We are now looking for other volunteers who may be interested in either looking after a section of the route, or who are interested in developing the route further, either by practical work or by helping to plan connections with other places. I am now registered with the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme in Callander as a volunteer leader and so would be able to supervise any teenagers wishing to volunteer for an hour or two a week as part of their Duke of Edinburgh volunteering. If you like cycling and being outside this could be for you! If you are interested, please give me a ring on either 01567 829244 or 07876 374860.

### Group Cycling

Do you keep meaning to get out on your bike to get fit but never get round to it? I have now trained as a Cycle leader with Sustrans to take out groups of people wanting to get back into cycling – groups of up to 10 – and am happy to lead anyone who wishes to explore the local Sustrans network a bit more. I plan to start with a couple of easy rides along the Acharn forest railway section for people to get used to being on a bike and would then progress to longer,

harder rides if there is enough interest. The first ride will be on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April, meeting at 10am in the McLaren Hall car park with bikes and helmets and ready to start with a basic cycle practice and review of bike roadworthiness before setting off. This will last about 2 hours, with time to chat about bikes and look at points of interest along the way. Meet 10am McLaren Hall Car park Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April for a taster session

### Bike checks

Killin Outdoor Shop have kindly offered to provide free bike checks on Sunday mornings to ensure that your bike is safe and they will offer advice on any work needing done. You can then decide whether you or family/friend can do this, or the Outdoor Shop can do a full service for a fee. I am covered by Sustrans insurance to lead the group, so strongly advise you to have your bike checked, as you cannot come on the ride if your bike has significant mechanical problems. Also, you must wear a cycle helmet for the led ride. Trevor suggests that you contact the shop before bringing in your bike, so it can be booked in and they don't all arrive at once. So no more excuses: 'Get on your bike!'

**Elaine Turner**

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## Obituary

### Iain Hunter 1933-2014

Iain passed away peacefully at home on 3rd February. Brought up in Balquhider, he attended the local school and McLaren High School. He started working as a shepherd at Kenknock, Glen Lochay, before serving in Germany with the King's Dragoon Guards on National Service. On returning, he worked in Glen Lyon and Loch Awe on the hydroelectric schemes before going back to shepherding. He was a member of the mountain rescue team and the carpet bowling club until ill health forced him to retire. On moving into Killin, he became a hospital car driver for 15 years. His garden was his great pleasure and he spent many happy hours in it. He enjoyed his family, Fiona, Sandy and Sheila, his grandchildren Claudia, Stefanie, Megan, Molly and Andrew and his great-grandchild, Mia. Many thanks to all for the cards, letters, flowers, visits and telephone calls received at this sad time. Special thanks to family doctors, nurses, carers, Rev. Lincoln and Andy Anderson for their professional services and also thanks to those who paid their last respects at the church and graveside and generously donated £610 to the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home.

**Mairi Hunter**

## Letters

### Thank you

I would like to thank my family for all the care I received during my recent illness, also all friends and neighbours for cards, visits and gifts. Thanks, too, to the local doctors, nurses and paramedics and to doctors and staff at FVRH for all their care. I appreciate all the kind attention I received and am now well on the way to full recovery.

**Paddy McKinnon**

come, will disappear into the surrounding countryside and go behind a bush!  
On a happier note, well done to the Drama Club for a brilliant panto. Roll on next year's production.

**Emma Paterson**

## EAK Events

### Saturday 12th April Litter Pick

Meet at 10am at the Turning Circle

Volunteers will be provided with bags, pickers and gloves.

### Sat 3rd May Dawn Chorus walk

Meet at 5am at the Turning Circle. The walk is led by John Holland who will interpret the range of calls and songs that fill the morning air at this time of the year. Come well wrapped up as there may be periods of standing very still just to listen and enjoy.

### Behind a Bush?

I had hoped to be able to write to you a letter that wasn't a complaining letter but, having read the article about the toilet feasibility study, I felt I had to reply.

Many many years ago when my Grandparents came up to Auchlyne for the grouse season, they used to organise a picnic up Ben More for the staff. For reasons unknown, the gardener's wife didn't go but when they returned from their day out she asked them, "What did you do for a toilet?"

If Stirling Council are going to close all public toilets, what are people going to do for the toilet?

As it says in the article, people will be put off coming to the village if there are no facilities or, if they do



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# The Big Shed

## Musical Events

On May 23rd we have the acclaimed duo of Mairi Campbell and Dave Francis performing stories from their family's Scottish history through music. Mairi and Dave are considered two of Scotland's finest songwriters and perhaps most famously was their version of Auld Lang Syne in the Sex and the City film soundtrack! Tickets are £10 and we would strongly advise purchasing them before the event. Please call 0750 864 5453.

## Creative Business Events

We are delighted to welcome Caroline Reilly as artist in residence for the next couple of months - watch out for her masterpieces! The Big Shed wants to thank all those involved in making the Breadalbane Expo in Killin so enjoyable and successful. Look out on the website or facebook page for up to date info.

## Health Events

The Yoga workshop in March was fully booked and we are hoping to host another soon. There is a Pilates workshop by Joakim on Saturday 26th April for £35 - bookings 0750 864 5453. Weekly yoga classes continue, call for info.

## Heritage Activity Hub

If you are interested in learning more about the heritage and landscape of the Tombreck area, keep an eye on our website for information.

## Other Events

Do you have an idea of an event you would like to have? Contact us to talk it over.

[www.bigshed.org.uk](http://www.bigshed.org.uk)  
07508 635453

## SHADOW AND LIGHT



David Paterson retired ten years ago to Killin, with his wife, Mayumi, after a long career as a commercial photographer. In those ten years he has been actively photographing the environment around Killin and decided recently that he had enough material for a book. The result is "Shadow and Light" - a 120-page trip through the wonderful landscapes and scenery which surround us in Killin. It is published as a normal, printed hard-cover book, which is available to special order, and also as an e-book on CD. The CD is available at various outlets around Killin, price £6.99.

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# What's On in Killin and District

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- 26 Pilates Workshop Big Shed p38
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- 8 Green Team School 6pm p19
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**Badminton**  
Mondays & Tuesdays  
McLaren Hall  
Juniors P7 and up 6-7pm  
Adults 7-10pm

**Badminton**  
Mondays  
Crianlarich Hall  
evenings

**Bowls**  
Mondays  
Lesser Hall  
evenings

**Baby/Toddler Music**  
Wednesdays  
10.30-12.30  
Old Mill p7

**Beavers**  
Thursdays 6.15pm  
School

**Cubs**  
Wednesdays 7pm  
School

**Scouts**  
Wednesdays  
7pm Big Shed

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

**Guild Craft Group**  
Tuesdays  
Littlecroft  
10am-12 noon

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

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

**Tai Chi**  
Wednesday  
Tyndrum Hall  
9.30am

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

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

**Yoga**  
Fridays  
Big Shed  
10.30-noon

**Choir**  
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Church 7.30pm  
phone Franny  
01567 829048

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

**Tuesday Club**  
Community Rooms  
2 - 4 pm

**Softplay Club**  
Tuesdays  
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12.30 - 2.30pm

**Tiddlers & Toddlers**  
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