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## Editorial

It is good to relax and enjoy the episodes of fine weather, see the influx of visitors and hope that the remainder of the season will boost local businesses. You will have seen or heard about LIVEPARK, planning for the future of our National Park. If you haven't, take a moment and look at a copy in the Killin Library. It is a consultation about the Park Plans for the next five years "where new homes should go and where new businesses will be supported". The Park is a big place and Killin a small sliver sitting at the edge of both the Park and Stirling Council. Killin needs space to develop as well as attract tourism. Killin's heritage was in retail, industry and hospitality. Hospitality has been retained but four of the five mills and other industrial remnants, "economic opportunities", have been changed to other uses. So it is good to see that this term comes up in the plan and it is an opportunity for the community to make its comment. One opportunity described is for development around the Station Road Depot and on the area south of it for business to "address visitors' needs via parking, toilets, information and signage". It is with sadness we learn that PFK Performance Centre has to move to Callander as it could find no opportunity to expand to meet local needs here in Killin. Is Park planning inadvertently driving business out of the countryside? The major opportunity listed for the future is around the approved biomass plant at Acharn. It has been identified, Site MIR 80, as a Rural Activity Area. 'If you go down to the woods today' you may find a site suitable for industrial development about three kilometers from the centre of Killin. This Plan is a draft only but it needs you to make comments to help the planners, who probably don't live here, make the final version. Perhaps, as mentioned by Martin Earl and reported in the Killin Community Council Minutes, a business forum for Killin would be better placed to identify and defend business opportunities in Killin. Attempts in the past to create such a forum have been unsuccessful but perhaps the time has come to try again.

It is with great sadness that we hear of the death of Dr Ankie De Laat who worked in Killin from 2001 as a general practitioner until her retirement in ----. She was a much-loved doctor who always had time for her patients and supported them assiduously when they were ill. She allowed patients with major on-going problems to disturb her, out of hours, rather than leave it to paramedics or others on call. She will be fondly remembered.

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## Front page

Ploughing competition at Ledcharrie Farm (page 23)  
 photograph by Ron Allner

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## Killin Medical Practice Update

In the move to improve services to patients, more changes are being made at Killin Medical Practice and some of these will already have begun in May.

Dr. Watson is continuing as normal and Dr. Syme will now be working four sessions a week instead of two. Locum doctors will fill in to make up the rest of the time of the now two-doctor practice. Where possible these will be doctors who have been before although, due to a shortage of locums, this is not always possible. A salaried doctor has been advertised for with a closing date of 30<sup>th</sup> May and it is hoped that he or she will be in place by September/October. The prescription service is changing to providing medication for a two month period instead of the current one month and this will mean patients need order only every two months. A 48 hour period will still be needed before collection at either Davidsons or News First. Training of staff is progressing well

and Practice Nurse Jamie Anderson is taking on child immunisations. She and Health Assistants Alice and Marie will all be undertaking INR testing. Alice and Marie will soon be taking blood samples but patients will be reassured to know that they will not be let loose to do so without training and initial supervision.

### Please Note

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health advice out of hours**

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The old number  
is still replying at the moment  
but is being phased out

New dedicated Health Care Assistant clinics for taking height, weight, blood pressure, urinalysis, phlebotomy and INR testing are being set up at flexible times to suit patients' availability where possible. Annual reviews for chronic diseases will in future be covered in two

stages – in the first instance baseline checks by the Practice Nurse or a Health Care Assistant followed by a GP visit a week later. For more efficiency, patients with more than one chronic complaint will be checked for them all at the same visit. ...

The Practice website – [www.killinmedicalpractice.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.killinmedicalpractice.scot.nhs.uk) – has been updated and provides such things as health advice on injections for travellers. Suggestions of what else to include would be welcome.

KMP is discussing with community councils to find ways in which services could be improved under current constraints and still plans to set up a Patient Focus Group to help solve any problems and suggest improvements. Some interest has been shown in this but the involvement of more people would be welcome.

And finally – if anyone is interested in acquiring an aquarium, please contact the Surgery which has decided to get rid of theirs.

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## Duck Race



Ron Allner



Killin and Crianlarich Parent Teacher Partnership, who organised the Duck Race in early May, raised £824 for Killin Primary School. The amount raised for Crianlarich was £305. The money will be used to support P7 Activities week, school trips and the computer program "Education City". The winning duck name was "Twinkle" named by Catriona Gammon from Crianlarich.



# MacGregor's Market

MacGregor's Market is now a year old! Teething problems are getting ironed out, better systems are in place and new developments are on the horizon. The cafe serves a basic range of tasty snacks, helps visitors make the most of their visit and provides space for other groups to use; the youth club, a chess club, Welfare Rights training. The shop is growing and evolving, meeting a range of dietary needs and trying to complement what's available in other outlets in the village. We have built up a range of products to accommodate vegans, those with gluten intolerance and those unable to tolerate dairy products. Let us know if

there are any specific gluten/dairy-free foodstuffs you would like us to stock. Within the next few weeks we should have a few new ranges on offer; more deli products, more chilled and frozen stock, a wider range of cheeses, fish, salads and cold meats. Dolan is also working on an online shopping system, which means we can then offer delivery, which might be of interest to older and less mobile residents. Our customer loyalty card is to be rolled out next month. We can take orders by telephone or email and deliver to your door. We have a wholesale price list, if your business needs regular supplies of any

particular foodstuffs. The Post Office will hopefully be taking up space with us soon; we didn't particularly want to take it on but in the absence of anywhere else, we've agreed. We're a non-profit-making organisation, so the fact that it doesn't provide a good income is not so vital; it will provide some part time work. We're quite proud of what we've achieved; a group of local people have built up two small interconnected businesses, without any government hand-outs. People have jobs, volunteers are getting work experience, empty shops are vibrant again.

**Katy McLeod**



## Citizens Advice Bureau

Stirling District Citizens Advice Bureau Ltd, Stirling Council and Rural Stirling Housing Association, are pleased to announce a new advice outreach point coming to Killin.

Recent changes to welfare benefits, the continuing recession, rising fuel bills, mounting debt and stagnant wages have all contributed to an increase in local people seeking advice. Stirling District CAB'S SKINT team are fully trained citizen's advice advisers, specialising in financial advice. Working in partnership with Macgregor's Cafe we aim to bring practical help and advice on a range of issues to the Killin area.

The partnership will be hosting a fortnightly drop-in service commencing 12<sup>th</sup> June between 10.30 and 2pm. Stirling Citizens Advice will be available for all types of advice and will also offer a variety of other services including information sessions on topical subjects (e.g. help with fuel bills over the winter).

One-to-one advice on how to manage your finances, along with practical help to shop around for better deals, check

any benefit entitlement and deal with debt will be available, as will help to access bank accounts, if required. Stirling Council and Stirling Rural Housing Association will also be available to answer local peoples' questions on housing options and allocation advice.

Access to Housing Options advice will be available alongside the CAB money, benefits, debt, financial capacity and general information/advice sessions at the following places:

**Callander Library** every second Wednesday 9.30-12 noon, 11th June 25th June, 9th July

**MacGregor's Café**, Morenish Place, Main Street, **Killin** every second Thursday, 10.30-2pm, 12th June, 26th June, 10th July.

All advice is free and confidential and will be delivered by advisers from Stirling CAB, Stirling Council Homelessness Team and Rural Stirling Housing Association (depending on the type of enquiry and your individual preference).



The CAB team can be contacted in the meantime by Email [jacquigibson@stirlingcab.cassonline.org.uk](mailto:jacquigibson@stirlingcab.cassonline.org.uk) or at the main bureau in Stirling

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# The McLaren Hall

There can be few people in the Killin area who have not been in the McLaren Hall at some time. Since 1936 it has been the venue for dances, films, badminton, dramas, carpet bowls, coffee mornings, public meetings and many other events. It is the largest village hall in the area and very much the centre of activities. In emergencies, such as the landslide, it is the place where people would probably congregate to co-ordinate action and it is a place we have come to take for granted.

Archibald McLaren, retired farmer of Dall Lodge, Killin, died in 1933 and left £9,000 for the establishment of a town hall for the benefit of the inhabitants of Killin. £7,000 was to be spent on the site and construction of "The McLaren Town Hall" and the remaining £2,000 went into the McLaren Endowment fund to be administered by a specially set up Trust. The initial Trust and constitution were formed in 1936 after construction of the Hall was completed and a constitution was agreed. The five to eight Trustees and their successors would "hold the McLaren Hall in all time coming for the benefit of the inhabitants of Killin and the surrounding district to be used solely as a public hall" for all lawful public meetings. The Hall was to be administered by a Management Committee consisting of the Trustees and representatives elected by the members of frequent users. The present Committee consists of six Trustees, Dr. Syme (Chairman) John Sinclair, Willie Stitt, Chris McLarty, Jane Anderson and Kenny Lang. The representatives of frequent users are Sue Hughes (Heritage), Charlie Grant (Carpet Bowls), Tam Bolton (Drama) K. Riddell, Badminton and a member of the SWRI. The Secretary is Yvonne Gillies and the Treasurer and Booking Organiser is Fiona Stewart. This committee is responsible for working together to run the Hall and solve all its problems.

The Hall is now an old building and maintenance is increasingly necessary and increasingly expensive. Income comes from the Hall, the Car Park, the Chip Van, a few donations and some old investments which cannot be cashed. As more and more smaller venues are available in the village, the number of regular users has dropped but use by weddings has increased. In recent years there have been problems with heating – now improved but still expensive to run – and with the house attached to the Hall, which was flooded out in a bad winter and has had problems with the roof. Solving the house problems is taking time and money. Insurance did not cover all the costs and there has simply not been enough money to get the work done as quickly as necessary. However some Trustees and local tradesmen have been working there on a voluntary or deferred payment basis in whatever time they can spare in an effort to finish the work and it is hoped that this will be finished this summer. This should allow the house to be let to bring in more income.

Cleaning has always been a problem with users required to clean up after using the Hall and sometimes having to clean up before using it or when it isn't clear who is responsible. Problems with the heating, the kitchen, having to move furniture and equipment have frequently been mentioned, as have problems with making bookings and the Committee is aware of all these.

So what is the future for the Hall? It needs to solve the existing problems and to modernise. Nowadays IT equipment is part of almost any public meeting but all the equipment has to be carried into the Hall so it needs a screen and facilities for a computer simply to be plugged in. Marketing the venue could bring in more weddings. A website would show availability and make booking

on-line immediate, saving a lot of phone calls. And it still needs to be maintained. Most of the problems could be solved with more money, so fundraising events are planned for later in the year.

The Hall is a great asset to the village and a worthy local cause to be supported. It is hoped that the village will rally round in its usual generous way to enable the Hall not only to keep going but also improve what it can offer to the village.

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# Killin Community Council May Meeting

**Meetings:** It was agreed that the Community Council meeting would continue at bimonthly intervals.

**Speeding Traffic in Lyon Road:** No progress has been made. Fiona Kennedy to pursue and copy Martin Earl into the correspondence.

**Coach Park:** Stirling Council has yet to adopt the coach park and there has been no further correspondence regarding this; once adopted "no parking" can be enforced for the proposed period of 8am to 6pm.

**Station Road turning circle and car park:** Bear Scotland had been creating problems for buses parking and turning. They have moved the gritting lorries for the summer but they will return in the winter. Bear Scotland will be asked to ensure their staff are not parking in disabled bays without a disabled permit.

Three of the Councillors inspected the area and took photographs following concerns about fly-tipping and an article would be put in the Killin News. Stirling Council is aware there is a problem and has been asked to try for access to Bear's CCTV. The problem of fly-tipping goes beyond Killin but the lack of facilities within Killin had exacerbated them here. Brown bins for cardboard have now been removed but outlying rural areas have still not received brown or food boxes. Large pieces of cardboard that do not fit in the brown box will be uplifted if left beside the box. Brown bin collections will stop each year on 1<sup>st</sup> November and resume on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**Recycling:** The restricted opening hours at the Callander site were discussed, in particular the lack of daytime opening. Martin Earl will contact Stirling Council to re-visit the opening times and proposing some weekday, daytime opening. He will also find out when the brown box roll-out will be completed.

**Road Naming:** Main Street does not extend as far as the former Youth

Hostel site, and several names had been mentioned. The Community Council has responded that it is locally referred to as Lochay Road. \*

**Stirling Council Grant:** The Community Council has received funding of £180 for a Minutes Secretary and £419.21 for administrative costs.

## A.O.C.B.

**Dog Mess:** There has been an increasing amount of dog mess on the streets and also in fields. A second article would be submitted to the Killin News to highlight the issue. A visit by the dog warden to the school and a deep clean of the streets would be arranged. A project by the children at Killin Primary School will be suggested to highlight the problem. The dog warden could also visit the school.

**Support for Local Businesses:** The question of available support for local business from either Stirling Council or LLTNP was raised. Martin Earl suggested that the Killin Business Community should get together and contact Councillor Neil Benny regarding establishing a Business Development District and what support this would offer.

**Park Development Plan:** The LLTNP's development plan is to be reviewed. The current local plan and the structure plans covering the Park's area will be updated and replaced by one Local Development Plan. A consultation with the community will be arranged for an afternoon and evening in early June. Development opportunities can be raised and included in the plan. The plan states that 'recent housing development appears to have helped meet housing need and demand for the immediate term' but this was disputed in the meeting where a lack of affordable family homes was identified.

The plan also states that 'A key opportunity exists around the Station

Road depot area, including the land to the south of this. This overall site could accommodate a range of uses and could help address visitors' needs via parking, toilets, information and signage'. However a recent approach by a local business to develop this site, including new and managed public toilets was rejected by Stirling Council.

Where an unauthorised development has been reported to the LLTNP, their representatives do have a legal right to go on to land to investigate. However they should, as a matter of courtesy, introduce themselves and ask for permission.

**Bridge of Lochay:** New signage is required to ensure drivers are aware that this is a narrow bridge, only suitable for single file traffic.

**Speed Restrictions:** A countdown to the current 30mph speed restriction as traffic enters Killin is being pursued. An extension of the 30mph zone to beyond the golf course is unlikely as it is not a trunk road but it would be possible to extend the 40mph zone.

**Notice board:** The notice board outside the McLaren Hall belongs to the McLaren Hall and is in urgent need of repair. The Community Council has paid for this previously. T. Frost to contact the McLaren Hall Committee.

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## Calling All Dog Owners

**Student Travel:** An assessment is to be made of the number of students accessing courses at Forth Valley College or in Glasgow or Edinburgh and travelling from the Killin area by public transport and any difficulties they experience.

**Breadalbane Park:** KAT has been awarded a grant of £227,000 for upgrading Breadalbane Park. The work will be carried out in phases and Phase 1 begins on the 25th August 2014.

**DRT:** A meeting regarding this on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014. M. Earl will feed in the Killin Community Council's preference for option C.

**Next meeting:** 8th July 2014 at 7.30pm, in the Church Community room.

**Eleanor Murray**  
Minutes Secretary

One of the main topics discussed at the May Community Council meeting was again the problem of dog fouling. Parents taking their children to the Primary and Nursery schools and disabled people with wheel chairs have complained about the increasing amount of dog dirt on our streets and paths caused by inconsiderate dog owners. Fouling in our streets and play areas by dogs with worms can cause blindness in our children and, if ingested by pregnant livestock, can cause the animal to abort. **All dog owners are urged to clean up after their pets.** Poop bags can be obtained from Kay at the library - and when you have used them, **please don't leave them hanging on the trees and bushes!**

The Community Council have asked the Stirling Council dog warden could make regular patrols in Killin. The Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003 makes it an offence not clean up after your dog in any public open space, which is subject to a fixed penalty fine of £40.00 or a report to the Procurator Fiscal resulting in a fine of up to £500.00. It is an additional offence for the dog owner to refuse to provide his or her name and address, subject to a fine of up to £500.00. Please take pride in Killin and the surrounding area and if you see anyone who walks away after their dog has done its business please say politely, "you have left something behind" and ask them to clean up their mess.

**Killin Community Council**

## Flytipping

Since April we have had to ask Stirling Council on two occasions to come and clear the recycling area at Station Road due to fly tipping and people being too lazy to empty bags of cans, bottles, and paper into the proper bins, also cans, etc., being placed in the cardboard bins. Even an aluminium beer keg was dumped and this was not done by anglers.

We are currently working with Stirling Council to see how we can help and we ask for your help in identifying those responsible or we will lose these facilities. It is a true saying that the minority spoil it for the majority. It costs the taxpayer £11 million a year to clear up rubbish left around the countryside by fly tippers - 73% of which is dumped by householders.

If you witness any fly tipping please report it to any community councillor, Stirling Council or the local Police Station. Fines range from £80.00 to £4,000.00 (even imprisonment in some cases).

**Fiona Kennedy KCC**

### \*New Address for Killin

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## Breadalbane Park

We have some exciting news regarding phase 1 of the park and that is we have been successful in receiving lottery funding for £227,295.00. This will allow us to put in a new path network, hard standing, install the play equipment that Stirling Council have in storage for us and sort out the drainage. We will not be starting work until early September so that the community can still use the park for the Highland Games, Agricultural Show, 10K, school sports day. We will keep you updated through facebook, our website and the Killin News of our construction plans as the park will need to be closed while this takes place. Phase 2 is moving forward, the group have a design for the play park and will now look at getting funding to take this forward.

## Old Mill

The Old Mill developments are moving slowly forward. We have put in for building warrants for the internal works and are working on the application to the BIG Lottery Growing Community Assets. We have a funding application in with Community Energy Scotland so we

can carry out a feasibility study on using the wheel to generate electricity and hope to hear the outcome soon.

## Space Audit

I have gathered a lot of information from various groups and facilities providers and am now giving this process the last push until the end of June. So if I haven't spoken to you yet and you run a community group or are on a committee that run community facilities then get in touch soon so I can make sure your requirements are in the report.

## Killin & District Sports & Leisure Club

The group have now received three quotes for renewing the synthetic turf in the tennis courts and are looking for funding to do this work.

**Theresa Elliot**

Project Support Worker  
07789265823

## Old Mill Report

We are now into our spring/summer season and this will be our first season with Wi-fi.

The Mill continues to have a great many visitors and some with amazing stories. One lady recently visited who had travelled as a child by train to

Killin to visit her uncle who worked at the Old Mill. She was 9 years old when she visited him and had not been back to Killin for 75 years. Another couple had travelled from Tennessee to Scotland because their great grandmother was sent over to the Old Mill from the States in the 1920's to learn how to weave and then returned to teach her craft back in the USA. We would love to know and document any stories that you have regarding The Old Mill.

## Classes

We have nearly completed our first series of baby and toddler classes. It has been lovely to have these at the Mill and we look forward to having them again in the autumn.

Angela Steel held her taster art class at the Mill and it was a great success, so she is continuing with these classes every Wednesday from 6:30-9:00pm and it costs £6 a session. Beginners are welcome.

Future events at the Mill include a Summer Fare which will be held in the middle of July. Please look out for fliers and posters and follow us on our facebook page.

We are always grateful for your donations and our fantastic team of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering or you are looking for something in particular please

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**The Public Toilet Feasibility Study** is nearly complete and the final report is currently being prepared. A summary will be included in the next edition of Killin News and posted on our website.

**The new KAT website** has just been launched. We hope it will provide those interested in the Killin & Ardeonaig Community Development Trust with more up-to-date information as projects develop. Check out and see what's on offer.

#### "Killin, A Guide for Visitors"

This booklet has been produced for sale, at £3 in the Old Mill. The idea is, that while the major attractions related to Killin are well advertised, it is important to share as many of the things that we all like about Killin with visitors. What do we do with our own visitors when they come to Killin? What do we do on a wet day?

It mentions the major items along with references to wild life, cup-marked stones, the Hydro-Electric Scheme, activities and other local



attractions. This first Guide has some omissions but if you consider that your business or activity fits into the "something to do" category and is not mentioned, or if you find obvious inaccuracies, please contact me so we can consider changes for the next edition. The printing was funded by the Mill and proceeds go to support the Mill developments.

**Willie Angus**



## Annual Auction

The Easter Saturday community auction raised just over £1,000. Thanks to all those who donated items. Although the number of lots was down on the previous year, there were some very interesting items with either practical or decorative use.

The reason we can't receive large furniture items is quite simply lack of storage space. Electrical goods are also a problem since these must carry a test certificate, but once a year sales like ours can take small items in working order like fridges and mini freezers. Today there is no market for the older models of televisions and auction houses do not now accept these.

Many thanks to all who came along to bid and partake of the kitchen snacks and refreshments.

Some donations have now been distributed to Killin and Crianlarich Play Group, Dalmally Play Group and Village Hall and charitable groups. We consider any request for assistance from anywhere the Lodge has members as well as donating to national appeals stipulating where and how the funds were raised and over the next five years the Masonic Order has pledged to support Prostate Cancer Scotland.

The 2015 auction will take place on next Easter Saturday.

**Alex Stewart**  
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### Strathfillan Community Council

Many complaints have been received about the lack of white lines at the pedestrian crossing in Crianlarich, which is now becoming very dangerous. A request to have these repainted urgently has been made to BEAR. BEAR has also been asked to investigate whether a zebra crossing is the most appropriate type of crossing for this location.

The Cia have received £1000 from the Scotrail Foundation towards the purchase of picnic benches for Lower Station Yard (along with the £400 recently donated by RJ Macleod). Three recycled plastic picnic benches have now been ordered and should be in place very soon. A community pride application is being submitted to purchase signage and an additional round tree bench for the site.

Arrangements are being made to purchase bedding plants for the tubs in Crianlarich & Tyndrum and to have these planted and looked after for the coming summer.

Cameron Taylor and Denis Dawber

have both recently resigned from the Community Council, for personal reasons. Suzanne McAlpine has been co-opted onto the CC and there remains one vacancy which could be filled by co-option. The CC AGM will be held on 9th June at 7pm, followed by a normal business meeting at 7.30pm.

### Gold Medal

This wee gold medal was handed into Crianlarich Store, from a visiting goldpinner. It was found in the Crom-Allt burn in Tyndrum, just above Brodies shop. The inscription



reads: "Ben Nevis Auction Mart Fort William. Group of 4 Shearling Rams. 1st Prize Awarded to J. Stewart Esq. of Crianlarich. 9th September 1898". The medal is hallmarked 9-carat gold and, although in excellent condition, seems to be missing a small ring from the top. Suggestions are that it would have been worn hanging perhaps from a watch chain, belt or lapel. The finder wanted the medal to be returned to its rightful owners. By asking various local customers and with a little bit of online research, we quickly established that it was likely to have belonged to one

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# lan by the Way

Joseph Stewart (1826-1916), part-time proprietor of the Crianlarich Hotel and part-time farmer. Joseph seems to have had numerous additional business interests, including the Royal Hotel in Tyndrum, the Luib Hotel and possibly Suie Lodge Hotel. After the death of his secpmd wife in 1901, Joseph retired to Tyndrum where he lived until his death at the age of 90 (which may explain why the medal was found in a Tyndrum burn).

Within just a couple of hours of the medal being handed to us, it was suggested that Linzi Frost (nee Stewart) of Glenfalloch and her Dad, Jimmy Stewart of Killin, might be descendants of Joseph Stewart. We were delighted to pass the medal on to Linzi, for safekeeping within the family. At the time of writing, Linzi and Jimmy (who was brought up in the Luib hotel) are trying to work out their exact linkage to Joseph. We know that Joseph had 2 sons – Robert and Allister – and also nephews who at one time lived with him at the Crianlarich hotel. If anybody has any further information, then Linzi and Jimmy would be happy to hear from you!

**Isla Craig**  
**Crianlarich Store**

Jim, the postie from Tyndrum and Crianlarich, has completed thirty years of service with Royal Mail. Very unusually, all thirty years of his service have been on the same Crianlarich & Tyndrum delivery route, always working out of Crianlarich delivery office. Many of his customers from when he started are still in the same homes and still having their mail delivered by him. He is also well known as the postbus driver, having driven the Tyndrum – Killin service from when he started in 1984 until it was withdrawn in 2010. His shorts have become a bit of a local legend – a couple of year ago there were rumours of a bet with John Boyd (Killin postie) to see who could wear their shorts for the longest – and Jim's legs were certainly on display right through a very harsh winter!

## Service Award for Postie



Jim Atkinson (Jim-the-Post) receiving an award for 30 years of service with Royal Mail, from Kenneth Rigg, Royal Mail Manager watched by Subpostmistress Isla Craig

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# Strathfillan by the Way



## Strathfillan Development Trust

### Saplings Summer Activities

Summer is nearly here so it's Saplings time again! Every year the Trust organises fun activities which take place every Wednesday during the summer holidays for our youngsters aged 8 to 13 years. We are just putting the finishing touches to our events calendar. Booking forms will soon be arriving in schoolbags, so please watch out for them. If you need any more information just give us a call or pop into the Tyndrum village hall.

### Tyndrum Kickabout pitch

After receiving reports of problems with the pitch in Mansfield making the surface unplayable the Trust set about trying to put things right. As a much valued asset for the local children and with the summer fast approaching we are delighted to report that the funds have been raised and the work order has now been placed with the council. Our grateful thanks go to those who have risen to the challenge of raising the money needed; The Green Welly Stop, The Tyndrum Inn, Rural Stirling Housing Association and the SCDT board. All we need now is some sunshine!

**Joyce Russell**

Development Officer SCDT  
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## Crianlarich Primary School

### Duck Race

Thank you to everyone involved in organising and supporting the Duck Race especially Diane Mailer and Donna Syme. The profit was an amazing £305 which will be used to subsidise the P7 residential course.

### Donations

Thanks to RJ McLeod's charity payment, we have bought lots of new books, seating and book storage. This has made a huge difference to our library corners.



### P7 leavers



Kieran MacLennan, Logan Mailer, Ross Ronald and Daniella Hay at the front

### Think Dance

Well done class 2 for all the hard work on Think Dance which was held on 30th April at Macrobert Arts Centre, Stirling. It really paid off with a fantastic performance which you should all be very proud of. A special thank you to Mrs Hibbert for all her hard work.

### Health Week

All our pupils have taken part in another successful Health Week, in activities such as dancing, orienteering, school spring clean, community litter pick, played on the Active Stirling dance mats, learned about CPR and also about internet safety.

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Duration: 2 days

Cost: £100 non-residential, self-catering bunkroom accommodation available at £15 per night.

Bring: Walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing, your own camera, tripod etc and laptop if you have one. You will need a packed lunch and drink each day.

Meet: 9.30am Ben Lawers NNR

Ranger Base, Lynedoch, Killin.

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#### Wednesday 2nd July, Wednesday 30th July and Wednesday 27th August:

##### Hillside safari

Experience the rich flora of the lower

slopes on this famous botanical nature reserve and the varied wildlife flourishing in restored native plant communities.

Duration: 2½ hours.

Cost: adults £5,

children £2.

Bring: Walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing.

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

#### Saturday 5th July: Moth Night

See some of the moths of the mountains as they are attracted to our harmless light traps. The rangers will be returning to the traps on Sunday morning to inspect the

overnight catch and you are welcome to join them again then.

Duration: As long as you like

Cost: adults £2, children £1

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

Meet: 9.00pm Ben Lawers NNR car park.

#### Tuesday 8th July, Tuesday 22nd July, Tuesday 5th August and Tuesday 19th August:

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## Killin Show 16th August

The core of any agricultural show is the livestock. This year's judges are: Blackface Sheep - Ewan Bennie from Merkins Gartocharn  
Cross Sheep - Ron Thompson from Pitnacree Strathay  
Cattle - Neil McCorkadale from Scarmmadale near Oban.  
The Wool Board will have a tent for the various categories of fleeces. The numerous classes in the produce, baking, floral, horticultural, preserves and craftwork along with the children's sections will be, as usual, in The McLaren Hall. Entry Catalogues will be available from News First.

The scarecrow competition will again be a major feature of show week. The entry form is already in News First and all the entries must be in place by Monday 11th August when judging will take place. A street plan of the location of the scarecrows will be available by 13th August and the result will be announced on show day. As well as a suitable prize there will be a trophy presented by the Stewart Family.

Another new event is the Crieff Dog Agility Display Team led by Pearl Meldrum. The team will be doing two separate displays, the first on obedience training and control and the second a demonstration of controlled agility. The traditional Dog Show, Bonny Baby, Highland Dancers, Sheep Shearing, Vintage

Tractors, Terrier Race and the Multi-Age Tug of War will feature. The Killin Triple Challenge will have a Family orientation this year. Teams of three, of varying ages, will run a Four Legged Race up a short course, the youngest member will then clamber over a four bale obstacle, the most senior will throw a wellie through a hoop and the final member will complete the challenge with a sack race dash.

Add in the new Bucking Bronco attraction along with the mini Fair Ground and the evening musical extravaganza to finish the line up. No show is complete without the refreshment and food tent and a number of stalls for everyone to browse.

The Comrie Pipe Band will lead the parade from the Dochart Bridge at 12.30pm and all interested please join in the fun of the fancy dress competition.

Please note no vehicles, except those authorised by the organising committee or displaying a disabled badge, will be allowed into the park this year to prevent excess damage and maintain clear routes for any emergency.

The Agricultural Society are seeking a new Treasurer. Anyone who is interested please contact the Secretary Lynsey Campbell on 01567 820532.

**Alex Stewart**

### Watch Out!



The Scarecrows are coming back! Scarecrows should be on display and registered by Sunday 10th August. Register your scarecrow in 'News First' Paper Shop; Your scarecrow should be displayed within reasonable walking distance of Killin;

Your scarecrow can be made from any material and can be any size; All entered scarecrows will be judged on Monday 11th August; Results will be announced at the show on Saturday 16th August once the parade enters the main ring; A map of the village with the locations of all the scarecrows marked will be available from the paper shop from Wednesday 13th August so that everyone can take part in their own 'Scarecrow Hunt'! Good Luck!

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## Frost Report

### A Spring in Your Step

At the moment we are all enjoying the change in the weather with spring having well sprung. At home it's lovely to see the return of the house martins and waiting for them to start building their nests again and some swallows seem interested in setting up home in one of my sheds. While out at The Courtyard car park it was the sand martins who were entertaining us as they began to nest in the cracks between the stonework of the little ruin there. I can recommend this relaxing bird-watching activity, especially if accompanied by one of the excellent ice creams. I have spotted a lone swift - swifts are hardly ever seen around here now. I can remember regularly seeing a good number at Boreland 20 or so years ago. The cuckoo hasn't been so much in evidence this year either but, as they migrate to the Congo or even Angola in our winter and return via Algeria, you can't tell what dangers they face there. This migration is as evidenced by Chris who is a tracked cuckoo. But I suppose that this is good news for little birds such as warblers, buntings etc.

Another bird enjoying an increase in numbers is the merlin. According to British Trust for Ornithology data, 78% of areas of increase were on heather moorland kept for grouse.

On the whole it has been a good spring, certainly the best lambing weather for some time - and certainly better than last year's dreadful season. Lambs at Kilchoan were not having such a good time as the picture which many of you will have seen in The Oban Times evidenced. Whether it's been photo-shopped isn't known but in it a sea eagle is flying off into the pale blue yonder with a lamb in its talons. Whether the photo is real or not, the increase in sea eagle numbers is impacting on some rural livelihoods. We must also remember that, even if it may be only a dead lamb being taken, this is the golden eagle's dinner he's pinching.

Another once-rare animal which, according to RSPB, needs control is the pine marten on Mull. It is claimed that they are not indigenous to Mull and so can be controlled. Oddly they have been introduced to other areas where red squirrel

populations, not to mention hens, are threatened. My son (and grandson) in Glen Falloch have given up on hens since a pine marten boldly wanders around in daytime eating from the bird table. Another young squirrel-loving grandson is threatening to write to the government about looking into review of pine marten protection.

Maybe introducing lynx which regularly eat pine martens and badgers may solve some problems? This is being proposed by The Lynx Trust who are applying for a licence to reintroduce two pairs to the west coast. They would be free but tagged so that they could be sedated if they strayed. Let's hope they would be controlled as wolves in Provence have had to be. Over 6,000 sheep deaths due to wolves is double the number of five years ago. Wolves have been protected there since 1979.

Did you see the picture in the Mail on May 14<sup>th</sup> where a ewe and lamb are happily munching away while foxy is innocently sniffing around? Is he getting soft or had the lamb got a label on saying 'reserved for sea eagle'?

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### Heart Bleed Virus

One of my biggest worries was realised when in April, a significant (some say worst ever) virus was identified. This is called the Heart Bleed virus and it affects supposedly secure websites. Without going into technical details, it puts a large percentage of internet users in danger of having personal or financial details compromised. This includes passwords used for many secure websites.

If you shop online or use internet banking or have any account with an online service provider, you should check with them to see if their websites were infected with this virus.

I cannot state how devastating this virus could be and I urge you to change passwords for all accounts that are affected and to keep an eye on your bank accounts to ensure no unauthorised transactions have taken place.

### Solid State Drives

I have recently installed a Solid State Drive (SSD) into one of my laptop computers. An SSD is a disc which has no moving components and is extremely fast compared to traditional hard discs. The improvement in speed is significant, for instance the time it takes from turning my computer on until the

Windows desktop fully loads is approximately 10 seconds. If it is configured correctly, applications can use the Solid State drive whilst running – this, once again, speeds up the computer's performance.

However the price of an SSD is significantly more than traditional hard discs. An SSD "should" last longer than a traditional disc, as there are no moving parts, but the technology used means if there is a problem with the SSD then it is likely that all information stored on it will be lost for ever. (With a traditional disc often some or all of the data can be recovered unless the damage to the disc is significant.) I would suggest using at least 2 drives, one SSD and one traditional disc – but please ensure you backup all your data. Saying that, there is a Hybrid drive that is a mixture of traditional disc and SSD. This is ideal for use in a laptop, especially if your laptop only has the capability of supporting one drive.

### Retirement

As I do not want to spend my time learning about smart phones and tablets and as the industry is moving away from traditional computing towards these new devices, I have decided to take early retirement. This means that it is unlikely that I will be able to provide support for your computers and I will usually refer you to support companies in Stirling or Perth. I thank everyone for their business over the past few years and I now look forward to being a user and not a fixer of technology.

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## Mervyn's Weather



The seasons move inexorably onwards. Despite this spring being somewhat haphazard, with the few settled spells short-lived, trees, shrubs and flowers have taken advantage of equable temperatures – at times there being little difference in day and night values – which has resulted in the burgeoning of greenery on trees and shrubs and blossoming of flowers occur virtually overnight. Due no doubt to a wet, mild winter and early spring, quality of bloom has been, and is, exceptional with daffodils, rhododendrons, primroses, cuckoo flowers and many others excelling. Obversely, however, in the high places – over 3,000 feet - snow clings on stubbornly, no doubt pleasing those who wish to indulge in summer skiing! The saying is that fog in March (which occurred this year) means frost in May, but so far no frost this month. But there is still time!

### And More

As weather wise there have not been any out of the ordinary events, perhaps a few more Gaelic place name derivations might be in order.

The name Ardtalnaig seems somewhat obscure. Dr. Gillies in his 'In Famed Breadalbane' puts forward various somewhat tenuous suggestions as to its origin. More recently someone suggested that the many trial excavations in the search for Gold, Silver and Copper, resulted in the name Ardtollonaig – place of little holes, which sounds feasible. An old Donegal man, something of a Gaelic Scholar, on being queried as to the meaning of Ardtalnaig replied without hesitation "the dewy height", possibly a distortion of the word dealt (dew). This area is "back lying" so even in high summer the sun does not top the hills to the east until comparatively late, also frost or dew remain un-evaporated. Tomnadashan – the knoll of the ledge - is the site of a former copper mine. Kindrochit (Ceann Drochaid) Bridgend, the farm just to the west of Ardtalnaig, is in fact erroneous as it is correctly Deich Sgilling – ten Shilling land (Scots), a measure of land and some distance from Bridgend.

**Mervyn K. Browne**  
Ardtalnaig

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### Pitch Perfect

On Friday 4th April Callander and the surrounding communities celebrated the opening of the eagerly awaited 3G Multi User Synthetic Pitch. During a ceremony in the Assembly Hall hosted by Head Girl Samantha Boyle and Head Boy Daniel Speirs, the School paid tribute to the hard work of the parent-led team who coordinated raising the £500,000 needed to turn the pitch from a dream into a reality. There were musical performances by Ava Dinwoodie and the string quartet and the ukulele group, followed by a drama presentation. The artificial turf named 3G (third generation) is a surface created using synthetic fibres and rubbers, made to look like grass. One of the main reasons for the development of this type of pitch is the ability of the artificial turf to stand up to heavy use and the low maintenance factor, as the pitch requires no irrigation (handy for coping with Callander's notorious high rainfall!) or trimming. A day of activities dedicated to celebrating the opening began with the all-weather pitch at McLaren being officially 'christened' by senior

pupil house teams taking part in friendly matches of football, rugby and hockey, followed by local sports teams in the evening being able to try out the new facilities. The official ribbon cutting was performed by BBC personalities Rhona McLeod, John Beattie and members of the McLaren Parent Council MUSP group – Mrs Pam Campbell, Mrs Celia Cordner, Mrs Fiona Leishman and Mrs Janet Al Asadi. The £500,000 investment with help from Cashback for Communities, SportScotland, Forth Valley & Lomond Leader, Kilmadock Windfarm and Stirling Council has enabled the community to create a fantastic state-of-the-art pitch.

# McLaren

### Flag Football

McLaren High school came out top of the pile for the second time running in the latest instalment of the Stirling University Community League. McLaren, Stirling, Balfron and St Modan's High Schools all took part in this Flag Football Tournament hosted at Forthbank Performance Centre. As in the previous tournament, all four schools were coached by newly crowned national champions 'The Stirling Clansmen'. McLaren 'Hornets' were the team to beat after winning the inaugural tournament back in December. Despite some tough resistance from the other teams, McLaren stood firm with the tournament's MVP Ali Orr leading them to victory with some accomplished performances.

Flag Football team



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### Public Speaking

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# High School



## Senior Ski Course, Zillertal, Austria – Easter

What a week! twenty eight S6 pupils!!! No one ever missed a lesson; no one (I don't think) ever missed breakfast; no one ever forgot their ski pass; no one suffered any serious injury (excluding staff of course). When people ask me if I'm looking forward to the Senior Ski Course, I always answer by saying "Not yet!" In fact I don't think I ever look forward to it because you can never foresee what can happen in what has become an historical event in the school year. It's only when I

get off the coach on return that I reflect on what a great week it is; that's when I begin to think about the planning for the next year! This year was no different!

## Green Routes

Starting in August 2013 three pupils from McLaren High School - Reece Venn, Adam Watson and George Oakes - have been very fortunate to attend Green Routes every Friday to learn more about horticultural skills. Green Routes is an organisation, based at Gartmore House, which helps to build a positive learning environment for adults and young people with additional support needs. There is a dedicated team of volunteers to support and teach the adults and young people their new skills in horticultural. The training takes place in poly-tunnel, greenhouse and out in the open in all elements of weather all year round! Reece, Adam and George made a garden bench during their time spent at Green Routes and Green Routes very kindly donated it to McLaren High School's garden.

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**Hannah Sanderson**

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# Killin Primary School



We will sadly be saying 'farewell' to five of our pupils at the end of June. Emily Fraser, Bethany Semple, Amy Blake, Eloise Murray and Sophie Smith seen with the McLaren Baton, (designed at McLaren HS to commemorate the Commonwealth Games). We wish them all well as they move on to new experiences and exciting times. The Leavers Assembly will be held on Tuesday 23rd June at 1.30pm in the school hall. **Marion McRae**



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## Killin and Crianlarich Nursery

### Killin & Crianlarich Nursery say "Thank you"

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May we held free music sessions for children aged 0-5 years. The event was donated and run by Victoria Scrivenor and her Magwitch Monsters. It was well attended and enjoyed by children and their parents. Jeanette Weir also provided a rhyme time session. This event was planned and organised by the 3-5 children in conjunction with the themes of the Curriculum for Excellence and the children's current interest in music. The Parents' Group ran a coffee/cream tea stall and sold Magwitch Monsters lunch boxes. There was tombola, home baking,

guess Bunnykins Birthday, face painting and a table for children to make crafts.

The nursery children have their own enterprise group in each building and have been busy making crafts to sell on the day and both groups made



over £40. The children will discuss and vote, with the educators' support, on how they would like to spend their money.

An approximate total of £430 was made and thanks go to The Parents' Group, Killin Primary School, Killin Drama Club, A C Fraser, The Golf Club, Shutters Restaurant, The Coach House, The Falls of Dochart Inn, The Bridge of Lochay, The Capercaillie, Later Learning, The Killin Hotel, The Green Welly, Tyndrum Inn, Crianlarich Hotel, the Crianlarich Shop and all the people who came along for their help, support and donations.

In addition we have recently received donations from the Killin Lodge and RJ McLeod and Grontmij.

## Ploughing Match

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May Killin and District Agricultural Society held its annual ploughing match at Ledcharrie Farm Glen Dochart, courtesy of the Campbell family. Despite it being a dreich day, the craic was good and the attendance of two pairs of Clydesdales drew spectators. This would be the first ground ploughed by horses in the glen for 60 years.

### Small plough class

- 1<sup>st</sup> Iain Hancock
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Donald Macaskill
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Stewart Christie

### Large plough class

- 1<sup>st</sup> Iain Noble
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Grant

### Horse class

- 1st equal Ross Kinnaird (Kinross)
- Neil Macphail (Kintyre)

### Overall Winner

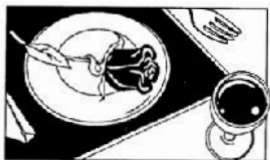
Iain Hancock  
The judge for all classes was Jimmy Tainsh from Comrie. Many thanks to him, the Campbell family and all who turned out to compete and spectate.

**Ron Allner**



Iain Hancock

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our first moving on ceremonies will take place next month. Three Beavers will move onto Cubs and six Cubs will move onto Scouts. We are very pleased to see the group run so well. There will be space for new Beavers to join us after the summer. If your child is aged 6 or 7 and wants to come and try out Beavers, please contact us – we'd love to hear from you.

### Scouts

Scouts are aged 10–14 and meet every Wednesday at the Big Shed, Tombreck, from 7–9pm. Scouts embraced their inner spy before Easter with an evening of code breaking activities. By the end of the evening they could decode encrypted messages and were (almost) fluent in semaphore, Morse code and pig Latin. We all had fun hunting for eggs around Tombreck even if those eggs were invisible and could only be found when Scouts followed exact instructions by walking on a bearing and only when they were standing in exactly the correct spot did the egg find them. A month or so later the Scouts demonstrated their searching ability again when we went Geocaching up Ben Lawers. Still one term left before

change when we meet in the McLaren Lesser Hall.

**Harriet Wishart** – Scout Leader  
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### Cubs

The Cubs are aged 8–10 and meet every Wednesday night from 7–8.30pm, at the Lesser Hall in Killin. The Cubs had their first night away in March at Lochearnhead Scout Station. The night away was a huge hit. All leaders and Cubs now know what badger poo doesn't look like thanks to Colin (Parents ask your kids; they will tell you the story.) Thank you to all parents for their kind donations of biscuits and cakes for the night away; they were very much appreciated. The Cubs have now gained the Scottish Challenge badge, the Community Challenge Badge, their first night away and hike badges. We visited Killin and Ardeonaig Church. The Cubs were shown around the Church and given a village history lesson, many thanks to the Rev Lincoln. We are working towards our Emergency aid Badge and visited Killin Ambulance Station. We were shown around the RRU which the cubs found fascinating. A big thank you to Michael and Steven

for conducting the tour. We are looking forward to our visit to the Killin Mountain Rescue depot and our trip to Auchingarrich Wildlife Park.  
**Charles Kemp** – Cub Leader  
tel. 01567 820835

When I went to my Cub camp I had a good time, we had a camp fire and we went for a long walk the leaders made it a fun time. My Cub camp was fun. I liked the people that I was sharing a lodge with we all got on well. At night we were up late having a fun time. It was funny at night because the camp fire wouldn't light. The Cub camp was something I will treasure for ever and look back and laugh I struggled to walk the 5 miles. I would like to thank Chaz, Vicky and Colin for the lovely time.  
**Nyah McGroarty**

### Beavers

The Beavers are aged 6–8 and meet every Thursday night from 6.15–7.15pm at Killin Primary School. They have been having lots of fun learning about animals. Some of them have even signed up to do their "animal friend badge" which includes looking after an animal for 2 weeks and keeping a food diary. We have made a start on our global badge, learning more about the world we live in. As part of this badge the kids enjoyed making fresh Mexican guacamole and salsa to go with some yummy nachos. We spent one Saturday morning at the



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Abernethy Trust in Ardeonaig doing different rope activities and archery. Thank you to all at Abernethy for making this brilliant trip possible and affordable!

The highlight of the year so far, no doubt, has been our sleepover at the Big Shed at Tombreck. We met Professor McGonigle who seemed a little lost. It turned out she was from the future! Her time machine had broken down and she needed our help to find codes to repair the machine. Of course the Beavers were willing to help. We found codes in lots of different places, down in the woodlands, the playground and even the first aid kit. On Sunday morning some futuristic Scout Leaders said they'd help us with the codes too but only if we played a scavenger hunt with them first. We found the last codes just in time to send the professor back to her own time before the camp finished. We enjoyed being outside a lot. We had a campfire, of course, at night and we even got to meet some of Sue's animals - which fitted in nicely with our animal friend badge. All kids had a great time and enjoyed sleeping in pop-up tents inside the big hall. Thanks to the Aberfeldy Scout Group for lending us these great tents.

**Marieke McBean** - Beaver Leader  
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#### Beaver Camp

We had the camp at The Big Shed at Tombreck. First we set up our tents. The tents just popped up. We went on walks and on one of the walks we



**Sleepover at the Big Shed at Tombreck**

built dens. We had to find codes and did a treasure hunt. For our dinner we made pizza with the help of Yvonne from the wee bake shop - thank you Yvonne they were very tasty. We also made biscuits with Sue who is one of our leaders. We also had a camp fire and sang some camp fire songs and did some skits. I had a really good time and had lots of fun. Thank you everyone who helped at the camp and organised the camp, it was great.

**James Elliot**  
(age 7)



**James Elliot**

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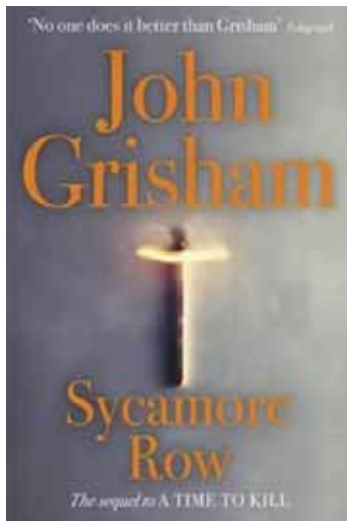
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## Book Review

### Sycamore Row by John Grisham



In our book group we each take turns to nominate a book for the group to read and discuss; sometimes leading to very diverse opinions. Sycamore Row was one of those that we all liked but some of our opinions about the plot and characters were divided. It is a sequel to A Time to Kill and both feature as their main character a lawyer called Jake Brigrance. In Sycamore Row he

takes on the defence of a will written by a man named Seth Hubbard. Seth was a wealthy man dying of lung cancer who trusted no one. Before hanging himself from a sycamore tree, Hubbard left a new will dragging his adult children, his black maid, and Jake into a riveting and dramatic conflict. This will, which Seth has asked Jake to defend, raises far more questions than it answers. Suspicions are raised about why Hubbard would leave nearly all his fortune to his black maid, Lettie Lang. The biggest question for the reader is "What does it all have to do with a piece of land once known as Sycamore Row?" Reasons to read this book are the interesting portrayal of legal proceedings, the colourful characters and their personalities (including the despicable Simeon Lang - Lettie's husband - not to mention the suspense around what Ancil (Seth's younger brother) has to add to the background and history that might explain why Seth left this second will. This is only revealed in the last few chapters making Sycamore Row a bit of a page turner!

If you enjoy a thriller with a difference read Sycamore Row.

**Sandra Logan**

The Sequel Book Group



### LADIES OF KILLIN

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**The Killin Cancer Research** Committee is holding its major fund-raiser later this year and we would love you to come along and support us.

**What** - Ladies Lunch

**When** - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30 for 1 pm

**Where** - McLaren Hall Killin

**Who** - You can reserve tickets from any of the Committee members or look for notices which will be out around the village nearer the time

**Why** - As well as a delicious lunch there will be an opportunity to buy handbags, purses, scarfs, jewellery etc. all the things we love.

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# Skerryvore Concert

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suggest venues for a ‘wee village’ tour in 2014 (similar to their hugely successful “Small Halls” tour in 2013), I immediately thought ... where better than our very own McLaren Hall? ... and I’m delighted that they’ve decided to give Killin a go. With doors opening at 7 p.m. there will be a bar, raffle and music provided throughout the night until 1am, it promises to be a fantastic night and one not be missed! Tickets are available from News First

or can be purchased online at [www.skerryvore.com](http://www.skerryvore.com) - priced at £15 each. Please note that all under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. Profits from the night will be split between the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home and Killin and District Scout Group. Please come along and enjoy a really cracking night out ... while providing support for two worthy local causes.

**Claire McCarron**

## Killin Community Bus

The Killin Community Bus Committee are having a raffle which will be drawn at their coffee morning which is to be held in the Lesser McLaren Hall on Saturday 27 September 2014 from 10.00 – 12.00. All the items to be raffled have been handmade and donated by the ladies from the Killin Quilting Group and include quilts, wall hangings, cushions and various other items. The bus belongs to Killin and surrounding area and needs to be maintained. Therefore we would appreciate it if those who wish to sell raffle tickets could please contact

either:  
Sue Wyllie, secretary, 820714 or Ann Watson, 820521 who will get them to you. There will also be tickets available to purchase in Newsfirst, Killin Library, Sheila’s Sweetie Shop, the Bus Committee and the ladies from the Quilting Group. The bus will be at the Highland Games on 6th August and at Killin Show on 16th August when all the prizes will be on display. (see photo) The committee would like to thank you for your continuing use of the bus and for the support given by the



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The Walk in the Park group were delighted to be joined by six children and staff from the Nursery on one of their regular Wednesday morning walks through the village. They are not the youngest villagers to walk with the group, as four month old Georgia has been out with us regularly with Mum and Grandma from when she was only a few weeks of age. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us, on Wednesday mornings, from 10.30 for a short walk, followed by a visit to a local Café. We try to vary the walks and often go out of the village to new places but always stay on the flat.

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For more information on who is eligible to vote in the Scottish Independence Referendum on 18/09/14 please contact me. I will hopefully send more information prior to the event.

**Russell Taylor**

Depute Electoral Registration Officer

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### **Walk in the Park Schedule**

#### **Date**

11th June

18th June

25th June

2nd July

9th July

16th July

23rd July

30th July

#### **Meeting Place**

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- 2 Richard Downie (St Fillans) 66 BIH
- 3 A B Lyons (Tulliallan) 66

#### Category 2 (15-28)

- 1 D Mudie (Isle of Seil) 67 BIH
- 2 John Strang (Killin) 67
- 3 John Ramage (Whitcraigs) 68 BIH

#### Nearest the pin 15-28

John McIlroy (Kenmore)

#### Nearest the pin 0-14

George Ferguson (Kenmore)

#### Nearest the pin in 2

Billy McKay (Dalmally)

#### Handicap winner (Kiltyrie Trophy)

George Ferguson (Kenmore) 61

#### Mactaggart Trophy

#### (Best Local h/cap 15-28)

John Strang (Killin) 67

#### Lix Toll Trophy

#### (Best Local h/cap 0-14)

Dickie Lewis (Killin) 69

#### Magic 2's

John Plunkett (Glencruitten)

Glenn Marshall (Rye Hill)

George Ferguson (Kenmore),

Ian Douglas (Lochwinnoch)

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## Park Grants for traditional buildings

Funding to help repair and restore traditional buildings in Loch Lomond & The Trossachs is available thanks to the National Park Authority. The built heritage repair grant scheme offers support for buildings in the Park that pre-date 1919. Now in its second year, it has been widened to include buildings that are visible from the West Highland Way and National Cycle Route 7, as well as main routes through towns and villages.

In last year's pilot scheme nine traditional buildings across the Park benefiting from the grant. Work ranged from the replacement of louvred windows with double-glazed timber sash and case windows, lime pointing and the rebuilding of a dangerous stone chimney, to new traditional-style signage and repairs to a mill lade, a timber building and sash and case windows. The successful projects were in Kilmun, Gartmore, Callander, Killin, Glen Dochart, Tarbet and Balquhider and included six listed buildings.

The grants are available to help with the external repair of traditional buildings and include:

- \*Repairs to traditional windows and doors
- \*Re-roofing in traditional materials
- \*Repair or renewal of lead work and cast iron guttering
- \*Chimney repairs or rebuilding of demolished chimneys
- \*Repairs to stonework and render
- \*Repointing in lime of entire buildings or the main or entire elevation.
- \*Repair of traditional stone boundaries, walls, railings, gates and gate piers
- \*Traditional signage (commercial buildings)
- \*Shopfront restoration/improvements
- \*Decoration, if associated with other works eligible for grant
- \*Reinstatement of architectural features e.g. decorative bargeboards, finials, railings, traditional dormers
- \*Replacement of non-traditional materials e.g. UPVC windows with timber

Grants are available for up to 50% of the eligible works, to a maximum of £5,000. Funds are, however, limited. To see if you are eligible for a grant, go to [www.lochlomond-trossachs.org](http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org)

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for more details, contact Susan McGowan or Carolyn O'Conner on 01389 722600 or email [repairgrant@lochlomond-trossachs.org](mailto:repairgrant@lochlomond-trossachs.org) The deadline for applications is 12 noon on 4th July 2014. Work must be completed and paid for by 31 March 2015

## Planning Consultation

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority is launching LIVE Park asking people connected with the Park to give their views on where new homes should go, how businesses will be supported and how to continue to balance development and the natural environment.

Planners will be in the McLaren Hall on June 8th between 4 and 8pm to hear what people have to say.

The Main Issues Report, draws together planning issues for each of the towns and villages across the Park, sets out the options and asks a series of questions for the public to consider. The report was produced following wide-ranging consultations and community workshops held across the Park over the past three years.

Read through the Main Issues Report online or in the local library and take part in the discussion. Use Twitter and Facebook as well as attending community meetings. Send in a



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completed response form. We'll be using the LIVE Park website and our Twitter, Facebook and Instagram feeds to keep people informed throughout the consultation. The consultation runs until 5pm on the 7th July 2014.

**Nancy Fraser**

For more information and to see the Main Issues Report, go to [www.ourlivepark.com](http://www.ourlivepark.com) [twitter.com/ourlivepark](https://twitter.com/ourlivepark) [facebook.com/ourlivepark](https://facebook.com/ourlivepark) [instagram.com/ourlivepark](https://instagram.com/ourlivepark)

## *Celebration*



Alexander Robert Kennedy Boath born 9th March weighing 8lbs 6.5oz. Robert, Fiona and Findlay would like to thank everyone for the cards and beautiful gifts Alexander has received.



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## Here comes summer!

Most people look forward to the arrival of warmer weather, but it is important to think about how to enjoy the summer safely. Summer can bring a number of ailments – from sunburn to insect bites and stings. We have a range of remedies available that can help relieve your symptoms. If you need any help with summer ailments, just ask our pharmacist for advice.



### SUNBURN

- ☑ Prevent it! Pick up our Summer Health Leaflet or download it from [www.wdavidson.com](http://www.wdavidson.com)
- ☑ Most people love the feel of the sun on their skin but too much sun can lead to sunburn, which is extremely painful.
- ☑ Excess exposure to the sun increases your risk of developing skin cancer, and if you have skin that burns rather than tans, pale skin, or work outside, you are more at risk. Babies and young children are especially vulnerable because of their delicate skins.
- ☑ If you do develop sunburn, take a cool shower, and apply an aftersun cream, a simple moisturiser, or calamine cream to the affected areas. Stay out of the sun until your skin is completely better.
- ☑ Drink plenty of water to replace the fluid lost through sweating and to cool down. Don't drink alcohol because it will dehydrate you further.
- ☑ If your sunburn is severe and your skin is blistered, see your pharmacist or doctor.



### BITES AND STINGS

You can be bitten by a variety of insects, including midges, mosquitoes, horseflies, wasps, bees and ants. Some people react more badly to bites and stings than others. The area of the bite may swell and appear red, or be itchy or painful. Redness or swelling usually clears quickly, but some people are very sensitive to stings and can develop a severe allergic reaction. If you have a very severe reaction – difficulty in breathing, dizziness, vomiting, or swelling of the face – seek medical attention immediately. All Davidsons Chemist branches are able to administer emergency medicine in such an event.

#### Treatment:

- ☑ Wash the area with soap and water and apply an antiseptic cream.
- ☑ Do not scratch insect bites, as this may increase the risk of infection.
- ☑ A wide range of sprays, creams and lotions can be used to help ease a bite or sting.
- ☑ Painkillers, such as paracetamol or ibuprofen, can also be used to reduce the pain.
- ☑ If you have a bad reaction to an insect bite, ask your pharmacist for tablets containing an antihistamine.

Try using an insect repellent to protect yourself from insect bites, especially when sitting outside on summer evenings. Look for repellents containing DEET.



### HOLIDAY HEALTH

Whether you are going away abroad or locally, make sure your child's childhood vaccinations are up to date. Check with your local community pharmacist for any vaccinations you may need before you go abroad on holiday. Ensure you take a first aid kit, including anti-diarrhoea tablets and fluid replacement powders for upset stomachs. Also make sure you have enough sunscreen for you and your family.



### HAYFEVER

Hay fever is a common allergy that occurs between the early spring and autumn. Usual symptoms are:

- ☑ a blocked or runny nose
- ☑ red, itchy and watery eyes
- ☑ frequent sneezing
- ☑ itching of the roof of the mouth
- ☑ loss of smell and taste.

#### Treatment:

A wide range of effective treatments are available including nasal sprays, antihistamine tablets and eye drops. Ask your pharmacist for further advice.

**For all the above minor conditions, treatment can be supplied free of charge to patients eligible and registered for the NHS Minor Ailment Scheme.**

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# Angling

## The Killin Breadalbane Angling Club

The club has amended its rules in an attempt to encourage new junior members.

Juniors under 12 years of age can get a permit and fish for free.

Juveniles 18 years of age and under can fish for £7.50 for the season.

Non-fishing parents and guardians of juniors can join the Club for £7.50 (50% discount) for the season and accompany their children when fishing.



Sean Callan

## Juniors fishing

Our local competitors can fish by any legal method, instead of just fly-fishing. They could make more experienced fishers very worried when the trophies are presented at

the end of the season.

Our newest junior member, Sean Callan, (Grandson of Jim & Grace) after an hours casting instruction in Breadalbane Park came to our first outing at Orchill Loch. Under the expert guidance of David McLarty he caught a 2lb trout. In order to practise for our annual Pike competition on his birthday on 17<sup>th</sup> May, we went out for a few hours so that his Papa could show him what to do. He gave Papa a showing-up catching pike of 5, 6 & 6.5lbs.

## Iain Downie

Club details are available from:

Donald McLarty, President

07826 710611

Gerry McCarron, Secretary

01567820833

Iain Downie, Competition Secretary

01567820939.

## Wild Fish Review

The review of the present management of Wild Fish Species, announced at the opening of the River Tay Salmon season is well underway and the group is due to report to the government minister in September. All aspects of the present way fish stocks are managed, along with views on how the future management structure may develop, are being aired at

meetings across Scotland. Many riparian owners are concerned about the problems in present fishing access and the need to reshape the future control and management of this natural resource.

Considerable changes are possible and it is up to concerned groups and individuals to make their views known and try to influence the future legislation to get rid of much of the present complicated system. Angling for all species needs a management system which is acceptable to custodians and localised management who have an understanding of what is required to conserve and protect, and the legal power to make it work.

In addition the website publishes monthly updates on progress and insight into what issues are relevant to individual rivers and where there are common concerns.

Angling Clubs, all organisations and individuals who have concerns about the future of wild fish are encouraged to make use of the website to make their views known.

The outcome of this review is likely to form future policy leading to a new Green Paper for debate on how the future of our wild fish species will be managed and the process funded.

**Alex Stewart**



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## Local Planning Applications

### National Park

**26 March**

**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: Approve

**27 March**

**Proposal:** Proposed erection of external stair to access first floor meeting/function space  
Location: By The Way Caravan Park  
Station Road Lower Tyndrum  
Applicant: Mr Ranaid Burnett  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission  
Decision: Pending Decision

**2 April**

**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: Approve

**3 April**

**Proposal:** Proposed change of use of agricultural land to Class 4 (Business) and erection of storage shed and polytunnel  
Location: Innissheroch Crianlarich  
Applicant: Mr Jim Ronald  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission  
Decision: Pending Consideration

**17 April**

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

**22 April**

**Proposal:** Amendment of Condition 1 of planning permission

LT/2008/0332/DET/S (Erection of new building extension to hotel comprising one separate holiday letting accommodation unit) to extend time period by a further 3 years.

Location: Former Craigard Hotel  
Main Street Killin  
Applicant: Courie Inn Company  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission  
Decision: Pending Consideration

**24 April**

**Proposal:** Erection of two dwellinghouses  
Location: Land Adjacent To Station House Station Road Crianlarich  
Applicant: Mr Peter Bradford  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission  
Decision: Refuse

**24 April**

**Proposal:** Proposed re-surfacing of existing track over the viaduct  
Location: Railway Viaduct Over River Dochart Ballechroisk Court Killin

Applicant: Mrs Natalie Stevenson  
Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Decision: Pending Consideration

**1 May**

**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: Approve

**6 May**

**Proposal:** Change of use of land for the siting of a mobile snack bar (Renewal of Temporary Permission)  
Location: Loch Lubhair Lay-by Crianlarich

Applicant: Ms Nichola MacLean  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission  
Decision: Approve

**13 May**

**Proposal:** Change of use to form

residential unit  
Location: Storage Building  
Portnellan Crianlarich  
Applicant: Ian Cram  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

### Perth & Kinross Council

**18 March**

**Proposal:** Alterations and extensions to dwellinghouse  
Location: The Mill House Tombreck Lawers

Applicant: Mr Andrew Warwick  
Application Type: planning permission local  
Decision: Approve the application

**31 March**

**Proposal:** Erection of 3 chalets, associated function suite and a dwellinghouse  
Location: Land At Craggantoul Farm Lawers

Applicant: Mr Greg Deacon  
Application Type: planning permission local  
Decision: Application Approved

### Stirling Council

**26 March**

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing house and erection of replacement house and new detached garage  
Location: Benula Killin

Applicant: Mr Jim Devine  
Application Type: Full  
Decision: Refuse

**27 March**

**Proposal:** Micro hydro electricity generation scheme  
Location: Land 333 Metres North Of Tullochcan Killin

Applicant: Reay MacKay  
Application Type: Full  
Decision: Approve with Conditions

**9 April**

**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: Furbush Point Field Centre Killin

Applicant: The University Of Edinburgh  
Application Type: Full  
Decision: Approve with Conditions

**22 April**

**Proposal:** Erection of timber clad boat house with slate finish replacing existing boat house (retrospective)

Location: Ardeonaig Lodge Killin  
Applicant: Kilrevin Holdings Ltd  
Application Type: Full  
Decision: Approve with Conditions



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# Obituary

Jane Kirk Stewart

28 July 1926 - 20 April 2014

Jane was born in Chryston, Lanarkshire and was the youngest of five children. On leaving school she went to Coatbridge College for secretarial studies and initially worked in a factor's office in Renfield Street in Glasgow. She then moved to the Brickworks in Bridgeton as a secretary and pay clerk. She married Ian in 1950 and they lived in Riddrie, Glasgow, where in the late fifties she purchased an outfitters shop which also sold wool, etc. She and Ian moved to Bishopbriggs in 1966 and sadly Ian died nine months later in 1967. After Ian's death, her sister Bunty moved in with her. In 1975 Jane purchased 7 Grey Street, Killin and they both decided to take early retirement. They moved there in January 1976 and did Bed and Breakfast until 1984. By this time they were taking a very active part in village life. They held office in the WRI, the Guild, the Bowling Club and the Art Group. Jane was a talented all-rounder. She knitted, crocheted, embroidered, painted and did tapestries. She was well known for the toys she made and always had a

wonderful display at the Art Show. She was also a great baker and her caramel and pineapple cakes were to die for. After Bunty died in 1997, Jane thought that she should downsize and in 2001 she moved to Dochart Road where she spent her last remaining years surrounded by excellent neighbours.

After a fall in February she went for two weeks respite to Aberfeldy Cottage Hospital where she spent five weeks before being moved to Ninewells where she was found to have underlying health problems which led to her passing on Easter Sunday.

She was a wonderful aunt to all her nieces and nephews and their children. She was dearly loved and will be sadly missed. Thank you to the nursing staff in Aberfeldy Cottage Hospital and Ninewells for their care. Special thanks to the late Dr de Laat and the nursing staff in Killin for the exceptional care and attention she received from them over the last five years.

**Robin Boyd**  
(nephew)



## 'Sumer is icumen in, Lhude sing, cuccu'

Well, we hope that summer will have arrived by the time you read this and most of our U3A groups will hold their last meetings before the recess. July and August are the holiday months but the committee will be busy preparing the timetable for the new session in September together with the arrangements for our second AGM that will be held in Callander Kirk Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> August starting at 2.00pm followed by enrolment for both new and continuing members. Group leaders will lay out their wares and members can sign up for courses on the day. Arrangements for postal enrolment will be announced on our website nearer the time. Just Google "Callander and West Perthshire U3A".

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## Letters

### SWRI



I was interested in the article on page 38 of the Killin News Issue 138 February about the SWRI celebrating 90 years in Killin.

My mother, Mrs MacColl, was a member of the Killin WRI in the fifties and early sixties. Whilst looking through some old photos recently, I came across this one of an SWRI meeting in the 1950's or 60's which may be of interest to current members.

The attendees to the best of my knowledge from left to right are: Mrs Forster, Mrs Smith, Mrs Lamont, Mrs Buchanan, Mrs Grossart, Hidden??, Mrs MacColl, Mrs Watson, Mrs Flemming.

It is interesting to note that after having their tea most of them are having a cigarette!! If you look closely Mrs Forster is wearing her SWRI badge.

**Mary Watson** (nee MacColl)

### Killin Floral Association

We would like to thank all those who donated money and made offers of help towards the planting and maintaining of the tubs for this year's floral displays in Killin.

An impressive total of £167.00 was raised. As this is our only source of income, the amount we receive will reflect the number of plants we are able to buy and the quality of the displays.

A special thank you to Davidsons Chemist, for their donation of £50.00 and Killin Old Mill for letting us put a collection box in the Mill which raised £34.00.

### Killin Floral Association Committee

### Balquhiddier Summer Music

This is to let you know that there will be no more concerts in the Summer Music series for the foreseeable future.

Full details and a final video-clip from last year are on the website [www.balquhiddersummermusic.org.uk](http://www.balquhiddersummermusic.org.uk) Thank you for playing, organising, supporting, helping!

**Wouter van Doorn**  
(former chairman)

Balquhiddier Summer Music

### Double thanks

I would like to thank everyone for the lovely flowers, cards and best wishes after my recent hip operation.

Dougie would also like to thank everyone for their cards and messages following the death of his father.

**Kate Livingstone**

### SWRI

The ladies of Killin S.W.R.I. met in the Lesser McLaren Hall last month for the last meeting of this session. Andy Fleming, one of our local policemen, a volunteer with Killin Mountain Rescue and SARDA (Search and Rescue Dogs Association) brought along Dugald, his flat haired black Labrador. He gave a most interesting outline of the work involved with SARDA. Tea and biscuits were followed by the AGM.

I would like to thank you all for your help during my time as secretary of Killin S.W.R.I. A new secretary will be appointed in October.

**Ann Watson**

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and passing by many popular walk locations, the Explorer buses open up the area to linear walks and cycle routes which otherwise can only be undertaken using two cars. A hop-on, hop-off adult day pass costs £10, (under 16s £5). Under 6s travel free. Single tickets, return tickets and 10-journey tickets are available and Scottish concession passes are valid. The 2014 Explorer service is funded by Transport Scotland Bus Investment Fund, Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park, Perth & Kinross Council, Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership (tactran) and the Breadalbane Tourism Co-operative. For more information visit . [www.breadalbane.org/ring-of-breadalbane-explorer](http://www.breadalbane.org/ring-of-breadalbane-explorer).



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## Think about it

The all pervasive media (no criticism intended) in our lives, especially the internet social media, means an instant and widespread adoption of any new idea, fad or fashion. The latest is the now universal use of the word 'iconic.' An ikon, from the Greek, is an image, until recently mostly a religious image depicting, for example, the face of Christ, his Mother Mary, or one of the early disciples and fathers of the Christian church.

More recent 'iconic images' I have seen or heard described as such, are, a bottle of Coca Cola, a torn American flag, the Red Road multi-story flats in Glasgow that were to be blown up to start the Commonwealth Games,  $E=MC^2$ , the human genome, plus any number of pop-sportsmen/women, and so it goes on.

The original 'icon', the religious image, often inlaid with gold, would usually have taken hundreds of hours to produce, every detail prayed over and meditated on because it represented a deeply held expression of faith and belief in God.

Words do frequently change their meaning, for example the word 'marriage' is undergoing a

fundamental change from what it meant only a few years ago. My only concern about such changes is that the original meaning was often an expression of something that really mattered to those who used it and so what they hold most dear may thereby be devalued, even if only as they see it.

That's a problem we have to live with. What I wonder though, is whether we are wandering ever closer to the place where nothing much matters at all as long as 'it works for me.' I believe that it is so important that we, both individually and as a community, make fundamental decisions about what really matters to us and live our lives in the light of those decisions, no matter the cost.

As I look around me at this springtime of the year, I cannot but believe that our *given world* is a gift of our creator, however we see that 'iconic image' (God I mean). I also believe it is living with the truth of that 'given' that matters most for each one of us, and for all of us together.

**John Shedden**

## St Fillan's Church

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## June

- 8 Strathearn Churches celebration p38
- 9 Strathfillan Community Council AGM 7pm followed by the regular meeting at 7.30pm
- 11 Walk in the Park p28
- 12 Citizens Advice Bureau MacGregor's Cafe 10.30am-2pm
- 18 Walk in the Park p28
- 25 Walk in the Park p28
- 26 Citizens Advice Bureau MacGregor's Cafe 10.30am-2pm

## July

- 8 Killin Community Council meeting Church Community Rooms 7.30pm
- 9 Walk in the Park p28
- 10 Citizens Advice Bureau MacGregor's Cafe 10.30am-2pm
- 16 Walk in the Park p28
- 23 Walk in the Park p28
- 30 Walk in the Park p28
- 30 Coffee morning McLaren Lesser Hall 10am

### Art Classes

Wednesdays 6.30pm-9pm  
Old Mill

### Beavers

Thursdays 6.15pm  
School

### Choir

Usually Tuesdays  
Church 7.30pm  
phone Franny  
01567 829048

### Book Club

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

### Internet Cafe

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

### Internet Cafe

Thursdays  
Killin Library  
11am-4pm

### Cubs

Wednesdays 7pm  
Lesser Hall

### Softplay Club

Tuesdays  
Sports Pavilion  
12.30 - 2.30pm

### Scouts

Wednesdays  
7pm Big Shed

### Sports Pavilion

Open daily  
from end June

### Tai Chi

Wednesday  
Tyndrum Hall  
9.30am

### Tiddlers & Toddlers

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

### Yoga

Fridays  
Big Shed  
10.30-noon

### Youth Group (Killin)

Tuesdays 7.30pm  
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**Saturday & Sunday**  
**9am-5pm**

## Which bin which week? Week beginning

**9 June - Brown**  
**16 June - Grey/Green**  
**23 June - Brown**  
**30 June - Grey/Green**  
**7 July - Brown**  
**14 July - Grey/Green**  
**21 July - Brown**  
**28 July - Grey/Green**





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