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Editorial

An overwhelming 85% of members voted "Yes" at the Royal and Ancient Golf Club and overturned its 250-year discrimination against the admission of women members. The Club will now fast-track its women membership to take account of current feelings towards equality and suffrage. This vote was eclipsed by the YES/NO vote being taken in the Scottish Referendum. We now have the decisive result and should see the development of a new and much improved situation. The promises must be realised. The revelation of the unhappiness in Wales and the peripheral parts of England during the Referendum Campaign shows that Scotland is not the only area put out by its treatment from the central UK government and the 'London elite'. Perhaps future governments will take into account that the north/south/east/west divide leads to inequalities that are no longer acceptable in a civilised society. For example, here in Scotland, inequality of infrastructure leads to relative isolation and is not conducive to widespread business development. Such essentials need to be spread out equally to allow Britain to develop in a more uniform way and not just concentrate on the London hub. The challenge is to make some of the more remote areas into attractive business locations and places for people to live. How about an M9 to Thurso, 109 miles, with branches to Fort William from Newtonmore, 46 miles, and to Oban from Perth, 93 miles for starters?

In the Killin News, Issue 87 August 2005 we covered the problem of many cars falling off the road just south of Lix Toll, when twelve vehicles slid off in one day. As far as we know, no cars appear to have followed suit since the anti-skid surface was put in place. In the 2001-2003 period the serious accident rate for the A85 was one major accident per 6,410,256 miles travelled on the whole length of the road. It is recently reported that the overall number of accidents has fallen to an all-time low. The Lochearnhead to Lix Toll section still comes in with a 3-year major accident rate of 187 accidents per 100 million vehicle kilometers. It gives a rate of one serious accident per 332,284 miles travelled. The worst road in Scotland for accidents and road deaths in 2010 was the A9 with 10 deaths and next came the A90 with 7 deaths. The A96, A85 (Oban-Perth) and A82 (Glasgow-Fort William) drew for third place with five deaths each. We should be pleased that it has been suggested the speed limit between Lochearnhead and Lix Toll be reduced from 60 to 50mph (80.43kph) but it would be good also to have safe modern trunk routes. **WA**

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Decision Time

**VOTE
YES**



Stirling Results

In the Stirling Council Area the votes were 25,010 Yes and 37,153 No.

62 votes were rejected for a number of reasons.

90.1% (62,225) local residents took part with 10,436 voters casting their ballot by post.

The registered electorate for the Stirling Council Area was 69,033, with 10,825 registering for a postal vote and 721 for a proxy vote.

Killin and Ardeonaig Trust

Internet Cafe

I would like to bring the Killin Internet Learning Café to your Attention. This is a support service for all who wish to learn about using computers, iPads, and internet facilities. It has been running for a few years now and has helped some to contact their absent families using email, Skype or whatever is the best, cheapest and most efficient method. If you want to start or improve your skills at purchasing on line, find information, book transport, use excel spreadsheet software make contact with Heather Hamilton in the Killin Library after 10am on a Thursday. There is a small charge only as it is supported by the Stirling Council Education Services.

Willie Angus

Mill Manager's Report

Summer has been busy we will remain open all week until the end of October when we will operate on reduced hours.

The wheel is now serviced and turning! We are looking for a volunteer to maintain the wheel, oiling it regularly and checking it weekly.

We have had a great many donations and thank you for your continued support. However please do contact us in advance if bringing in large amounts or large items as we really are limited with space. The box

outside is available to leave items and is accessible 24/7. Books are our biggest seller this summer so please feel free to bring any along to the Mill.

Our stall at the Cancer Research Ladies Lunch raised £100.25 We are holding an exhibition of local First World War items in association with Glen Art at the Mill from 25th October to 10th November
Baby and Toddler Music classes will begin again on Weds the 12th Nov-17th of Dec. 10.30 -11.00 3 months -18 months - 11.15- 11.45 18 months- 36 months and 12.00 - 12.30 3 yrs - 5yrs
The cost of these classes will be £6 for the block.

Angela Steele will start Art Classes on 22nd October 6.230 -9.30pm. If there are at least 6 people interested blocks of 6 weeks at £40 9including materials will go ahead. Beginners welcome. Let me know if you want to join.

We are always looking for volunteers and really need as many as possible to keep the Mill open. Please get in touch even if you can only offer 1 hour or wish to help with stock sorting, handy work etc.

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KAT Manager's Report

The Old Mill

The feasibility study has started to see if we can produce electricity from the wheel and if so, how much. The report should be ready by October and it will tell us what our options are, what can be produced, whether we are could to feed back to the grid and, if so, whether we can receive a small income from this.

The wheel was serviced at the end of August and is now working.

Unfortunately the water levels have dropped since then and have been too low some days for the wheel to turn. We need a little rain please, just a little at night will be fine.

Breadalbane Park

As reported before we have secured funding for phase 1 of the park. The construction was meant to start on the third week in September, but we are about a month behind. This is because the tenders returned were all higher than the money received from the BIG Lottery. This means we have revisit the plans. The group decided that to come in on budget we would have to put the hardstanding into phase 2 or 3. This means that the drainage and path network will be completed in phase 1 now. The BIG Lottery have agreed with the group that this is the best way to progress. There is still some work to finalise with the BIG Lottery before we can start construction. >



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Bottle Bank/Recycling area:

Community Council members continue to check on the state of the recycling area and reported fewer problems. Any identity details from litter is being passed to Stirling Council who are following them up.

Traffic speed on Lyon Road/

Ballechroisk area: Stirling Council will consider what remains in this year's budget and then look at progressing this.

Coach Stop: This will be adopted by Stirling Council but the legal process will take 3-4 months further.

Dog Fouling: This problem continues to be seen. The dog warden will be contacted again.

Bridges: It has been confirmed that Stirling Council will replace the existing warning sign at the Bridge of Lochay. The Dochart Bridge has been hit again and a stone has been

dislodged. Stirling Council will be reminded to attend to this and contacted regarding a warning for pedestrians to remain aware of vehicles crossing the bridge. A draft proposal for the extension of the 40mph zone on the A827 Lochay Bridge will be produced by Stirling Council for next financial year and will include a review of signage.

Planned Road Closures: The Craignavie Road closure will be advertised in the Stirling Observer soon after this meeting and the South Loch Tay road closure will be advertised in October.

DRT: The Abernethy Trust have been in contact with the Community Council as the DRT times do not enable their staff to connect with buses and trains and their comments have been taken on board. The new timetable will be out in time for October.

Killin Surgery: An update was received from the Surgery Manager and L. Campbell has invited one of the doctors to attend the November Community Council meeting.

Correspondence: Dochart Forest Killin - information was sent on the scoping process for management of the forest by John Searl Forestry, including felling plans.

Police Report:

Disorder has been reported outside the Capercaille at weekends. Incidents can be reported by calling 101.

Officers were deployed during the music festival and one assault was reported.

Complaints of litter at the head of the loch

Local roads have been busy during the summer with a number of vehicle collisions

There has been a break in at Stitts Builders yard and an attempt at the Hydro Sub Station in Glen Lochay. There was also a BT cable theft on the northside of Loch Tay and a suspect has been arrested.

Police Officers continue to patrol the village and are willing to stop and chat.

The Trossachs and Teith Community page of the Police Scotland website contains important contact information.

There has been one mountain rescue incident near Crianlarich.

Road Repairs: A list of work that needs to be done will be passed to Stirling Council. A reply is awaited from Roads Department regarding the state of Fingal Wynd.

McLaren Hall car park: There are a number of pot holes in the car park. The problem will be raised with Stirling Council urging repair before work begins on the park.

LLT National Park sign

The signpost to the head of the loch needs re-aligned - this will be followed up.

Transport to College: Councillor Earl will be asked for for an update on this. Anyone experiencing difficulty should get in touch with him - earlm@stirling.gov.uk

Problems with neighbours: PC Frickleton urges anyone experiencing anti-social behaviour to phone the Police. Such calls can be made anonymously.

Business waste uplifts:

Waste such as cardboard that is too big for the bins has been seen left behind on pavements after collection. This will be reported to Stirling Council.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th November at Killin Primary School.



continued

>The park will be closed to the public during the time of construction which we are expecting to take about nine weeks. It is the only way to ensure the safety of the public as there will be a lot of machinery moving around in the park. KAT would like to apologise for any inconvenience this will cause the community, but we trust that the improvements will be a benefit to Killin.

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This year we overcame the final hurdle to registering ourselves as a Community Benefit Company and we officially became MacGregor's Community Hub Limited on 15th May 2014. Thanks are due to the Plunkett Foundation and The Co-operative Enterprise Hub for guiding us through the lengthy process and to the Co-operative group for paying the extortionate registration fees. It does now allow us to look for investors and a share prospectus has been published which will hopefully bring in the capital needed to grow and develop. Copies of the prospectus and membership forms are available in both the Café and the Shop.

The shop is steadily increasing its customer base and expanding the range of goods available. We are trying to widen and complement the range of food available in the village and to cater for special needs such as gluten-free foods. This summer we also introduced "Luvians" ice cream, a greater range of delicatessen produce, as well as an increasing amount of locally produced foods.

We are now hosting the 'temporary' Post Office, open Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons (1.30-5pm) run by Strathyre Post office staff. Eventually, once we have satisfied the powers that be, given a 40 minute presentation on why we should be "allowed" to run the post office in Killin, followed by a 2 hour interview and had our staff trained up, it will be open six days a week!!

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er's Market

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The Community Garden at the rear of the shop will be taking shape over the winter months. We will be working on the space to plant a garden and construct a

picnic area and barbecue, hopefully in conjunction with the young people of the village. Our idea is to create a space where families and groups can meet up to enjoy the view of the Tarmachan Ridge. It will also become home, at least temporarily, for our old friend - a 1956 electric Co-op milk float, which has been renovated but needs a little t.l.c. If anyone knows anything about how to charge the batteries on this vehicle, then we would love to pick your brains and get it on the road doing (slow!) deliveries.

Another strand that we're working on is "Ready meals"; do you buy pre-packed processed foods, microwaveable or oven ready? How about if you could buy the same foods but made locally, with no preservatives? "Wiltshire Farm foods"- a local equivalent? We would appreciate your views on all of these things! Come in for a blether. We want to provide what you want - you need to tell us what you want!!

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with everything and anything! Driving dignitaries to lunch, manning the office, booking flights, making cookies, fetching ice, driving athletes to venues and the most exciting task of all, cheering on the athletes during their competitions. The highlight was watching Kirani James, 400m Olympic Champion, run for his Commonwealth Gold. The atmosphere was amazing and, although we were there in a volunteering capacity, we were lucky enough to be able to watch.

I have made some wonderful new friends for life and have invitations to Australia and Grenada (which I will definitely be taking up!) If the chance to volunteer comes your way, take it! You never know where it might lead!

Lorraine Pritchard



Clydeside Lauren Third with Jamaican boxer Cheavon Clarke at the opening ceremony of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games



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Frost Report

Times they are a-Changing

We are coming to the end of probably the best summer for a few years with weeks of uninterrupted sunshine. Once the rain came, everything threw itself into fast growth and now it is reported that there is a bumper harvest. Certainly the trees are heavy with berries and fruit and the ancient walnut tree at Dall is creaking under the weight of nuts. At the moment the pigeons are gorging themselves on elderberries. It has also recently been the season of grouse with the not very glorious twelfth going by almost unreported. There are vague reports that the numbers have been quite good over much of Scotland and Yorkshire but actual numbers are not yet given with many estates beginning to shoot later than usual.

We must remember that grouse management enables practical conservation of rare bird populations at minimal cost to the public and is of keynote survival for our remotest communities. With fewer numbers of keepers on the ground these days we see fewer hillsides looking like a patchwork of variously shaded tweeds due to the rotational burning of small patches of heather to produce new fresh shoots for grouse to eat amongst other varying lengths of growth for shelter. This produces a haven for many species such as snipe, dunlin, ring ouzel, black and red grouse, merlin, lapwings, golden plover, curlew and meadow pipits. Certainly grouse numbers have dropped from intensely kept Edwardian days when, for instance, Ardkinglass estate by Loch Fyne was leased on an annual rent of £1,285 with a bag limit of 350 brace of grouse and three brace of blackcock. At that time a brace was worth between £1.10 shillings and £1.15 shillings. (If you are too young to understand this,

ask grandad.) Today you would be very lucky to shoot three brace of grouse there. It would be much easier and cheaper to go to Marks and Spencer's as they have now added this to their food range.

The other factor affecting the landscape of our hills is, of course bracken. A Somerset based company is into producing biomass fuel from bracken. Apparently the carcinogenic properties of the plant disappear as it dies down in autumn and the resulting ash is high in potash so you can use that as well to keep your tomatoes happy. There is no shortage of good quality bracken this year.

Maybe this will go further with the reduction in trees due to ash die back. There are 500+ sites confirmed with some not that far from Killin. With this, Oak sudden death disease and fungal infections in pine, we may yet see a biomass plant near the village using local bracken. Maybe there would be D.E.F.R.A. subsidies available? Doubtless 'the men from the ministry' would need to 'have a look.'

Hopefully it wouldn't be the man who was tagging wild boar in the Sussex/Kent border and managed to trap himself in one of his own live traps till rescued three and a half hours later. The same man was unable to operate on another occasion when he had managed to sabotage his own equipment. During that time two boar had mysteriously found their way into various freezers and their ear tags into a lurcher and a fox. This was only discovered when the ministry man went to the supermarket and parked next to the 4x4 with the lurcher in and received a clear signal.

Maybe this ministry man should go to one of the schools taking part in a National Farmers' Union centenary grant-aided project to introduce urban

children to the countryside. There are nine projects running in Scotland and if he went to the borders he could even try his hand at milking a life sized model cow. He would get a set of waterproofs and wellies which should make any future 'imprisonments' less hard to bear.

Our Mr. Fox has found a new tactic; a Mr. Schofield was attacked while on the loo. He got a nasty shock as a fox poked its nose round the bathroom door, bit him (not sure where!) and grabbed the cat. Don't cry - following a tussle the cat was rescued.

Tim Frost

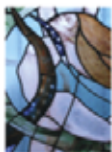


The Killin Local Committee would like to thank the Ladies of Killin & District and their friends for the marvellous support at the Ladies Lunch on Saturday 6th September. It was a beautiful sunny day and the ladies turned out dressed for the occasion.

On arrival the ladies were treated to a glass of fizz; they could then browse the various stalls offering scarves, handbags, jewellery and skin care products or even indulge in a mini facial or head massage. There was a tasty two course buffet followed by coffee/tea. As a token of appreciation of their support, the ladies were provided with a small bag of tablet.

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Strathfillan Community Council

Report from PC Murray: During August there were 36 calls in the Strathfillan area. Twenty of these were vehicle related. There has been a higher than usual number of reports of possible drink driving, due to erratic driving behaviour. However, it often turns out these are newly arrived foreign visitors who have just picked up a hire car at the airport! There have also been two mountain rescues, three high risk missing persons, one of whom was found in the area, and three general concern calls.

CLlr Martin Earl reminded the CC that Strathfillan is very fortunate to have retained a Community Police Officer (as have Killin and BLS areas). This is now quite a rare model across Scotland and most communities have shared officers. It was commented that even when the local officer is on duty he is not always working in the immediate local area. Major sporting events during 2014 have stretched police resources nationally and it is hoped that when these events are

passed, local coverage will be improved.

Transport: Stirling Council is consulting with the CC regarding community transport in the wider Callander area. It was agreed that community public transport is vitally important to Strathfillan. However as the new "hybrid" DRT scheme only began on 1st September, it is too early to start considering further modifications to the scheme. The hybrid scheme still requires 24 hour booking and the scheduled service does not run unless a booking has been made.

Environment: The Crianlarich-Tyndrum cycleway project is looking very positive. The Loch Lomond & Trossachs Countryside Trust are taking this forward, with support from SNH, and potential funding sources have been identified. The planning permission which was granted some years ago is still valid.

Good progress is also being made on the proposed Tyndrum-Oban footpath. The consultants, Pick Everard, have identified most landowners along the proposed route and are contacting them to discuss specific route options.

Hospital Services & Transport: The CC has received anecdotal

reports from two local patients about difficulties accessing hospital services.

Despite assurances that Larbert Hospital would be a central facility for the area, a patient with a serious condition recently had to attend several different locations on the same day for treatment (including both Stirling and Falkirk community hospitals). Ultimately she was required to wait at Falkirk community hospital while blood was taken by car to Larbert for testing.

Another patient phoned up to book a hospital car for a regular appointment at Larbert, as she had done on several previous occasions. She was informed that the criteria for hospital transport has changed, and only those with a disability preventing them from using public transport now qualified. She was advised that the best public transport from Crianlarich to Larbert was by bus, via Glasgow - despite not being in time to make a 10am appointment using this method.

John will contact Forth Valley Health Board about both these cases, asking how the changes to transport rules have been communicated, and explaining the practical difficulties in using public transport for patients from Strathfillan.

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We are delighted to report that at long last things are beginning to happen. Developing the Cycleway between Tyndrum and Killin has always been a priority for the Trust and the work and the lobbying over the years is at last paying off. To begin with Scottish Natural Heritage have agreed to fund the collation of all the data etc. into a tender document for the first phase from Tyndrum to Crianlarich. At a more strategic level, the plan is to employ a Development Manager to complete the project to Killin over a five year period, eventually connecting with routes currently in the pipeline. The overall plan is for a new cross country long distance path from St Andrews to Iona – the Three Saints Way. This will be a fantastic addition to what Scotland has to offer the many thousands of walkers and cyclists who visit every year and will be a great boost for existing businesses and business development along the route.

Joyce Russell
Development Officer



A New Look

The old 'Tin Hut' (formally a Free Church building) next to the Crianlarich railway viaduct, has, for many years, stood neglected and unloved. Now things have changed – a vibrant colour scheme and a general tidy-up has transformed the building into an attractive asset to the village. The bright colour scheme cannot fail to be noticed and adds to an already vibrant Main Street. Congratulations to The Crianlarich hotel, who use the building for staff accommodation, for their vision in the bold use of colours.

Eileen Smailes

Café SCI

With the summer behind us, it's time for Café Sci to inform and entertain once again.

The dates are Wednesdays 29th October, 19th November, 18th February 2015 and 18th March.

Always a very relaxed and enjoyable evening, the hall opens at 7pm for wine, coffee and nibbles for a 7.30 start. We look forward to seeing all our regulars and welcoming new faces along. At the first meeting Dr John Holland will be giving a talk on the "Natural History of a Perthshire hill farm" illustrating the rich diversity of plant and animal species that can be found at SRUC Kirkton & Auchtertyre Farms here in Strathfillan, and discussing some of the reasons

why there is this wealth of species including some nationally rare plants and animals. He will look at some of the species that are increasing and others that are declining and discuss some of the reasons for these changes.

Crianlarich Primary School - Primary 1



Emily, Archie, Lewis and Alfie



Strathfillan by the Way

Strathfillan Lunch Club

Our 2013-14 season of monthly winter lunches for the over 60's culminated in a day out to the Crinan Canal area. We also enjoyed an evening at the Killin pantomime. We serve lunches in the Crianlarich Village Hall on a Friday at a cost of £4.

Once again, we would like to invite anyone over the age of 60, who would like to join us, to contact one of the committee listed below. We will then contact you before each lunch to discuss the menu and to arrange transport if necessary. Our thanks to RJ McLeod and Grontmij for the donation, which will enable us to continue providing a two course lunch once a month during the winter to the elderly who live in Strathfillan. It also gives them a chance to meet and socialise with their friends.

Please, if you would like to come, or if you know of anyone who would enjoy having lunch with friends contact

Barbara Riley 400 303
Moira Robertson 300 296
Deirdre Burton 400 226



Stuart Laurence presents a £400 cheque equally from R J. McLeod and Grontmij to Moira Robertson for the Lunch Club



Welcome to Callander & West Perthshire U3A at the start of our third year. Courses have begun and the full timetable is available on our website together with details of the committee for 2014-15. Anyone can e-mail the committee with queries and a membership form is also available online. For anyone new to U3A we offer two taster sessions with any of the groups before a commitment to membership. Phone numbers of group leaders are on the timetable.

The University of the Third Age (U3A) is a nationwide movement of self-help, self-managed co-operatives for older people no longer in full time work, providing opportunities for their members to share learning experiences in a wide range of interest groups. All the group leaders give their services for free and the accent is on 'Learning for Fun'. We are sure that we offer a wide variety of interest groups so have a look at our website which can be accessed in Google Search by typing in 'Callander and West Perthshire U3A'. **Marguerite Kobs**

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Mervyn's Weather

The world, to say the least, is a wet place! Considerably more of the surface of the planet is covered by water be it fluid or frozen. Great rivers, such as the Amazon, Congo, Ganges/Brahmaputra and many others pour millions of gallons of water (recycled) far into the seas and oceans destined to accept their offerings and causing fresh water to push great distances before blending with the salt of the oceans.

Coming closer to home, the rivers of the British Isles, puny though they may be in comparison to the aforesaid great waterways of the world, accomplish in their own way their duties to the natural cycles. Having said this the effects of water, in motion or calm, can, and does, affect humanity in various ways. Of recent years our British weather seems to have become more volatile. Excessive flooding of rivers, increased frequency and strength of gales, plus fluctuating

temperatures have caused inundations and structural damage, not to mention fatalities.

This is not to say that such conditions apply only to the fairly recent era. For instance in 1827 and in 1892 the river Findhorn, already notorious for its devastating floods, and also the Conon/Beaulieu systems experienced spates which swept houses, livestock and crops out to sea and inundated thousands of acres of low grounds around the Moray Firth. There is a mark on a rock in the gorge of the Findhorn near Relugas showing the height reached by one of these spates was 52 feet above the normal river level.

Farming is an industry very much reliant on prevailing weather conditions, especially hill farming which, due to its location in what are nowadays known as "The Less Favoured Areas" must bear the brunt of more extreme and

damaging visitations of wind, rain, snow and frost. Those of us who farm beside a large loch are saddled with the extreme problem of fences dividing fields which border the loch. These fences must necessarily project into the water leaving them liable to damage or destruction when wind and waves wreak havoc. Nowadays this is an annual chore and most important in keeping stock correctly confined. Not an easy task, as driving fencing stobs into "The Cladich" (Stoney Shore), disentangling knotted and twisted fencing netting while staggering around on slippery wet stones is just another reason for hill farmers to include in their temperament a sense of the ridiculous!

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Apps to manage your fitness are very popular – not only can they help you to work out but they also monitor aspects of your health and keep track of your daily exercise routines, including your jogging routes and how long it took you to run your favourite route.

I expect the smart phone will continue to become more important in our lives over the next few years.

Privacy

Our phones (and computers/ipads and other devices) are storing a lot of data about our lives. This includes, but is not limited to, our shopping habits, our internet browsing habits, our physical location and where we are at any one time of day.

This information can be used by organisations to track your whole life and gives them opportunities to target you with advertisements for products that you might be interested in buying.

For instance, even now a history of where you have been (down to which street/road) and when you were there is stored and sent over the internet to various organisations. This can provide sufficient information to work out your daily travel details, the speed you were travelling and even which house/shop/premises you visited and for how long. This data can even be used to work out who you meet on a daily basis and thus to identify your friends and colleagues.

Your reading habits are already known, you either buy books on credit or debit card, or you use online accounts to download e-books. Your favourite pastimes are already being determined, either from your shopping habits, or from places you visit. Each time you shop at the supermarket, if you use a loyalty card your complete buying history is known and is being analysed – this allows the

retailer to offer you specific products that their computer systems believe you are likely to buy. The retailers can almost precisely work out how many people there are in your family, how many dogs/cats you have and even the family's favourite food.

Banks can work out roughly what your income is (e.g. from job title, place of work) and what you spend each month – this allows them to target you with adverts for loans or investments. Information like this is currently being stored and analysed by a variety of organisations. In theory they need your permission to use your data but in practice, when we are presented with a set of pages of terms and conditions, we often accept them without fully understanding what it is we are agreeing to.

If you are happy for your details to be stored and analysed this way, then you need do nothing. But if you prefer not to have details of your life shared around the world, then you need to check the settings on your phone and on your online accounts to ensure nothing is shared.

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10K Run

A record field of 216 runners contested the fourth Tay Fitness Killin 10K on Saturday 27th August along with 44 runners in the 1Km Fun Run. The rain stayed away and running conditions were ideal.

The race was won again by 2013 winner Dave Blackie (35m10s). 2012 winner Mark Norris of Dundee Road Runners (36m13s) was 2nd and Robert Keenan of Cumbernauld AAC was 3rd (36m57s).

The women's race was won by Jennifer Telford of the Scottish Prison Service (41m31s), Elsie Roberts was 2nd (42m44s) and Kim Stewart 3rd (43m49s). Sarah Heward and Stephen Rawlinson won the fastest local titles this year and Ishbel Hayes in her first 10K race won the fastest junior female. The fun run was also a great success with lots of local youngsters getting involved and some running with their parents or grandparents.

Morna Webster was our only wheelchair participant and wheeled herself around the course, a great inspiration to everyone watching! Frances Chisholm, also competing in her first 10K raised £470 for local charities and several others also donated sponsorship money. Funds raised will be split between several local charities and good causes that helped with the event.

Many thanks to the event sponsors – Sarah Heward from the Real Food Café in Tyndrum – and to John Morris and Iona Frickleton who helped with organising the race. Furthermore the day would not have been such a success without the many local volunteers and the Killin MRT who provided medical cover and radio communications throughout the event.

Congratulations to everyone who took part this year. It was great to see more local people getting involved and hopefully this trend will continue next year. The event was finished off in style with a 10Keilidh at the McLaren Hall where dancers were treated to the ceilidh tunes of Mike Vass and his band. A great day and night, here's to even bigger things next year!

Pete Waugh
Tay Fitness

the University of Edinburgh. A special thank you to Anna who helped me up the steep bits.

Morna Webster

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sponsored me for the Killin 10k. I raised the whopping sum of £467.70! The money will go to four worthy local organisations. Thanks also to Sammy Hibbert for being my running partner and to Pete Waugh for organising such a great event. I'm looking forward to next year's run.

Fran Chisholm



Fran Chisholm

On Saturday 23rd August I competed in the Killin10K run. I was given a 50 minute handicap ahead of the other competitors and recorded a time of 1 hour 39 minutes. A huge thank you to all who sponsored me and helped to raise a total of over £820. This money was divided between the local charities and The Multiple Sclerosis Research Centre at

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Waulking at Moirlanich

On Saturday September 6th Moirlanich was alive with the sound of Gaelic song and laughter, not to mention regular thumping sounds. The National Trust for Scotland was pleased to welcome five members of Sgioba Luaidh Inbhirchluaidh (Inverclyde Waulking Song Group)

who performed traditional Gaelic work songs whilst demonstrating the process of making homespun tweed. Many of these songs were sung while waulking the homespun cloth. Waulking was the finishing stage in the production of Harris Tweed, when the wet cloth was beaten rhythmically to shrink and soften it.

Before machinery took over the job, songs served to keep the rhythm and lighten the work. For the women-folk who took part it was an enjoyable social occasion, with plenty of fun and gossip.

Sgioba Luaidh recreated the process at Moirlanich in authentic fashion and managed to get many of the visitors to try their hand too. Our youngest waulker was aged just two, but she obviously greatly enjoyed getting involved and found her rhythm faster than some others.

Volunteers Alicja and Don Fraser also demonstrated the arts of spinning with a wheel and weaving, which added to the spectacle for visitors.

Helen Cole

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The next yoga workshop will be on Saturday 8th November and led by Hanna Casement, a new teacher to us. Hanna teaches in the Borders and was recommended by a previous yoga day participant who had attended her classes at the Buddhist Samyeling Centre. Price £35 including lunch. Also on 8th November, there will be a Classical guitar concert with Dave Bracegirdle. Dave hails from the north east of Scotland and performs at a wide range of events including recitals, weddings, private parties and corporate events. To book for any of these events email, text or phone the Big Shed.

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Killin inquirer, Pete Waugh achieved his highest placing yet in the recent Iron Man UK which took place in Bolton, on 19th July. The event attracted over 2,000 competitors from all over the world. Out of 1982 finishers, Pete came in 65th overall and 20th in his age category. Whilst this was a fantastic achievement, Pete was a little disappointed not to finish with a higher placing, which would have enabled him to compete in Iron Man Hawaii in October. His time was 10 hours 30minutes and 48 seconds. The winner was Cyril Viennot, from France, with a time of 8hours 44minutes and 10 seconds. This was Pete's third Iron Man, having previously taken part in events in Lanzarote and Tenby, South Wales.

Iron Man events take place all over the world. This gruelling and punishing tri-athlon event consists of an open water swimming race of 3.8kilometres (2.4miles), a cycle race of 180 kilometres (112miles) and finishes with a marathon 42.2kilometres/26.2miles). Pete Waugh moved to Killin in the autumn of 2008 to set up a business as a personal trainer. His company, Tay Fitness, has been very successful, with support and encouragement from many of the residents of Killin and the surrounding community. Amongst other things, Pete runs the Killin Youth Group and organises the annual Killin 10k Race and the associated "Fun Run" for children.

Keith Waugh
(father)



Schoolgirl Memories

The recent death of the actor Donald Sinden prompted Mrs. Norma Macarthur (nee Bickerton) to send us a copy of a treasured souvenir from her school days. His autograph and a newspaper cutting were attached to the back of her 1957 Scottish Leaving Certificate Examination paper for Art together with her school photograph.



Donald Sinden makes a hit AT SALMON FISHING



When film star Donald Sinden went to Perth for a holiday he hoped to pick up a few hints on salmon fishing. Looks like he has made good use of what he learned. He caught this 15-pounder near Killin, on Loch Tay.



October–November

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The Macnab Gathering

Well over a year ago I started making plans to gather Macnabs back to our homelands. On my last visit with the late James Charles Macnab of Macnab which was in 2009 for the grand International event held in Edinburgh, James asked me if, when his son Jamie took the helm of Chief of the clan, I would be available to "help the lad". I assured him I would be and therefore this trip was planned to help introduce him to clansmen everywhere.

More than one purpose was to be considered. Strengthening clanship ties and associations, addressing several issues dear to us in Killin and establishing additional clan societies around the world were all on the agenda. A Clan Macnab society in the UK has been dormant for several years and must be revived. Steps are therefore being taken to get reorganized.

At this gathering there were Macnabs and septs of Macnab represented from the UK, the US, Canada, Germany, Belgium and Western Australia. Some had never been to Killin and others, like myself, have been several times and each time the closeness to the land and people is overwhelming. We are always greeted warmly and we are so grateful.

Through the organising process several people were very helpful and vital to success. Alex Stewart was always available for helpful information and errands. I am eternally grateful to

Ron Allner



The Macnabs at Finlarig Castle

him. Dr. Willie Angus has kept me constantly informed about the operation of various items of interest to us as well as to Killin. A true gentleman whom I feel is a real asset to Killin. Mons Bolin was kind enough to host a visit to Finlarig as well as the site of Eillen Ran, our old castle. And I could never overlook our dear friends Kay and Anthony Dowling. We had a brief visit to Kinnell House that was memorable.

We had a very productive business meeting on Friday afternoon whereby we identified a few things we are planning to do that will be announced

soon. We had a spectacular dinner that evening at the Killin Hotel. Michael and his staff did a great job of serving us with a wonderful banquet in a very timely fashion. It was great! Plans are being made to try to have a Macnab pavilion every year at the Killin Games. It can be a gathering place for us as well as bringing in more people to Killin. We are very interested in maintaining a presence here. Summing up, this was a wonderful event. I get emails daily thanking me for having the gathering. The people of Killin have done themselves proud and we thank you very much.

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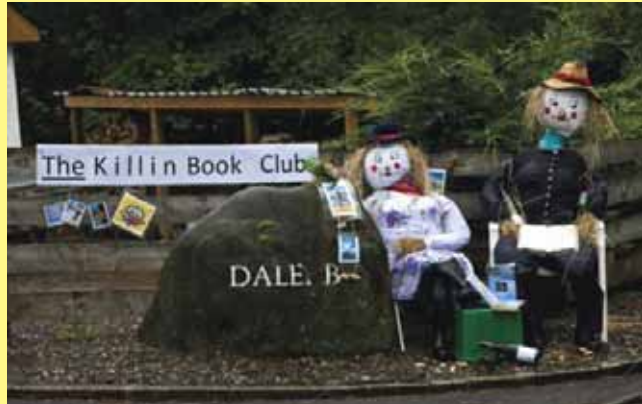
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Killin Agricultural Show

Despite the wet weather the Killin Agricultural Show held on Saturday 16th August was a great success. The judging of the live stock started in the morning and as usual the quality of the entrants was very impressive. The Champion of Champions was a cross ewe entered by the Anderson family from Tulloch. The parade started from the Falls of Dochart at 12.30 lead by vintage tractors, followed by the Comrie Pipe Band and a Fancy Dress Parade and ended in Breadalbane Park where the pipe band played an impressive set. There were many events taking place during the afternoon such as the Bonny Baby Competition, Dog Trials, Terrier Racing and much more. The presentation of the trophies took place at 5 o'clock and the dance in the evening was very well attended.

Ron Allner

Community Section Results Cup Winners 2014

Photography Cup Sheena McColl
Handicrafts Cup Antonia Dowling
Home Crafts Cup Jenny Huntley
Baking Cup Elizabeth Woods
Produce cup Margaret Oglvie
Vegetable Cup Sue Manning
Flower Cup Mairi Hunter
Floral Art Cup Cathie Reid
Girls Cup Anna McDiarmid,
Isobel Campbell, Tess McDiarmid
Boys Cup James Gerry,
Duncan McDiarmid
Community Challenge
Quilters Group

Champion of Champions

Anderson, Tulloch

Sheep

Blackface Sheep Section Champion

Little Glenample (ewe lamb)

Reserve Champion

McLarty, Glentarken

Female Group of 3

Little, Glen Ample

Best Woolled Sheep

Reilly, Tullochmhor

Pair of Ewe Lambs

Little, Glen Ample

Best Ram

McLarty, Glentarken

Best Female BF Breed

Little Glen Ample

Best Ram Lamb

McLarty-Glentarken

Best Pair Wedder Lambs

Taylor Dall

Pair Ram Lambs

McLartyGlentarken

Pair Gimmers

McLartyGlentarken

Male Group 3

Little, Glen Ample

Best Sheep (Opp sex to champion)

McLarty, Glentarken

Stockman showing best animal

Colin Little

Shepherd class

Robert Campbell, Shenlarich

Best Natural Ewe

Taylor, Braes of Ardeonaig

Animal Section Results

Best Aged Tup McLarty, Glentarken
Young Handler Up to 11 years old
Iona Little

Young Handler 10- 18 years old
Levis McKenzie

Sheep other than Blackface
Champion Cross Sheep

Anderson, Tulloch

Reserve Champion Cross Sheep

McDiarmid, Shenlarich

Best Pair Prime Lambs

McDiarmid, Shenlarich

Pair lambs out of a BF Ewe

Reilly, Tullochmhor

Pair of lambs out of Cross Ewe

McDiarmid, Shenlarich

Wool Section

Champion Braes of Ardeonaig

Reserve Champion

Reilly, Tullochmhor

Blackface – Mattress Tullochmhor

Blackface Fine Braes of Ardeonaig

Cattle Section

Commercial Cattle

Champion Ben Lawers

Reserve Champion

Croftintygan

Best Calf by limousine bull

Ben Lawers

Best Young Calf Ben Lawers

Cow with Calf Croftintygan

Stockman Showing Best Calf

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effects. The pupils showed great professionalism in dismantling the orchestra and PA system and loading up all the equipment on the bus in less than ten minutes before the heavy rain came on. On Monday our trip to Port Aventura was a real highlight of the tour. Between the fastest and largest rollercoasters in Europe (Stampida and Dragon Khan) there were plenty of thrills for everyone. The next day we visited Girona with its really pretty old town and were able to enjoy some sightseeing before playing our

That night we played our best concert yet in the Placa Mayor in Platja D'Aro. On our last full day we travelled to Lloret de Mar again to one of the biggest waterparks in Europe. This was a terrific day trip and everyone really enjoyed themselves before our final concert on the sea front in Tossa de Mar. This was our best performance to a really big and enthusiastic audience which included some family members of the tour party. We were clapped and cheered to the echo. We followed it up with Auld Lang Syne which was the best possible way to finish a really successful series of concerts. For many of us, this was the trip of a lifetime. New friendships were formed, happy memories made and everyone agreed it had been a wonderful experience all round for pupils and staff. Many people spoke to staff to compliment the pupils on the standard of their playing and behaviour. The McLaren community should be very proud of them: they have been great ambassadors for the school.

Walter Hall
Music Teacher

Orchestra Tour

After over a year of planning and months of rehearsing, a party of seventy pupils and nine staff left for Spain on 27th June to embark on a week long tour playing four concerts on the Costa Brava. Arriving in Tossa de Mar the next day (Saturday) we were all struck by how pretty the place is with its beautiful beach and an old castle at the southern end of the town. Our first trip was on a glass bottomed boat around the coastline of Tossa where we were able to see the natural caves and beaches. The first concert in Lloret de Mar was going well until a thunder storm approached and we had to cut short the performance. Star Wars has never been played so fast, or with lighting (or was it lightning!?)

second concert in Pineda de Mar. On Wednesday we visited Barcelona, taking in the sights and sounds of La Rambla with street performers, shops and cafes. By coincidence a few of the staff and pupils bumped into a group from a school in East Lothian who were also visiting the city. Their challenge was to do a Gay Gordons and so some of our group helped them out! Barcelona will probably never be the same again! That night we had a hugely successful ceilidh night back at the hotel, where we taught some pupils from a school in Wolverhampton how to do a Strip the Willow. Thursday was beach day, where we all had the chance to chill out, play some beach games and visit a few of the little shops in Tossa de Mar.

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Killin Primary School

Primary 1



Callum, Niall, Innes & Isla

Welcome to all the new Primary One pupils and welcome back to the pupils in Primary Two to Seven. Mr Lunan has re-joined us as our Class 2 and Principal Teacher and Miss Salmon is our new Support for Learning Assistant who is working in Class 2. Mrs Hamilton is the new Support for Learning teacher for the two schools.

It's a boy!

Mrs McGuigan had a beautiful baby boy, Ben, on 3rd July

Class Organisation

This year there will be three classes Mr McDonald is the Class Teacher for Class 1 (P1,2,3)

Mr Lunan is the Class Teacher for Class 2 (P4,5)

Mrs Law is the Class Teacher for Class 3 (P6,7).

Topics

Class 1's topic is Katie Morag

Class 2 will be studying Ancient Egypt

Class 3 are finding out about World War 1.

Sponsored Walk

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Sponsored Walk, we raised an amazing £622.30. It was a great day and lovely for both schools to get fit and enjoy the lovely countryside.

Summer Concert

A very big thank you for all of your support for the Summer Concert. There was a fantastic atmosphere and everyone seemed to have a great time. We raised £560 which will be used towards ICT resources.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you to all who donated Sainsbury's Vouchers to the school. With these vouchers we have been able to purchase Stampabouts, Super bouncers, deluxe hoops and Slazenger tennis balls which the children can use in the playground.

Rag Bag

Thank you for supporting the Rag Bag textile bank. The textile bank is used on a regular basis and has been a great success. In the last six months we have collected 434kgs and raised £174. All goods placed in the bank must be bagged and of good quality. We accept clean dry clothing, paired shoes, handbags, wallets, towels, ties and belts. We are unable to accept pillows, cushions, duvets, carpets or rugs. The next collection will be on 8th October.



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Big Tiddle

The children, parents and staff will be taking part in the Big Tiddle to support Barnardos. This will take place on Thursday 2nd October, at 1.30pm and will begin at Killin Nursery. The dressing up theme will be 'aliens'. If you would like to join us or sponsor the children then please get in touch.

Walk in the Park

Last term we joined the local 'Walk in the Park' group for a walk around the village. This gave the children the

opportunity to meet other members of the community, learn from them and benefit from the exercise and fresh air. We plan to join the group again this year and would welcome your support. Please contact Natalie at Killin Nursery if you are able to come along and help.

Photographer & Coffee Morning

We will be holding our annual coffee morning and photographer from 'Topclass Photography' in nursery on Saturday 8th November. Please contact Killin nursery to book a time for the photographer. This is an ideal opportunity to have a lovely family

photo taken, and makes an ideal Christmas present.

We will also have a stall selling lovely handbags.

Thank You

Thank you to Eric McAllister for the lovely rugs which he has provided for the under three's room in Crianlarich. Thanks also to McGregor's Market for providing us with fresh fruit and to Cameron and Calum Frost and Alan Thomson for doing some work in the Crianlarich Nursery garden.

Floral Association Childrens' Sunflower Competition

The weather this Summer was fantastic for growing Sunflowers. Eighteen children participated in the Floral Association Children's Sunflower Competition and the results are:

Tallest Sunflower

1st - Jodi Thomson
2nd - Eilidh Fleming
3rd - Caitlin Paterson

Largest Open Flower

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3rd - Eilidh Kemp & Seonag Hay

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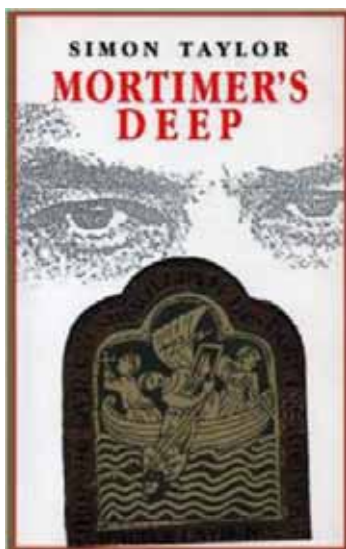
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Book Review



Some of us met the author of this book, Simon Taylor, when he spoke at the Killin Heritage Society last year. He talked then about St Fillan and pilgrim routes in Breadalbane - with authority, humanity and wit. This book is no different. It is more than an 'historic novel'. Yes, it deals

with the distant past - a period spanning 60 years from 1160. Yes, it tells stories - of the rise and fall; of the lives and loves; of murder and mysterious happenings to real historical characters associated with the Augustinian monastery on Inchcolm Island in the Firth of Forth. It was news to me that life was so cosmopolitan and international 850 years ago, with regular delegations sent across Scotland, England, France and to Rome. But, better than the historic facts, the story is a vivid one, a peopled one, a search for truth, written with human understanding. The characters could easily be imagined immersed in the very same intrigue, power games and passion of the Referendum week that I am writing in right now. "Better than 'The Name of the Rose' " says an Amazon review. Indeed I agree. And it was thoroughly enjoyed by our Book Club. Simon Taylor, a Lecturer and Researcher at Glasgow University, lives in eye-shot of the deep channel in the Forth between Fife and Inchcolm Island that gives the book its setting and name and his love of the area as well as the history shines throughout.

Sue Wyllie

Chapter 3 Book Club

Open Hill Race Highland Games

6th August

Results

Junior Race

- 1 Calum Mackay
- 2 Treeve Wilcock
- 3 Campbell Collie

Senior Race Male

- 1 Colin Donnelly
- 2 Stephen Rawlinson
- 3 Andrew Barrington

Senior Race Female

- 1 Sarah Heward
- 2 Jean Bawman
- 3 Victoria Lee

First Local Runner

Stephen Rawlinson

Oldest Runner

Herbie McLean

Male Categories

First over 40's Dan Watson

First over 50's Colin Donnelly

First over 60's Herbie McLean

Female Categories

First over 40's Sarah Heward

First over 50's Jean Bowman

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Killin Highland Games

Despite the weather forecast the weather in Killin on Wednesday 6th August. stayed dry which helped make the 21st Killin Highland Games a great success. The parade started at the Falls of Dochart at 1pm lead by Jamie Macnab chieftain of the Games and his wife Jane and ended in Breadalbane Park where Jamie formally opened the Games. The attendance was excellent and everyone enjoyed a good show. Jamie Macnab also headed a Clan Macnab gathering at the games with members from the US, Germany, Australia and Britain.



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National Park Unveils Conservation Action Plan

Wild Park 2020 is Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park's new long-term vision and action plan for biodiversity in the National Park. It sets out more than ninety diverse conservation projects that a range of partners will deliver between now and 2020.

At the heart of Wild Park 2020 are five key projects agreed as having the most potential to bring nature conservation benefits. These have been named 'Wild Challenges' and include:

Red squirrels

The National Park Authority is working with a range of partners to safeguard populations by creating good woodland habitat free from grey squirrels.

Invasive non-native species

Invasive non-native species are really good at taking over. Some of the most troublesome in the Park are Rhododendron, Japanese knotweed and Himalayan balsam. Again, partnerships have been forged with landowners, government agencies, fishery trusts

and volunteers to reduce the damaging impacts of these species.

Our mountain bogs

The National Park Authority is working with land managers to protect the peat in mountain bogs through a number of measures, including blocking up old drainage ditches and managing grazing pressures. Scotland's peatlands store ten times the carbon of all Britain's forests combined! That is why it is vitally important to look after them.

Black grouse

Black grouse in Scotland are threatened for several reasons including loss of habitat and falling prey to other animals. The National Park Authority is working with farmers, gamekeepers and wildlife managers to get grazing levels right and control predators such as foxes and crows.

Our woodland habitat

Woodlands and the species they support have international significance. This 'Wild Challenge' will see the National Park Authority work with land managers to improve links between woodland areas.

Find out more about Wild Park 2020 and the five 'Wild Challenges' at www.lochlomond-trossachs.org

Think About It

Strange Goings On

Many of the mainstream churches follow the same bible readings for each Sunday. Here is the very strange story told by Matthew in his Gospel for a recent Sunday.

A farmer went out early one morning to hire workers for the day at an agreed rate. At 9am he went out again and hired more. He did the same again at noon, 3pm and 5pm telling them all that he'd pay them what was right. At 6pm, the end of the working day, he paid them all the same wage! Of course, those who had been out all day were furious, but the man said he'd paid them fairly, what they had agreed.

It was not fair at all by ordinary standards and no business could survive doing that. We don't know what made the farmer do what he did, but the story suggests that he paid everybody for a day's work because they were desperate and needed the money. It is a parable about how God treats us. No matter how much or how little we pay any attention to him, he is concerned only for our wellbeing and will welcome us home, even if we go to him in sheer desperation, or in our very last hour. God is good.

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2nd Pat Havlin-Gibson and

Jean Faichney, 3 Dochart Road

3rd Mr & Mrs Elston, 4b Ballechroisk

Commended - Mr & Mrs MacDonald,

12 Ballechroisk

Tubs/Containers

1st Mr & Mrs Twigg,

2 Craigdarroch

2nd Mr & Mrs Smith 4 Dochart Road,

3rd Mrs J MacLeod, 9 Fingal Road

Commended - S MacColl & J Hunter,

Dreadnought place

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1st Mrs M Hunter, 6 Dochart Road

2nd Mr & Mrs Chisholm, Kilvaxter

Cottage, Manse Road

3rd Mrs & Mrs Twigg, Craigdarroch,

Main Street

Commended - Mr S Mudd, Falls of

Dochart Cottage, 1 Gray St

Overall Display in Containers

1st Mr & Mrs Elston, 4b Ballechroisk

2nd Mrs M Hunter, 6 Dochart Road

3rd SD MacColl & J Hunter,

Dreadnought Place

Commended - Mr & Mrs Huntley,

Rowan Bank, Dochart Road

Overall Garden Planting &

Display

1st Mr & Mrs Huntley, Rowan Bank,

Dochart Road

2nd Mrs M. MacNee, Burnbank, Main Street

3rd Ms Marion MacGregor, 18

Ballechroisk Court

Commended - Mrs J MacLeod, 9

Fingal Road

Commercial Section

Accommodation Provider

1st Maragowan Caravan Club Site

2nd Coach House Hotel

3rd Dall Lodge

Commended: Falls of Dochart

Retirement Home

Restaurant and Retail

1st Shutters Restaurant

2nd Killin Antiques & Gallery

3rd The Studio Workshop

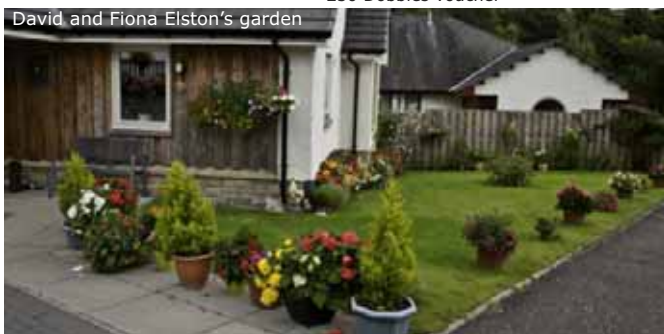
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Killin Rocks

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Tommy Weir Organiser

supported Killin Rocks over the last three years and the businesses and friends who donated prizes for the raffle and sold tickets. Most of all we would like to thank the bands and musicians who came to Killin, played for free and brought their supporters to raise funds for The Beatson Cancer Charity, Maggie's and The McLaren Hall. We are indebted to everyone of you. These bands and musicians actively support many charities in the Vale of Leven and Dumbarton and are a credit to their families and communities. On behalf of Tam we wish you all well in the future



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Thursday 16th October

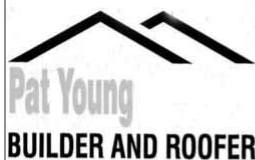
"Scottish Wildlife Trust
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Tuesday Club

This is a reminder that the Club will be starting on 7th October. Our first three speakers are Margaret Baxter from Plean talking about her work with flowers and faith, Ella Cleland from Callander about her career in Nursing and David Robertson about his involvement with the Boy Scouts. After that we have quite a variety of subjects so please come along and join us, it really is a pleasant way to spend an afternoon.

Margaret Ogilvie

Road Sign to Nowhere

Killin News decided to find out when The sign at Lix Toll to the Breadalbane Folklore Centre which was still in place four years after the Folklore Centre closed would be removed. For several weeks we tried. For Scotland gave us two different reference number but no replies except for an unfulfilled promise of a phone call. After two phone numbers each referring us to the other, we contacted Councillor Martin Earl who had a word with the right person and the sign was miraculously covered within a week.

Killin Telephone Book Debtors

The 2013 edition has raised for the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. The book is produced and paid for by Killin News for the benefit of the community and all the income goes to the Home so we are rather sad that some people have still not paid for the classified entries they requested. You know who you are as you've all had reminders - some not mentioning that you actually had more than one entry - and we hope you will now respond. Thank you to those who have responded anonymously - if you get another reminder you will understand why!

Volunteers required for Hill Racing weekend

Saturday and Sunday
11th/12th October
Contact 01567 820652

Callander Photo Club Season 2014 - 2015

We are back for a new season with meetings being held on the second Wednesday of the month from September to December 2014 and February to June 2015. Meetings start at 7:30pm and are held at the Waverley Hotel. New members and guests are always welcome. Membership is £25 for the year, £15 for students and children. Guest fee is £3 payable on the night. Please call Susan O'Boyle, Club President on 01877 339 323 or email info@callanderphotoclub.org.uk for more information.

Celebrations



Clair Neil and Cameron Frost married on 28th June in Luss. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone for the generous gifts

Apology
We apologise for the mixup of names on the wedding report in the last issue. This should have read Nicky Barker and Tina Elston married on 12th July at Killin Kirk by Rev Anne Brennan



Rebecca, daughter of John and Marion Strang, at her marriage to Robert, son of Laurence and Jane Brown, in Edinburgh on 29th August. A fantastic day was had by everyone there



Grant Hunter and Clare Curley married recently in Fortingall Church. The reception was at the Kenmore Hotel. Grant is the grandson of the late Billy and Alison Hunter, Stewart Rd.

On 1st July, Gordon Hamilton, youngest son of Heather and Jim Lochearnhead, graduated from Queen Margaret University Edinburgh with BA in Business Management



Stuart Laurence at the end of his first marathon at Aberfelday on 6th September. His time was 3 hours 13 minutes. He was well chuffed



The summer break flew by and already all three sections of the 2nd Killin & District Scout Group (now with over 40 members) have returned to their weekly meetings. The term started with the group's first AGM. The Group Scout Leader (GSL), David Robertson, gave a big thank you to all the Leaders for their continued voluntary work for the group and thanked the parents for attending the meeting. The three young helpers who had been volunteering as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award were also thanked for assisting with all three sections. The GSL then welcomed the new assistant Beaver leader, Natalie Campbell. For a Scout group to operate successfully, we rely on adult volunteers. Currently we have a great team of leaders, however, we are always keen to involve new adults in the group and some of the sections would be truly grateful for any extra assistance. So if you are interested in becoming a Leader then please get in contact. No previous experience is required, all you need is lots of enthusiasm and new ideas. Full training is provided to help you work with the other leaders in providing an exciting and balanced programme of Scouting activities to the Beavers, Cubs or Scouts. We would also love to hear from anyone aged 14-18 interested in helping at a section as a young leader. We are a charity so rely heavily on donations and have been extremely lucky recently in receiving a number of donations; from Claire McCarron, who organised Skerryvore to play in the village; Tay Fitness whose donation was in recompence for the Scouts and Cubs assisting at water bases at the Killin 10K race; and from Syngenta.

Beavers

Beavers are aged 6-8 and meet every Tuesday in The Lesser Hall, Killin, from 6-7pm. The new term has started afresh with new faces all around. We say a fond farewell to our inaugural leader Marieke McBean who is now helping with the Aberfeldy scouts. However, there is still continuity with Stephen Rawlinson taking over with the assistance of Sue Manning and new Assistant Beaver Leader, Natalie Campbell. We already have new beavers but we are always open to new faces at anytime. We will be outside as much as possible this term before migrating back inside for the winter.

Stephen Rawlinson

Beaver Leader
07742 886918

rawlinsonstephen@gmail.com

Cubs

Cubs are aged 8-10½ and meet every Tuesday in The Lesser Hall, Killin, from 7:15-8:45pm. We welcome back the Cubs after the summer holidays and hope they are looking forward to another fun packed session.

Charles Kemp - Cub Leader

01567 820835

the2ndkillincubs@outlook.com

Scouts

Scouts are aged 10½-14 and meet every Wednesday in The Lesser Hall, Killin, from 7-9pm.

"In July, Second Killin and District Scouts went to camp for a week. We joined with a group from Essex and they were really nice. We spent the first few days at Meggernie, Glen Lyon and then we spent a couple of nights in Oban.

We all got to know each other really well and all took part in lots of fun activities. We went white water rafting which was amazing, pioneering, we walked to the top of

Ben Ghlas and then onto Ben Lawers, we went to Cruachan power station and also on a wildlife boat cruise around Mull and the Trishnish isles. My favourite activity was the boat trip, dolphins followed us from Oban to Mull, we got to see otters and puffins and we even went in Fingal's Cave which was brilliant.

I really enjoyed scout camp it was amazing. I really liked meeting new people, I just loved the whole experience." - By Ellie Ridgewell.

Harriet Wishart

Scout Leader

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Letters

Skerryvore Concert

On Friday 27th June the very talented Skerryvore played at the McLaren Hall. It was a great night with fantastic music from both Skerryvore and local musician, Jack McRobbie. Locals of all ages turned out along with many of Skerryvore's well-travelled fans from across the country.

We would like to thank everyone who attended the evening and supported the bands and the two worthy local causes - The 2nd Killin and District Scout Group and the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. Many thanks also to all of the businesses who donated raffle prizes, to Dougie and Liz at News First for selling tickets, to Myra and David at the Capercaille for their assistance with the bar and to the Drama Club for allowing us to use their equipment. Thanks also to everyone who helped out on the night and in clearing up after - much appreciated and you all know who you are!

A total of £803 was raised which has been split between the Scouts and the Retirement Home.

Claire Robertson (McCarron)

Thank You

I would like to say a big thank you to the congregation in Killin and to the congregations of the Episcopal and Catholic churches for their generosity

and gifts we received when I retired from the parish of Killin and Ardeonaig.

I would also like to thank the Congregation, Kirk Session and Congregational Board for their support over the past seventeen years.

The move north took longer than expected, but at last we have managed it. We have exchanged views of the Lochay River and Ben Lawers for the A9 and Cromarty Firth.

We remember the church in Balquhider, Killin and Ardeonaig as the congregations seek a new minister to lead them into the future.

The Reverend John Lincoln

Thank You

I would like to thank all my friends and relatives in Killin who so kindly enquired about me after my operation. Also the lovely cards received from everyone were much appreciated. I am now back to work and feeling a bit better. Thank you all again for your kind thoughts.

Johanna MacNee

Flu Clinics

Over 65?

Killin

Coffee Morning in the McLaren Village Hall on **Wednesday 8th October 10am - 12**

(All proceeds go to Cancer Research UK)
01567 820213

Crianlarich

Coffee Morning in the Crianlarich Village Hall on **Monday 6th October 10am - 12**

(All proceeds go to Macmillan Cancer Support) Please try and stagger your arrival, just so we can keep the tea and biscuits flowing.....

Please wear short sleeves

Under 65 and over 16?

If you have a long term medical condition, you will receive an invitation letter to attend

Anyone not eligible for an NHS vaccine can receive one at Davidsons Chemist for £12

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Obituaries

Ann Sants nee Watt Hepburn 1922 - 2014

Our mother Ann Watt Hepburn was born in Aberdeen on 9th May 1922. Her father, William Watt Hepburn, was a successful industrialist in the North East who would now be termed an entrepreneur. She was educated at Aberdeen High School. She moved to London in 1943 to work at the Colonial Office and then returned to Scotland after the war to study at Aberdeen University where she obtained an M.A. in Psychology. She then worked as an educational psychologist in England where she married our father, Hector John Sants, also an educational psychologist.

Following their marriage she raised us children and continued part time work in the field of psychology. She was also very much part of the local village community in Sussex, notably sitting on the parish council and being instrumental in setting up the village play group. She developed her interest in gardening and created a wonderful garden there.

Throughout her life she was proud to be Scottish and in 1970 returned to her roots by purchasing Morenish Farm which effectively became the family home as almost all our long academic holidays were spent there. In 1986 on our father's retirement they moved to live full time at Finlarig. Her times in Scotland were a high point of her life where she enjoyed both the warmth of the community and her involvement in a working farm. She greatly appreciated the opportunity to continue to indulge her interest in gardening and conservation. The extraordinary wild flower meadows at Tir Arthur were a particular passion. The other feature of her time in Killin was her staunch support for the Conservative party for whom she

worked tirelessly. Ann loved to entertain the many friends and family who visited them in Killin. They were at Finlarig until 1996 when ill health led them to make the decision to move to Oxford to be closer to us. Once in Oxford she remained active and involved in the local community particularly the U3A. She died peacefully in her sleep on the 18th February 2014

**Hector Sants
Harriet Martin**



**Barbara Bilbie Laing
1926-2014**

Barbara Williams was born in 1926, the only child of parents who were very active Labour supporters and their influence remained with her all her life. She was educated at a Quaker boarding school and went on to Bristol University to achieve a degree in Geography in the late 40s. Her first job was teaching at The Holt School in Wokingham - and she taught me there. She took us on interesting out of school visits to farms which made her lessons interesting and inspired some girls to follow in her footsteps. She is also remembered for her high heels and fashionable dressing - she read Vogue and made her own clothes. In the early 50s she went to teach in Germany later returning to work in Catford and then Ipswich. When I left school and moved to London, she

occasionally took me to the theatre. She was then sharing a flat with three men - rather unconventional in those days!

My parents kept in touch with her through mutual friends and in the 70s after Barbara married Norman Laing, her second husband, they spent many summer holidays at Auchmore. Norman, an artist, painted the scenery and they explored the area and got to know the Killin folk from many an evening in the pubs. After Norman retired, they moved to Mill House in Killin but sadly he died about eighteen months later in 1989.

Barbara loved cooking and was always interested in people. She also loved to travel and thought nothing of going off alone on carefully worked out journeys to visit friends in Spain or Italy. She was interested in art and music - and also in gardening. Her garden was a wild garden but had some very interesting plants, particularly round the lade. Unfortunately Barbara had a bad fall in the winter of 2011 after which her health declined steadily and she died in a care home in Callander in August. She will be remembered as a lively, smiling lady who loved to talk to people, especially over a good meal with good wine.

Margaret MacIver

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Wednesday	17 th Dec 2014	9.30-11.30am

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Local Planning Applications

National Park

18 July

Proposal: Formation of access and turning circle

Location: Land West Of Lix Toll Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr Rolf Thornquest

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Decision

18 July

Proposal: Amendment to application 2013/0097/DET for erection of agricultural building to house biomass plant and separate storage building.

Location: Glenfalloch Lodge Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr David Lowes

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

23 July

Proposal: Amendment to Condition No. 1 of Planning Permission 2008/0359/DET to extend the duration of permission for erection of dwelling house

Location: Lochleven Cottage Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mr Frank Cornfield

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Decision

24 July

Proposal: Replacement window

Location: Masonic Lodge Main Street Killin

Applicant: Alexander JM Stewart

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Decision: Approve

28 July

Proposal: Renewal of planning consent (ref:LT/2009/0152/DET/S) for the change of use of car parking for siting of hot food snack bar.

Location: McLaren Hall Car Park Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mrs Annette McLarty

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

6 August

Proposal: Internal and external alterations to building and erection of retaining wall

Location: The Old Mill Main Street Killin

Applicant: Dr Willie Angus

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Decision: Pending Consideration

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Decision: Pending Consideration

15 August

Proposal: Formation of access track

Location: Allt Coire Chaorach Crianlarich

Applicant: Green Highland

Renewables Ltd

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

15 August

Proposal: Erection of extension to dwellinghouse

Location: Craignavie Farm Craignavie Road Killin

Applicant: Mr John Morris

Application Type: Householder

Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

21 August

Proposal: Demolition of existing store building and construction of new agricultural shed with lean-to store with covered passageway.

Location: Kirkton Farmhouse

Crianlarich

Applicant: Ms Erin Clerihew

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

25 August

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 Decision

Perth & Kinross Council

18 June

Proposal: Erection of a dwellinghouse (in principle)

Location: and 90 Metres North East

Of Cragganester Steading Lawers

Applicant: Mr Robin Boswell

Application Type: planning

permission in principle local

Decision: Pending Decision

14 July

Proposal: Modification of permission (10/00737/FLL:Erection of

dwellinghouse) change of house type

Location: Land 80 Metres North West

Of Cragganester Lawers

Applicant: Mr Robert Gane

Application Type: planning

permission local

Decision: Application Approved

28 July

Proposal: Alterations and extension

to dwellinghouse

Location: Shepherds Cottage

Ardeonaig Killin

Applicant: Mr/s Ricky Whitehed

Application Type: planning

permission local

Decision: Application Approved

30 July

Proposal: Erection of a dwellinghouse

Location: Land 20 Metres East Of

Chalet Ryanchulaig Farm Killin

Applicant: Dr K Freeman

Application Type: planning

permission local

Decision: Application Approved

16 August

Proposal: Modification of permission 13/00310/FLL (Formation of a run-of-river hydro scheme and associated powerhouse) alterations to bridge design

Location: Wester Tullich Hydro Scheme Ardeonaig

Applicant: Allt A Mheinn Partnership LLP

Application Type: planning

permission local

Decision: Pending Consideration

20 August

Proposal: Modification of permission (12/01736/FLL) change of design and layout of units 14, 15, 16 and 17

Location: Former Tigh An Loan Hotel

Tigh Na Loan Fearnan

Applicant: Shoreside Homes

Application Type: planning

permission local

Decision: Application Approved

3 September

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse (in principle)

Location: Land 140 Metres North East

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Applicant: Mr Robin Boswell

Application Type: planning

permission in principle local

Decision: Application Refused

Stirling Council

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In response to 'Paradise Lost'

David Paterson's article published in the last issue of Killin News highlighted the unacceptable behaviour of irresponsible persons many of whom go under the guise of anglers.

The 'Freedom to Roam' legislation allows for responsible access for people abiding by the Country Code. Anglers are not covered by this Act but have the right of access under a Protection Order via agreements made with Land Owners owning the freshwater fishing rights. However if they wish to camp overnight they must obtain the permission of the person who owns the land.

The River Tay Protection Order was granted in 1986, reviewed in 1998 and remains in place. The Killin Angling Club has various agreements with some local owners, to sell permits to anglers who then have to abide by the rules.

It is the duty of all clubs to police the river and loch banks regularly, to ensure anglers have permits and are abiding by the rules. The Act allows no Sunday fishing where this has been the normal practice, for example in Glen Lyon.

The section of land mentioned by Mr. Paterson does not fall into any of these categories and is a favourite spot for Coarse Anglers, when these can gain access.

Bailiffs are full time employees of the Tay District Salmon Fisheries Board and are primarily responsible for migratory fish legislation. Their duties cover a very extensive area from Perth to Tyndrum and Rannoch Station and the River Eden in Fife to the headwaters of the River Isla. The Freshwater section of the Act allows for River Wardens to carry out powers and duties detailed in the Act. Identifying themselves to fishermen is usually sufficient for a reasonable conversation to develop during which access and why a permit is required can be discussed.

Ultimately if all reason fails the authorities would be contacted. At present there are two qualified Wardens operating to the west of Kenmore. This season over 300 visiting anglers to the Killin area did not have permits and were asked to obtain them.

The Killin area had four people attend the last warden training day but only one followed up this by applying for his warrant card.

The East Loch Lomond Bye Law now allows camping only within designated sites and is well policed so irresponsible campers then moved to Loch Lubnaig. There are now two designated controlled parking areas on this loch side, which has in some part prevented the undesirable element from camping and fishing, but there are now vehicles parked on verges further up the road. The knock-on effect of these measures and developments is to increase the incidents of camping and so-called fishing in the Killin area and Loch Iubhair. The National Park and Police have joined forces to carry out checks right across the park area and this has had some measure of success.

More could be done, with the co-operation of the Killin Club, to discourage persons who act irresponsibly the problem can be addressed. Persistence does have an effect when targeting problem areas and eventually the so-called anglers get the message that they are not welcome.

Alex Stewart

Tay Liaison Committee

Escaped Beavers

There is now established proof that at least one adult beaver has been active on the River Lochay. Just opposite the moorings there is a tree, which has been stripped of its protective bark round the trunk for a height of about 45cm. The unmistakable curled wood chips identify the culprit as a beaver. The only controlled reintroduction of beavers is in mid Argyll at Knapdale, where monitoring is continuous and a report will be submitted by 2015.

All other beavers have been accidentally or deliberately released into the Scottish countryside, over the last ten to fourteen years and those trapped have been identified as of Eurasian origin.

There is a lobby for the good that beavers can do in certain locations, creating dams, which can provide a habitat for a variety of species.

However there is a large alternative school of thought, which centres on the damage which these animals can do when left to their own devices.

The main areas for concern are burrowing into river banks, damming drainage channels leading to flooding of land adjacent to waterways. There is also the ongoing damage to trees of certain ages for use as food and constructing lodges.

Alteration to river flow and migration of all fish species for spawning can be considerable, and disruption to present day land use could have a financial impact.

The rural economy has developed over many years and has become established in the absence of a whole list of animals, which once freely roamed the land, and whose re-introduction is the subject of lengthy debate.

All sightings of these animals should be reported to one of the web sites set up to track movements and monitor the impact beavers are having farming and forestry.

Alex Stewart

Tay Liaison Committee

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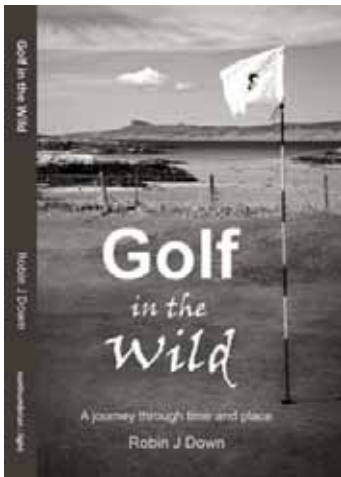
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John Strang presenting
Andy Cousins with the Davies Trophy

Golf In The Wild

"Golf in the Wild - A journey through time and place" by Robin J. Down
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This is a newly published book and as a non-golfer I found it a surprisingly enjoyable and easy read. Written with humour and candour, it should appeal to a much wider audience than just the golfing fraternity. With descriptions of wonderful 'wild' courses, on which the golfer can test his or her skills (or lack of them!), the book encourages you to take the journey and to step off the well-publicised golfing route map. It could even tempt the non-golfing household to enjoy the delights of a touring holiday in north Northumberland and Scotland and may just persuade others to abandon the hassle of airports and their annual golfing jaunt to Turkey, Portugal or other such popular destinations.

The book is much more than about playing golf. It takes you on a journey through time, wonderful landscapes, the fascinating history of the places where the courses are located, the author's life and the

various characters in his family, and his passion for fast cars and those who were lucky (or unlucky) enough to race them. The golfing journey begins at Allendale, Northumberland and ends at Durness, in Sutherland, having taken you on a route north via courses such as Selkirk, Bishopshire, Killin - to which a whole chapter is devoted - Craignure, Traigh and Gairloch. A great tour to undertake even without the golf clubs and the book will, hopefully, encourage new visitors to all the destinations that are mentioned. It is a book you can dip in and out of and should inspire every reader to do a bit of exploring. Copies, priced at £8.99, are available in Killin at The Old Mill and at Killin Golf Club or may be bought directly from www.golfinthewild.co.uk

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Scratch

1. Wilma Frew (Glencruitten) 85
2. Maureen Taggart (Old Ranfurly) 87 BIH
3. Merope Dunlop (Old Ranfurly) 87

Handicap

1. Jill Stewart (Taynuilt) 65
2. Audrey Weaver (Killin) 67
3. Margaret McRae (Pitlochry) 70 BIH

Best Veteran Handicap (70+)

Audrey Weaver (Killin) 67

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Carol Church (Dalmally)

Longest Drive - Bronze

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What's On in Killin and District

October

- 2 WRI Lesser Hall 7.30pm
- 6 Flu Clinic and Coffee morning Crianlarich Hall 10am-12noon p36
- 8 Flu Clinic and Coffee morning McLaren Hall 10am-12noon p36
- 8 Walk in the Park p19
- 11/12 Hill Race weekend
- 12 Harvest Giving Service at the Kirk 10am
- 15 Walk in the Park p19
- 16 Church Guild Community Rooms 2pm
- 16 Heritage Society meeting Lynedoch 7.30pm p32
- 22 Walk in the Park p19
- 24 Glen Art concert McLaren Hall 7.30pm p15
- 29 Walk in the Park p19
- 29 Café Sci Tyndrum Village Hall 7pm p11

November

- 1 Safari Supper p33
- 5 Walk in the Park p19
- 11 Killin Community Council meeting School 7.30pm
- 12 Walk in the Park p19
- 19 Walk in the Park p19
- 19 Café Sci Tyndrum Village Hall 7pm p11
- 20 Church Guild Community Rooms 2pm
- 20 Heritage Society meeting Lynedoch 7.30pm p32
- 26 Walk in the Park p19

Beavers

Tuesdays
6-7pm
Lesser Hall

Book Club

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

Badminton

Monday
evenings
Crianlarich Hall

Choir

Usually Tuesdays
Church 7.30pm
phone Franny
01567 829048

Bowls

Mondays
Lesser Hall

Craft Group

Tuesdays
Littlecroft
10am - noon

Badminton

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

Cubs

Tuesdays
7.15 - 8.45pm
Lesser Hall

Internet Cafe

Thursdays
Killin Library
11am-4pm

Laptop Access

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

Quilters

Community Rooms
Wednesdays
2 - 4pm

Scouts

Wednesdays
7-9pm
Lesser Hall

Strath Lunch Club

Fridays
Crianlarich Hall

Tai Chi

Wednesday
Tyndrum Hall
9.30am

Tiddlers & Toddlers

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

Softplay Club

Tuesdays
Sports Pavilion
12.30 - 2.30pm

Yoga

Fridays
Big Shed
10.30-noon

Youth Group (Crianlarich)

Thursday evenings
Crianlarich Hall

Tuesday Club

Community Rooms
2pm

Youth Group (Killin)

Tuesdays 7.30pm
Sports and Social Club

Recycling Centres

Callander

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

Aberfeldy

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

Crieff

North Forr, Brioch Forr
All Year
Monday-Friday 9am-7pm
Saturday & Sunday
9am-5pm

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