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## Editorial

Killin had a large turnout at the War Memorial on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, boosted by the occasion, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of World War 1, the publicity given to the event throughout the country and the attendance of the Cubs, Scouts and Leaders of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Killin and District Scout Group.

The memorial is not just for WW1, it is for all the conflicts up to the present time and makes us all consider the seriousness and responsibilities of war that surprise anew every generation. WW1 was "the war to end all wars", a sentiment that can only be realised by universal meaningful remembrance. The display in the Old Mill, the research and work by the primary school children, items added by local people, the choir event in the McLaren Hall - all in association with the charity Glenart - helped to enhance the occasion.

Volunteering is very rewarding work. Volunteers were the driving force behind the remembrance activities. In Killin voluntary work fund raising, organising coffee mornings and cancer research events, work on Community Council, drama productions, church support and in many other areas involves a good proportion of the population. Working together for the benefit of the community gives a great strength to that community and has its own rewards. It provides a sense of belonging and comradeship that helps us all to respect each and every one of us. It gives us a little insight into how those who volunteered to fight could fight and face death on behalf of their comrades and their country. They were the ultimate volunteers. We will remember them.

**WA**

*During the last two months fundraising events in the village have raised £10,996. Although some of this money has come from people from outside the area taking part in events run by groups within the village, the majority of the money has come from our community.*

Due, to unforeseen circumstances (not weather related) we are unable to include "Mervyn's Weather" in this issue. It will return in the next issue.

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The number of people gathered at the War Memorial this year was the largest in recent years reflecting the importance of the centenary of the outbreak of war in 1914. Serving soldiers, retired members of the service, members of the community, visitors - many who were ex-service men and women - and members of the 2nd Killin Scout group and cubs all attended the service of remembrance. Kate Sainsbury, one of the team from the Strathearn Churches, conducted the service. Wreaths were laid by several groups including one from the Scout group. Although those living in the village who served during WW2 are now down to a few, the number of families who have members who have served in more recent conflicts is a growing one and sadly they have lost relatives in recent years. Those losses were mentioned in the Act of Remembrance. **GA**



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# Killin Community Council

## Summary of November Meeting

### Loch Lomond and the Trossachs

**National Park:** LLTNP is currently conducting a consultation until Monday 12th January. LLTNP's most accessible lochshores are suffering from overuse and the irresponsible behaviour of some.

Through 'Your Park', the National Park aims to provide opportunities for people to camp on lochshores in well maintained sites, which have facilities such as fire pits and composting toilets and where visitor numbers can be managed.

Negotiations for a suitable site for a sign are underway with the Killin Golf Club.

**Bottle bank/recycling area:** This is much improved but monitoring will continue.

**Bridge of Lochay:** The existing sign has been put back in position.

**Falls of Dochart Bridge:** Work is unlikely to proceed now until the spring.

**Planned Road Closures:** These were not completed and the ditches on the South Loch Tay road were not touched at all. Where re-surfacing was done on the South Loch Tay Road there are now blocked drains.

**Doctor's Surgery:** Louise Campbell received no reply from the Surgery.

**Flower Beds:** The Floral Association needs the beds to be lower maintenance, for example by asphaltting them and putting in hay ricks or tubs. M. Earl will pursue this with Stirling Council.

**Road Repairs:** Fiona Kennedy passed on the list of work required to Peter Turner and it will be done when it is affordable.

**McLaren Hall car park:** Fiona Kennedy will ask the Trustees to contact Stirling Council.

**Transport to College:** A report will be coming out in January. A formalised lift sharing system was recommended by M. Earl.

**Planning:** Cabin at the Falls of

Dochart – passed. Bio-mass heat boiler at Acharn – agreed. The Community Council were consulted on the proposal by Stirling Council to provide solar panels on houses at Monemore and were in agreement with the proposal. LLTNP are against the proposal due to the visual impact.

**Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report:** A number of thefts have been reported from properties and businesses. Fuel tanks are a target. Padlocks and lighting are recommended, as are sensors which alert your mobile or email if fuel suddenly decreases. The Community Council will request patrols early in the morning in specific areas where dog fouling is a repeated problem. A repeat of the pavement stencil will also be requested from the Dog Warden. There have been a number of complaints about the parking at the Highland Park development.

**Christmas tree:** C. Grant, P. Farquharson and F. Kennedy to organise.

**Public Access Defibrillator:** The Community Choir recently raised funds for a Public Access Defibrillator and Frances Morrison will be in touch with the Community Council regarding this. The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home has been identified as a suitable location.

**Hogmanay Celebrations:** It was proposed to hold a lantern-making workshop for children which would lead to a lantern walk on Hogmanay to begin the celebrations.

**Stirling Council Budget Proposals:** The proposed budget is not ready but once prepared it will be available at the library and on Stirling Council's website. Everyone is encouraged to comment and ensure they receive a reply.

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 13th January 2015 at Killin Primary School.

## Drink Drive Limit Changes

I am pleased to report that drink drive limits will change in Scotland after the Scottish Parliament agreed to reduce the legal limit. The reduced drink-drive limit will come into effect on 5th December, reflecting the position of the Scottish Government that no-one should be drinking and driving. There was consensus for the change, with all political parties supporting the new lower limit, which reinforces what should already be the case with drivers taking full responsibility and not putting lives at risk.

Under these plans, Scotland's blood alcohol limit will be reduced from 80mg in every 100ml of blood to 50mg in every 100ml of blood, bringing Scotland into line with most other European countries. The Scottish Government had previously announced the intention to reduce the limit following a consultation exercise, which found that 74 percent of those who responded were in favour of cutting the limit and, of those, 87 percent agreed with the proposal to lower the blood alcohol limit to 50mg/100ml.

Currently, one in ten deaths on Scottish roads involve drivers who are over the legal limit; that is 20 deaths each year and around 760 people treated for injuries caused by someone who thought it was acceptable to drink alcohol and drive.

Research shows that even one alcoholic drink before driving can make a person three times as likely to be involved in a fatal car crash and that drivers are six times more likely to die with a blood alcohol concentration between 50 and 80 mg of alcohol per 100ml than with zero blood alcohol.

It is for these reasons that I supported the change in the drink drive limits.

**Bruce Crawford MSP**

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# Killin and Ardeonaig Trust

As you will see from our reports, the Trust is currently working on three main issues. It has taken much time and determination to achieve a start date for the Park development, delayed rather than assisted by modern methods of communication and continuity. The Thrift shop goes from strength to strength, thanks to Franny and her team of volunteers. Theresa is involved in supporting the Sports and Leisure Club to help them obtain a long-overdue new Astroturf surface and consider how the Club could plan for its future. These community facilities need community support as they rely totally on us all to help develop them and use them. Killin without its facilities would lack lustre. Please think of sharing some of your time to volunteer. Thank you.

**Willie Angus**  
KAT Chairman

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Old Mill on Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/OldMill.KAT](http://www.facebook.com/OldMill.KAT)

## Breadalbane Park

As you will have noticed we have not started in the park. We are still hoping to get started soon, I am unsure exactly when, but we are hoping before Christmas. The reason for the delays have been due to making sure that everything is in place and signed off with the funders prior to starting. We have contractors in place who are ready to start. We have just had the OK from funders that all our figures are correct, permissions are in place (capital) and all we are waiting for is the legal side to be finalised. This is a bit more complicated than the capital as it involves three solicitors, so all

parties are represented, and everyone has to be happy with agreements. We feel we are near the end of this process, just a few more bits need to be tidied up and then we can start work. Once work starts the park will be closed off for the duration. Once again KAT would like to apologise for any inconvenience this may cause the community, but hopefully the end result will benefit everyone.

## Killin & District Sports and Leisure Club

The sports pavilion has put in a first application for funding to renew the synthetic turf of the tennis courts. We have another three to do before February. The turf will cost about £60,000 to renew and the money will have to come from a few different sources. On some of the applications we will need to show that we have fundraised locally and this part has already been given a good boost as we received a cheque from the Safari Supper of £300 – Thank you Elizabeth and Marion.

## Old Mill

The development side of the Old Mill is very quiet at the moment. We are waiting to hear from Historic Scotland on the amount of grant available and on the outcome of the feasibility survey of using the wheel to produce electricity.

We are looking for volunteers who are interested in turning the wheel on and off for us and giving it a service regularly. The more volunteers we get the less each person needs to commit to regularly. Some of these volunteers need to be fit enough to be able to walk down the lade at times as the sluice gates may need closing, opening or decluttering.

**Theresa Elliot**  
Project Support Office  
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## Old Mill Report

From March 10th to November 3rd the Old Mill has been open 7 days a week from 10am-4pm. We have had a great many visitors - sometimes in excess of 800 people a week. The hard work of the volunteers together with the donations and support from visitors has made this possible.

## Classes and Events

We are delighted that the Killin Nursery are attending the baby and toddler music classes at the Mill. We recently held a WW1 exhibition which was very well received. On display were letters, poems, medals and weapons from this period and from the Killin area. We also showed some WW1 projects from the Killin primary school. The pupils involved then visited the Mill to see the exhibition.

## Bedding of the Healing Stones Ceremony

The bedding of the healing stones ceremony will take place on Christmas Eve at 11am. Please contact me if you wish your child to be involved with the ceremony.

## Wheel Volunteers

The wheel is now working and ideally we would like a group of able-bodied volunteers to help with the maintenance. It would not involve a great deal of time but you must be able to enter the lade and sluice gate.

## Dates for the diary

Our Christmas Fair is on Sunday December 14th from 12-5pm. The Killin Community Choir will perform and there will be home baking, a raffle and lots of Christmas crafts on sale.

## Winter opening times

The Old Mill is open 1pm-4pm Monday to Sunday and will be closed from December 24th until 12th January.

We will be open on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day from 12-4pm. Please contact me if you wish to help with sorting or to cover a shift etc. Any Duke of Edinburgh students can obtain the volunteering section of the Award at the Mill and we would really like to hear from you.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas

**Franny Morrison**

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# Voices of the First World War



From an early stage, it was obvious that this was going to be another, well attended, village event. The main hall quickly filled up with the early birds managing to secure themselves a seat inside. For the unlucky folk, at the back of the queue, it was upstairs only. As the start of the concert approached and the lights went out all over the hall it was all quiet at the front as we settled down to an extraordinarily moving memorial to all those affected by the First World War.

This concert was one of a series organised by the Glenart Charity [www.glenart.co.uk](http://www.glenart.co.uk) and involved not only members of the local community but also professional singers and actors.

The thread throughout the evening was provided by our own Killin Community Choir. Their singing of the verses of "Flanders Fields", which were interspersed by school

children reading their own poems, served to remind us of how we are all involved in this Act of Remembrance. In the background, pictures of soldiers flanked by the Killin Roll of Honour added to the atmosphere. When a letter home, from a Killin soldier in the trenches, was read out, it reminded us of how much they gave up in leaving a place as lovely and peaceful as our village, to go away and fight in such terrible conditions.

The Choir had been practising for many months for this concert and one of the new songs in their growing repertoire is "Cantique de Jean Racine" by Gabriel Fauré, a moving piece which they sang perfectly.

Throughout the evening the professionals treated us to a series of songs and poems of the period, some as familiar as "We'll Gather Lilacs" and some new to us.

The choir rounded off the evening

by getting us all to join in with a melody of lots of popular songs of the times such as "Keep the Home Fires Burning", "Belgium Put the Kibosh on the Kaiser", "Three German Officers Crossed the Rhine" and my own personal favourite "When This Lousy War is Over". However, being an ex-submariner the version I used to sing was not quite as polite!

Thanks to the main participants of the evening, the professional singers from Scottish Opera, the actors who read the lines of the War Poets, the choir and the children. Other people put in a lot of time and effort into making this a night to remember and special thanks to choir member Ron Allner for all his hard work, research and photographs. To the school children thank you for your poems and your display of the projects, which, along with other artefacts, were on display in The Old Mill for a few days.

No night in the hall would be complete without the background helpers and a raffle, so thanks to all who contributed prizes, bought and sold tickets, to mine hosts at the bar and the bouncers at the door.

Finally, you may be interested to know that the British Forces TV recorded the whole event and highlights appeared on their news bulletins on the days following the performance. An excerpt can be seen at <http://forces.tv83150729>

**Alistair Ferguson**

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## Antibiotic awareness

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There is overwhelming evidence that inappropriate use of antibiotic prescribing by GPs is causing major problems with bacterial resistance. As this bacterial resistance grows, it is becoming more and more difficult to treat infection when patients really need it.

Symptoms caused by a viral infection can be helped by paracetamol, fluids and similar products. Laura and the rest of the staff at Davidsons Chemist can advise regarding this.

The GPs at Killin Medical Practice will need to see and examine you and will only prescribe antibiotics if clinically it is absolutely necessary and we will not prescribe antibiotics over the phone. You may get a 'delayed' prescription, a strategy to try and reduce the use of antibiotics. Please be aware that antibiotics DO NOT help treat cold and flu symptoms and other viral illnesses.

**Dr. Elizabeth Watson**

## Flu Clinics

We were delighted with the attendance at the Flu Clinics in Killin and Crianlarich in October. Both events were well attended and helped us deliver the annual flu campaign to our patients. The two flu clinics were also enhanced by the provision of teas and coffees by the Cancer Research Fundraising Committee in Killin and the MacMillan Fundraising Committee in Crianlarich and certainly made it a community event!

We are delighted to announce that Dr Tara Mills will be undertaking regular locum sessions from February to cover Dr Watson's maternity leave which will ensure continuity for our patients. Killin Medical Practice is also aiming to offer to the majority of patients the opportunity to order their repeat prescriptions through the computer via Patient.co.uk. Patients who regularly re-order prescriptions will receive a letter in the near future detailing the service and what to do if they want to sign up.

We are also delighted to announce that our first Patient Focus Group meeting is to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. We are always keen to have a fair representation so if you would like to participate please drop me an email at [awhitton@nhs.net](mailto:awhitton@nhs.net)

**Audrey Whitton**  
Practice Manager

## New Male-only Screening Programme

Almost 3,000 men in Forth Valley, representing 83% of those invited, have taken up the offer of a male-only scan which could help save their life. The abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) screening programme, which began a year ago, has resulted in five men being referred for vascular surgery and 39 undergoing regular monitoring.

Since October 2013, men aged 65 across Forth Valley have been invited to screening sessions.

The vast majority of scan results were normal however the programme identified 39 men who have been invited back for more regular monitoring. Larger aneurysms were identified in five men who were referred for surgery. This screening test is simple, quick and pain-free. It is carried out using an ultrasound scan and the results are available instantly.

An Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm forms when the aorta, the main artery that supplies blood to the body from the heart, becomes weak and balloons out. As the wall of the aorta stretches, it becomes weaker, and could rupture. If the aneurysm does rupture, it can cause life-threatening internal bleeding which, in 8 out of 10 cases, can prove fatal.

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## Frost Report

### Bush Tucker Trials?

One of the most noticeable things around the village recently has been the felling of the Craignavie wood. What a difference it has made to the view as you come into the village. What a difference it has made to some of us oldies who will never stand there at a fox drive again as some of us have done many times over the years. For those who don't know, a fox drive is when quite a number of folk with guns stand around the edges of the wood (the youngest and fittest usually at the top) and foxhounds are sent into the wood to drive out the foxes which can be speedily shot as they come out. It will be interesting to see how long it will be before they start using the holes again without the tree cover. It does make you wonder what they eat in the planted pine woods as so very little can live in there.

We know what Einstein and Beth Tweddle, squirrels of an earlier Killin News, and their friends are eating. With all the hazel trees and bushes along the South side of the Loch now having nuts growing, our furry friends have deserted our fast food outlets for the real thing.

According to a 41-year study by Trinity College Dublin, forested areas which are lightly grazed by deer show a greater biodiversity than forested areas where deer are excluded. So having a limited number of deer grazing away can keep the environment more welcoming for a variety of species.

The control of deer numbers is still a hot potato with The Land Review Group, who are still worried about the continued rise in numbers. The body recommends that changes should be made in the current statutory framework giving SNH responsibility for determining cull numbers for

landowners to shoot.

We categorise animals all the time by what they eat and usually they stick to the rules. Not, however, one adventurous young pheasant poult who decided to try to swallow a rather plump mouse – he died of course! Apparently adult pheasants take frogs and also, occasionally, mice but this one pecked off more than he could chew.

A great deal is heard about birds of prey and their impact on red grouse amongst other food items but concern is being raised about their impact on the conservation of black grouse, particularly by buzzards which have been observed taking any size from mature greylags (the female black grouse) to young hatchlings. The red grouse's food – heather – is being hungrily spied upon by folk wanting it to be new green fuel. Fred Worrall, professor of Environmental Chemistry at Durham University claims that it could provide enough energy to power 300,000 homes. We haven't heard yet if Fred has taken enough time off from his sums to find out how difficult it would be to get it down off the hill.

I was hearing recently from an Ardeonaig resident about predation on nestlings, this time on young house martins and swallows. An enterprising pine marten was going along the edge of the roof, leaning over, scooping out the nestlings and dropping them down to its young waiting eagerly below. Sort of an animal take on throwing down a jeely piece from the tenement window.

Talking of house martins – several people around the village have said that their birds have not nested this year and I read an article to say that this had been the case in some areas in the South of England too. There are many reports of them fluttering around

nest sites in late August and there was a very late nest at Dall. It's doubtful if they will be strong enough to migrate.

A community of many wetland birds, such as greenshank, dunlin and golden plover, is facing the prospect of losing much of its feeding ground in Sutherland. David Bellamy (you remember that fabulous character from when he was politically banished from the B.B.C. when his views on climate change were not popular) has brought to notice plans by R.S.P.B. to build totally unsuitable visitor trails and centre amid the flow lands. Having lived in the area, it is worrying that one of the last wild areas of Britain could be ruined – and by an organisation which should know better. It is sheer magic to watch the tiny balls of fluff on legs which are the golden plover chicks and locally known as 'little leopards' and awful to think of them disturbed by this proposed building.

Another bird-related incident recently gave rise to worry. This was when young ospreys were being ringed by Forestry Commission Scotland without, it is claimed, undue care. In an attempt to engage young people they were allowed to handle the birds.

It's not only the wildlife who have to watch what they eat – so do we humans. Andy Murray was congratulated for having a pate de foie-gras free menu (much like ourselves!) and quite rightly. But he's in the bad books now for advertising shooting as one of the possible activities at his hotel. He has been forced to withdraw this. But wasn't it great to have so much mention of shooting in the Commonwealth Games? What a surprise, but maybe it's not so bad now we can win medals.

**Tim Frost**



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## Glen Ogle 33 Ultra Marathon

I am one of the Race Directors for the Glen Ogle 33 Ultra Marathon which takes place each year in this area. Along with my friend Bill (hence BaM racing) we first organised the race in 2011 and it's been growing in popularity each year. Ultra marathons are anything over the distance of a normal road marathon and are generally held off-road on hilly terrain. Being in Scotland we're spoiled for great routes and scenery to run through which is why we chose this particular route. We'd both cycled over the viaduct at the top of the glen many times and thought it would make a great place to hold a race. Normally we start and finish in Strathyre. However about a week before this year's race the rain was unrelenting and it wasn't long before Loch Voil burst its banks. Our car parking and finish areas were left underwater and, although water levels there subside very quickly, the situation with very wet ground might well have been a recipe for disaster. With a lot more rain to fall and more to come down off the hills, we knew we had to move the race to give runners some time to make new travel & accommodation plans. With 3 days to go until the race

started we swung into action. With such limited time the internet proved a very useful starting point. From there we got some contact names for people involved in the Community Council, the local 10k running race and other events. Everything quickly came together once we'd explained our predicament and people couldn't do enough to help. Everyone was so friendly and helpful, particularly as we were just cold-calling them out of the blue asking for help with an event which was only a few days away. The response was overwhelming, both in the days leading up to the race and on race-day itself. Our biggest worry was that, due to the re-planning and short notice, we'd cause chaos in the village itself on Saturday and impact those of you who live and work locally. I really hope we didn't inconvenience you and can only apologise if we did. Feedback from those of you we did speak to on the day was very positive and it was great seeing the runners coming over the bridge at the Falls, along the main street and finishing in Breadalbane Park with its stunning backdrop. We'd like to say thanks to each and everyone of you in your village for

making us feel so welcome and for bending over backwards to help us out at such short notice. Special thanks in no particular order must go to PC Andy Fleming, Pete Waugh, Trevor and Kate (Outdoor Shop), Julie Rhys & hubby Owen, Fiona Boath, Fiona Kennedy, Anthony Dowling, Duncan MacDonald and Alan Petrie from Stirling Council. We couldn't have done it without you. With an eye on next year's race, we've out-grown Strathyre so would like to make Killin our new home. When we started the race we thought we'd struggle to find 50 runners who were daft enough to enter a 33 mile race in November, but this year we had 248 starters. We'd love to hear from you if you can think of a way to get involved which would benefit the community of Killin and help put on a great race experience for the runners. Please feel free to drop me an email or give me a call. We'll start to get in touch with you all in the New Year and hopefully we can work something out which will make this another local event that Killin can be proud of.

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All sections of the group would like to say thank you to Killin Rocks and SYNGENTA Grangemouth (see picture of Cubs receiving cheque) for their kind donation.

#### Beavers

Beavers are aged 6-8 and meet every Tuesday in The Lesser Hall, Killin, from 6-7pm.

The first term back after summer has

been very busy. Whilst the weather was nice the Beaver Scouts were busy building dens high up in the woods on Sron a Chlachain. We had a visit from Lorraine at the Killin Nursery who talked to the Beavers about her time as a volunteer at the Commonwealth Games and organised lots of games and competitions to play too. For Bonfire Night we made



our own balloon rockets and learnt why things go bang. Finally we welcomed three new members into the Scout movement who are proudly wearing their uniform and scarves. We always welcome new members so do please just come along or contact me for further information.

**Stephen Rawlinson**

Beaver Leader

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#### Cubs

Cubs are aged 8-10½ and meet every Tuesday in The Lesser Hall, Killin, from 7:15-8:45pm.

2nd Killin Cubs held their very own "Killin Cubs have Talent night" which was highly entertaining. The Cubs put together the night with a compere. We also had our very own judges (thanks to Colin, Vicky and Hazel). We had musicians, magicians, mime artist, gymnast and a puppet show so all in all it was very entertaining. The judges had their work cut out to see who had talent and, after a phone call to Simon Cowell, it was agreed that everyone was a winner. The whole night was fantastic with all Cubs gaining their Entertainers badge. We are looking to work towards the Astronomer badge and are looking for any keen astronomers in the village who can help with this badge. If you can help contact one of the leaders.

**Charles Kemp**

Cub Leader

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#### Scouts

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

On last weekend of October the Scouts went camping in one of our new tents. We camped at The Big Shed and had a fantastic weekend (if a little wet at times). We all enjoyed exploring the site, playing games and learning how to make shelters. Some Scouts then chose to put their acting skills to good use and created a mini movie outside while others chose to head inside and bake a cake, which was enjoyed by everyone while watching movies later that night. Unfortunately we could not have an outside campfire due to the rain. However that did not stop us as we had an "indoor" campfire using a lantern instead of fire, meaning we could still sing campfire songs and perform skits. A great weekend was had by all but the leaders are still recovering from all the fun.

**Harriet Wishart**

Scout Leader

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## Strathfillan Community Council

### Hospital Transport

Ken Mitchell - Director of Scheduled Care with Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) - attended the November CC meeting, to discuss the changes to qualifying criteria for hospital transport. NHS Forth Valley was also invited to attend, but declined to send a representative. SAS brought in a new Patient Needs assessment in August, as part of a long term review of their processes. SAS are only responsible for transporting patients who may require clinical or medical assistance during the journey. This criteria has not actually changed, but the rules are now being applied more stringently, so patients who have received transport in the past are now being refused. In most areas, a mix of voluntary sector and community transport schemes are available for these patients. The Royal Voluntary Service (RVS) are willing to assist in setting up a volunteer driver scheme for this area but unfortunately the costs to

patients would be prohibitive (approx £75 for a return trip from Tyndrum to Larbert)! Each health board must have a named Executive Director responsible for transport and the CC will now contact the relevant NHSFV Director to discuss the transport difficulties for Strathfillan patients. An integrated approach between NHSFV, SAS, Stirling Council and the voluntary sector is required. The CC will also clarify with Killin Medical Practice whether patients can ask to be referred to an alternative hospital, and it may be that Glasgow, Oban or Fort William are easier for many people in Strathfillan - particularly for those relying on public transport.

It was also noted that attending Killin Medical Practice is difficult for patients who do not drive. The CC are currently in talks with Killin Medical Practice regarding this.

### Priority Based Budgeting (PBB)

Alan and John attended the recent PBB meeting in Killin. The CC sent a strongly worded letter regarding the cuts proposed last year, and are pleased that so far the impact on local services appears to have been fairly minimal. Some of the cuts proposed this year, including changes

to bin collections and reductions in specialist teachers in primary schools are cause for concern. The CC will respond to the consultation with these concerns.

### Mobile Phone Reception

Vodafone invited rural communities to apply to a scheme to improve mobile service from 2G to 3G, and an application has been submitted on behalf of the CC. However, Vodafone will only upgrade 100 communities across the UK, so unfortunately the chance of success is slim.

### Transport

Transport Scotland have reported that the Crianlarich bypass is due for completion by the end of November 2014, and Pulpit Rock by March 2015. A "stakeholder workshop" will be held in Arrochar regarding plans for the upgrade of the Tarbet - Inverarnan section of the A82, and Charlie will attend on behalf of the CC.

### Provosts Award

Diane Mailer of Strathfillan House received a Stirling Council Provosts Award for her community involvement, particularly her voluntary work in sport with the children of Crianlarich Primary School. Congratulations Diane!

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# by the Way

## Vacancies for Community Councillors

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This resulted in the community council becoming successful in not only reacting to issues raised in the community but also in being proactive in bringing about creative improvements for the benefit of Strathfillan. Early successes were the building of Mansfield phase 1, the allocation of these houses to local people and the award of £208K by Forth Valley Enterprise to our villages' enhancement project. In 1995 the drive, enthusiasm and success of the SCC led to its participation in a regeneration programme, organised by Stirling Council, and ultimately the formation of the Strathfillan Community Development Trust in May 1997. This has been outstandingly

successful; buying and renovating houses, constructing Tyndrum Play Park and Kick-about area, 2 community woodlands, Pensioners Lunch Club etc.

The purpose of this article is to encourage people to become members of the community council and take an active part in achieving successes for Strathfillan.

Please browse our website on to find out more about us and/or contact me:

<http://www.scottishdemocracy.com/discussion/viewforum.php?f=3>

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Chairman

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## Strathfillan Community Development Trust

After interviewing several candidates, the Trust Board has offered the position of Development Officer to Kelly Clapperton, who has recently moved to Callander. She will start work on 25th November; we are all looking forward to meeting her and working to take the Trust forward over the next few years. We are, of course, sorry to see Joyce go; she has been a great asset to the Trust but new adventures await her and we wish her well.

**Moir Robertson**

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# Killin Breadalban

## Paradise Lost - Continued

In response to the 'lines that have been cast' the KBAC would like to take the bait and put the record straight with facts.

KBAC agree that some visitors to our countryside are demonstrating unacceptable and irresponsible behaviour and that some may or may not be anglers.

The figure of three hundred anglers not buying permits is a figure that

KBAC cannot comment on as they do not know where this evidence is documented. However they would welcome having this information in order to discuss it further at a future club meeting.

KBAC would like to clarify the fact that, of the four people attending the warden training, two applied through the angling club and two were independent applications of which one club and one independent applicant obtained their warden

cards. Perhaps it would be beneficial to the whole community if this information was readily available and either a KBAC member or a warden could be contacted should a member of the local community be of the opinion that a law is not being upheld.

KBAC members have used their personal time and fuel to drive round the loch from Ardeonaig to the north shore at Lawers incorporating the rivers Lochay and Dochart on



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# The Angling Society

Saturday and Sunday mornings tracking down the elusive anglers to check their permits, take photographic evidence of number plates and involving the police when certain individuals take umbrage at our intrusion and produce an air rifle rather than a rod permit. KBAC is unsure of the additional actions "to discourage persons" as quoted by Alex Stewart. Over the last decade an annual litter collection has been co-ordinated by their members, their families (of which some were primary school age) together with volunteers. Due to the type of rubbish, filth, excrement and personal hygiene items that have been collected in the past and the health risk involved, the club decided it was a job that was unsuitable for the youth to be involved in in the future. The expense of bags, gloves and skip hire has been met by the club and the Council. KBAC has been in dialogue with council officials on the subject of bins and refuse collection however the problem continues year on year. For someone who was once a club member and privy to this information, it is a pity that positive comments were not stated regarding the good works that KBAC actually does for our community and the local environment.

**Donald McLarty**  
KBAC

## Annual General Meeting 7 Nov

Donald McLarty has stepped down as President on health grounds, also Gerry McCarron has resigned as Vice President and Membership Secretary. Angus Inglis has taken over as President, Jim Callan as Vice President, and Alistair Ferguson as Secretary. Donald thanked all for completing the jetty and car park refurbishment, the improvement work carried out on the shed, and for participating in our annual loch side rubbish clear up.

### Prize Giving

The Peter Ross cup was won by Alan McKenzie, the casting competition by Donald McLarty and the Awa Cup by Iain Downie. The Johnny Martin cup, best fish and best basket cups, the Handicap Cup and the Club Champion were won by Duncan Twigg. He and Angus MacIennan also won the pairs cup. Arran Murray (Junior Member) won



L to R - Iain Downie, Donald McLarty, Jamie Callan, Sean Callan, Dunan Twigg

the Pike Competition. Sean Callan in his first season won the Junior Shield, and the Norman Inglis Cup for the hill loch competitions. He is the only club member to have fished all three of our hill lochs without a blank day.

**Iain Downie**



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# Drama club's 20<sup>th</sup> Panto!

Members and friends of Killin Drama Club are busy rehearsing for their panto - Treasure Island by Lesley Syme - and it's amazing that this production will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of pantomime here in Killin. Back in 1996 the club presented Jack and the Beanstalk and around 10% of the village population became involved in the show either on stage or behind the scenes. That's still true today, but now our local volunteers have transformed themselves into an experienced team of technicians and stage crew, having been involved with the event for many years. Director Gordon Hibbert, Asst Director/Stage Manager Lesley Syme and long-suffering pianist Sheena Chisholm have been involved in every show with many more members almost reaching the same score - (get it? Score=20? - oh

please yourself!) The show will open with a tribute to everyone who has taken part in any way over the years with the aid of a projected list of credits and, rest assured, there will be some BIG special effects displayed during the show to amaze young and old. There are new faces to be seen on stage this year and of course some familiar ones too, and we are hoping that the audience will get into the panto mood by coming along dressed as a Sailor or a Pirate! "OOOhhh ARGGGGH me hearties!" Tickets are currently on sale at the Studio in Killin and we're hoping to see the 'sold out' notices going up shortly after Christmas. The show is to be performed at the McLaren Hall on 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>/ 17<sup>th</sup> January.

**Gordon Hibbert**

## Golf Club Race Night

Killin Golf Club would like to thank all who attended their Race Night, as well as those who sponsored horses and others who helped with the organisation, raffle and running of the event. A great evening was had by all and over £1,000 was raised for the club.

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## Green Team

Lexy Frost, Aileen Sporleder and Caitlin Paterson



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## Transforming Lochshores

Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park Authority has announced a consultation, called 'Your Park',

proposing far-reaching measures to protect the Park's unique environment – now and for future generations. A growing body of evidence shows that the natural beauty and rural economy of the Park is being severely damaged by over-use of the area's most popular lochshores by high volumes of visitors and antisocial camping.

Following discussions with local communities and businesses in the worst affected areas, the Park Authority is proposing solutions to tackle serious problems ranging from litter and fire damage to abandonment of entire campsites and summer-long caravan encampments in laybys. East Loch Lomond is an area that was previously blighted by these entrenched behaviours. Three years ago the Authority and its partners introduced wide-ranging measures including successful new camping facilities and byelaws to manage camping pressures. This combination has transformed the area, resulting in an 81% reduction in antisocial behaviour with the local economy

significantly benefitting. Proposals include significant investment in camping facilities and new byelaws to support more sustainable amounts of camping and to tackle the damage caused by antisocial camping. Consultation will be held on introducing a package of measures in two new 'management zones': west Loch Lomond and the wider Trossachs area, alongside minor changes to the existing, successful zone at east Loch Lomond.

The proposed measures include:

- \* A projected £10m of public/private sector investment in camping facilities over the next five years;
- \* Continued working with Police Scotland to enforce existing and the proposed new legislation;
- \* New byelaws which make it an offence to cause damage to the natural environment and/or wildlife in the Park; regulate where visitors camp and manage how laybys are used;
- \* Continuing education on respect for the National Park with a focus on responsible camping.

Potential sites for additional provision for camping, campervans and motorhomes have been identified and "individuals, landowners,

businesses, community enterprises and charities" who may be interested in setting up or running new facilities are asked to get in touch via the Your Park consultation website [www.thisisyourpark.org.uk](http://www.thisisyourpark.org.uk).

**Aelred Nicholas**

## Boxing Day Dip

Once again we are planning to have the Boxing Day Dip in the River Lochay outside The Killin Hotel. There will be a fancy dress competition, with a small prize. All monies raised will go to the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. The Killin Hotel have very kindly agreed to provide all those brave souls who jump, with a bowl of soup which will undoubtedly be most welcome. This year we are going to try the later time of 2pm in the hope that we might get a few more participants! Sponsor forms will be available from The Studio or myself nearer the time and posters will go up around the village and surrounding area to keep you all reminded. Please all keep your fingers crossed for a beautiful day and I shall look forward to seeing you at the river at 2pm.

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Date	Meeting Place	Route
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10/12/14	Capercaillie	Dochart and Railway Christmas lunch
<b>Winter Break</b>		
14/1/15	Capercaillie	Village walk
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amongst others. If you would like to contact us you can do so by the Email below or contact the main bureau on 01786 470239. We look forward to seeing you – all sessions are drop in – dates are displayed in the café and on our posters in locations around Killin. The team will be in Killin on 11th December

**Jacqui Gibson**  
Team Leader

Stirling District Citizens Advice Bureau  
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Community Groups and organisations are being urged to apply for Stirling Council's Community Grants Scheme and Community Pride Fund to help with local projects. The Community Grants Scheme and the Community Pride Fund operate a single application process. The maximum grant available is £1,500 and two funding rounds remain this year, with money still available from both programmes – deadline dates are 5<sup>th</sup> January and 12<sup>th</sup> February. The Community Pride Fund is open to Community Councils, Development Trusts and incorporated organisations

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aiming to deliver projects with wide community benefit in their own local geographic communities. The Community Grants scheme is open to a wider range of groups including community groups, charities and hobby or sports groups. Both programmes are flexible with an easy application process. Examples of projects which could be funded through the Community Pride Fund include improvements to existing facilities such as playparks, community buildings and paths or benches, fences and gates. And environmental projects could include

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An amazing sum of more than £1850 was raised for the Home. The concert provided the opportunity for us all to learn more from Jim Cushley about the very valuable role the Home plays in the life of its residents, family and friends of residents, and the village itself. This event also provided the opportunity for some of our amazingly talented young musicians to perform on stage. Well done to them!

Thanks to everyone who attended the concert and to those friends and individuals who provided their time, energy, enthusiasm and support towards this very successful evening (you all know who you are!).

Thanks also to the local businesses who provided raffle prizes; to 'NewsFirst' and 'The Studio' who sold tickets, to Ron Allner (photography); John Morris; 'The McLaren Hall'; 'MacGregor's Market'; Killin Co-op. A special thank you to all the musicians - 'Alpine Road' and guests Nat McLaren and Joe Donnelly, Katy MacLeod and the Ceilidh band from Tombrek and Killin, Alycia Hayes, Ian Ramsay-Clapham, Marc Fallon and young musicians Max Menzies, Robbie Player, Stuart Lang, Euan Lang, Seonaig Hay, Fred Murray and Nathan Ireland, supported by Dan on drums.

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Ryder Cup

## Ryder Cup

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## MacMillan Bake Sale

On 26<sup>th</sup> September the charities committee held our first event, a bake sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We raised £740.84 for this worthy cause. As it was also an inter house competition, the winners were



Ishbel Haynes

Dochart followed by Bracklinn and Leny. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and pupils in S6 for baking, and everyone who bought the cakes and contributed to such a great cause.

**Molly McIntyre S6**

## Ski Race



Ross Ronald

Following on from their success last year, the McLaren High ski team (Lachie Fingland, Drew Galloway, Daniel Hesp and Ross Ronald) have returned to the slopes. On Thursday 2nd October the McLaren High ski team took part in the first race of the season. With around four rivaling teams with students as old as S6 we didn't really think that we had a chance.

As racing went on we ended up in second place after the first round, winning all the races apart from one. McLaren High took joint Silver, in second place to Balfron High School.

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## Debating Win

On 24<sup>th</sup> October Hazel Lafferty and Harris Kliskey represented McLaren High School in the National Park Debate. The McLaren team was faced with the unenviable position of arguing against the motion that 'John Muir is relevant to the management of National Parks and Protected Areas'. McLaren won their round with extremely powerful and persuasive speeches. Congratulations to Hazel and Harris for their excellent performance on the day.



Soccer Sevens are sparking with their new football strip. Every Tuesday, the team trains from 3 to 4 o'clock. Every second Wednesday they play matches against different school teams at the pitches at McLaren High School. When training Class 2's teacher Mr Lunan gave the team some good

advice for the game. Mr Lunan coached the team and cheered them on. Mr Montgomery, one of the pupil's grandparents donated the strips and the colours are white and blue and the other is blue and yellow. Mr Lunan hopes that the team is successful.

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## Killin & Crianlarich Nursery

### Remembrance Day

The children in the 3-5 room in Killin Nursery have been learning about the significance of Remembrance Day. They have engaged in discussions with the educator who has helped them to understand a

little bit about those who fought and died for their country. The children created their own poppies which were displayed in the Church, together with some of their thoughts. What does Remembrance Day mean to us?

**Poppy:** We are thinking about all the men and ladies who saved us.

**Noa:** We are remembering all the men and ladies who saved our worlds.

**Scarlett:** All of the people, they were fighting the baddies.

**Cailloch:** We are making these for the people because they were making us safe.

**Ghillies:** For all the men fighting in the war; because of the baddies.

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## Think About It

As I try to think of what I should say to you about Christmas, it is Hallowe'en and I've just been to Crianlarich School to hear the children tell of what the day means and, especially, what it means to them. One group told us that Hallowe'en is short for 'All Hallow's Eve' and is the eve of All Saints Day. Because All Saints Day is such a holy day, all 'unholy' spirits have a big, last fling before they go back into hiding in their dark places.

One of the best known of all the saints is St Nicholas, more widely known, of course, as Santa Claus. St Nicholas was well known for giving gifts to those in need. His saints' day is 6th December and in some European countries the children are given gifts on that day. During the time of Henry the 8th, St Nicholas day and Christmas day were brought together and the 'gifts' of St Nicholas and the 'gifts' of the wise men also merged to become our

Christmas gifts. Scotland was different for a time, after the reformation, when Christmas was not celebrated.

When I was a child Christmas was a normal working day and our next door neighbour brought Christmas gifts at New Year. There are so many lovely stories and legends about Christmas but, in spite of all the changes and the commercial part of it, Christmas is still the same. It is a time to celebrate and give thanks to God that the overwhelming feeling inside us all is a great sense of love and of wanting to share the peace and goodwill message of Christmas with family, friends, our community and with all God's wonderful creation. On Christmas morning, let your inner spirit transport you to a stable in Bethlehem to see a little child lying in a manger and all the angels of heaven singing, 'Hallelujah, Christ is born!'.

**John Shedden**

### Kirk Christmas Services

#### **Sunday 7th December 10 am - Christmas Communion service**

The Kirk Session issues an invitation to all who usually take communion here or in their home church to join us for this special service.

**Sunday 14th December 10 am - Community Christmas Service** with the Episcopal Church and Killin Community Choir. Mince Pies, tea & coffee afterwards.

**Sunday 14th December 3 pm - Christmas service** with tea from the Guild at The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home

**Wednesday 24th December 11pm - Christmas Eve Carol Service** (8pm in Balquhider). As in previous years, there will be a retiring collection for a charity which works with homeless Scots at Christmas. This year, it will go to the Julius Project which is the work of Scottish Churches Housing Action, offering befriending and mentoring for homeless people.

## Episcopal Christmas Services

### **Wed 10 Dec 7pm:**

Community Carols Lochearnhead Village Hall, with Killin Choir

### **Sun 14 Dec 10am:**

Joint Service of Carols St Angus's, St Fillan's and Killin Parish Church with Killin Choir, at Parish Church in Killin

### **CHRISTMAS EVE 6pm:**

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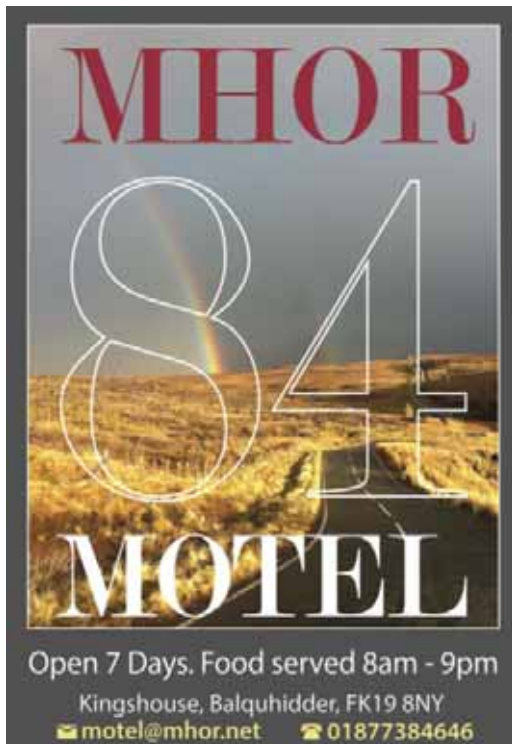
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# Knitting a Nation



A hand-knitted map of Scotland, previously exhibited at Cupar and Edinburgh, is making its way around Scotland.

The knitting of the map, organized by a women's group in north-east Fife, took nine months of planning, delegation and hard work. Knitting, generally thought of as a solitary activity, became a social and political act.

The knitters were a loose network of 36 women volunteers recruited from across the country and beyond (including, Jani Ellis, Désirée van Doorn-Besier and Alicia Fraser from Killin). The women hold a range of political perspectives. They weren't all born in Scotland and some don't even live in Scotland now. They're from rural areas, towns and cities - central, lowland, highland, and island communities. They're different ages, from different backgrounds; they're not experts in politics and some were not even expert in knitting.

What they shared was a desire to make a distinctive contribution to the Referendum debate; a desire to take part in an 'inclusive' project designed to build bridges rather than barriers across the political divide; and a love of Scotland, its landscapes and seascapes, its antiquity and beauty. That is the heart of their identity.

They expressed that love of the land in a kaleidoscope of impressions, memories and interpretations - thirty-six rectangles (fifteen land and twenty one of sea, as Orkney and Shetland are in their correct place).

Each person knitted to their own design - with no more help than a template, technical guidelines and a palette of suggested (but not compulsory) colours. They worked individually, or occasionally in groups, keeping in touch through social media and with access to expert advice if they wanted it.

These very different pieces were eventually assembled by textile artist and knitting designer Elena Costella. The women who knitted the map would love it to go eventually to the Scottish Parliament, not only because it is beautiful, but because it is their statement - 'Be aware: we are here. This is who we are, these are our perspectives, this is our land. ... and this is our distinctive contribution to the Referendum Campaign'.

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## Killin Mountain Rescue's New Landrover

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## Book Review



This really is one of the most gripping books I have read in a long time. Entry island is off the coast of New Brunswick in the Gulf of St Lawrence.

This Canadian territory is the setting for a story that switches between a modern day detective story and a passionate historical tale set in the time of the Highland clearances in the Outer Hebrides of Scotland. In particular the past concentrates on the story of one man who flees, initiating a series of events that hold the key to the current murder. In the present day, when the lead detective meets the murder victim's widow and chief suspect in the case, you are immediately drawn in as he is shaken by the feeling that he knows her despite the fact that they have never met. The characters are fresh and completely believable in

both the modern thriller and historical saga as the two stories run alongside each other. I loved seeing the gradual converging of events without realising how they were going to come together. I felt myself racing through the book to hear more of the amazing historical tales as May brings them to life, making the devastating story of the clearances and forced emigration feel so real. The descriptions aboard the ship sailing to another life were heart wrenching and intriguing at the same time.

The detailed descriptions of the scenery in both Scotland and Canada, however, were what really made the novel for me. Both were so wonderfully written that I found myself wanting to plan trips to both settings to see for myself what May describes.

For a crime novel Entry Island proved to be an enchanting read, combining dysfunctional characters and an intriguing setting into something completely out of the ordinary and most definitely worth reading.

**Kimberley Crooks**

The Sequel Book Group

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Advising you of suspicious activity on your bank account: Never phone the caller back. Instead, visit or call your bank using a different phone eg. A friend's phone (this will avoid interception of your call by the fraudster)

### Loans

If taking out loans you should never be asked to pay advance fees into a personal bank account or by money vouchers such as Ukash.

### Buying and Selling Online

Ebay and Gumtree can be sites where fraudsters operate so, if using these sites, try to buy and sell locally and go to see the item at the seller's address with a friend or family. If you are selling, only accept cash or secure payment and don't post the item until you have received the money.

### Lottery and Insurance scams

Any emails relating to lottery wins or unexpected inheritance should not be responded to.

### Advice for victims of fraud

Report the fraud to Police Scotland on 101

Keep a note of any telephone

numbers, emails or other correspondence you have had with the fraudster.

If your bank or credit card accounts have been compromised, contact your bank to inform them immediately. Do not respond to unsolicited calls or emails offering to get your money back for you.

### Preventing Fraud

Ensure you have adequate anti-virus protection on your computer and keep software up to date.

Be wary of clicking on links or web pages, especially links in unsolicited emails.

Never give out login details in an email or over the phone no matter how genuine you think the request is.

Be wary of the information you are giving out on social networking sites (contact details, date of birth, etc)

Do not include your birthdate or address in your email address.

When you are finished with personal or financial documents, shred them before you throw them out.

Be wary of cold calls. If in doubt just hang up and never give out personal or financial information if you are unsure who you are dealing with.

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## Thefts in Killin

Businesses and residential owners should please be aware of the security of their properties.

A number of thefts have occurred in recent months and, with the darker early evenings, people should be taking proper measures to safeguard their belongings and don't forget about your sheds, gardening tools and fuel tanks.

There are security-marking solutions available such as Smartwater. If you need advice on security, please contact Andy Fleming or Iona Frickleton at Killin Police Station.

Police Scotland are seeking assistance for the following incidents;

### Stitt Bros. Station Road:

between 31<sup>st</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> September the premises were broken into and over £7,000 worth of power tools and equipment stolen.

SSE Workshop in Glen Lochay, Killin: during the same period there was an attempt to break into a trailer and a male person is seen on CCTV at the doors and windows of the property. He is described as approx. 25-35yrs, approx. 5'8-10" tall, slim medium build, thin features, short hair, wearing a light coloured hooded top with a darker jacket worn over.

Between 12/09/14-15/09/14 Stitt Bros. Station Road, Killin: between 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September the fuel tank in the builder's yard was tampered with.

**Killin Golf Club:** during the same period there was a large quantity of fuel stolen from the fuel tank. 02/09/2014

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**Andy Fleming**



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# Community Bus

The committee of the Killin Community Bus would like to thank the ladies from the Killin Quilting Group who kindly donated items which were recently raffled and the proceeds donated to the Community Bus Funds. The committee organised a coffee morning, which was very successful, and the raffle was drawn. Many of the items were won by local people. Some went further afield, one to Australia and another to America. Most importantly we would like to thank you, the public, who supported us especially by buying the tickets and attending the coffee morning. The grand total of £1,514 was raised before expenses. We would like to thank everyone who uses the mini bus and point out that it is your bus and we are extremely privileged to have such an asset. The bus can be used by any group or individual by making a booking at News First. It is essential that the person making the booking leaves a contact name and phone number in the diary at the time of booking. Once again we would like to thank News First and Lix Toll for their dedicated help in the smooth running of this service.

**Ann Watson**



## 20 Years in Post

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# CELEBRATIONS



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Miss Poppy Watson born 6<sup>th</sup> October weighing 6lbs 12 oz to Stephanie Cunningham and John Henry Watson. Thank you to everyone for the gifts and cards which were very much appreciated



Fergus Robinson, son of David and Jan Robinson, and Megan Jones married on 18<sup>th</sup> October in Edinburgh



The Wedding of Scott Graham, grandson of May and Sandy Graham, and Anne Strachen, daughter of Bridget and Bill Strachen of Gorebridge, took place in Edinburgh on 11<sup>th</sup> October. A happy day was had by all.

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## Photographic Exhibition

David Paterson, of Dochart House, Killin, has a photographic exhibition coming up in the near future. Entitled "Out of Time (Memories of the Neolithic)", the show consists of dramatic images of many of Scotland's neolithic standing stones and stone circles such as Brodgar in Orkney and Callanish in the isle of Lewis. Our own local neolithic remains are also represented along with a small selection of the most famous English sites such as Stonehenge.

The exhibition opens on 18<sup>th</sup> January in the Smith Museum and Art Gallery in Stirling, for six weeks, and will also be shown at the John Muir Trust Gallery "Wild Space" in Pitlochry for the months of July and August.



### Christmas Shoeboxes

A big thank you once again to everyone who donated a filled shoebox or gave me money and items for the boxes.

Thirty boxes were collected at the library plus another thirty four from the School which I took down to a central collection point in Crieff. You will have made someone very happy when they receive their shoebox and for many it will be the only gift they get all year.

**Kay Riddell**

### Appeal to bridge players

Please let me know if you have recently started learning to play bridge especially if, like me, you are a bit overwhelmed by it.

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U3As in the UK as a whole and 46 here in Scotland. In Callander and West Perthshire U3A, as in all U3As, learning for pleasure gives exercise for body and mind in a friendly environment whether it be learning a language, learning to play bridge or country dancing. Where there is an interest, a study group will be explored. The main problem for members appears to be finding sufficient time to fit in the household jobs between the many groups drawing members in!

We welcome new members at any time of year. Please look at our website (just Google Callander and West Perthshire U3A) to see the list of groups and to contact the committee. We offer two taster sessions before a commitment to membership.

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# Letters

## Getting Better

Thank you to all those who sent cards and good wishes for my recovery. I am home now and looking forward to a full recovery.

**Donald McLarty**

## Dr. WHO?

Thanks to everyone who sent messages, cards and good wishes during my recent illness. You will all be pleased to know that my consultant is Dr. Fox!

**Tim Frost**

## 80th Birthday

I would like to thank everyone who helped me celebrate the 'Big 80'. For all the generous donations to the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home and the lovely gifts and cards, thank you so much.

As I will not be sending out cards this festive season, may I take this opportunity to wish all my family and friends A Very Happy Christmas and A Good New Year.

**Marion MacGregor**

## Alex Buist

The family of the late Alex Buist would like to thank his friends and neighbours in Killin and on the lochside for the help and support they gave to Dad. Also to the local doctors and nurses for their care and attention; to the Rev. Anne Brennan for her comforting service; to Derek Wittmann from Gaulds for his help and to all who paid their last respects at Kenmore Church and kindly donated £215 to Aberfeldy Community Hospital.

**Lorna Punton, Elaine Parry**

# Safari Supper

Fourteen years ago, Elaine Turner approached a few of the local ladies to discuss the idea of a holding a Safari Supper to raise funds for the Millennium firework display and other Millennium projects. After much discussion regarding the logistics, all the ladies present agreed that they would be the hosts and so this event has evolved. Since the Millennium many of our village clubs and organisations have benefitted from the proceeds of this event; the McLaren Hall, Community Bus, Killin Primary School playground development and interactive whiteboards, Junior Golf, McLaren High School Orchestra, and Fingal's Stone. To date over £16,000 has been invested in our local clubs and organisations from the proceeds.

Throughout the years, the Safari Supper has had in excess of 60 hosts, 100's of 'travellers' and numerous good humoured taxi drivers, all having enjoyed mixed

company, good hearty food and lots of banter.

To continue raising funds for the village, consultations will be taking place with the prospect of producing a 'Safari' Recipe book to include many of the tried and tested recipes that have been used by the hosts over the years. Hosts, past & present, will be invited to submit starter, main course and dessert recipes. If you would like to be involved and have knowledge in this field, Elizabeth Woods and Marion McRae would welcome your guidance and assistance.

This year, the Safari Super raised £1,000 and this has been split between three local organisations; McLaren Hall £400, Floral Association £300 and Killin Sports & Leisure Club £300.

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## Loch Tay Internet

population is small and it is unlikely that broadband by fibre will ever be provided. These are known as 'white areas' on Digital Scotland mapping. Postcodes are used to identify whether a property is in a white area or not. If not it will be in a blue or other colour area and will at some stage be provided with broadband by another contractor.

The north and south sides of Loch Tay are generally in white areas and will be able to access the service provided by Loch Tay Internet. I am not sure how much that will extend to the 'conurbations' of Killin, Fearnan, Kenmore and Acharn. Residents there could always ask the supplier. Even though we are some months out from the service going live, it would be helpful if interested parties registered their interest early, without obligation, to help with the planning and to avoid



coming to it later and find they are still out of reach.

An information evening will be held at The Big Shed on Tuesday 9th December at 7.00pm.

Informal enquiries can be made to me

**Phil Simpson**

Ardeonaig & Ardtalnaig Community Association

Email: phil.simpson@abernethy.org.uk

Fred Morrison, who is widely regarded as one of the greatest Scottish pipers today will be at the Big Shed on Thursday 4th December. He will be holding a workshop for intermediate and advanced players in the afternoon and playing in a concert in the evening. Both sessions cost £10 if pre-booked. Check posters locally or the Big Shed website for

## the Big Shed

times. To book, please email, text or phone the Big Shed.

Volunteers who run the Big Shed are looking for someone to join us and help promote the Big Shed both locally and further afield. They could bring affordable music to the Big Shed, develop our yoga retreats, work with

artists in the studio or develop use of the commercial kitchen, but they could equally bring something new that the current team have never dreamt of. It's a well-known fact that just about everyone who lives in Killin is already involved in some kind of voluntary work and has no more spare time to do more. Perhaps you can think of a friend who could help? Maybe someone who has training in business, hospitality or event management, who's looking for a "different" experience to put on their CV that'll help them get into the paid work or someone who wants to move out of the commercial world and into community-based work and would like some experience in the voluntary sector.

We'd hope that the volunteer would be able to assist part time for three months - and wouldn't necessarily need to be based on Loch Tayside.

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### National Park

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**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: Approve

**12 September**

**Proposal:** Installation of solar pv panels to existing roofs  
Location: 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9 & 10 Monemore Killin

Applicant: Stirling Council  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

**18 September**

**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: Approve

**24 September**

**Proposal:** Formation of access and turning circle

Location: Land West Of Lix Toll Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr Rolf Thornqvist  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

**24 September**

**Proposal:** Proposed Gold Mine (scoping request)

Location: Minerals Cononish Road Tyndrum

Applicant: Scotgold Resources Ltd  
Application Type: Pre Screening / Scoping Requests  
Decision: Enquiry/PAC completed

**6 October**

**Proposal:** Amendment to Planning Permission to install woodfuel storage container above existing biomass heating unit

Location: The Green Welly Stop Tyndrum  
Applicant: Mr Edward Robertson  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

**7 October**

**Proposal:** Proposed variation to Chaorach hydro section 36 consent Screening Opinion  
Location: Allt Coire Chaorach Crianlarich  
Applicant: Roslyn Keenan  
Application Type: Pre Screening / Scoping Requests

Decision: Pending Consideration

**13 October**

**Proposal:** Renewal of planning permission for the installation of a wood fired combined heat and power plant

Location: Acharn Forest Killin  
Applicant: Mr Fergus Tickell  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

**14 October**

**Proposal:** Renewal of planning consent 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: Approve

**15 October**

**Proposal:** Construction of a hydro scheme

Location: Allt Essan North West Of Auchessan Hamlet Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr Peter Christie  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

**25 October**

**Proposal:** Construction of a hydro scheme

Location: Auchessan House Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr Alan Cory Wright  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

**4 November**

**Proposal:** Variation of Condition No. 13 attached to planning permission to allow extended hours for construction, decommissioning & restoration and for processing plant operation

Location: Minerals Cononish Road Tyndrum

Applicant: Scotgold Resources Ltd  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

### Perth & Kinross Council

**10 September**

**Proposal:** Variation of conditions 3 and 4 of permission (Erection of 3 chalets, associated function suite and a dwellinghouse) to vary occupancy and phasing

Location: Land At Craggantoul Farm Lawers

Applicant: Mr Greg Deacon

Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Pending Decision

**24 September**

**Proposal:** Modification of permission (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: Application Approved

**30 October**

**Proposal:** Modification of permission (Erection of dwellinghouse and ancillary boathouse) change to layout, access and addition of solar panels

Location: Land 180 Metres South East Of Keprannich House Ardtalnaig

Applicant: Mr And Mrs Neil Douglas  
Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Application Approved

**31 October**

**Proposal:** Erection of reception and staff units

Location: Lochtay Highland Lodges Killin

Applicant: Largo Leisure Park  
Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Pending Consideration

**31 October**

**Proposal:** Renewal of permission Erection of farm shop and formation of ancillary parking (in principle)  
Location: Land 60 Metres East Of Tay Cottage Killin

Applicant: Mr T B Allen Snnoxhall  
Application Type: planning permission in principle local

Decision: Application Approved

**Stirling Council**

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## December

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- 4 Big Shed event p37
- 4 SWRI Lesser Hall 7.30pm
- 9 Internet meeting Big Shed p37
- 10 Walk in the Park p19
- 13 Santa Dash
- 14 Old Mill Christmas Fair 12 noon - 5pm
- 18 Heritage Meeting Lynedoch 7.30pm
- 20 Green Team p17
- 20 Christmas Dinner Dance p36
- 24 Bedding of the Healing Stones Old Mill 11am
- 26 Boxing Day Dip p18

## January

- 1 New Year Dance p19
- 10 SWRI Lesser Hall 7.30pm
- 13 KCC meeting school 7.30pm
- 14 Walk in the Park p19
- 15/16/17 Panto
- 17 Green Team p17
- 21 Walk in the Park p19
- 28 Walk in the Park p19

### Tiddlers & Toddlers

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

### Tai Chi

Wednesday  
Tyndrum Hall 9.30am

### SWRI

First Thursday  
of the month.  
Lesser Hall 7.30pm

### Softplay Club

Tuesdays  
Sports Pavilion  
12.30 - 2.30pm

### Youth Group (Killin)

Tuesdays 7.30pm  
Sports and Social Club

### Youth Group (Criarlarich)

Thursdays evenings  
Criarlarich Hall

### Beavers

Tuesdays  
6-7pm  
Lesser Hall

### Book Club

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

### Bowls

Mondays  
Lesser Hall

### Badminton

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

### Badminton

Monday  
evenings  
Criarlarich Hall

### Choir

Usually Tuesdays  
Church 7.30pm  
phone Franny  
01567 829048

### Cubs

Tuesdays  
7.15 - 8.45pm  
Lesser Hall

### Internet Cafe

Thursdays  
Killin Library  
11am-4pm

### Craft Group

Tuesdays  
Littlecroft  
10am - noon

### Laptop Access

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

### Quilters

Community Rooms  
Wednesdays  
2 - 4pm

### Scouts

Wednesdays  
7-9pm  
Lesser Hall

### Yoga

Fridays  
Big Shed  
10.30-noon

### Strath Lunch Club

Fridays  
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### Tuesday Club

Community Rooms  
2pm

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### Callander

Monday-Friday: 5pm-8pm

Saturday: 10am-2pm

Sunday: Closed

### Aberfeldy

Tuesday and Thursday

10am-7pm

Saturday and Sunday

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