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Editorial

Summer visitors have arrived and wondered if summer is on its way. We always seem to be looking forward to the passing of the next low to sample the fine weather in the high that follows. Not much opportunity for that as the lows pile up out into the Atlantic on the weather map where we see them stacked up ready to move in and they always seem to pass over Killin. No matter, Killin has so much to offer the visitor and when the sun shines there is nowhere that looks so bonny as Loch Tay, Ben Lawers and the Tarmachan Ridge. People take photos to remember their stay. Not many do so in the rain so we hope the memories of sunny Killin far outweigh those of the cold dreich days we have had of late.

The beavers on Loch Tay are now a subject for discussion with visitors who are keen to see them in the wild. Beavers are now celebrities and an attraction in their own right. Scottish National Heritage once intended to have a beaver cull as they considered the introduction of beavers was a wilful or criminal act but they seem to have gone quiet now. There must be very large numbers of beavers in the Tay system as the estimated numbers in July 2012 was in the region of 150. This must surely have doubled if not trebled in the intervening three years. Public outcry and the cost effectiveness of culling must surely affect their decision.

Gina and I are moving away from Killin so this will be the last Killin News in which we will be involved. We joined the team in 2002 for issue 73 when the team moved to its present premises. It has been a wonderful experience working with an excellent committee. There have been plenty of amusing episodes and stories to report and we have worked with the paper for just over half of its existence. There are several much longer-serving members remaining. The new members of the team will have their own ideas and skills and we are confident that they will produce a paper that will develop fresh ideas to hold your interest and affection.

Willie Angus

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Steady



Ron Aliner

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The Breadalbane Park was re-opened on 25th June by representatives from each Primary School year following completion of phase 1 of the planned improvements. Despite the rain the children enjoyed the new facilities in the play park area.

Police Report:

Ironworks patrols continue. Checks on campers have produced evidence of drug misuse which has been reported.

Speed checks continue to be a priority. A recent check on Dochart Road revealed a number of motorists speeding, including some locals. The Police would like to remind every motorist that speeding incurs a fine of £100 and 3 penalty points on your licence.

A local male was caught driving at almost three times over the drink driving limit and has been banned for 18 months.

Visitor numbers are high which has led to more minor road incidents, particularly wing mirror collisions. There was an attempt at shoplifting in the Co-op but good communication from the Callander store to the Killin store prevented this.

A fraud was reported which involved eBay. Balance transfers direct from bank accounts are often unable to be recovered. The Police advise all transactions of this type are carried out within the website itself as emails can be very plausible.

There was a theft of wheel trims at Dalrigh, Tyndrum.

There was a theft of plant equipment from the Hydro Scheme at Glen Falloch. The Police will be distributing a security

marking system called Smartwater to vulnerable properties. A limited number of packs are available from the Police Station free of charge.

The Police dealt with a visitor in Crianlarich who had a number of care issues.

The Police have spoken to parents dropping their children off on the crossing zigzags by the school. The school has also asked parents to wait within the playground so drivers are able to see clearly when pedestrians wish to use the crossing.

Reports of stunt cycling at the Monemore coach park were passed on to the Police as there were concerns about safety for the cyclists, drivers on the road and tourists getting on and off buses.

Fiona Kennedy and Charlie Grant will attend a meeting with Police Senior Management on 27th July.

The problem of cars stopping on the Glen Ogle road to allow passengers to take photographs of the viaduct was discussed. The Police are aware of this

Bridge Repairs

The Lochay bridge has been repaired and further repairs to the Dochart Bridge are expected later in the year.

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Fiona Kennedy contacted Willie Angus who agreed to meet with the contractor to ensure the work at Dall

Lodge was completed first. However work there is ongoing. There are problems with the pipe into the river. There are also problems with water pooling in the park and water is causing problems for houses beside the park. Stirling Council and the Contractors are coming to see the work.

Road Repairs

Tim Frost has requested the jet patcher and it is currently on the Ardeonaig Road once a week. Councillor Hayes will request that Stirling Council complete the work as the road does deteriorate between visits. Fiona Kennedy will contact P. Turner at Stirling Council regarding Manse Road. Tim Frost has also raised with Stirling Council the need to clear the passing places on Ardeonaig Road. Councillor Hayes will also enquire if Stirling Council is responsible for the lay-bys near the curling pond.

Lamp Posts

The replacement work is almost complete but the root of an old post has been left, possibly because it has a sign on it. Fiona Kennedy will enquire if the sign can be moved to a new lamp post and the root removed. Councillor Hayes will follow up on Christmas Lights and who would be responsible for the electricity. It is up to the Community to purchase Christmas Lights.



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Breadalbane Park Play Area

Owen McKee (LTNP) will ask the Enforcement Officer to come and have a look at the work that has been done.

Litter

Stirling Council letter on the introduction of "Big Belly" solar powered bins. These have a greater capacity and so need less emptying. Litter in Killin will be monitored for a trial period. It was reported that the removal of the bin from the small car park gate that leads to the Railway Line has led to an increase in litter and dog mess. Councillor Hayes and Fiona Kennedy will contact Stirling Council regarding this.

Changes to the DRT service From October 2015 a number of changes will be made which were felt to be to the detriment of service users. A copy of the letter will be displayed in the Library and the Paper Shop and on the killin.info website to encourage users to feedback their views to the Community Council. All three local Councillors have objected to the booking system as it does not meet people's needs.

Fire Hydrants Local Retained Fire Officers were clearing out hydrants and painting them but they were told to stop, leaving some hydrants not done. Tim Frost will find out more.

Rubbish Containers Fiona Kennedy to contact Stirling Council regarding the smell from the grey waste containers

when they are left at the old skip site. There is also a mess that is not cleared up when the containers are changed.

Deer Any problems with deer should be reported to Tim Frost.

The Killin Folk Festival

The possibility of a rebranded, smaller scale festival has been suggested and was widely supported at the Community Council. The organisers will hold a public meeting to invite comments.

Next meeting: Tuesday 8th September at Killin Primary School

Front Cover

Leanne McDonald came through Killin with her two horses and a dog on a sponsored walk of 250 miles with a total ascent of over 25,000 feet from Spey Bay to Edinburgh to raise awareness and money for research into grass sickness. They were taking old drove and military roads as often as possible, avoiding traffic and planning to arrive at the Highland Show a month after starting. Later they appeared on the BBC programme Landward.

Scarecrows



Ron Allner

Don't forget to fish out your old wellies, coats, hats, shepherd's crooks, etc and put on your thinking caps to design your work of art for the scarecrow competition.

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Chairman's Report

Breadalbane Park

The work on the Breadalbane Park is complete for the present. It has been a difficult project first to fit it into budget and then to find that we had to trim off some of the planned developments. This is Phase 1. It is good to see how well and enthusiastically the Play area has been used following the changes. The Flying Fox or Zip Wire has been busy, used by adults as well as children. It will take some time for it all to be bedded in and the new grass to grow in.

The path for young cyclists, wheelchairs and walkers has also proved popular. A safe cycle area for learning to cycle safely away from pavements and traffic is a useful new addition to the Park.

The flooding by the Round House has not recurred thanks to drainage improvement and the general state of the ground following rain shows that the drainage is working. This will get even better as the grass thickens up and roots penetrate the soil.

Snagging is taking place to rectify the things that still need to be resolved. Next will come the planning for Phase 2 when the community can decide

what else it needs to work on to make it even better.

This could not have taken place without the community rising to the challenge of doing it themselves in partnership with Stirling Council, many Council officials, contractors and a hefty grant from the Big Lottery of over £227,000. Many others had a hand in the development. Alma Walker's work on the feasibility study, Play Park and Flying Fox started the ball rolling but could not be taken forward because of the poor drainage. The Trust Project Worker, Theresa Elliot, was the principal co-ordinator who supervised the contracts. It has taken about four years to reach this stage. Now we, the community, need to plan for Phase 2 for which there will be a new round of community consultation. If you are interested please contact Theresa Elliot on 07789 265823 and ask her to inform you of meetings so that you can be part of the decision process. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Big Lottery without which nothing would have been achieved.

The Old Mill

The work on the Old Mill continues. Supported by Lottery funding, we are advertising for a development team

and a conservation architect to work on the next planning stage and a business consultancy to develop a business plan for the Mill and Thrift Shop. If all goes to plan we hope to be ready to start work on the Mill in early 2016.

Small Grants

As advertised in the last Killin News Issue, KAT made available £2,000 of proceeds from the Old Mill Thrift Shop for grants for community projects or activities to provide support and help enhance the lives of people in the local community for any amount up to £250 for each application and available to any group in the Killin Community Council area who can show community benefit. So far grants have been made to the Badminton Club for equipment for the junior section, the Community Choir for a professionally-led workshop, the Floral Association, the Scout Group for equipment and the SWI for the Killin Primary School Christmas Party. Not all the funds have been used and some are still available, on application, for other groups for suitable community-enhancing activities.

I should mention that this will be the last of my reports as Gina and I are moving nearer to our grandchildren.

Willie Angus



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The Old Mill Report

The Mill continues to be busy with many visitors returning hoping to buy more treasures and to donate items to the Mill. We now have people the length and breadth of the country who, when travelling to Killin, fill their cars with goods for us to sell. The positive comments received by visitors are always encouraging and are a great testament to the many volunteers who assist in giving local information and making the Mill look and feel special.

Our wheel is turning and we have replaced the old bearing to help us maintain the wheel's mechanism. The effect the wheel turning has on the visitors is really tremendous. We have a great deal of high end quality clothes and we have very little space on the ground floor to display these items. Due to the success of our clothes sale in June, we have decided to continue to display and sell clothes on the first floor.

Our first group of beginner sample quilters had a lovely eight Monday afternoons and the results were really beautiful. So if you want to join Sally's class it starts on Monday 5th October for eight weeks. The cost will be £65 for the 8 weeks and you will need to supply all materials. Please contact me if you wish to attend.

Baby and toddler music sessions will resume on Wednesday 21st October and will run for 6 weeks. The cost for the six week course will be £6. As always we are grateful for your continued support of the Mill and your donations. **Please note that we cannot accept baby car seat, buggies, prams or cycling and motor cycling helmets and we do not accept electrical items.**

Please contact me if you want to donate a large/heavy item to the Mill. I can sell this on Facebook without the item being stored at the Mill as we simply do not have the space to store or move large items. Please contact me also to arrange a suitable time to donate large quantities of goods as I need to have the appropriate number of volunteers to deal with this and we do appreciate the donation.

Our volunteers are remarkable with their ideas and input as well as the time devoted to the Mill. There are many ways in which you can volunteer at the Mill and if you want to help with the maintenance of the building, gardening, sorting clothes, taking broken items to the tip or in any other way, then please contact me on 07802 929796 or 01567 820628

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Franny Morrison

Killin Community Choir Concert

Judging from the audience reaction, the Choir Concert in June was a great success. Franny's choice of music, a selection including opera, musicals, Scottish songs and even the Beatles, ensured there was something for everyone to enjoy. In addition to items from the choir with accompanist Jacco Lamfers, there were also performances from Jamie McDougal, (tenor), Andy McTaggart (baritone), Rachel Hynes (mezzo soprano) and Franny Morrison herself (soprano). Jamie also compered the show and kept everyone laughing especially during the raffle and with the highly successful auction of a beautiful Barbie cake made by Hannah Enderby – which he magically turned into two cakes – and a bottle of whisky signed by Nicola Sturgeon. After the concert, £1000 was given to the Air Ambulance and three smaller donations to the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home, the Killin Community Bus and the Drama Club. Alas we have no photographs as Ron is in the choir!

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Frost Report

Summer Suns Aren't Glowing

The summer weather, or lack of it, has impacted on the birds. Our swallows and house martins had numerous attempts at nest building before finally achieving it. But at least they have done so this year unlike last year's non-event in many places locally. Will the weather have a real impact on all the insect eating birds? Though there do seem to be just a few midges about. They have obviously evolved to succeed whatever a Scottish summer throws at them. But I do feel sorry for the small birds having flown from places such as North Africa, I wonder if their holiday companies will pay out over this? Of course some species rely on other food sources and we were disappointed to see a crow killing one of our neighbourhood pheasant chicks for breakfast.

There are six squirrels coming regularly to our feeders and a neighbour's. They vary enough in colour, tail colour, size and behaviour to be able to distinguish between them. One of the young ones is finding squirrel life rather difficult. He tried to run along the UPC windowsill and slid off, similarly partially climbing the drainpipe and doing a fireman's slide down it. I'm not quite sure what

he expected to find on the roof but he completed that morning's escapades by getting stranded in the feeding box. He looked quite startled when rescued! On another occasion he has needed help when he got his tail trapped in the feeder lid. I hope that he soon builds up his speed and agility as another neighbour has a pine marten family with five babies.

It must be a bit startling for regular returning tourists to see the felled trees at Lix Toll, it all looks rather stark and bare. But if we look at the woods on the Ardeonaig road and at the back of the village we can see the ground becoming coloured by the vegetation moving in. How long have some of these seeds been lying dormant waiting for a chance to germinate?

We have recently been to the North where we lived forty years ago in Sutherland and Caithness. It was obvious that very little has changed. One disappointment was that many stunning views are gone as trees now border the roadside making a viewless tunnel to drive through but the worst was wonderful flow land round Forsinard which has been desecrated by a huge and ugly so-called viewing tower erected by R.S.P.B. The locals have been voicing their displeasure

but no notice seems to have been taken. Just google 'Forsinard' to see. A novelty was to sit on the beach near Inverewe watching rabbits.

It was wonderful to be back in the 'wild lands'. There is really nothing else to be done with the miles of hill and moor except to leave it wild for all, animal and man, to enjoy. Putting money into land reform such as the Assynt crofters doesn't seem an option as the millions of pounds put into the venture have become almost a case of liquidation. The rich tradition of fishing and stalking was abandoned with over 1,000 deer killed to help tree regeneration and the lodge given £1.25 million to become a wedding venue. It is now heading for receivership. Is our land maybe a case of 'if it isn't broke why try to fix it'? It is to be remembered that much of the money comes from taxpayers.

Our local beavers seem to continue to do better than the introduced ones. Maybe a lesson can be learnt from Slovenia where six lynx were introduced in the 70s. After some years of doing well they suddenly declined and this was due to their lack of resistance to disease due to the limited gene pool introduced. The E.U. will impose a ten million euro fine on the country if the lynx die out.

Country fox has been doing O.K. extending his gourmet experience in takeaways as he had the remains of a gannet outside the den. Town fox, on the other hand, is soon in for a shock as the Houses of Parliament have realised that they need to get rid of a plague of moths, mice and foxes. I assume that the foxes are in the cellars. So will they be searching the underground passages for Guy Fox? It has not been revealed whether the foxes etc. get heavily subsidised food or whether there will be a repeal of the hunting act. **Tim Frost**

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The topic of patient transport from rural areas was discussed and the lack of suitable services for some patients and visitors to patients hospitalised for long periods. This was understood and taken on board so we await results. The matter of poor parking facilities at Larbert was also raised.

There should soon be a start date for the outreach clinic at Crianlarich. It appears that most clinics at Larbert are giving out more suitable appointment times to patients in rural areas. If you find that this has not happened in your case and there is no obvious reason such as day surgery for your early appointment, then you have the right to request a more suitable time without great delay to your appointment.

The appointment of a new regular doctor at the surgery is soon to be

announced. Dr. Strang expects to leave in July. Dr. Watson will have a phased return and Dr. Syme will continue to cover his sessions. Further defibrillator training will take place shortly and will be run by the local paramedics.

I recently attended a meeting at Larbert where Forth Valley Health Board was invited by Professor Lewis Ritchie to take part in a nationwide audit regarding the review of out of hours services. There is a shortage of G.P.s generally so it is not likely that we will get back to the ideal of our own G.P. being on call but the merits and pitfalls of the current situation are being investigated independently by The Scottish Health Council. In the meantime it is still 111 to phone if you are unwell after surgery hours. A request is triaged on screen in the Out of Hours Centre so your wait time for response will depend on the seriousness of your ailment. If the situation is serious or is an emergency then call 999 and a paramedic and/or an ambulance will be sent. Don't worry about answering the questions as this will not delay the response. If in doubt

calling the ambulance out is a good maxim as they can sort out the most appropriate course. The centralisation and wider availability of patient notes should help. In the meantime you can help by keeping your latest repeat medication printout in a jar in the fridge or on your fridge door as paramedics know to look there and it is often not easy to remember the names of your medicines during a crisis. It is a good idea to sign up for any forthcoming free C.P.R. training sessions. You do not have to become a first responder or a defib. operator – the most important technique is to learn the emergency chest compressions. That is easy and saves lives. We hope to arrange sessions in the Crianlarich/Tyndrum area soon and the Kenmore paramedics will be holding a session for the Ardeonaig and Ardtalnaig areas during the winter.

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Mervyn's Weather

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their suspected effect on our weather, every three to six years. The aforesaid are respectively, warm and cold currents reaching the west coast of South America from their sources in the areas of the East Indies to southern Japan. Incidentally here are some of the deepest oceanic troughs, the Mariana trench being some 35,000 feet in depth, some 6,000 feet deeper than Mt. Everest is high, thereby being a source of cold water to feed La Niña. The influence of the above Pacific phenomena can apparently cross the isthmus of Panama and become involved with the Gulf Stream in the Caribbean, which on its way north becomes, in passing Cape Hatteras, the North Atlantic Drift which is possibly the most important factor in determining our comparatively mild, oceanic, climate. There are other ingredients in the complications of our very diverse, at times maddening, but let it be said interesting, meteorological, atmospheric conditions, too numerous to mention.

Mervyn K. Browne
Ardtalnaig



Pitlochry and Highland Perthshire Group

On Thursday 20th August there will be a walk to the SWT Tummel Shingle Island Reserve to look for signs of beavers and for molecastles. Wear good footwear. Meet at 2pm at the Pitlochry Festival Theatre car park. For further information contact Richard Horobin 01796 474480 or 07511 286103

On Monday 28th September there will be a guided walk around the French Hydroelectric scheme at Lick, a chance to observe and discuss the nature and impact of such small hydro schemes on the environment and on wildlife. Meet at Lick on the south shore of Loch Tummel 8 miles from the A9 along the Foss road. This walk involves 200 metres along a track climbing some 200 metres to the water intake. For further information contact John Taylor 01887 830848



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Tractor Run



On Saturday 30th May tractors and drivers of all ages once again gathered at Kinnell by kind permission of the Dowling family for our annual tractor run. Our route this year was down to Kenmore via Ardeonaig and up Glen Lyon to Bridge of Balgie tearoom where Becky and her staff were kind enough to provide soup and refreshments. After lunch we came back over Lawers returning to Kinnell for the raffle and to reflect on another successful day. A cheque was sent to CLIC Sargent caring for children with cancer for the fantastic sum of £1261.50. Late donations also collected this year totalling £125 were handed into the Falls of Dochart Home. Many thanks to all for donations, raffle prizes, helpers and not forgetting those who took part. See you all next year!

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Strathfillan Community Council

Objectives

The Community Council has been reviewing and updating the Objectives Statement, which defines the priorities for the CC. The Objectives have been derived from community council minutes and the recently published Strathfillan Community Action Plan 2014-2019. A copy of the action plan is available online at www.scottishdemocracy.com. Some of the work which is currently going on within the CC includes:

Roads & Transport - continual lobbying for improvements to our road network, and minimizing overnight closure times. The CC managed to have the timing for the recent Tyndrum (A85) closures changed from 7am-7pm to 10pm-6am.

Health - work is ongoing to bring an outreach GP clinic to Strathfillan, and we are also lobbying for easier access to hospital appointments, particularly for people who rely on public transport.

Gold Panning - discussions are ongoing between relevant agencies to clarify where, and if, gold panning in Tyndrum can be permitted.

DRT - we are vociferously campaigning against the shortened booking office

hours being introduced by Stirling Council, and are hopeful that a solution can be reached which better meets our community needs.

Broadband - we are just starting to investigate the provision of Fibre Optic broadband for Strathfillan, to ensure our community does not get overlooked. Meanwhile we are lobbying for improvements in the current service and system of reporting.

However, we are desperately short of Community Councillors, due to a number of people leaving the area (most recently Joyce Russell and Calum Marr). We are pleased to have just co-opted Iain Wragg of Inverhaggernie, but still have vacancies for several more people. The current Community Councillors are: John Riley, Alan Smailes, Charlie Urquhart, Isla Craig, Mary Anderson, Alistair Macdonald, Billy Ronald, Iain Wragg.

We particularly need people to represent **Tyndrum & Inverarnan**. If you would like to help improve any aspect of our community, including the topics above, please consider getting involved. The next CC meeting is on Monday 14th September at 7.30pm in Crianlarich Hall, and you would be very welcome. Alternatively please speak to any of the existing Community Councillors for more information.



Strathfillan Community Development Trust

Again it's been a busy couple of months in Strathfillan. We held our Get to Know Your Community Woodland Day on 13th June and it was a great success. The Woodland Treasure Hunt was much enjoyed by all the kiddies and many thanks to Little Acorns, and Kelda Platt, for organising it. We'd also like to thank Country Mumkins for providing fantastic refreshments - I have never seen cakes vanish so rapidly! Thank you also to Dr John Holland for the interesting and informative guided walk. We had another couple of successful Woodfuel days and are getting through the windblown trees slowly but steadily. We have submitted a couple of grant applications for our big plans for the Community Woodland and Shelterbelt in Tyndrum - so fingers and toes crossed! The Crianlarich Heritage Paths project has finally kicked-off with the contractors starting work on 14th July. We had a consultation day for our Interpretation Boards on the 28th July. There will also be



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SAPLINGS kicked off in style this year with a visit to the Cononish Goldmine (and I have been faithfully informed that gold was found!). We have had willow crafting, the results of which are very impressive and, as I write this, I can hear the kids having great fun with Mad Science

Kelly Clapperton-Bates



Finding Treasure in the Trees

The Shop, Strathfillan

A black and white photograph of a small, single-story shop building with a gabled roof and a small porch. The shop is situated in a rural landscape with rolling hills and mountains in the background. A person is standing near the shop entrance.

Can anyone identify exactly where 'The Shop, Strathfillan' used to be?

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Callander and West Perthshire U3A

C&WP joined with the U3As from Forth Valley and Perth for the start of summer events in May. The first event was a musical afternoon with cream teas at the Venachar Lochside restaurant where we were entertained by Callander Chimes, the handbell group from Forth Valley U3A, the Ukulele Band from Perth U3A and our own Singing for Pleasure group. It was a wonderful, friendly afternoon enjoyed by all and a great way to meet other U3A groups.

The Gardening Group visited Duntreath Castle and enjoyed the splendid array of colourful plants, if not the slightly chilly weather!

In June, C&WP members of the Current Affairs group were invited to the new Forth Valley College Campus to meet the young students, visit various departments and have lunch cooked by the trainee chefs.

At the end of the month, fourteen

C&WP members braved half-hour driving assessments run by the local Institute of Advanced Driving, based in Stirling. Four friendly assessors came out to Callander and after a talk outlining the aims of the association took each member in turn for a drive through the busy Saturday streets, giving each one a private assessment of their driving capabilities. There was much discussion over cups of coffee afterwards when all agreed it had been a most worthwhile exercise and a couple of members have now signed up to take the Advanced Driving Test.

We are now coming to the end of another successful year and apart from Bridge and Table Tennis all our courses have finished, although keen French speakers meet every Wednesday morning for coffee with their group leader at the Old Bank Café in Callander. Members who wish to keep in touch by chatting in

English can meet on Friday mornings at the same venue.

The Wine Tasting Group ended their year with a flourish – tasting 5 wines in an afternoon, following on the same evening with a splendid dinner to enjoy the same wines with their food. All this took place in the Garden Room of the newly refurbished Gartmore Village Hall.

The Current Affairs Group invited Bruce Crawford, our local MSP, to join them for the last morning session and to stay on to enjoy the end-of-term 'Bring and Share' lunch.

The AGM and Enrolment for the new session will take place on Thursday 27th August in Callander Kirk Hall at 2.00pm. Refreshments will be served around 3.00pm followed by enrolment. Membership forms and further details will be sent out to members in early August.

Marguerite Kobs

Killin Golf Club Mixed Open

Scratch

1st: Jim Ronald and Laura Aitken (Killin) 75
2nd: Ken and Rhona Milligan (West Lothian) 75
3rd: Gordon Aitken (Killin) and

Caroline Henderson (Aberfeldy)

Handicap

1st: Andy Cousins and Jackie Crossan (Killin) 62
2nd: Glenn Marshall (Rye Hill) and Angela Marsall (Auchterarder) 65.5

3rd: Dickie and Mary Lewis (Killin) 66

Best Killin (Bill Mitchell Salver)

Andy Cousins & Jackie Crossan

Best Overall Handicap (McRobert Thistle Cup)

Andy Cousins & Jackie Crossan

Best Overall Scratch (Glen Ogle Trophy)

Jim Ronald & Laura Aitken

Nearest Pin

Ladies (14th) Jean Faichney (Killin)

Gents (11th) Andrew Leitch (Harburn)

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Think About It

On a recent Sunday morning I talked to the folk in church about a social study that discovered that the 'presence' of nurses in a hospital ward, that is, simply their being there, is in itself part of the healing process. I knew an RAF chaplain who described his work as 'loitering with intent.' He wanted to make his 'presence' known and felt, so that anyone who wanted to talk to him was able to do so, and many did. He was that kind of 'presence'. An important part of a minister's or priest's work is to visit care homes. One of the best I can remember was in Hawick and run by the Roman

Catholic Church. The staff were local folk but the house was managed by a nun. For some reason my routine meant that I usually visited just before lunchtime. Then I would find the little nun running around her residents with a sherry bottle! "Only on saints days", she'd say when I remarked, "sherry again, sister". But then she'd add with a grin and a twinkle in her eye, "there are a lot of saints days." She was a real 'presence' of the love and care of her Christian faith in that house and her folk blessed her for it. There have been so many people in my life who have been a memorable

'presence' and I thank God for all of them. The whole truth is, of course, that we are all of us a 'presence' to those we live and work among. I try to give some thought, from time to time, to how others might see my 'presence'. "O, wad some Power the giftie gie us, To see oursels as others see us!" wrote Robert Burns - he might have been wondering about his image, his 'presence'. But what about you? As for me, well I might just carry a bottle of sherry in the back of the car when I go visiting from now on!

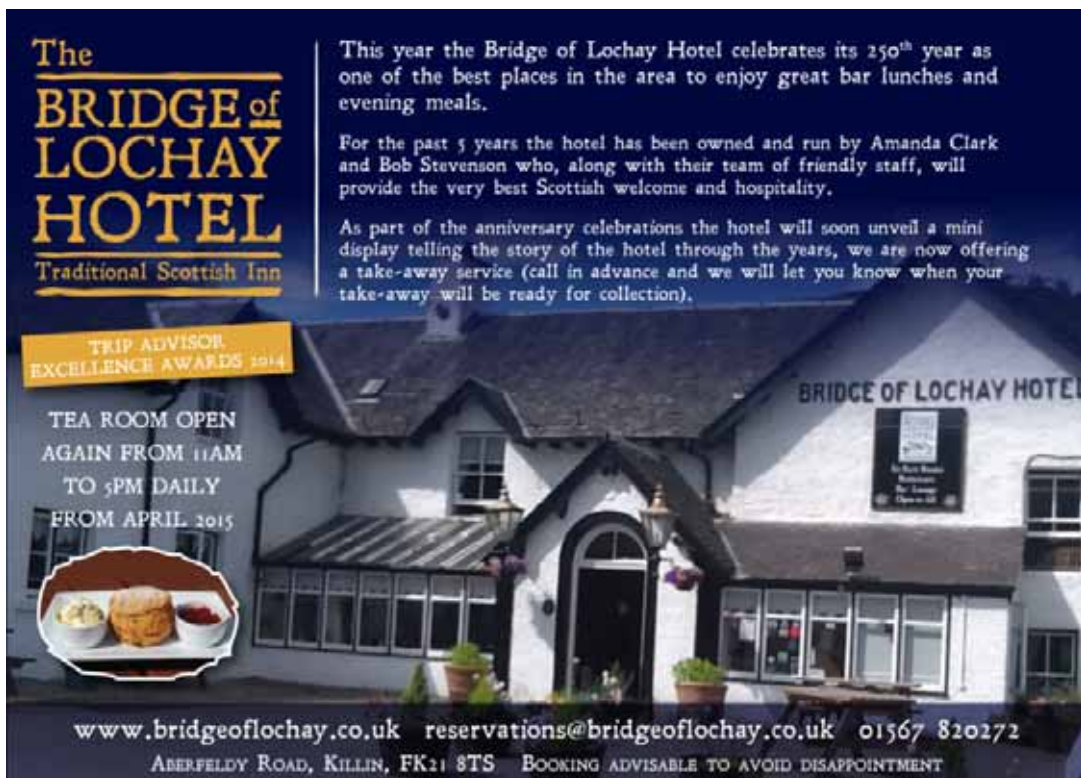
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contribution and commitment to the work they undertake. The Adult Learning Team currently supports 44 volunteers who come from a range of different backgrounds and include unemployed people looking to develop their own skills, those just looking to give something back to the community and retired people. No specific skills are needed and all volunteers undergo induction training to explain adult learning and how

they can assist. Volunteers help out both one-to-one with adult learners and in group settings, helping learners in a range of areas including reading, writing, numbers, job searching skills, computing, ESOL and crafts. To find out more about volunteering with the Adult Learning Team call 01786 237517 or email adultlearning@stirling.gov.uk



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Ron Allner

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Sleuths?



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Alan MacDonald, Port Glasgow

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Tim Marrison, Ripon

Gordon MacGregor Memorial Cup

Winner A Class schoolboy master's route

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Evacuated to Killin

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Most children were evacuated at the beginning of the Second World War, when it was a common sight to see tearful farewells as they were put on a train, carrying their case, their gas mask and wearing a label bearing their name. Few knew the family to which they were being sent.

Sometimes the children would be taken, on arrival at their destination, to the local hall and paraded before the assembled villagers who would pick which child they wanted. The resulting relationship was not always a happy one, but for many of these city dwelling youngsters the joys of the countryside were to influence the rest of their lives.

Leslie Boumphrey had first been evacuated from Rothesay on 3rd

September 1939 but was back home again in the December. All seemed fairly safe until the Clydeside blitz of 13th and 14th March, 1941, which was so terrifying that his parents made plans to send Leslie and his sister to a less dangerous place. The mother of their neighbour lived in Killin and arrangements were made for the children to stay at the house of Eck MacPherson and his family at Millmore, on the banks of the River Dochart.

And so it was that the two youngsters arrived in Killin in early April 1941. They had travelled by train from Glasgow to Killin Junction, from where they took the "funny little single carriage train" to Killin. As they arrived at Killin Station Leslie opened the window and the smell of wood smoke filled his nostrils. He was twelve and his sister six and after that first night, when they had cried themselves to sleep, they soon settled down to an exciting life, dominated by three things – the river, the Smithy and the school. The river was dangerous, challenging, beautiful and noisy. They could not sleep for the noise at first and could not keep away from it during the day. There was Mr Wilson's mill and the weaver, Jimmy, was serving in the RAF, but when he came home on leave he showed Leslie how to use the spinning wheel and allowed him to have a go on one of the looms.

After a few months, the Boumphrey children moved to 'Lynedoch' to stay with Mrs Macintyre and her two daughters, Isa and Alexa. Alexa was Leslie's class teacher for the last few months of junior school and his English teacher for the first year of secondary section. Killin in those days meant Mr MacRaw, the Headmaster, who taught Leslie's class everything except English, French and Science. The classroom had a chalky, scholarly, homely atmosphere and behind the Headmaster's desk was a large open fire, guarded by tall brass railings which, on winter mornings, were adorned with wet hats, scarves and gloves. In the spring of 1942 Leslie's father bought him a bike and all the countryside within a radius of twenty miles was then explored. However, by late summer, when the bombing seemed to have eased off, the Boumphrey children had boarded the train again and were back in Glasgow, their parents having decided that going to school in the city was more important than enjoying themselves in the countryside. The smell of wood smoke always brought back happy memories of their time in Killin.

Extracts edited from an article written by Leslie in 1984, a copy of which is in the archives of Killin Heritage Society.

Gilleen Ford

Agricultural Shearing Competition

This took place at Auchlyne Farm by kind permission of Stewart Christie on 26th June 2015. The results were as follows:

Machine Open

- 1st Stewart Kennedy
- 2nd Sandy McKellar
- 3rd Willie Taylor

Machine Local

- 1st Willie Taylor
- 2nd Stuart Grant
- 3rd Sandy Taylor

Hand Open

- 1st Elfed Jackson
- 2nd Rhienalt Hughes
- 3rd Ewen Cameron

Hand Local

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 - 3rd Gordon Stewart
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McLaren High School

Sponsored Walk

The annual sponsored walk took place on 1st May. The walk followed the well-trodden route from the school through Coilhallan Wood toward the fish farm, returning along the Invertrossachs Road.

In advance of the walkers, Mr Younger and Mr Wood chaperoned a group of runners to complete a couple of laps of the course. Classes set off at five minute intervals allowing a fairly even spread of participants along the way, avoiding crowding.

There was an air of energy and enthusiasm amongst pupils as they enjoyed an afternoon away from their normal routine before the holiday weekend. Walking with friends, chatting, taking in the scenery, passing time with the teachers who were walking or stewarding the route, and even getting some exercise all contributed to a fun afternoon.

Most classes completed the 5km route in just over an hour and the next important stage of collecting the money is now in full swing. Any

parents, friends or relatives who sponsored someone should pass money on as soon as possible. We would like to thank everyone who has donated. All funds raised go towards supporting the many clubs and activities that are available to our pupils. The amount raised was £2,760

Work Experience

On the 27th to 29th May four McLaren High school pupils went to Monachyle Mhor, Balquhiddy for three days of work experience. There were four areas that we had the chance to work in, all of which are needed for a hotel to run smoothly. They were: kitchen, front of house, housekeeping and reception. Megan Pease and Rebecca Bryce both chose various areas to work in. I had a great time and all the food was delicious! It was also really interesting to see how dishes can be made using local ingredients like nettles and salad in the garden or the eggs that their own chickens laid. I would definitely recommend the experience to anyone whether they are interested in taking catering up as a career or not.

Laura King S4



Megan Pease

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day was held on 23rd June in almost perfect weather conditions - dry and not too hot! Pupils from each house fought it out on the field to try and gain every possible point for their particular house. Events ranged from 200 metres to the relay and the obstacle race!

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Hazel Lafferty

> At the end of the day Dochart were crowned winners of Sports Day with Bracklinn named as overall Interhouse Champions for session 2014/15. Well done to all the pupils who took part and huge thanks to all the staff who helped out on the field in a variety of ways.



Primary 7 leavers

Mr Lunan

Sadly, after eight years at Killin Primary School, Mr Lunan will leave us at the end of June. We wish him every success in his new post at Newton Primary School.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Alison Hall as Acting Principal Teacher and Mrs Katie Dunshea to our staff in August. Mrs Hall will be taking P6-P7, Mrs Law P3-P5 and Mrs Dunshea P1-P3. Mrs Tempest will remain in the post of Acting Headteacher.

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The young people of Killin and surrounding area have benefitted from having a Scout group in the area for over two years now. Ask any Beaver, Cub or Scout if they are enjoying their time in their section and you will get a resounding YES, then probably a list of activities and adventures they have been on. Ask any leader involved the same question and you will get a similar response. Leaders are volunteers from all backgrounds; many have never been involved in Scouting before; some have children in a Scout section; some don't have children at all. However they all share something in common, wanting to inspire the young people to learn, grow and explore the world around them. Leaders also benefit as they gain new knowledge and experiences, as well as expanding their leadership skills. As a Leader I can say that Scouting is one of the most rewarding things I do. So why not be part of it? We recently had our AGM and only one parent attended. David Robertson our Group Scout Leader (GSL) is standing down. The role of a GSL is "To manage and support the Scout Group and its

Leaders to ensure it runs effectively and that Scouting within the Group develops in accordance with the rules and policies of The Scout Association". David has been the inspiration and driving force behind setting up the Scout group and providing support and advice to Leaders in running each section. On behalf of the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders I would like to say a huge thank you to David for his time, effort and energy. The future of the group now relies on you! Other life commitments mean current leaders have less time available to commit to their section and those left have their time spread very thinly. We desperately need more adult support. Currently we need leaders, assistant leaders, a GSL and other support roles. Scouting is for everybody; any age, sex, religion (including no religion). To be part of our adventure, or just to find out a bit more, please contact any one of our Leaders below.

Beavers

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

The Beavers have had an exciting term with a successful sleepover at the Big

Shed and an evening spent climbing at McLaren Leisure Centre. We finished the term with a water fight which I'm sure everyone enjoyed. Now its time for the leaders to re-charge their batteries, plan for next term and hopefully be seeing a few new Beavers Scouts too. The first day back will be Tuesday 25th August at 6pm at the Lesser Hall, McLaren Hall.

Stephen Rawlinson

Beaver Leader
07742 886918

killinbeavers@yahoo.com

Cubs

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

I would have liked to have started this article with some stories of the Cubs' camp to Meggernie but due to lack of support we had to cancel the camp. Cubs have completed their first of the new Challenge badges which they will receive when we start back after the holidays. We will have four new Cubs to invest. The leaders are looking at the programme for the coming term and are hoping to get some really exciting nights planned.

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> Scouts we will also gain some from the Beavers. We are looking for some additional leaders or parents to help run the Cubs. We will be starting back on 1st September and will be running every 2 weeks. We need to have 3 adults there every week due to ratios set by the Scout Association and we cannot run if we don't have the correct ratios in place. Therefore we need your help to keep the section running. If we don't get the extra support we require, we will have no other choice but to stop running Cubs. It is hoped that we can get enough helpers so that the existing leaders can step aside and let new

leaders take over the running of the section. I intend to step down as Cub leader at Christmas time.

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. The Scouts had a busy end of term and one very quiet night. In order to raise funds for their summer camp the Scouts carried out a sponsored silence, a whole day of not talking at all, I'm sure parents and teachers will agree

with us leaders that we should definitely do this again. The Scouts had their chance to get their own back when we had a water fight on the last night of term. All Leaders received a good soaking (even if they did have the foresight to wear full waterproofs). We are now eagerly looking forward to our summer camp at the end of the month. Scouts return to regular meetings on Wednesday 19th August at 7pm in The Lesser Hall.

Harriet Wishart Scout Leader
07581 151442
2ndkillinscouts@gmail.com

MacGregor's Market

The shop is getting busier with the additional tourists and visitors to the area. Ice cream is proving popular once again. With Tommy's varied skills, we can also offer some new products. His "Cheffy" training provides us with very professionally prepared fresh fruit each week and his artistic talents on Social Media sites know no bounds! He is now on a "Smoothie" and "Milk Shake" mission – pop in and try one; made with fresh fruit. Just a reminder that the Post Office is open 9am-5pm Monday to Saturday. Despite initial hiccoughs with conflicting views on whether or not

we were allowed to do Motor Vehicle Licensing, we have finally been given the go-ahead to do so. It seems quite a vital service to offer in our relatively remote location. Additionally, we can do phone top-ups, manual and automated payments and banking for several different partner banks. There are exceptions of course and there have been a few teething problems with certain transactions, the system telling us we can do X, Y and Z, only to receive a letter from "HQ" the following week saying we can't in fact do X, Y and Z. It's very frustrating! Please bear with us; having received

minimal training, we are having to learn in situ, with the assistance of an online helpdesk or a telephone helpline, neither of which are particularly speedy in resolving issues.

The café is now open regular hours again. Ishbel is in charge for the summer, before she heads off to Uni in September. We also have Fee on board now, helping out whichever shop shouts loudest! As ever, we are open to ideas and suggestions. We need feedback to help us provide the best service we can.

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Margaret Anderson 2.06.1916 – 19.05.2015



Margaret was born in Glasgow on 2nd June 1916. She was an only child and after school at Bellahouston Academy worked in Trerons as a millinery assistant. From a very early age she spent all her summer holidays at Kilchattan Bay on the Isle of Bute where her granny had a house. She eagerly looked forward to her holidays there every year and this is where she met her future husband Alastair (Alec), whose parents moved into the police house next door to her granny. They became childhood sweethearts, married in 1940 and came to live at Myrtle Grove in Killin where Alec had a job with the Prudential Assurance Company. They had two children; Alastair who was born in 1941 and emigrated to Australia in 1979 and Sheila who was born in 1946, staying in Killin where she was able to help Margaret in her later years. At the outbreak of war, Alec enlisted in the Royal Navy and served in the Atlantic Convoys. This meant that Margaret, like so many other young mothers, was left to bring up the family on her own. After she married, Margaret was a full time housewife, with her life revolving around her family and home which kept her very busy. In

1966 Margaret and Alec moved to Ballechroisk where Margaret lived until she died. She was very active, playing golf when she was younger and spending many happy days walking with Alec in the hills around Killin and also on Arran and Bute where they often spent their holidays.

Her grandchildren Yvonne and Morna and great-grandchildren Andrew and Laura were a great joy to her. She was very proud of them and loved to spend time with them when she could, keeping up to date with all their news. She was much loved and will be greatly missed by us all.

Sheila, Gordon and the rest of the family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at the medical practice and at Forth Valley Royal hospital and all the carers for their help and support. Also the minister Rev June Johnston, for her moving service and Ross Anderson for undertaking the funeral arrangements in such an efficient and caring manner. Thanks also to everyone who sent cards and messages. These were very much appreciated.

Sheila Webster

Eliza (Ginge) Campbell 13.10.1917–24.5.2015

Ginge was born in Muthill, where she grew up with her three brothers and three sisters.

Like many young girls of her era, on leaving school at age 14 she went into service. Her first job was a housemaid to the Parish Minister in Crieff - she was given half a day off per week and every second Sunday! During the war she kept herself busy with various jobs, one of which was working in the NAAFI canteen at the local Army base, Culdees. It was here she met a familiar face by

the name of Colin Campbell, whom she had known from her school days. They married in January 1945.

Following Colin's discharge from the army in 1946, Ginge gave birth to Fiona, the first of three daughters, and in 1947 both Ginge and Fiona moved to Killin to be with Colin who was working for William McNee, the local butcher. They lived in Craiglea where in 1950 their second daughter Katrina was born. In December 1950 the family moved into a newly built Council house on the Main Street. Ginge named the family home after a favourite landmark in Muthill, the Machany Burn, where she and Colin did their courting. In 1954, Margaret, the last of the family was born.

Ginge spent the next few years devoting her time to bringing up the family until she joined Colin who was managing the local Co-op Butchers. She worked there with him until they both retired in 1980. By this time, four grandchildren Catriona, Colin, Ian and Grant had been around for a while to keep the grandparents on their toes! Grannie Campbell was fit enough and sharp enough to keep the children in check when they got up to mischief but, more importantly, she made sure they did not wreck the garden and get in trouble from grandpa. That same sharpness was still in abundance when her great-grandchildren Helena, Adam, Connor, Carys and Christopher, arrived. Ginge and Colin's beloved garden was a big part of their life. The fruits of their labours were there to be seen and enjoyed by many local people and tourists alike, who regularly stopped to admire the beautiful floral display on show at Machany.

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Retirement also gave Ginge the opportunity to fulfil her dream of visiting her brother, sisters and her niece Helen in Sydney, Australia. Colin and Ginge spent six happy weeks in Oz in 1980. Ginge was to make this trip again a few years later, sadly this time alone as Colin passed away after a short illness in 1984.

Ginge played an active part in community life - Scottish Country Dance classes, Green Bowls, and SWRI membership were just a few of the activities in which she took part. Above all, she loved socialising with family and friends. This was very obvious on Saturday mornings in her home, where the place regularly had a constant flow of visitors popping in for a wee cuppa and a chat.

In the last couple of years Ginge's sight deteriorated and she moved into the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home, but Ginge's café had not closed - it merely moved down the road. Thanks to all the staff at the Falls of Dochart, Ginge enjoyed the last two years of her life in a caring, safe environment.

The family would like to thank all the staff at the Falls Of Dochart for the wonderful care they provided and the support they offered to us throughout Ginge's illness. The family are forever in their debt. We should also like to thank all the doctors, nurses and medical staff; in particular Doctors Syme and Mills and District Nurse Susan McRobbie, for the care provided to Ginge. Additionally, we should like to thank all the members of the Killin community who over the years helped Ginge stay independent in her own home for so long; not least McGregors staff who regularly carried her shopping home, the local Postmen who delivered the

mail right to her chair and checked to see she was all right and of course her closest friends Margaret and Molly

Our thanks as well to everyone for the cards, flowers and kind words and to all who were able to attend and pay their respects at the service held in the Parish Church. The retiral collection raised the sum of £500 which will be donated to The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. Ginge will be sadly missed by all her family.

Fiona Inglis

George Graham



Each of you had your own relationship with my dad. Each of you have your own set of memories and your own words to describe my dad, but honestly he was the perfect father figure for me. Nobody could have done it better than him, even if he did have mood swings. I'm so glad he was my dad. I don't need pictures to remind me of how he was. I can see him clearly when I close my eyes and draw the wonderful memories I hold close to my heart.

My dad was the hardest working person that I've ever met. He was the person I looked up to and admired. He was the hero I wanted

to be when I was little.

I miss him so much it is unbelievable. I still sit and think, when will he be home, but he won't. It hurts badly to think that he's not going to be beside me, or saying goodnight to me every night. I hope he knows daddy's girl loves you ever so much and always will.

Leah

The family of the late George Graham would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral service at Falkirk Crematorium. We would like to express sincere thanks to all the neighbours and friends, also to the Fire Service. Ambulance, Paramedics, Air Ambulance and police and all others who helped us out on that night. We would also like to thank members of the community who sent flowers, cards, food and kind messages during a very difficult time. We are truly amazed at the support we have received and for which we are eternally grateful.

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Memories Day

The Killin Heritage Society and the National Trust for Scotland are jointly holding an Open Day at the NTS Ranger Base in Lynedoch, Killin, on **Sunday 16th August** from 11am to 4pm. On display will be many of the old photographs we have of Killin Railway and Moiralanich Longhouse, as well as some of the artefacts in the Killin Heritage Society collection that are not normally accessible to the general public. We hope anyone and everyone will join us to share any recollections they have, however long or short. Refreshments will be served and Moiralanich Longhouse will be open from 2pm until 5pm. Moiralanich Longhouse was inhabited by the Robertson family from at least 1809 to 1968 and the last resident, Tom Proctor was well known around Killin and Glen Lochay. Many people have helped to build up a picture of life at Moiralanich Longhouse – the horses and dogs, the scary black bull, the evening games of cards but there is always more we can learn. Margaret Bennett and Doris Rougvie's collection of reminisces, "In Our Day", brought daily life vividly to our imaginations through the recollections of Pat McNab who came to stay at Moiralanich Longhouse in the summer of 1928. His description of breakfast with the porridge and cream, ham and eggs told us as

much about the work of Lizzie Robertson as the life of Pat McNab. One of Pat's jobs was to gather the sheep and take them to Speedie's Market in Stirling using the train from Killin to get them there. The return journey for him and the dog was courtesy of Mary Hood from the Brig o'Lochay in an Armstrong Siddeley car. If you have any information or stories that you would like to share, but you can't make it on the day, do email us at moiralanich@nts.org.uk or Killin Heritage Society at invertay@btinternet.com

Eleanor Murray (NTS)
Gilleann Ford (KHS)

Railway Memories

In view of the NTS and KHS Memories Day, we have postponed our Railway Memories article until the next issue. We have already collected a lot of material but may pick more from this. However we would still welcome more recollections so please send them in.

The Big Shed

Seems to be about mental and physical alertness at the Big Shed this month!

Ali Blaikie of Breakthrough Combat in Edinburgh will be running a Tai Chi retreat from the evening of Friday 14th August through to Sunday 16th August. For more information and to reserve a place, please contact Ali breakthroughcombat@gmail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/Breakthroughcombat>.

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Stirling Local Development Plan Update

The Stirling Local Development Plan was adopted in September 2014 and covers the period to 2024 – but work has already begun on a new plan that will replace it.

The plan, which covers the Stirling Council area excluding those parts in the National Park, guides the future use of land and the appearance of towns, villages and rural areas, indicating where new development should happen and where it should not. It also includes policies and guidance used to assess planning applications and ensure high standards of architectural and environmental design.

The Council is required to review and update the plan every five years. To comply with latest Scottish Government advice, there is a need to identify more sites for housing, which means the normal review timescale has been brought forward. The opportunity is also being taken to review and update, where necessary, other parts of the plan. The first consultation stage in preparing the updated Local Development Plan is a Main Issues Report, which the Council agreed to publish at its June meeting. In short, the Main Issues Report sets out options relating to housing land, proposing land for a further 488 to 788 homes over 18 proposed new

sites; wind energy, specifically a 'spatial framework' for wind energy developments which will guide the location of new wind farms; and other issues which are mainly minor changes to existing policies to reflect updated Scottish Government Guidance.

The Council will be welcoming views and comments on the Main Issues Report over the 10 week consultation from 3rd August to 9th October 2015. The Main Issues Report and related documents are already available to view on the Local Development Plan webpage:

www.stirling.gov.uk/localdevplan
If you have any queries about anything relating to the Local Development Plan and the upcoming consultation on the Main Issues Report, you can get in touch with the Planning & Policy team, Richard Callender, Alistair Gemmell and Michael Mulgrew, by telephone: (01786) 233660 or email: ldp@stirling.gov.uk

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Celebrations



Lockie Tim Frost born 11th May weighing 6lb 13.5oz to Cameron and Clair. A baby brother for Reyss and Alaya. We would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, messages and gifts.



Annie, daughter of Peter and Barbara Nettleton, married Craig Williams of Lumphanan, Aberdeenshire, on May 16th. The wedding took place beside the loch at the end of Pier Road.



Kitty Dutton, daughter of Andrea Gauld and Gavin Dutton, gained a 1st class honours degree in Philosophy at Edinburgh University and was also the joint winner of the Skirving Award given to graduates for outstanding work. Kitty is a granddaughter of Jimmy and Maureen Gauld.

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Open Day

Last month the group held an event in the Killin Hotel when, after a short walk along the cycle track to Pier Road and back, there was a selection of activities on offer to encourage us to get more active no matter our level of ability. Some of the walkers and visitors took part in a strength and balance exercise session led by physiotherapists based at Callander Medical Centre. Another group had a taster of Nordic Walking led by Stella our new Lomond Coordinator. Using specially designed walking poles Nordic walking is a great way to keep your whole body exercised. Refreshed with scones, bacon butties, tea and coffee served by the Killin Hotel, those present thought that the morning was a great success and it is hoped to hold another similar Open Day next year. As part of our Open Day we introduced a session of Strength and Balance to keep you walking with confidence. This session is aimed at older adults (65-95+) although anyone will feel the benefit of them.

These exercises are very gentle and are done from a seated position or standing behind a chair. They include knee bends and leg raises and are based on the Otago falls prevention programme. A session will now be held over the summer months on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.30-2.30pm in the Killin Hotel. The session is free but participants are encouraged to buy a tea, coffee or soft drink from the hotel bar afterwards. A short walk in the park will be offered for those who wish at 3pm. If you are not sure whether you should take part in these

exercises please speak to the Project Coordinator Cathy Scott, or see your GP or physiotherapist for advice. Our usual weekly walks on a Wednesday morning meeting at 10.20am continue throughout the summer. Please see the schedule for details.

If you have any questions regarding joining any of our walks or exercise sessions, please contact the Project Coordinator

Cathy Scott

01877 330055

cathy.scott@lochlomondtrossachs.org

Health Walk Schedule

Walks take place on Wednesday morning, meeting at 10.20am

Date	Meeting Place	Route
5 th August	McLaren Car Park	Loch Circuit Old Railway if wet Tarmachan Track
12 th August	McLaren Car Park (Minibus)	
19 th August	McLaren Car Park (Car share)	Glen Lochay
26 th August	Capercaillie	Kinnell Circuit
2 nd September	McLaren Car Park (minibus)	Mhor 84 towards Strathyre
9 th September	Capercaillie	River Dochart and Old Railway
16 th September	McLaren Car Park (Car share)	Golf Club Walk
23 rd September	Capercaillie	Craignavie Road
30 th September	McLaren Car Park (Car share)	Glen Lochay (Moiranich Longhouse)



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Letters

Butterflies

I would like to give warm thanks to Kay Riddell, who looked after the unique Butterflies paper sculpture during its stay in Killin library. Thanks also to the people of Killin and visitors who came to view it. This unique artwork of a host of butterflies emerging from a book is touring Scotland and was made by an unknown artist who has become a subject of a book (a copy is available to borrow from Killin Library) and her works have been featured on television and radio many times. Kay's enthusiasm for hosting Butterflies ensured it received a warm welcome and the display supported an increase in visitors to the library. I was especially pleased to note that she encouraged schoolchildren to be inspired. The artist was looking for paper butterflies to be contributed to her 'final' work and Killin Library has collected a number of these. Details of the tour can be found at www.facebook.com/butterfliesonthe move or Twitter @butterfliesOTM

Dr Colin Mackenzie
Tour Organiser

McNab news

It may interest your readers to know that our own Jamie Macnab of Macnab, 24th hereditary Chief of Clan Macnab, will be the Honoured Guest at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in Linnville, North Carolina, USA held in July. Each year the games invites a clan chief or a titled Scot and this year we are pleased to host Jamie and his family to America.

GMHG is, I believe, the largest such gathering in North America. Highland gatherings are held all over America and Canada and Clan Macnab Society of North America participates with a pavilion or other presence in well over thirty. When the games are over I will follow up with an article and pictures that I hope you may be able to include in your wonderful paper. Thanks and best wishes

W. Lanny McNabb
Lieutenant to the Chief in NA

John the Postie

I would like to say a big thank you to all the people of Killin and surrounding areas who contributed to the collection you had for my retirement. It was such a lovely surprise and very much appreciated. I have put it to good use by buying a new strimmer to keep me busy and out the way of the wife! A special thanks to Kate, Liz and Dougie for arranging it. Will miss you all.

John (the retired postie)

Jenson Button Trust Triathlon

Lizzie Stevens successfully completed her first Triathlon (held in Derby) and would like to thank all who sponsored her. She had to take part in a swim, a bike ride and a run - twice each! It was raining at the beginning of the day for the swim and the first bike ride so disrobing between events was challenging but on the second and final run she was cheered on by the crowd to be rewarded with a full pint of Doombar and a fabulous medal. Certainly a day to remember.

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Wednesday	19th Aug 2015	9.30-11.30am
Wednesday	2nd Sep 2015	9.30-11.30am
Wednesday	16th Sep 2015	9.30-11.30am
Wednesday	30th Sep 2015	9.30-11.30am
Wednesday	14th Oct 2015	9.30-11.30am
Wednesday	28th Oct 2015	9.30-11.30am
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A mys -tree!

There is a local belief that Queen Victoria planted a tree at Auchmore when she visited in 1842. She had planted an oak tree and a fir tree at Taymouth, as a memorial to their stay there, and went on to plant trees at Drummond Castle, which was their next destination. Their visit to Auchmore was very brief. Having been rowed up Loch Tay, Victoria recorded that they arrived there at 2.45p.m. and departed at 3.20p.m. As mention is made that they had lunch during their brief visit there would not have been much time for tree planting.

However, to have planted a Sequoia Wellingtonia, as the plaque suggests, they would have had to have stayed for years! The Giant Sequoia (*sequoiadendron giganteum*) was not introduced into Britain until 1853, when seeds, shoots and saplings were brought to Britain by plant hunters such as William Lobb. It was only then that, in Britain, it was given the name Wellingtonia, after the Duke of Wellington who had died recently.

Killin Heritage Society has received a request for information regarding the tree from author David Robertson who has already written two books about the lost gardens of Perthshire. So who planted this particular tree?



Certainly not Queen Victoria in 1842. Was it planted by the Breadalbane family in memory of her visit, when they, like many Victorians, acquired sequoia seedlings for their estates? The family introduced many new plants and trees at Taymouth, details



of which are recorded in the Breadalbane Muniments and presumably they introduced many similar plants and trees to the pleasure gardens at Auchmore. Was a Douglas Fir the original tree planted by Victoria at Auchmore?

There is a splendid example of a Douglas Fir, not too far from the sequoia, referred to as 'Albert' by some Auchmore residents.

Unfortunately, there does not appear to be any written record of Victoria having planted any trees at Auchmore, despite there being copious and detailed accounts of their 1842 journey, recorded in book form, in articles and by Queen Victoria herself in her diaries.

It is unlikely that we will ever know the answers to the questions about the tree planting but someone might know who put the current plaque in situ. It is too 'new' to have been in place since 1853, let alone 1842. If anyone has any information would they be kind enough to contact Killin Heritage Society, at invertay@btinternet.com or tel. 01567 820492.

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GLORIA: FLOWERS AND QUILTS

Preparations are now well underway for our upcoming festival of flowers and quilts taking place in the Parish Church of Killin and Ardeonaig in September.

The photograph shows the quilt we will be selling by silent auction.

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to enter a quilt or do a flower arrangement. We are also looking for help in the kitchen and with stewarding. Local groups have been invited to participate by entering a flower arrangement to represent and advertise their group.

We have some smaller quilts for sale and many craft items. Refreshments with home baking will be available throughout the day.

We look forward to seeing you all in September and our opening times are as follows:-

Saturday 5th - Thursday 10th
September 10am - 5pm

Also Tuesday 8th September
7pm - 9pm

Sunday 5th September
CLOSED

There will be a preview evening on Friday 4th September for all those who have a flower arrangement or quilt entered in the festival.

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Local Planning Applications

National Park

24 March

Proposal: Repair of damaged parapets

Location: Bridge Of Dochart Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mrs Lorna Martin

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Decision: Withdrawn

20 May

Proposal: Formation of 18 no. access tracks: (2 no. Achray Forest, 1 no. Glenbranter Forest, 3 no. Crianlarich, 1 no. East Loch Ard Forest, 1 no. South Loch Ard Forest, 3 no. Central Loch Ard Forest and 4 no. South West Loch Ard Forest) Location: Various Locations As Per The Proposal

Applicant: Mr Andy Malcolm

Application Type: Prior Notification

Decision: Prior approval not required

20 May

Proposal: Alterations to form window opening

Location: Tighnabruaich House Manse Road Killin

Applicant: Mr And Mrs Hay

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

29 May

Proposal: Installation of 1No. projecting sign (retrospective) Location: MacGregor's Market Shop

Morenish Place Main Street Killin

Applicant: Ms Katy MacLeod

Application Type: Advertisement Consent

Decision: Approve

29 May

Proposal: Erection of extension to dwellinghouse

Location: 6 Railway Cottage

Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr & Mrs A Smailes

Application Type: Householder

Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

5 June

Proposal: High Voltage overhead line reinforcement works, minor route alterations

Location: Land At Wester Lix Lix Toll By Killin

Applicant: Mr Allan Coburn

Application Type: Statutory

Notification - overhead lines

Decision: Pending Consideration

22 July

Proposal: Demolition of external WC and erection of garage

Location: Sean Sghoil Ardchyle Killin

Applicant: Mr John Lowthers

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

Perth & Kinross Council

11 May

Proposal: Revised location of intake, pipe bridge and re-routing of pipe

Location: Ardtalnaig Hydro Scheme Ardtalnaig

Applicant: Achomer Energy Ltd

Application Pending Consideration

Type: planning permission local

Decision:

9 June

Proposal: Erection of a dwellinghouse

Location: Land Adjacent To Shian Lawers

Applicant: Mr Terrance Jewell

Application Type: planning

permission local

Decision: Pending Consideration

Stirling Council

8 May

Proposal: Forest road upgrade and new turning area

Location: Land Some 1500 Metres

South East Of Cuilodchart Killin

Applicant: TFP 2008 LLP

Application Type:

Decision: Approve

15 May

Proposal: Erection of general purpose agricultural shed

Location: Dall Farm Killin

Applicant: K Taylor & Sons

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Notification

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August

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August

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Fridays
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starts 18th August

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