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Editorial

Fifty years ago Killin's railway closed and life in the village changed. Other ways had to be found to get around and to move goods and animals, so the use of cars, lorries and buses grew. Over the years since then there have been many changes which could not have then been predicted. Today most people have a car or access to one. Phones have gone from the use of operators and dials to mobiles. Instead of letters taking many days to get to far flung places, it is possible to both talk to and see friends and family almost anywhere in the world via computer. Many things have advanced in many ways but some seem to take us backwards. In 1886, the Glasgow correspondent of the Belfast Newsletter reported that "The new Killin Railway, just opened, will afford a new circular route for tourists through the charming Breadalbane country. It will be possible to make rounds from Glasgow, Edinburgh, Perth and Dundee and back in a single day."

Starting from Killin by public transport today, day trips to these places are not always straightforward. We have no train and now have fewer buses so even getting to the nearest hospital for an appointment or to visit a patient is not easy. The old hospital car system using volunteer drivers is no longer feasible and for many people hospital visits are a problem – one which the Patient Participation Group is trying to address. In a small community like Killin, friends and neighbours will often help, but it is a reliable public service for getting anywhere independently that is required – and which there used to be.

In "the old days" too, the bank was open every day. The service to Killin has been steadily reduced and from December the bank will no longer open on Mondays – just Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.00 until 15.00 including lunchtimes. The advance of technology means that a lot of banking can be done on the internet but not everyone has a computer or is able to use one. A major use of the bank is for paying in cash and it will no longer be able to pay in the weekend's takings from shops or events on a Monday. In some cases this means the increased amounts of cash held may need to be covered by increased insurance premiums. The real question everyone has in mind is when will the bank stop opening at all?

It's good to see that another empty shop in the village will be reopening soon and that the one next door to the Killin News office has had a makeover. The look of the village makes a difference to us all. The beautiful floral display at Craiglea gives the village a centre which it would otherwise not have.

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Our exhibition was a great success! We would like to say thank you to all the people who helped us. We were so well supported with beautiful flower arrangements from local groups and a particular mention must go to the nursery display which was admired by everyone. Thanks also to local businesses who displayed posters and flyers; Cathie who did the formal arrangements; those who came to steward; the helpers in the kitchen who brought along home baking and a special mention to our husbands for hanging all the quilts. We are delighted to have raised £1,825 for the church.

Ann, Sue and Sally



On Saturday 12th September over 120 ladies braved the inclement weather to join us for our 2nd Ladies Lunch. On arrival the ladies were welcomed with a glass of fizz. After selecting their table they were able to browse the varied range of goods on offer from the stalls around the hall before enjoying the vast array of food available at the buffet.

Jennifer McLauchlan, area co-ordinator, welcomed everyone to the event, then gave a presentation to Bunty McGregor & Judy Forster for their 40 years of service to the Committee.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who supported this event, the local businesses that supplied food and raffle prizes, Sandra Logan for her most amusing tales and most importantly the Ladies who made this such a special village event enabling us to raise a magnificent £3150 for Cancer Research.

Front Page Picture **Aurora in Killin**

There was a fairly strong aurora on 7th September quite late at night and long after decent God-fearing folks - a category which doesn't include photographers - would have gone to bed. Having been alerted by my "aurora alert" service, I was out from early till late, searching the skies. Patience was rewarded and a few reasonable images recorded, of which the front page is one.

The aurora was rather dimmer than this to the naked eye; however no trickery or special enhancement was used - modern digital cameras have light-gathering abilities that the human eye does not; this was what the camera recorded during an exposure-time of 10-20 seconds."

David Paterson

Killin Community Council - September

Public Access Defibrillator

Elaine Turner attended the start of the meeting and provided an update.

Loch Tay Internet Project

Ardeonaig and Ardtalnaig Community Association have funding from the Scottish Government for the Loch Tay Internet Project which will provide super fast broadband to communities around the Loch. Killin Community Council all agreed they supported the Loch Tay Internet Scheme and fully backed the Ardeonaig and Ardtalnaig Community Association.

Police Service of Scotland

Community Council Report

Ironworks patrols will draw to a close at the end of September. A recent check on campers identified a Ford Transit van with no insurance.

One male was arrested for domestic assault in Crianlarich.

A report was made of juveniles attempting to get an adult to purchase alcohol for them. The Co-op staff intervened and dealt with this.

During the period 15.07.15–05.09.15 there have been 13 road traffic collisions, 5 of these were serious.

A caravan was stolen from Immervoulin Caravan Site.

An Ifor Williams trailer was stolen from the Hydro Scheme at Anies Farm. The Broch Cafe in Strathgry was

broken into and a quantity of alcohol stolen.

Local events have gone well with no issues.

The school term has begun and extra attention will be paid at school times when possible.

Coach Parking

This area now has appropriate signs and has been painted. The Police now have the authority to move vehicles on.

Traffic speed on Lyon

Road/Ballechroisk area

Councillor Hayes will contact Councillor Earl regarding the progress on implementing a 20mph speed limit in this area. There was also a report of a Stirling Council bin collection lorry speeding in this area in the evening, causing damage to trees and mounting the pavement. Councillor Hayes will report this to G. Somerville at SC.

Bridge repairs

The repairs to the Dochart Bridge have come off the planning list for the LLTNP. The reason for this is not known.

Road Repairs

A stretch of Ardeonaig Road is scheduled for repair from 24th September to 2nd October with time banded closures. Tim Frost has also raised the problems with the passing places for attention.

The A827 from the Golf Course to the boundary is scheduled for resurfacing from 26th October and this section of the road will be closed for a week. Craignavie Road will be done after this.

A number of white lines on the roads in Killin require repainting. Double yellow lines are also needed to prevent parking alongside the Smiddy as this obstructs vehicles exiting the bridge. Councillor Hayes will pursue.

DRT

Councillor Hayes has received some complaints regarding the changes to the service and encouraged anyone with a complaint to write to their local Councillor.

Top Car Park

The trees are overgrown and it has not been swept by the road sweeper, possibly because it is difficult to access. Councillor Hayes will contact Stirling Council.

Community Tests Project

The Community Planning Partnership has named Killin and Strathfillan as communities willing to work in innovative ways as part of a project to support communities to be empowered to shape and deliver services that meet local needs.

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KAT Report

There have been a few changes in KAT recently. We've had to say goodbye to our chairperson Willie Angus and our Company Secretary Gina Angus. Both Willie and Gina contributed a lot of their time and energy to KAT over the years and this has had a positive drive on the work the organisation has carried out. Willie was involved with pushing forward the Killin Cutting Carbon Project from 2009 and the Killin Action Plans. He was also involved in applying for funding for Breadalbane Park and the Old Mill as well as funding for Franny Morrison (Old Mill Manager) and Theresa Elliot (Project Support Officer). Without his energy and enthusiasm these projects may not have been at the stage they are now. Many thanks to both Willie and Gina, you will both be missed. In the meantime, Ron Allner has stepped forward to become KAT's new chairperson and we are sure he will contribute as effectively and enthusiastically as Willie has over the years, though his approach may be very different. Theresa Elliot has taken on the role as Company Secretary.

KAT has set up a small office for Theresa and Franny at the Old Mill on the first floor.

KAT Grant awards

KAT has made a further three community grant awards from the proceeds of The Old Mill, £250 each to Killin Medical Practice Patient Participation Group, Killin Dramatic Club and Killin & District Sports & Leisure Club. This brings the total to eight, amounting to £1,930, given for community projects or activities to provide support and help enhance the lives of people in the Killin Community Council Area.

Applications for this round are now closed. A similar total amount will be made available before the end of the year with applications being invited in the next Killin News

Breadalbane Park

The park held its first big event in August with the Killin Show. It was lovely to see lots of people milling around enjoying the event. The Old Mill and KAT had a stall at the Killin Show at which we gained 37 new members. At the end of August the Killin 10k was held and again attracted a lot of people to the park enjoying the event. I have now completed my ten 10k runs and raised £820.91 for KAT. Over the summer period the flying fox has been well used and always seems to have children playing on it. Lochtayside runners have been using the park facilities on Wednesday evenings to train for the Killin 10k and have found the path a great asset. In September the contractors should be returning to do the sand slitting which couldn't be completed while the ground was settling. There should be an improvement in the drainage once this has been carried out.

Old Mill

We are still working toward putting in for development funding from the big lottery to help us gather the information we require for their stage 2 application. We invited tenders for architects and have selected Sonya Linskaill who has worked with us previously. We will receive the tenders for business consultants at the beginning of September so hoping to move this project forward very soon.

Space Audit

The space audit is an assessment of the facilities available for community groups to use. It looks at the space needs of community groups, what facilities have to offer and how the needs of the community groups are met or not met. It has identified what needs have not been met and how these can be taken into consideration in any future development of local facilities, or if any facilities can adapt their building to meet some of these requirements.

The space audit has now been completed and can be viewed in Killin Library, MacGregors or the Old Mill. If you wish a hard copy I can email you one on request theresa@killincddt.co.uk or visit our website at: www.killincdt.co.uk

Theresa Elliot

Project Support Worker

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Old Mill Report

The Old Mill is continuing to reach the community in so many ways. For the first time the Mill ran a stall at the Killin Show raising £190.50, as well as hosting a stall at the Cancer Research Ladies Lunch on 12th September selling upcycled goods, jams and marmalades and crafts all made by volunteers.

We try to keep the Mill open for seven days a week from 10-4pm and aim to reach both the local community as well as visitors. We really want the Mill to be accessible and available as much as possible but this cannot happen without our dedicated team of volunteers. We do need more volunteers and if you can offer any time it would be greatly appreciated. We are also getting increasing demands for the Old Mill to collect goods and we are not yet in a position to offer this service, but we hope to be able to offer this service in the future.

We can no longer accept any Electrical Items. We also cannot accept Duvets, Pillows, Cycle Helmets, Motor Cycle Helmets, VCR's or VHS tapes.

Dates for your diary

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Tay Fitness Killin 10K

A record entry of 273 runners contested the 5th Tay Fitness Killin 10K on Saturday 29th August along with 34 runners in the 1Km Fun Run. The rain stayed away for much of the day and running conditions were ideal.

The race was won for the 3rd year in a row by Dave Blackie in a new course record (34m14s), Craig Harvey of Squadra Porcini was 2nd (34m26s) and Justin Carter was 3rd (35m28s).

The woman's race was won by Diane Baum (40m04s), Lyndsay MacKay was 2nd (41m15s) and Judith Turner 3rd of Falkland Trail Runners (41m54s).

The fun run was also a great success with lots of local youngsters getting involved and some running with their parents or grandparents.

Morna Webster was our only wheelchair participant and wheeled herself around the course with only a little help on the "big hill". Local resident Liz Stevens participated in her first 10K and Theresa Elliot completed her 10th 10K this year and has raised hundreds of pounds



for the Killin and Ardeonaig Trust. Our thanks to the event sponsors – The Real Food Café, Bridge Of Lochay Hotel, Killin Outdoor Shop, Escape in Killin, The Old Smiddy Restaurant, MacGregors and John Morris Health and Safety Ltd. Furthermore the day would not have been such a success without the many local volunteers and the Killin MRT who provided medical cover and radio communications throughout the event.

Congratulations to everyone who took part this year. It was great to see many inspirational local people getting involved and hopefully this trend will continue next year. The event finished in style with a 10Keilidh at the McLaren Hall where dancers were treated to ceilidh tunes from Tarmachan Ceilidh Band. A great day and night. Here's to even bigger things next year!

Pete Waugh



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The Travellers of Elsewhere

Recently an unusual group of artists, performers and musicians made a brief stop in Killin. They were creating Scotland's first horse-drawn travelling show since the middle of last century and invited audiences to step outside the familiar into a living fairy tale. *Elsewhere* is a "creation of enchanted spaces found in Scottish folklore when humans cross over into the Otherworld". The show was a kaleidoscope of circus, story, music and magic, featuring fabulous creatures, dazzling feats of circus artistry and outrageous stories coming to life.

Keeping to the tradition of old-world travelling shows, the company walk with the wagons, live under canvas and cook over open fires.



They believe that horses can play an important part in a sustainable future and that, even in a digital age, creative expression is possible without sophisticated technologies. Those who managed to see the show really enjoyed the experience.

Local woman Sue Manning from Tombreck was lucky enough to travel with the group with her two ponies Millie and Jackson. The horses were working as traditional 'pack ponies' but using modern pack saddles and specially designed trekking panniers. Prior to the shows in Killin, *Elsewhere* had performed at Tombreck and Milton Eonan Glenlyon, walking over the Ben Lawers hill road to get there. Departing Killin, they went along the cycle route to Balquhiddier where they did a couple of shows at Mhor 84.

They then travelled to Crieff and the Crieff Arts Festival along the south Loch Earn road and various tracks and back roads. On leaving Crieff, the group took the old drove road over Glen Artney to Callander, which ended up taking three days due to wet weather and a high water river crossing!

After Callander, there were another three days of travel on forestry, back roads and even across fields, to reach their final show at Tir Na nOg

near Balfron.

The cast and crew of *Elsewhere* would like to thank all the local people who made the tour possible and helped by providing route advice, fields for camping and grazing the horses, unlocking gates, giving food and hot showers, and of course all those who came to the shows.

Sue says "it was a crazy wonderful experience for me and my horses to travel with *Elsewhere* this summer, and hopefully we will be back for more next year"!



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Loch Tay Internet A Community Initiative Nearing Completion



High speed broadband will be available to residents on Loch Tayside before you can say "how many meg" or "what are the download limits". This is the outcome of a small community taking initiative for itself and its neighbours.

Supported by the Scottish Government through Community Broadband Scotland, the initiative brings broadband via microwave radio signals from a 'backhaul' location in the Tay valley and a number of 'eco-pop' masts to beam the connection in a net back and forward across the loch. The criss crossing of the microwaves means any properties obscured by trees or hills from one eco-pop will be able to 'see' another one and receive their high speed broadband.

A lot of people are already signed up. The service was never in need of numbers before getting up and

running and we are delighted to be able to offer good value future proofed broadband to those postcode areas that would never be able to access a fibre based supplier. The postcodes range from **Ardeonaig to Acharn** on the south side of the loch and from **Morenish almost to Kenmore** (but not including Kenmore) on the north side of the loch. Rules governing state aid (not using public money more than once in any project) limit the provision of projects using public money so we are making sure that Loch Tay Internet will meet the needs of all subscribers. Our technical suppliers are AB Internet who have great experience in this technology and were selected through an open tendering process. They share with us the aspiration to have a service for today and for the future. **Killin Community Council** at their recent meeting were unequivocal in their support and pleased that residents in their area would have high speed broadband despite being very remote.

The answers to the questions on speed and download availability are **50Mb upload and 10MB down** with **100Gb download** per month as part of the fair usage policy.

When? We are still aiming for the first subscribers to have a service by the end of October with others rolling out afterwards. If there is any slippage then we hope the year end will see the project complete.

Please contact me, Phil Simpson, by email with any queries:

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Frost Report



Mixed messages

The last few mornings we have been entertained during breakfast by repeated fly-pasts of around a hundred wallows and house martins. They are obviously enjoying their own breakfasts in flight but where have they been all summer? We only had one nest of martins and one of swallows and these very late on in the breeding season. Any day now they will be disappearing to warmer climates.

Similarly the red squirrels will soon be abandoning us for the hazel woodlands nearby when the wild food becomes available. Hopefully they will all safely return next spring when wild supplies run out. It will be interesting to see if they also have a spring feast on the new eucalyptus buds as they did this year. Maybe there is some medicinal reason? Does anyone know? I am also wondering if it was the squirrels who stole all the pear buds this year. Last year the tree was laden but this year there were none. A friend at Ardtalnaig gets no squirrel visitors during the summer but a few during the winter to feed. They are obviously adaptable little folk.

The wildcat project is progressing and there is a website to report to if

you are lucky enough to see a real wildcat. www.scottishwildcataction.org. This will also give you further information on the animal.

It's good to see effort going into protection of our native species instead of it all going on the politically motivated moves to rewind. (Where did that word come from?) The National Farmers' Union recently met 45 representatives from their Norwegian counterpart to discuss this issue. They learnt that last year 3,895 ewes and 19,671 lambs were taken by lynx, bears, wolverine and wolves. In many areas outdoor livestock farming has become impossible and the Norwegians cannot understand the claim that the reintroduction of these predators would effectively control deer. They claim that it is much more effectively and humanely done by hunting which also helps, rather than robs, the local economy.

The wildcat needs cover but the good news from recent research from Yale University that 3 trillion is an estimate of the number of trees on the planet – far more than the previous estimate of 4 hundred billion. I'm not immediately aware of the maths involved but, apparently, this equates to 420 trees to every human.

There has been a good deal of media coverage lately of athletics – both good and bad. It is good to

recognise those who achieve. Why is it then that a clay shooter called George Digweed (wouldn't that be a great name for a gardener!) has hardly been heard of although he has won 26 world titles, 18 European championships, 10 European cups and 11 British and English championships? It is obviously a case of the face of his sport not fitting. Maybe he will become a hero when they need the rewilted predators attended to.

Another media icon lately has been Cecil, the lion who was a research subject fitted with a radio collar. What has not hit the news is that on August 24th a guide to a walking camera safari group was killed by a collared lion called Nxaha in a Zimbabwe National Park. Having sat close to lions eyeing up a walking safari group in Botswana and licking their lips I can quite see this. There is no report yet that this lion has been shot.

Mr. Fox would like to introduce you to his, probably now extinct, double barrelled named cousin Mr. Greyhound-fox. Not fifty shades of grey but a fell-land sleek and fast fox half as big again as a normal fox. A taxidermy specimen has come to light which was killed by no lesser person than the famous John Peel in 1840. D.N.A. tests are being carried out.

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The number of swallow and housemartin nests at Auchmore has declined over the past three or four years but there were still a few this summer. On 24th August hundreds of the birds were gathering on the overhead wires across the field below Auchmore preparing to depart when Kenny and Norma Lang were alerted by a noisy flock of martins mobbing a nest which still had occupants. The birds were all calling loudly and seeming very agitated, flying up to the nest and away or hanging on to the wall below. None of the Auchmore residents had seen anything like this before and could only think that the birds were trying to get the youngsters in the nest to leave and join them on their migration. It would be interesting to know whether anyone else has seen anything like this or has another explanation of this behaviour.

Elephant Hawk Moth Caterpillar found lurking in undergrowth at Killin News!



This enormous caterpillar turns into a beautiful moth



KILLIN MEDICAL PRACTICE ANNUAL FLU CLINICS 2015

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KILLIN MEDICAL PRACTICE

GP Update

Dr Watson has returned from maternity leave and is back to delivering GP services eight sessions a week. Dr Mill, who covered Dr Watson's maternity leave, continues at the practice for eight sessions a week whilst Dr Syme will be reducing his sessions and from September 2015 will not do regular sessions. He will however be covering absences for Dr Watson and Dr Mill over the coming year, in anticipation of his retiral on 1st September 2016.

Flu Jabs

This year for the first time the flu jabs will also be free to people with a Body Mass Index (BMI) of over 40. If you think you may fall into this category, you can get your height and weight checked by a Health Care Assistant at Killin Medical Practice.

Defibrillator update

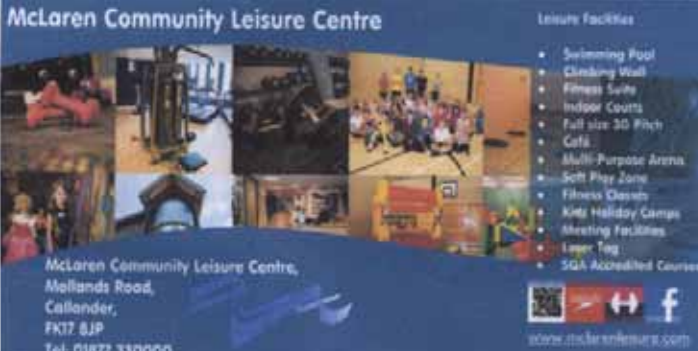
By the time that you read this the defibrillator will be installed in the porchway to The Falls of Dochart Home. If it is tampered with an alarm will sound.

The machine has been provided by The Government and is compatible with those used by the paramedics. The Community Choir has purchased a box and provided funds for training evenings and will pay for batteries and any other maintenance costs. It is hoped that we can also purchase a dummy machine for training also funded by the choir. The original trainees will have been given their last training.

The effectiveness of the machine will depend on there being enough volunteers, not just to use it but to be able to fetch the machine or, most vital of all, to carry out straightforward C.P.R. till the machine arrives.

Local groups are being covered for training or refresher and we are now asking more of you to come to train further so look out for local notices. For all of this we have to thank local paramedics for giving freely of their time. They are very generous with their time so please give just a little of yours to help in this very worthwhile project.

Linda Frost



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Mervyn's Weather

It is often said that during prolonged spells of unsettled weather "all signs of improvement are false".

Over the past sixty five years a number of summer seasons have stood out as being virtually non-existent, 1950, 1985 and now 2015. All these years produced a short spell of brilliant conditions during June, after which unsettled, dull and cool weather held sway until, in the cases of 1950 and 1985, a brief interlude of Indian summer gave a "minimal apology". Incidentally 1950 gave us, on 26th September, a Blue Moon (and Sun), caused by the smoke of forest fires in Canada crossing our islands in the Stratosphere.

As to 2015 these notes - written on 31st August - the last day of summer and the conditions which have obtained since early July are still firmly established, with as yet no signs of improvement. It has to be said however that during a "bad summer" there are also brief spells of more acceptable weather, and during a "good summer" short lived, low-pressure systems, can intervene. Those of us who are involved in agriculture have, in 2015, legitimate cause to complain about the various problems and setbacks that inclement weather can visit upon us. Attempts

at hay making have been few and far between, even silage/haylage work is being difficult due to sodden ground conditions. The grain harvest is only just beginning. So it is to be hoped that the advent of autumn may improve their lot.

Some farmers, particularly in wetter hill areas, have decided to forgo harvesting their own winter keep, it being more economic to purchase fodder which also can be of better quality than home grown produce. As so often happens, subsequent to a spell of barren conditions and retarded growth, nature effects a "U" turn, resulting in a tremendous surge in growth of grass which very quickly reaches maturity not only in the seed heads but in increased un-palatibility of the stems. In order to stimulate renewed growth which occurs in any case in early autumn, and is much more nutritious to grazing stock, it is necessary to top, i.e. cut off most of the woody stems of the grass and seed heads with the Topper, a purpose built rotary mower which is set a few inches above ground level, so leaving the sole or sward untouched.

Mervyn K. Browne
Ardtalnaig

Help for Refugees

The situation in Calais is part of the wider migration crisis in Europe - caused largely by the displacement of people from war-torn countries such as Syria, Sudan, Afghanistan and Eritrea. No person should be without access to basic human rights like shelter and warmth and by donating items you can help to improve the conditions of people living in the camps there.

If you are able to donate any of the items listed, please call **Suzanne Player 820946** or drop off at **MacGregors**. Donations will be gratefully accepted up until Wednesday 14th October and will then be sorted and taken elsewhere for onward transportation to Calais. **Please help. Thank you.**

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Strathfillan Community Development Trust

Although the weather in Strathfillan this summer has not been particularly inspiring, we have had a successful funding season, including grants for Tyndrum Community Woodlands and Shelterbelt. These will fund chainsaw and woodland management training, build a forest classroom and community hub, establish a Gruffalo Trail, buy much needed equipment and install lots of new signs, waymarkers and interpretation boards. It's going to be a busy, and exciting, few months for the Woodlands Team and, if anyone fancies joining in, we're always open to new members or occasional volunteers. On a slightly graver note, we have noticed that irresponsible wild camping is on the up in the Community Woodland, with people even driving their cars along the West Highland Way! This is very disappointing and we would encourage anyone who spots people behaving in this fashion to email the Trust Office. We hope to work with the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park rangers to resolve the situation.

On one of the few sunny days this summer we held Detecting Dalrigh Day, when Paul MacDonald and his team from MacDonald Armouries

came to Tyndrum to search for the site of the Battle of Dalrigh. Although the team did not find anything identifiable on the day (they are undertaking analysis of what they did find – so watch this space), we successfully managed to raise the profile of the site, its history, and even the Community Woodland and Trust. We spoke to passers by from all over the world (Canada to Glasgow!). A big thank you to Ellen Cattanach for providing super flapjacks – a definite additional attraction! Works on Crianlarich Paths Project started at the beginning of July and all is going well. A drop-in Consultation Day held on 28th July was well attended and well received. Thanks to all those who came along. The information boards were a hit and they will look great once in place. If anyone who missed the drop-in would like to view the plans, a small temporary exhibition can be found in Tyndrum Village Hall, open Tuesdays and Wednesdays or on request.

Saplings youth club was a great success this year, with lots of children attending from Killin to Dalmally. All the kids had a great time and we've had super feedback. Many thanks to Chris Macnab for all her hard work and thanks to Scotgold, Gareth Kett from the LLTNPA, Andy Kerr from the Forestry Commission, Georgia Crook and Alma Walker for all their assistance. There is even talk of an Easter one off – so, again, watch this space!

Last, but definitely not least, the Trust would like to offer a big 'thank

you' to Lesley Wilkie from Tyndrum for her very generous donation of two replacement doors in Tyndrum Village Hall. It is much appreciated and hopefully marks the beginning of various refurbishment works to be carried out over the coming months. Thanks also to those who came along to a recent Tyndrum Village Hall volunteer day – good work all! If you want to get involved in the Trust or any of our projects contact Kelly strathfillancdt@btconnect.com, or message us through our Facebook page 'Strathfillan Community', or phone 01838 400545.

Dates for your Diary:
Tai Chi – Wednesday mornings
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Kelly Clapperton-Bates

Strathfillan Community Council

Community Pilot Workshop

Stirling Council have selected Strathfillan & Killin as one of 4 pilot areas to trial new ways for the Council to work with communities for delivering services. A workshop was held in Crianlarich on 24th August, attended by several Strathfillan representatives (as well as representatives from Killin, Stirling Council and a number of other organisations). We were disappointed that the session attempted to repeat much of the work we have already carried out during the production of our Action Plan, rather than focus on how to turn our aspirations into reality. However, a follow up meeting has been arranged with Cllr Martin Earl and Gillian Taylor (Stirling Council), when it is hoped that progress on this will be made.

Public Toilets Numerous complaints have been received about the poor condition of Tyndrum public



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toilets, and insufficient frequency of cleaning of both Tyndrum & Crianlarich toilets. Cllr Martin Earl is investigating possible funding methods for repairing Tyndrum toilets and the cleaning frequency will be discussed as part of the Community Pilot work (above).

Outreach Surgery We were extremely disappointed that the Outreach Surgery did not start in August as had been hoped. Killin Medical Practice have asked to delay this pilot scheme while their new GP partnership arrangements are becoming established. We still have the funding for the Outreach surgery pilot, and hope that a planning meeting can be arranged in the not too distant future.

Health Transport John, Alan and Alistair will be attending a meeting with representatives of NHS Forth Valley in early October, to discuss the problems with access to hospital transport.

Crianlarich Paths Work is now well underway on the Crianlarich paths network. The groundwork is due to be completed during October, with interpretation signs in place by early November.

DRT Despite our objections, the new DRT booking arrangements will take effect from 1st October. Bookings

will be made via Stirling Council, and must be placed between 9am-3pm, Mon-Fri.

Broadband Tyndrum residents have been reporting unusually slow broadband speeds at times (particularly during the evening) for approximately 6 months. Gavin Macnab has been actively pursuing this with BT and is hopeful that a solution may at last have been found. Strathfillan is still scheduled for upgrade to Fibre Optic in summer 2016, as part of the Digital Scotland programme.

Goldpanning Following the CC intervention, two meetings have been held between the various agencies involved in Goldpanning legislation (National Park, SEPA, SNH, Police Scotland and the Crown Estates). The agencies are aiming to produce an information note which will clarify the position with regard to recreational Goldpanning in and around Tyndrum.

Community Rail Partnership Alan is now a member of the West Highland Community Rail Partnership, representing Strathfillan. A number of issues with regard to our local rail stations have been raised, including disabled access, signage and station facilities. The CRP have some budget for

community projects related to railways, but also lobby Scotrail and Network Rail for improvements which should be their responsibility.

Strathfillan Lunch Club

The outing was on July 3rd. We stopped at the Crieff Visitors Centre for coffee and scones, had an interesting visit to the Cotton Mills in Stanley and then a delicious lunch at the Tayside Hotel Stanley. Many thanks to our funders, the Tyndrum Inn and Stirling Council.

Race Night

The Tyndrum Inn ran a race night on Friday, 11th September, with proceeds exceeding £3,000 going to Strathfillan Community Development Trust, Tyndrum Village Hall and Strathfillan Lunch Club. The groups would like to say a massive thank you to Jen for organising the evening and for the contributions they received. Thanks also to everyone who supported the event.

Chris Macnab



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Local hill runners conquer Glen Coe Skyline

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of the infamous Aonach Eagach ridge, a 3km jagged and lofty arête with Grade II scrambling. The race was won by Scottish runner Joe Symonds in an impressive 07:36:21. Second place (and first lady) in 07:44:19 was Emelie Forsberg from Sweden, who is also the World and European Skyrunning champion. Stephen was delighted to complete the course in 09:58:26 and finished 46th out of the 148 competitors who started. Dan was 57th in 10:54:20 and positioned 8th in his over-45 category. Crucially, both men thoroughly enjoyed the event and are already discussing what hill running challenge they can take on next year!

Sarah Watts

Killin and District Telephone Book

Work on the Telephone Book has been delayed for various reasons, not least because so many people had not returned a form saying they wanted to be included. There is no point in a directory unless most people are in it so we have tried phoning those who haven't replied and, when we can get a reply, they invariably say, yes, they do want to be in. Phoning round takes a lot of time and cost over and above the time the volunteers take in putting the information together. As it has been delayed anyway, we are again including forms with this issue. If you have not previously returned one or told us by phone that you want to be included, please do return one this time. If you are not sure, return one anyway. Proceeds from sales of the book will again go to the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home.



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Killin and District Agricultural Society Show

The annual Killin Show took place on Saturday 15th August in the Breadalbane Park. The Organising Committee had considered various options on how to utilise the Park as, in the aftermath of the extensive drainage work, there were areas of made-up ground unsuitable for vehicles and sections of water accumulation. Rumours that the Show had been cancelled made the Committee even more determined to go ahead. Despite the uncertainty, preparations progressed and, with the co-operation of the McLaren Hall Management Committee, who granted permission to have the sheep pens on Hall ground, any doubt on the show taking place was removed. It was decided not to have



from treatment wait patiently for their own hair to grow back. There were good numbers of both visitors and local supporters and the weather was mostly fine and warm, with only a small shower of rain late in the afternoon which went virtually unnoticed.

Taking everything into consideration the Organising Committee were right to decide to hold the 2015 Killin Show and they thank everyone who supported the event.

Alex Stewart
Committee Member

the cattle section thus removing the small risk of any damage to the grass. Areas of unstable ground were fenced off and vehicle access was reduced. Matting was used over a small section of ground allowing access to the main area of untouched land where the entertainment would take place. The events and stalls in the park were reduced to limit possible damage and the whole programme was designed for everyone to enjoy.

The hair clipping to raise funds for the MacMillan Nurses helped to realise over £3,000 between the Lorn and Killin Shows. Well done, Anna - your wonderful locks will by now be made into a wig as those recovering



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Scarecrow Competition

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As the Drama Club keeps getting asked this question, here is the answer!

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The intention was to attract other drama clubs to this event and from the first year the concept was very popular. 2015 was the 5th consecutive year of this event! We have had participants from places such as Perth, Aberfeldy, Glasgow, Gourrock, Aberdour, Kirkcaldy, Edinburgh, Leslie, Dollar, Pitlochry, Birnam, Pathhead, and Lytham St Annes! A bonus for our own club is

that we use this event to give some of our members with less experience the chance to take part in sketches and short plays in an informal atmosphere.

We have had audience members from far and away and a huge bonus to the local economy is that most of the participants and audience stay over for the weekend. So not only does SCDA get some funds each year (between £1000 and £1500) but local hotels, guest houses, B & Bs, restaurants, gift shops etc. are all seeing some benefit from our visitors.

But what we would like to see is more local people in the audience! This is not a highbrow weekend! We set the hall out in what we call café style – seats around tables and the event is licensed. Each evening there might be three plays of between 20 to 35 minutes –

occasionally one a little longer. Between times we have the sketches, anything from two minutes to ten. So you may get seven to eight different items in an evening with sometimes some singing thrown in. And at the end of the evening you'll be offered some supper – no extra charge! Everyone is there to have fun and the social atmosphere is fantastic. Next year's KKF is already booked for 6th and 7th May. So put it into your diary now! Oh, and by the way, if you would like to be part of the Killin Drama Club content for that evening and you are not already a member get in touch with us via our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/killindramaclub
Lesley Syme

Killin Memories Day

The National Trust for Scotland and the Killin Heritage Society held a joint open day on Sunday 16th of August, exhibiting some of their collections from Moirlanich Longhouse and the Killin Railway. The aim of the day was to gather any recollections people had of either of these that had not been recorded before. Over a hundred people attended including Ian Hancock whose grandmother had worked in the signal box and whose family has a wealth of information about the railway. Ian Cairns also came along with some very precious family photographs. He and his family came to Killin every year for the summer and would spend much of their time with their good friends at Moirlanich, recalling the curling pond where the electricity sub-station is now and much of the detail of life at Moirlanich. His sister Anne had

previously donated some photographs to the NTS and Mr Cairns brought some more including this one of himself and his sister helping with the hay.

Lots of other people attended with



information or questions about their own links to Killin and it was agreed to have an annual Heritage event to display exhibits and provide a point of contact.

Sunflower Competition

Tallest Sunflower

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A Brief History

It is now 50 years since the closure of Killin Branch Railway and there are many in Killin who hold fond memories of their railway experiences. The first passenger service was in April 1886 and as well as passengers the train carried newspapers, parcels, mail and food supplies for the shops and sheep were transported to the animal mart regularly. The Station Cottages in Killin were built to house the porter, the station master and the engine driver. In 1939 the passenger service between Killin Station and Loch Tay Station that linked with the Steamboat to Kenmore stopped. Years later and the planned closure of the Killin Branch Line was brought forward from 1st November, 1965 to 27th September after Glen Ogle was closed by rock falls. Drizzle and greasy lines on the day of the train's final journey meant that 3 attempts were needed before the small engine could successfully pull the 3 coaches and 13 wagons up the hill! The journey from Killin Station to the Junction used to take about 14 minutes.



A Selection of Memories

Davies McGuire has recently returned to live in Killin after living here during the early/mid 1950s. Davies' earliest memory is of being held up to look out of the carriage's open window as the train went down Glen Ogle. His older brothers and sisters railway memories are below

Gavin McGuire

I remember that there were two steam locomotives in use on the Killin to Killin Junction line, a small side-tank engine called Pug and a slightly larger engine with a coal tender called Jumbo though I think we saw Pug more often than Jumbo. The driver would stop and come back for me and my mother when he spied us running for the train. My brother Adrian and sister Trina share this memory. It was common practice for the village boys (including me) to hang around the station and hitch a ride in the guard's compartment whilst shunting was carried out.

On the McLaren school run back from the Junction to Killin, the driver might let one of us ride in the engine cab for the journey home and even work the brake lever.

"elf and safety" simply didn't come into it but nobody was ever even scratched in any kind of incident when we were playing with real steam engines – what fun!

Rachel Hunter's grandfather saw the first train pull into Killin Station in 1886 and was dipping sheep at Acharn when he saw the final train leaving in 1965. Her earliest memories are from the 1930s and 40s. She wrote "I remember the guard/porter throwing the daily paper out of the guard's van window at Acharn where we, the Willison family, lived. The guards/porters were Martin Lawrie and Archie Marquis. The engine drivers were Mr Menzies and Jock Braid. Mr Menzies was very cheerful. We called him "Merry Menzies". The firemen were Jimmy Tinley and Peter Richardson and the Station Master was Mr. Heggie. There was a railway siding at Acharn where the coal was delivered in trucks and moved to the farmyard by horse and cart. Empty trucks were shunted in to take away the annual wool-clip. My sisters and I used the branch line twelve times a year en route to Hawick via Edinburgh to attend school.

Kay Riddell Recalls that on a Sunday all the kids had to get out of Daisy's café, (popular as it had a juke box), still clutching their Fantas, to make room for the visitors when the tourist train arrived.

George Bickerton worked as assistant in the bar at the 'Clachaig' and on Sundays was told to shut the bar as soon as the tourist train pulled in! He remembers the kids helping sometimes with getting the cattle into Douglas Willison's farm at Acharn. He also recalls "The Boar" carrying bread boxes on his head to the village shops. There would be coal fires in the waiting room which would "have roasted an ox"



The Boar

Memories

Chrissie Fenton remembers travelling to school from Auchlyne, Glen Dochart in 1941. "I cycled to Luib Station and travelled on the main line to Callander every morning. In the afternoon the "pug" came to Callander to take all the pupils home, including some to Crianlarich and Tyndrum. It reversed all the way back to Killin with the Killin pupils. I also remember going to Kenmore during my school holidays in the 1930s. My sister and I travelled on the pug from Killin Station to the pier at the head of Loch Tay, then went by steamer to Kenmore."



Dougie Allan remembers a character nicknamed "The Boar" with great fondness. He was Martin Lawrie, one of the guard/porters, originally from Oban, known throughout the area including Glasgow and had been awarded the Military Medal in the first world war. Dougie recalls how in his duties as a porter he would balance as many as three parcels on his head and was never seen to drop any! (see photo). Dougie travelled daily on the school train in the 50s and will never forget the trick played by 'the boar' on any boys making the journey for the first time, which involved the shaping of soggy ginger nut biscuits to resemble something unmentionable. On the day of the branch line closure, Sir Alec Douglas Home had been invited to the official closing ceremony at Killin. 'The boar', hearing that the station master was running late for the event, saw his opportunity for a touch of fame and donned the station master's hat just in time to greet the honoured guest. Other snippets told by Dougie include an incident at the junction when the train from Callander pulled up and a shout went out from Davey MacDougall on the platform "All change for Killin". The reply from the train came back "There's only cattle on the train", to which Davey then replied with a shout "In that case, all please remain on the train". Finally Dougie recalls that the driver would often tell unsuspecting children that the brake, a circular wheel, was actually the train's steering wheel. I wonder how many fell for that one?

Mairi Hunter lived in Gray St and travelled daily on the train to school in Callander in the the 1940s and 50s, walking to the station for the 7.20am train and returning at 5.30pm. The girls used to sit in one compartment and the boys in the other. Then they had to change into one carriage at Killin Junction (above Ardochyle). On a Friday night the Killin pupils always had a long wait in their carriage at the junction whilst the pug ferried the Crianlarich and Tyndrum pupils home (they used to stay in Callander all week) and then returned for the Killin children. It was often a long cold wait but the seats were comfy! On Saturdays Mairi would visit her family and always caught the last train, the Hydro Scheme train, getting to Killin at 11pm. The driver used to let her get off the train outside her home. There was no Sunday train for the locals, just special tourist excursion trains. Mairi loved the thrill of being able to go by train for day trips to Oban and Glasgow. Very few people had cars so the train was well used. She recalls how busy it was in the 1950s when the Hydro scheme was being built and how usage of the railway reduced after that period. She remembers the train would be met by Davey, a man with a barrow, who would collect any post and parcels for local delivery. He would also have milk cans hooked over the side of his barrow. Mairi remembers that he delivered two of her wedding presents in his barrow! She says many of the villagers benefitted from the "accidental" coal spillages dropped by the engineer and they used to pick up the coal from wherever it fell alongside the tracks.

Moiri Meek remembers "The Boar" as a lovely person. She went to school on the train. The boys and girls didn't mix. Sometimes when they had to wait at the junction for the Oban train, it would be very cold and the Station Master would open the waiting room for them. At Strathgryne some evacuees would join the train. Once they got to Callander they all had very little time to get to school before the bell rang. The train had material seats, 6 or 8 seats per compartment with sepia pictures behind them. There were more pupils on Mondays and Fridays when the boarders travelled. Some chose to be boarders as they couldn't get up in the mornings for the train! Others needed the extra study time that boarding provided. The Sunday diesel tourist trains from Glasgow used to carry 200 passengers who filled the streets and the guest houses and many would link to the steamer cruise on Loch Tay.

Molly MacRobbie "They didn't have 'Health and Safety' in those days. We used to get off the train at the junction to have snowball fights by the railway line whilst waiting for the pug to return for our carriage. We lived in 'Lochleven' and there were no houses opposite and my mum used to wave with a tea towel as train went by. Sometimes May (Graham) and I would pretend we had missed the train back from school and went dancing in Doune. We would get the late train back, arriving at midnight and sometimes had to walk from Killin Junction if no parent came to collect us."

Marion MacGregor remembers on school days hiding behind the telegraph pole if she was late so that the driver wouldn't see her and back up for her. She would then catch the 11am train. On one occasion her life was saved by the fireman, Jimmy Tinley, who saw her floundering in the river as the pug went over the red bridge. He got out of the train and with Mr Grey, the gravedigger, used a log shovel to pull her out and carry her to the station. After that her father always bought Jimmy a dram whenever he saw him in the pub. She also recalls that Jock Braid was the engine driver, "The Boar" used to chase the kids and that even coffins used to come on the train from Glasgow.

Bunty MacGregor The school carriages were always at the back of the train and the stops en route to Callander were Glen Ogle, Lochearnhead, Kingshouse, Balquidder, Strathyre and the Loch. If the train got in early we would go sledging on the hill where Manse Rd now is. During bad winters the Glasgow train couldn't get here until Easter. One particular memory is of waiting for the steamer at Croftintygan to go to the Killin Show, leaving at 7am with the tups and disembarking at Killin Pier where the pug was waiting. The Show was held in Kinnell Field and there were side shows behind the Killin Hotel.

James Balnaves One August day, 1965, we arrived at Killin Station for the 1.52pm for Killin Junction and chat with the crew, then the magic words "Hop on the footplate!" With a wave and a whistle off we set, up and over the Dochart viaduct, over a road bridge, under a road bridge, out of Killin passing Acharn Farm siding, through treelined cuttings, embankments, over the A85, passing the tall east signal box, rattling over the points before setting down at the branch platform. Thirteen minutes in total. How remote the Junction was. After thanking the crew, I climbed up and over the footbridge, passed the railway cottages and headed my way down through the young trees to be picked up by my parents and head home to Fife. I returned one bitterly cold January day in 1966 when I walked and photographed the entire branch. That day was an eerie one, an intact railway and nothing else!

Last train memories

Bunty recalls what a slow departure it was as all the trucks and carriages had to be pulled. Judy Forster remembers being heavily pregnant standing in the rain at the station waiting for the train to leave. Kay Riddell and her friends watched from the school window as the last train left. This was possible as there were fewer buildings then to block their view.

After the closure

George Bickerton worked for six months helping to clear the railway. It was lifted in sections, (one of which fell on to and injured his foot), and these were initially sent to Strathyre Station depot for storage and later onward transportation to Grangemouth docks, final destination China.



Waiting for the Last Train

Railway Echoes

There's something missing in Killin
Just like a face without a grin,
It's sad to think she's down the drain

That lusty little village train.
The days of youth, I fond recall,
To school and back she'd take us all,
And never once did she complain -
That faithful little village train.

Up and down the line she'd go,
Taking people to and fro,
Till Beeching yelled without
compunction,
"No more trips up to the Junction".

A blow to village life was this -
The parting and the farewell kiss.
Then with one last reluctant roar
The village train was heard no more.

The bridges cracked and fell
with fright.
The rails sprang up and left the site.
Like the guards and station keepers,
Redundancy became the sleepers.

Time stood still - but years
have flown,
The railway track is overgrown,
Yet still between those hillsides snug
Are echoes of the village pug!

Norma A. MacArthur

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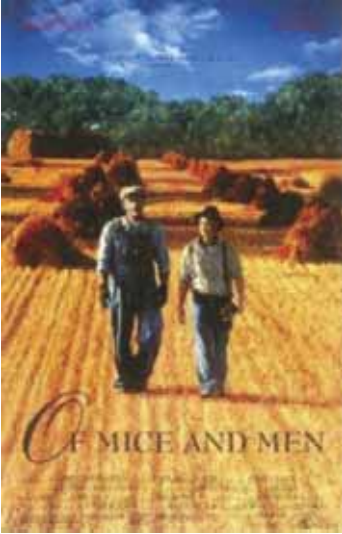


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Book Review



Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

When Steinbeck wrote this book in 1937 he had spent time working alongside poverty stricken farm labourers in his native California in the period just before, during and after the Wall Street Crash, a time when there was no such thing as

dole, and when there were major food shortages following prolonged drought in the Midwest. It was against this background that he wrote "Of Mice and Men", knowing that migrant ranch hands were happy to take any job which came with bunk house accommodation and food, no matter how poor the pay.

The book tells the story of two migrant workers, George Milton and Lennie Small whose long friendship stems from a promise made by George to Lennie's aunt that he would look after her large simple-minded nephew. The two men share a dream to own and work a piece of land together and are interdependent in their struggle to earn enough money to buy some land. Lennie's enormous strength helps them to get ranch hand jobs, whilst George helps Lennie to steer clear of trouble. George is a deeply caring good friend to Lennie and Lennie trusts him totally. Lennie's simple naive nature and love of stroking soft things has often led to trouble and job losses for them both.

The story opens with George and Lennie camping in the brush beside

a pool on the night before starting yet more new jobs as ranch hands. Lennie is stroking a dead mouse. The tale ends with them back at the same spot just four days later after tragic events have led George into making a heart-breaking decision. In the intervening period Steinbeck introduces several strongly portrayed characters and it is their interactions with George and Lennie at work and socially, with the ensuing consequences, that make for an enthralling and emotional read.

We read this book in conjunction with "The Old Man and The Sea" by Ernest Hemingway. Both books were short, simply but beautifully written and both authors wrote with compassion for and understanding of the human mind, its frailties, needs, determination, hopes, dreams, humour and its capacity for love.

"Of Mice and Men" remains a timeless masterpiece and is evidence that a book of few pages is no less impressive than a much larger tome.

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McLaren High School 50 Years at Mollands Road

Events were held on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th September to celebrate the 50th anniversary of McLaren High School moving from its previous location at what is now Callander Primary School to Mollands Road. On the Friday former pupils joined McLaren's new S1 pupils and Student Leadership Team to re-enact the

procession from the school's original location in Bridgend to the current school building. The procession was led by the school's newly formed pipe band.

A programme of events was organised for the Saturday to mark the anniversary. The day started with football, hockey and rugby matches between former and current pupils. In the afternoon there were tours where former pupils were shown round the current school. Classmates from forty, fifty and even sixty years ago met in the school corridors and classrooms, reminiscing

and catching up. The celebrations finished with a ceilidh in the school where generations of former teachers, Headteachers and pupils (some travelling from all over the world to be there!) danced with current and yet to be pupils. "There was no way we could let an anniversary like this go unmarked," said Headteacher Marc Fleming. "There have been a lot of changes at McLaren High School over the years but it has always been important throughout that the school remains a central part of community life."

Killin Primary School



New P1
Back Row L-R Kara, Archie, Paige, Noa, Findlay, Harry, Scarlett
Front Row L-R Finlay, Ivy, Grace, Alice, Cai

School Recycling

Unfortunately there has been a decision by the collectors to reduce further the items the school can accept as part of the Rag-Bag scheme but please continue to give your support to the scheme as it still represents an excellent source of fundraising for the Primary School.

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Killin and Crianlarich Nursery

In 2014, the children were very enthusiastic with planting, tending and harvesting and even won a prize at the Killin Show with their beetroot entry. Being outside in the fresh air and working with your hands is beneficial not only for the body but also the mind. To continue this interest, support the children's learning and the development of the outdoor learning environment, we decided to arrange a show performance at both nurseries.

At Easter this year, Crianlarich children performed The Enormous Turnip. After several months of discussion, preparation, learning of songs, creating a farm yard scene on a back drop and rehearsals, the performance went ahead in the nursery during the day. The families and Primary Class 1 were entertained and impressed with the children and staff's hard work. The staff provided a vegetable hamper which was raffled and Iain Wragg was the lucky winner. The Rod and Reel donated a pot of vegetable soup which was served with French bread. A total of £79.00 was raised through donations and the raffle.



Angus, Emma and Charlie create the backdrop for the show

In June, it was the Killin Nursery's turn to perform the same show. The format was slightly different, in that the children started the evening with a rhyme time. The children had created a back drop of the house and lots of props which they used very professionally. One staff member was 'The Enormous Turnip' and interacted with the children to support their performance.

A pot of tomato and vegetable soup was donated by the Killin Hotel and served by the Parents' Group. A vegetable hamper provided by the staff was raffled and was won by Nicola Colquhoun. Mini seed pots and packets were sold. The grand total of £279.00 was taken.



"Pull, pull, pull, the enormous turnip" (Photo courtesy of Miss Keira Campbell Age 9)

These performances have holistically promoted self-confidence, developed team work, collaboration and participation; covering elements of the Curriculum for Excellence such as Health and Well-being, Expressive Arts, Numeracy and Maths, Literacy and English.

In addition, the nursery is grateful to The Parents' Group who held a Beetle Drive at the McLaren Hall in June, which raised £762.00.

A special thank you to the community for supporting these events.

We would also like to thank RJ McLeod who have erected a fence, started some ground work and donated a further £500 for the development of Crianlarich Garden.

(KN apologises for the accidental omission of this article from the last issue)

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Callander and West Perthshire U3A

Our 3rd AGM and Enrolment Day at the end of August was attended by over 100 people, most of them returning members but also many who were new to U3A. As a result of this meeting and an extensive publicity campaign we have recruited 31 new members. We are now at the start of our 4th year and are no longer the newest U3A in Scotland - 3 more have started up since we began and all are going strong. Our membership ranges far and wide from our base in Callander, encompassing villages to the south and west, from Kippen through Buchlyvie, Thornhill, Gartmore, Port of Menteith, Aberfoyle and Brig o'Turk; east to Doune, Deanston and Dunblane; north to Strathyre, Balquhidder, Lochearnhead and Killin. 25 different interest groups are on offer, details of which can be found on our website 'Callander and West Perthshire U3A' or you can ring the Secretary on 01360 850722. We welcome new members at any time.

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around them and learn. We desperately need more adult support. Currently we need leaders, assistant leaders, a Group Scout Leader 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.

We recently attended The Killin show where we met all manner of people, some who have been in scouting before and some who wanted more information on what we do. It was a fantastic day - we even managed to persuade some people to come along and help out so a big thanks to them.

over the next term. We started off with some athletics with Pete Waugh in the park so a big thanks to him for giving up time to help the Cubs. The Cubs are at full capacity now but if your child is interested we have a waiting list.

Chaz Kemp
Cub Leader
01567 820835

Scout Report: Scouts are aged 10½-14 and meet every Wednesday in The Lesser Hall, Killin, from 7-9pm. The Scouts had a fantastic summer camp at Craggan campsite near Crieff. The weather may not have been fantastic the whole time but that didn't stop us enjoying ourselves. We went rock climbing (outside in the sun), pottery painting, walking, swimming and mountain biking. We also made the most of being at a fantastic campsite, lighting fires most evenings. The Scouts even cooked one of their evening meals on the fire. While they had to wait longer than normal for their dinner, it all turned out really tasty. A great time was had by all! "Camp was really really good fun, I loved cooking by fire and going climbing also the mountain biking was excellent". Eilidh Kemp And while only just getting back from one summer camp we are already planning next years to the Essex Jamboree.

Harriet Wishart
Scout Leader
07581 151442
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Beaver report: Beavers are aged 6-8 and meet every Tuesday in The Lesser Hall, Killin, from 6-7pm.

After a long summer Beavers has re-started with some new faces already. The age to start Beavers is 6 years but this can be earlier when a birthday is within the term. Please let me know if your child is interested. From November onwards I will be taking a step back due a growing family. This means Laura and Sue will require more regular help from parents and others. If you can help in anyway with your time please let me know, sooner rather than later.

Stephen Rawlinson
Beaver Leader
07742 886918

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

Cubs would like to welcome Kitty McAlpine as their new assistant leader and to say hello to all the new parent helpers we have. The Cub leaders have been working hard over the summer to bring a fun and exciting programme



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Quadrathlon pays for paths at Ben Lawers

Artemis have donated £2000 for path upkeep at the National Trust for Scotland's Ben Lawers in Perthshire. The National Nature Reserve hosted the hill phase of the 2015 Artemis Great Kindrochit Quadrathlon a few weekends ago.

More than 300 competitors took part in this gruelling race, organised by WildFox Events, that involves swimming over Loch Tay and then hill-running over all 7 of the Trust's Munros in the Ben Lawers and Tarmachan ranges. Most of the route is on paths, but other sections are totally off-piste.

Ranger and Property Manager Helen Cole said:

"We work closely with the event organiser to minimise the potential impact of around 300 competitors on

the fragile mountain habitats, and where possible they have altered the route to use surfaced paths.

"We are very grateful for this generous donation from Artemis – work to care for our upland footpaths does not come cheap so every contribution makes a big difference." WildFox Events Director David Fox-Pitt said:

"Every year our participants are drawn back to Ben Lawers to enjoy the spectacular scenery that is so well maintained by Helen and her team, it is very fitting that this generous donation from event sponsor Artemis is going towards the continued upkeep and development of paths in the National Nature Reserve at Ben Lawers."

Ben Lawers is a popular site with Munro baggers, however, it is also a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a Special Area of

Conservation (SAC) under the European Habitats Directive for the exceptional examples of a number of habitats, rare on a European scale.

One of the botanically richest mountains in Britain, Ben Lawers is widely known for its outstanding range and diversity of arctic-alpine species and vegetation types. It is important for the very large number of nationally rare or scarce montane plant species that it supports, including vascular plants, lichens, and bryophytes. It also has an outstanding diversity of invertebrates with many nationally rare or notable species.

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Scratch : The Davies Trophy

1. John R Cowan (Taymouth Castle) 74

2. John MacCallum (Glencruitten) 74

3. Cameron Milne (Glencruitten) 74

Handicap : The Melia Quaich

1. Willie Hill (Kenmore) 68

2. Andy Briggs (Killin) 70

3. Charles Kemp (Killin) 70

Longest Drive

Category 1 (9th & 18th) Kevin Mackie (Glencruitten)

Category 2 (7th & 16th)

Bruce McLauchlan Jnr (Seaton Carew)

Nearest the Pin

Category 1 (8th & 17th)

Alan Scougall (Culcreeff)

Category 2 (5th & 14th)

G Herd (Killin)

All in 2 (6th only)

A. McHardy (Glencruitten)

The Wee Claret Jug: (Best Local Overall)

Andy Briggs (Killin) 70

Magic 2's

Rab Foster (Crieff), Jim Burton (Killin), John Dixon (Kenmore), Cameron Milne (Glencruitten) x2, Hugh McIvor (Glencruitten), Graham Herd (Killin), K. Mackie (Glencruitten), Finlay O'Rourke (Glencruitten), John R Cowan (Taymouth Castle), John Elliot (Langholm)

CSS: 68 RO

Senior Ladies Open
Stableford 16th September



1. Maureen Burton (Killin) 34

2. Moira Reilly (Killin) 33

3. Kay Dowling (Killin) 32

Longest Drive - Silver Tricia Chillas (Stirling)

Longest Drive - Bronze Kay Dowling (Killin)

Nearest the Pin Janet Buchanan (Dalmally)

Veteran's Prize (over 70) Moira Reilly (Killin) 33

Best Outward 9 Maureen Burton (Killin) 19

Best Inward 9 Tricia Chillas (Stirling) 16 (better last 6)

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The Killin group have enjoyed their summer walk programme although the weather has been very wet.

Wednesday morning walks continue through the autumn when we hope to enjoy the stunning autumn colours of the countryside in this National Park that we are so fortunate to live in. The Strength and Balance sessions continue in the Killin Hotel at 1.30–2.30pm on Wednesday afternoons. Designed for older adults these simple exercises are helping participants to walk more confidently by keeping joints and muscles in good working order. One person said that she can now reach up into a high cupboard which she had difficulty doing before. Just a simple ankle flex exercise has made all the difference.

For more active members we are now introducing Nordic Walking into our main Wednesday morning walks once a month. These walks will take place on Wednesday 28th October and 25th November meeting at the McLaren Car Park at 10 am. Walking with specially designed poles these walks give you a full body workout whilst taking the pressure off hips and knees. Trained by British Nordic Walking, our Lomond Coordinator, Stella will be pleased to welcome any new walkers who would like to join the group. Whether you have experienced a Nordic Walk before

or you would just like to give it a go, this session will start with warm up exercises and some training on technique before taking a Nordic Walk. The walk ends with a short session of cool down and stretching exercises. All our walks are free of charge and walking poles will be provided. It is not necessary to book for this but if you would like to contact the Project Coordinator with your name and height we can make sure we have the correct size of poles for you.

If you have any questions regarding joining any of our walks or exercise sessions please contact the Project Coordinator **Cathy Scott** 01877330055
cathy.scott@lochlomond-trossachs.org



Nordic Walkers

Schedule - Wednesdays at 10.20am unless otherwise shown

Date	Meeting Place	Route
7 th Oct	McLaren Car Park (Minibus)	Tarmachan Track
14 th Oct	McLaren Car Park (Car share)	Golf Club Walk
21 st Oct	McLaren Car Park (Minibus)	Kenmore
28 th Oct	McLaren Car Park (Minibus)	Mhor 84 10.20 Health Walk 10.00 Nordic Walk meet
4 th Nov	McLaren Car Park (Car share)	Glen Lochay (Moiranich Longhouse)
11 th Nov	Capercaillie	River Dochart and Old Railway
18 th Nov	McLaren Car Park (Minibus)	Tyndrum
25 th Nov	McLaren Car Park (Car share)	Glen Ogle to Viaduct 10.20 Health Walk 10.00 Nordic Walk meet

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Wednesday	14th Oct 2015	9.30-11.30am
Wednesday	28th Oct 2015	9.30-11.30am
Wednesday	11th Nov 2015	9.30-11.30am
Wednesday	25th Nov 2015	9.30-11.30am
Wednesday	9th Dec 2015	9.30-11.30am

TELEPHONE 01887 820771 FOR AN APPOINTMENT

Obituary

Stanley Mudd 1924-2015

My father, Stanley Mudd, was born in Bolton Lancashire on 8th June 1924. He had two sisters, Betty and Joyce, and was from a farming background. His father, James, served in the first world war and received the Military medal for bravery in the field. On returning from the trenches, there was little work and he started to work in a cotton mill. As a boy Stanley grew up in the industrial North Country but also helped out in the family allotment, tending to the vegetables and helping with a small amount of livestock. Not surprisingly he went into Engineering, becoming an aircraft engineer first class during the second world war. What was unusual for that time was how much he travelled in his career, first crossing the Sahara desert in a Dakota airplane while being served Yorkshire ham and strawberries and cream. He worked for long periods in Africa, Spain, Holland, Belgium and India. In India he met my

mother, known in Killin as Johnny. Marrying a Canadian meant further travel to Canada and the USA. Eventually they settled in Killin in 1983, a memorable year for the amount of snow that descended over the winter. Here they took over a bed and breakfast business and became immersed in community

up to Ben Lawers to see the deer in the evening and constantly promoted the beauty spots and heritage they were surrounded by. Unfortunately Dad fell in the garden on 13th August and passed away at the Forth Valley Royal Hospital on 26th August 2015.

Dad will probably be best

remembered for his garden which he loved, his home made soup that he supplied readily to neighbours, and for always being turned out so well with a shirt and tie, tweed jacket and flat cap which was maybe reminiscent of his Lancashire roots. A good man who was helpful to others.

Beverley



life. It was a busy time and they became friends with a lot of their guests and people came back year after year to enjoy mum's cooking and the beautiful scenery of the area. Dad would often take visitors

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Local Planning Applications

National Park

28 July

Proposal: Alterations to form window opening
Location: Tighnabruaich House Manse Road Killin

Applicant: Mr And Mrs Hay
Application Type: Householder Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

31 July

Proposal: Erection of three spans of high voltage (33kV) overhead line as part of the proposed works for the connection of Ledcharrie Hydro Electricity Generation Scheme
Location: Land At Ledcharrie Cottage Crianlarich

Applicant: Allan Coburn
Application Type: Statutory Notification - overhead lines
Decision: No Objections

3 August

Proposal: Construction of 330m access paths to hill top of community woodland

Location: Network Of Trails South East Of Village Of Crianlarich
Applicant: Strathfillan Community Development Trust
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Pending Consideration

10 August

Proposal: Amendment to Condition No. 4 and removal of Condition No. 5 of planning permission 2013/0047/DET for the construction of a hydro scheme
Location: Ledcharrie Farm Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr Henry Patterson
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Pending Consideration

11 August

Proposal: Tree works in a conservation area
Location: Inchbuie 4 Craignavie Road Killin

Applicant: Mr Jay Allen
Application Type: Tree works application
Decision: No Objections

11 August

Proposal: Formation of access track (1800 metres, 6m wide)

Location: Land At Arinabea Road Tyndrum
Applicant: Mr Andy Malcolm
Application Type: Prior Notification
Decision: Prior approval not required
12 August

Proposal: Installation of additional pole
Location: Essan Burn Hydro Electric Station Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr Max Bigham
Application Type: Statutory Notification - overhead lines
Decision: Pending Consideration

12 August

Proposal: Erection of extension to dwellinghouse
Location: 6 Railway Cottage Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr & Mrs A Smailes
Application Type: Householder Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

13 August

Proposal: Conversion to form 4No. bedrooms & 15No. staff accommodation rooms and alterations to the access
Location: Stagger Inn Crianlarich
Applicant: Inverarnan Inns Limited
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Pending Consideration

17 August

Proposal: Revised location of intakes and access track: amendment to application ref: 2014/0274/DET for the construction of a hydro scheme
Location: Auchessan House Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr Alan Cory Wright
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

18 August

Proposal: Installation of fingerpost and waymarker signs
Location: Various Locations In Crianlarich
Applicant: Strathfillan Community Council
Application Type: Advertisement Consent
Decision: Pending Consideration

26 August

Proposal: Installation of 2No additional poles and overhead line

Location: Land At Auchessan Hydro Scheme Crianlarich
Applicant: Allan Coburn
Application Type: Statutory Notification - overhead lines
Decision: Pending Consideration

26 August

Proposal: Demolition of external WC and erection of garage
Location: Sean Sghoil Ardchyle Killin
Applicant: Mr John Lowthers
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

2 September

Proposal: Amendment to planning permission 2013/0074/DET to form upper floor on the staff accommodation dwellinghouse
Location: Glen Dochart Caravan Park Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr Robert McCready
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Pending Consideration

Perth & Kinross Council

6 August

Proposal: Erection of a dwellinghouse
Location: Land Adjacent To Shian Lawers
Applicant: Mr Terrance Jewell
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Approve the application

9 September

Proposal: Erection of a dwellinghouse (in principle)
Location: Land 140 Metres North East Of Cragganester Steading Lawers
Applicant: Mr Robin Boswell
Application Type: planning permission in principle local
Decision: Refuse the application

Stirling Council

17 July

Proposal: To provide services, fittings, equipment - rewiring of existing electrical installation
Location: Moirlanich Killin
Applicant: The National Trust For Scotland
Application Type: Listed Building Consent
Decision: Pending Consideration

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Letters

Letter from Cupar

We don't live in Killin anymore. Leaving was a painful experience. Friends know our reasons for the move and we both felt that we needed to be in a place where we can be supported by family as we grow older.

So what will we miss? The list of big items is obvious, the spectacular scenery particularly at the head of the loch with its many displays of unusual light, the wildlife, the people and the greetings from everyone I passed on the street on the way to the Killin News office. I miss the deer and the visitors to our garden to feeders put out initially for the birds but latterly the squirrel feeder that attracted daily visits by several squirrels and frequently a pine marten. I miss conversations with Jimmy outside his shop, with Kate and Tommy in the Post office and many others who passed on news. I will miss volunteering at the Mill and meeting visitors who pass through Killin. Tuesday nights are very different without choir practice. I did try a new choir but I am not sure if it is a worthwhile replacement, but perhaps nothing can compare with what Franny and Jacco have on offer.



Photo taken at Killin News farewell presentation dinner for Willie and Gina

Ben More Glass Slide

This is a lantern slide depicting Ben More, kindly digitized by Webster of Oban. It is from the Valentine series and was recently given to Best Western Crianlarich Hotel. The inhabitants of the clachan in the foreground seem to be especially well supplied with wooden poles.

I wonder if any of your readers can identify that village and the exact viewpoint? Kindest regards

Kevin Byrne

There are of course advantages. We see much more of our grandchildren, and have easy access to services such as buses, trains and a variety of shops. The weather is warmer and drier and we are near the sea. We will find a niche for ourselves

here but it will be very different. Killin was the right place for us when we were there but for this next phase of our lives we need to be here. Thank you Killin for giving us such a life enhancing experience. We will visit and keep our contacts with the many friends and acquaintances. Thank you to those of you who helped to give us such happy years.

**Willie and
Gina Angus**

Miss for May

Emma and I decided to raise money for Missing People through their 'Miss for May' challenge and alcohol was our chosen luxury to give a miss. May was a very long month! Not for a moment did we think we would raise the fantastic amount of £1,121. Added to this, the £54 from the spare change can in Eureka Hardware and the £25 from the Forget-me-not-seeds at Killin Medical Practice, we donated the amazing amount of £1,200 to Missing People in tribute to Timothy. We just want to say a great big thank you for all your much appreciated sponsorship and support. Without your generosity we couldn't have done it.

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Killin Agricultural Show Results

Blackface Sheep

Champion – C Little, Glen Tarken
Reserve – P McDiarmid, Shenlarich
Female Group of Three Ewe lambs

P McDiarmid, Shenlarich.

Best Woolled Sheep

J Taylor Braes of Ardeonaig

Best Ram

C Little, Glen Tarken

Best Aged Tup

McLarty Glen Tarken

Stockman Shows Best Animal

C Little

Pair of Ewe Lambs

P Mc Diarmid, Shenlarich

Best Female

P McDiarmid, Shenlarich

Ram Lamb

McLarty Glen Tarken

Pair of Ram Lambs

McLarty, Glen Tarken

Pair of Gimmers

C Little, Glen Ample

Male Group of Three

McLarty, Glen Tarken

Best Lamb

P McDiarmid, Shenlarich

Best Opposite Sex to Champion

P McDiarmid, Shenlarich

Pair of Wedder Lambs

P Reilly Tulloch Mhor

Shepherds Class

Alan McKenzie, Glen Tarken

Any Other Breed

Champion McDiarmid, Shenlarich

with a Tup

Reserve McDiarmid, Shenlarich with a pair of Cross Lambs

Best pair of prime lambs out of a Cross Ewe McDiarmid, Shenlarich

Pair of lambs out of a Blackie

Ewe P Reilly, Tulloch Mhor

Wool

Champion Meggernie, Blackface

Short Fine

Reserve Meggernie, Fine Medium Mule

Blackface Mattress Meggernie

Blackface Fine Braes of Ardeonaig

Fancy Dress

First Killin Nursury

Second Killin Drama Club

Bonny Baby

Maggie, Mum's name Tara Mill

Tractors

Best Preserved Tractor Steven

McDonald with a Fordson Major

Best Restord Tractor Charlie

McDougal with a Silver King

Scarecrow Competition

Winners

(see also pictures page 17)

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2nd Sheena MacColl (Bill and Ben)

3rd Jane Halliday (Patchwork

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Results:-

June

1st Steve Bennett

2nd Henry Paterson

3rd David Pirie

Steve clinched the number 1 spot after a shoot-off with Henry. In the shoot for the High Pheasant Cup, Henry Paterson and Angus Colquhoun both shot 7 out of 10. After a shoot-off Henry came out on top.

July

1st Steve Bennett

2nd Stuart Ogston

3rd John Sinclair

Steve shot 41 out of 50 to win the shoot, closely followed by Stuart on 38/50. John Sinclair had a good score of 35/50 and his shooting improved in the second round of 25 when he put his glasses on!

August

1st Stuart Ogston

2nd Peter Stanley

3rd Colin Pennington

Stuart shot 44 out of 50 to clinch first place, closely followed by Peter on 40/50. Colin Pennington shot 35/50.

If you require any additional information about Killin Gun Club, please contact Stuart Ogston, 07999510014 or Henry Paterson 01567 820 354

Killin & District Sports Club 100 Club Winners

March	70 Myra Patterson
April	50 Eileen McCarron
May	82 Kenny Lang
June	30 Lesley Stitt
July	34 Ruth & David Pritchard
Aug	37 Joan Bickerton
Sept	80 Duncan MacKechnie

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October

- 5 Beginners Quilting class starts p5
- 5 Badminton starts, McLaren Hall
- 6 Craft Group
- 7 Walk in the Park p30
- 7 Flu Clinic 2-5 McLaren Hall p10
- 10 Race Night Crianlarich Hall 6-11
- 11 Harvest Thanksgiving Church of Scotland
- 12 Walk in the Park p32
- 14 Walk in the Park p32
- 21 Flu Clinic Crianlarich 10-12 p 10
- 21 Walk in the Park p32
- 21 Baby Music class starts P7
- 28 Walk in the Park p32

Beavers
Tuesdays
6-7pm
Lesser Hall
starts 25th
August

Badminton
Mondays & Tuesdays
McLaren Hall
Juniors P7 and up to 6-7
Adults 7-10

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The Old Mill
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Cubs
Tuesdays
7.15 - 8.45pm
Lesser Hall
starts 25th
August

Choir
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Craft group
Tuesdays 10-12
Littlecroft

November

- 4 Walk in the Park p32
- 10 KCC meeting 7.30pm school
- 11 Walk in the Park p32
- 11 NTS event p26
- 12 Cancer Research UK lunch p26
- 14 Strathfillan CC meeting 7.30pm Crianlarich Hall
- 16 Memories Day Lynedoch p2
- 18 Walk in the Park p32
- 25 Walk in the Park p32

Junior Badminton
Mondays at 6
Crianlarich Hall

Softplay Club
Tuesdays
Sports Pavilion
12.30 - 2.30pm

Internet Cafe
Tuesdays
Killin Library
11am-3pm

Indoor Bowls
First Monday of
month 7.30
McLaren Hall

Scouts
Wednesdays
7-9pm
Lesser Hall
starts 19th
August

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Community Rooms
10am-12 noon

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

WRI
First Thursday of
month in Lesser
McLaren Hall

Tuesday Club
Tuesdays 2-4
Community Rooms

Meditation Group
Mondays 7.00
Tyndrum Village Hall

Yoga
Fridays
Big Shed
10.30-noon

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Recycling Centres

Callander

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

Aberfeldy

Tuesday and Thursday
9am-7pm
Saturday and Sunday
10am-5pm

Crieff

North Forr, Brioch Forr
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Saturday & Sunday
9am-5pm





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