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## Editorial

Christmas and New Year have come and gone and people are now looking ahead to the coming year and what it will bring. More sunshine and spring flowers will soon cheer up everyone but we still have winter to get through and hope there will be no more extreme weather with the problems that can cause. The Killin year will unfold with the usual annual events – and a new Music Festival – and the many groups in the village, having shared a Christmas celebration, will meet again for their various purposes. Village groups come and go over the years, get smaller and then expand again, even cease to exist for a time and then reform. At one time, for instance, there was no such thing as a book club in the village and now there are three. Groups cover a large number of different activities and interests for all ages and most are run by their members. How keen the members are to help run a group makes the difference to its success. A group of people or even just one person can make a big difference to a cause or a community, as we frequently learn from stories in the news and on the internet.

Organisations set up by the community to work for the community at one time would almost always consist of the minister, the bank manager and the local great and good, including a number of experienced people who had retired. Nowadays this is not so. Even if we had a bank manager and a permanent minister, with the later retirement age there are fewer younger retirees able to give time to local groups, so more working people are needed. It is also much more important for groups to have younger people involved as they, and not the older folk, have the currently much-needed up-to-date knowledge of computers and social media. It would be great if even more of them were to become involved in working for community interests in all areas.

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# Salmon Fishing Opening



The Opening Ceremony was held outside the Killin Hotel and had a good turnout, with bacon rolls and a wee dram on offer before the blessing and the departure onto Loch Tay. Our thanks to the minister, Kine Johnston, the Hotel and the Famous Grouse for their support. The Bridge of Lochay Hotel supported the West End Salmon Users Association annual evening dinner by providing a fantastic meal as usual and The Famous Grouse gallon bottle of whisky and trophy for the heaviest salmon for 2015 were won by Kevin Garth for a 28lb salmon.

**Grant Tigwell**

## Killin News Office



We took inspiration from Noah but ...

... we forgot the Ark wasn't designed for wifi, so we had to think again about where to go until our office is restored following the floods. This issue of the paper would simply not have happened had not Killin Hotel come to our rescue. Ian Hitchins said we could move into the Bistro and we gladly did. We are most grateful to him and to Michael and all the staff, who have been very helpful and made us very welcome. Following production we will move one computer into the corner of a back office at the hotel and operate from there temporarily.

To add to our problems, our email provider changed and we have not been able to receive emails on the madasafish address so, although we were able to warn most of our regular contributors, some of you may have sent messages which haven't been replied to or copy which hasn't appeared. We can only apologise and ask that from now on you use either our editorial or adverts address as shown on page 2 and resend anything we have missed. We hope it won't be too long before we get back to our own office but as yet we have no idea when that will be. Meanwhile we will continue as best we can but unfortunately working on the Telephone Book will not be possible for some time.

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# Killin Community Council

## January Meeting

### **Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report:**

A report was made of noise disturbance at a house in Fingal Road.

There have been 2 incidents of domestic assault, a number of incidents on the railway involving drunken passengers and 5 reported Road Traffic Collisions, one of which was serious.

Severe flooding caused considerable problems on the roads and to shops in Aberfoyle.

Motorists ignoring Road Closed signs cause further problems and may incur a Fixed Penalty.

There have been 2 incidents of theft; scrap metal was taken from Stitt's yard and a trailer from Dalmally. School term has started and extra attention will be paid to the Main Road during the start and finish of the school day.

Owners of property and vehicles are reminded to secure them and be vigilant. Smartwater packs are still available.

The Climate March and Santa Dash went ahead without incident.

There were two sudden deaths and a local man from Killin was found deceased in the River Lochay. Condolences were extended to all friends and family.

### **Road matters:**

**Glen Ogle Road** – the culverts need cleared and there are deep potholes holding water all leading to icy conditions. There is also water running across the road washing any grit away.

**Future flooding:** There will be 1,000 sandbags at Fire Stations for public use in the event of flooding.

### **Traffic speed on Lyon Road/**

**Ballechroisk area:** Double yellow lines will be installed where the bin lorry had difficulty gaining access.

**Dochart Bridge:** There has been no progress in improving sight lines or road markings on the Dochart Bridge or re-instating road markings at the Bridge End, Lix Toll or the Ardeonaig Road.

### **KAT**

A survey of local people's views will be conducted soon as part of the process of applying for a grant to refurbish the Old Mill.

KAT is meeting with the company who carried out the work on the Breadalbane Park to discuss ongoing problems.

### **DRT**

A report is being drawn up, collating all comments and complaints regarding DRT and this will be presented to a Stirling Council Committee Meeting. Local Councillors continue to oppose the reduction in service and continue to lobby for extended booking.

### **Lantern Workshop and Parade**

This was successful but the application to the Community Grant Scheme only provided a third of the costs applied for. Some local funding will be needed in future.

### **Community Conversations**

This meeting was well attended and many concerns were raised about Stirling Council's budgeting plans.

Following the Chancellor's Autumn Statement, further cuts will have to be implemented and there is therefore a new raft of proposals which the public will be consulted on.

### **Stirling Council Community Engagement team**

A new post of Community Liaison Officer employed by Stirling Council has been created and is due to start in February 2016. No-one was aware of this post being advertised and Councillor A. Hayes will investigate the process.

### **Correspondence**

The pre-construction phase of the Acharn Biomass plant will begin in the next few months. The Community Council will be kept informed and a meeting will be scheduled soon.

### **Morenish Farm Woodland**

**Creation:** Plans for planting Sitka and Norway Spruce have been received from Tilhill Forestry. A letter has also been received from Environmental Action Killin raising concerns about the impact of this both to the environment and to the landscape. Tim Frost will invite Bruce Spalding of Tilhill Forestry to the next Community Council meeting on 8th March and of course any member of the community is welcome to attend and contribute to this meeting.

**KCC Accounts:** The accounts for 2014-2015 were approved.

**Ardeonaig Road:** The French drains, culverts and passing places are all blocked. Tim Frost has informed Stirling Council and Councillor Hayes will pursue.

**Hogmanay Fireworks:** Councillor Hayes will investigate whether funding is available for this now that the Stirling Fireworks have ceased.

### **Flooding at the Bank of Scotland:**

There was a problem with the drain here again. It was noted that maintenance was not being carried out.

**Fibre Broadband:** The date for this being installed has now slipped back to Spring, yet this is a vital service for many local businesses. Councillor Hayes will send information from the Broadband Advisory Group to G. Mackenzie and pursue an invitation for him to the group.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 8th March 2016, 19.30 at Killin Primary School

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£25.95 per person

## Mother's Day Menu

### Starters

Chef's Soup Of The Day Served With Crusty Bread

Lamb Koftas Served With Tzatziki Sauce

Creamy Garlic Mushroom on Oven Baked Ciabatta

Tomato, Mozzarella Salad

### Mains

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Tomato, Chorizo, Smoked Bacon, Leek, White Wine

Creamy Broccoli + Quinoa Casserole

Quinoa Oven Baked With Broccoli And Cheese Sauce Served With  
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Perthshire Venison Haunch Steak

Cooked Medium For Extra Flavour, Served With Mash,  
Vegetables With A Red Wine And Forest Fruit Reduction

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## KAT AGM

It's nearly time for the AGM which will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 from 11am to 2pm in the Killin Hotel. This year we will be inviting SKS Scotland to talk to us about the Old Mill and the work they are doing for KAT. Sonya Linskaill, our architect, will be there with the development plans for the Old Mill. The AGM is also an opportunity for people to hear what KAT has been doing for the last year. At the AGM we will also be electing the directors to take the organisation forward over the next year. We have spaces and would be happy for anyone interested in joining our team to contact Theresa before 4<sup>th</sup> March for more information.

## The Old Mill

We have received our development grant funding from the Big Lottery and everyone involved is working hard to ensure we have all the information required to put in a good Growing Community Asset application form.

We have contracted SKS Scotland to develop a business plan for us. Part of their job is to ensure that the community is behind the Old Mill's plans, not just the development plans of the building, but what we are trying to achieve inside the building. The information that is gathered from this survey will be used as evidence for the Big Lottery application, so it is very important that everyone completes a survey. There is a paper survey inserted in the Killin News which can be handed in to the Library, News First, Sheila's Sweet Shop or the Old Mill or you can complete the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/theoldmill>

## Breadalbane Park

Work is very quiet at the moment. The sand slitting still has to be completed by the contractors. This

can't be done while the ground is so wet and so will probably be completed in the spring. KAT is aware that the area around the round house is not draining well at present and is working with the design architect to improve this. We haven't started on phase 2 as the design architect is prioritising phase 1 at present.

KAT needs to report back to the Big Lottery about the park and how local people are using it now. We would be interested to hear from you or a group that you are involved with about your experiences of the park. If you have any photos we could use it would be great to have a copy. You can email Theresa with all your comments.

## Internet Cafe

The Internet café will be starting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016. As required by the grant funders, we are again advertising the contract for internet café tutor.

## Community Grants

KAT has awarded community grants of £200 to:

Pensioner Christmas Shopping Trip  
Carpet Bowls  
Killin Community Defibrillator Group  
Lantern Workshop

## Stirling Council

KAT has been given funding from Stirling Council to help with communities priorities. The funding is for Theresa to act as a link between Stirling Council and the communities in the Breadalbane areas of Tyndrum, Crianlarich, Killin, Lochearnhead, Balquidder and Strathgrye.

This will involve her:

\*Being the first point of contact for the 3 community councils

\*Assisting Stirling Council in: Encouraging participation in Killin and Strathfillan on Council 'test site' priority

Highlighting areas of concern coming from the community  
Booking venues

\* Promoting and encouraging community involvement in key Council activities :

Community Council elections  
Priority based budgeting  
Rural economic action plan

**Theresa Elliot**

Project Support Worker

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## The Old Mill Report

It is now the quiet season with the Mill only opening at the weekend on Saturday and Sunday from 1pm-4pm.

From 7<sup>th</sup> March we will open seven days a week from 10am-4pm.

**Quilting Classes:** Sally Connor has very kindly offered to run an Intermediate Quilting Class. There will be an initial meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm with a view to starting classes on 14<sup>th</sup> March. The cost and length of course will be negotiated at the meeting. The course will run for a minimum of 6 weeks.

**Baby Music:** Baby music classes will start again on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 10.30-11.00 am. The cost will be £1 per adult and baby. This will run for 6 weeks.

**Duke of Edinburgh Award:** We would welcome any young person wanting to volunteer at the Mill as part of the Duke of Edinburgh award. Please contact Franny for any information.

If you want to donate goods at the Mill during Jan and Feb please, if at all possible, bring the goods during 1-4pm. on a Saturday or Sunday. Please contact me for any information.

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## Mervyn's Weather

The year 2015 slowly subsides into the meteorological morass of many of its months, leaving but little regret for the passing of its, in many ways, un mourned demise.

As so often happens, an innovation by the U.S.A. is slavishly followed by the U.K. The process of naming "Caribbean Spawned" hurricanes with female labels was criticised by feminist groups, so that it became de rigour to make use of both genders. As to the British usage of named weather phenomena, the recent storms which have assailed us have been identified by somewhat inappropriate titles. The recent low pressure system which wreaked such damage in NW England/SW Scotland was called "Desmond" - a pleasant, but somewhat un-dynamic, handle for such a demonic occurrence.

Now on Christmas day we await the attentions of storm "Eva" which may or may not visit her malice on already sodden and demoralised targets.

Boxing day - In the event she has indeed become responsible for "Red alerts" for parts of Lancashire, a very vulnerable area.

However, given the ability of such low pressure visitations to bring into being much physical damage to the

environment, it seems sensible to proffer, on the male side, aggressive names, say "Adolf", "Mugabe", or perhaps "Genghiskhan"; and as for the distaff side, maybe "Medusa" or one of her Gorgon sisters, or, should damaging gales be on the cards, "Boadicea" might fit, with her chariot wheels armed with swords that flattened everything and everyone in her path!

Meanwhile many aspects of, shall we say, lass acceptable weather conditions seem to have become more vigorous in their behaviour over recent years. Gales have become more severe, precipitation heavier and more prolonged, while lack of sunshine, particularly during winter months, which with accompanying longer darkness, produces conditions approaching those north of the Arctic Circle and even the possibility of incurring cases of SAD. (Seasonal Affective Disorder.)

The winter solstice is now past, though as the old saying goes "As the day lengthens So the cold strengthens". There is then the chance that the mild, wet conditions may recede, to be followed by - we'll see! Ian go foill.

**Mervyn K. Browne**  
Ardtalnaig




2015 drew to a close with several outings for individual groups but the main event for all members was a Festive Lunch held at Venachar Lochside, with entertainment by the C&WP instrumental group 'Imperfect Pitch' together with the 'Singing for Pleasure' group. Six young performers were also invited to attend and their talent was demonstrated on piano, fiddle and by solo singing and Gaelic duets. Much enjoyment was had by all. All our groups are now back in harness and we are hoping to start a new Yoga group soon. Details of all the groups can be found on our website. Just Google 'Callander and West Perthshire U3A'.

**Marguerite Kobs**  
Secretary

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## Frost Report

### Sea Ferrets and Parachuting Beavers

As I write this we are just moving out of a very wet autumn and early winter into a finer but cold spell. Apparently the wet weather is responsible for an increase in Lyme disease, presumably ticks like the damp. We are not sure if the weather or, maybe, fewer hazelnuts this year is causing our squirrels to continue to visit during the Winter. One industrious wee chap has been burying peanuts in plant pots and certain bits of the garden. If he forgets them we will look forward to a healthy crop of peanuts in the summer. We have also noted far fewer goldfinches and siskins at the feeders this year. Have other people noticed the same? Some places have been much less lucky than around here with the extensive floods. In some areas freshwater mussels have been washed out of the rivers onto surrounding land. It is usually criminal to touch them (could be a pearl in there!) but amnesty is given to anyone finding washed up ones and throwing them back into the river. In days gone by you may have found even more surprising water life around as lobsters were once used to bolt rabbits from their holes and were known as sea ferrets. Even more surprising to see would be 65 years ago when beavers were parachuted from over-beavered Idaho into different states of America which needed help in damming for water supplies. Do not worry - all beavers survived unharmed. Presumably none of the 20 plus which have been shot in Tayside arrived in this way. But if anyone knows different please let Killin News have the exclusive. Remember that, although it is legal to shoot beavers, it is illegal to move a

dead one and SNH must be notified.

I should think that the shot beavers were retrieved and their ample fur is now keeping someone warm but not the case with 86 stags which were shot at Li and Coire Dhorcail at Knoydart by the John Muir Trust and left on the hill. Some stags with heads and haunches removed were left to rot on the hill. Stalkers have successfully extracted deer from this area prior to the Trust's ownership. It would appear that there is one practice for some and another for the rest. I wonder if these problems would be solved if lynx are re-introduced? It is still a proposal as it is said that they would be a tourist attraction. I wonder how many tourists are lucky enough to see a wild stag which we are supposed to be overrun with let alone how many would spot the odd wild lynx amongst our future vast forests. Hot off the press this week the Rural Affairs Committee has raised significant concerns about the introduction of changing tax regulations on sporting estates and wants the government to look more carefully at how sustainable deer management can come about.

On Boxing Day Aileen McLeod announced a review of fox hunting legislation north of the border. In June there was no intention to amend the legislation but, co-incidentally?, the SNP received £10,000 from a group lobbying for changes. The same lady, the Environment Minister, is looking into licensing grouse moors.

Here is a post-Christmas message from Mr. Fox. He enjoyed a juicy pheasant for his Christmas dinner and was not worried about having ingested lead shot. He also took heart from the fact that you are in more danger from lead ingestion from potatoes, coffee, eggs and beer. Apparently.

**Tim Frost**

## Helpline for the Elderly

A new service has been developed by NHS Forth Valley and its three council partners following feedback which highlighted that, wherever possible, older people prefer to stay in their own homes.

The dedicated 24/7 phone line, which is known as ALFY (Advice Line For You), is operated by experienced nurses who are able to listen to callers' concerns and make sure they receive the right help and support.

This could range from offering general reassurance and advice on a wide range of health issues, to signposting callers to relevant emergency social work, voluntary or local services. Staff are also able to book appointments to attend a rapid access frailty clinic at Forth Valley Royal Hospital where a number of tests or assessments can be carried out or arrange for a community nurse to visit an older person at home, day or night, if required.

The service, which can be accessed by calling 01324 567247, is aimed at people aged 65 and over. It is estimated it could benefit around 54,000 older people in the Forth Valley area as well as friends, family members and other people who may care for them. NHS Forth Valley has also written to around 3,800 older people across Forth Valley who they think could particularly benefit from this new service.

Additional details about ALFY are available on the NHS Forth Valley website: [www.nhsforthvalley.com](http://www.nhsforthvalley.com) email: [yourhealthservice@fvhb.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:yourhealthservice@fvhb.scot.nhs.uk) tel 01786 463031

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## Strathfillan Community Council

**New Community Councillor** - We are delighted to have co-opted Falcon Frost onto Strathfillan Community Council, which means that we currently have a full complement of Councillors. These are: John Riley (Chair), Alan Smailes (Vice-Chair & Secretary), Charles Urquhart (Treasurer), Mary Anderson, Isla Craig, Falcon Frost, Andrea Hobson, Alistair Macdonald, Sheona MacLennan, Ian Wragg. Meeting minutes are published on village noticeboards and are also available online. If you would like to receive an emailed copy after each meeting, please let Isla Craig know. All CC meetings are open to the public and take place on the 2nd Monday of each month (except August & December), at 7.30pm in Crianlarich Hall. The next meeting is 8th February.

**Police Report** - The wet weather caused no end of calls re flooding and this was declared a major incident over the entire division but primarily in the Callander, Aberfoyle & Crianlarich areas. PC Craig Murray was recalled to duty on a rest day as no one could reach past Loch Dochart due to the depth of water. Due to the weather, drivers are reminded to check vehicle tyres, windscreen washer levels, lamps and carry suitable clothing, a shovel & hot drink in the vehicle when on a long journey. Even if you're in a 4X4 and, if you're unsure of the depth of water in a flood, don't drive through it. If you have to get out, the water is cold and can wreck your vehicle - and it takes a long time for the carpets to dry out!!

**Outreach Surgery** - We are disappointed that the planned pilot Outreach Surgery in Strathfillan has not begun. Killin Medical Practice have written to us stating that they wish to carry out a practice review of the scope of the proposed Outreach clinic. We understand that a survey which will feed into this review will begin in Autumn 2016. In the meantime, the CC are exploring with Stirling Council (who provided the funding for the pilot) & NHS Forth Valley whether there are any other medical services which would be appropriate to pilot as an outreach service.]

**Priority Based Budgeting** - Alan and John attended a meeting in Lochearnhead in relation to Priority Based Budgeting. Alan has completed the online survey on behalf of Strathfillan CC but we will not be spending time writing a detailed response. Instead, we refer Stirling Council to our response from last year, as the points we raised then are still valid. We understand that with the recently announced further cuts to Local Council budgets it is likely that all savings identified in the PBB documentation are likely to be implemented.

**Cycle Track** - Alan & Isla attended a joint meeting with SCDT regarding the Tyndrum-Crianlarich cycleway. The Countryside Trust have employed a consultant to bring the plans to "tender ready" stage. A potential route has been marked out with orange flags and we are pleased that our community views have been taken into account. We are hopeful that a planning application will be submitted in the not too distant future.

**Transport** - A number of transport-related issues were raised. Charlie will be compiling a list of these and passing them as a single request to Transport Scotland/Stirling Council.

It is hoped that this will have better success than lots of smaller enquiries.

**Housing** - There is land adjacent to Mansefield in Tyndrum which was known to be originally zoned for housing but is not shown as such in the most recent NP plan. We are trying to find out when and why the designation of this area changed.



## Strathfillan Development Trust

Now that the festive season has finally passed, Strathfillan CDT is moving forward into 2016. Following our successful AGM in December, we are pleased to announce that we have elected a new Chair, Isla Craig, and Vice Chair, Ellen Cattanach, to the Trust. We are sure that their enthusiasm and commitment to the Trust and the community will make the following year a success. We sadly said 'good bye' to Fiona Robertson, who stepped down as a Trust Director. She will be missed, but we hope to work with her and the Green Welly Stop in the future. Thanks for all your work Fiona! The Trust would like to issue thanks to the Tyndrum Inn and the Green Welly Stop for providing a fantastic buffet (meringues to die for), and Londis Store in Crianlarich for beverages. Further, on behalf of the Board, I would like to say 'thank you' to John Riley for all the hard work, enthusiasm and commitment he has given to the Trust over the past 15 years (on and off) as Chair. We are pleased he is staying on as a Director. Many of the successes that we see across Strathfillan would not have happened without him. Now that Fiona has stood down, we



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## by the Way

have a space for a Trust Director. If you have been living in Strathfillan for more than six months and are keen to contribute to the development of your local community or know someone that would be, then please get in touch for nomination papers from Kelly at the Trust Office – 01838 400545, email: strathfillancdt@btconnect.com. We are always looking for new ideas and inspiration, so participation is welcome. If you don't fancy being a Director, then perhaps you could join as a Member or Friend. Please contact us at the above details.

**Strathfillan Community Woodlands** are slowly moving into action, with planning applications submitted and funding in place, we are hoping (weather permitting) to get started on all the much needed improvements. We are also hosting several days of woodland management courses in the first half of 2016. So if anyone fancies popping along for a bit of instruction on pruning, wants to learn how to identify trees or just a bit more about your local woodlands, then keep an eye on Strathfillan Community Facebook page and noticeboards around the village for updates.

**The Crianlarich Paths Project** is now reaching the final straight and interpretation panels, fingerpost signs and the final section of path will be completed shortly – again weather permitting. Once the works have finished we will be producing information leaflets and, as a joint venture with Crianlarich Primary, we will be holding an Open Day towards the end of March – the date to be confirmed.

Following the sad demise of the Glasgow Telephones and Civil Service Angling Association, Strathfillan CDT are happy to announce that we have acquired the Strathfillan fishing rights and have established the Strathfillan

Angling Club. Season permits are £40 (including maps of the fishings), available from the Trust Office, please contact Kelly on 01838 400545, or email strathfillancdt@btconnect.com. Day permits will be available from authorised outlets and are £6; maps will be available for an extra £1. Children under the age of 15 are free when accompanied by an adult with a valid permit. Finally, Strathfillan CDT would like to send sincere congratulations to the Tyndrum Post Office at Brodie's Mini Market for winning the prestigious Community Service Award for 20 years community service – a very well deserved accolade. Well done guys.



The Team at Brodie's Mini Market with their well deserved Community Service Award.

### Dates for your Diary:

**Tai Chi** – Tyndrum Village Hall, Wednesday mornings 9.30am to 10.30am (£5)

**Lazy Ceilidh's** – Tyndrum Village Hall, first Friday of every month, 1pm to 3pm (£2.50 adults, 50p children)

**Ceilidh Fundraiser for Tyndrum Village Hall** – put your glad rags on for a family friendly ceilidh – Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup> Band, raffle, refreshments and most importantly fun!



**Crianlarich Paths Open Day** (with Crianlarich Primary School) – end of March (TBC) Come along and see our new interpretation panels and take a stroll along the new and upgraded paths in the Community Woodland and along the old railway track.  
**Kelly Clapperton-Bates**

## the Big Shed

The wonderful Edinburgh Quartet, one of Britain's foremost chamber ensembles, returns to the Big Shed on Saturday 13th February at 7.30 with a concert entitled Storm & Stress. See their website:

<http://www.edinburghquartet.com>

Storm & Stress derives from the loose translation of the German 'Sturm und Drang' movement of the eighteenth century, where passionate expression was given free rein in literature, but also in music with works by Haydn and Mozart at the forefront. They will perform a typical Sturm und Drang work by Haydn alongside masterworks inspired by extremes of expression by Bartók and Grieg: HAYDN String Quartet Op 76 No 2, BARTÓK String Quartet No 3 and GRIEG String Quartet

The ticket price is £10 and you can reserve tickets by email to [websitecontact@bigshed.org.uk](mailto:websitecontact@bigshed.org.uk) or by texting/phoning the number of tickets, plus your name to the Big Shed on 0750 864 5453.

Previous performances have sold out very quickly, but if there are remaining tickets, they'll be available at the door. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available. BYOB and we'll supply glasses. You'll find the Big Shed on the north side of Loch Tay, about 2 miles or so beyond the Ben Lawers Hill road. Access is signposted from the main road and there is parking.

See also:

[www.facebook.com/theBigShedTo](http://www.facebook.com/theBigShedTo)  
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## Strathfillan Angling Association

### Part of Strathfillan Community Development Trust

The Trust has taken over the fishing in Strathfillan and is inviting anglers to come and fish.

Permits for a season are £40:00 (includes maps of the fishing's). To apply complete the form below.

Day permits will also be issued at £6:00 per day/angler from authorised outlets. Maps of the fishing's are available at £1:00 from the authorised outlets. Concessions: Children under 15: free when accompanied by an adult with a valid permit.

***All waters are subject to the River Tay Protection Order and the River Awe Protection Order. This means that in order to fish a permit must be obtained from an authorised outlet prior to commencing fishing.***

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## Strathfillan Angling Association

### Application for Season Permit

Name(s):

Address:

Tel:

E-mail:

I/We wish to apply for an Angling permit for the Season beginning 2016 and enclose a Cheque (made payable to SCDT) for £40.00 per application.

Sig.:

Post to: c/o Alan Smailes, SAA, 6 Railway Cottages Crianlarich, FK20 8QR

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Date	Name	Paid	Permit issued	Sent	Permit No.

The Trust is a charitable organisation and provides recreational amenities for the benefit of the local community.

# A Killin Journey in 1921

Part of Letter from Archie Macbeth (Elizabeth Ingram's relative) written 5th July 1921

We have arrived in satisfactory condition at our destination. The journey was not so very arduous, even though we had to wait over three hours at Killin. I will detail the journey for you. When you arrive at Killin Junction, you cross the footbridge to the platform opposite, where you will find waiting for you an engine tied with string to one carriage. You will enter the latter with your baggage and, after the engine driver has dealt with the luggage in the van, you will find yourself hurtling down towards Killin at the dangerous speed of nearly 100 yards a minute, the engine driver carrying on a conversation with all the houses he passes. Fortunately it isn't far to Killin, where you alight on the platform. The first thing to do is to get hold of a porter, tell him of your awful predicament and implore him to take your luggage into his custody, telling him at the same time that you want it put on the bus for Fearnan. You then stroll down the station road, walk straight up the village for about 100 yards, till you behold on the left-hand side of the road a little pink-washed cottage bearing the inspiring message "Teas, Ices, Minerals". Walk round to the back of this and you will find two doors, the further away of which says "Tearoom". Enter this and the good lady who floats about the premises will cater for all the wants of your inner man, or men, since you are not one but many. For 1/4d you will be regaled with tea (ad lib), bread and butter (one slice per head), scones (4 for 3 of you), cakes (one apiece) cherry cake (one portion per person) with a dash of rhubarb jam, a plate of butter, sugar and milk, and pictures on the wall thrown in. After this, if you feel well enough, you may go for a walk through Killin, but you might be as well to go to the garage, which is almost next door and ask him to call at the station for your luggage. This done, and having enquired of the time the bus leaves, you may relax your mind a little and leave the rest to providence. There is no lack of things to interest you in the village - apart from the entertainment that may be derived from weighing yourself on the machine in the station waiting room. Be at the garage again by about ten minutes to two or so, as the bus is liable to start at any hour. The bus, by the way, is easily recognised. It is a little Ford, with a roof, and seats along each side. The capacity is only about a dozen. The fare, payable at Fearnan will come to about 5/- per head, whether the extra is for luggage or no. When we arrived, my friend Macpherson was waiting for us at Fearnan. He helped us to the house with our luggage and spent the afternoon and evening here, giving us much valuable information in return for a cup of tea, an egg and a little salt.

## Killin Medical Practice Patient Participation Group

Killin Medical Practice Patient Participation Group meets on a bi-monthly basis to discuss issues relating to the Practice. One of the constant items for discussion is the lack of affordable hospital transport in our area. With recent cut backs and threats of further withdrawals of finances for rural transport, this is likely to become more of a problem. It would be useful to have a pool of car drivers from the Killin area prepared to take people to hospital. The more people willing to do this the better, to reduce the number of journeys a driver is asked to do. If you are interested in doing this, please call Linda Frost on 01567 820512 with your details. A number of volunteer driver schemes exist around the country and once we know what interest we have in the area, we can consider the best way forward for our community. The next meeting of the Group will be on March 10th at the Doctors Surgery at 5.30pm. This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to come along. Any ideas, concerns or useful information you wish to share is always welcome.



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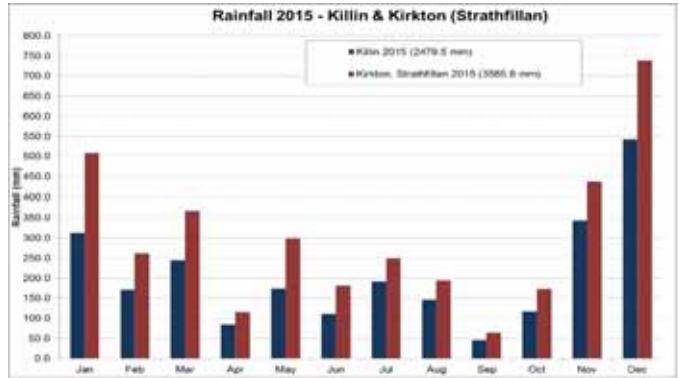
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The total rainfall recorded in 2015 at the Met Office weather station at Kirkton Farm, near Tyndrum, was 3585.8 mm (141 inches) which was 1057.6 mm more than the 1991-2010 twenty year average (2528.2 mm). This was the highest annual rainfall total since weather recording began at this site in 1991, exceeding the previous record of 3453.6 mm set in 2011. The wettest month was December when a total of 738.4 mm (29.07 inches) of rainfall was recorded; making it both the wettest December and the wettest ever calendar month. The rainfall was above average in all months apart from April, September and October. The 249.2 mm of rainfall in July was the highest ever recorded. A total of 624.2 mm of rain fell during the summer months of June, July and August, which was also a record. The driest month was September with a total of 63.8 mm of rainfall (only 32% of the average September rainfall). The highest rainfall over a calendar Week (Monday to Sunday) was 228.4 mm between the 5th and the 11th January. The highest rainfall in a single 24 hour period (09:00 GMT to 09:00 GMT) was 95.4 mm on the 4th December. The highest rainfall in a single half-day 12



hour period (21:00 GMT to 09:00 GMT) was 69.6 mm on the 29th December. The total number of rain days was 292 (80%). There were 46 days when there was more than 25 mm of rainfall, including six days when there was more than 50 mm. The lowest temperature was on the 19th January when the temperature fell to -8.8°C. The lowest maximum temperature was also on the 19th January (-0.1°C). This was the only day during 2015 when the temperature failed to get above freezing. An air frost was recorded on 73 days. The 1st July was the

warmest day (24.0°C). Temperatures of 20°C or above were recorded on 15 days. The 1st October was the warmest October day on record (20.0°C). Sleet or snow was recorded falling at the weather station on 42 days and lying snow was noted on 43 days. A depth of 20cm of lying snow was recorded on the 14th January and 18cm on the 3rd March. There were nine days when sustained gale force winds were recorded and six days when thunder and lightning were recorded.

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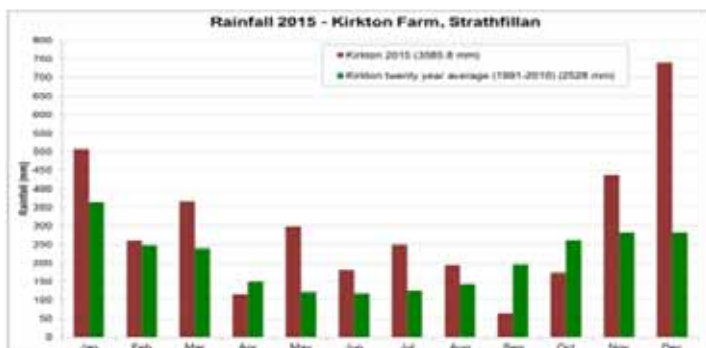
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## Killin

The total rainfall recorded in Killin in 2015 (2479.5 mm [97.62 inches]) was significantly higher than the 2002-2011 ten year average (1837.1 mm). 2015 was the second wettest year since recording began at this site in 2002 (2011 was 1.0 mm wetter). September was the driest month with only 45.0 mm of rain, while December was the wettest month with 542.0 mm. December was the wettest calendar month since recording began in 2002. Nine months of the year were wetter than average, only April, September and October were drier than average. During 2015 Killin received approximately 69% of the rainfall recorded at Kirkton (i.e. some 1106.3 mm less). The rainfall was higher at Kirkton in all months. Thanks to the Met Office for supplying the data from the automatic weather station at Kirkton.

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We celebrated with a delicious Christmas meal at the Capercaillie and enjoyed the company of the Wednesday

morning walkers and those who take part in the Strength and Balance sessions in the afternoon. Thank you to everyone for making this event so special.

Tom and Isobel Gallagher have joined the group this year and trained to become walk leaders and Don and Alicja trained along with Isobel to lead the Strength and Balance sessions. Thank you for making the walks and exercise sessions enjoyable for everyone.

It has been great to have the Killin Nursery children and staff join us for some of our walks and we hope that they will continue coming.

The walking group has now started up again and, weather permitting, will continue during February and March. In the spring and summer we hope to include outings, picnics and special events. Information about these will be given in the Killin News. Health Walks in and around the village are led by trained volunteer walk leaders and are on flat paths and good walking surfaces.

(See schedule)

Walks take place on a Wednesday morning, meeting at 10.20am. All of our walks are free of charge although walkers pay for their own refreshments when we go back to the Capercaillie, Shutters or the Bridge of Lochay Hotel afterwards (optional). Walks last from 30-45 minutes- just turn up and join in. Much shorter walks are available on request.

The Strength and Balance session in the Killin Hotel on a Wednesday

afternoon 1.30 – 2.30pm have proved so popular that we have moved to a larger room in the Hotel. These sessions are suitable for older adults and are chair based exercises. If you think you may have a medical condition that may prevent you from taking part please check with your GP or physiotherapist before coming along. If you have any questions regarding joining any of our walks or exercise sessions please contact the Project Coordinator-Cathy Scott on 01877 330055 or email: cathy.scott@lochlomond-trossachs.org



How sorry we were to hear of the death of Ross Mills one of our most enthusiastic walkers. We will all miss him on our walks. Ross was a real country gentleman who loved everything outdoors and loved his walks with the group. It was a privilege to have walked with him a while. The photo shows Ross looking over to Glen Ogle on one of the rare summer days we enjoyed this year. Our thoughts are with Edna and their family.

### Walk to Feel Fitter No need to book-just turn up

Date	Meeting at 10.20am	All Routes:
Walk from 20min – 1hour		
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10/2/16	McLaren Car Park	Moiranlich Longhouse (car share)
17/2/16	Capercaillie	Craignavie Road
24/2/16	Capercaillie	River Dochart/ Old Railway
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## Killin Boxing Day Dip

"Wow! That was brilliant fun, I am definitely doing that again next year" – Quote from Carol Campbell, after taking part in the Killin Boxing Day Dip.

The 2015 Killin Boxing Day Dip raised in excess of £2,400, which will be split 50:50 between two great causes, The PSP Association (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy) and The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home Killin.

We are delighted with the success of the 2015 Dip and will be endeavouring to build on this next year to make it bigger and better, casting our net further for entrants and supporters on the day with the aim of doubling the size of the event over the next two years. Personally, I'm happy to commit to this and some support would be really welcomed!

We are asking for volunteers to come forward to help promote and organize the 2016 Dip. This would involve attending one committee meeting which will be in September and about 10 hours time working on it. Whilst considering this please remember that you would be doing a worthy job for an event which is good fun to be part of.

The Killin Dip is free to take part in, unlike other more well known dips and dooks, and all Killin dippers were treated to delicious complimentary Mackies icecream, hot chocolate, soup and sandwiches by The Killin Hotel and The Real Food Café.

We would like to thank all dippers of all ages for taking the icy plunge! Colin McGeoch (Crianlarich Firefighter and Manager at The Real Food Café) raised the most sponsorship with a great total of £460 which was then matched by The Café! So 'Very Well Done' to Colin.

Thanks to the supporters, Mackies, The Killin Hotel, The Real Food Café Team and all those who sponsored dippers. We are grateful too to Franny Morrison and the Community Choir and to Killin Church for donating over £100 of funds that they collected at their pre Christmas carol concerts towards the dip grand total. Finally, special thanks to Davy Fettes for doing the safety line, to Ron Allner for the brilliant photos and to the Killin Angling Club for lending us their jetty! Please contact me to be part of it. Happy New Year Folks!

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The Hogmanay fireworks were as usual excellent and enjoyed by a good crowd.



Ribbon of Light



**The Tuesday Club** ladies had their Christmas lunch at Cruachan Restaurant on Dec 8<sup>th</sup>. As you can see from the photo, we all enjoyed ourselves. We had a good first session at the club and we now have twenty four members. The only disappointment was the cancellation from the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance. From now until the end of March our talks will include Stirling Castle, the Prison Service and the Oban Times. Hopefully none of our future speakers will be prevented, by the weather, from reaching Killin. Membership is only £5 and then £1 at each meeting, so if you are 55 or over, why not come and join us.

**Margaret Ogilvie**, President

**Christmas Shopping Trip** (courtesy of KAT) was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Ron for being our driver.



## Ribbon of Light

For the second year of our Hogmanay Lantern Walk we did 'design your own lantern'. A hallfull of keen creative folk produced some amazing lanterns, funded partly by Stirling Council, kind donations and KAT. All lanterns were individually designed and handmade using withies and tissue paper and on Hogmanay we walked them through Killin.

The rain actually stopped as the Ribbon of Light travelled down Main Street to the Killin Hotel, where we were warmly welcomed with hot chocolate, coffee and Willie Chisholm playing on the box. Bruce, an unsuspecting hotel guest, was kind enough to do the judging and, although he said everyone deserved a prize, he decided on 1<sup>st</sup> Struan's tractor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Noa's snowman and 3<sup>rd</sup> Caitlin's fish. All the lanterns were shown to the hotel guests and chat started on ideas for next time! Thank you to Trish and Charlie, Killin Hotel, Bruce (our judge), Shari from the Wee Bake Shop who provided us with a lovely lunch, to all the parents who helped transport lanterns in a nasty sleet shower and to all our talented lantern makers who made it such an amazing event

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# Breadalbane Adventures

## Number 2 - The Balgie Cycle Loop 3 hours -36 miles

A glorious February Wednesday tempted us onto our bikes for a first ride of the year of any decent length: up Glen Lochay, over "the Kenknock" to Upper Glen Lyon and back by the Ben Lawers hill road.

Several layers were put on and bikes selected that could cope with rough tarmac and winter conditions. The two climbs are strenuous enough to generate perspiration that chills quickly on the rapid descents. Midweek winter closure meant the splendid Bridge of Balgie tearoom couldn't provide much needed calories.

We were three: you know me, mature and on the large side and you've been introduced to the gazelle. In tow eventually we had the retired solicitor from the North East, mounted on an ancient steed, affecting hypochondria to mask his legendary stamina, ever reminding of long alpine days in his youth. The choice route up Glen Lochay depends on wind. The Southern road past Moirlanich is open and delightful, ending in the short pull up on Power Station Brae, which is the hardest part of the Killin 10k August road run. If there is any significant breeze from the West, then take the Northern road, shorter and sheltered in the trees. Past the power station, the road drops to the riverside and swings round to Duncroisk before the bridge over the Allt Dhuin Croisg, where walkers for Meall Ghaordaidh park their cars.

The day was cold not windy and we opted for Moirlanich and thereafter a gentle ride West. Knowing what was to come, we dawdled the few miles to Kenknock which included a stop for a quick coffee and to pick up the venerable attorney, miserable at having lost hens to a predator while

house-sitting.

The Kenknock climb has long been a staple of Highland Perthshire road cycling. It packs 900ft into 1.5 miles, with steep lower slopes, but is rather a shadow of its former self as the road surface has deteriorated badly and the climb is interrupted by 2 new gates that break the rhythm of athletes like the gazelle. We were warm from exertion but cold from a bit of breeze so carried on through wet lying snow and soon we were at the bealach above the descent to Upper Glen Lyon. In the past the gazelle had been left behind on this section while I generated excess speed from excess kilograms, but it was cold and the surface was scattered with winter gravel. I was teased for being slow and then suffered the ignominy of a puncture, caused by going too fast over the cattle grid at the bottom. Little mercy was shown as my frozen fingers struggled to replace the inner tube.

The 10 mile ride from here to Bridge of Balgie is one of Scotland's real gems. Passing the settlement at Pubil, it winds its way East down the glen with magnificent views of the Northern spurs of Meall Ghaordaidh, before looping North and rising to the junction of the Two Lochs road above Meggarnie Castle. A fast last mile or two brings one all too soon to Bridge of Balgie.

The memory of the tearoom from previous visits was almost tangible, of wonderful soups and cakes. My reverie was interrupted by ascerbic legal wit as our pensioner planned his assault of the next 4.5 miles: the 1,200ft climb to the Lochan Na Lairige. The usual phases of taking it easy and just going steady fooled no-one and soon we were perspiring again. This is a great climb (for

those who like going uphill on a bike) as it needs effort but is not too steep to enjoy. Mountain vistas of the Tarmachan range open up round each bend. The route in total has over 3,00ft of climbing so makes for a fairly strenuous ride if done without stops, especially when it's the first of the year. We were glad of the top. Despite the benign weather the reason for our car-free ascent became clear as we reached the high point at 1,800 ft. The road was blocked with a series of sugary snow drifts, each a few tens of metres in length and up to a metre deep, preventing vehicular passage but not our walking the bikes over.

Somewhat damp-footed, we emerged from the last of these, a mile north of the Lawers dam. The looming rocks of the Lawers range to the East and Tarmachan ridge to the West are ancient garnet-bearing mica schists and are part of a kilometres scale recumbent fold called the Tay Nappe. Impress your friends by telling them that the summits are upside-down. Smarting from my earlier humiliation, I resolved to descend faster than my companions, though taking care not to puncture again. Inevitably they took this as a challenge and sat on my wheel, calmly chatting away behind me while I parted the cold air. This is a quick descent but needs care; it is popular with visitors and walkers and not all drivers are familiar with it, nor indeed narrow single track roads. At Edramucky the road turns right onto the A827 for the final few miles back to Killin. Plans for a late lunch were made as the gazelle and I rode en peleton. We bade farewell to the legal eagle as we sped past Killin Golf Course and he turned back up glen Lochay to count his chickens. Our goose was cooked.

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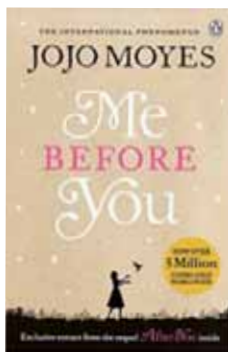


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## Book Review: Me Before You by Jojo Moyes

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coming is what keeps her sane. Will Traynor knows his motorcycle accident took away his desire to live. He knows everything feels very small and rather joyless now and he knows exactly how he's going to put a stop to that. What Will doesn't know is that Lou is about to burst into his world in a riot of colour. And neither of them knows they're going to change the other for all time.

Jojo Moyes is a genius storyteller, creating a warm, funny, touching, poignant and thought provoking book. It is a modern twist on a heart breaking love story, with characters that she really brings to life in the most relatable way. The family dialogue is sharp, incredibly witty and

insightful, while the story gives you something to really think about long after you have finished the book. Trying to put yourself in the situations faced by the characters really forces you to examine what you believe in and how you would react if placed in their situation. The characters in Moyes' story all have their flaws but are portrayed in such a way that as a reader you can still sympathise with what they are going through, even if you do not necessarily agree with their choices. This book invoked both laughter and tears in equal measures and is certainly one that will stick with me for a long time to come.

**Kerrie van de Coterlet**  
Sequel Book Club

## Community Auction

Easter Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, is the date of the 2016 Community Auction arranged by the members of Lodge Breadalbane St. Fillans No. 815 to raise money for Local Organisations and Good Causes. Flyers will be distributed in March with details of who to contact for collecting donations of goods to be auctioned off. Unfortunately, as with all auctions, any bedding, household linen and some items of furniture and electrical goods can't be accepted. Already some donations from household clearances have been

collected and stored and the Members are grateful to be entrusted with these items. Some items collected for this year's sale are of local interest and bring a unique opportunity to acquire local nostalgic memorabilia. Donations made in past years have benefited many local groups thanks to the generosity of all within the area who give and buy so generously. All donations should be intimated by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March so lots can be itemised and catalogues made available by 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Viewing will be from 4.30pm on the

Saturday, with the auction starting at 6.00pm prompt. There will be Kitchen goodies available with tea or coffee and a refreshment bar to help the overall enjoyment and aid enthusiastic bidding. The Lodge website will have photos of lots and additional information on others from the middle of March. Members look forward to another great fund raising evening bringing the whole community together to have fun and bag a bargain.

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# McLaren High School

## Cameron House

On 29th October pupils from McLaren High School were invited to the Park Stars Awards Ceremony at Cameron House Hotel. This was organised by the LL&T Community Partnership's Skills Partnership Park Previews Project to say thank you to all who have supported the project over the past year and to celebrate the achievements of all the young people who took part. McLaren pupils were involved in three days work experience earlier this year at Monachyle Mhor Hotel and were filmed and photographed by the young trainees while they were taking part. The films produced were premiered during the evening and pupils received certificates from their work experience employers. Everyone had an enjoyable evening and special thanks was given to McLaren pupils who provided the musical interlude at the start of the evening. Pupils who received certificates were: Megan Pease, Rebecca Bryce, Rhys Wykes, Laura King and John Paterson.

## Higher Urban Field Trip

On 11th November our Higher Geography class went on a field trip to Edinburgh to undertake field work for our Higher assignment. We began the day by walking along Rose Street... the day before George Clooney was in town! We continued along Princes Street and took in the Georgian architecture of George Street. We took environmental quality index surveys and shopping quality index surveys in the Central Business District (CBD) and the Gyle shopping centre to compare the differences in quality of different shopping areas in Edinburgh. We also asked shoppers in the area why they were shopping there and how they got to the area to see different shopping habits of the general public and work out the sphere of influence. We jumped on the tram to get from the CBD to the Gyle shopping centre. This was to let us see how transport has changed in Edinburgh and how the City Council is trying to deal with traffic congestion in the city centre. We also managed to have a moments silence on Princes Street, opposite the Scott Monument, to mark Armistice

Day. The moment's silence was started by a cannon fired from Edinburgh Castle and ended by another. Thank you Mrs Drysdale for keeping us on task and Mr Eastland for driving us to and from Edinburgh.

**Luke Hibbert S5**

## Young Rotary Chef Competition

On 26th November six pupils, from S2, S3 and S6, took part in the heat of the Young Rotary Chef Competition held at the school. They each had two hours to produce a two course meal and the judges had a difficult time choosing the winner from some amazing dishes cooked to a very high standard. De Lo was declared the winner with Niamh King a close second place. De's dishes were: A Trio of Paper Wraps filled with Minced Pork, Rice Noodles and Seaweed, garnished with Wasabi Mayonnaise and sweet Chilli and accompanied by a Vietnamese dipping sauce, and Coconut and Lime Cheesecake flavoured with Matcha Tea Powder. De will now go forward to the District Competition on 6th February in Dundee when he will make a three course meal in two hours. Good luck, De!

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She went to Springfield Primary School in Elgin and then to a school in Switzerland which, when war broke out, was evacuated to Wales. Shortly after she moved to St Leonard's school in St Andrews. After her father died in 1949 she, her mother and sister Muriel, moved to Edinburgh.

She trained at Bedford PE college and then taught at Benenden for a short time before moving to Edinburgh University PE department where she rose to become deputy director of physical education. Along with the Director, Laurie Liddell, she was responsible for setting up Firbush Point Field Centre on Loch Tay. In December 1969 she purchased Pier End in Pier Road. That year she told

her mother and sister that they were spending Christmas in Killin and when they arrived in Killin said that they would walk their dogs first and only told them that she had bought the house when they arrived at the gate! She spent every summer there until last summer.

She enjoyed the concerts at Balquhider Church and, with Muriel, did the catering for them for some years. She was a keen tennis player and when younger regularly played in the Duff Avenue tournament in Elgin. She liked pony trekking and for a time had ponies which were ridden by students at Firbush.

After retiring from the university, for a few years during the summer months, she and Muriel ran The Mustard Pot, a tearoom and gift shop in Killin. She was a member of Liberton Kirk and Killin Kirk and for some years volunteered with the WRVS at the sheriff court in Edinburgh.

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## Rural Stirling Housing Association– news update

We recently marked our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an affordable housing developer and Registered Social Landlord (RSL). We now have almost 600 homes in management throughout the Rural Stirling area – with 48 in Killin and 37 in Tyndrum. We are continuing to build new homes to meet housing needs. See [www.rsha.org.uk](http://www.rsha.org.uk) for more information.

### Opportunity to join our Management Committee

The Association is overseen by a volunteer Management Committee of local people.

We are currently seeking to recruit up to two additional Members with particular skills/experience, at a management level, in relation to:

- Housing development or procurement of building works more generally.
- Finance and business management

We also always welcome interest from RSHA tenants in joining the Committee.

The Committee holds monthly evening meetings. Travel and other eligible expenses are payable. Please contact **Tony Teasdale (Director)** by 26<sup>th</sup> February for more information about what is involved and to register an interest ([tony@rsha.org.uk](mailto:tony@rsha.org.uk)).

### Tender for Repairs Service

We regard a high quality Repairs Service as a key element in delivering excellent customer satisfaction. We will shortly be tendering our Reactive Repair and Void Property Maintenance Service. The intention is to create a Framework of contractors covering all the main trades for the 3 year period, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019. By advertising in a range of local publications it is hoped to encourage locally resourced contractors to compete for inclusion on the Framework. The Framework will also be advertised nationally via the Public Contracts Scotland (PCS) website and this is where all interested Contractors will be able to access the tender documents and submit their bids - [www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk). It is anticipated that the Framework will be advertised on the PCS website no later than 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

The opportunity will be issued as one tender document and will comprise 5 separate Lots as follows:

Builder works	Painter works
Electrical works	Plumbing works
Joiner and Glazier works	

Contractors will only be permitted to submit a tender for a single Lot. It is intended to appoint 3 Contractors for each Lot to allow selection of the most appropriate Contractor per job. Contractors will be appointed to the Framework on the basis of a price and quality assessment.

If you have any queries regarding the tendering process or operation of the Framework, then please contact **Malcolm Lee, Senior Maintenance Officer** on 01786 841 101.

**Rural Stirling Housing Association, Stirling Road, Doune FK16 6AA. Tel: 01786 841101**  
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# Celebrations



Frank Muirhead and Hazel Mathewson, who married on 26th September 2015 at The Bridge of Lochay Hotel, Killin, would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards, gifts and donations. Over £600 was raised for The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home, Killin Nursery and Killin Softplay/Tiddlers and Toddlers.



Callum Joseph Mitchell-Smith, born 3rd October 2015 in Jersey, weighing 5 lb 11 oz. First son for Lesley Mitchell & Darren Smith and a fourth grandchild for Lester and Jean Mitchell.



Felix Andrew Rawlinson was born on 21st November (8lbs 10oz) to thrilled parents Sarah and Stephen. A little brother for Georgia!



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## Letters

### A total success

On behalf of the Fire Fighters based at Killin Community Fire Station and the Fire Fighters Charity, we would like to thank all local businesses who generously donated towards the tombola at the Killin Show. We have been holding our stall for a number of years now and without the help from local businesses it would not be possible to offer some of the great prizes. We would kindly appreciate your help in the forthcoming years as we intend to carry on each year to raise money for our charity. We would also like to thank all the community and tourists alike who attended the tombola stand and, more recently, the car wash that was held at the fire station. The grand total raised between the Killin show, the car wash and the collection tins from local shops was £2,189.83p which we feel is a fantastic amount from a small community.

The Fire Fighters Charity is the UK's leading provider of services that enhance quality of life for serving and retired fire fighters, fire personnel and their families. Its vision is to make a positive difference by supporting people in the Fire and Rescue community when they are in need. Over the years, it has helped

hundreds of thousands of individuals by providing world-class treatment and support services.

It costs £9 million a year to keep the Charity running and with no government funding it is completely reliant on the generosity and enthusiasm of supporters. The role of a fire fighter is one of bravery, loyalty and devotion to public service. Just like fire fighters, the charity is passionate about its work and the services that it provides to the men and women who risk their lives to save others.

Thanks again for the support.

**Fire Crew at Killin Station**

### Christmas Greetings

The GPS and staff at the Surgery would like to thank everyone who sent gifts and cards to us at Christmas.

Your kindness is much appreciated.

### Santa Dash

The Killin Santa Dash held on 12th December was another great success. The event, now in the 3rd year, was organized by Pete Waugh of Tay Fitness. The one hundred Santas taking part ran from the Falls of Dochart Inn to the Bridge of Lochay Hotel, where the Killin Choir welcomed them home with a rendition of carols. Many thanks to the many local people who volunteered and ran stalls at the finish and of course all the Santas for making this such a wonderful event.

### Christmas Boxes

The Posties of Killin would like to take the opportunity to wish all our friends and customers a very Happy New Year and a big thank you for your appreciation shown by our gifts and cards. Very much a show of what you think of our efforts in all weathers.

Very many thanks,

**Gregor, Tony, Paul and Donald**

### Lifted up

I would like to thank all the people in the village who very kindly give me lifts up and down the brae to Fingal Road. Going down is a delight but looking back up I think "have I to go up there?"

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For further information contact

**Richard Horobin**  
01796 474480

### Callander Photo Club

Please join us for the next meeting of Callander Photo Club on Wednesday, 10th February at 7:30pm at the Waverley Hotel on Callander Main Street. Please bring your camera, tripod and a wide-angle lens for a workshop on photographing smoke.

The photo word for February is 'NEW'. To send your photos (no more than 4) or for more information email [callanderphotoclub@gmail.com](mailto:callanderphotoclub@gmail.com) All are welcome. Members £1/Guests £3. See us on facebook at Callander Photo Club.

March meeting - 9 March

March photo word - 'CIRCLE'

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## Local Planning Applications

### National Park

#### 10 November

**Proposal:** Erection of 1 single wooden pole

Location: Benmore Farm Crianlarich Stirling FK20 8QS

Applicant: Allan Coburn

Application Type: Statutory

Notification - overhead lines

Decision: Pending Decision

#### 11 November

**Proposal:** Installation of fingerpost and waymarker signs

Location: Various Locations In Crianlarich

Applicant: Strathfillan Community Council

Application Type: Advertisement Consent

Decision: Approve

#### 12 November

**Proposal:** Overhead line reinforcement works (revision of 2015/0199/NST)

Location: Land At Wester Lix By Killin

Applicant: Mr Allan Coburn

Application Type: Statutory

Notification - overhead lines

Decision: Pending Decision

#### 16 November

**Proposal:** Construction of disabled access ramp

Location: 16 Ballechroisk Court Killin

Applicant: Trust Housing Association

Application Type: Householder

Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

#### 16 November

**Proposal:** Extension to agricultural building

Location: Auchlyne House Auchlyne Road Killin

Applicant: Mrs Emma Paterson

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

#### 19 November

**Proposal:** Erection of 2

dwellinghouses

Location: Laggan Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mr Andrew Blake

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

#### 25 November

**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: Approve

#### 26 November

**Proposal:** Erection of extension to dwellinghouse

Location: Capercaillie House Main Street Killin

Applicant: Ms Myra Patterson

Application Type: Householder

Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

#### 1 December

**Proposal:** Variation of condition No.9(b) of planning permission

2014/0258/DET to increase the

allowed delivery times

Location: Acharn Forest Killin

Applicant: Rodney Potts

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

#### 3 December

**Proposal:** High voltage overhead line reinforcement works, wooden

pole replacements, additional

wooden poles, other remedial and

ancillary works for Chaorach hydro

Location: Mid Lix By Killin To

Auchessan By Crianlarich

Applicant: Allan Coburn

Application Type: Statutory

Notification - overhead lines

Decision: Pending Consideration

#### 3 December

**Proposal:** Formation of temporary access tracks and borrow pit in

association with 275kV overhead line

refurbishment

Location: Land At Gleann Na Caorann

(Glen Falloch) Loch Lomond

Applicant: Mr Henry Jamieson

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Pending Consideration

#### 23 December

**Proposal:** Erection of electricity grid connection kiosk and

undergrounded private wire in

connection with Allt Essan Hydro

Scheme

Location: Allt Essan Hydro

Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr Peter Christie

Application Type: Detailed Planning

Permission

Decision: Approve

#### 19 November

**Proposal:** Conversion to form 4 bedrooms & 15 staff

accommodation rooms and

alterations to the access

Location: Stagger Inn Crianlarich

Applicant: Inverarnan Inns Limited

Application Type: Detailed Planning

Permission

Decision: Approve

### Perth & Kinross Council

#### 12 November

**Proposal:** Variation of permission (14/00931/FLL) change of chalet

type and formation of vehicular

access

Location: Land At Craggantoul Farm

Lawers

Applicant: Craggantoul Farm

Application Type: planning

permission local

Decision: Awaiting decision

#### 24 November

**Proposal:** Extension to holiday let accommodation

Location: Ben Lawers Rest

Craggantoul Farm Lawers

Applicant: Craggantoul Farm

Application Type: planning

permission local

Decision: Approve the application

### Stirling Council

#### 4 December

**Proposal:** Installation of an Eco-PoP consisting of a small telecoms

mast with a 10m timber telegraph

pole, hosting up to 5 antennas and

powered by solar panels and a

windcharger

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Applicant: AB Internet Ltd

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Decision: Approve with Conditions

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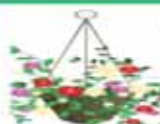
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The Old Mill

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