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## Editorial

Since our last issue we have had some wonderful weather – dry days, with sunshine, blue skies and snow on the hills. Who could want to live anywhere else when it's like this? The spring season is now well under way. At one time the change in season brought a change in children's playground games. Skipping, hop scotch, wall ball and others had their different times and there were often rhymes to go with them which had been passed down with variations over many generations. Sadly the rhymes are now forgotten except perhaps by some of the very oldest. Children nowadays cannot imagine life 'in the old days' and keep busy with their phones and computers communicating with friends via social media. Only twenty five years ago, when Killin News was started, none of that was possible or even imagined. In that year the web was first introduced and began to change so many things so completely. In 1991, too, the first British person went into space – not Tim Peake, who went up this year, but Helen Sharman. Just as then we could not envisage many things which today we take for granted, it is impossible now to know what life will be like in another twenty five years. We can imagine many changes– both good and bad. Driverless or even flying cars and household robots are talked about now, but the likelihood is that there will be many more things we haven't even dreamt of. Technology will continue to evolve and it is almost certain that Killin News will either not exist or exist in a totally different form. Changes happen whether we like them or not, whether we vote for them or not, and in another twenty five years things will doubtless be very different.

Meanwhile, Killin News is still working out of the Killin Hotel but we hope that perhaps by the next issue we will be back in our own office.

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# 1991

The year Killin News began



**The first issue of Killin News appeared in April 1991. It was definitely not intended as a one-off April Fool's joke but it's doubtful that the founders, Sinclair Aitken and Allan Walker, then envisaged it would still be going twenty five years later. What was going on at that time?**

## 1991 UK News

In January 27 people died after severe gales

Bryan Adams stayed at No.1 in the Singles Charts for 16 weeks with the song "Everything I do, I do it for you"

The last UK nuclear test took place in Nevada

Roald Dahl overtook Enid Blyton as the most popular children's author

IRA bombs targeted Downing Street and both Paddington and Victoria railway stations

John Major was Prime Minister but Neil Kinnock was becoming popular

PC World opened its first store

Helen Sharman became the first woman in space

Riots broke out in Leeds, Cardiff, Birmingham and Tyneside

Beginning of the Gulf War

Work got underway on the Channel Tunnel

'The unpopular 'Poll Tax' was to be replaced by Council Tax

The Vauxhall Astra was launched

The World Wide Web was first introduced by British scientist Tim Berners Lee

Unemployment rose above two million

Hostages John McCarthy and Terry Waite were freed from Lebanon

22 army regiments were merged by the MOD

Robert Maxwell found dead

Korean and South African cars were imported to Britain for the first time

## 1991 in Killin News

### Issue 1 April 1991 (4 pages)

Killin Old Mill, Action at Last. The village had secured £60,000 to make the mill windproof and watertight.

Old Mart site - Proposed building of 12 three bedroomed houses.

The proposed gold mine at Cononish, near Tyndrum is expected to provide over 100 jobs over an eight year life.

### Issue 2 June 1991

Killin sports pavilion and floodlit all-weather/all-purpose tennis courts being developed

Killin Mountain Rescue team celebrate 25 years. Eleven farms in Glen Lochay and Glen Dochart still placed under movement restrictions enforced after the Chernobyl explosion in 1987

### Issue 3 July 1991

Building of the new Village Hall for Crianarich is underway  
Killin Ambulance Technicians were photographed in their new green uniforms

### Issue 4 September 1991

Front page photo showed judges in the ring at the 1880 Killin Show

BT airlifted a 4 ton temporary exchange into Killin in preparation for a permanent digital exchange and changeover to six figure telephone numbers from 3 figure

### Issue 5 November 1991 (10 pages)

£500 bounty offered for arrest of person(s) defacing local area with anti-English graffiti

£1,000 raised for Sports and Leisure Club by four brave locals who did a sponsored parachute jump

## KAT Report AGM

KAT held their AGM on Saturday 12th March in the Killin Hotel. There was a good turnout of members. The new KAT Board is: Ron Allner – Chairperson, Pat Hayes – Vice Chairperson, Mark Beaumont – Treasurer, Jay Allen, Keith Mayo, Charlie Grant, Davy Fettes Co-opted Directors are; Rosemary Simpson and Angus Inglis Company Secretary – Theresa Elliot Members had the chance to hear about the work KAT has been doing during this past year and ask questions.

Rosemary Simpson gave an update on the internet café, Franny Morrison on the day to day business of the Old Mill and Theresa Elliot on the KAT projects. Our guest speaker was Alistair Grimes from SKS Scotland, the Old Mill business consultants, who talked about their role in helping KAT put together a funding application to Big Lottery and gave some of the findings from the Mill questionnaire.

KAT would like to thank all who attended the AGM, the community for their continued support and everyone who volunteers on the KAT projects, especially the Old Mill. Without you we could not do everything that we do.

## Breadalbane Park

There is no update on when the sand slitting will be carried out, but we are hoping it will be done in spring. KAT are aware of the areas that are still flooding and hoping that the sand slitting will address this issue. As part of the funding requirement we need to show how the improvements, to date, have made the park become a better space. There is a short questionnaire that is being distributed around the village in various ways. Please do complete one for us.

## Internet Café

The internet café has re-opened after a winter break in February. For the first few weeks the sessions were being run by me or Kay to ensure it would keep running until we found a tutor. Our new tutor, Angela Hanvey, started with us in March and made a good impression on all who attended. Angela has a wealth of computer and technology knowledge and is looking forward to meeting you. The café is a drop in and runs every Thursday 11am to 3pm in the Library. Sessions cost £1.50 per hour and 50p for a tea/coffee and biscuit. The library is also open then for people with a library card to take out or return books and for photocopying and printing.

## Killin and District Sport and Leisure Club

The Sports and Leisure Club will be open from April to October. An agreement has been made with the Killin Hotel for the hotel to hold a small stock of equipment and take money for people wanting to use the facilities. The agreement will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure it is working for both the Club and the Killin Hotel. Hire of the pavilion space can be booked through Fiona Boath on 01567 820122.

## Old Mill Development

Thank you to everyone who completed a survey - we had over 100 responses. SKS Scotland are in the process of analysing the data but from initial feedback it seems to show nothing surprising. We are working to submit our application to the Big Lottery – Growing Community Assets Programme by the end of June 2016. There is a lot of work to be carried out but most of it is information gathering.

## Stirling Council

KAT have signed an agreement with Stirling Council for them to fund KAT for me to act as a link between Stirling Council and the communities in the Breadalbane area of Crianlarich, Tyndrum, Killin, Balquhadder, Strathyre and Lochearnhead. This will involve: Being the first point of contact for the 3 Community Councils in the Breadalbane area and attending their meetings when required. Assisting with the development of the Community Test Site in the Strathfillan and Killin area, e.g booking venues, encouraging participation, highlighting areas of concern coming from the community. Promoting and encouraging community involvement in key Council activities.

This agreement started on 1st January and will run until 31st December, though will be reviewed regularly and, if successful, could be rolled out for longer.

## Theresa Elliot

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## Old Mill Report

**Opening Hours** We are now open from 10am -4pm every day. During February we decided to try opening 11am-3pm and this proved to be most successful. This arrangement happened after the last Killin News had been published so I would like to apologise for any inconvenience and confusion caused.

The volunteers have been busy during this quiet spell, sorting and organising stock behind the scenes.

## Curtains

We have a great selection of curtains for sale (over 30 pairs and some single) As we do not have the space



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to display them, we have a folder at the counter for anyone to see and we can quickly and easily access the relevant curtains.

## Training

We would very much like to thank Wendy Simpson from Escape for donating her time to the Mill and also for donating a cash register. Wendy came in February and trained the volunteers on the cash register. She also gave us a talk on displays and merchandise.

We are also in the process of installing the new cash register and hope to have this up and running soon.

Thanks also to Helen Cole and Eleanor Murray for coming and giving a talk about the National Park.

## Volunteers

Our aim this year is to keep open from 10am-4pm every day. This is 28 shifts to cover at the counter every week and there is a great amount of work to be done behind the scenes, keeping the stock organised and the shop tidy and presentable. Please contact me if you would like to help and donate your time.

We are always grateful for your donated goods. Please note that we cannot accept electrical goods, motorcycle and cycle helmets, baby seats, buggies, VHS tapes, duvets and pillows or large, heavy items. If you have any queries please contact Franny.

**Franny Morrison**  
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On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm Red Note Ensemble returns to the Big Shed with Reels and Ragas 3, an exciting (if unlikely) fusion of Indian Classical tabla, with a western classical string trio and a traditional Scottish piper. Last year's concert was fantastic and we hope lots of you can make it this time. From 6-7pm, Kuljit Bhamra will run a free drumming workshop, suitable for all ages.

The Reels and Ragas 3 tour features Kuljit Bhamra, an Indian tabla player, who is joined by Jackie Shave (violin), Simon Tandree (viola), Robert Irvine (cello) and Fraser Fifield (whistle/sax/ bagpipes). Expect love songs, dance music, Bollywood and some amazing ragas! Tickets £10 and £6 are available via Eventbrite.

Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available. BYOB and we'll supply glasses.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> April, there's a yoga workshop led by Sadhita. It will start at 10 and finish at 2.30 and will be followed by a home-made vegetarian lunch. The cost is £45.

There are more yoga workshops later in the year:

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May with Wendy Fraser

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Aug with Clare Stephen

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October with Morgan Windram-Geddes

To find out more contact the Big Shed by email: [websitecontact@bigshed.org.uk](mailto:websitecontact@bigshed.org.uk) or phone 0750 864 5453.



## Callander and West Perthshire U3A

Spring seems a long time in coming with all the bad weather we have had, so it is good to get together with like-minded people to pursue interests of all kinds and this is what U3A is all about. Whether we want to brush up on languages, learn about Greek Mythology, limber up with Yoga exercises or just enjoy a Sunday lunch at one of our local restaurants, it is much easier to join with others and have fun at the same time. Having a regular group to meet with gets us out of the house and offers us the opportunity to make new friends. Some of our members escaped the winter for a few days on a

conducted tour of the wonders in Venice, while the Poetry Group enjoyed the transmission of the National Theatre production of 'As You Like It' from the comfort of the cinema at the Macrobert. Our website 'Callander and West Perthshire U3A' has all the details of the courses we run, with timetables and a membership form, together with a link to U3A Scotland (the umbrella organisation for the 45 U3As north of the border), which runs workshops and summer schools in different locations. We welcome new members at any time of the year and from now until the summer the subscription fee is only £5.

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# KILLIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Summary of March Meeting

**Tilhill Forestry:** Representatives of Tilhill Forestry provided a presentation of their current plans for commercial forestry at Morenish. 62% of the trees planted will be Sitka spruce and 14% Norway spruce with an anticipated harvest in 35 to 40 years. Concerns were raised about the impact of logging lorries on the Dochart Bridge. The company would inform Stirling Council when timber would be transported but any impact on the Dochart Bridge would be the responsibility of SC. Basic surveys have been carried out by Tilhill Forestry and they agreed that when an Environmental Impact Assessment has been carried out a copy will be provided to Killin Community Council.

A number of questions were raised regarding the impact of this commercial planting on the many local businesses which rely on tourism and who would take responsibility for ensuring an integrated approach. In particular the impact on significant views was discussed. Cameron Maxwell (Forestry Commission Scotland) said that they would consider this when looking at Tilhill's plans.

Public access was also raised. Tilhill Forestry will be leaving a peat track open and could provide a path along the lochside when planting in the area that is liable to flooding. The gap between the road and planting could also provide a path.

Questions were also raised regarding deer fencing. Tilhill Forestry plan to erect a deer fence on the south side of the road but not on the north side, where they will control deer numbers but will not be part of the Deer Management Group.

Tilhill agreed to organise an open meeting for the public in Killin and will inform Tim Frost of the details. They will also organise on-site meeting for anyone who wishes to discuss their plans.

**Acharn Biomass Plant:** Andrew Vince (Clean Energy Ventures Operations Management Ltd) provided an update on the power plant which will now comprise 10 small units run on a shift pattern with 16 employees. The footprint of the site remains the same.

Scottish Woodland are currently taking down trees and removing stumps and the aim is to start work on the plant on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016. The initial work will be carried out by the Robertson Group from Stirling and the aim is to complete this and be operational within 12 months.

The plant uses advanced gasification to generate electricity and heat from timber. Any ideas for using the heat locally to benefit the community can be discussed with Andrew Vince and he has a suggestion that he will bring back to the Community Council when he has considered it more fully.

The noise impact was questioned. Andrew Vince is looking to reduce noise, in particular by using an electric chipper rather than a diesel chipper.

The impact on the Dochart Bridge was also discussed. Timber would not be transported through the village by the Biomass Plant but if a timber company was bringing timber through the village anyway the Biomass Plant would try to use that.

Local jobs were discussed and Andrew Vince confirmed that the Biomass Plant would aim to fill as many of the 16 jobs as possible locally.

Andrew Vince will come back to the Community Council in May and July to provide updates on progress and discuss options for using the heat for a community project.

### Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report:

**Anti-social behaviour:** Disturbance in Main Street Killin led to two local males being reported to the Procurator Fiscal. There was a disturbance outside the Killin Hotel.

**Road safety:** A woman was arrested and charged with drink driving after a crash at Leskine.

A man was arrested and charged with drink driving after a crash outside the Co-op in Killin.

Forestry work is going on in various locations. Motorists should be aware and reduce their speed.

### Community Engagement and reassurance:

Extra attention will be paid to the Main Road during the start and finish of the school day. A local officer visited the nursery and Primary One class.

**Other:** There have been a number of break-ins in Doune and Callander. Owners of property and vehicles are encouraged to check security.

Smartwater packs are still available at the Police Office.

Several local Mountain Rescue team members assisted the recent search on Ben Nevis.

PC Fleming assisted the search near Durisdeer with his SARDA dog.

Local officers are dealing with Firearms Licensing Enquiries.

**Dochart Bridge:** Despite being in the schedule, 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 road markings have been done.

**Scottish Water:** Bruce Crawford has raised this matter with Scottish Water who responded that their obligation is only to provide 1bar of pressure and that they have reduced the pressure to protect the infrastructure. Charlie Grant will gather information about all local businesses affected and Councillor Earl will speak to Bruce Crawford to see if more can be done.

**Community Liaison Officer:** Theresa Elliot is now in post in a pilot scheme until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016. Her role is to provide a link with Stirling Council and bring services from the Council to the community.

**Killin to Crianlarich Road:** There are a number of potholes on this road which have not been dealt with despite being reported two months ago. The new Area Manager is George Fiddes.

**Breadalbane Park:** The wall on the left hand side of the park entrance has sustained significant damage at the weekend. S. Inglis will check as it is unclear whether this is the responsibility of SC or the householder next to the park.

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 19.30 at Killin Primary School.




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## Frost Report

### Badgers bid for mile high club

So spring has sprung, giving us some wonderful sunny, if chilly, days to cheer us up after an unbelievably wet winter. It is said that Valentines Day is when the birds choose their mates and it is certainly more or less that date when the small garden birds begin their songs. For many years it has been on or very near that date that the oystercatchers return to this area. They are usually seen about a week before around Aberfeldy and Dull.

Our squirrels have stayed with us all winter and one was busy this morning repeatedly chasing off a chaffinch who was pecking at the nut crumbs that the squirrel was making. Sometimes it is the chaffinch who is the bully chasing off our long tailed tit from the feeders.

It is also said that in spring a young man's fancy - or a young anything else for that matter. Actually many animals mate well before this time to ensure that the young are born in late spring to early summer so that young can take advantage of the better food supply offered in these months. So stags rut in autumn and calves are born in the following summer.

Some species, such as roe deer and badgers and some seals, even have a facility known as delayed implantation. This means that mating can take place at any time (every opportunity taken) and the fertilized egg is not implanted till the appropriate time to ensure that the young are born at the most propitious time. Roe rut July to August with the possibility of a second round in November to December but implantation is delayed for 40 or 24 weeks so that kids are born May to June when the grass and the particularly tasty plants in our gardens are at their best. In the case of the badger,

mating can take place in spring and again in late summer, with a gestation period of nine to twelve months. Embryological studies suggest that spring is the main time for fertilisation but cubs are not born till almost a year later. A couple of badgers with 'the spring feeling' defied the fact that they are usually nocturnal by mating in full daylight at the beginning of March this year. Not only that but they were 1,712 feet up, obviously thinking that they were safe at that height. They were observed during the annual deer count on Glen Falloch. Let that be a lesson to remember. When we lived in Sutherland the stalker told us that folk should remember never to do anything on the remote hills that you wouldn't do in your garden as you never know who (usually a stalker spying the hill with his telescope) may see. I will not tell you the stories which followed. But it would be worse to be like a pair of very passionate badgers which burrowed their sett under a church in Derbyshire and put their own 'music' to Evensong.

A recent survey at Chernobyl has found no evidence of a negative impact on deer numbers due to radiation. There are roe, red and elk in the area. Neither is there any evidence that this could be the source of Rudolf's shiny red nose!

The A.G.M. of Deer Management Groups in Kingussie in February was attended by 200 representatives working with deer. The proposed land reform bill and the reintroduction of sporting rates were discussed along with powers for S.N.H. to intervene. It was stated that £140.8m of expenditure in Scotland is dependent on deer management. There are 2,532 jobs in deer management, of which 1,372 are paid. Let's hope that it is sustained. Oil has let the economy

down so it is hoped that what we have left is respected.

Our dogs had an exciting day when we took them to get chipped. They were a bit worried as we had been chipping tree branches and they wondered what was in store but had a great time in the end. Dogs' Trust were doing a session at Amulree village hall and we had a fabulous, if snowy, run over Glen Quaich which is a route I can recommend in summer. We saw several grouse, though one was being eyed by a kite. There were also flocks of peewits and oystercatchers. Noticeable that they were thriving in a kept glen! At the hall there was a forest of keepers' vehicles and each one was packed with dogs. They were all very excited but marvellously behaved. Our two, who seldom see other dogs, were spellbound. It was also good to see the donations jars filling up nicely. Since then one dog has been especially affectionate but I don't know if it's a side effect of the chip or an after effect of the meteorite. Just after the flash he went into nervous 'I hear thunder' mode and has not been quite himself since. Did anyone else notice anything similar in their animals due to this? Or maybe he's just waiting for the sort of chips that go with fish! Remember that from April 6th it is law that all dogs are microchipped. Not sure when it will apply to cats!

On the same day that the badgers were spied, foxy was observed having a rough time of it. A line of stags was walking through the snow and one suddenly lowered its head and charged, very narrowly missing its target of a fox who had probably been having a quiet snooze. Something else to be aware of if you're lying out on the hill.

**Tim Frost**

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## Mervyn's Old Weather

Something a little different for this edition of the Killin News and a complete change from my usual doleful dirge concerning more recent summer Seasons! I should like to take you back to 1933, when, aged 6 years, I began to take an interest in weather conditions. This interest gradually extended over the years and culminated, for me, in the privilege of being invited to contribute to the Killin News.

The following excerpts are taken from a newspaper article that appeared in "The Impartial Reporter" of Autumn 1933. This publication covers Fermanagh and South Tyrone and describes the Vintage Summer of that year. The article is entitled 'September Harvest - Finished Minus Shower - Driest Month for 35 Years' and was written by WM. J. Gibson, Meteorological Officer, Warringtontown. "September's rainfall was small, the total - which fell on seven days - amounted to 1.08 ins. The maximum daily fall, 1.11 ins. on the 19th, fell during two hours, and was the product of a thunderstorm. The total of 1.68 ins. for September is 1.90 ins. below the average of the past 11 years (3.58 ins.) and is .86 ins. below

that of the standard period of 35 years (2.54 ins.) from 1818 to 1913. No words can express the beauty of the past month, and the harvest was finished without a shower. The only rain of any value fell on the 19th, and caused the pastures to resume verdure somewhat. The honeysuckle (Lonicera) blossomed for a second time in 1933, and during September the hedgerows were as redolent with its nectarine odour as in June. The summer of 1933 ended at 12 noon G.M.T. on the 23rd. A remarkable summer it was, if not for anything else for its spells of super-'fine' weather, with which apparently the whole of the Kingdom has been favoured. It is 1911 since there was a parallel - 22 years ago."

The article then continues to point out the numerous droughts that occurred from the 13th century onwards "..... when water engineering of the magnitude of the present day was a thing unknown."

"In the 13th century in England, during the reign of Henry III, droughts occurred on no less than nine occasions. Matthew Paris' Chronicle, quoting for the year 1236 states - 'In the summer, after a winter

beyond measure, rainy, there was a constant drought, attended by an almost unendurable heat, which lasted four months or more. The marshes and lakes were dried up to their very bottoms, water mills stood useless, whilst the earth gaped with numerous fissures.'

In 1252 - Great drought in England all spring and summer. During March, April and May the earth was parched by a burning sun. The sun's immoderate heat so burnt the earth that all herbage withered, and meadows refused food to cattle. Because of the exceeding hot nights, there was such an abundance of fleas, flies and gnats that people were weary of their lives."

Mr Gibson then points out that there were fourteen droughts in the 14th century, seven in the 15th, eighteen in the 16th, thirty seven in the 17th century and forty three in the 18th century. During the 19th century droughts occurred thirty three times. "In Ireland in 1818 it was the hottest summer for years. Scarcely any rain fell for the space of nine months, so that springs and rivers dried up. Hot, dry and burning from the end of May until September."

Having just endured "a winter beyond measure, rainy," we can only hope for some "spells of super-'fine' weather" in the months to come. However, we could perhaps do without a drought, along with all the difficulties that would still bring, despite the magnitude of the water engineering of today.

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# Strathfillan by the Wa

## Strathfillan Development Trust

Enjoying the fantastic weather, and giving Dalrigh Car Park a good Spring Clean (as well as learning a few gardening tricks!) – thanks to everyone involved.

With Spring just around the corner, and a burst of lovely weather, SCDT is starting to get various works done around the community. In Crianlarich, works for the Heritage Paths, which were delayed by the weather, have finally restarted, and it's hoped that they will be finished by Easter. It's been a long-haul, but we seem to be getting there. To celebrate the completion of the project there will be an Open Day on Friday May 6th, from 11am to 12pm, co-hosted with Crianlarich Primary

School. Fingers crossed for good weather, and please come along to see our lovely new paths. Keep an eye out for posters and information on the Strathfillan Community Facebook page.

With planning permission now granted and our materials arrived, expect to see lots of work going on across our lovely Community Woodlands in Tyndrum. We had a fantastic Tidy-Up Dalrigh Day, getting the car park and picnic area spruced up for the summer. A massive thank you to all our volunteers: Catriona, David and Ellis McKenna, Paul and Amy Lilly, Duncan Lemay, Jake and Erica Kerr, Andy Brown, Kelly Clapperton-Bates and Eilidh Bates, and last but not least Ellen Cattanaich for providing lunch, drinks and snacks to keep the troops going. We'd also like to thank Peter Holmes, Rural Skills Expert, for all his advice and assistance. It was a great day, and we hope to hold many more in the future.

## Strathfillan Community Council

### Change of meeting days

Strathfillan Community Council will now be meeting on the first Tuesday of every month (except August & December). Meetings are held in Crianlarich Hall at 7.30pm and all members of the public are welcome. Our next meetings are Tuesdays 5th April, 3rd May and 7th June.

### Priority Based Budgeting

The Community Council sent a letter to all local councillors (copied to the Stirling Observer) in support of the parent bodies objections to the proposed merger of the headship of Crianlarich & Killin schools and nurseries. The CC are delighted that Stirling Council listened to the strong views of the local communities on this issue and did not include it in the final budget proposals.

### WHW issues

A meeting has been arranged with Gordon Forrester of LLTNP to assess both the WHW pathway from the underpass at the Crianlarich bypass and the Cattle Creep crossing in Tyndrum. These are two issues which the CC has raised on numerous occasions and is frustrated at the lack of action.

### Broadband

It is understood that Tyndrum is due for upgrade to fibre optic broadband in summer 2016, although an exact date is not yet known. It is thought that the Crianlarich exchange will be upgraded in 2017. The CC will continue to monitor the available information from BT regarding these dates.

### Toilet Cleaning

An arrangement has been reached with Stirling Council whereby a local person has been contracted to clean both Crianlarich & Tyndrum public toilets twice per day. This is something which the CC has lobbied hard for, and it is hoped that this will





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result in an improved level of cleanliness, particularly during the busy summer months.



### Community Resilience Plan

Cllr Hayes has urged the community to look again at writing a formal community resilience plan. Some of the flooding issues experienced in other parts of the Stirling Council area over the winter have highlighted the difficulties in co-ordinating a community response to a major incident without a written down plan. Sheona has offered to take this forward on behalf of Strathfillan CC.

### Community Council Website

After several years of good service, it was agreed that our existing community council website at [www.scottishdemocracy.com](http://www.scottishdemocracy.com) has become outdated and a more modern style site is now needed. Local resident Ian Marrett has kindly agreed to look at creating a possible replacement site for the CC. More details of the new site will be available soon. In the meantime, we will continue to use [scottishdemocracy.com](http://scottishdemocracy.com). The CC would particularly like to thank Gavin Macnab for all his hard work in setting up, maintaining and administering the site for many years.

### Environment

Last year plants for the community flower tubs were kindly donated by Corachie Clematis, although this year we may need to purchase plants for the tubs. It is hoped that the primary school and/or nursery may be able to adopt a few tubs, to help with looking after these over the summer months. Falcon has kindly offered to donate some Scots Pine, Beech & Oak trees which would be gratefully utilised within Crianlarich and/or Tyndrum woodlands.

## Killin Hosts Drama Festival

Hot on the heels of a busy January, with Pantomime and Burns Supper commitments, Killin Drama Club knuckled down to the task of learning lines for the annual SCDA Drama Festival, held here in Killin in early March. Sadly there were not

many local faces in our audience, unlike the Panto when we can fill the hall! Seven teams competed in the event which included former British Champions Finty with their award winning Adult and Youth teams, but Killin held its head high with two very different plays. Opening the event was Helen Wyngard's "Into the Mist" with Glenda Mardon and Gordon Hibbert playing the roles of Margaret Rutherford and Stringer Davis in a very moving play about dementia in the actress's later life. (photo above) Directed by Lesley Syme, this was a UK premiere, having been performed only in Australia prior to this festival. Our other production, "Towpath" by Robert Iles featured Lesley Syme, Myrica Reid, Eleanor Murray and Alex Tigwell playing the roles of four

strangers meeting on a canal towpath and sharing a picnic and their life stories too. The play was directed by Gordon Hibbert and the challenging setting built by club members.



The adjudicator Robert Meadows was appreciative of both Killin productions and gave helpful comments for future use by the teams. The outcome of the festival was predictable with Finty being placed 1st and 2nd, followed by 3rd and 4th places for the local teams. "Into the Mist" qualified to enter the Divisional Round at Lochgelly in early April.

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## Fingal's Fling



Presentation to Freda Cairns from The Falls of Dochart and Mike McLaren for the AED training fund of money raised at Fingal's Fling.

The last fling of the festive season and a brilliant start to Killin's 2016 year of music!  
A great night of music was enjoyed on 2nd January at the Bridge of Lochay Hotel by an enthusiastic audience determined to start the New Year by supporting local charities with a celebration of music. Once again, local band Alpine Road stepped up to the mark by hosting this fundraiser for the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home and the Killin Defibrillator Training project. A variety of genres were played by Alpine Road and special guests. Young musicians Fred Murray (guitar and vocals supported by dad Dan on drums), Euan Lang (on guitar and banjo), Georgia Third (on keyboards)

and little Mia McLaren (singing a solo), entertained a very engaged audience. The sound of Greg McKee on Mandolin accompanied the band, who covered a variety of numbers from the 50's right up to the present day. Thanks to Alpine Road (Donald, David, Marc and Finn); to Bob and Amanda from the Bridge of Lochay Hotel for their support, donating the use of the function room and serving delicious stovies to boost the funds; to Julie, Owen, Lauren, Georgia and Norma for helping on the night. And last, but definitely not least a big thank you to everyone who came along, raised £300 and made the evening rock!

**Rosie Third**



## Killin Local Committee

2015 was a busy year for the Killin Cancer Research Committee. The support from our local community, Woodlane of Doune and BAM Racing exceeded all our expectations and enabled us to forward £9,000 to Cancer Research UK.

### Events for 2016:

18th June The Killin Music Festival  
27th August Killin 10K  
24th September Ladies Lunch  
October Flu Clinic (tbc)  
5th November BAM Racing – GO33 Ultra Marathon

If you are unable to attend any of our events and wish to support us, donations can also be made through: Justgiving:

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Alternatively, if you are participating in an event and have set up your own justgiving page to raise funds for Cancer Research UK, your page can be joined to our 'team', simply contact Marion McRae for more details. Once again, Killin Local Committee thanks you for all your support throughout 2015 and look forward to meeting you at their events in 2016.

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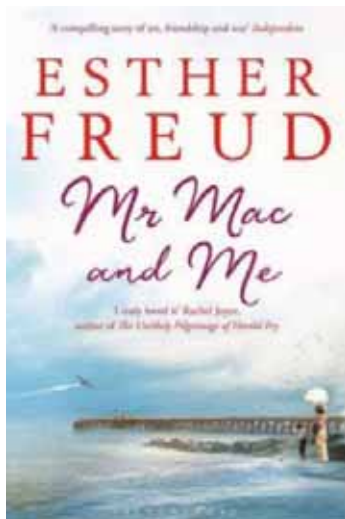
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## Book Review

### Mr Mac and Me by Esther Freud

"Mr Mac" is Charles Rennie Mackintosh and "Me" is Thomas, an eleven year old lame boy who narrates the story which is set during the First World War. Thomas endures a hard life, having an abusive, alcoholic father and a poor hard-working mother who has lost six boys in infancy. They live in an inn in Walberswick, a Suffolk coastal village. It is thought that this coastline is the most likely place for an invasion, so everyone is suspicious of strangers. The Defence of the Realm Act (DORA) – "See Everything, Hear Everything, Say Nothing" is in force. Mackintosh comes to recover from pneumonia and paint flowers, his architectural work having dried up as the government have decreed there will be no new building. He arouses suspicion of being a German spy by wandering along the coast at night, in a great black cloak with binoculars around his neck and is eventually arrested by the local constabulary and held for two days. This is the crux of the story but woven around are so many other stories. We hear of the war through soldiers being billeted at the inn, refugees from Belgium and the slaughter of the 2nd Suffolk Battalion at Le Cateau. Girls come down from the Scottish Highlands to gut the herring.



Holidaymakers stay for the summer. Thomas has a part-time job working with a rope-maker. His ambition is to go to sea so we have the maritime and rope-making lingo spattered throughout the dialogue. Thomas, with Mackintosh and his artist wife Margaret, develop a quiet

companionship. They encourage his love of drawing ships. There are huge differences between their lives – Thomas having so little and having to work so hard helping his mother, whereas Mac and Margaret live a frugal but refined life.

I loved the way Freud told the tale through the eyes of Thomas. He is a lonely boy, desperate for adventure. Whereas the villagers are suspicious, he looks for pictorial examples of Mackintosh's buildings and wonders if he has been sent to design their own fortress.

I learnt so much about the lives and works of Mackintosh and Margaret. Freud cleverly tells us historical details through letters sent between the two. I love a book that makes me do my own research afterwards and this one certainly did. I saw Mackintosh's beautiful paintings of flowers, which are part of the story, and paintings from his time in France in his later years. There is a lot more to Mackintosh's work than his fantastic buildings!

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** 10am HOLY Communion (Episcopal) St Fillan's; 11.30am St Angus's

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** 5.30pm Evensong St Angus's  
7.15pm Evening Praise  
(Contemporary Bible teaching, praise and worship and prayer)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** 10am Holy Communion (Episcopal) St Fillan's; 11.30am St Angus's

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** 5.30pm Evensong at St Angus's Lochearnhead

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** 5.30pm Food for Thought at St Angus's  
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**Sat 30 April** Comrie – St Fillan's village

**Sun 1 May** St Fillan's to Lochearnhead (St Angus's)

**Mon 2 May** Lochearnhead to Killin (St Fillan's church)

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**Cost:** adults £5, children £2.50, family £12.50

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Bring:** walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing.

**Meet:** 5am Ben Lawers NNR car park. **Booking is essential.** For further information please telephone 01567 820988 or email or book online.

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**Duration:** 1 or 2 days

**Cost:** £ 50 per day. Self-catering bunkroom accommodation is available at £15 per night.

**Bring:** walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing, your own camera, tripod etc and laptop if you have one. You will need a packed lunch and drink each day.

**Meet:** Saturday 4th June, 9.30am Ben Lawers NNR Ranger Base, Lynedoch, Killin, FK21 8UW. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30am Ben Lawers NNR car park. **Booking is essential.**

For further information please telephone 01567 820988 or email: [benlawers@nts.org.uk](mailto:benlawers@nts.org.uk) or book online at <http://www.nts.org.uk/Events/Ben-Lawers-National-Nature-Reserve>

### Moiralanich Longhouse

Not far up Glen Lochay, the National Trust for Scotland cares for Moiralanich Longhouse, a 19<sup>th</sup> century byre dwelling indicative of many of the cottages that would have existed in this area, with its distinctive cruck frame construction.

It is open to the public from May to September for two afternoons per week and is staffed by volunteers mainly from the Killin Heritage Society. It is one of the few visitor attractions locally and an important example of our heritage.

We desperately need new volunteers to share the load, particularly on Wednesday afternoons but also for Sunday afternoons. We open from 2pm until 5pm and the National Trust for Scotland will provide training and support to ensure all our guides have information and stories about the property and daily life to share. Volunteers work in pairs, one to greet visitors in the Display Hut and one within the house. With a reasonable number of volunteers, we aim to allocate everyone a slot to cover roughly once a month–5 times per year. Volunteers are then entitled to free entry to all National Trust for Scotland properties and a 20% discount in NTS shops.

If you can spare a few afternoons, have an interest in history or a connection to Killin's past or perhaps are considering a career in museums and looking for some experience, then do get in touch.

Contact Eleanor Murray at the NTS office, Lynedoch, Main Street, Killin or telephone 01567 820988 or email [moiralanich@nts.org.uk](mailto:moiralanich@nts.org.uk)

More information about the property can be found on our website:

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## A fresh cuppa

By the time you read this you may have had a chance to pop into Killin's newest tearoom at Morenish Place.

"Over the tea-cup" is a completely new venture for Lesley-Anne and Tommy Weir, who came to the village from the Vale of Leven a couple of years ago with their two children and have settled very happily into Killin life.

The tearoom is open 7 days a week serving breakfast, snacks, home-baking, tea, coffee etc. Hours of opening are 9.00am till 5.30pm when a full range of goodies is being served.

For those interested, a special pensioners' lunch will be served each Tuesday consisting of tea or coffee, soup with freshly baked bread and a piece of home baking. Afternoon tea is available any day of the week. Other offerings include smoothies, milkshakes, specialty teas and coffees and hot chocolate, etc. Special dietary requirements will be catered for. Free Wi-Fi is available to all customers.

Lesley-Anne and Tommy look forward to seeing you there.

## Killin Community Bus

We are pleased to let you know that the Community Bus has been getting well used for various events during 2015 and the diary for this year is in News First for anyone wishing to make a booking. Already there are several bookings reserved.

We are once again indebted to Lix Toll for garaging and maintaining the mechanics of the bus and Newsfirst for taking charge of the diary. A big thank you.

We would also like the residents in Killin, Lochearnhead, Crianlarich and Tyndrum to know that this is a community vehicle which is available

for the use of our local villages.

Anyone who would like to become a volunteer driver firstly must register with Allan Chisholm and have an induction from Ron Allner, (Killin 820335). To use the bus:

1. A volunteer driver is required and Allan has the list.

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uses as you want during any financial year.

The committee would like to invite any younger members in the community who feel that they could help with the running of the bus to come forward and join the committee. The commitment is not a huge ask since the committee meets probably twice or three times per annum and we would welcome your input. Anyone interested should speak to any of the committee or get in touch with Sue Wylie, secretary.

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## World Book Night

On Friday 29 April there will be a World Book Night in Killin Library. This event is organised annually, with the aim of making more people into avid readers. World Book Night is the brainchild of the Reading Agency, a national charity that inspires people to become enthusiastic readers. At the moment only 36% of the people in the UK read regularly and the aim is to raise that percentage, as reading enriches peoples' lives.

Volunteers from the community will be giving out a variety of brand new books in order to inspire those who maybe are not in the habit of reading. All books will be handed out free of charge. There will be used books as well for you to browse and take away. Soft drinks, wine and nibbles will be provided and the event takes place from 19.00-21.00

## Fresh Air in Killin?

Walking up Main Street these days is becoming an unpleasant and unhealthy experience as there are several car owners in the village who leave their car engines running whilst in the shops or when sitting in the car waiting for a passenger to finish at the shops. An empty running car is also an open invitation for any passing thief, so for your sake and ours, please turn off your engine.



We all recognise this monument as part of Killin but how many of us know anything about it? It stands in front of the Killin Hotel but is also in front of the Parish Church and in fact the connection is more to the church. The Gaelic inscription on the front offers little clue to most people but the one in English on the back tells us it was erected in memory of the Rev. James Stewart, 1700-1789, Minister in Killin for 52 years, who made the first Scottish Gaelic translation of the Bible. The monument was put up by the Perth Gaelic Society - it doesn't say when - and they have been responsible for its upkeep ever since.

## Stewart Memorial

From an excerpt from the Minute book of their society in 1928 we learn of the expense of two guineas 'for the upkeep and repair of the Stewart Memorial in Killin'. In 1964, however, the Killin An Comunn Ghaidhlaich apparently contacted the Perth Society 'regarding the bad state' of the memorial.

At the beginning of March this year an elderly gentleman was seen on a ladder hard at work cleaning the monument and putting pots of bulbs around it. This was John Rennie, the Chief of the Perth Gaelic Society, who is now in his eighties. He explained that the Society had for an unspecified number of years paid £10 a year to 'someone in the Killin Hotel' to look after it but he didn't know who or whether the work had ever been done so had decided to come and look for himself. As the few remaining members of the Perth Gaelic Society are all in the same age group as he is, Mr. Rennie is hoping that the task could now be taken over permanently by an organisation or person in Killin and was hoping to talk to the Minister about this. Neither the Church nor the Hotel seems to be sure who owns the land the monument stands on.

If anyone or any organisation is prepared to take on the upkeep of the memorial, please contact Mr. Rennie via Killin News.

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# Killin and Crianlarich

## Castles

This Term P1-3 have been learning about Castles. Our homework task was to research Stirling Castle and present this information in a creative way.

Some of us made castles out of paper, others built theirs out of cardboard and mine was made from papier mache. Many of our models included a Keep, slits for firing arrows, a Banqueting Hall and some even had moats. Other children designed posters, information booklets and pictures.

Soon the class is going to visit Stirling Castle. We thought it was good fun and we are looking forward to our class trip.

**Archie, P1**



## Badminton Reflection

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March some of the Primary 6 and 7 pupils from Killin Primary School went to the McLaren hall to play badminton against Crianlarich Primary school. When we got to the McLaren Hall we chose partners from our one school to do doubles. Brooke and I were together and we won 6 games against people in Crianlarich primary. After this we played with people from our own school. We got to choose a partner from Crianlarich then we played doubles with them. I really enjoyed badminton with Crianlarich, it was really fun and we got to meet people from the school.

**Emily**

16 children from the Crianlarich and Killin badminton after school clubs

had their annual get together at Killin hall. Both clubs are well attended and are supported by enthusiastic parents. Clair Peebles from Active Stirling commented on how well the pupils are progressing and everyone enjoyed the chance to play, socialise and, of course, eat all the snacks!

**Diane Mailer**

## Gymnastics Competition

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March I was at a gymnastics competition. It started at 4:15 with a big warm up. I enjoyed it so much. There was lots of schools and we went head to head with them. From Killin there was Nyah, Fred, Becca and Olivia in Team 1. In Team 2 there was Eilidh, Ben, Brodi and Laura. We practised every day we could but mainly on Tuesdays, Wednesday and one Thursday. I was very nervous and scared because there were lots of amazing gymnasts. I started shaking. Then we were next. Before I knew it I was standing in front of the judges. At the end I thought we had a chance of coming 2<sup>nd</sup>. I had high hopes but we didn't come in the top three but I don't care. I was proud of both of the teams from Killin who were there. I would like to say thanks to Erin who took lots of her time to come and help us with our routine.

**Nyah**

## Rotary Quiz 2016

The Rotary Quiz was held in Callander Primary school. The Killin School team had four players: Seonag, Anna, Olivia and myself (Becca) along with our reserve Fred. It was nice to see the Crianlarich team. We were the first to arrive even though we had the furthest to travel!

We have been busy practising at break times. On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March our team and reserve arrived at school and went on a bus to Callander Primary School. When we arrived we went into the gym hall where they had a table for every team. The first year nine schools

took part, last year seven schools took part and this year the maximum of twelve schools took part in the quiz. There were ten rounds all with six questions. Each round had a different subject for example: natural world, literature, mathematics, alphabet, pictures, general knowledge, history, science, human body and sports. For each question you got correct you would receive two points but if you made a spelling mistake you would only receive one point. After all ten rounds of the quiz we found out who had won. In third and second places were both the Callander teams and in first place was Port of Menteith. We came in ninth place with 93 points. We all felt very happy that we had worked so hard.

**Becca**

## Think dance

All our pupils, P2-7 have been working hard to develop a Think Dance to showcase at MacRobert Theatre on the evening of Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016. We've had lots of fun putting the dance together and look forward to performing it on the night.

Mrs Hibbert has been working with Class 3 to dance in a show at the MacRobert Centre on 27<sup>th</sup> April. It will be awesome. We are doing it based on a night at the movies. We are all working together and we are in partners. I can't wait until the real thing.

**Taylor**

## World Book Week

We had lots of fun taking part in a variety of activities to celebrate 'World Book Week' between Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March '16. We enjoyed going on a journey to Narnia with 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe', completing book quizzes, taking part in Buddy Group Reading sessions and dressing up as a fictional character from our favourite novel.

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# ich Primary Schools

## Burns Supper

We welcomed all members of our School Community to join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Burns' Supper on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016, in Crianlarich Village Hall. Pupils shared poems such as 'The Selkirk Grace', 'A Red, Red Rose' and 'To A Mouse'. They also sang Scottish songs and took part in some Scottish dancing before helping to serve up some delicious haggis, neeps and tatties cooked by Liz and Lesley of the 'Rod and Reel' and our very own Caroline. A wonderful afternoon was had by all!

## Ski Racer Competition

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February I was at Glencoe with my three team mates. There was Gregor, Murdo, Will and myself. We started by waiting in the cafe to get our number bibs and once we got our bibs we headed up. The day was amazing, the sun was out and it was just beautiful. We all went off the tee bar at the top. The team and I skied down Happy Valley for a bit. We went straight back up and it was time to race. I was first to ski down out of all the team. I was racing down and I felt brilliant! Then it was Gregor, Will and Murdo's turn. We went back up and did another run in reverse order. After we had finished we got to do free skiing. I then met up with my team and skied to the café. I got all my gear off, put it in my bag and then it was award time. I came fourth, Murdo came second and Will came first. Then it was the teams result...we came first and the team felt amazing!

Anna

## Ski Competition 1

Crianlarich and Killin schools took part in the Scottish Schools Snowsports Association (SSSA) downhill skiing competition at Glencoe on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

The sun came out, the vista across Rannoch Moor was stunning and the pistes were covered in deep fresh

snow. But for our four competitors: Will MacLellan and Gregor Mailer from Crianlarich Primary School, Anna Stitt from Killin Primary (and our reserve Leo Tuck from Killin Primary) along with Murdo Harrier who joined us

from Muirton, taking it easy to glance across at the views was the last thing on their minds.

The children were taking part in the annual SSSA organised skiing event. This involves a range of primary schools from right across Scotland, many of which are large institutions located in Edinburgh and Glasgow. Qualifying events are held at each of the Scottish Ski Centres. At Glencoe, there was a total of 12 teams, four in the blue category and eight in the red category. Crianlarich and Killin Schools were in the former group. The course was located on a blue run with a series of gates to be navigated. Each competitor had two timed runs – but miss a gate and your time does not count.

The course looked pretty daunting for the adults watching let alone for the children taking part. The course was fairly steep at the top with some tight turns. Ski racing involves quite a bit of waiting for your turn allowing nerves to set in. Killin and Crianlarich though remained impressively calm.

So how did they do? Brilliantly well is the answer! Each member of the team successfully completed each of their two runs. Will MacLellan was the fastest boy on the hill in the blue category and his team mates were less than two seconds behind. A wonderful achievement.

As for the team result, this is calculated by taking the best three



times in each team. The great news was that Crianlarich and Killin won and thus earned a place in the national finals at the Nevis Range.

## Ski Competition 2

The drive up to the Nevis range for the SSSA National Final on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March was both beautiful and at times a little tricky as there had been quite a heavy snowfall the night before. Unfortunately the appearance of the sun was short lived. Fresh snow clouds rolled in so that by the time the competition started, conditions were difficult. Make that horrendous! Low light, limited visibility, blizzards at times and lots of drifting snow. Hence no photographs. Yet our children completed both of their timed runs with relatively few problems. Impressive to say the least.

How did we do? We did not win but we can still be very proud of their achievement. For two small schools to reach a national final is no mean achievement. It was also wonderful to have the great support of the parents.

Mr. Teall

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## District Young Rotary Chef Competition



On Saturday 6th February De Lo attended the District Young Rotary Chef Competition at Dundee and Angus College. In an industrial kitchen, De worked exceptionally well and produced a three course meal consisting of: prawn and lemongrass patties served with a cashew nut and cucumber relish, a trio of paper wraps filled with minced pork, rice noodles and seaweed, garnished with wasabi mayonnaise and sweet chilli sauce and accompanied by a Vietnamese dipping sauce, followed by coconut and lime cheesecake flavoured with Matcha tea powder. De had to produce the meal within 2 hours. The judges were staff from Dundee and Angus College who were very impressed by all the entries. De was presented with a 'goodie bag', apron and a chef's hat. He enjoyed the



challenge but was not chosen to go forward to the regional finals. De hopes to work in the hospitality industry when he leaves school in June and we are sure he will excel in this line of work. Well done De!

### Junior Ski Course 2016 – Italy

On 28th January McLaren High School headed off for their Junior Ski Course with 30 pupils and 3 members of staff. The group travelled to Bormio, located in the Northern Italian Alps. Although Europe as a whole had seen less snow this year than in previous years, the week was still a great success with plenty of Alpine skiing in the sun.

The pupils were split into 3 groups depending on their ski ability and received first class instruction from the local Italian Ski School. The beginners group consisted of 12 pupils who had never skied before and it was great to see their progression as the week went on, becoming more confident, developing their ski skills and gradually making their way to the top of the mountain.

The rest of the group had a wide range of skiing experience, from

some pupils who were beginners on the 2015 Ski Course, to others who have competed in downhill racing. It was great to see these pupils taking up the challenge of skiing from "Peak to Creek", which is to ski from the peak at 3012m to the bottom of the slopes without stopping. Off the slopes the pupils were able to relax and recover by refuelling themselves with hot chocolates, Nutella crepes and large lunches/dinners. After all this exercise and eating, somehow the pupils still had some energy to take part in various quizzes and get up and sing karaoke before retiring for an early rise the next morning.

**Mr Carrol**

Ski Course Organiser

### McLaren High School 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

McLaren High School will mark its 125th Anniversary in 2017. We hope to celebrate this landmark throughout the year with a series of events. If you would like to be involved in planning these events please contact

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## Killin and Crianlarich Nurseries

Both nurseries had their Christmas Parties with a very important visitor attending at the end with gifts for the children.

The Crianlarich children had been practising their Nativity Play for many weeks, making props and learning song words and lines for their part. They performed this after their party in the village hall and some children may be our actors of the future!

The Crianlarich Enterprise Group made calendars for 2016 and with the profit they will choose some new resources.

The Killin Enterprise Group held a Christmas Fayre, selling crafts they had made and offered tea, coffee and cake to the families and friends attending. Donations received were split between the Enterprise Group and McMillan Cancer Charity.

The Killin children had a local Policeman visit the nursery to support them with their learning of people's roles and responsibilities in the community and they have visited the Retirement Home to sing to the residents.

World Book Day was supported by both nurseries holding a rhyme time for families and friends to attend and the children and staff dressed up as book characters.

Jeanette has recently attended a course funded by Cycle Scotland which has trained her to support children to ride a bike. Balance bikes were provided and Jeanette enlisted parental support to deliver the sessions. 'Play on Pedals' sessions and games provide the children with confidence and develop their physical skills through interactive learning. Once the programme is complete, Jeanette will roll the programme out to the children at Crianlarich.

The Nurseries have been improving the learning environment after receiving funding from the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act. New display boards to display the children's work are up, some decoration has been carried out, new furniture purchased and soft furnishings are on the list to be purchased. In addition this funding has allowed both nurseries to continue with their outdoor development. Crianlarich Nursery

had the National Park Rangers tidy and excavate the back garden ready for building and they made some wooden planters. The team was led by one of our Killin parents, Gareth Kett. Killin Nursery has just had artificial grass laid. This resource will add a new outdoor learning space for the children, especially those who are learning to crawl and walk. We have also received a grant from KAT which will go towards our outdoor development costs. Please keep an eye out for posters promoting our next fund raising event on Saturday 23rd April.

The pre-school children in both nurseries have been learning about science through construction, water and baking activities and we would like to take them to the Glasgow Science Centre in June so will need to raise funds to meet the travel cost. This will also support the transition process for those children who attend both settings.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the community and individuals for their interest in the work we do and for their continued support.

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Firstly all units would like to say thank you to the Killin 10K for their kind donation after members of the group assisted with the race. Also (slightly belated) congratulations to Stephen and Sarah for the safe arrival of little Felix, only 6 years until he can join Beavers!

### Beavers

Beavers are aged 6-8 and meet every Tuesday in The Lesser Hall, Killin, from 6-7pm. It's been a busy term for beavers. We made the most of the dark winter nights and went out to learn about the stars as part of our space badge. We had great fun making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and learnt how Scouting started over 100 years ago to celebrate Founders day. The Beavers are looking forward to the summer term where we can do lots of fun games and activities outside, including our Beaver camp in May which is always a brilliant weekend. As always we are welcoming any new Beavers who want to join. If your child is 6 or will be soon please get in touch.

**Stephen Rawlinson**

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### Cubs

Cubs are aged 8-10½ and meet every Tuesday in The Lesser Hall, Killin, from 7:15-8:45pm. Killin Cubs are going well and we have had some excellent evenings. A big Cub thank you to Rev June for letting the Cubs loose in the church. The Cubs made pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and we have also started our Digital citizen badge. The Cubs are booked to go to Lochearnhead in June for a night away so we are busy planning that. We have a few weeks left until the Easter break and the leaders are busy looking at exciting activities for the Cubs.

**Charles Kemp**

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### Scouts

Scouts are aged 10½-14 and meet every Wednesday in The Lesser Hall, Killin, from 7-9pm. The Scouts have been celebrating lots of key dates in the calendar the last couple of months. We had a haggis tasting evening to identify the best haggis for Burns night and we tried Chinese writing to see in the year of the monkey for the Chinese New Year. We refreshed our key

Scouting skills to celebrate Founders day and we discussed our favourite books for World Book Day.

The Scouts would like to say a huge thank you to all those who voted for us in the recent round of the Co-op local fund. We are delighted to have won the top prize. This will go a long way to helping Scouts get to Essex Jamboree in the summer, which we all can't wait for. Watch this space for a fundraising tea party which we are currently planning to raise further funds.

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There was a lot of friendly banter between the rinks – a bit less “controlled weight” and more “whack them out” from the curlers! After an excellent tea provided by the bowlers, we swapped over and continued the friendly battle against the other rink. The girls played well and managed to get level until the bowlers got a 4 in one end and unfortunately we did not recover. The curlers wish to thank the bowlers for their hospitality – maybe a return match on the ice! If anyone wishes to have a try at curling please contact Liz Stevens or carpet bowling contact Hazel Guild.

**Liz Stevens**

Secretary Curling Club

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have kids of similar age and support husbands with mental health problems. She's been a massive help. I can talk frankly to her about my life and my feelings of guilt and resentment. She doesn't judge me. Instead she encourages me to think 'what do I want for my own life?' It was quite hard at first because it made me realise how much I had let slip, especially my friendship with my oldest friend. However, it gave me a fresh start and some personal goals to work towards. They wouldn't sound like much to other people, but they are really important to me. Life is improving. Paul is getting support now, but a large part of the change is within myself. Having someone to talk things over with and who is interested in me is comforting. I've met new and interesting people who have similar stories to share. I've even got back in touch with my old friend - something I would never had thought possible awhile ago. Things aren't perfect, whose life is? My life is getting better and the black clouds are lifting. (From a local lady but names have been changed) If you are interested in getting peer support, or wish to become a peer mentor yourself. contact

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## All Creatures Great and Small

As residents of Killin, we are blessed, some may say cursed, by the opportunity to share our lives with some wild and occasionally zany characters. They come in all shapes and sizes. Some are really common, others not so. I'm not referring to our neighbours or to our fleeting tourist population, but to our natural neighbours, be they birds, bees or four legged. Sadly we cannot rely on them always being around as they, like us, are all hugely sensitive and vulnerable to the changes in our environment that are now worldwide. Already we are missing the plethora of brightly coloured, delicate butterflies and the background chorus of bees buzzing in our gardens. We may not enjoy being chased by wasps or bitten by our friendly midges, but we really do need them all. Our seasonal house martins bring unwelcome piles of excrement to window ledges beneath their homely creations, whilst some local swallows clearly have a sense of humour, nesting beneath the shutters at Shutters Restaurant and, if we pause to peer upward at the right moment, we may be privileged to see the youngsters being fed. Further entertainment may be had by

listening to the cacophony of sparrow chatter whilst walking down Main St. Even the annoying presence of an army of ants on the garden path can be fascinating if you sit and watch their amazing organisational skills and transport systems. The thrushes always relish the chance of a juicy free feast from insects such as these. Depending on where you live in the village, we await our personal favourites returning to the same spot each year, like the wagtails that nest and feed precariously near the rushing waters of the Falls of Dochart, or the noisy oyster catchers who take over at the head of the loch. Regular features include our raucous rooks living in multi-storey luxury atop the trees growing on the island at the Falls. They can be nightmare noisy neighbours, especially at nesting time when they see themselves as the equivalent of strongmen, attempting to carry huge loads of gnarled sticks, particularly from back gardens along Gray St. Their failure in these gallant efforts litters the roofs and road with sticks, adding to the usual large splats of "guano" on roofs and windows of both houses and vehicles, a fun time for all. Watching them feeding their eventual offspring who

are bigger and fatter than their parents, can provide much pleasure on a dreich day. Just now, traffic chaos is being caused by our friendly neighbourhood ducks enjoying a daily stroll/snooze in the middle of Main St. Some of us share our gardens with frogs and toads, perhaps hedgehogs and red deer, pine martens, foxes, badgers and red squirrel families with their hilarious antics and skilled acrobatics. Local enthusiasts enjoy the challenge of fishing our rivers and loch, especially the thrill of catching a good sized salmon or trout, a habit shared by the ospreys who frequent Loch Tay. Red kite remain rather shy of Killin, seeming to prefer the deep south of England and mid Wales, where feeding stations abound, but we can spy them and the rarer golden eagle if we lift our gaze skyward at just the right moment. Do our healthy population of beavers and otters also keep an eye out for them or are they trying to avoid being spotted by Tim in case they feature in his next Frost Report? We now eagerly await that magic of hearing the songs of our curlews and cuckoos and spying the first returning swallows. Lets hope the midges are friendlier this year!

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## Great Grandson for Stan



The late Stan Mudd's great grandson, Michael McCarthy, pictured on Hogmanay with mother Sarah, just going out to watch the fireworks. Michael was born on 4th September 2015, the day of Stanley's funeral. Sarah also graduated from Edinburgh with a post graduate diploma in Conservation Medicine. Her grandfather would have been very proud.

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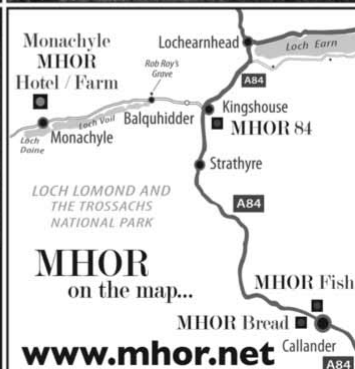
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## Obituary Grant McDonald 07.12.46 - 01.01.16

Grant was born in 1946 at Burnbank Cottage, Killin. He attended Killin school, as did Janet whom he later married. When he left school he moved to Perth and trained as a mechanic. However in 1963 he took up the opportunity of going to sea with Shell Merchant Navy. In 1973 he and Janet married and Janet accompanied him on his voyages. Then, when Maureen and Christine were born, he left the navy. After a few seasons stalking and lambing for Roro Estate, he was offered permanent employment. The family moved to Glen Lyon in 1982 and shortly thereafter Ian was born.



This was a very happy time for Grant as he was at home in the high tops, just as his father and grandfather before him. In 2010 he retired to Meggernie, where Janet died. A sore loss. Grant moved back to Killin in 2012, where he enjoyed visits from his grandchildren, Catriona, Emma, Uisdean, Eilidh, Mhairi and baby Grace. He will be missed greatly by his family and the community he worked and lived in for so many years.

**Catherine MacGregor**

At Grant's funeral donations were taken in aid of the RNLI which amounted to over £1,000

## Letters

### Calgary Calling

Thanks Killin for nine happy years in the village that has always been very close to my heart. Born and brought up there I was fortunate enough to be able to take that time out of my life and enjoy the great pleasures that Killin has to offer, not just the scenery, but also the people. Folks that I have known all my life and new people that have come to the village since I emigrated to Canada in 1966.

Many thanks to my family and friends who gave me a fantastic send-off. It lasted a week, (I was beginning to think that they were glad to get rid of me!!) Also thanks to those who gave me lovely gifts and cards. Special thanks to cousin Bunty for introducing me to everyone in the Killin Quilters Group and the Craft Group where I was able to improve on my love of crafts and also learn quilting which has become a great source of pleasure for me. Bye for now.

**Marion MacGregor**

### Dave Campbell

Jane Campbell would like to thank all neighbours and friends for the support and sympathy she has received in her sad loss of Dave and all who paid their last respects at Perth Crematorium on the 1<sup>st</sup> March. Also many thanks for your kind donations to the COPD and Arthritis Charity which raised £745.

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## Local Planning Applications

### 19 November

**Proposal:** Erection of 2No. dwellinghouses  
Location: Laggan Main Street Killin  
Applicant: Mr Andrew Blake  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission  
Status: Current

### 20 November

**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: Approve

### 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

### 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: No Objections

### 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

### 12 January

**Proposal:** Amendment to 2009/0249/ECN to re-route pipeline and retain permanent access track spur to intake  
Location: Ben Glas Hydro Glen Falloch  
Applicant: Ben Glas Power Ltd.  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

### 20 January

**Proposal:** Erection of shed for production of biomass fuels  
Location: Lochdochart Sawmill Lochdochart Estate Crianlarich  
Applicant: Mr David Melville  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission  
Status: Current

### 21 January

**Proposal:** Erection of extension to garage  
Location: Fiarach Tyndrum Crianlarich  
Applicant: Mr E Robertson  
Application Type: Householder Planning Permission  
Status: Current

### 15 February

**Proposal:** Alterations and extensions and change of use of private dwelling to house in multiple occupancy  
Location: Tigh Ard Crianlarich  
Applicant: Mr E Robertson  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission  
Status: Current

### 18 February

**Proposal:** High voltage overhead line reinforcement works (amendment to 2015/0260/NST)  
Location: Land At Lix Toll Auchessan  
Applicant: Allan Coburn  
Application Type: Statutory Notification - overhead lines  
Decision: No Objections

### 18 February

**Proposal:** New single storey timber chalet for staff accommodation and amendment of condition No.5 of consent 2006/0303/DET to allow two staff chalets to be used for either staff accommodation or letting purposes  
Location: Acharn Farm Killin  
Applicant: Mr Rolf Thornquist  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission  
Status: Current

### 23 February

**Proposal:** Construction of cyclepath including installation of drainage scheme and ancillary works (amendment to 2008/0098/DET)  
Location: Land Adjacent To Mountgreenan Crianlarich  
Applicant: Natalie Stevenson  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission  
Status: Current

### 29 February

**Proposal:** Change of use of existing shed to processing plant, siting of container and ancillary equipment, storage of residual material. (temporary permission)  
Location: Minerals Cononish Road Tyndrum  
Applicant: Scotgold Resources Ltd

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission  
Current: Current

### 3 March

**Proposal:** Erection of 1No. timber forest classroom & 2No. picnic benches; Formation of path with gate and installation of 5No. wooden sculptures  
Location: Tyndrum Community Woodland Tyndrum  
Applicant: Mrs Isla Craig  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission  
Decision: Approve

### 3 March

**Proposal:** Installation of 2No. interpretation boards  
Location: Tyndrum Community Woodland Tyndrum  
Applicant: Mrs Isla Craig  
Application Type: Advertisement Consent  
Decision: Approve

### 4 March

**Proposal:** Change of use of touring caravan and camping park to a mixed touring & static caravan and camping site including wigwams and storage containers  
Location: Pine Trees Leisure Park Crianlarich  
Applicant: Mr George MacNaughton  
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission  
Decision: Approve

### Perth & Kinross Council

### 12 January

**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: Approve the application

### 9 February

**Proposal:** Erection of a dwellinghouse and garage  
Location: Land 80 Metres West Of Morenish Cottage Killin  
Applicant: Mr Neil Moge  
Application Type: planning permission local  
Decision: Awaiting decision

### 3 March

**Proposal:** Erection of dwellinghouse  
Location: Land 30 Metres North Of Bridgend House Lawers  
Applicant: Mr Ian Hitchens  
Application Type: planning permission local  
Decision: Awaiting decision

### 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  
Location: Land Some 725 Metres South East Of Burn Bank Killin  
Applicant: AB Internet Ltd  
Application Type: Full  
Decision: Approve with Conditions

### 21 December

**Proposal:** New forest road  
Location: Land 395 Metres South Of Auchmore Cottage Killin  
Applicant: Mrs B Thornton & Mrs R Vallance Owen  
Application Type: Agricultural Notification  
Status Unknown

### 4 March

**Proposal:** Proposed 11KV transformer pole for Ardeonaig Hydro  
Location: Land Some 95 Metres South West Of Burnbank Killin  
Applicant: Scottish And Southern Energy Power Distribution  
Application Type: Statutory Notification  
Decision: Approve

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# What's On in Killin and District

## April

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- 6 Walk in the Park p14
- 11 Big Shed Drumming Workshop 6-7pm p5
- 11 Big Shed Concert 8pm p5
- 13 Walk in the Park p14
- 17 Gun Club 50 Sporting Compak and Bolting Fox Auchlyne Quarry
- 18 SWT Talk p27
- 20 Walk in the Park p14
- 23 Big Shed Yoga Workshop 10am-2.30pm p5
- 23 Fundraising Event for Nurseries p23
- 26 Bob MacGregor Memorial Road Run 130 miles Details: remington2@gmail.com
- 27 Walk in the Park p14
- 29 World Book Night Killin Library 7pm p19
- 30 NT Sunrise Wildlife p17
- 30 Stuc a' Chroin 5000 Hill Race (22km)

## May

- 3 Strathfillan CC Meeting 7.30pm p10
- 4 Walk in the Park p14
- 6 Open Day Crianlarich Heritage Paths p10
- 10 KCC Meeting 7.30pm p6
- 11 Walk in the Park p14
- 15 Gun Club 50 Skeet Auchlyne Quarry
- 18 Walk in the Park p14
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- 27-29 Strathyre Music Festival p9
- 28-29 Big Shed Yoga Workshop p5

## June

- 1 Walk in the Park p14
- 4/5 Bob MacGregor Memorial 2-Day Motorcycle Trial. Kinnell Estate (Sat.4th at 9am/Sun. 5th at 3pm)

### Beavers

Tuesdays  
6-7pm  
Lesser Hall

### Choir

Usually Tuesdays  
Church 7.30pm  
phone Franny  
01567 829048

### Badminton

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

### Beginners

**Sampler Quilting**  
Wednesdays 2-4  
The Old Mill

### Cubs

Tuesdays  
7.15 - 8.45pm  
Lesser Hall

### Craft group

Tuesdays 10-12  
Littlecroft

### Indoor Bowls

Mondays 7.30 Lesser  
McLaren Hall

### Internet Cafe

Thursdays  
Killin Library  
11am-3pm

### Junior Badminton

Mondays at 6  
Crianlarich Hall

### Meditation

Wednesdays 7pm £5  
Tyndrum Village Hall

### Killin Gun Club

Third Saturday of  
every month. Contacts:  
Stuart Ogston  
07999 510014  
Henry Paterson  
01567 820354  
email KGC-  
ClayPigeon@outlook.com

### Lazy Afternoon Ceilidh

Tyndrum Village Hall  
First Friday of every month  
1-3pm

### Softplay Club

Tuesdays  
Sports Pavilion  
12.30 - 2.30pm

### Painting & Crafting

First Wednesday of every month  
2-5  
St. Fillans Church

### Scouts

Wednesdays  
7-9pm  
Lesser Hall

### Tiddlers & Toddlers

Thursdays fortnightly  
Sports Pavilion  
10am-12 noon

### Tai Chi

Wednesdays 9.30-10.30  
£5 Tyndrum Village Hall

### Tuesday Club

Tuesdays 2-4  
Community  
Rooms

### WRI

First Thursday of  
month in Lesser  
McLaren Hall

## Mobile Libraries

### Tyndrum/Crianlarich Fortnightly Fridays

Apr 8, 22, May 6/20, June 3

### Crianlarich

Willow Square 11.50-12.15  
Glen Falloch Road 11.30-11.45  
Police Station 10.45-11.25

### Tyndrum

Station Road 1.30-1.50  
Clifton 1.55-2.20  
Mansefield 2.25-2.50

### Glen Lochay/Ardeonaig Fortnightly Mondays

Apr 4, 18, May 2, 16, 30

Glenlochay 10.50-12.30  
Ardeonaig 2.00-2.45

### Perth and Kinross Fortnightly Tuesdays

Apr 5, 19, May 3, 17, 31

Tombreck 16.40-17.00  
Lawers 18.10- 18.25

## Recycling Centres

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Saturday: 10am-2pm  
Sunday: Closed

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Saturday and Sunday  
10am-5pm

### Crieff

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## Which bin which week?

### Week beginning:

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May 16 Brown  
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