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## Editorial

Summer seems to have arrived this year and let's hope we get more sunshine and warmth than we've had in the past two. Good weather makes everyone more cheerful and also brings in more visitors to share all the events Killin has to offer over the next few months. June brings the annual Bob MacGregor Trial weekend and also the new Music Festival, which could perhaps become an annual event, judging by the enthusiasm for it shown at the Fund Raising Concert. Later this summer there will be the Highland Games and the Killin Show, as well as the 10K Run. All these occasions mean a lot of hard work for many locals but encourage more people to visit the village. Ideas for attracting visitors are always welcome and for a possible new one see article on page 9 by David Paterson.

A feature of this year, for many people here and in other countries, is that it is impossible to avoid knowing that somebody somewhere wants your vote. Here the Scottish Election is now behind us but the referendum on Europe is still to come. No-one can be sure whether the effect of a decision either way will be good or bad, nor can we ever know whether things would have been better or worse if the outcome had been different. Whichever way the vote goes, we just have to do our best to make it work - but for now it's good to have local things to think about.

We are glad to say that Killin News is now back in its own office and again we thank Ian Hitchins and all the staff at the Killin Hotel for housing us and making us welcome when we would otherwise have been homeless.

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## Thank you, Killin Hotel



Left to Right: Juan, Naema, Carol and Michael (manager)

Production of the last two issues of the Killin News would not have happened without the generosity and hospitality of the Killin Hotel in allowing us to use their premises. They not only provided useful hints and help when our computers were "playing up", but also plied us with frequent teas and coffees. To show our appreciation to management and staff we made a small presentation

We would also like to thank Shari at the Wee Bake Shop for taking in the Killin News mail for us when the office was inaccessible and for helping to keep us regularly updated with the many stages of repair work being carried out at the office.

## Killin Drama Club

### Scottish Community Drama One Act Play Festival

In the last issue it was reported that the Drama Club had made it to the second round of the competition with their production of "Into The Mist" by Helen Wyngard, featuring Gordon Hibbert as Stringer Davis and Glenda Mardon as Margaret Rutherford. With director Lesley Syme in Australia, the team headed off to Lochgelly and performed on April 1<sup>st</sup>. It was no April Fool's joke that they came 2<sup>nd</sup> in that round which led to a trip to the Scottish Final. This gave them a place in the top 8 teams in Scotland! The Scottish Final was held in Edinburgh at the Church Hill Theatre, a lovely venue used regularly by professional companies. Each of the three nights attracted nearly a full house, with the venue seating 350. Killin were drawn to play on the Friday evening and then had to await the final two

performances on Saturday to hear the results. The top teams were placed fairly closely, and sadly Killin missed out being placed in the first three. However, it was with great

Onwards the club went and on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May competed at the East Kilbride Rep Fest. The Friday saw "Towpath" by Robert Iles take the stage, with Eleanor Murray,

Myrica Reid, Lesley Syme and Alex Tigwell playing four very different women who meet at the side of a canal; Saturday was the turn of "Into the Mist". The Village Theatre in East Kilbride is a fantastic venue and the hosts so welcoming. The Club are delighted to report that, as well as having a great time, they came home with the 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy for "Towpath", best staging trophy for "Into the Mist", and last but not least, the Best Actor trophy awarded to Gordon Hibbert for his portrayal of Stringer Davis in "Into the Mist". A great season for our small club and we think we've done Killin proud.



Gordon Hibbert receives the third place trophy for "Towpath"

delight that they were presented with the Grampian Television Trophy which is awarded for the best stage décor and lighting (aka best set!). All that work was worthwhile!

## Killin Comedy Festival

The title was meant to say it all! A weekend organised by Killin Drama Club to raise funds for the Scottish Community Drama Association, an umbrella organisation founded 90 years ago to support "amateur" drama in Scotland. For "Komedy" read fun! That's what we aim to provide and we think we did on the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> May in our wonderful McLaren Hall. The event drew people from Perth, Greenock, Leslie, Fintry and all around Scotland including Lanarkshire, to perform

either a short play, a monologue, poetry reading, anything that entertains. For the 6<sup>th</sup> year we had a great programme of entertainment and succeeded in raising funds for SCDA. While a few Killin folk do come along, how can we persuade more of you that this is really a great night out!. Nothing highbrow, just relaxing entertainment. Killin Drama Club is currently working on the date for 2017. Watch this space and do come along.



### **Breadalbane Park**

Phase 1 of Breadalbane Park has now been completed. The work that has been carried out has been:

\*Renewal of the drainage (except Play Park)

\*Installation of play equipment that Stirling Council had in storage for Killin

\*New path network

At present there is no funding for phase 2 (play park and hard standing) but we are always looking to find some.

### **Old Mill Development**

We are still working hard on the Big Lottery application, so not much to say regarding the development. The survey that SKS Scotland carried out in February received over a 100 responses. SKS Scotland offered a prize draw of a £25 voucher for a shop, café or restaurant in Killin and this was won by Moira Robertson from Strathfillan, (see photo) who chose to receive a voucher for the Bridge of Lochay Hotel.

### **Killin and District Sport and Leisure Club**

A new netball group has been started on a Tuesday at 7.15pm. At present it is being well attended by ladies from Crianlarich, Lochearnhead and Killin.

The group is open to all ladies of any age, fitness or ability. Some ladies haven't played netball since high school and they are now in their forties. For some it's fun to do just for ladies and for others fun with the bonus of exercise.

The hiring of the indoor space needs to be booked through Fiona Boath on 01567 820122.

### **Internet Café**

Angela has settled into running the internet café. The numbers have been increasing over April which is great to see, with a lot of new people coming back to learn more about their laptop or device.

The majority of the people coming have Windows 10 and are wanting to learn how to use it, as it looks very

different from Windows 7. Some are just computer virgins and are starting from the very basics. All are learning quickly and are enjoying the experience of using a computer or tablet. The sessions have given them confidence to go away and explore their device to see what they can do.

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 open for people to use if you have your library card, for taking out books and returning them, photocopying and printing.

The internet café will be closed on 14th and 21st July for a summer break.

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### **Old Mill Report**

The Mill is enjoying a busy time. The waterwheel has really created a great deal of interest. We now have a team of dedicated wheel volunteers who grease and operate the wheel mechanism. This has resulted in the wheel turning almost daily. May was such a dry month that on a few occasions the wheel could not turn due to lack of water. The baby music classes are coming to a close until the autumn and it has been a real treat to have the sessions firstly on a Mon am at 10.30 at the Mill and then at the Killin and Crianlarich nurseries on Weds am. They will resume again in the autumn.

Monday afternoons will not be the same as the quilters have now finished until the autumn. They have been creating beautiful quilts and



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the Mill has been filled with chat and laughter.

It is our aim to have more classes at the Mill and if anyone would like to donate their time and take a class then please contact me. I would especially like to have a young crafters group.

Thank you for all your kind donations and we are extremely grateful to Ann Watson and the craft group who helped sort a vast amount of embroidery threads donated to the Mill. This has already taken over £38 in sales. We also have material, wool, knitting needles, embroidery transfers and cotton threads all on sale at very reasonable prices.

The next few months are really our busiest time and we are always in need of volunteers. The more volunteers we have the more we can remain open to the public.

We gratefully accept:

Clean clothing and accessories, jewellery, bedding, curtains (**not duvets or pillows**), bric-a-brac, books, toys, cd's, dvd's (**not vcr's or tapes**), crockery, cutlery, household items (**not electrical**). We cannot accept baby buggies, car seats, cycling helmets, motor cycle helmets or large items.

Please if you are donating more than 3 bags of goods, can you contact Franny to arrange a suitable time to leave them at the Mill.

Many thanks for all your continued support

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## Killin Cancer Research Committee

**Music Festival**  
**Saturday 17th June**

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## Ring of Breadalbane Explorer

The award-winning Ring of Breadalbane Explorer mini bus service starts its new season on Sunday 3rd July. It will operate on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays until Wednesday 28th September.

The Ring of Breadalbane Explorer is a "hop-on hop-off" mini bus service for local residents and visitors. It takes passengers through the stunning highland scenery of Breadalbane, passes through beautiful towns and villages and calls at major visitor attractions along the route. The service connects Crieff, Comrie, St Fillans, Lochearnhead, Killin, Kenmore, Acharn and Aberfeldy on a circular route, providing easy access to the area's top tourist attractions including the Birks Cinema, Auchingarrich Wildlife Centre, Dewar's Aberfeldy Distillery, the Scottish Crannog Centre and Highland Safaris. Running both clockwise and anti-clockwise four times daily to a scheduled timetable, the bus offers visitors and residents the means to have a perfect day out in Breadalbane, accommodating child buggies and well behaved dogs at no extra cost. With their bike trailers and passing by many popular walk locations, the two Explorer mini buses open up the area to linear walks and cycle routes which otherwise can only be undertaken using two cars. You can view the 2016 timetable at the following link:

[www.breadalbane.org/images/RoBE%20Timetable%202016.pdf](http://www.breadalbane.org/images/RoBE%20Timetable%202016.pdf)

The Ring of Breadalbane Explorer is funded by: Scottish Government Bus Investment Fund; Perth & Kinross Council; Tactran (Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership). Perth & Kinross Council Public Transport Unit provides invaluable assistance in the form of technical support.

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# KILLIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2016

### Acharn Biomass Plant

There are 4 pending conditions still to be met regarding planning consent. One of these issues is regarding the road access. The plans submitted are for an improved road with a parallel pedestrian path accessed through a gate, with a post and wire fence preventing pedestrians straying onto the road. The comments received back on the plans have included removing this fence because of the visual impact. However Andrew Vince had grave concerns regarding pedestrian safety as it is a well-used path and there will be between 10 to 20 lorries using the road. The Community Council were in unanimous agreement that the fence would provide a measure of safety and was therefore better to be included. A use for the heat from the plant has still to be identified. KAT rather than the Community Council would be involved on the communities' behalf.

### Police Service of Scotland Community Council Report: Anti-social behaviour

A number of complaints have been made regarding residents in Fingal Road and Monemore. The Police want to be notified of all incidents either to a local officer, via the Call Point or by phoning 101. Two people were assaulted with a bottle following an altercation near the Capercaillie – one male was arrested. One man was arrested in Tyndrum following a domestic assault.

**Road safety**  
A road policing unit, speed enforcement cameras and local officers will be deployed on the road network to deter speeding and catch offenders.

A man driving a car between Dalmally and Tyndrum on the rim of the wheel was found to be drunk.  
**Theft**  
The cabin of a boat moored at Auchmore was forced open but nothing was stolen.  
A pedal bike was cut from the back of

a campervan in Tyndrum.

### Community Engagement and reassurance

Extra attention will be paid to the Main Road during the start and finish of the school day.

### Other

National air weapon surrender campaign runs from the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May to the 12<sup>th</sup> of June. Weapons can be handed in to Callander Police Station between 0800 – 2100. The air weapon and licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 is scheduled to take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2016.

Firearms Licensing enquiries continue to be carried out by local officers. Police patrols will continue throughout the summer to deter any anti-social behaviour.

A local from Balquhiddie was charged after a farmer caught their dog chasing sheep at Ledcharrie Farm. Killin Mountain Rescue Team were involved in a search on Ben More where sadly a man lost his life. Teams with SARDA dogs searched for a missing man near Crianlarich. He was found safe and well in Tyndrum.

### Tilhill Forestry

T. Frost has passed on comments to the Forestry Commission.

### Lyon Road/Ballechroisk area

The notification of the double yellow lines being installed has been posted by Stirling Council. The lines will extend 10m on each side.

### Scottish Water

C. Grant will pass on any complaints from local businesses affected to Bruce Crawford. Scottish Water does have a Community Liaison Team.

### Breadalbane Park Gates

Some repairs have been started on the pillars by the gates but work is not complete.

### Correspondence:

LLTNP Grant Scheme – Built Heritage Repair Scheme

Licensing Scotland – one application Stirling Council Community Council Connect Fund

EGM of the LLTNP Community

Partnership –

Stirling Council Events Fund – passed to C. Grant for the Fireworks.

### Waste Collection

Councillor F. Wood brought an outline of the proposals for waste collection: The blue box would be used for glass and collected every 2 weeks

A large blue bin would be used for plastic and cans and collected every 2 weeks

The grey bin would be used for cardboard and paper and collected every 4 weeks

The brown bin would be used for garden and food waste and collected every 2 weeks

A small green bin would be used for landfill waste

Collections would be done using a rear-loading vehicle and would operate on a 7-day week.

### Toilets

Concerns were raised that the contract for cleaning of the toilets in Crianlarich and Tyndrum was put out to tender and awarded without proper advertising. The previous post holder was not asked and only discovered they had lost their job through the Killin News. Concerns were also expressed about the possible loss of the local job covering the Killin toilets. The toilets in the car park are due to be upgraded.

### Street Lights at Monemore

Five lights were reported and were fixed promptly as was another reported directly to the team who arrived from Stirling Council.

### Meeting with the Stirling Council Chief Executive

This meeting was cancelled at short notice with very few people being informed. T. Elliott will feed back the complaint.

**Date of next meeting:** 7.30 pm  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of July at the Church Community Rooms

### Vacancy

Killin Community Council has a vacancy for a paid Minute Secretary. Anyone interested should contact Tim Frost or Fiona Kennedy.



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## Frost Report

### Birds of Passage

I am writing this on a gorgeous May morning and am reliably informed that a blackbird started off the dawn chorus at 2 minutes past 4!

Birdsong has remained one of the signatures of our Spring mornings and is, in a great part, due to the early warnings of Rachel Carson writing in the middle of last century about the threat of pesticides when this was not commonly known. It is a part of folklore that if elderly people hear the cuckoo then they will live another year. Many will be saddened that Judge Stroyan did not hear it this year. He is missed by folk in the glen as he had a tremendous love of the hills and the wildlife as well as the farm animals, especially his pet tup. He was very active in passing on his love to the younger generations of the family. One of his particular favourites was the brown hare. They were never to be shot on Boreland. They had died out in the area and his father re-introduced them from Lanrick near Doune soon after the war and the Judge was very proud of their success. It is poignant that increased numbers have been seen in the glen in the last few months. The Judge loved his bird table by the kitchen window and we would compare our visitors. I often wonder whether we see the same ones each day or whether the population varies. It is hard to know without ringing but an almost white chaffinch comes regularly for a spell, then disappears but returns. Our nuthatches did the same. Ringing of small birds is giving some interesting facts about longevity. Some of the record ages are:- lapwing 21 yrs., blackbird 14, wood pigeon 17, barn owl 15, dunno 11, yellow hammer 11. So you may be seeing the same bird for some time! Has anyone else had a case of several chaffinches dying? Apparently it is likely to be trichomonosis, to which they are particularly susceptible. A reason to regularly disinfect feeders is to lessen its spread. Wondering why it was only chaffinches, we watched carefully and they seem to hop and peck on the ground below the feeders more than the other small birds so it's bleaching the gravel now too. Just a few weeks ago I saw a robin flitting about in a very high cairn which seemed unusual. We also had a stray swallow resting on our living room carpet. He was soon set back outside fine and well.

It caused great excitement in the glen only a few years ago when we had a visiting osprey but now their success is part of our ecology here and we await their return each Spring. A local family picnic was made wonderful recently when they watched, at close hand, an osprey dive and catch a fish. Luckily its eyesight was excellent since the children were swimming at the time but were not caught by mistake. Did any of you notice that BBC Scottish news needs to have a few lessons in bird I.D.? In a recent newscast about ravens increasingly attacking lambs they showed pictures of ravens briefly but continued with footage of rooks in a rookery!

We have a very enterprising crow in the field by us. We often see the crows picking up cast wool to cosy up their nests but this one repeatedly flew down to a resting sheep and pulled a beakful of wool from its back. The sheep was none too pleased.

The seabirds on the Shiant Isles are being well protected by RSPB who are planning to eradicate the black rats there. At £311,000 it is about £90 per rat. This is part of the hobby horse of eradicating all non-native species. The rats have been naturalised here for 2 millennia and the ones on this island are the only self-sustaining population in Britain. But obviously not as pretty as the birds!

Conservation of capercaillie is the reason for not fencing new forestry as there is a danger of them flying into the wires. So deer which enter the forests are now shot. It is interesting that in the 60s forestry was widely planted and fenced and the capercaillie population was a high 20,000. But it is much cheaper to not fence and shoot the deer! We know that some birds need trees and forestry planting seems to be the thing. A study by Yale University estimates the global number of trees to be 300 trillion and a previous estimate was 400 million. So are we really losing as many as we are led to believe? Driving up from Yorkshire this week it was noticeable that the rolling hills of Northern England give way to much more forested slopes once you are over the border. Of course almost all are non-native conifers. One corner is shouting for the eradication of e.g. beech trees and another is planting non-native

conifers by the acre. Where is the logic?

Apparently we are not the only ones to be worried that some red squirrels were looking mangy. But ours now look a lot better and we wonder if it was just a rather patchy change to summer coat. What do others think? There have been a couple of other discoveries such as a very squashed beaver on the road on the Lix Toll side of the village and grandson Murray had only been in our garden minutes when he discovered that our winter lodger in the hedgehog house had been completely eaten. Just a cup-shaped set of prickles was left. A badger is the only animal which is adept at uncurling a hedgehog. How the badger had got into the garden and why we never heard the scream, which hedgehogs give when uncured in this way, remain mysteries.

So what has Mr. Fox been up to? He has been auditioning for One Man and his Fox on T.V. My son in Glen Falloch watched as the fox tried to separate off one of a set of young twins much like a working collie. My son has also noted that any dead sheep has its ear tags chewed, presumably by a fox. Without exception they go for the one with the electronic chip. Do they get an illegal high from it? Do we need to be sure that our newly chipped dog doesn't go too near a fox hole as he may get an ear nibble that is not necessarily loving?

It is hoped that we enjoy our summer months of nature and remember those who have loved it in the past - that we continue the heritage of local nature-loving characters such as Pat Sandeman, the Captain and Judy Bowser, Kenny Taylor and Judge Stroyan.

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## A Macnab Message

Home -Whose Home?

In 2009 when the magnificent gathering was held in Edinburgh, I was asked by a major publication to make a statement about what Scotland meant to me. They made a very nice and quite flattering picture of me (or at least I thought so) and printed it in a very nice, high quality brochure about the Gathering. My quote was: "I have been coming back to Killin since 1977 at the invitation of the late James C. Macnab of Macnab, our clan chief at the time. It seemed to me that when I drove down the hill and crossed the Falls of Dochart, I immediately felt as though I was at home".

My family came to America from Killin in the 1740s, but in the last few years, many of us have had a resurgence of interest and knowledge about our roots and homeland. This pursuit has revealed many interesting facts of which we were previously ignorant. Scots have scattered to the four corners of the earth and I would wager there are Macnabs in every continent and nation.

In North America we have "Highland Games", but they are very different from those in Scotland. Here we emphasize CLANS - no carnival rides or taffy pulls, only Scottish games, music, dance, culture and CLANS.

Each clan pavilion is a welcome door for any one of the ilk. But then again, you know who you are and we are still searching.

Thanks for making it "home" for those who stop to visit. We love you all.

Yours aye,

**W. Lanny McNabb, FSAScott**  
Lieutenant to the Chief, NA



## 1798 Emigration from Glenlochay

Has anyone got any knowledge of the following?

This information was given to me by a visitor to the Library from Johnstown N.Y.

30 families left Killin district in 1798 and settled in Johnstown N.Y, then moved to Caledonia N.Y and stayed there. She said that the churchyard in Johnstown N.Y has a lot of headstones with the names of people originally from here and that the County history records show that all these families moved from this area. She was going to contact me with more details but she didn't.

If you have any information etc could you please call into the Library as it would be great to try and trace back the families and see if there are any relatives still in the area today.

**Kay**

Following Kay's query I researched any links and found reference to the McVeans who were a sept of the Clan Macnab and in particular to Patrick (Peter) McVean, who held the lease at Dalgirdy in Glenlochay from 1776 to 1797 and then emigrated to America, following in the footsteps of other McVeans from Glenlochay, who left for America and Canada from 1774 onwards. Patrick was buried in Mumford, Montgomery County, New York State. His son John lost three children on June 26th in a dysentery epidemic in Johnstown, Montgomery County, New York State, where they are buried together in a single grave.

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## International Photography Group

Killin has recently, and perhaps unknowingly, been host to an international photographers' get-together. Organised by David Paterson (of Dochart House) who is himself a retired commercial photographer. The event brought together 19 photographers from many parts of the globe, including Scotland, England, the USA, Japan, Denmark, Norway, Austria and Switzerland. The event ran from 7th to 14th May and the group was based at Loch Tay Highland Lodges. The purpose of the get-together was to promote friendship between the participants, to share knowledge, skills and techniques, and of course to experience and enjoy the superb landscapes and nature around Killin. The photo-week coincided with the improvement in our weather which was of great benefit since the event was "out-of-doors" and most of the participants were essentially landscape and nature photographers. Without exception, they were full of praise for the countryside around Killin, the accommodation at the lodges, and the quality of the food served in Killin's hotels, bars and restaurants.

Among the local places visited were: the head of Loch Tay, Finlarig Castle,

Kinnell standing-stones, Innis Bhuidhe, Glen Dochart, Glen Ogle, Glen Lyon, Glen Lochay and Loch Earn. Small groups also climbed Beinn Ghlas and Ben Lawers, and traversed the Tarmachan Ridge. Areas further afield were also visited by members of the group, including Glencoe, Glenfinnan, Oban and Fort William as well as the Kelpies, the Falkirk Wheel, and Stirling Castle, all easily accessible because of Killin's central location.

There was general agreement that the week-long event had been a great success and that the weather and the beauty of the Scottish landscape had played a large part in this. However the members also commented on the suitability of Killin for holding such an event, the excellent facilities which are available, and the friendliness and efficiency of the people they came in contact with. There was no dissent from the opinion, voiced by several members of the group, that Killin 2016 had been a notable success.

**David Paterson**

<http://davidpaterson.photoshelter.com>

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Apart from all the courses we run, which are enjoyed by small groups of our members, we arrange events to which all are invited. The Sunday Lunches are popular and in April we had a record 30 members almost filling the dining room at Poppies Hotel in Callander. The June lunch will be at Old Churches House Hotel in Dunblane. We are about to enjoy an outing to Flanders Moss, organised by our Local History Group, at which there will be a talk, time to walk the boardwalk and climb the observation tower for the panoramic view of the Carse, followed by lunch at The Woodhouse.

A couple of weeks later there will be a morning's training session for CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) run by the Trossachs Search and Rescue Service. We feel it is important that as many people as possible know what to do in an emergency.

Booking has closed for the trip to Pitlochry Theatre on 11<sup>th</sup> June for lunch and an afternoon play and we hope to have another outing, nearer to home, in July.

Then we all have a well-earned break before our AGM and Enrolment Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, details of which will be sent out at a later date.

**Marguerite Kobs**



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## Strathfillan Development Trust

Hooray! Summer has arrived at last, and along with the burst of good weather SCDT have been as busy as bees! Our forest classroom and picnic benches have been installed in Tyndrum Shelterbelt, and we are now officially open to the public (8am-8pm daily). We have had our first successful use, with Little Acorns pre-school and early year's nature group making some lovely woodland bunting to decorate the classroom, and putting up new bird boxes for our feathered friends. We have also installed various interpretation boards and picnic benches across Tyndrum Woodlands – so keep an eye out for them. New sleeper bridges and paths are earmarked over the next couple of months. The Trust would like to extend a massive thank you to those who helped with all the works across the woodlands, including those from the National Park Volunteer Scheme, and local volunteers – you know who you are! An extra special thanks to the Green Welly Stop for their kind donation for our new community log-splitter, which will be very useful for our forthcoming woodfuel days. News just in! An early date for your diary – Strathfillan Community Woodlands are hosting a free, end of holidays, spoon carving and

dreamcatcher making workshop with Green Aspirations on Sunday August 14th in the Shelterbelt. All ages welcome.

Crianlarich into Action has also been very busy. As well as a very successful volunteer planting day on April 30th, they hosted a very successful Heritage Paths Open Day on May 6th. The glorious weather helped set the scene, and the ribbon was cut by Forestry Commission Scotland's David Robertson (see picture). A big thank you is extended to Crianlarich Primary School for their wonderful song, and their running group for showing us how the paths should be used! They did a great job. Thanks also to the Crianlarich Hotel for the lovely post-opening refreshments. Thank you to everyone who attended, including representatives from Stirling Council, the National Park, Forestry Commission Scotland and the Scottish Youth Hostel Organisation, and of course the local community, who made it such a fantastic event. The Trust would also like to extend a big thank you to Isla Craig and Kelda Platt for their tireless work over the past few years to bring this project to fruition. The wonderful results are a great credit to them.

Strathfillan Angling Association is doing well and we have already had a couple of good sized trout coming out of the local rivers – see Strathfillan Angling Association Facebook page for evidence! If you fancy giving angling a go, (I am sure it's good for the blood pressure) season permits are £40 (including maps of the fishings), and are available from the TrustOffice. Please contact Kelly on

the details below. Day permits are £6, and along with season permit applications, are available from authorised outlets across Tyndrum and Crianlarich. Maps for day permits are available for £1. Children under the age of 15 are free when accompanied by an adult with a valid permit.

Our ever popular SAPLINGS will be back again this summer, with sessions ranging from den building, gold panning, bushcraft skills to arts and crafts. This is for children aged 8 to 14. Forms can be picked up from Crianlarich Primary School, or contact Kelly at the details below.

In general Trust news, we would like to announce that we will be moving offices from Tyndrum Village Hall to Crianlarich Hall in mid-July. If anyone has any queries or would like more information please don't hesitate to contact the Trust. We will also have a stall at the Nursery Fete on June 4th in Crianlarich – so please come along and find out more about us.

We still have a space for a Director of the Trust, so if you are interested in helping support and promote community development, then please get in touch with Kelly on the details below. We are always looking for new ideas and faces!

To contact the Trust phone: 01838 400545; email: strathfillan@btconnect.com, write to SCDT, Tyndrum Village Hall, Tyndrum, FK20 8SA, or look at our Facebook page Strathfillan Community.

Dates for your Diary:  
**Tai Chi** – Tyndrum Village Hall,



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**SAPLINGS** – every Wednesday of the summer holidays. Contact the Trust for details.

**Workshop** - Spoon carving and dreamcatcher with Green Aspirations – Tyndrum Community Shelterbelt, Sunday August 14th, 10am to 4pm (free drop-in sessions).

## Strathfillan Community Council

### Transport

The CC have continued to lobby Transport Scotland regarding potholes in the area. Everybody is encouraged to report specific potholes directly to Transerv. Local resident Ian Marrett is working with the CC to produce a little "app" for reporting local potholes. Once the development of this is complete, we hope this will be an easy mechanism for pothole locations to be passed to Transerv.

The CC responded to a Transport Scotland survey regarding the impact of the Crianlarich Bypass. The main area of the response was to point out the high number of accidents which have happened at each of the roundabouts. The CC did not comment on the perceived economic impact on Crianlarich, as it was felt that 1 year was not long enough for this to be known. It is understood a further survey will be issued in two years time.

Charlie met with Gordon Forester of LLTNP to discuss the steepness of the WHW at the Crianlarich underpass. LLTNP are aware of this, and it is intended that this section of the path will be re-routed. Gordon Forester also visited the Cattle Creep Ford in Tyndrum. It was agreed that better signage of alternative walking routes

is needed, for times when the ford is flowing fast.

### Broadband

Ian Marrett attended a Stirling Council meeting regarding broadband on behalf of the CC. All communities are finding it difficult to get any information out of BT. It is currently understood that Tyndrum are due to receive a broadband upgrade in June 2016, and Crianlarich in Spring 2017. However, BT have not confirmed these dates.

### Dog Fouling

Complaints have been received about dog fouling on footpaths across the villages. A lot of volunteer time and effort is being put into improving access to the Community Woodlands in both Tyndrum and Crianlarich, and dog fouling is putting a negative slant on this work. We have asked Stirling Council to position additional bins near the old railway line in Crianlarich and the Shelterbelt in Tyndrum. All dog owners are urged to pick up their dog mess and place it in the nearest litter or dog waste bin.

### Flower Tubs

There has been a great response to request for volunteers to "adopt a flower tub" in Crianlarich. It is hoped that planting in these tubs will take place at the end of May. It is hoped that a similar scheme can be set up for Tyndrum flower tubs. Many thanks to all those who have volunteered.

### Resignation

Ian Wragg has tendered his resignation as a Community Councillor. Thank you to Ian for his work in recent months. The CC currently has the maximum number of co-opted members permitted by the constitution, so has no vacancies to fill. The next round of CC elections is scheduled for Autumn 2017.



## The Shop Strathfillan

Last year Killin News printed a photo of a postcard of 'The Shop, Strathfillan' and asked if anyone knew where it had been located. John Sinclair thought that it was near the former Strathfillan Church but there were no other suggestions. Now another postcard has been found that shows exactly where it was. On the new postcard you can see quite clearly that the shop was located just a little further west from the old Strathfillan Church and near the bridge, on the old road from Crianlarich to Tyndrum, where it crosses the river. The buildings at Dalrigh can be seen in the background to the south of the road as it heads west to Tyndrum.

Gillian Ford




### AFTERNOON TEA



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offered to supply the plants for them for this year.

We have also received £100 from the Killin News towards the plants we need for the other tubs. We are very grateful for their support. We are hoping that the money we have raised with our raffle and collection box in the Old Mill will provide us with enough money to buy the rest of the plants we need for these. We always need volunteers to help water and deadhead the plants. If you feel you can spare a few minutes now and again please let Alicja know, on 01567 820690. Attending to the plants is important as it keeps the displays looking at their best for longer.

We are looking forward to some lovely colourful displays and hope that we have a better summer than we did last year. Happy Gardening.

### Passing on the Baton

After several years of running fitness classes in Killin, Pete Waugh is hanging up his training shoes. He announced to the Metafit class on Wednesday that the 1<sup>st</sup> of June will be his last class, but newly qualified Metafit Instructor Liz Stevens will be taking over. There will be two more classes in June (8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>) before the summer break. Killin, Crianlarich and Tyndrum now

have a good fitness community thanks to Pete's encouragement and support, and hopefully they will continue on their fitness journeys with the support of the friends they have made through the classes. Everyone who has attended the different classes that Pete has run in Killin over the years will miss his leadership and wish him all the best for his new career.

## Letters

### Thank you

I should like to take this opportunity to thank all those who so kindly sent flowers and messages on the death of my husband. They were a great comfort to us all.

Jill Stroyan

### Thank you

Lesleyanne and Tommy Weir would like to say a huge thank you to family, friends, locals and local businesses who helped us with our new venture at Over The Tea-cup. We honestly can't thank you all enough and we hope you are enjoying our new tearoom.

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project. This year they visited the magical Inchcailloch Island – a beautiful nature reserve on Loch Lomond for a walk and a picnic and last year had an outing to The Kelpies. A big part of our walk is the social time offered after the walks, in local cafes. We believe that this is an important part of the project as many of the walkers may feel isolated in their day-to-day lives. The first step on a walking journey can be as gentle as some seated strength and balance exercises. We run these in Callander, Killin and Aberfoyle. Our rural villages often

have reduced access to physiotherapy services so we can really make a difference to injury recovery in these areas of our National Park.

A special walk is planned for the 6<sup>th</sup> July when the Killin group will be walking with Callander Ramblers around the 4 mile Glen Lochay loop. A chance for members to walk a bit further than usual and also to meet with walkers from the Ramblers and other Walk in the Park groups. A visit to the Moirlanich longhouse is planned with refreshments at the Bridge of Lochay Hotel.

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

**Meet:** 1.30pm, Ben Lawers NNR car park. Numbers are limited, so booking is advisable.

#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June: Mossing About

Join our first 'Learn 5' event, focusing on familiarising yourself with some of the mosses of the hillside. The aim is that you will leave knowing 5 easy to identify mosses, and if you are really keen maybe a few more. No experience or equipment is required.

**Duration:** 2½ hours.

**Cost:** adults £5, children £2.50

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

**Meet:** 1.30pm Ben Lawers NNR car

park. Numbers are limited, so booking is advisable.

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Butterflies and Moths of the Mountain

Discover some of butterflies and moths that inhabit the floristically rich lower slopes of these mountains, including (weather permitting) the elusive mountain ringlet.

**Duration:** 3 hours

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

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

**Meet:** 1.30pm Ben Lawers NNR car park. Numbers are limited, so booking is advisable.

#### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July: An introduction to plant identification

Learn the basics of how to use keys to identify plants on this botanically rich nature reserve.

**Duration:** 7½ hours

**Cost:** £50.

**Bring:** walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing, a copy of Francis Rose's Wild Flower Key or the Collins Flower Guide and a hand lens if you have one (available for loan). You will need a packed lunch and drink.

**Meet:** 9.30am Ben Lawers NNR car park. **Booking is essential.**

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Burn dipping

#### and beastie hunting

Join our hands-on exploration of some of the habitats on our nature trail to discover some of the less obvious wildlife living there.

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Cost:** adults £2, children £5, family £12.50. Adults must be accompanied by a child (and vice versa).

**Bring:** wellies and waterproofs.

**Meet:** 10.30 am Ben Lawers NNR car park. Numbers are limited, so booking is advisable.

#### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Return of the Natives.

A walk through some of the areas where pioneering conservation work is restoring threatened plant communities to the hill. The route will involve rough ground and moderate gradients so requires a reasonable level of fitness.

**Duration:** 4 hours

**Cost:** adults £10, children £5.

**Bring:** walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing. You will need a packed lunch and drink.

**Meet:** 10.30am Ben Lawers NNR car park. **Booking is essential.**

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**Duration:** 2½ hours.

**Cost:** adults £5, children £2.50

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

**Meet:** 1.30pm Ben Lawers NNR car park. Numbers are limited, so booking is advisable.

### **Tuesday 2nd August: Burn dipping and beastie hunting**

Join our hands-on exploration of some of the habitats on our nature trail to discover some of the less obvious wildlife living there.

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Cost:** adults £2, children £5, family £12.50. Adults must be accompanied by a child (and vice versa).

**Bring:** Wellies and waterproofs.

**Meet:** 10.30 am Ben Lawers NNR car park. Numbers are limited, so booking is advisable.

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### **Moirilanich events 2016**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and/or Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June: National Moth Night and/or Morning**

Come and see some of the fascinating nocturnal moths of Glen Lochay. You can either come along on Friday evening as the Ben Lawers rangers set harmless light traps and watch as the moths start to come in, or on Saturday morning to inspect the overnight catch, or both.

**Duration:** As long as you like

**Cost:** adults £3, children £1.50

**Bring:** Warm clothes, midge repellent, torch and sunglasses.

**Meet:** 9.00pm Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and/or

8.00am Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Moirilanich car

park. No need to book.

For further information telephone 01567 820988 or email

### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of June: More about Moirilanich**

Join us for an extensive guided tour, revealing its history, construction and significance to Highland life. We will also be playing a recording of Duncan McNab's award winning bothy ballad "The Spring O' 28" written about his father's time living at Moirilanich which vividly describes daily life at the farm. Time: 16:00 – 17:00

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### **20th Anniversary at Longhouse**

It is 20 years since Moirilanich was opened to the public by volunteers from Killin Heritage Society on behalf of the NTS. When the Trust purchased Moirilanich in 1992, its contents were gone but the byre and roof space still contained treasures. The wooden cruck frame roof support was deteriorating and the walls unstable. Brian Wilson repaired it using original

styles and materials. Memories from local people were sought including Dr Mairi MacColl, James Anderson and Janet McIntyre. Duncan Robertson was tenant in 1809 and Tom Proctor, his great great grandson, finally left in 1968. Thatch was used in the 19th century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. In the 1930s Captain Stroyan chose corrugated iron roofing. The central hearth was the crucial feature of the house and the original hingin' lum remains the centre-point. The term relates to hanging wrapped meat and fish for smoking in its wide hood – a useful way of preserving food. Now an imitation fire adds to the 'just vacated' atmosphere. Twenty years on Moirilanich attracts visitors from around the world, including descendants of Peter Robertson, cousin to Tom's mother who moved away from Moirilanich in 1863. We are very grateful to members of the Killin Heritage Society, and other volunteers, whose long term commitment enables visitors to enjoy the unique atmosphere of the house and who relate its history and significance. At our volunteer pre-season meeting year we had excellent talk by our Curator, Emma Inglis and celebrated the success of the last 20 years with a special cake baked by Property Secretary Eleanor Murray. If you wish to volunteer, pop in to the office at Lynedoch, Main Street, Killin



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## Bikes and Businesses

We know the name Bob MacGregor from the Bob MacGregor Memorial Trial which has been held in Killin for several years now. He is well known for his motor cycling achievements but also created a lasting business in Killin, as shown by this article from The People's Journal of 14th July 1962.



Bob MacGregor used to walk barefoot to school along the road from Bridge of Lochay to Killin. He reflects on that now as he sits in the office of his new caravan site on the west bank of the River Lochay. That road borders on one of the finest natural sites in Scotland and one which has proved increasingly popular during the few weeks it has been open. It has its own water supply drawn from its own spring high on the hill and is attractively set in

the shadow of Creag Cailleach.

Bob has had the project in mind for a year. Previously he had tilled the seven acres of ground as a market garden from which he supplied his shop in the village. Caravaners are more profitable than raspberries, he decided, and set about laying out the site. Already he has accommodation for about 40 caravans and next year hopes to develop the remainder of the site to take 80 vehicles. The visitors will enjoy plenty of amenities. On the new site shower baths and a shop are planned. At present they enjoy free trout fishing along an attractive stretch of the Lochay. Bob's even willing to lend out rods as part of the service. There are facilities for boating too. "I think we can develop this site as a touring centre" he said. "We're well situated here for Oban, Fort William, the Trossachs and the Sma' Glen.

A native of Almondbank, Bob has lived most of his 62 years in Killin, where he has been in business as a fishmonger and fruiterer for 42 years. He served in the Gordon Highlanders in the first world war and as a sergeant-major instructor in the motor cycle unit of the King's Royal Rifles. He's been mad on motor cycling since he was a youth. His skill earned him 21 first-class awards in the Scottish six-day trials. He won it twice, the only Scot ever to do so, in 1935 and 1937. His last appearance on the trials circuit was in 1951 at the age of 50. He was still good enough to win a first-class award.

Bob was a member of the British international team eight years in succession. Recently he

was admitted to membership of the Association of Pioneer Motor Cyclists, a pretty exclusive body.

Mr MacGregor's wife helps in the running of the park. She is a former hotel manageress and her experience there has proved useful.

### Bob MacGregor Road Run



The three stalwarts of the Bob MacGregor Road Race at Rannoch Station. (L-R) Bill Brown who celebrated his 70th Birthday by competing in the race, centre is 74yr old Pete Remington who organises the Road Run with our own Bobby Lafferty.

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## Road Run

The Bob MacGregor Road Run, organised by Bobby Lafferty and Pete Remington, took place on 26th April, leaving from Killin. The route was via Glen Lyon to Aberfeldy, then over and past Schiehallion to Loch Rannoch and Rannoch Station, returning to Killin via Glen Lyon and Bridge of Balgie. Bill Brown was guest rider and celebrated his 70th birthday by competing in the race. He has been a multiple British Champion on the Grass Track and Motor Cross. Pete Remington has also been British Champion in various disciplines of Motor Cycling and he was the Scottish Classic Champion in 1986.

**David Robertson**

## Irish Highland Fling comes to Killin

Fife and Tayside region of the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club welcomed over 30 Jaguar Classic cars and their owners over the Bank Holiday weekend to the Killin Hotel. This is the second time we have welcomed our Friends from both North and South Ireland to tour our beautiful Scottish countryside. The weather over the three days was far better than forecast with sunshine and fresh snow on the hills. On Saturday Provost Collins welcomed our guests along with Ross the piper. The Jaguars left Killin via Loch Lomond, Loch Long and Loch Fyne to Inverary where all enjoyed a tour of the Castle and Inverary. The cars looked very impressive parked along the front of the Castle. We returned to Killin via Loch Awe, Dalmally and

Tyndrum. A ceilidh followed dinner to the music of Tarmachan Music much to everyone's enjoyment. Sunday took us over Ben Lawers, Bridge of Balgie to Aberfeldy and Dewars World of Whisky where a tour was enjoyed by all. After lunch we headed to Kinlochranoch via Schiehallion, around Loch Rannoch and back to Killin via Tummelbridge, Fearnan and Loch Tay. After dinner Colin Stewart from Blairgowrie gave an excellent presentation on his trip to Pebble Beach with his Jaguar SS TOURER which to his credit gained 3rd prize at this prestigious event. Thanks to the Killin Hotel and staff everyone had a great weekend at Killin. To our Irish friends Haste Ye Back.



## Classic Cars



On the last Monday in April nearly eighty classic cars arrived at the Killin Hotel on a leg of the five day Scottish Malt's Rally around the Highlands. They were greeted by local classic car enthusiasts who happily spent time inspecting and admiring Bentley, Austen Healey, Porsche, Aston Martin, Lagonda and AC cars, some of which had come from as far away as Switzerland, Germany or Monaco. Their day had begun at Cameron House and, after lunch in Killin Hotel, they left for Mull, the occupants wrapping up well against the wintry wind.



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# Local Planning Applications

## National Park

### 15 March

**Proposal:** Erection of illuminated replacement entrance sign  
Location: The Real Food Cafe Tyndrum Crianlarich Stirling  
Applicant: Ms Sarah Heward  
Application Type: Advertisement  
Consent

Decision: Current

### 4 April

**Proposal:** Alterations and extension to building

Location: The Old Mill Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mrs Theresa Elliot

Application Type: Listed Building

Consent

Decision: Current

### 11 April

**Proposal:** Change of use of toilet block to accommodation and siting of summerhouse and office

Location: Killin Highland Lodges Killin

Applicant: Mr J Bradley

Application Type: Full

Decision: Unknown

### 12 April

**Proposal:** Installation of UPVC windows

Location: 2 Clifton Road Tyndrum Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr David Hill

Application Type: Householder

Planning Permission

Decision: Current

### 21 April

**Proposal:** Erection of a conservatory

Location: Clifton Cottage Clifton Road Tyndrum Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Edgar

Application Type: Householder

Planning Permission

Decision: Current

### 4 May

**Proposal:** Installation of CCTV cameras

Location: Upper Station House

Station Road Upper Tyndrum

Crianlarich

Applicant: Abellio Scotrail

Application Type: Listed Building

Consent

Decision: Current

### 11 May

**Proposal:** Proposed one span of new low voltage overhead line

Location: Land Some 95 Metres

South West Of Burnbank Killin

Applicant: Scottish & Southern

Energy

Application Type: Statutory

Notification

Decision: Unknown

## Perth & Kinross Council

### 11 March

**Proposal:** Part demolition of former smithy and derelict cottage, alterations and extension to form dwellinghouse

Location: Lawers Smithy Lawers

Applicant: Dr and Mrs T Archibald

McDiarmid

Application Type: Listed Building

Consent

Decision: Awaiting decision

### 14 March

**Proposal:** Change of use and alterations to steading to form dwellinghouse

Location: Wester Croftintygan Farm Lawers

Applicant: Mrs Gesa Walker

Application Type: planning

permission local

Decision: Awaiting decision

### 25 March

**Proposal:** Part demolition of former smithy and derelict cottage,

alterations and extension to form

dwellinghouse with ancillary

accommodation, formation of

hardstanding and associated works

Location: Lawers Smithy Lawers

Applicant: Dr and Mrs T Archibald

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Application Type: planning

permission local

Decision: Awaiting decision

### 28 March

**Proposal:** Change of use, alterations

and extension from training centre

(class 8) to residential (class 9)

Location: Stucktymore House Killin

Applicant: Mr Jan Felton

Application Type: planning

permission local

Decision: Awaiting decision

### 7 April

**Proposal:** Erection of dwellinghouse

Location: Land 30 Metres North Of

Bridgend House Lawers

Applicant: Mr Ian Hitchens

Application Type: planning

permission local

Decision: Refuse the application

### 8 April

**Proposal:** Alterations to

dwellinghouse (in retrospect)

Location: Lower Kiltyrie Killin

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Graeme And

Ruth Anderson

Application Type: planning

permission local

Decision: Awaiting decision

### 9 May

**Proposal:** Alterations and extension

to dwellinghouse to form garage

Location: Cragganester Steading

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Applicant: Mr Pete Cooke

Application Type: planning

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Decision: Approve the application

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

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# McLaren High School



## A Taste of Italy at McLaren

In March the S6 Practical Cookery class made and cooked their own Tagliatelle in the Home Economics room.

It was like a taste of little Italy as they used the pasta machines for the first time with many of the pupils showing a competitive streak. The

class also made their own very garlicky tomato and red pepper sauce. This healthy dish proved that home cooking can be tasty and fun to do and will stand many of the youngsters in good stead as they head off to pastures new later this year.

## U16s Central Schools 7s Tournament

On Wednesday 30 March the McLaren U16 7s squad competed within Tier 2 of the Central Schools 7s Tournament. The boys were drawn alongside St Modans High, Larbert High 'B' and Stirling High. McLaren won their first game against Larbert 50-0, playing some excellent 7s rugby. Scorers were Calum Cameron x 3, Cameron Burns x 2, Stuart Lang x 2 and Jamie Nixon. The second match against Stirling was being classed as the Tier 2 tournament decider. Stirling lead the match 5-0 at half time, however McLaren started playing more of the rugby we observed during their first match and ran out 19-5 winners

## McLaren High School War Memorial Prize

This prize, which is awarded annually, dates back to the period just after the First World War. The aim of the award was to recognise one male and one female pupil from S4 for their service to others in their community. The prize winners' names are on the boards in the main foyer of the school.

During the course of this year, we have been discussing this award and how it can "move with the times". It is felt that the efforts of those who give readily of their time for others should continue to be something that is recognised by the school community. However, it has been decided that this award will be open to all pupils, not just those in S4. We will be encouraging pupils to nominate themselves or their friends for the award, but we recognise that pupils may be a little shy about putting themselves forward. Please email Susan Chalmers (PT Pupil Support)

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some information as to why you think they are deserving of consideration and she will then speak to them to ensure they are happy to be considered. The PTA have kindly agreed to be involved in the selection process for the winners.

#### Senior Ski Course 2016 - Austria

We left the school at 8am on the Friday morning and arrived at Partenen in the Montafon Valley earlier than expected on Saturday at 1pm. We left our luggage in the hotel and went down straight away to

big groups. Each day we had 3 hours of skiing with our instructors in the mornings before a lunch break and then a couple of hours after lunch. The days were fairly packed after skiing, it was back to the hotel to get showered and changed with some free time before dinner at 7pm. It was a good three course meal each night with some form of soup to start with, a good selection for a main course and a dessert. For the first night the entertainment was a room inspection which we were all thrilled about. The evening's activities

instructors who taught us.

**Amber MacLean S6**



get our boots and skis ready for the next morning. It was an early start with a 6:30am wakeup call that was usually followed by a groan. Breakfast was at 7am each morning and there was always a good selection. We made our packed lunches for the day and then we were all on the bus by 8am. The weather was gorgeous for the first couple of days with warm winds and clear blue skies which created great visibility, allowing the newer skiers to pick up confidence and find their pace. Towards the end of the week the weather dropped a bit with heavy fog causing poor visibility which created problems with skiing in

however did pick up as the week went on, with a quiz created by the teachers which proved very interesting (I think they were worried by how much we knew) along with bingo and a great night of Mr Carrol's Austrian Bowling.

The ski trip is a great way to create relationships with teachers and other pupils who you may not have spent time with before. It was a great way for many S6 pupils to round off their time at McLaren High School and create memories with friends and teachers and I don't think we could have surrounded ourselves with a better group of people for that week. We are also very grateful to the

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The defibrillator outside The Falls of Dochart retirement home has been up and running for some time and extensive training has been done by our local paramedics. Thanks to local donations they now have their own training mannequins and dummy defib. Anyone wanting first aid and/or defib. training, either as an individual or a group, please ask Jean [j.faichney@nhs.net](mailto:j.faichney@nhs.net) or Michael [michaelmaclaren@netscape.net](mailto:michaelmaclaren@netscape.net) Dr. Turner is setting up a small committee to take this forward and anyone wishing to take part please contact her at [elaine11turner@btinternet.com](mailto:elaine11turner@btinternet.com) We shall all be sorry to see the retirement of Dr. Syme who has been with the practice for many years. But good for him! There are many hills out there waiting to be climbed! The next P.P.G. meeting is on Wed July 27 at 12-30 at the surgery.

**Linda Frost**

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

It's that time of year again when the Killin Beavers have their annual sleepover and I am certain they will have had an amazing time. The Beavers will be completing a lot of very exciting badges this term which all helps towards getting their Bronze Chief Scout award. Very few Beaver Scouts in our District receive the award so it would be a real accomplishment. It will still be fun, with the Beavers also taking part in a cycle ride from Glen Ogle to Lochearnhead in June. Several of our Beavers will be moving onto Cubs soon so now is a perfect time for your child to get involved.

**Stephen Rawlinson**

Beaver Leader

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### Cubs

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

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Lafferty for coming along and teaching the Cubs some circus skills. We hope to get him back to see how the Cubs have improved their skills. Tom Gallagher came along to help the Cubs with their artist badge and set them a wee competition to do a portrait of someone in their family. Well done to Kate Lilly for doing the best picture which was picked by Tom. We have also been out and about finding things around the village beginning with P which was fun.

**Charles Kemp**

Cub Leader

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### Scouts

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

The Scouts ran a fundraising tea party and car wash in April which was a huge success. We would all like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along and ate cakes, had their car washed and bought a raffle ticket and also to all those who helped out, baked cakes, washed cars, or donated raffle prizes.



We couldn't have done it without you! It was a great day and we managed to raise well over £850 for the group and for the trip to the Essex International Jamboree this year.

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We would also like to thank Daniel Bowler, Jason Campbell and Graham McGhee for having their chests and legs waxed.

My dad Jim would also like to thank everyone. MND Scotland has been a great help to him. Edinburgh University have started to research MND as this dreadful disease is untreatable.

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**Maddy Moffat**



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# Killin Music Festival Fundraiser

The McLaren Hall was alive with music on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March as the village geared up for the Killin Music Festival 2016. The premise of the evening was to showcase local talent in a variety of genres while getting the community excited about the Killin Music Festival on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of June.

The evening opened with a stirring set on the pipes by Duncan McKinnon. He entertained the audience with his playing and fast paced reels and jigs. This was followed by local guitarist Euan Lang on electric guitar and an instrument he had engineered and adapted himself. Euan performed some great blues accompanied by Stuart Gorman, David McLaren and tutor Marc Fallon.

Next up was the Killin Community choir who wowed the audience with everything from Faurè to The Beatles. They were led by Frances Morrison Allen and accompanied by Jacco Lamfers on piano. We then had a set of jigs and reels by Willie Chisholm on accordion, with accompaniment from Callum Convooy and Euan MacPherson of Balquhiddier who also serenaded us with some great songs.

The interval featured a video

showcasing all the acts to be performing at the festival and some beautiful drone footage of Killin and the surrounding area. This can be seen on Facebook and at [www.killinmusicfestival.com](http://www.killinmusicfestival.com).

After a fantastic raffle which featured many wonderful prizes, Siobhan Anderson on fiddle and Jack McRobbie on guitar, both from Killin, accompanied by Laura Wilkie from Tain gave us some original compositions as well as more traditional pieces and songs. We were then treated to a performance by local singer-songwriter Tommy Weir.

Marc Fallon and Stuart Gorman returned to the stage to perform some flamenco and jazz standards on guitars before Alpine Road took to the stage to close the evening. They performed renditions of classic songs with a twist before getting all the artists on stage to finish with Caledonia.

There was a wonderful atmosphere in the McLaren Hall and a fantastic turn out by people of all ages. It bodes very well indeed for the Killin Music Festival in June and the committee are blown away by the local support. We would like to thank all the artists who performed and helped set up the

stage and sound equipment, all the committee members and volunteers who helped with the organisation, the Drama Club for all their help with equipment and everyone who came along and made it such a fantastic evening. We will see you at the Festival!

**Siobhan Anderson**



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# KILLIN MUSIC FESTIVAL 2016

Things are really gearing up for the 2016 Killin Music Festival which will take place in the McLaren Hall on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of June. There will be something for everyone from ceilidh dancing with the wonderful Skippinish to listening to the beautiful voice of Mischa McPherson.

Friday evening will kick off the festival with a Ceilidh featuring Box of Bananas, Jack McRobbie, Rachel Sermanni, Whisky Kiss and Skippinish.

The Killin Community Choir will open the Saturday proceedings at 10am with a morning at the musicals, which will also feature a special choir of children from Killin Primary School, led by Frances Morrison Allen and Siobhan Anderson. This event will be free of charge to everyone and run alongside a coffee morning run by the Cancer Research committee. Workshops will run throughout the afternoon in fiddle, guitar, accordion, singing and storytelling to name but a few.

There will also be an opportunity to

## Scott Wood Band



catch some sessions in the local pubs and hotels from both local artists and those performing in the evening.

The McLaren Hall stage will re-open

again in the late afternoon and feature Sarah Hayes, Mischa McPherson, Donald Black, The Friel Sisters and 2015 Young Traditional Musician of The Year, Claire Hastings. The evening will then continue with Trail West and The Scott Wood Band.

Sunday morning will see the Comrie Pipe Band march down the Main Street to the McLaren Hall where there will be an Open Stage competition running throughout the afternoon. The top prize will be a slot at the 2017 Killin Music Festival. Entries can be found on the website.

All events in the McLaren Hall will be standing, but the balcony will be open for seating.

There are still tickets available to buy at News First in Killin or online at [www.killinmusicfestival.com](http://www.killinmusicfestival.com) but they are selling out fast so don't delay!

There will be a festival shop open from the 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> of June in the shop next to Shutters.

**Siobhan Anderson**



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During last season the Loch Tay steamer did not maintain its calls at this pier. The reason given was that the pier had fallen into a state of disrepair, and that it would take a considerable sum to make it safe for traffic again.

On the other hand, it has been stated that of all the side piers on the loch Fearnan was the busiest. Many persons going to Fortingall and Glenlyon as well as Fearnan, took advantage of the steamer when it called at this pier.

The withdrawal of the steamer's calls, it is contended, has had a bad effect on house-letting. The opportunity of getting a sail on Loch Tay was always regarded as an additional interest by visitors residing in these districts during the summer.

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## Fèis Fhoirt Cèilidh Trail 2016



### Fèis Fhoirt Cèilidh Trail 2016

This summer, Stirling and Falkirk will be alive with music produced by some of the best young traditional musicians on the scene. The Fèis Fhoirt Cèilidh Trail are hitting the road for a three week tour of the Lomond and Trossachs National Park with plenty of opportunities to hear some of their wonderful music throughout July. The Cèilidh Trail project allows young traditional musicians the opportunity to tour their local area throughout the summer period as part of the

Fèis movement. Fèisean nan Gàidheal aims to teach children about Gaelic music, language and culture throughout Scotland and has over 40 branches. Fèis Fhoirt is the Stirling and Falkirk branch and translates as "Festival of the Forth". Fèis Fhoirt runs two festivals every year, one in Stirling in March and one in Falkirk in September, as well as beginner's Saturday morning classes and an annual Adult Fèis in Callander every October.

The Cèilidh Trail is now in its fifth year in the Stirling area and follows

on from a very successful tour in 2015. There are over 10 projects of this kind across Scotland supported by Fèisean nan Gàidheal. After an audition process, a group of young musicians receives a week's specialist training before hitting the road.

Local musician Siobhan Anderson is the co-ordinator for the project and for the past four years the group have used the Killin Community Bus as their means of transport with the help of many of the volunteer drivers. This year will be no different and the project would not be possible without the use of the bus and the involvement of all its committee.

This year the band consists of youngsters from all over the area and features fiddles, clarsach, piano, guitar and mandolin, as well as some beautiful Gaelic singing. There is a very varied programme featuring concerts, cèilidhs and sessions as well as performances in sheltered housing complexes.

For a full list of tour dates, check the website [www.feisfhoirt.org.uk](http://www.feisfhoirt.org.uk), but you can catch the group performing at The Courie Inn on Friday 22nd July, Crianlarich Village Hall on Tuesday 26th July and the Big Shed on Tuesday 2nd August at 8pm.

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## Mervyn's Weather

The advent of May seems to have, hopefully, shut the excesses of winter weather into a secure kist for another year. Although a return to less than favourable conditions could still appear for a week or two.

The flooding which occurred during the past Autumn and winter, particularly in more southern regions - the Northwest and Islands appear to have escaped the worst - has inspired me to reveal descriptions of earlier disastrous flooding in this Northern half of Scotland. I have in past issues of "Killin News" quoted from the writings of Iain R. Thomson in his book "The Long Horizon". Here he describes occurrences in 1768, 1799, and in particular 3rd August 1829 when came the sudden demise of a summer-long drought. Blizzards of snow struck the highest tops of The Cairngorm plateau, four inches of rainfall in the first twenty four hours followed and I quote "The rain then deluged for three days in Biblical dimension." Many are the tales told of the subsequent devastation caused by the ensuing floods in the Spey and in Findhorn, already notorious for its "flash floods". An inscription on the rocks at Randolph Bridge commemorates the height of the river during this flood as 50 feet above

normal. Sir Edwin Landseer, the well known painter of "The Monarch of the Glen", captures the accompanying disasters in his painting "Floods in The Highlands".

Further downstream that rich agricultural area "The Laigh of Moray" suffered, firstly from the prolonged drought, followed immediately by the unprecedented fury of the three day inundation.

In 1892, following weeks of January snow cover, a spectacular thaw, rising temperatures and heavy downpours, caused the rivers that flow into The Kyle of Sutherland; (Carron, Oykel, Shin and others), as well as those draining Glen Cannich, Strathfarrar, Glen Affric, and Strathglass, (becoming later the Beauty river), to sweep away many substantial bridges as well as houses, crops and livestock, not to mention trees of all dimensions. These floods were said to equal and perhaps surpass those of an earlier deluge in 1849.

In comparison to the exigencies of the past winter in Carlisle, Cumberland and further South, which the media reported with exhilaration, I am tempted to quote the well-known maxim "There is nothing new under the Sun"!

**Mervyn K. Browne**  
Ardtalnaig

## Community Auction

The Easter Saturday Community Auction was a resounding success with over £1,000 being raised.

It never fails to amaze the organisers how generous the community are in donating items and this year there were goods handed in from out with the area. Grateful thanks to all who gifted goods as without such generosity the sale would not happen.

Collecting and cataloguing items is only part of the whole as bidders are the other part and their enthusiasm makes the end result vitally important. The evening is enhanced by the stalwarts in the Kitchen serving up soup, teas and sandwiches, and the bar stewards ensuring the happy throng are suitably refreshed.

This is now established as a true community evening with visitors joining locals as it should be with the "Same time, same place" firmly in everyone's diary.

Many thanks to all who, in whatever way, contributed to the success of the auction and made possible donations to organisations and worthy causes.

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**James Brown Ingram**  
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James was never happier than when striking a ball on the golf course. He also liked to help when needed and he and Sinclair Aitken used to see to the car parking when the course was busy. One year the Ladies' Open fell on James' birthday and he was persuaded to wear the Birthday Hat. He was happy to do this, and even more happy when he found himself receiving kisses from many ladies, both visitors and locals.

James was born in Cullen on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1930 and spent a very happy childhood, attending first Cullen School, then Fordyce Academy, where he made many lasting friendships. In their teens he and his friends would venture on long cycling trips and, when passing through Killin, stayed at the local Youth Hostel.

After school, James went to Aberdeen University, where he gained an MA and then a BD. His first teaching post was at Jordanhill School in Glasgow, then, seeing no further promotion chances for Divinity teachers in Scotland and by now with a wife and young son to support, in 1961 he applied for and was granted the post of Head of Divinity at the Teachers' College in Bulawayo, in what was then Rhodesia and now Zimbabwe. There he soon became Assistant Vice Principal and in 1965 moved to Salisbury (now Harare) as a lecturer in Education. This involved visiting schools and colleges all over the country, often being invited to take the family too. After many happy years in Rhodesia, the political climate changed after UDI in 1965 and, in 1970 with two additional Bulawayo-born children, the family returned to Scotland.

Unable to find a suitable post in Scotland, James' next move was to the City of Leeds and Carnegie College, lecturing in Education, and then being persuaded to move to Bradford and Ilkley Community College as Bachelor of Education Course Director, later becoming Principal Lecturer in Finance and Investment and given leave to take time off study for an MSc at Strathclyde University. He was also given time off to write a book for UNESCO. This involved visits to Paris and Geneva and the book was eventually published as 'Curriculum Integration and Lifelong Education'. He retired in 1990 and spent happy years in Killin, enjoying the company of friends and pursuing his hobbies of golf, music, gardening and reading, until Parkinsons and other ailments took their toll and he died in Forth Valley on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

The family are grateful for the unflinching support of the village and the generosity of those donating to the collection, which raised £700 for charity.

**George Hendry**  
**03.02.31-30.03.16**

My dad passed away on 30th March in the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital in Glasgow.

He was born George Duncan Keane Hendry on 3rd February 1931 in Bridge of Dun, Angus and moved down to London when his father got a job there just a few years later. It wasn't long before he was back up in Scotland staying in Ballumbie with his grandmother after being evacuated during World War Two. He returned to England after the war and in 1949 joined the RAF as a navigator and was posted to Rhodesia.

He came out of the RAF in 1952 and after graduating in structural engineering he went to work for the Southern Electricity Board in Uxbridge, Middlesex, where he remained until his retirement. He married Dorothy Lambie in Lochearnhead in 1961, having Fiona in 1963 and George in 1966. They divorced in the 1980's but many years later became friends again. In 1993 he came back up to Scotland to live on a permanent basis, temporarily staying with his aunt, Gladys Farquharson, before settling into his own house in Craignavie Rd. He loved fishing in the Dochart, was a very good cook and an accomplished artist. He always looked forward to visits from his son George who lives in London, would regularly see his grandsons Kyle and Ross Davidson who both worked in Killin, (before moving to Edinburgh) and he enjoyed having the craic with his cousins George and Pidge Farquharson.

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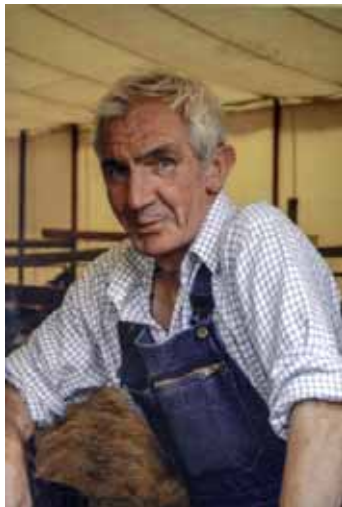
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## David Campbell 14.06.47-20.02.16

David Stewart Campbell was born on the 14th June 1946 in Aberfeldy Cottage Hospital to parents David & Jessie Campbell and he became a younger brother for his late sister Elizabeth. He was brought up at the family home at Balnearn, Fearnan. He attended Fearnan Primary School and then Breadalbane Academy, Aberfeldy leaving at around age 15 years.

His first shepherding job was with the late Jak Kinnimouth at Fortingall. His shepherding work took him all over the country: Killin, Dingwall, Crieff, Dunbar, Aberdeenshire and Glenshee, and only a few years ago he crossed the border in to England and on to Wales to help with a lambing, something which was not to be repeated. In 1965, while working in Dingwall, his first daughter Joan was born, followed two years later by Jenny in 1967 who was born in Stirling, the family by then having moved to Killin. At a mutual friend's party in 1983 he met Jane McLuckie and the following year she became his wife, a partnership which lasted for the next 32 years.



Dave enjoyed a game of curling, dominoes and indoor bowling. He also loved to watch sport on TV, particularly football, Hearts and Manchester United being the teams he supported. When he was forced to give up

shepherding because of failing health, he took up mole catching and as with everything he did, he excelled at this, on some jobs completely eradicating the mole problem.

At this time he began to take an interest in gardening and the knowledge he had kept hidden came to the fore, much to Jane's despair as up until then Jane had been in charge of gardening and had done a pretty good job of it. But now it would be done differently and as always was the case, Jane conceded that he was right again. So this year the gardening will be done by Jane as near normal as possible but always with Dave's instructions going around in her head.

Dave has two granddaughters, Danielle & Nicolle. They each gave him great grandchildren, Robert born in June 2015 & Sophie born in April 2013.

Dave died peacefully but suddenly after an illness bravely born in Forth Valley Royal Hospital 20th February 2016.



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## Obituary

### Judge Stroyan

It is with great sadness that I have to announce the death of my husband, His Hon. Judge RAR Stroyan QC of Boreland who died on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at the age of 91.

He served in The Black Watch from 1943 until the end of the war and was then seconded to the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and served in Palestine where he was mentioned in Despatches.

He retired to Boreland full time in 1996, although he always felt it was "home", especially after the death of his mother, Mary Stroyan, in 1985. In 1986 we moved with our family from Duncroisk to Boreland, although at this time he was still sitting as a Senior Circuit Judge and Hon.

Recorder in Newcastle and also going to London every year to sit both at the Old Bailey and in the Court of Appeal. We spent as much time as we could at Boreland. Angus loved

the whole place so much and enjoyed every aspect of it and particularly being able to teach his children and grandchildren about what was round about us. He loved the garden and was proud to be able to open it every two years for the National Garden Scheme and for Cancer Research UK, a charity close to his heart. He was for many years Chairman of the West Rannoch Deer Management Group, which merged to become The Breadalbane Group, and a lifelong member of the Killin Angling Club. He was also often asked to lay the wreath at the Killin War Memorial on Armistice Day.

He will be sadly missed by his four children, four stepchildren, eighteen grandchildren, three great grandchildren and all who lived and worked in Glen Lochay over the years and also, of course, by me.

**Jill Stroyan**

### Callander Photo Club

Please join us for our next meeting of Callander Photo Club to be held Wednesday, 8 June, 7:30 pm at the Waverley Hotel on Callander Main Street. The meeting will include our AGM and dinner from the Waverley's fine menu. We will share photos and choose our member favourites, discuss the Summerfest photo competition and our plans for the future.

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## Stewart Memorial

The article in our last issue aroused interest in the identity of the 'someone in the Killin Hotel' who had been given £10 a year to look after the memorial. We made further enquiries with the Perth Gaelic Society but all they could tell us was that they thought it had been an informal arrangement with a friend of a member as it hadn't gone through the books! They were also sure that whoever it was had died long since and said that in recent years Rev. John Lincoln had kept an eye on the monument for them. The bulbs planted by John Rennie have now flowered and he has been up again to paint the railings to make it look even more attractive.



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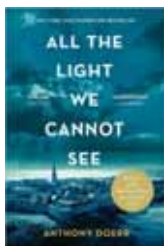
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## Book Review

All the Light we cannot see by Anthony Doerr



This beautifully written novel tells the stories of two children growing up in very different circumstances during the second world war. Marie-Laure who is a young girl living in Paris with her father, a master locksmith for the museum of Natural History, and Werner an orphaned boy living with his sister in a German mining town. Marie-Laure is blind but strives to be as independent as circumstances will allow; she is aided in this by her devoted father who builds intricate models of the streets around them which Marie memorises to enable her to find her way. When Paris becomes occupied by the Germans, Marie-Laure and her father flee to Saint Malo where her eccentric uncle lives. Her father is entrusted with what may or may not be a priceless gem

by the museum which has also commissioned fakes to fool the Germans.

Werner develops a talent for building and repairing radios which in turn earns him a place at the brutal Hitler Youth Academy and eventually to a special assignment to track down the resistance which in turn also leads him to Saint Malo.

The author weaves in tandem the stories of these two children throughout the book. He tells the stories with such wonderful perception and sensitivity that I felt as if I was living their lives. I could feel how the world must seem when your perception is not from what you see but from what you feel with all your other senses. I could understand so much more clearly how brainwashing and fear can make you doubt your own better feelings and do or act in ways that you never thought were possible.

This is a haunting book that is impossible to put down with a surprising ending. It will leave a lasting impression on you and is not to be missed.

Jani Ellis  
Third Chapter Book Club

## the Big Shed

This month seems to be all about mental and physical alertness! Ali Blaikie of Breakthrough Combat in Edinburgh will be running a Tai Chi retreat from the evening of Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August through to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August. For more information and to reserve a place, please contact Ali at [breakthroughcombat@gmail.com](mailto:breakthroughcombat@gmail.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/Breakthroughcombat>.

Friday yoga with Emma Burtles is back for the new term on 21st August at 10.30-12. The cost of each session is £6, but your first session is on us. No need to book, just come along.

On 12<sup>th</sup> September there's a one-day yoga workshop with Wendy Fraser priced at £40 including lunch.

That's followed on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September by an American blues concert with Matthew Fox and Dan Phelps.

To book, text/phone the Big Shed on 0750 864 5453 or email [websitecontact@bigshed.org.uk](mailto:websitecontact@bigshed.org.uk). The Big Shed is on the north side of Loch Tay, about 6 miles from Killin. Access is signposted from the main road and there is parking. See also: [www.facebook.com/theBigShed](http://www.facebook.com/theBigShed) Tombreck or [www.bigshed.org.uk](http://www.bigshed.org.uk)

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**Evelyn**

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### Beavers

Tuesdays  
6-7pm  
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### Badminton

Mondays & Tuesdays  
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### Cubs

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7.15 - 8.45pm  
Lesser Hall

### Craft group

Tuesdays 10-12  
Littlecroft

### Indoor Bowls

Mondays 7.30 Lesser  
McLaren Hall

### Internet Cafe

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### Netball

Tuesdays 7.15pm  
Killin Sports and  
Leisure Club

### Scouts

Wednesdays  
7-9pm  
Lesser Hall

### Softplay Club

Tuesdays  
Sports Pavilion  
12.30 - 2.30pm

### Saplings

Wednesdays  
9.30-10.30  
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### Tai Chi

Wednesdays 9.30-10.30  
£5 Tyndrum Village Hall

### Tiddlers & Toddlers

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### Apology

We are very sorry that we got the bin  
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Glen Falloch Road 11.30-11.45  
Police Station 10.45-11.25

#### Tyndrum

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### Glen Lochay/Ardeonaig Fortnightly Mondays

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