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Editorial

We are pleased to say that the future of Killin News seems assured. When the meeting for anyone interested in volunteering was set up, we feared no-one would come but there was a very a good response. Several new people, nearly all recently moved to the village, have offered a variety of skills, including much-needed IT expertise. They are a welcome addition to the team and some have already contributed to the production of this issue, IT issues and improvements to the office.

Other contributions to this issue come from the pupils of Killin Primary School and maybe one day some of them may be helping to run the paper. Many of our young people have to leave the village to study and may or may not come back but, whether or not they stay, they will always remember Killin and we hope will have happy memories.

One well-known local person, who lived most of her life in Killin, remembered it very generously in her will, as is reported by the Killin Care Trust, which runs the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. It is good to know this valued village asset - which, incidentally, also needs new volunteers - has been able to make great improvements in the present uncertain times.

Killin News doesn't 'do' politics but it is difficult to avoid the fact that, whether we like it or not, politics and future decisions are currently very much to the fore in all our lives. The sad thing is that this can open up divisions, even between friends and in families, and these divisions can be hard to heal. We can only hope that in our small area of the world we can respect conflicting opinions without conflict and continue to work together for our own small community.

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Photo Ron Allner

Good News from Falls of Dochart Retirement Home

Visitors to the home will have seen the huge transformation of the communal areas. We have a new front entrance door. The large windows at the front have been replaced with safety double glazing. The vestibule leading to the front entrance will be painted (when the weather allows) and upgraded lighting will be fitted.

Inside, the entrance hall, the upstairs hallway, the stairs, the TV lounge, dining room and sun lounge have all been re-carpeted. All these communal areas have been fully refurbished and redecorated to give a much airier and lighter environment, whilst retaining the cosiness of the home. The dining room and TV lounge have new furniture and chairs. The TV lounge has still to have more chairs and the lighting upgraded.

This refurbishment has been made possible by the very generous legacy left to the home by the late Dr Mairi MacColl. It is a tribute as to how she regarded the importance of the home in our community. The board of the Killin Care Trust which operate the home are extremely grateful to have received this legacy. Not only has this legacy paid for the refurbishment, it has allowed us to recruit more staff, eased pressure to fill rooms and allowed us to refurbish when empty. It has ensured the viability of the future of the home. Throughout her life and even in her passing, the late Dr Mairi MacColl had the best interests of her community at her heart.

The Home is privileged to receive many local donations which allow us to purchase the "extras" which make life at the home as enjoyable as possible. The Cooperative local community fund has been very generous by donating part of their dividend system to the home. A big thanks to all members who chose us as their charity. The money received is being used to install a new nurse call system which will allow residents to call for assistance from a pager worn on their person. Assistance can be called from anywhere in the home or the garden. Every donation received is gratefully accepted and used to the benefit of our residents. We are a charitable trust grateful to all those fundraisers who work for the good of the home. We are a not for profit organisation. The Directors/Trustees of the Killin Care Trust are unpaid volunteers who meet regularly to form the basis of the policies of the home and oversee the financial budgets and staffing. Some of these Directors/Trustees have been serving for fourteen years since the home was purchased. We would like to hear from anyone who would wish to become a "friend of the home" i.e. do some voluntary work. Perhaps if you have a business background or have a skill or knowledge, you would consider enquiring to join the board. Initial enquiries could be made to any board member. All people working with vulnerable adults must be approved and be willing to be PVG registered. It is a worthwhile cause and satisfaction is gained by knowing you are helping provide care in the community. The long-time future of the home can only be guaranteed if we can recruit a succession of volunteers to take over responsibility for its successful existence.

> Jim Cushley Chairman of the board Killin Care Trust

Presentation to Killin Mountain Rescue



Franny Morrison handed over a cheque for £1000 as a donation from Killin Community Choir following their successful December concert in the village. The highly amusing performances by some members of Scottish Opera, along with alcoholic refreshments, no doubt contributed greatly to the audience's generosity.



Tickets, priced £20, will be available from the beginning of April from any of the committee members. Please check out the posters which will be up around the village.

Looking forward to seeing you there The four Scottish Opera 'Opera Highlights' singers arrived on the McLaren Hall stage in a train, which then developed a technical fault. Fortunately their Pianist/Music Director and the piano had arrived safely earlier so they unloaded a few suitcases and a trunk and began to sing. During the evening the train changed into a versatile cupboard with many doors and trapdoors and formed various sets appropriate to the music. Props and costumes appeared out of the cases and costume changes took place either

Opera Highlights

behind the 'cupboard' or even during the singing as the programme flowed through twenty three items by nineteen composers and in four different languages.

Although much of the music was unfamiliar to a lot of the audience, the acting made it possible to follow stories of romance, jealousy, murder, grief, comedy and betrayal, involving - but not all at once - a bird cage, jewellery, a chocolate cake and wine glasses, which the cast insisted were filled with wine by the pianist. The items were a good mixture and during the interval over coffee the audience was able to read the details of each piece in the programme – something which helped understand the stories but might not have been possible before or during the performance.

The excellent singing was much appreciated by an appreciative and good-sized audience which, as the technical fault was resolved and the train went off into the distance, was already looking forward to the next Opera Highlights visit.

Margaret MacIver

Auchmore House



Queen Victoria was rowed up Loch Tay from Taymouth Castle for lunch at Auchmore House in 1842.

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Margaret's Retiral From Killin News



The Killin News held its annual "Christmas Jolly" at the Killin Hotel in February when Margaret was thanked for all her hard work over the years and was presented with some garden tokens.



Telephone Book

As readers may have noticed, the new Telephone Book is now available in Killin at News First, The Post Office, the Library and The £1+ shop and in Crianlarich at the Crianlarich Store, also in Tyndrum at Brodies. This is the 14th local phone book produced in Killin since the first typed and duplicated 16 page version in 1978 costing 15p. The first six versions were compiled by the Church in aid of church funds and since then the Killin News has produced three in aid of our own funds and, since 2005, six in aid of the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. The last one in 2013 brought in £2006 for the Home. Although printing costs have gone up considerably since the 2013 version, we have not increased the price.

There have been variations over the year, sometimes ads were included and sometimes, as now, just a classified section. The last four versions have included a numerical list so that you can check from a number who has called.

Many people now have mobile numbers instead of, or as well as, land lines and technology is developing rapidly, so maybe more information will have to be included in any future directory, or, perhaps more likely, there will be no need for a physical telephone book. (Those involved in the production of the books would be pleased about that!)

Work on the present version started eighteen months ago and for reasons beyond our control had to stop and start several times. Many things have changed since summer 2015 and, while we hope we have picked them up, we cannot guarantee to have done so and we apologise for any errors.





Coffee Morning

Saturday 15th April 2017

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If you were in Dalmally or the surrounding area around Valentine's Day you may have been treated to the sight of some busy special squirrels. No, it was not our furry friends taking out their loved ones for a nut cutlet. It was three 350 B2 squirrel helicopters refuelling during the helicopter deer count of the Inverary and Tyndrum Deer Management Group. This was part of the national annual deer count in conjunction with S.N.H. Only occasionally are counts done by helicopter due to expense. Usually small teams count by foot, doing adjoining areas of neighbouring estates on the same day and co-ordinating results on the marches (estate boundaries). This was done mid-March in all the local D.M.G.s. It is harder work than riding in a squirrel but you are usually less green at the end of the day, plus a video recording allows more insight into sex, age etc. of the deer counted. Some areas of the Inverary and Tyndrum group did both counts in order to assess the accuracy of foot counts. So far the result in to date seems to show little difference between the two. All landowners, both large and small, are requested to do as accurate a count as possible and, in these days of political anti-deer views, it is imperative that they do so. Any inaccurate or non-information may be fuel leading to increased legislation in this area. The use of drones has also been

piloted by one estate in the area this year to count. There is talk of using thermal imaging in some context in the future. It is thought

Learn To Sing Why not contact Franny Morrison An experienced, professional singer and teacher. All ages welcome 01567 829048 07802 929796 that male and female give off slightly different amounts of heat. (Any comments of the personal experience kind?) Another government form for landowners (again both large and small) to fill in is regarding sporting rates. At the moment it appears that it doesn't matter whether you shoot or not, you will be liable, depending on what is deemed to be on your land. At the moment this appears to include foxes, crows etc. as well as pheasant and co. It is no surprise that the legislation is running behind the intended start date but we are to be assured that it will be back dated. It is also said that the income will not cover the administrative costs. The first appearance of the frogs in our pond was on 20 February, three weeks before last year (oh that global warming!) But they disappeared after the terrible change to colder and very wet weather. We were not sure if they had snuggled back into the mud or had been washed down the pond 'plughole' to the Loch but they appeared again on 6th March and we had great flotillas of frog spawn by the 7th. Oystercatchers appear to be about a week earlier returning than last year. As the Spring progresses, can I give the annual plea to dog owners to take care, as voung lambs and ground nesting birds will soon be about. This applies to the hill also as many young animals are vulnerable. There has been a regrettable increase in dog attacks on sheep in Scotland recently.

At least we haven't got the lynx yet! Although a recent edition of 'Pointless' seemed to think that it



was increasing in numbers in Britain. We do have the beavers but beware - someone investigating an animal on a verge went to look. It was a beaver and it went for him. Dr. Goran Hartman, a beaver expert, said that all animals get scared when cornered and all animals with teeth will try to use them. In Belarus in 2013 a man bled to death after a beaver bit through a main artery. So let's hope that we do not get beavers spreading into urban areas like the foxes have done. But a leading scientist involved in the beaver trial has pointed out that if the beavers are so successful that they need to be controlled, then we may get advantages. Beaver hats and salami are a knockout in Russia and beaver tail soup and stew in Norway. I have a recipe for beaver tail soup - anyone interested? Further suggestions on a postcard please.



Falcon Frost and Tim's Grandson Lewis

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KAT Report Breadalbane Park

Kat has received funding from Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park, Moving Forward Grant and Stirling Council Community Pride Fund to employ a design architect to help us redesign the play area. The friends of Breadalbane Park Group met on 8th March with new faces and have started the process to move forward on this project. Once we are a bit further down the line there will be a public consultation to give everyone the chance to put their views forward on the proposed design. If you want to join the group let me know and I will invite you to our next meeting.

Old Mill

KAT put in an application to the Big Lottery, Growing Community Assets grant in August. We were informed in January that there was only £12.5 million left in the pot and £23 million worth of projects applied, so realistically only half of the projects applying were going to be successful and we were not one of them. At our next meeting with KAT we will look at options on where to go from here. The Old Mill future options will form part of our agenda for the AGM in April/May.

Internet Café

The café is a weekly drop-in session at 11am until 3pm and cost £1.50 per hour. The internet café is open to anyone who wants to:

- learn how to use their device

get more out of using their device
learn how to keep your device
`healthy'

This can be absolutely anything, no

question is silly, or you may just need a bit of confidence with technology. Angela is happy to be able to help you. You can bring your own device or use the library computers.

AGM

KAT will be holding their AGM late April/May, a date has not been set as we were waiting for the outcome of the Big Lottery application which was only given a few days before the Killin News deadline.

> **Theresa Elliot** Project Manager 01567 820628 07789 265 823

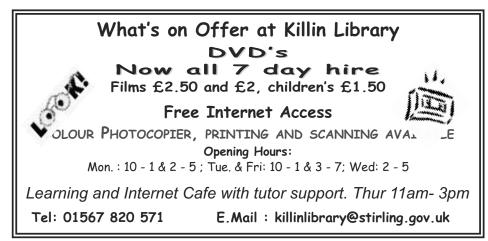
Old Mill Report

We have had a very successful winter with lots of donations and visitors. Our Quilters have been meeting and sewing and our new Beginner Sampler Class has also started. We are also thrilled that the Gentle Yoga sessions are ongoing every Mon 10.30 till 12. We have had a clothes and books sale which was very popular and have kept the children's books at 4 for £1.

We continue to sell a variety of arts and crafts and David Paterson has produced a beautiful poster of Innes Bhuie the MacNab Burial ground which is for sale at £14.99. Tom Gallagher has created a beautiful etching of the Mill which is also for sale.

We will be holding a stall at the Cancer Research Ladies Lunch on 20th of May selling upcycled goods.

Our opening times are 10 till 4pm every day and we aim to achieve



this as much as possible. Occasionally we have to close due to an unavailability of volunteers. We really want as many volunteers as possible and we welcome Duke of Edinburgh volunteers and youth volunteers.

We are always grateful for your donations but kindly note that we do not accept electrical items, duvets, pillows, motorcycle and cycle helmets, baby seats and buggies and also large items of furniture. Please let us know in advance if you want to donate a large amount of goods. Please contact Franny for any information and we wish you a Happy Easter.

Frances Morrison

Old Mill Manager 07802 929796 01567 820628



TELEPHONE 01887 820771 FOR AN APPOINTMENT

Killin Drama Club

Killin Drama Club performed 3 plays as part of the Stirling District Round of the Scottish Community Drama Association's One Act Play Festival.

The youth team (Tegan Dowling, Aarron Hibbert, Eloise Murray, Hazel Lafferty, Ellie Ridgewell and Annie Chisholm) performed " Can You Hear the Music" by David Campton and will be going on to the Divisional Youth Final on 9th April in the Church Hill Theatre, Edinburgh (curtain up at 6pm).

The older members of the club put on two plays: "Beggar Your Neighbour" by Ron Nicol with Eleanor Murray, Myrica Reid, Lesley Syme and Colin Hay; and "Bluey is the Colour" by H Connolly with Alex Tigwell, Gordon Hibbert and Glenda Mardon. Team Bluey will have been to the Divisional Final in the Albert Halls, Stirling on Friday 24th March.

Nearer home on 5th & 6th May is our annual Komedy Festival in the McLaren Hall. Clubs from all over Scotland come and perform just for fun. There will no doubt be some comedies and some tragedies and there will definitely be FUN. There will be a different programme for each night, so don't miss out.

We would love to see you at these performances.

The youth team in"Can You Hear the Music"



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Strathfillan Community Council

Transport A meeting has been arranged with George Fiddes of Transport Scotland regarding a number of Transport related issues in Strathfillan. The newly formed Tyndrum Action Group would like to paint and carry out some cosmetic refurbishment of the pedestrian footbridge in Tyndrum (between Brodies and the Green Welly Stop). Transport Scotland had initially rejected this idea, primarily on health & safety grounds. However, it is hoped that a way forward can be found for community volunteers to work under supervision of Transport Scotland. Other issues to be discussed at the meeting will include the tree planting and landscaping of the Crianlarich bypass and roundabouts, and also how to better warn motorists of planned road closures in the area.

Public Toilets the CC has received a complaint that both Crianlarich and Tyndrum public toilets were closed over both the Christmas and New Year holidays. This resulted in large number of travellers attempting to use the facilities in local hotels etc instead. The CC is trying to find out why this closure happened and aiming to ensure that the toilets are kept open 24/7 throughout the year. **Crianlarich Playpark** the CC has asked SCDT to take forward funding applications for new play equipment for Crianlarich playpark. The CC is also working with Stirling Council to ensure that the Council will take on the routine maintenance etc. of any play equipment which is installed.





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Station Road, Killin, FK21 8UH Telephone: (01567) 820344 Fax: (01567) 820944 **Stirling City Deal Funding** Cllr Fergus Wood reported to the CC that discussions were currently underway regarding the allocation of the City Deal Funding, and that all three local ward councillors were making the case for a fair proportion of the money to be spent in the rural areas. It was suggested that funding for the second half of the Crianlarich -Tyndrum cyclepath might fall into the criteria for attracting some of this money.



Strathfillan Community Development Trust

There may be snow on the top of Ben More, but there is definitely a feeling of Spring in the air. Strathfillan Community Development Trust is also coming out of its Winter slumber and looking forward with all sorts of new projects sprouting. If you've been travelling between

Tyndrum and Crianlarich recently, you might have noticed the on-going works on the Tyndrum to Crianlarich Cycle Path, which is making great progress (see the photo). It has been a long time in the offing, but at last the first phase is really happening and we are hopeful that this will help stimulate the second section (from Kirkton to Crianlarich). This is an exciting time for Strathfillan, and the path could open up new doors for local people and businesses. The Trust has recently won some funding from the National Park for a feasibility study into local bike hire. We hope to survey local people and businesses over the summer months, so if anyone is interested in this study, have views or ideas, or would like to investigate various ways to work with us, we would be delighted. Just contact Kelly at the details below, or one of the Trust directors.

Strathfillan

As I am sure many Crianlarich residents are aware, a major piece of play equipment in the Play Park was





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by the Way

removed by Stirling Council before Christmas (with no warning). This has been very frustrating for the community, especially when we were informed that the Council did not have any funds to replace equipment. Luckily, the community have rallied and the Trust, Community Council and Killin and Crianlarich Nursery Parent Partnership are working together to replace this essential play equipment. The Trust has applied to various funders (fingers crossed) and the Parent Partnership are kindly donating £200 from their Rock and Roll Bingo fundraiser. The Trust hopes to be able to make up any small shortfall if needs be. Things are also looking a bit brighter from Stirling Council, who last week approved a budget for renovation and capital costs for play parks across the Stirling area. This is great news, and we are looking forward to working closely with the council in the purchase and installation of new equipment. The Trust would also like to take the opportunity of thanking the Parent Partnership for their support and kind donation, Crianlarich Nursery for their letter of support, and the 54+ residents that

signed our petition. If all goes to plan, Crianlarich should have some shiny new play equipment in time for the Summer Hols! Finally, after our very successful 20th Anniversary Do and AGM in January, Strathfillan Trust would like to issue a very warm welcome to our two new directors, Ian Marett of Inverherive and Duncan LeMay of Dalrigh. We are looking forward to harnessing their enthusiasm, as well as IT and woodlands skills, to bring more exciting projects and activities to the area. We would also like to thank John Goodale and Jen Riley, who have stepped down from the Trust, for all their hardwork and dedication over the years. The current Trust directors are: Isla Craig (Chair), Ellen Cattanach (Vice Chair), Moira Robertson, John Riley, Chris Macnab, Alan Smailes, Colin McGeoch, Ian Marett and Duncan LeMay. If you want to contact the Trust for any reason please do. Our office in Crianlarich Village Hall is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9.30am to 4pm, you can email strathfillancdt@btconnect.com

> 01838 300249 Kelly Clapperton-Bates Community Development Officer



Celebration of 20th Anniversary of Strathfillan Community Development Trust

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking board members, friends and colleagues for this excellent event in Crianlarich Village Hall.

I really enjoyed the evening and the unexpected but greatly appreciated gift, presented to me. Well done to everybody involved Best Wishes

John Riley

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Junior Ski Course 2017 – Bormio, Italy and Senior Ski Course 2017



- Ziller Valley, Austria 2017 Both Ski Courses took place in January/February and a great time was had by all! The weather was brilliant for both courses and this in turn meant excellent skiing conditions. All pupils who took part were a credit to McLaren High School.



Safer Internet Day Following on from Safer Internet Day on 7 February the McLaren Digital



McLaren High School

Leader Team are beginning an exciting programme to explore how they can inspire the safe, positive and creative use of technology both in school and in the community. The Digital Leader Team will gain key skills and knowledge, including: esafety knowledge; communication, presentation and teaching skills; leadership skills; self-efficacy and confidence; and teamwork and planning skills.

On 7 February the Higher Geography

class, along with our teachers Mrs

Drysdale and Mr Williamson, took

part in a Geography field trip to

Edinburgh. When we arrived in

Edinburgh we went on the tram which was the first time for many of

us as we wanted to experience alternate ways of travelling around a

Princes Street and headed up

city centre. We got off the tram in

towards the Castle and the Old Town. We took a look around the old part of Edinburgh noticing the old buildings and structure of the medieval core and how this compared to the

Georgian New Town on the other side of Princes Street Gardens. We then went up to George Street where we took some surveys about what

people were doing in Edinburgh and

what they felt about the area and its

uses. Then we headed out towards

Geography Field Trip

Leith to have a look at some of the developments done to the area over recent years to boost the profile of Leith. The trip will really help us with our final exam where we need to give named examples of places in Edinburgh and also gave us evidence to use in our assignments.

Ben Shearer-Richards and Matthew McLeary S6

Robotics Challenge

On 20 February our McLaren High Robotics team consisting of Oliver

Holden, Jake Duncan, Tully Montgomery-Windsor, Jack Mitchell, Fergus Mitchell and Jamie Warburton attended the Tomorrow's Engineers Robotics challenge at West Lothian College. The group had beaten off others in school for the right to represent the school at the regional qualifier and therefore attended the

competition full of confidence. On the day they had to deliver a presentation on power supplies in space, perform in a team challenge and also complete the robotics challenge they had been practising for. The confidence and belief that they had in themselves was well founded with each part of the day going even better than they could have hoped for. This culminated in







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McLaren High School

our team winning the heat and progressing to the national finals in Birmingham where they will very proudly represent McLaren High School and hopefully return with a trophy to show for their fantastic efforts!

Mock Interviews

A great day was had on Monday 27 February with Mock Interviews taking



place for all our senior pupils in S5 and S6. Thanks to all the interviewers who gave up their time to help out in this very worthwhile exercise. There was lots of positive feedback from both pupils and interviewers. Well done to all! Some of the interviewers said: 'All the pupils I interviewed were excellent' and 'I wish I had had something like this when I was younger'.

Pupils were equally enthusiastic saying: 'It was a great opportunity for me to experience' and 'I was really nervous to start with but it turned out to be a really worthwhile experience'.

Euroscola Experience 14th-18th February 2017

This February, I (along with 24 other sixth year languages students from across Scotland) travelled to Strasbourg, France, to improve my language skills and meet people from



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Euroscholar - Finn to the front all over Europe in the EU Parliament. We met at Glasgow Airport on the Tuesday with nothing more in common than a love for language learning and the application process we'd each undergone to be chosen for the trip, which included an interview, CV and essay; by Saturday we were a tight knit group who'd shared an amazing five days experiencing French culture, using our language skills and pushing ourselves out of our comfort zones. As is so often the case, the aspects of the trip I had been the most nervous about became my highlights. On Wednesday, in groups of two we had to survey locals on the streets of Strasbourg - in French, of course about Scotland and the EU. The next day our confidence had improved so much we were keen to include interviews in our video about Strasbourg.

The other side to the trip was politics based, with our Friday being spent alongside young people from 21 European nations in the EU Parliament in Strasbourg. The whole trip has given me so much confidence in both my language skills and ability to push myself out of my comfort zone. I've made friends with people from not only Scotland but Greece, Ireland, Germany and France, and I cannot thank Callander Rotary enough for allowing me to have such a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Finn Manders S6



Official Opening of the S T Connell Library

Following months of hard work from both staff and pupils we were delighted to welcome Douglas Connell to open the new S T Connell Library on Friday 3 March 2017. The library is named after Douglas's father, Samuel Thomson Connell, who was appointed as Principal Teacher of English and History at McLaren High School in 1948 and retired in 1976 after 28 years as Head of the English department. When asked what he taught, his invariable answer was "pupils". In his retirement speech, he said that his greatest reward was to develop



the intrinsic talents of his students and to see the fruition of these talents – all the time, as he put it, with the essential ingredient of



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McLaren High School

humour. He was born in Ayrshire on 17 January 1913 and studied at the University of Glasgow from where he graduated MA, B.Ed. He taught in Glasgow schools before and after war service and then settled in Callander which was his home for the next 38 years. In 1949, he married Hazel, also a graduate of the University of Glasgow but in the sciences rather than the arts, and who herself subsequently became a teacher of chemistry, biology and physics at McLaren High School. They had two sons who were educated at McLaren High, sometimes being taught by both of their parents.

Mr Connell was known to his family and friends as Thomson and, out of earshot, to the pupils as Sammy. One of his great interests in McLaren High was the development of the School Library which did not exist when he came to the school in 1948, and Mr Connell's son, Douglas, believes it would have given him much pleasure to see the revitalisation of the School Library. Following the cutting of the red ribbon to officially open the new library there was a vote of thanks from Head Boy, Callum Hall and Head Girl, Finn Manders, followed by a piece from Claire McHardy and a poem from Dillon McFarlane, both Pupil Librarians. Mr Connell was presented with a Quaich to commemorate the Official Opening. With the official part of the morning over Mr and Mrs Connell enjoyed chatting with some of the Pupil Librarians while a buffet lunch was served. Well done to everyone who was involved both on the day and in helping to get the new library up and running.

McLaren High School Pipe Band at the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships

On Sunday 12 March 2017 McLaren

High School Pipe Band competed at the annual Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships, held at James Gillespie's High School in Edinburgh. This year's competition was the biggest Championships ever, with over 60 pipe bands competing in the different categories.

Our band were competing in two categories – the Freestyle and the Debut B category. First up for the day was the Freestyle competition, where 4 pipers joined forces with pupils from the Trad band to play to a packed hall, adjudicated by, amongst others, Craig Munro from the Red Hot Chilli Pipers and Phil Cunningham! The band played MacCrimmon's Lament and Dr MacPhail's Reel, and put in a great performance to open the Freestyle contest.

The judges were very impressed with many aspects of the performance and we were very happy to have done ourselves proud in such a competitive contest. The band's second event, the Debut B category, was performed by the whole band and was played to a busy hall and two distinguished judges. The band marched on looking very well disciplined and played their 2/4 March, Donald McLean's Farewell to Oban, immaculately. We were all delighted with our performance, it was the best we had ever played it! After hearing the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland playing the prizes were announced and were presented by Ruth Davidson.

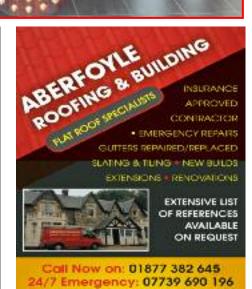
It was with huge excitement that McLaren High School was announced as taking 2nd place in the Debut B Category, collecting the prize of a shield and £300 from Ms Davidson.

The final award of the day was the inaugural Endeavour Award, presented to a band that has developed in a vibrant and inclusive way, with enthusiasm and camaraderie, regardless of circumstances. McLaren High School were joint winners of this with





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Davidsons Mains School Pipe Band, a brilliant accolade. As our prize we won \pounds 500 and have the pleasure of keeping the biggest and heaviest shield ever for 6 months!

Overall, this year's Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships was a huge success and an amazing experience for everyone involved. On a personal note, I am immensely proud of the achievements of McLaren High School Pipe Band and every member of it, especially the junior pupils who have improved hugely in recent months. It has been an honour being Pipe Major of McLaren High School Pipe Band and was an absolute dream come true to be amongst the winners of this prestigious competition.

We are currently working hard to ensure that the band is able to continue to flourish in the coming years and, having raised over £12,000 ourselves and with almost £20,000 coming in from the Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust over the next three years, the band has very strong foundations on which to build and progress.

The band has many exciting playing opportunities over the coming

months, with the Killin Music Festival among the highlights, and we all look forward to building on the great success of the competition at these events. Huge congratulations to the many people who have played their part in the continuing success of McLaren High School Pipe Band!

Callum Hall S6

Breadalbane Park

After several months post Phase 1 of the redevelopment of the Park and with the arrival of the snowdrop, the Friends of Breadalbane Park have reconvened to concentrate on the play area of the Park (Phase2). We had a fruitful meeting with several new, interested villagers joining us, bringing new ideas and fresh enthusiasm. The changes to the Park will not be instantaneous. We need to do lots of research and prep work to find the right person to do the planning side of the ground. The plans will then have to be seen and endorsed by the village before heading off to the planners for full planning permission (outline planning permission for the play area was passed at the time of Phase 1). Once the plans have been passed we then have to concentrate on obtaining funds before the first spade hits the ground.

The first part of the work will be to establish the drainage in the play area which was not done during Phase 1 as it does mean the removal of all the play equipment in order to access the ground. The usable items will be resited and the new playground will be underway. The whole job will be done taking time to consult with the school children, the Tiddlers, Toddlers and Nursery children and their parents, the Uniform groups and any other interested parties. Anyone and everyone is invited to submit their ideas either verbally or in writing to the Friends of Breadalbane Park via the Mill.

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The session is free and continues throughout the year in the Killin Hotel on a Wednesday afternoon. As a thank you to the Killin Hotel for the use of the room, participants are encouraged to buy a tea, coffee or soft drink and enjoy a short social time after the exercise session. It's a great way to spend an afternoon as the sessions are fun and provides an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make some new ones too.

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A short 10 minute walk in the park, meeting at the McLaren Hall Car Park, is offered at 1pm prior to the exercises for those who wish to build up confidence for walking. If you would like to take part in this session to improve your balance or gain more confidence when walking but are not sure whether you should take part, please speak to the Project Coordinator, Cathy Scott or see your GP or physiotherapist for advice. Leaflets explaining the

exercises are available on request as is the option to attend one of the sessions just to observe. Strength and Balance sessions are held on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.30 – 2.30pm in the Killin Hotel. The 45 minute Health Walks are held on a Wednesday morning meeting at 10.20am. See schedule for details. If you have any questions about joining in any of our walks or exercise sessions please contact the Walk in the Park Coordinator - Cathy Scott 01877 330055 or send an email to: cathy.scott@lochlomondtrossachs.org





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The Killin Railway

On 1st April 1886, the Killin Railway opened to the general public. Five miles long, it ran from Killin Junction on the Callander-Oban line via Killin to Loch Tay. Over it's short distance, it passed Rob Roy's remote hideouts, an ancient burial ground of Clan MacNab, and a ruined medieval castle; crossed two formidable rivers, and skirted the sandy banks of the placid loch. The line cost £20,000 to build and took over two years to complete.

There had been much fanfare at the opening. On a frosty spring morning, a group of high-ranking officials from Edinburgh and Glasgow departed from their train at Killin Junction station and were greeted by the Earl of Breadalbane, railway directors and other local gentlemen. Although connected to the Callander-Oban line and serviced by the Caledonian Railway, Killin Railway was an enterprise of Lord Breadalbane, who had raised capital through local landowners. The whole party then entered the train and travelled towards Loch Tay. For many on board, seeing the Falls of Dochart for the first time - hearing the roar of water through the open windows - must have been truly awe-inspiring. Where before travel had been limited, the railways opened up so much of the Highlands to the citydwelling Victorian tourist.

At the loch side the party exited the train and inspected the station and steamer pier, which Lord Breadalbane had constructed in



conjunction with the new railway. The steamer service, notably 'The Lady of the Lake', sailed to Kenmore from where a stagecoach could take passengers to Aberfeldy and on to the Perth-Inverness line. Afterwards, the party headed back to Killin and, preceded by a pipe band, marched into the hall adjoining Killin Hotel. Here, toasts were made to Lord Breadalbane and business partners. Sir James King of Campsie said in his speech, "For the first time the village of Killin had been placed in direct communication with the capitals both of Scotland and of England. It was connected with the great railway system of the country, and by means thereof the prosperity of the place would be very much promoted."

Along with the steamers at Loch Tay, the Killin Railway had opened up an area of thirty miles. It also brought huge benefits to locals. In March 1886 the Glasgow Herald reported, "The inhabitants of Killin will be able now to get their food and other supplies brought to them at a cheaper rate than was the case when they had to be carted from Killin Junction."

For those involved in its construction however, it had not been an easy journey. With the survey of the line completed in late 1882, Lord Breadalbane announced that the railway would be open for the next tourist season. This was wildly optimistic, and inevitably work did not begin until the



following year. The task was given to contractor Lachlan MacDonald, but quickly his company ran into financial difficulties, having underestimated the cost of concrete used to build the viaduct over the Dochart. Unable to pay his workers and with debts mounting, MacDonald declared bankruptcy and his contract was terminated. His replacement, John Best of Glasgow, eventually finished the line in 1885.

Nevertheless, the railway was hailed a great success at the opening ceremony and was undoubtedly responsible for turning Killin into a tourist hotspot. Sadly today it is no more, having fallen victim to the Beeching Axe in 1965. The track bed is now a footpath. There are only a few spectral reminders of what once was: the platform at Killin Junction, carpeted by grass and weeds; the scrawny, lurching telegraph poles; the concrete sleepers laid to rest in mossy blankets at the side of the path. It is not difficult to imagine the day that the first steam train graced this route, its carriages filled with excited Victorian holidaymakers, looking at a new world unfolding.

Michael Gardiner



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Some exciting additions to the bill are Young Traditional Musician of the Year 2017 Charlie Stewart with his band Snuff Box, Folk super group RURA and Robert Robertson's new band Tide Lines. Our full lineup can be found on our website or Facebook page.

The festival will also be working with the local primary school again to form "Callum, Connor and Fergus" (young a festival choir so that they will get the musicians from McLaren High School)

opportunity to take part in the event and perform on stage alongside the Killin Community Choir. McLaren High School Pipe Band will lead the procession down the village Main Street on the Sunday morning and finish at the McLaren Hall car park where there will be a coffee morning with all proceeds going to Cancer Research. Killin Community Choir and the school choir will be performing there at 12pm – there is no entry fee so please come along and enjoy their performance.

The Sunday afternoon will also see an open stage event which will allow young emerging artists to compete for a spot on the 2018 Killin Music Festival bill. We have the winners from the 2016 competition opening the proceedings each night with "Callum, Connor and Fergus" (young musicians from McLaren High School) on Friday and "The Deadly Winters" from Edinburgh on the Saturday. This year the festival shop will be located at the Sports Pavilion. Please remember each ticket holder will need to visit the shop to exchange their ticket for a wristband before entering the main stage in the hall. We cannot give out wristbands for others – they must be attached by the team. The shop will open a few days prior to the festival to allow wristbands to be attached earlier in the week.

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We just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who came along to Georgia's 3rd birthday party at the end of January and helped to make the day such a success. It was wonderful to celebrate how well she is recovering from her scalding accident with so many of her friends. She was overjoyed to meet and dance with Upsy Daisy and Iggle Piggle!

Sarah Watts and Stephen Rawlinson

I would just like to thank everyone for all the lovely flowers, gifts, well wishes and cards myself and Sam received following the loss of our baby daughters Anna and Murrin. We are very grateful for all the kindness everyone has shown us through this very difficult time, we really have appreciated it. Also a big thank you to all the Masons for their generosity in paying for the frame that we have Anna and Murrins' hand and footprints in.

I would also like to thank all the lovely ladies in the craft group for all of their hard work in knitting little hats to donate to the charity So Precious. So Precious is a charity run by volunteers that knit little hats, cots, teddy bears to put in memory boxes and so much more for babies born too soon, from neonatal to premature. The little hats Anna and Murrin were given were beautiful and made them look so comfortable. Myself and the charity really appreciate that you have taken the time to knit all these lovely hats and they are being donated to Larbert hospital.

Naomi



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Jim originally came from Bo'ness and settled in Lochearnhead in 1986. He worked as an electrical engineer, first in the pits in Kinnell Colliery in Bo'ness, then in Grangemouth refinery and finally



off shore with BP in the Fortes field. He always said it was the best paid prison in the world.

He took early retirement at the age of fifty, we then had a couple of amazing holidays ending in New Zealand and he always said we would go back when he was better. He spent most of his time playing golf with his friends at Killin Golf Club and Shooting at the Kippen Gun Club Jim's Family would like to thank all of his friends who attended his funeral. Following the service at Killin Church and then Perth Crematorium it was difficult for people to come to Jim's wake, so we weren't able to thank you all in person.

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The Festival is opened Friday night by "Balvaig" who will aim to get you all in the mood for what is to be a great weekend of music. Whereas Balvaig will open the Festival, in true Scottish style we will end the evening with a Ceilidh courtesy of Stirling's own Riverside Ceilidh Band. I hasten to add, no strangers to our Festival.

Friday night over let's move onto Saturday's line up where we have plenty of musicians to entertain you to the wee hours. They include top south Lanarkshire band 'Mid Town Riot, who will be making their third appearance. Directly after them we have Benedictus. Based in Dundee, they always can be relied upon to bring a huge following. To finish the evening we have top blues band 'Mudslide'; regular visitors to The Strathyre Music Festival. This foot tapping, spine tingling, storming blues band from the Wild West Coast of Argyle will delight you with numbers from Steve Ray Vaughan to Clapton and Gary Moore to Jon Bonamassa. If you like the blues; they've got the blues.

Sunday, it might be day three of The Festival but we aim to go out with a bang. We have a great selection of musicians for what will be our final day. Among them is local Aberfeldy girl Elsa McTaggart, accompanied on piano accordion by Mr Lister. Elsa will treat us to a mix of traditional folk, jazz and electronics. Last but certainly not least from the heart of Glasgow we have "Papa Shandy and The Drams". For those of you that have heard them before at our Festival you know you will not be disappointed. For those of you that haven't, then it's a must. Performing a mixture of traditional Irish and Scottish music, folk, bluegrass and Ceilidh music; no better way to end the weekend.

All this wonderful music for the princely sum of £5 per day. Children below 16 come free. All proceeds to next year's Festival. Tickets available on the day or if you are passing pop into the box office situated in The Strathyre Village shop.

Please be sure to visit the Market Place in the centre of our village. The Market will be opened on Saturday morning at 11.00am and Sunday from 12 noon. With all local produce and crafts on display, it makes it well worth a gander. For the first time this year we have The Market Stage. Acoustic by nature ; this is our second music venue in the village. If you fancy a slot email our Market Stage Manager, Andy Bates at andy@batvaig.co.uk.



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Killin Masonic Lodge News

The Members of Lodge Breadalbane St. Fillans No. 815 have distributed the funds raised at the 2017 New Year's Night Dance. Donations were given to both the Killin and Crianlarich Schools Parent Partnership Groups and Nurseries, Killin Scouts, Killin Mother and Toddlers, Killin WRI, The Tuesday Club, The Cancer Committee, Killin Quilters, Killin Floral Association and The McLaren Hall. Funds are also made available to help with this year's Lantern Workshop and the Senior Citizens Christmas Shopping Trip. Many thanks are due to those locals and visitors who came to the annual dance, without whose support the donations given would not be possible.

The local Lodge has perpetual bookings in the McLaren Hall for the 30th of December and the 1st of January. This is to redress any of the hall decorations and ensure the complex is made ready for the New Year Festivities. Likewise, Easter Friday evening to midday on Easter Sunday is booked for the annual Community Auction for setting up, hosting and clearing up. These are long standing arrangements used to fund raise for worthy causes and particularly to give much needed support to local organisations. Next up is the Auction on Easter Saturday 15th April, which when you read this will almost be upon us. The Members all look forward to collecting and sorting the generous donations of items and greeting holiday makers and the members of the community to an evening of friendly bidding and banter. Check out the Lodge Web Site (lodge815.com) for photos of some of the items, which will be on offer. Work to continue with tidying up the Old Killin Cemetery will recommence as soon as the wonderful display of snowdrops has run their course. The entrance is in need of some attention and advice has been taken on how to make the gate safer and more easily operated. The remaining trees within the gravestones will be taken out and advice has been given on preventing new growth from the stumps. Once this work has been completed, the grass will be strimmed regularly to keep it at a manageable height and make walking among the stones safer.

The Members of Clan MacNab, are coming to Killin during the first week of August for the Clan Gathering. The Lodge Members hope to have much of the work, which is in the first phase of the tidy up agenda, completed so as the Clan Members are able to appreciate how much the community benefits from their generous support.

> Alex Stewart Lodge Secretary

Killin Highland Games

The Killin Highland Games and the Killin Show are highlights of the Killin summer and are prime visitor attractions but they don't just happen without people to organise them. This year the Highland Games won't happen at all unless people come forward to organise them. Committee members are urgently needed **NOW** to get things going. Please contact Charlie Grant on 820 342 to offer your help and make sure the Games go ahead.



Loch Tay Safaris

Highland Safaris this week (1st April) are launching the much anticipated Loch Tay Safaris. A 12 seater rib boat excursion which lasts 90 minutes round the Loch where passengers will hear all about the myths and legends of the magical body of water. It's almost 80 years since a commercial vessel was based on the Loch. The rib has been named Iolaire, which means 'eagle' in Gaelic and was also the name of Donald Riddell's great grandfather's steam yacht, which served as an anti-submarine vessel in the First World War. Donald and Julies' families both have connections with the Loch and its surrounding areas stretching back a long way. Highland Safaris are also celebrating their 25th anniversary this year









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Thank You

The children and staff at Killin Primary School would like to say a huge thank you to the Killin Highland Games Committee for their very generous donation to our school. In the spirit of World Book Day, the money will go towards buying new class novels.



O Word Challenge Entrants

Class 3 visit Cultybraggan PoW Camp

On Monday 6th March, Class 3 visited Cultybraggan Camp Comrie. They had a full tour of the camp, learning about its importance during World War 2. We had a fantastic 'Hands on History' workshop where we learned about rationing, evacuation, the

visit to Cultybraggan

Home Guard, the role of women and much more. We even got to dress in military uniform and hear an air raid siren. It was an excellent trip and we would like to thank Fiona, Elaine and Peter for making it so interesting.

John Muir Award

To help us achieve our John Muir

Award, Gareth (Ranger from the Loch Lomond and Trossachs' National Park) came to work with P6 and 7 to learn about the beavers that have been introduced on Loch Tay. We headed out to the Loch to look for evidence of beaver activity. Using scopes and binoculars, we were able to find two beaver lodges and saw some chewed up trees on the island.

The beavers chew the logs to



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Tigh Na Dalloch, Lochearnhead Perthshire, TK19 8PZ

Killin Primary School

We are looking forward to comparing the quadrats in summer.

Johanna P6 and Nyah P7

Golden Girl, Kimberly Renwicks, Pays us a visit

On Monday 20th February, Commonwealth gold medallist, Kimberly Renwicks, came to Killin Primary School to teach the pupils how to exercise and train like she does.

Kimberly competes in Judo competitions all over the world. The pupils were sponsored to take part in an exercise program. The money raised was shared between the school and the Scotland Judo Squad. Both Kimberly and her sister Louise started Judo when they were very young. The children who raised the most sponsors received a Photo Souvenir from Kimberly. Caitlyn P7

Class 2 learning about Rainforests

As well as finding out lots of interesting facts and creating beautiful art work, we made our own mini rainforests using 2 litre juice bottles and some small plants. We are now watching the water cycle in action **Kimberly's Visit**



Scottish Poetry

In preparation for Burn's Day, Killin Primary school were practising Scottish poems and learning to write in Scots. We had 2 weeks to learn a Scottish poem of our choice. We then recited them in front of our class, Mr Teall and Mr Moffatt, the new Minister in Killin. Mr Moffatt chose 2 winners out of each class and the winner recited their poem in front of the whole school and some of the Nursery. The winners were Alistair Gibson P1, Grace Campbell P2, Lexi Frost P5, Innes Finlay P5, Leo Tuck P6 and Nyah McGroarty P7. All the children did very well and



participated fully. Some also had amazing actions and props. It wis an affa guid day. Nyah McGroarty

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Killin Primary School

Un'BEE'lievable

A huge congratulations to Eilidh, Danny and Archie for winning the 2017 Spelling Bee, on World Book Day.

The children were given lists of words from Harry Potter, George's Marvellous Medicine and the Gruffalo. Some of the words were very tricky and it was a nail biting final!

Wild about Wildlife!

Dawn, an SSPCA officer taught us about preserving and looking after our wildlife. She told us about her job in the SSPCA. We played a board game and found out lots of new information about wildlife in Scotland. (photo below) She told us, if we find an injured wild animal, ask an adult to call the Scottish SPCA on 03000 999 999

Fergus P6



Primary 1-2 fun learning about Wild Weather!

The class retold the story 'Ella's Umbrella' using speech bubbles and then created their own book. We have also been learning about the importance of water safety and what to do in an emergency. The children listened to a story about the dangers of playing by water and then practised phoning the emergency services by acting out different scenarios.

JRSO POSTERS

The Junior Road Safety Committee ran a Safety Poster Competition, 'Be Safe, Be Seen'.

The winners (who received lots of goodies including a reflector, torch and bookmark) were Noah P2, Lexi P5 and Naomi P6.







Killin and Crianlarich Nurseries

Transition to school events are taking place in both nurseries. This year we have children who will attend Killin PS, Crianlarich PS, Dalmally PS, Kenmore PS and Strathyre PS.

Crianlarich 3-5 children have been learning about Chinese New Year and held a Chinese food tasting event for families to attend. They retold the stories of the zodiac and how each animal won its place on the calendar and Nian the Monster. Fireworks were lit and an eco-lantern released. The younger children have been learning about winter. They have experienced different types of weather, explored the meadow, the woodland pathways and have been learning the routines of self-help skills to get dressed and undressed.

The children in Killin continue to visit the Retirement Home, making strong links with members of the community. They are also learning about different countries and are researching cultures, traditions and languages. The younger children are experiencing literacy through stories such as 'Shark in the Park'.

Crianlarich has been part of a Validated Self Evaluation, whereby managers from other settings visit for the day, evaluate a set number of criteria, meet the staff, parents and teachers from the school. This was a very beneficial and successful visit for all involved.

Thank you to all those who supported the Rock and Roll Bingo evening. It was well attended and a substantial profit of £550.00 was made.



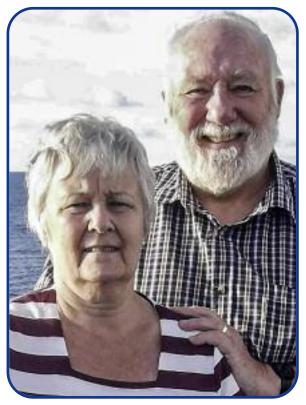
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Golden Wedding Celebration

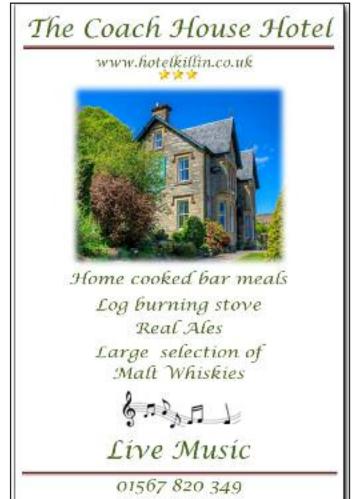




Scott and Irene Wilson celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on March 4th. They got married on March 4th 1967 in Park Church, Dundee,



On February 12th Rev. Moffat presented Janet McGregor McGregor (Bunty) with a certificate to mark 58 years service in The Church of Scotland Guild



Celebrations



Ruairidh Callender Cormack Thom 10th December 2016, 8lb 6oz

Parents Stuart and Louise Thom, formally of Craignavie Road (Fern Cottage & Rahoy) now living in Stirling.

Great Grandson of Charlie (and the late Gill) Sleigh of Murlagganmore, Glen Lochay Cousin of Murray Frost

The picture is of Ruairidh's first trip to Murlagganmore on 20th January to help celebrate his mum's birthday and see his cousin, Murray, perform in his debut Panto! We look forward to Ruairidh's many trips to Killin and Glen Lochay!

Ruairidh is named after the Callenders' and the Cormacks' (his middle names) who introduced the family to Glen Lochay and Killin many years ago, for which we are very grateful!

Baby Bella Frost

Bella May Frost born on the 28th January 2017 at larbert hospital, weighing 7.15lb, grand daughter to Tim and Linda Frost and little sister to the very proud Murray Frost. Calum and Allana thank everyone for their kind messages and gifts.





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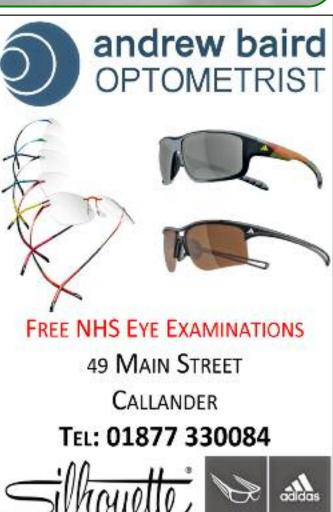
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Balfron	Doune	Killin	Strathyre
Buchlyvie	Drymon	Kinlochard	Stronachlachar
Callander	Gargunnock	Kippen	Tyndrum

We may be able to build in other communities in the future – please let us know to if you want to live in a village that is not listed above. Information on local housing need and demand helps us plan for the future.

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The success of our newest groups is very pleasing:

'Knit & Natter' has a dozen or so enthusiastic members who are enjoying the format (and the refreshments). They have already produced a variety of articles which are ready to send away to needy groups and individuals. 'Singles Holidays' also attracted attention and the first successful trip encompassed a four-day holiday based in Reykjavik with tours of waterfalls, geysers and the gap in the tectonic plate! 'Out & About' is very popular and has a programme of unusual places to visit which is often oversubscribed but over the year there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

The 'Theatre Group' also has a full and ambitious list of plays and shows to see (both amateur and professional) which will take their members to a variety of towns throughout the whole year. To anyone who still doesn't know what U3A is all about we welcome you to have a look at our website 'Callander and West Perthshire U3A'where you will find out who we are and what we do with details of the timetables and how to join. We welcome new members at any time of the year.

The groups based in Killin continue to thrive. Marguerite Kobs

Meal Makers

Meal Makers, is a local neighbourhood food-sharing project that uses an online platform

www.mealmakers.org.uk

to connect volunteers of any age who have a passion for cooking and want to be active in their communities (Cooks), with older neighbours over the age of 55 (Diners) who would appreciate a home cooked meal and a friendly chat. Once a Cook and Diner have been matched the Cook will prepare an extra meal and deliver it to their Diner at a time agreed by both parties. This can be as often as the cook and diner would like whether that is weekly (most common), fortnightly or just now and again.

The project aims to reduce food poverty and malnutrition, improve diets and combat social isolation by breaking down the barriers that lead to loneliness. The project also helps to strengthen connections within communities and provides a flexible way for people to volunteer their time and skills locally in a way which suits them.

This project is now being rolled out to the Stirling council area

the National Trust for Scotland

Cadbury Egg Hunt

There's a hoose in Glen Lochay with a bricht rid roof that wis wance a farm and we've git the proof

There wur chickens 'n' horses and a scary black bull three coos gave them milk 'til there buckets wur fu'

A dresser `n' kist beds and o' coorse, the auld byre there's a lum that hung over the peat `n' log fire

Kin ye guess whaur we are? of riddles we've more this Easter Sunday atween twa `n' four

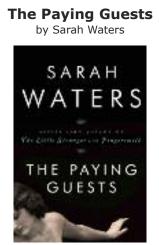
Join us this Easter Sunday any time between 2pm and 4pm for our annual Easter Hunt. Solve the riddles and claim your chocolatey reward! ± 1 per child plus normal entry – entry is free to members so join on the day.

We are always looking for new volunteers for Moirlanich Longhouse – do get in touch if you are interested: 01567 820988





BOOK REVIEW



Sarah Waters does not disappoint... Her latest novel is set in 1922 Camberwell, a smart middle class area of London. This is a time of social change and Frances Wray and her mother are still suffering the losses of this period being left to run a large, once grand house with no domestic help. Frances is doing the jobs previously carried out by a livein maid. As well as scrubbing floors, cooking and lighting fires, she also keeps the household accounts. Frances' father has died leaving them financially insecure and her brothers have been killed in the war. Hence the need for the two ladies to take in paying guests who come in the form

of Lilian and Leonard Barber, a young, newly married, working class couple who arrive in a van piled high with all their goods. Leonard is rather too cheeky if not a little inappropriate for Frances but she is attracted to Lilian from the start and finds her life changing under her influence. They become close and exchange confidences. One night after a family party at Lil's family home, with dancing and plenty of drinking, they return to the house and their friendship blossoms into an intimate affair which Sarah Waters handles tastefully. In the second half of the book there is a violent death and an Old Bailey trial but I have no wish to spoil it for you!

Sarah Waters is a skilled writer who brings her characters to life and captures the era and the place beautifully. In particular the old house, which is rich in atmosphere, its 'outside privy' accessible through the kitchen and half-landings where Frances and Lilian frequently bump into each other. I have read and enjoyed all the novels by this author and The Paying Guests may not be her best but our Book Club enjoyed it just the same.

Sally Connor The Sequel Book Club

Killin and District Agricultural Society



Scarecrow Competition In the run up to this year's Killin Agricultural Show on Saturday 19th August 2017 you are once again invited to take part in a Community Scarecrow Competition. This year the Show Committee have chosen a theme for the scarecrows. The theme will be politicans. Scarecrows should be on display and registered by Monday 14th August; Register your scarecrow in Killin

'News First' Paper Shop by adding your name, contact number and location of your scarecrow to the list; Your scarecrow should be displayed within reasonable walking distance of the village; The scarecrows will be judged on Friday 18th August and results will be announced at the show after the parade enters the main ring.

For more information contact: **Stuart Cluckie** 07745 947910

Formely

rtan Timber



It is early evening in spring. The sun is resting atop the white fangs of distant mountains, painting the valley golden. Stretching across this vista, a forest quivers in the cool breeze. Below it flows the river, dark, serpentine. A few tiny cottages litter the hillsides - the only human structures amid the wilderness. No sound is heard but for birdsong, an

A Walk through Glen Lyon Yet this was a mere stroll in a very

large garden. For as wild and remote as Glen Lyon seems, it is strictly maintained by the Meggernie & Lochs Estates. There is livestock farming, tree planting and annual deer culling, as well as new path networks opening for walkers. According to the information board at the walk's start, this "sympathetic

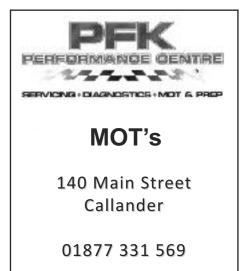
lonely, a place where the only moving presence is the wind. There is in fact a close-knit community here, with a primary school and church. During my walk however, I saw not a soul. The path to the viewpoint is a gradual ascent through dense pines and up a small bald ridge. Heavy moss and splintered rock cover the terrain, and

eternal fanfare of whistles and chirps rising high above the trees.

As I drink the air and gaze out at Glen Lyon's regal splendour, the romantic musings of Sir Walter Scott swirl around in my mind. Here is "the longest, loneliest and loveliest glen in Scotland", and in this amber-tinged light, those words do it only a small justice. The glen has many

nicknames, but perhaps the most inspiring - and accurate - is 'Valley of the Sun God', after Lugh, the Celtic deity. It could not have lived up to this name more than the day I climbed the viewpoint above Kerrowmore Wood near Bridge of Balgie. There was indeed

something almost supernatural in watching that beam of sunlight glide across the vast green corridor from Fortingall to Loch Lyon.





management" is carried out in harmony with the natural environment. The equilibrium is remarkable. From one end of the glen I noticed the landscape as a process of cultivation: flat, olivehued fields, chequered conifer quilts, old boundary walls. The other end, less pastoral, more rugged: glowing heather and Scots pine, classically Highland.

To an unwitting eye, the glen is truly

continue on the circular, where you finish at the car park on the northern approach road to Bridge of Balgie.

Feeling invigorated and revitalised afterwards, I made my return to Killin. Glen Lyon now changed from gold to a pale blue - the moon was showing its face. Sinking ever further into the mountains, the Sun God had all but turned mortal.

Michael Gardiner



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Progress at Acharn Forest Biomass Site



Acharn 6MWe biomass CHP plant

The Acharn project will comprise an advanced gasification combined heat & power ("CHP") plant totalling 6MWe in capacity. Fuel supply will be provided from the surrounding catchment by established suppliers in the form of locally sourced virgin biomass.

Softwood will be chipped and dried on site before being fed via conveyors into a series of 10 gasifiers. A superheating process creates the required gas to power turbines that feed energy back into the grid.

Expected to generate 44.65 GWh each year, the site will be able to power 13,530 homes. This biomass project will offset a considerable amount of CO2, 21,889 tonnes, the carbon footprint of 4,864 average UK homes.

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Beavers

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

With the Beaver section now in double figures our games are now even more fun! The Beavers are now split up into smaller groups known as lodges which helps with team building and mild competition. We have had a food themed term with haggis on Burns night, Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, and of course treats for Easter and the Indian festival of Colour. With the arrival of spring we can now get out and have even more fun.

Stephen Rawlinson

Beaver Leader 07742 886918 killinbeavers@yahoo.com

Cubs

Cubs are aged 8-10½ and meet every Tuesday in The Lesser Hall, Killin, from 7:15-8:45pm. Cubs have been going well this term. We had Susan teach the Cubs all about First Aid with some real time on the spot First Aid. The Cubs would like to thank Dougie and Tom from the Killin Indoor Bowling Club for a fantastic evening Bowling.

Killin Mountain Rescue paid us a visit, where the Cubs learned what to take on a hike. Also they learned all about the equipment they carry in their Land Rover when they go on a rescue. Thank you Tom, Kirstin and Teddy. We are going to run Killin Cubs Got Talent on our last night of the session so look out for picture and post on the Group Facebook page. We are always looking for help with the Cubs so if you can spare a free Tuesday night let us know.

Charles Kemp

Cub Leader 07508 661597 the2ndkillincubs@outlook.com

Scouts

Scouts are aged 101/2-14 and meet every Wednesday in The Lesser Hall, Killin, from 7-9pm. All the Scouts have earned their Hobbies activity badge which involved them bringing along a collection of items involved in an activity they take part in. We then spent the evening with each Scout telling us about their hobby. They all did fantastically and we (including the leaders) learnt about the interesting things the Scouts do in their spare time. We clearly have a talented group of Scouts. This term's evenings have largely been spent inside, so we are looking forward to the days getting longer so we can go on some more outdoor adventures.

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





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Explorers

Explorers are aged 14-18 and meet on the last Wednesday of each month in The Lesser Hall, Killin, from 7-9pm

The Explorers recently spent a very productive evening planning their new programme. They had lots of great ideas and still had time to make pancakes afterwards. On another evening they put their artistic skills to the test with a craft shoe-box challenge, making modern art pieces from everyday items... Some were more impressive than others! In order to get back outside, later this term they are going to test their navigation skills and go for an evening walk up Sron A'Chlachain. Many of our Explorers are also Young Leaders, which means they help with running the younger age sections. This has been a huge benefit to the leaders of the group, having this essential extra help. They started assisting as Young Leaders to fulfil the requirements of their Duke of Edinburgh award, however they have all stayed on because they enjoyed themselves so much (the Leaders are hugely grateful for this). Any other local young people trying to find something to do for the voluntary part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award are very welcome to get in touch.

Harriet Wishart

Explorer Leader 07581 151442 2ndkillinscouts@gmail.com



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The exceptional quality of tourism businesses on offer within Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park has been recognised by the industry's most prestigious national awards.

Five businesses from across the National Park have been honoured in Visit Scotland's Thistle Awards taking place later this month.

For over 20 years the Scottish Thistle Awards have been recognised as Scotland's top tourism industry Awards and this year Portnellan at Crianlarich is a finalist for Best Accommodation Provider

The finalists will be up against competitors from across Scotland when the overall winners are revealed at the awards on 16th March. We look forward to hearing how they got on.

Once again the Macnabs and septs are about to invade our homeland. Clan Macnab will be in attendance at the Killin Games in force in August. The final figures are not all in at the moment, but we do know of at least one family that is coming from Australia, several from Canada, US and of course the UK.

After the Games there will be a dinner at the Killin Hotel for our clan and after the dinner, there will be a Ceilidh open for the whole village at no charge.

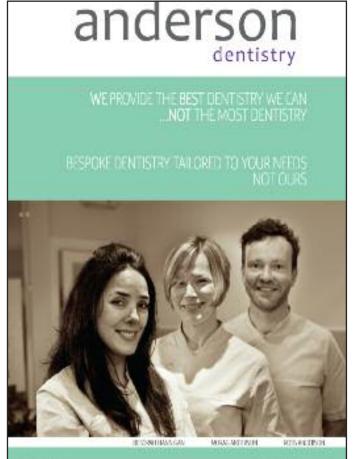
We hope to get to know more of those who live in Killin and find connections that may last for a lifetime. More information will be forthcoming about the event. Also, we are proud to announce the donation to the local Masonic Lodge of £1,000 to be used for the preservation and maintenance of the cemetery behind the Killin Hotel.

Several of our kinsmen are interred there and we feel a responsibility toward the ongoing care of our loved ones.

Since we have visited and loved Killin for decades, we are hopefully starting to take some of the burden from the village even though all of us have gone to the four corners of the world.

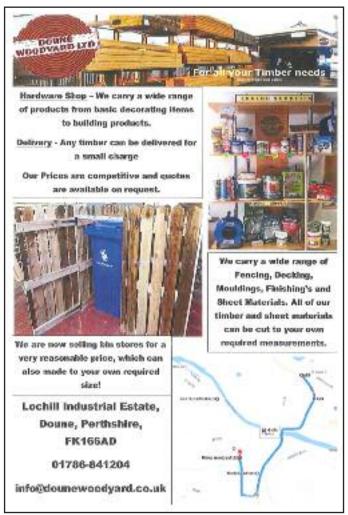
We do not feel it is fair for Killin to bear all of the responsibility, therefore we are organizing funding for several projects that are designed to help. More to come about that. Yours aye,

W. Lanny McNabb, FSAScott, Lieutenant to the Chief



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Macnab News

Local Planning Applications

Local Planning Applications National Park 11 Jan

Proposal: Erection of new single pole Location: Inverherive Ewich Crianlarich Applicant: Denise Oudney Application Type: Statutory Notification - overhead lines Decision: Current

18 Jan

Proposal: Notification of works to rail bridge

Location: Cononish Viaduct Tyndrum Applicant: Lisa Cameron Application Type: Prior Notification Decision: Prior approval not required **24 Jan**

Proposal: Erection of conservatory Location: Craignavie Craignavie Road Killin

Applicant: Mr Geoff Endersby Application Type: Householder Planning Permission Decision: Current

26 Jan

Proposal: Alterations to glazing and door on existing porch. Location: Millmore Main Street Killin Applicant: Mr Mike Duncan

Application Type: Householder Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

31 Jan

Proposal: Erection of replacement shed Location: Auchtertyre Farm

Crianlarich

Applicant: SRUC

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Current

07 Feb

Proposal: Amendment to condition 1 of planning permission ref: 2016/0064/DET to extend time period of processing. Location: Cononish Gold Mine Cononish Road Tyndrum Applicant: Scotgold Resources Ltd Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission Decision: Approve

15 Feb



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Proposal: Erection of 2no. extensions

Location: Riverside Craignavie Road Killin Applicant: Mr Paul Godfrey Application Type: Householder Planning Permission

Decision: Current

Perth & Kinross Council 04 Jan

Proposal: Remedial works to bridge Location: Allt Mhoirneas Bridge Killin Applicant: Perth and Kinross Council Application Type: Listed Building Consent Decision: Approve the application 18 Jan Proposal: Alterations and extension to dwelling house

Location: Grey Timbers Fearnan Applicant: Mr And Mrs Ross And Hilary Barbour

Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Approve the application **02 Feb**

Proposal: Alteration and extensions to holiday accommodation unit, installation of a flue and extension to raised deck Location: Mill House Morenish Killin

Applicant: Largo Leisure Application Type: planning permission

local

Decision: Refuse the application **08 Feb**

Proposal: Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse Location: Ach Na Creag Fearnan

Applicant: EMA Architecture And Design

Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Awaiting decision

Stirling 19 Jan

Proposal: Proposed borehole water treatment kiosk (2500mm (W) x 1500mm (D) x 2000mm (H)) Location: Lochay Power Station Killin Applicant: SSE Application Type: Full

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- Full size 3G Pitch
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Decision: Unknown **06 Mar Proposal:** Prior Notification for Forestry-related building works (nonresidential) Location: Land Some 140 Metres East Of Cuildochart Killin Applicant: TFP 2008 LLP Application Type: Agricultural Notification Decision: Unknown

David Paterson's Exhibition

Landscape and Nature in Breadalbane 1st April - 31st May From 10am at John Muir Trust Wild Space Gallery Station Rd Pitlochry

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EASTER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE KILLIN CHURCHES

At this wonderful time of regrowth and new life we welcome you to join us in our celebrations of the new life that is promised to all of us in Jesus Christ.

I have been asked by the congregation to put on short evening services in Killin Church on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th at 7pm

14 April: GOOD FRIDAY 12noon in St Fillan's Episcopal Church. A reflection and worship as we remember Jesus' death on the cross

16 April: EASTER SUNDAY

8am Easter Communion at the Lochside (Loch Earn below Lochearnhead Hotel, followed by bacon butties at the hotel 10am Killin Parish Church

10am St Fillan's Episcopal Church, Killin - communion 2.30pm Roman Catholic Mass at St Fillan's Church, Killin

Scottish Wildlife Trust Pitlochry and Highland Perthshire Group

On Monday 17th April John Armstrong from Pitlochry Freshwater Fish Laboratory will talk about Scotland's freshwater fish. There will be a short AGM at this meeting which will take place at 7.30pm in the Tryst, Pitlochry PH16 5EB. For enguiries contact Richard Horobin 01796 474480

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80th Birthday



Jim Ferguson recently celebrated his 80th birthday. The 80th banners in background were for him but the "grumpy old man" sign was not! He is a cheery soul.

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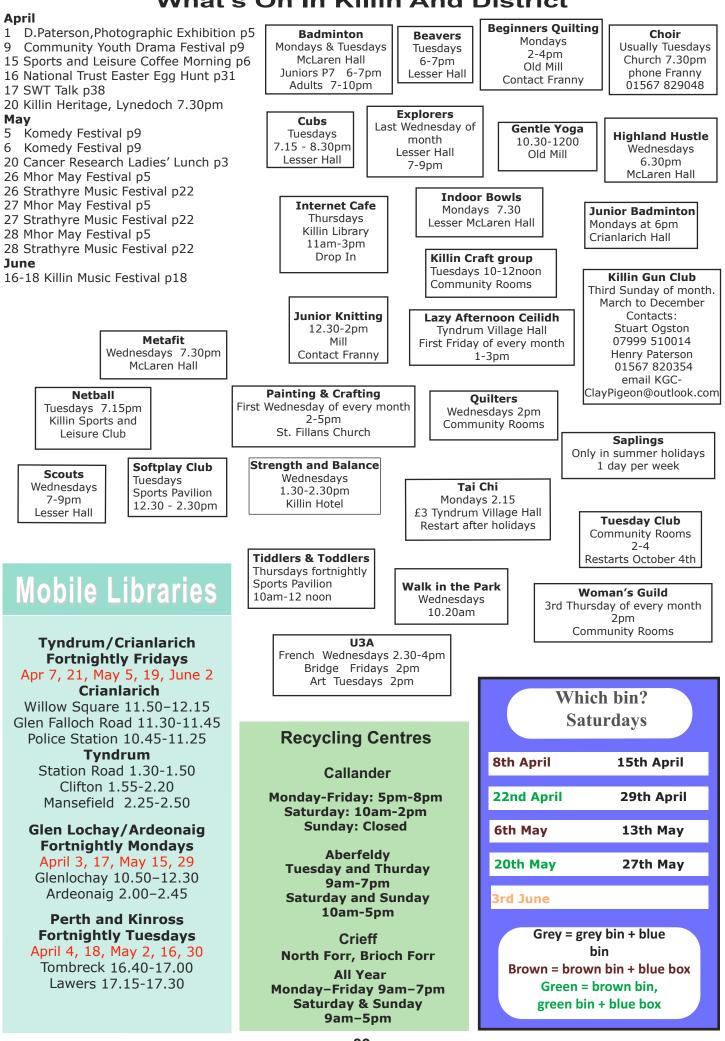
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