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Editorial

What makes Killin Killin? There are many things apart from the natural beauty of our surroundings:

Events - Killin Show, Highland Games, Drama productions, the Music Festival:

Organisations - the Retirement Home, the Old Mill, Scouts, Mountain Rescue **Clubs and Societies** - Golf Club, Sports and Leisure, Book clubs, craft groups, choir, EAK and many others – including Killin News.

All these have something in common – they are kept going by volunteers. Without volunteers the village would be a different place.

Why do people volunteer?

To keep existing village assets going – The Retirement Home and McLaren Hall
To help others or to raise money – Cancer Research, Mountain Rescue, Old Mill
Because of an interest in a subject – golf, books, nature
To provide an opportunity not otherwise available – Scouts, Drama, sports
To get to know and work with other people on a common interest

The recent Cancer Research Ladies Lunch is an example of what small groups can achieve. A hundred and forty ladies enjoyed a wonderful meal, entertainment, opportunities to spend money and an excellent raffle. We don't yet know how much was raised but it must have been a substantial amount.* A lot of work went into organising it all but the feeling of achievement and the knowledge that everyone went away happy must make it all worthwhile.

This issue of the paper includes appeals for volunteers for the Mill and for the Scouts. There are surely people in Killin who could contribute three hours a week, or month or just occasionally to work in the Mill and keep the recycling of goods in the thrift shop going. You meet some interesting people and the money raised goes back into the community. The Scouts are enjoyed by all the young people who take part and it would be a great pity if the Killin branch could not continue.

Perhaps you could help or know someone who could?

*See page 5

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Excavation turf building
above Kiltyrie
Photo: NTS

The Ben Lawers Historic Landscape Project



Digging the shieling at Meall Greigh

Highland Landscapes contain hidden evidence for past change. Whether driving along the roads or walking through the hills of Highland Scotland, the tumbled ruinous remains of abandoned stone-built houses and farmsteads are an all too familiar sight. These evocative ruins are a legacy of rural depopulation stemming from a combination of changes in land tenure during the agricultural improvements, the attraction of employment in growing industrial centres, opening of better communication routes, emigration and of course enforced clearance from land. Understanding these landscapes, and how they changed over time, is key to understanding the history of Scotland.

The Ben Lawers Project, undertaken between 2002-2005, has just been published as a Scottish Internet Archaeology report. Entitled "Ben Lawers: An Archaeological Landscape in Time", the report presents the results of this landmark research project undertaken on the National Trust for Scotland's property of Ben

Lawers on North Loch Tayside. The project was one of the biggest of its type in Scotland.

Volunteers on National Trust for Scotland Thistle Camps undertook over 22 weeks' worth of excavation over four seasons, supervised by professional archaeologist from GUARD, Dr John Atkinson, director of GUARD Archaeology Ltd. He said "Evidence dating back to the Mesolithic era around 9000 years ago was found but the focus of the project was the last 1000 years". Excavation of over 80 trenches investigated a wide range of sites from turf-built medieval structures, pre-improvement fermtouns and late 18th/ early 19th century stone-built single tenancy farm units built on the old outfields. The remains of faint traces of turf-built structures dating to the 11th-13th centuries AD was a major discovery for this part of upland Perthshire. Derek Alexander, Head of Archaeological Services for the Trust, said "The survival of medieval turf structures, above the limit of later agriculture, was one of

the most exciting parts of the project. There is the potential that other buildings survive out there as yet undetected". John Atkinson said "The evidence from excavated shielings highlights their lack of permanence, from the makeshift roofing arrangements to the lack of material culture and even, in some cases, the apparent absence of hearths. In dating terms the



Excavating the byre dwelling at Kityrie 2003

evidence suggests that the tradition was certainly active in the 16th and 17th centuries and probably came to an end towards the end of the 18th century, although occasional use may have extended beyond this".

A detailed mapping survey of the mountain revealed over 2000 individual structures and 300km of stone dykes, earth banks and trackways. This wealth of upstanding archaeology is complimented by the sheer depth of documentary information held in the records of the huge Breadalbane Estate of the Campbells of Glenorchy.

"Publication of the Ben Lawers results is a major leap-forward in our understanding of upland landscapes and is likely to be typical of many other parts of Scotland" said Alexander, "It is fantastic that the report is available on line and so is freely available to everyone from university researchers to interested locals".

Ben Lawers: An Archaeological Landscape in Time. Results from the Ben Lawers Historic Landscape Project, 1996-2005 by John Atkinson has recently been published by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland as Scottish Archaeological Internet Report 62

<http://www.socantscot.org/publications/sair/>

Derek Alexander

Head of Archaeological Services
National Trust



Kiltyrie turf-built medieval house

Killin Community Council

Notes of Meeting 14th March

Police Report January to March
Anti-Social behaviour issues : A number of issues were investigated during the period.

Fraud: Gumtree & eBay offences are becoming more regular, please be aware and use PayPal where possible.

Theft: Tayside area reported machinery worth £30,000 being taken from a farm in Auchterarder. Please ensure your equipment has security markings.

Roads: A few short blasts of winter conditions caused several cars to slide off the road and minor collisions.

Missing Person: 15yr old girl failed to turn up to school, reported missing by her parents. The girl was found safe and well a few hours later.

Social Media: A number of enquiries about Instagram and Snapchat. Photos of a teenager in a state of undress were sent to 'Friends' unbeknown to her. It is a criminal offence to distribute indecent photos of a child on social media. Parents need to have a close control and focus on their children's social media accounts.

Domestic disturbance: Enquires carried out and a male was and charged and a report was sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

Mountain Rescue: A local male from Tyndrum became lost and disorientated in forest paths. He was later found safe and well.

PC Iona Frickleton will be back from maternity leave in May and will continue to be stationed in Killin.

White Lining: Ambulance Depot lines need doing. No follow up from Alicia Hayes. Martin Earl wants Theresa Elliot to send him all the areas needing doing, plus more signage to be at Dochart Bridge.

Water Pressure: Said to be bad every day.

Planning : Renewal consent for Tayview.

Ardeonaig Road: Pot holes need fixing and new passing place signs put up.

Street Lights: Fiona Kennedy to report faults.

Park Electric: Charlie Grant given bill to be paid for by Killin Show and Killin Highland Games.

Round House: Still with mess and broken glass.

Craignavie Road: Pot holes past the 30 sign need fixing.

Xmas Tree lights: £40 Cheque to be sent to church.

LLTNP: Camping signs are up for restricted camping in certain areas. Any increase in normal camping or

damage in this area to be reported to LLTNP.

40 page Consultation 5yr plan for the LLTNP could get things done for the village. Theresa Elliot to ask for hard copies to be sent out.

Waste Management: Two members of Stirling Council Waste Management team attending reported the team is working to get targets met. Calls to get jobs done were not getting reference numbers issued but issuing these by automatic email might be possible in future. The website will be replaced with a new prototype in a few months. Questions were raised about rats being seen at the bottle bank, bin lorry containers left on site and whether the new bin system and the team working seven days a week was saving money. Opening times of the Callander skip are to be reviewed.

Ahead of the Council Elections Fiona Kennedy thanked Martin Earl for all his hard work for Killin Community Council over the last 5yrs.

(Minutes for May meeting and AGM were not available at the time Killin News went to print.)

Sad Sight

When driving past Dalerb I saw what I can only describe as a sad sight, the Spirit of the Tay, the boat that never sailed, being torn to pieces for scrap.

Ellen Stewart



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The amount raised was over £4000. This is 30% up on last year's lunch. Well done to all.

Molly's 40 year service on committee was recognised. She was presented with a certificate and a bouquet of flowers by Dorothy Rodger, the local fundraising manager for Cancer Research UK



Jane Kerr and Lisa Semple recently held a tea party to fundraise for two causes. Fifty percent of the amount raised was donated to the British Heart Foundation in memory of Bryony Semple and the remainder went towards funding Jane's daughter Erin's participation in the World Challenge Project. All those taking part in the project have to self fund. Erin will spend two weeks in Malaysia working on a Community Project. We wish her good luck.

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FROST REPORT

MAY-HEM

As I write this we are towards the end of an extremely hot and dry spell in May. This has been a fantastic year for the lambing and wildlife seems to be thriving. On the Ardeonaig wildlife reserve (otherwise known as our garden) we have had early fledglings of four or five thrushes closely followed by a similar number of blackbird babies. It is to be hoped that they are not too worn out by childcare to opt for a second brood. There does seem to be more thrushes and blackbirds about both in the garden and along the roadside. We have also noticed several woodcock and snipe in the area and maybe the two mild winters have helped these ground feeders. If so they will be voting for global warming. We have also had visits in the garden by a few redstarts and even a pair of sandpipers.

The pied wagtails are back to nest, we call them the Cherokees as they pop up their heads over the rooftop as if spying out the land. They have found that nesting under the solar panels gives them a cosy home.

They all add so much to all our lives and it is so good to see the young people at the nursery taking care of Mrs. Duck and her nest on the wall. We were lucky enough to be there the day that they hatched and see how excited and pleased the children were and how the staff put up a wee slide to allow the ducklings to get to the school pond. That was a rather quick transition from nursery to school but good to see that they were safe this year and Mum was not scared off the nest by cats or crows. Which brings me to the plea for adults to be as responsible as these wee folk and keep dogs very much under control to help ground and low nesting birds and animals such as hares who are bringing up young at this time.

The Ardeonaig hares are still doing their best to repopulate the area. After the mad March hare it seems to be the amorous May hare. We didn't see them mating in the flat area at the top of the Ardeonaig brae but a pair were chasing each other and then disappeared behind a pile of stones for a considerable time. Eric the hedgehog has made it successfully through hibernation and makes nightly visits for food and water. We have not seen him bringing an Erica along but we can hope that love will blossom. The insect eaters in the Highlands should be OK this summer as 139,070 billion midges are predicted, half of which will be females (they are the ones which bite – no comment). That is going to do SO much for tourism! And just who is predicting this? And just who is going to count them to check? At least it will be an easier task for the boffins and keepers who are co-operating in a count of mountain hares which appear to be decreasing. Government rates assessors attended the annual keepers' day at Scone Palace in March. It was obvious that it is not known how the new sporting rates in operation since April will actually work. The assessors did not appear to know how the scheme would be implemented or if charities etc. would be exempt. It is good to see co-operation. The RSPB has finally accepted that moorland keepered for shooting is the place where the curlew is thriving and are working alongside keepers on this. Land managers are now needing to comply with shooting the number of deer as directed by government bodies. It has been suggested

that the closed season for stags is scrapped and the shooting season for hinds is extended.

SNH has carried out surveys on tree damage. If this can be identified as being by either deer, vole, mice, hare or rabbit then it is attributed to them. If the damage cannot be attributed then they will say that it is deer. Very scientific! This all leads to Trump like false news. Certain TV presenters are becoming quite expert in false news. I cannot give names but we watch Springwatch on record with the remote to hand. In this instance a petition was started on line to ban the shooting of lapwings. This species has been protected since the wildlife and conservation act of 1981.

I was very disappointed to have no takers for the recipe for beaver tail soup. Apparently in the Middle Ages it was permissible to eat beavers' tails on a Friday as they look like flatfish. I don't have a recipe to hand but maybe you could try panfried (pretty big pan) with a wee bit of wild garlic.

You may have noticed that Mr. Fox has not been mentioned lately. The boys have been trying out new night vision equipment in the nocturnal hunt for him and, on occasions, have been surprised by a reflection off grass which looks as if foxy has a spotlight of his own.

Tim Frost



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KAT 10th Anniversary AGM

The AGM was held on Saturday 29th April at the Killin Hotel. It was well attended by 25 members who heard reports on the activities of KAT over the last year. This was preceded by a presentation of the highlights of KAT's achievements and key activities over the last 10 years. The members were asked if they wanted KAT to continue with the Old Mill project and a discussion was had about options of the way forward. The members were overwhelmingly in favour of KAT to still look for funding to help secure the building for the community.

The directors of KAT are:

Ron Allner – Chairperson and Killin Community Council Rep
Pat Hayes – Deputy Chairperson
Mark Beaumont – Treasurer
Charlie Grant – Killin Community Council Rep
Keith Mayo – EAK Rep
Rosemary Simpson
Jay Allen
Liz Stevens
Tom Gallagher
Moiria Meek

Thank you to all the members who attended.

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 have contracted Kelda Platt of Munro Landscape Ltd who is based at Tyndrum to carry out the design work. Kelda has met with the group and will be drawing up several design options. We will be starting our consultation with the Primary School

on 12th June and from there taking it out to other groups and the wider community. We will try to get as much of the consultation done prior to the school holidays, but will continue again from late August to ensure we talk to as many children/children organisations as possible. We also want to consult with Killin Highland Games Committee, Killin Agricultural Show Committee and Killin 10k being the main local event users of the park.

Old Mill

KAT are in the process of looking at what funding options are available to them to take this project forward. With the unsuccessful Big Lottery application our offer of funding from Historic Scotland has been withdrawn so we need to start from scratch again. Possible funders are the Heritage Lottery and Historic Environment Scotland, but even with these two funders we will need to look at other funders too to put together a whole funding package.

Internet Café

The internet café is open on a Thursday 11am to 3pm in the library and is there for anyone to use: Help maintaining your device
 Learn how to do something on your device (emails, word, excel, purchase something online, anything)
 Need to know more about anti-virus, malwares
 Transfer files to your computer, mobile, external drive
 Downloading and uploading

The internet café in the past has been funded by Stirling Council's Adult Learning, this year the funding is not available and we are having to look elsewhere to try and keep this facility going. We have people using the café from Lochearnhead and

Crianlarich and would like to keep it going, as we see the benefit it brings to all who use it. At the moment the internet café allows for the library to be open an extra day a week so you can come and use the library services as well. A small donation is always appreciated.

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Exciting Opportunity!

Killin News has been offered the chance to buy premises in the village and is working with KAT to see how doing so could possibly benefit not only Killin News but also KAT and the community.



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Volunteers urgently needed for The Old Mill

The Healing Stones at the Mill are frequently visited and cause a great deal of interest. On the morning of 10th May a group of twenty two Canadians booked and came to the Mill to see and use the Healing Stones. This is just one of the varied and unique assets that this watermill has.

Classes

Gentle Yoga sessions continue to be popular on a Monday 10.30-12pm and the Beginners Sampler Class finished in May with very positive feedback.

Volunteering

We are trying very hard to remain open seven days a week 10am-4pm. We apologise that we are not always able to achieve this. Ideally we should have two volunteers per three hour shift, which means that we need twenty eight volunteers per week. We are not low on visitors, not low on donations and certainly not low on positive feedback from

the public. All donations have to be sorted, shelves stocked and maintained, customers welcomed and served with information and goods purchased. We offer local information, have various classes and also upcycle and reach out to the community. If you can offer any time to join our loyal team of volunteers it would be gratefully appreciated and very much needed.

Killin Music Festival

We are thrilled that the Killin Music Festival will be hosting a Heritage talk by local historian David Osler on Saturday 17th June at 12.00. There are still tickets available from the KillinMusicFestival.com at a cost of £8

Killin Agricultural Show

We will be having another plate smashing stall at the Killin Agricultural Show this year as well as selling other goodies and look forward to seeing you there.

Donations

The regular stream of donations is greatly appreciated. We accept CLEAN clothes, shoes, bags etc. Bric a Brac, CLEAN household items, curtains, good condition books, haberdashery.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DO NOT ACCEPT CYCLE, MOTOR CYCLE HELMETS, BABY SEATS, COT, BABY CHAIRS, ELECTRICAL ITEMS, DUVET, PILLOWS, MATTRESSES OR LARGE ITEMS OF FURNITURE, VHS. It is extremely difficult for us to dispose of these items.

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Strathfillan Community Council

Transport Strathfillan CC representatives held a useful meeting with George Fiddes of Transport Scotland. A wide range of transport related topics were covered, including drainage problems; aesthetic issues at Crianlarich bypass, footbridge and speed issues in Tyndrum, parking problems at Tyndrum Terrace in Crianlarich and safety at pedestrian crossing in Crianlarich. Also discussed were overnight road closures for roadworks and how to inform everyone in advance. The meeting was very productive, and George Fiddes promised to look into all the points raised and report back to the CC.

He also asked that members of the public report any road defects directly to the appropriate authority (BEAR for trunk roads, Stirling Council for other roads). A report number will be given when the defect is reported, and should be kept as this is the best way to follow up the case. If after a reasonable amount of time the defect has not been fixed then Bear/Stirling Council should be contacted for an update. If you are still unhappy with the response, email the CC who shall chase it up with Transport Scotland who have overall responsibility. Please do not make the initial report to the CC and please have details of the defect, report number and dates to enable the CC to pass the information to Transport Scotland.

Broadband The CC have been actively chasing for updates on the likely date of installation of superfast broadband across Strathfillan.

Unfortunately the latest information we have received is not good news. There is no fixed date for the upgrade and even when it does happen the extent of the improvements might be very limited. Most addresses within Tyndrum village may see a small speed increase, however the majority of Crianlarich addresses are currently not included in the upgrade programme at all. The CC will contact Bruce Crawford MSP to ask him to investigate further with Digital Scotland.

Public Toilets A meeting has been arranged with representatives from Stirling Council to discuss the frequency of cleaning etc. of the public toilets in Crianlarich and Tyndrum, and to find out why they were closed over the busy Christmas & New Year period.

Concerns The CC received a letter from a Crianlarich resident voicing concerns about the bypass, general roads issues and the material state of the village and surrounding area. The majority of issues raised were discussed with George Fiddes at the transport meeting. One of the points raised was that the CC does not reflect the views of local people. Therefore there is a short questionnaire from the CC included with Strathfillan copies of this edition. Please complete and return this. The CC can only act on issues which are brought to their attention.

Next Meetings All CC meetings are open to the public. Members of the public attending will be given an opportunity to raise any relevant issues which they may have. The next meetings will be held on Monday 5th June and Monday 3rd July, in Crianlarich Hall. Meetings normally start at 7.30pm and are finished before 9pm. The CC AGM will be

held at 7pm on 5th June, followed by the ordinary meeting at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Strathfillan Community Development Trust

Cycle Path Works for the Tyndrum to Dalrigh cycle path have been completed with the new bridge over the Crom Alt (see photo), so please take a cycle or stroll along the route to enjoy a new perspective of Tyndrum Community Woodlands. We have our fingers and toes crossed that the second phase, from Dalrigh to Crianlarich, will go ahead sooner rather than later – there has been lots of interest! The Countryside Trust, who have led the project, plan to hold an official Open Day for the path in July or August. The date is to be finalised, but we'll let you know when it is.



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The Trust has recently employed Sandy Slater, an expert in cycling and rural development, to undertake our bike-hire feasibility study. He and his assistant were in Criarlarich and Tyndrum over the May bank holiday weekend surveying locals and visitors and he will be contacting local businesses and groups to discuss their views on the project. If you would like to express your views or get involved please contact Kelly at the details below.

Criarlarich Play Park So far it has been good news on this front. The community has been awarded funding from the Council's Community Pride Fund, and Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs have very kindly donated £500 towards the project. We will hear from the other funders by the beginning of June – and let's hope it is good news! Children from Criarlarich Nursery are currently voting for their favourite piece of equipment, and we have been working closely with Stirling Council regarding installation and purchase. If we are successful in achieving all the funding necessary, we aim to hit the ground running and we hope to have the piece installed by the

summer holidays.
Volunteer days As the summer approaches the Woodlands Group and Criarlarich into Action have been holding their annual Dalrigh Tidy Up in Tyndrum Community Woods and Tub-Planting day in Criarlarich. We would like to issue a massive thank you to everyone that attended – the place is looking great. Keep an eye on noticeboards and our Strathfillan Community Facebook page to find out about other volunteer opportunities.

Defibrillators The Trust and Community Council have placed external defibrillators onto Criarlarich Village Hall and the Green Welly Stop. They were installed in May, and we would like to issue thanks to both the Criarlarich Village Hall Committee and Edward and Fiona at the Green Welly for all their support and assistance.

SAPLINGS Our annual summer programme for SAPLINGS will be coming out soon, with various sessions including outdoor skills with the Forestry Commission, natural crafts and culminating in a trip to the beach. Forms should be out by the end of May.

Primary School and Nursery Fete Criarlarich Primary School and Nursery will be holding their annual Summer Fete and Duck Race on June 3rd. The Trust will have a stall, so come along to support your local school and nursery, and find out more about the Trust and what we have been doing over the past year. Lets hope for good weather!
Contact If you want to contact the Trust for any reason please do. Our office in Criarlarich Village Hall is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9.30am to 4pm, or you can email strathfillancdt@btconnect.com or phone 01838 300249

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McLaren High School

Music Festival Competition

This took place over Wednesday 29th and

Thursday 30th March and was adjudicated this year by John Digney. John was principal oboist with the SNO for some years and his son, Robert, was a former pupil who left McLaren in 2010. John and his wife, Gail, have been enthusiastic supporters of the musical life of the school for many years and we were delighted that he could adjudicate the competitions for us. After a closely fought competition the results were as follows:

Junior Competition:

1st—Liam Rennie
2nd—James Douglas
3rd—Robbie Watson

Senior Competition:

1st— Max Menzies
2nd— Callum Hall
3rd— Ailish Duthie

Intermediate Competition:

1st—Megan Milligan
2nd—Natalie Klaes
3rd—Joe Smith

Ensemble Competition:

1st—Eve Scott and Hazel Imrie
2nd—S2 Guitar Ensemble—Rohan Watson, Harris Milne, Thomas Woods, Jamie Warburton and Ryan McGuire
3rd—Vocal Trio—Finn Newton, India Newton and Maria Whyte

Well done to everyone who took part and then entertained the audience at the concert in the evening.

Junior Robotics Team UK Finalists

In the middle of March the McLaren High team travelled to the Birmingham NEC to compete in the National Finals of the Tomorrows Engineers EEP Robotics challenge. A local boy was among those involved. Out of over 200 teams who originally applied to take part in the competition, 30 teams were competing at the finals. The competition format was exactly the same as the heats, however the ability of the teams taking part had increased significantly. The first run through of the Robotics challenge didn't quite go to plan and although the team's individual challenge, project presentation, robot design discussion (with real life engineers) and second run at the robotics challenge were very good, they were unable to quite make the top ten in the final stages. They should, however, be very proud of the hard work and the levels of commitment they have shown over the past 6 months that allowed them the opportunity to compete against the best teams in the UK.

STEM Enterprise

A massive thank you and congratulations to all in S1 who helped create our STEM space for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Pupils were presented with a room filled with flat-pack purchases, tools, missing instructions... just for the challenge, thanks Mrs Hall!... and a task to build all within the hour. Pupils quickly organised themselves into groups and got straight on the job. Everyone was really proud of how well they had worked together and how fantastic their creations looked in the completed STEM room.

S6 pupils' last concert pictured with Mr. Hall, the music teacher



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Killin Primary School

We entered a team into the first Mini Stuc Hill Race on Friday 5th May.



Think Dance

Our P6-P7 children took part in "Think Dance", a celebration of dance involving schools from around the Stirling area. The children performed at the McRobert Centre on Wednesday 26th April.

Our enormous thanks go to Mrs Hibbert for preparing the children for such a wonderful event.



On Left

Our P1-P3 children received football training over a number of weeks from Active Stirling culminating in a Football Festival at McLaren High School on Wednesday 3rd May.

Below Left

Our older children played in a Soccer Sevens event at McLaren High School on May 3rd.



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Killin Nursery

'Mrs Duck'

The children at Killin Nursery have been very fortunate to experience nature at its best within the nursery garden. We have had an annual visit from Mrs Duck for the past five years and once again this year she failed to disappoint. She sits patiently on her eggs, hidden within the plants in the garden wall. The children have learned about how the duck looks after her eggs and how long they take to incubate. It has also given them a sense of how to care for the creatures in our natural environment. This year Mrs Duck hatched thirteen little ducklings and the children were able to watch as she ushered them safely to the pond.

Elizabeth Hancock



Killin and District Sports and Leisure Club



We held our first coffee morning on Saturday 15th April and I'm delighted to say we raised a fantastic £300. There are a number of people we need to thank - everyone who came along to support us on the day, and those who were unable to but sent in a donation, the team of bakers who provided a very impressive array of baking, and also the Free Masons who very kindly covered the cost of the hall hire, which allowed us to raise such a great amount for the sports club. The money raised will be used to improve the facilities in and around the club. Congratulations also to our quiz winners, Theresa Elliot who won a 100 club membership and Caitlin Chisholm who won a £10 Amazon voucher.

David Riddel

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Walk in the Park

I came to join Walk in the Park after seeing posters on the village notice board and an advertisement in this paper. Having moved to Killin from Edinburgh seven months ago, I was keen on getting involved in community projects outwith my busy work schedule. As a walking enthusiast, I also believed the group would help me discover local routes and meet new faces along the way. I went to the first walk in February and received a very warm welcome from everyone. We started at the Bridge of Lochay Hotel and made our way down Glen Lochay to Moirlanich Longhouse. On the way, I had many interesting conversations with the members, who shared their life stories, experiences and local history.

Consequently, my own local knowledge has increased massively as a result of this group. After the walk, we went back to the hotel for lunch, where members had the opportunity to catch up. I believe this to be a very important part of Walk in the Park and personally I find it the most enjoyable. Not only is it rewarding after an hour's exercise, but it is nice to know you are in such large and friendly company. You continue your day feeling happy, confident, more energised and alert. I look forward to walking with this group in the future and hope more locals get involved. Whether it is the physical, social or mental benefits that Walk in the Park offers, there is bound to be something for everyone.

Michael Gardiner

Ramblers walk

Once a year all the Walk in the Park groups (Callander, Killin, Aberfoyle, Balloch, including a new group just

started in Drymen) get together with the Callander Ramblers for a joint walk and this year we will be walking at Balloch. This event is planned for Wednesday 14th June and a 45 minute Health Walk or a longer 4 mile walk will be on offer on the day. Please book with Cathy if you would like to attend. There will be a walk in Killin on that date for those who prefer to walk in the village.

Killin Walk in the Park walks and session times are:

Wednesday Morning Walk, 10.20am, see schedule for meeting place
Wednesday Afternoon, Strength and Balance, 1.30–2.30pm in the Killin Hotel

Using very gentle exercises based on the Otago falls prevention program we take part in exercises designed to help us to walk more confidently. We welcome people living with dementia and their carers on our walks. Routes with the blue logos are suitable for most abilities.

Date	Meeting at 10.20am	All Routes: Walk from 15min – 1hour
7/6/17	McLaren Hall Car Park	Glen Lochay (car share)
14/6/17	McLaren Hall Car Park meet 9am	All groups and Ramblers walk at Balloch 45 min Health walk or a longer route available. Please book
14/6/17	Capercaillie	Kinnell Circuit
21/6/17	McLaren Hall Car Park	NCR7 at Strathyre (car share)
28/6/17	McLaren Hall Car Park	Golf Club (car share)
5/7/17	McLaren Hall Car Park	Loch Circuit
12/7/17	McLaren Hall Car Park	Tyndrum – new path (car share)
19/7/17	McLaren Hall Car Park	Moirlanich Longhouse (car share)
26/7/17	Capercaillie	River Dochart and Old Railway

No need to book, just turn up | social time after the walk in a café (optional)

For more information contact: Walk in the Park Project Coordinator

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Bring: walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing, plenty of food and drink.

Meet: 9am Ben Lawers NNR car park.

Booking is essential.

Tuesday 4th July: Mini-beasts of the mountain

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 12th July: Butterflies and Moths of the Mountain

Discover some of the 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.

Friday 14th July: Mountain Flowers
On this high-level guided walk we aim

to see some of the arctic-alpine plants for which these hills are famous. The ascent and descent require a reasonable level of fitness and we will encounter some steep ground.

Duration: 8 hours

Cost: adults £25, children £12.50.

Bring: walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing, packed lunch and drink.

Meet: 9.00am Ben Lawers NNR car park. Booking is essential.

Tuesday 18th July: Mini-beasts of the mountain

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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.

Friday 21st July: Mountain Flowers
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Meet: 9.00am Ben Lawers NNR car park. Booking is essential.

Friday 21st July and/or Saturday 22nd July: Moth Night and/or Morning

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Meet: 9.30pm Friday 21st and/or 8.00am Saturday 22nd Ben Lawers NNR car park. No need to book.

Wednesday 26th July: Flora and fauna of the hillside

If you are a hill walker who would like to know more about the plants and wildlife around you or training to be a mountain leader, then this could be the walk for you. Familiarise yourself with some of the characteristic plants and wildlife on the lower slopes of these mountains.

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.

Friday 28th July: Mountain Flowers
On this high-level guided walk we aim to see some of the arctic-alpine plants for which these hills are famous. The ascent and descent require a reasonable level of fitness and we will encounter some steep ground.

Duration: 8 hours

Cost: adults £25, children £12.50.

Bring: walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing, packed lunch and drink.

Meet: 9.00am Ben Lawers NNR car park. Booking is essential.

Tuesday 1st August: Mini-beasts of the mountain

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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Killin Music Festival Fundraiser Ceilidh



On 1st April the McLaren Hall was filled with local talent to prepare the village for the 2017 Killin Music Festival. There was a great turn out of local people and visitors to listen to some of Killin's best musical offerings.

The evening was opened with the majestic piping of Duncan MacKinnon who will be performing at the festival alongside Jock The Box. A fantastic performance followed from Seona Hay on her fiddle, accompanied by the Third family, Marc Fallon and Ewan Lang. She will definitely go far!

The Killin Community Choir gave a great performance of "Electricity" from Billy Elliott and "Hold Back The River" by James Bay. They will also be performing at the festival on the Sunday afternoon with the Killin Primary School Festival Choir. This was followed by an energetic set by the McLaren High Trad Band. They performed some great tune sets as well as some beautiful songs. There was a musical premiere from new band "Sgallachd" (there is an ongoing debate about the meaning) who gave a great performance of

some lovely tunes.

The evening was closed with a ceilidh from local guitarist Jack McRobbie and fiddler Siobhan Anderson which had everyone up dancing. A huge thank you to all the artists who performed, everyone who donated raffle prizes and most importantly everyone who came along - your support is greatly appreciated!

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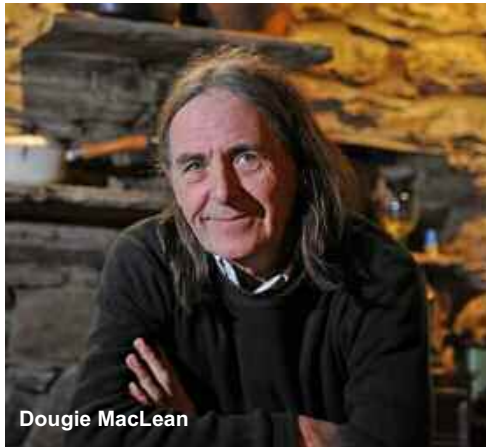
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Killin Music Festival

Killin is heating up with excitement for the Killin Music Festival which will be taking place on 16th, 17th and 18th June. The final line-up has been announced and the bands are gearing up to perform in the McLaren Hall. Making the weekend even more special is the attendance of the winners of the BBC Young Traditional Musician of The Year from 2015, 2016 and 2017!

Friday night will be opened by 2016 KMF Open Stage Winners The Deadly Winters, followed by local favourites Jock the Box and Duncan McKinnon. BBC Young Trad Winner 2017 Charlie Stewart will grace the stage with his band Snuff Box before ex-Skipperish singer Robert Robertson's band Tide Lines will perform. This will be rounded off with headliners Manran. There are still some tickets left for the Friday evening concert, but they are going fast!

Saturday will be an action packed day with a Highland Hustle workout to get everyone wakened up at 10am in McLaren Hall, followed by a fascinating talk about local heritage with Davy Osler at 12 noon in the Old Mill. At 1pm at The Bridge of Lochay Hotel there is a chance to learn some Scots Songs with BBC Young Trad Winner 2015 Claire Hastings, who will also be performing on the stage on Saturday night. There is something for the kids at 3pm in the Church Community Rooms where Debbie McAllister will lead some music themed crafts. More great artists will perform on Saturday evening starting with KMF 2016 Open Stage Winners Callum, Connor and Fergus followed by Claire Hastings' band Top Floor Taivers. Heron Valley will bring some of their West Coast songs to the McLaren Hall before folk stars Rura show off their talents. Headliners Skerryvore have proved to be a big hit with their rocking reels and catchy tunes, selling out the concert. Some tickets may be available on the day.



Dougie MacLean

On Sunday morning Top Floor Taivers will perform in the Church of Scotland Service at 10am before the McLaren High School Pipe Band will be marching down the Main Street at 11am. The Cancer Research Committee will be serving tea and coffee in McLaren Hall from 11am, and from 12 noon Killin Community Choir will be performing alongside Killin Primary School Festival Choir. Frances Morrison Allan has been working hard with the children to teach them some great songs which they will be performing. The children also took part in a poster competition and the winner Johanna Mitchell's entry is shown and will be featured in the programme.

The Open Stage event will take place in the Killin Hotel Tartan Room from 2pm and will be free to attend. The winners of this stage will then get the chance to perform at the Killin Music Festival 2018 and gain an automatic entry to the Celtic Connections Danny Kyle Open Stage.

The festival will come to a close with a seated concert featuring emerging talent Talisk and the legendary Dougie MacLean. Tickets are very nearly sold out for this concert, but some may be available on the day. A drinks pre-order service will be available.

Throughout the weekend the festival

shop will be located at the Sports Pavilion where everyone must exchange their tickets or online confirmations for a wristband. There will also be festival merchandise and artist's CDs available to purchase. A new addition to the 2017 festival will be our Session Tent. This will be located next to the Sports Pavilion and will have live acoustic music sessions which will be run by local talent Jack McRobbie. Everyone is free to bring an instrument and join in or just come and listen to the music and enjoy our Persie Gin Bar. This will be open from 12 noon-5pm on both Saturday and Sunday.

We would like to thank all our sponsors, artists and most importantly the local community for being so supportive. We look forward to seeing you at the festival!

For more information about the festival and remaining tickets, please visit www.killinmusicfestival.com

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24/04/2017 - 28/04/2017

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●**Spoofed calls:** Fraudsters are cold calling victims using a spoofed 0300 200 3300 number and convincing them that they owe unpaid tax to HMRC.

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Fraudsters are using iTunes gift cards to collect money from victims because they can be easily redeemed and sold on. The scammers don't need the physical card to redeem the value and instead get victims to read out the serial code on the back over the phone to them.

Action Fraud has been working with Apple and HMRC to warn people about this type of fraud.

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●Payments using iTunes Vouchers may not be recoverable.

●Telephone numbers and text messages can easily be spoofed. You should not trust the number you see on your telephone display as proving the caller is genuinely calling from HMRC.

●Be protective of divulging other personal details such as National Insurance number, passport number and bank details over the telephone.

●If you receive an unexpected call, whereby the caller requests an advance fee in the form of iTunes gift cards, the call should immediately be terminated.

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Pharmacy First is an initiative by NHS Forth Valley that we have been providing in our pharmacy for over a year now. The service aims to provide quick and easy access to free treatment, if appropriate, for common minor conditions. Previously you would have had to visit your GP. Due to the success of the first year the scheme has now been extended allowing for treatment for more conditions.

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We are encouraging you to think "**Pharmacy First**" this summer as alongside the above conditions there are many other minor conditions we can offer advice on and treat here in the pharmacy. We are working in close partnership with Killin Medical Practice where they may advise a consultation with the Pharmacist is the best and quickest professional help available.

Letters



Sponsored Walk

I would like to thank everyone who supported me in my sponsored walk event. A team of 20 firefighters walked the Forth Road Bridge and back wearing full firefighting PPE and breathing apparatus. We raised over £2000 and this will be split between the Firefighters Charity, Scotland's Burned Children's Club, Anthony Nolan Trust and the Family Support Trust. Once again I appreciate your support in sponsoring me.

Scott Thomson

Allotment Space Wanted

I am interested in finding if there is any land around Killin area that could be rented as an allotment for growing fruit and vegetables.

Kind Regards

Patrick Phillips

You can contact Patrick by email:
patricko2008@hotmail.co.uk



Killin Cadets

Memories of Killin

My name is John Johnston. I lived in the cottages behind Laburnum during the war with my mother, to escape the Glasgow bombing.

We did not have electricity or heating, having to make do with paraffin lamps and a primus stove to cook on. My school friends were Colin Kennedy, the blacksmith's son, Duncan McNee, and Ian Lamont.

I just loved living in Killin, climbing the hills and the magic attraction of the river brings back fond memories.

The purpose of this letter is to find out if it is possible using the media of your wonderful newspaper, which I follow here in Melbourne, Australia, if anyone remembers the cheeky red haired boy from Glasgow. Best wishes

John Johnston

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Q&A with Skerryvore



In the approach to their headlining performance at this year's Killin Music Festival, Killin News caught up with Glasgow-based Celtic rockers Skerryvore for a chat about kilts, ceilidhs and a much-anticipated new album...

For those unfamiliar with your music, how would you describe your sound?

We're very definitely 'Scottish' sounding! It's been variously described as 'folk-rock,' or 'Celtic-folk-rock,' but there's quite a variety of influences in there, from West

Coast ceilidh, to Americana, pop, Cajun – even jazz!

Tell us about the origins of the band. How did you all meet and start playing?

Daniel and Martin (Gillespie) are from Tiree and had lots of experience playing there for parties, ceilidhs and so on. Fraser (West) has holidayed on Tiree since he was a youngster and was a brass musician who also played drums. They got together playing in the pub in Tiree. Fraser's pal Alec (Dalglish) joined in and they toured the West Coast during summer holidays, playing in pubs and other small venues. From this, 'Skerryvore' was born.

Have you played Killin Music Festival before? What can we expect from your live show?

This is the first time for the band at the Killin Music Festival, though not the first time in Killin. People can expect a high energy performance, with a mix of songs and tunes, all delivered expertly by a group of enthusiastic performers.

You've also toured the U.S. and China. How have audiences overseas responded to your music?

Audiences in the U.S. have pretty different expectations from here in Scotland. They want to be entertained more than just listen to quality music, so we have to deliver differently. Their response is great. They love seeing Martin in his kilt and, strangely, think it's perfectly okay to investigate what he's wearing beneath it!

What's the name of your latest release? What's it about and why should we listen?

We're still working on our newest album and it doesn't yet have a title, though we've got a couple of suggestions. We're excited that it will introduce listeners to our expanded line-up, including top piper, Scott Wood (of Red Hot Chilli Pipers). It will be a mix of tunes and songs and will capture our on stage energy.

Why is it important to keep traditional Scottish music alive?

Scottish traditional music has gone through something of a resurgence over the last five to ten years, with loads of quality musicians coming through. We share our roots with many other world styles. It's important we retain our uniqueness, but it is also important that it keeps evolving.

Skerryvore play at McLaren Hall, Killin on Saturday, 17 June, 23:00

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Masonic Lodge News

Community Auction

The Annual Community Auction held on Easter Saturday was an outstanding success. There were over 300 lots offered for sale, thanks to the generosity of the residents in the area who gave a wide variety of items. It never ceases to amaze the Members who are called on to collect from houses, what is to be uplifted. Unfortunately, there are some things that can't be taken for a variety of reasons and others have an agreed reserve and if this is not achieved then it is returned to the vendor. This year the total realised is around £1,300, with some lots and goods still to be finalised, being offered on alternative media sale sites by prior agreement.

Many thanks to all who came along to add to the atmosphere and join in the craik, and a special thanks to the successful purchasers. It was good to see visitors and locals enjoying the evening and competing for lots, between old friends and new. Thanks also the Lodge Ladies for helping in the Kitchen and serving at the Refreshment Bar, which gives all who came along the chance of a snack and dram whatever is their choice.

Old Cemetery

The Snowdrops and other flowers are now past their best and work in felling the remaining trees will be, hopefully finished by the middle of May.

The timber will be logged and offered for sale as soon as sufficient quantities are ready. Grass cutting will then commence on a regular basis to keep the whole of the cemetery tidy and much safer



to wander through. I have met families who have come along to visit graves and some to take photographs for relatives overseas. All are most appreciative of the work being done by the Lodge Members.

There is a new sign post prepared and in place beside the wall on the river side of the Killin Hotel, to direct visitors to a place of great historic interest.

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Staff raise funds for local Mountain Rescue teams



Three Mountain Rescue teams are to benefit from a cash boost of nearly £5,000 thanks to fund-raising efforts by staff of Loch Lomond & The

Trossachs National Park.

The Arrochar, Lomond and Killin Mountain Rescue Teams will split the £4,786 between them to help provide vital search and rescue services.

Each year the staff at the National Park Authority choose a charity of the year and this year the three Mountain Rescue Teams were chosen, with staff running a series of events and activities throughout the year including running a marathon, quiz, Great Scottish Swim, cake bakes, tea and toast mornings and a very popular tuck shop.

A cheque for the funds was presented to members of the three teams at the National Park Headquarters in Balloch this week. Mountain Rescue teams are run completely by volunteers to provide a round-the-clock search and rescue service, often making the difference

between life and death for those in trouble across Scotland's mountains.

Gordon Watson, Chief Executive of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park, said: "The National Park is visited by around 4 million people each year and includes many popular mountains and walking routes such as the West Highland Way. Unfortunately, from time to time people do get into difficulties on these routes. These teams of volunteers are able to deploy immediately, at all times of day and night, all year round, in all weathers, to get to people who are often in life-threatening situations, so the service they provide is absolutely vital.

"The charity of the year is voted for by our staff who really throw themselves into fundraising, having a lot of fun as they do. I'm delighted with the amount they've managed to raise for the Mountain Rescue Teams over the past year and want to thank our staff for all their efforts."

If you or someone you know is involved in a mountain incident and need help, dial 999 and ask for the Police, then Mountain Rescue, who will deploy the nearest team.

Tuesday Club

Once again the club had a very successful winter. We had a very varied selection of speakers which included a talk from the editor of the Oban Times, also Dr Syme on his visit to Peru, and David Paterson gave us a talk and slide show on Japan.

We had our Christmas lunch at Cruachan and everyone went home very full and very happy. Our AGM was on 29th March and the committee remained the same. After the meeting we had tea and cream scones at the Killin Hotel.

On 1st April we had our first Soup and Savoury lunch. This was a great success and raised £351 which was donated to the Church. We hope to make this an annual event.

The club resumes on Tuesday 3rd October and we look forward to meeting old and new members then. The subscription stays the same at £5 and then £1 at each meeting.

Margaret Ireland



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Killin Komeidy Festival 2017

Having left Blairgowrie on Friday afternoon in glorious sunshine, to travel to Killin for their Komeidy Festival weekend, we were delighted that the weather was just the same. We had a lovely run up through Aberfeldy to reach the Coach Hotel where we were booked in for the two nights. We would certainly recommend this hotel as their accommodation and food were excellent.

We met with friends on the Friday night and watched some hilarious sketches put together for a great evening's entertainment.

First up was a brilliant start to the weekend with FADS production of "Bonking James Bond". A crazy comedy with a superb sexy performance from Jackie Smith as she fantasised bonking James Bond, and to be a fair Josh Frazer was made for the part! This tale of a middle-aged woman, worried her husband is having an affair and wondering how to cope before realising she can do very well without him, was full of laughs and a great start to the night.



Bonking Mr. Bond (Fintry)

Then we had various sketches from Perth Drama Club, especially the hilarious 'escape goat' saga and the problems with 'hell'. Riverside Drama's comedy "Mary Mary", was great fun, as 'Mum' tried to get her poor widowed son a new woman in his life. Unfortunately, everyone

seemed to be called 'Mary' which caused no end of hilarity; it was reminiscent of an old Brian Rix farce.



Mary, Mary (Riverside)

There was the usual auction and raffle to fill the coffers of SCDA and nice little titbits to soak up the alcohol before we made our way back to our hotels and B&Bs. All agreed it had once again been a good night. The Saturday dawned with blue skies and really hot sun, quite a few sun burnt faces appeared at night. A nice stroll through the village with the annual stop at the old fashioned 'sweetie shoppe' for butternut sweets, then a lovely sit by the river with cool pints of cider to while away the hours till evening.

Saturday night started with a few choice poems from Sharon, then we had more crazy funny insight to life with poems from Russell Adams from Stonehaven Ury Players followed by a very funny sketch "Speechless" where a couple tried to rehearse a play with half the words missing and a helpful hand given by various mimes and objects from side stage. To change the mood a little, John Biggam gave a good rendition of "Burns To a Louse". Then we moved into outer space with Dollar Drama Clubs 'Mission to Planet Bob' three astronauts having problems getting their space craft back to earth. There were a couple of sketches from the Mercators, Edinburgh with our Librarian Douglas Currie and his wife Rosemary showing how, as one gets

a little older, the problems that arise when trying to get away on holiday increase. This was one of my favourites.

Finally there was a brilliant comedy from Fraser Anderson and Calette Duke from Auld Kirk Players, Kirkcaldy with "Confession". A playwright struggles to write his play before a midnight deadline. His wife thinks writing plays should be easy and attempts to help, with hilarious results. This was an absolutely brilliant double act from two excellent actors, especially when they tried to outdo each other in the ad-libbing stakes (Calette had the last word of course).

The final act on both nights was the usual surprise act. This year it was the Tiny Dancers and really you had to see it to believe it. If you have Facebook it will be there!




The Tiny Dancers (Killin)

Once again, we would like to thank everyone at Killin Drama Club for organising a great weekend of entertainment and if some of the locals have not been to a Komeidy Festival we would thoroughly recommend you see for yourself. We have it booked in our diaries for next year already and then this will be our 4th year of coming to Killin.

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Category 2 (15-28)

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- 2 Jim Burton (Balbirnie Park) 63
- 3 Chris Vermeulen (Largs) 65

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**Jean Faichney presenting Dickie
Lewis with the Lix Toll Trophy**

Appointment of New Steward



**L to R - Daniel Knecht (Secretary) Jean Faichney (House Convener) David
Stewart (new Steward) Charles Kerr (Treasurer) and Janice Stewart (Mum of
David Stewart)**

Killin Golf Club are delighted to announce the appointment of a new steward. His name is David Stewart. David, although living in Glasgow, has spent over thirty years visiting Killin regularly with his parents and invariably played golf on the course during these many visits and therefore feels a great affinity towards the village and the golf course. When David heard the position of steward was vacant at the club he saw this as an ideal opportunity to make a change in career and try to fulfil his passion for preparing food. We have been reliably informed that he is an excellent cook. David has given up a long career in sales to pursue this ambition and we are sure he will prepare an exciting menu to whet

our appetites after a pleasant round of golf, or you may fancy just popping in for a meal. We are also sure he will use his skills to ensure that these delights will not make a great dent on our pockets. We are convinced David is 'champing at the bit' to get started and to renew old acquaintances and making new ones. He is also looking forward to waking up in the morning in the club's bungalow to the magnificent views towards the Tarmachan Ridge. We wish David all the best in his new venture and we looking forward to a long mutually advantageous relationship at a club with a long history and traditions.

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Celebrations



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Katie Ann Campbell

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Crianlarich Primary School

Ceilidh

Crianlarich Primary School kicked off the spring term with a Ceilidh to mark Burns Day. The children's family members and senior citizens of the village were invited to a night of dancing, singing, music & poetry recitals which the pupils had been learning at home and at school, and delicious food cooked up by the Rod and Reel.

Topic

The topic for the term was Scotland. Class 1 were learning about Scottish landmarks and wildlife while Class 2 were focussing on Scottish myths and legends. Charles Rennie Mackintosh was explored through art, resulting in outstanding pieces of art. It was fun making up a newspaper article about Nessie and printing them out in a newspaper form.

George

We didn't think we would get such a good result using water paint but it surprised us all.

Jack

World Book Day

Everyone got into the spirit of World Book Day by dressing up as a character from one of their favourite books, the older children from the

nursery joined us for our big parade. We read books to each other and every time the bell rang we had to drop everything and read. We tried different ways to tell stories using picture boards, puppet shows and story boxes. Connecting through books made for a brilliant day!

Science Week

Science week was very successful, with scientists from the Edinburgh Science Festival visiting and they really brought science to life with their witty and energetic approach!

I thought the elephant toothpaste was going to fill the whole classroom!

Emma

I loved making the robots and launching them outside.

Theo

I liked trying to make bouncy balls out of latex and vinegar. It didn't work but we had fun trying.

Jane

Louise Rolfe, a biology teacher from McLaren High School, also came in and asked us to help her find out who had stolen Mr Teall's teddy using forensic science techniques. It was very interesting getting to practise

methods that are used to solve real crimes. We were shocked in the end to find out that Mrs Campbell was the thief! Mrs Campbell returned the teddy and Mr Teall forgave her.

School Magazine

The first issue of our new school magazine "Unique" was sent out and we have already started on our summer edition.

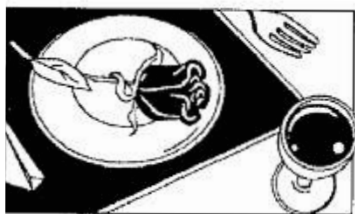
Sport

We have had a busy time with sports too, our activities included; Gymnastics, skiing, swimming, cross country, badminton, netball, golf, Mini Stuc A Chroin hill race and we have just started a four week block of kayaking. The pupils' enthusiasm for trying all different types of sport is fantastic.

CONGRATULATIONS! To Will who took part in the Scottish Snow Sport Association Skiing competition at Snow Factor. 200 schools entered and Will came 19th out of 82 boys taking part. WELL DONE WILL!

Our P6 and 7s have started their bikeability (cycling proficiency) course.

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Crianlarich Primary School

We would like to wish our chess players Aaron, James, Will and Jack, good luck in their upcoming tournament at the Callander Youth Project on the 26th of May. Unfortunately the team will be a member down as it clashes with Gregor's transition days at McLaren

High. We are sure Gregor will be sending out positive vibes. Good luck boys, we know you are winners. We also would like to thank everyone who has given up their time to volunteer in the school over the spring term from helping with reading, Friday clubs, sporting

events, teaching chess, helping children with poetry recitals, judging competitions, baking and cooking, giving talks, you really do make a difference and you are very much appreciated. THANK YOU!



On Left

In April and May all of the children from P1 to P7 took part in four sessions run by Active Stirling, learning both camping skills and how to kayak. A rather special and unique event in a primary school.



World Book Day

Below P4 to P7 children have commenced a series of "Bikeability" training sessions in which they will learn how to maximise their safety when out cycling.



Science Week

Charles Rennie Mackintosh artwork by pupils



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A Day Out with Loch Tay Safaris

Have you ever heard of the Loch Tay kelpie? It is said that it waits on the banks around evening, a majestic white horse with deadly intentions. Often strangers were so enchanted by this creature that they climbed on it and were led away to its aquatic lair, only to be immediately devoured – a gruesome, if popular, myth in Scotland. Today, while floating above a 500 ft abyss on the new Loch Tay Safaris cruise boat, we're not taking any chances.

"The Loch Tay kelpie requires to be fed and appeased," our guide explains, smiling wryly as he holds up a small jar of oatmeal. "So it's a little offering we make so we can get back home again safely. What you do not want is for it to lose its temper and come drag you off."

When he asks for a volunteer, we look at each other reluctantly. One brave soul comes forward. With a handful of fare, he leans over the side of the rib and cautiously scatters it on the water. We sigh in relief. We'll be staying dry for the rest of this trip.

The kelpie is just one of many myths and legends around Loch Tay. A mile away from us, sitting in the shadow of the mighty Ben Lawers, are ruins of an old village, once home to infamous soothsayer The Lady of Lawers. Further east is Sybilla's Island, after Queen Sybilla of Normandy, who was allegedly buried there (her actual

resting place is Dunfermaline Abbey). People have lived around these shores for 9,000 years - the lines between history, heritage, nature and folklore have blurred.

We embarked on this journey from Kenmore. The weather was warm and still, ideal conditions for sailing. A sleek, comfortable and high-tech vessel, the Iolaire ('eagle' in Gaelic) carries twelve passengers and has two crew: guide Jamie Cairncross and skipper/co-owner Donald Riddell. Donald's great-grandfather was the owner of the original steam boat which served as an anti-submarine vessel in the First World War. Once moving, the Iolaire did indeed glide like an eagle. Despite the serenity of the loch, it has a violent history. Clan Campbell also held residence on Sybilla's Island, albeit less peaceably. "They basically ruled from here right across to the west coast," says Mr Riddell, "Either you did what they said or you were taken out." Further up is the old steamer pier, built from local timber. This was a service point for steamers carrying mail to the opposite bank. It is believed that you could post your letter to Ardeonaig on the south side and it would be in Glasgow the following day, where you would expect a reply the day after that - faster than today. Just beyond the pier are the remains of an ancient crannog, partially revealed in low water levels.

"On the deeper side about five or six of the original timber pillars are still visible," says Mr Cairncross. An experienced diver, he has investigated the ruins himself and has even found small artefacts left over from the Bronze Age. The reconstruction is now at the Scottish Crannog Centre, which we pass on our return. It is extraordinary to think that humanity continues to thrive here after so long, the loch being as essential to people's livelihoods as it was thousands of years ago.

As we pull into the harbour, a gentle rendition of Loch Tay Boat Song plays, a perfect end to the trip:

"When I've done my work of day,
And I row my boat away,
Doon the waters of Loch Tay..."

Michael Gardiner

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Congratulations to our 'Knit & Natter' group who presented a wide selection of their work at a recent craft fair organised by the Rotary Club of

Callander. They sold many of their items and collected a grand total of £76.46. Our photo shows the group leader Liz Reece-Heal attending the stall with her grandson helper.

The Ancient History group, led by Peter Ireland, went to Naples for a week to visit Pompeii and Herculaneum. This is the second such tour as the subject proved so popular and next year Peter will be taking his group to Rome. By the end of June almost all of our groups will have completed their courses but members often feel that they would like to meet up again before the new U3A year begins in September. Informal meetings are easily arranged and can be very beneficial especially for the language students of French, Spanish and German.

The next Enrolment Day will take place on Thursday 24 August from 2pm-4pm in conjunction with the AGM. We will meet as before in Callander Kirk Hall and refreshments will be served during the afternoon. We hope to see both new and returning members in good numbers on the day.

Meantime keep up to date with our news by visiting our website 'Callander and West Perthshire U3A'.

Marguerite Kobs

Killin Floral Association Plants for village tubs 2017

Killin Floral Association needs the support of villagers to donate money which will enable us to buy the plants required for planting up the tubs around the village this year. We have received a donation from the Lodge of £25.00, for which we are very grateful but need a good deal more to enable us to fill all the tubs. In past years villagers have been very generous and we have always been grateful for the money we receive, without which we would not be able to make such colourful displays.

Sheila has kindly agreed to collect donations at the Gallery, in the village.

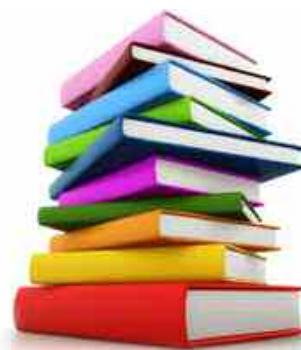
We will once again be holding our annual competitions, looking out for the best displays and awarding prizes in three main categories. Domestic for householders in the village, Commercial for all business premises and the children's tallest sunflower competition.

We are always needing volunteers to plant up, water and dead head the plants. If you feel you would be interested in helping us please call

Alicja Fraser
01567 820690

Thank you for your support.

Book Review Request Read any good books lately?



For the last few years the three Book Clubs in Killin have been recommending books in the Killin News. However, you don't need to be in a book club to read and recommend books.

If you feel that you would like to contribute it would be really good to hear your perspective on any books you choose. A short article, between 200 and 300 words would fit with our editorial policy and the copy deadline for the next issue is always given on Page 2 of the current issue of the paper.

The copy deadline for Issue 160 is 14th July and the article should be sent to

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You don't have to go to the extent of getting arrested to join us on a Friday afternoon in the Killin Hotel from 2-4pm. We are a group of beginners and semi-beginners and meet every week throughout the year, with the exception of July and August.

What's in it for you if you join?

Bridge is social. We don't play competitively

Bridge is a game for all ages. It is not an old person's game (despite the myth)



Bridge is good for the mind. It stimulates both halves of the brain in equal measure! A simplified form of mini-bridge is beginning to be introduced into schools in the UK, for that reason.

Bridge brings health benefits as it keeps your brain young and your mind alert.

Bridge is great fun and exciting

Bridge is good value for money. The only cost is a tea or coffee purchased from the hotel.

Bridge is a great leveller.

Source – Acol Bridge Club

We have an experienced player who comes along to help us with the finer points of the game and would welcome anyone joining us, even just to try it out.

So nothing to lose and everything to gain! See you at the Killin Hotel at the beginning of June.



RSABI Invites Team Entries for the GGC17 Challenge Event. We are inviting teams of competitors once again to take part in our popular annual multi-sports team building challenge event and to help us raise funds in support of people in Scottish Agriculture.

RSABI Great Glen Challenge 2017, sponsored by Ledingham Chalmers Solicitors, is now launching and aims to follow the fantastic success of the event in previous years, raising over £112,000 in 2015 and 2016 for those experiencing rural hardship. It takes place for a 6th time this summer on Friday 25th August. Please view and share our official video and read news of our latest launch.

GGC17 is now open for team entries of four people with a support driver to bike, kayak, walk and run sections, together totalling 46 km, along the Great Glen Way. Go on, enter a team and secure one of only 25 team places!

We are delighted to confirm teams recently signed: Bank of Scotland, CKD Galbraith (2 teams), Ledingham Chalmers solicitors, The Scottish Farmer, Pagan Osborne, Royal Bank of Scotland and last year's winners, Watson Seeds.

Early applications are encouraged.

To learn more, sign up a team or join our Supporter Scheme: call RSABI on 0300 111 4166, visit www.rsabi.org.uk or email

paultinson@rsabi.org.uk

So what?

So have you noticed nearly every sentence in any radio or TV interview begins with 'so'? So this habit is spreading. So why? So does this mean a permanent change in the way we speak? So. Is it an alternative to 'er'? Another small word is also appearing more. 'Of' is intruding everywhere. So nowadays things are unnecessarily 'inside of' or 'outside of' or 'all of'. So what of that?

Help needed at Callander PDSA store

Staff and volunteers at Callander PDSA shop are urging local animal lovers to donate their unwanted items or time to help sick and injured pets. The shop is desperate for good quality donations including CDs, DVDs, books and toys, as well as men's and ladies' clothing, shoes and accessories.

PDSA Shop Manager, Audrey Peel, said: "Perhaps your wardrobe is bulging with unworn clothes or your shelves are full of books you have never read? Why not have a clear-out and donate your unwanted items to PDSA? As well as de-cluttering your home, you'll be helping a very worthy cause at the same time. Audrey is also appealing for local people to lend a hand and volunteer at the shop.

Audrey added: "We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers who are passionate about pets and who can lend a hand."



"Volunteering for PDSA is fun and the skills you learn look great on any CV, plus you get to meet new people and make some friends along the way. No previous retail experience is needed, as full training is provided for all new volunteers. So, if you would like to help sick and injured pets, why not join our friendly volunteer team." For more details about volunteering for PDSA, please call freephone 0800 854194 or visit

www.pdsa.org.uk/volunteering. PDSA encourages all supporters to sign up for Gift Aid, to help their donations go even further. Gift Aid allows PDSA to claim an additional 25% of the value of each item sold, which helps to raise over £1m a year for the charity.

Located at 72 Main Street, Callander PDSA shop raises funds to provide PDSA-funded veterinary treatment. Donations can be taken to the store from Monday to Saturday, between 9am and 5pm.

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Medical Matters

Make the most of your Minor Injuries Unit

Many local people with minor injuries automatically head for the Emergency Department at Forth Valley Royal Hospital but did you know you can often be seen and treated more quickly at the Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) at Stirling Community Hospital? This also frees up staff in the Emergency Department to treat patients with more serious injuries who require immediate care.

NHS Forth Valley's MIU is staffed by emergency nurse practitioners who can provide treatment for a wide range of minor injuries including minor burns and scalds, infected wounds, sprains, cuts and grazes. Staff can also examine and treat minor injuries to the eye, ear, head and neck areas and can arrange X-rays for suspected broken bones. Although the unit is based in Stirling, it offers treatment to patients over the age of one from across Forth Valley. No appointment is necessary and the MIU is open 7 days a week from 9am – 9pm. Babies under 12 months old with minor injuries should be taken to Forth Valley Royal Hospital.

To find out more about the NHS Forth Valley Minor Injuries Unit visit www.nhsforthvalley.com/miu

The Minor Injuries Unit can treat:

- minor burns and scalds
- infected wounds
- sprains and strains
- cuts and grazes
- minor eye injuries
- minor ear injuries (not infections)
- minor head and neck injuries
- suspected broken bones (staff can arrange X-rays and apply plaster, if required)

It cannot treat:

- babies aged under the age of one
- minor illnesses (including coughs, colds, sore throats)
- back or hip injuries
- injuries which happened several days ago
- old injuries which have recently got worse

If you are unsure whether you should attend the Minor Injuries Unit then phone first on 01786 434036 to check with local staff.

Killin Medical Practice

Our Practice Nurse Jamie Anderson is currently receiving training in minor ailment management. This will enhance her role within the Practice. As you know, we operate a triage system for requests for unscheduled appointments and therefore you may be seen by Jamie, a GP, a Paramedic Practitioner or signposted to the Pharmacy.

Ann Gillies and Mhairi Kyle, our HCA's, are also training in administering routine injections. You may be asked if you are happy with Ann or Mhairi carrying out your routine injections. This will enhance access in the long run and make care more streamline and we hope, improve our service overall.

Killin Surgery

Patient Participation Group

The availability of patient transport to Larbert may, fingers and toes crossed, be showing some promise. After no improvement a letter was again sent to Larbert hospital and copies to local councillor Martin Earl and local M.S.P. This resulted in an article in the Stirling Observer.

Although no meeting has been set up or any reply received after several weeks one patient has told me that she was offered and has arranged transport.

Please, please report any problems or successes so that this can be monitored.

We won't know if you don't tell us. No names will be given.

The instructions that if the patient's postcode is between FK16 and FK21 they should be booked an appointment after 10a.m are not being carried out and this is also being pursued. Again, let us know please.

We also have a list of support departments and a copy of complaints procedure. These will be put up on the ppg board in the surgery waiting room.

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Local Planning Applications

National Park

24 Feb 2017

Proposal: Erection of agricultural shed
Location: Leskine Farm Crianlarich Killin
Applicant: Mrs Margaret Ashbridge
Application Type: Prior Notification
Decision: Prior approval not required

09 Mar 2017

Proposal: Erection of new single pole
Location: Inverherive Euwich
Crianlarich
Applicant: Denise Oudney
Application Type: Statutory Notification
- overhead lines
Decision: No Objections

09 Mar 2017

Proposal: Construction of a replacement footbridge
Location: Allt Gleann Auchreoch Bridge Tyndrum
Applicant: Mr Murray Swapp
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

14 Mar 2017

Proposal: Erection of replacement agricultural shed
Location: Auchtertyre Farm Crianlarich
Applicant: SRUC
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

16 Mar 2017

Proposal: Erection of 2no. extensions
Location: Riverside Craignavie Road Killin
Applicant: Mr Paul Godfrey
Application Type: Householder Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

17 Mar 2017

Proposal: Erection of conservatory
Location: Craignavie Craignavie Road Killin
Applicant: Mr Geoff Endersby
Application Type: Householder Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

30 Mar 2017

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse
Location: Bridge Of Lochay Hotel Killin
Applicant: Mr Robert Stevenson
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Current

31 Mar 2017

Proposal: Proposed Gold mine with associated infrastructure
Location: Minerals Cononish Road Tyndrum
Applicant: Scotgold Resources Ltd
Application Type: Pre-Application Consultation
Decision: Enquiry/PAC completed

11 Apr 2017

Proposal: EIA Scoping for proposed gold mine, with revised phasing and proposed tailings stacks
Location: Minerals Cononish Road Tyndrum
Applicant: Scotgold Resources Ltd
Application Type: Pre Screening / Scoping Requests
Decision: Current

19 Apr 2017

Proposal: Erection of 1.5 storey dwellinghouse
Location: Tayview Main Street Killin
Applicant: Mr Colin McCrae
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Current

12 May 2017

Proposal: Siting of a Portakabin and associated access to the rear of cafe (temporary permission)
Location: The Real Food Cafe Tyndrum
Applicant: Ms Sarah Heward
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Approve
Perth & Kinross Council

20 Mar 2017

Proposal: Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse
Location: Ach Na Creag Fearnan
Applicant: EMA Architecture And Design
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Approve the application

21 Mar 2017

Proposal: Erection of replacement dwellinghouse
Location: Site Of Former Bruaich Cottage Fearnan
Applicant: Professor and Mrs A Paterson
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Awaiting decision

12 Apr 2017

Proposal: Alterations to forestry track
Location: Morenish Farm Killin
Applicant: Tilhill Forestry
Application Type: Prior Notification
Decision: Approve the application

24 Apr 2017

Proposal: Erection of a boathouse
Location: Ach Na Creag Fearnan
Applicant: EMA Architecture And Design
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Awaiting decision

25 Apr 2017

Proposal: Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse
Location: Lindenlea Creagach Fearnan
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Bill Seath
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Awaiting decision

01 May 2017

Proposal: Siting of 2no. storage containers
Location: Land 30 Metres North Of Old Church Lawers
Applicant: Mr Angus Thomson
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: withdrawn

05 May 2017

Proposal: Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse
Location: Grey Timbers Fearnan
Applicant: Mr And Mrs Ross And Hilary Barbour
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Approve the application

09 May 2017

Proposal: Installation of telecommunications mast and ancillary equipment
Location: Margcraggan
Telecommunications Mast Killin
Applicant: AB Internet Ltd
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Approve the application
Stirling

16 Mar 2017

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

17 Mar 2017

Proposal: Prior Notification for Forestry-related building works (non-residential)
Location: Land Some 140 Metres East Of Cuilodchart Killin
Applicant: TFP 2008 LLP
Application Type: Agricultural Notification
Decision: Approve

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THE CUB PACK NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Cubs are now missing a Leader! Chaz Kemp has done a superb job of setting up and running Cubs since we started however he has now had to step aside from the position. The leaders, Cubs and Cub parents would like to say a huge thank you to Chaz for all the effort and enthusiasm he brought to Cubs. However, we are very pleased not to have lost Chaz completely from the group as he remains as our Group Scout Leader. In order for the Cubs to continue to run, Harriet Wishart volunteered to come across from Scouts and run Cubs for a term. While this has worked really well it is only a temporary solution until the summer. If a leader cannot be found, then we will have to close the Cub pack after the summer. This would be such a shame for the Cubs that attend every week and get so much out of their Scouting experience. It is also a huge loss to the whole of the Scout Group and also to the village. Therefore, this is our final appeal... We are after potential Cub Leader(s) and Cub Assistant Leaders. No previous experience of Scouting required at all, we are a friendly bunch of leaders who will help you to run a great Cub pack. A potential leader could be anyone of any age (over 18), any gender, any religion (or no religion at all), could be someone with a child in any section of the Scout Group or not be a parent at all. All it requires is a couple of hours to volunteer a week and enthusiasm to organise interesting and exciting activities for the Cub pack. If this sounds a bit daunting don't worry, we all started at some point and we have plenty of ideas

and knowledge to help run evenings. It is such a rewarding thing to do that (as a leader) I would encourage anyone with the smallest interest in the idea to get in touch. So if you (or someone you know) is at all interested in helping us out (and saving our Cub pack) please contact Chaz.

Chaz Kemp

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Beavers

Beavers are aged 6-8 and meet every Tuesday in The Lesser Hall, Killin, from 6-7pm. The Beavers have been making the most of the recent good weather and been outside as much as possible. We have been gardening, practising our camping skills and having a lovely forest walk around Pier Road. As can be seen in the picture the wild flowers were lovely and much to the Beavers delight even spotted a couple of roe deer! At the time of publication we will have had safari themed sleepover and be excited about our walk on the Ben Lawers NNR.

Stephen Rawlinson

Beaver Leader

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Cubs

Cubs are aged 8-10½ and meet every Tuesday in The Lesser Hall, Killin, from 7:15-8:30pm. The Cubs have had a great set of meetings recently, mostly spending our time outside, making the most of the warm, dry weather. The Cubs spent an evening learning about maps and how to read them. Our Young Leader Hazel ran a fantastic evening taking the Cubs on a walk to and around Finlarig Castle. We all

learnt so much about the castle and the stories surrounding it. To continue to make the most of the nice weather we spent an evening playing games outside, which was great for burning off excess energy.

Harriet Wishart

Temporary 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 have had fun recently practicing their pioneering and cooking skills. The structures created on our recent pioneering night are getting very impressive and included a very sturdy flag pole, complete with flag. Cooking skills were put to the test with some carrot cake baking, which turned out to be good enough to eat! We also spent a great evening walking around Killin



Scouts - Walk

learning about some local history. We compared old pictures of buildings to see what had changed. Thank you to the Killin Hotel who took the time to explain why the old picture of the hotel we had looked so different to the current building.

Zach Wishart

Assistant Scout Leader

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Explorers

Explorers are aged 14-18 and meet on the last Wednesday of each month in The Lesser Hall, Killin, 7-9pm. The Explorers have had a rather quiet few months because of exams. However, we did manage to get out and about for a walk up Sron A'Chlachain. It was a good evening and even involved learning some navigation skills. Now the Explorers want to start planning their next walk in the hills and try something a little bigger.

Harriet Wishart

Explorer Leader

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Obituaries

George Alexander Smith 22th May 1930 - 24th March 2017

Dad was born in White House, Main Street, Killin to parents Fred and Frances and younger brother to Evelyn (Paddy). He spent all his life in Killin, attended the local primary school along with Paddy. On leaving school Dad joined grandpa at F. Smith the joiners to start a career as a joiner; it then became known as F. Smith & Son.

When called up for National Service dad wanted to go and fight for his country in Korea but unfortunately he was too young. He joined the Royal Engineers and was based at Pinefield Camp in Elgin.

After finishing his national service he returned home and continued his joinery career.

Dad met Mum in 1956 at Kings House, Glen Coe when he was reroofing the hotel and Mum was working as a waitress. They married on 17th May 1957 and would have celebrated their diamond wedding this year.

Gordon was born in 1959 and I came along in 1961. Dad and Mum started family life in Myrtle Grove before moving to Yellow Cottage. I can remember Dad teaching us how to play golf in the back garden, getting us to hit our shots into the field or wood at the end of the garden. Unfortunately, I think a few window panes had to be replaced in our efforts to swing the club properly. After a few years Dad decided to build and design their own home, which is now known as Muileann Sabh, where he has spent many happy years with Mum and various dogs, latterly Bob, who has been their constant companion for the last eleven years.

Dad was a very keen sportsman. His passion, when he was younger, was to be a professional football player, but grandpa did not think that there would be much money to be made from it! He was also a member of the army

football team and played in the Killin team. He played badminton, too, and was a retained fireman for 25 years.

Dad had two loves in his life: one was his family, whom he cherished and adored. When grandchildren came along he always took an interest in their achievements in life and was very proud of them. Great-grandchildren started to arrive and they affectionately named him GG. Lately there was always a smile from him when they came to visit and he always looked



forward to their wee chats on the phone or their video calls, which Dad thought were wonderful.

His second love was his love of golf: he spent many happy years on the golf course. He was club champion for many years and was always bringing home medals, trophies and crystal vases, much to Mum's dismay as she was the one who had to clean them. We were all very proud of him.

He was always willing to help out at the golf course: ball spotting, helping with juniors etc. When he retired from joinery aged 65 he could often be seen on the course, usually sitting on the tractor cutting the grass.

Dad's health started to deteriorate about two years ago and sadly he

could not continue with his beloved golf, which was a big loss to him. It became more difficult to remain as independent as he had previously been. He relied on Mum to care for him at home, which she did with tender loving care.

He was diagnosed with Alzheimer's last year, which we all found very difficult as he had always been such a cheery, fun-filled, fit and active man.

Things did not improve and Dad went into the Falls of Dochart home for some respite care in February of this year, where he was lovingly cared for by Mandy and her wonderful team.

Dad's health deteriorated and sadly he did not get his wish to return home granted. He passed away on 24th March in the loving arms of his wife and with his family by his side.

Dad was a beloved and much loved husband, a very much loved Dad, brother, father-in-law, Grandpa and a precious GG.

He has left a big hole in all our hearts and is sorely missed by all his family. The family would like to thank everyone at the Home, GP's, district nurses and all those who helped him and came in for wee chats and visits over the past few months.

Freda Cairns

*Dad, your life was full of loving deeds
Forever thoughtful of our special needs,
Today, tomorrow and our whole life through
We will always love and cherish you.*

Love always, from your loving family.

Obituaries

Andrea Simpson 1937 - 2017

Mum was born in Stenhousemuir in 1937 to Mary and Robbie Davidson. She grew up in Stenhousemuir with her parents and sister Frances. Mum's maternal family, the McFarlanes, came from Killin and lived at 1 Monemore. Mum visited Killin throughout her childhood for family holidays and spent time with Frances and her three special cousins Nancy, Sheena and Jim. She met our dad, Douglas Simpson, over the dyke at Tighnabruaich Hotel. He stayed with our grandparents Fred and Mary and his brother Freddie in the stone cottage that used to be located behind the hotel.

Mum and dad got married in 1959 and lived in Stenhousemuir for a couple of years. In 1961 they moved to Killin where we all grew up. Mum was a wonderful mother, a selfless lady who devoted her life to making sure me, Brenda and Wendy were nurtured, safe, supported and enabled to flourish in the lives we chose. She certainly did that, in fact she excelled at it. When we were at primary school, Mum

and Jessie worked as the infamous primary school catering team. Along with the 'Jannie', much capering and giggles were had. Mum was famous at the time for her 'pink poison'. Folks from our era will remember it well, it may sound exotic and in the 1960/70's it was, now it would be described at pink custard! Mum was never happier than when she was in the kitchen. Soup was her delicacy and we never returned to Aberdeen without a supply for Adrian and Thomas who loved it, Aimee is not a soup lover, Wendy got a plate or two from every pot made! Mum was nicknamed the 'Soup Queen' by all the family. Within the family Mum is affectionately known as 'Mrs Overall'. One of her best qualities was organising everything, lists, labels, notes were commonplace, so that no detail was missed or forgotten. Mum also had a bit of a 'bin obsession' which seemed to get more obvious as the number of bins issued by Stirling Council increased. Mum's neighbours are wondering who is

now going to remind them to put their bins out. Mum even phoned Wendy to remind her which colour of bin to put out each week. When we were teenagers Mum was really good at letting our friends stay, especially if they lived outside the village and needed a bed for the night. She was famous for the 'Glo Baby', a metal framed bed airer, that was used to heat beds on winter nights in the days before we all had central heating. Sometimes we called Mum Andrea instead of Mum. This is because dad died forty years ago when Mum was

went on a 1000 mile girlie road trip in a six berth RV campervan from San Francisco through Yosemite, Death Valley, and the Nevada desert to Las Vegas. Brenda booked us into a posh hotel with a view of the Vegas Strip, as a special treat for Mum. While checking in, Mum bought a round of drinks, four gin and tonic, when the bill came at \$50, Mum needed a wee lie down and never quite got over the price! That holiday turned out to be the last time all four of us were together and will therefore forever be a treasured memory.



Andrea, Brenda, Wendy and Jackie
Las Vegas 2014

only 40 year old. Mum would sometimes come out for a drink with us, if we were in a bar and shouted 'Mum, what would you like to drink?' she would gesture and say 'Andrea not Mum!'. More recently she had been troubled with vascular disease and had a number of operations to insert stents and bypass grafts, additionally she had two hip replacements. When she had her first hip replacement the surgeon asked her what would constitute a successful outcome? She replied "pain free and able to do an Orcadian Strip the Willow". "You don't want much" he replied, jokingly! The next year Mum did an Orcadian Strip the Willow at the New Year dance. Over the last eight years Mum, Wendy and myself have gone, each year, on a girlie holiday, where a great time was had by all. In 2014 we went to see Brenda and her husband Chito at their home in San Jose, California, where we had all visited on a number of occasions before. While there, the four of us

her independence and was cheery to the end. She was loved by all the family and friends. She will be sorely missed by all she knew, but will be in our hearts forever.

Special thanks to Russel Moffat for conducting the funeral and to Ross Anderson for arranging the funeral, We are very grateful for your support during this emotional time. A special thanks to our family and to the people of Killin who supported us over the period of Mum's ill health and following her death. It was overwhelming and very much appreciated.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the collection at the funeral, a wonderful £800 was collected and has been donated to the Falls of Dochart Residential Home, Killin.

**Jackie(Bremner),
Brenda and Wendy**

A handsome chap



John Strang captured this bird on his back fence on Easter Sunday.

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Graduation



On 14th April 2017, Scott Thomson graduated at The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service headquarters national training centre, Cambuslang. All his family and friends and all the crew at Killin Fire Station wish him all the best in his new career as a full time fire fighter.

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Badminton
Mondays & Tuesdays
McLaren Hall
Juniors P7 6-7pm
Adults 7-10pm

Beavers
Tuesdays
6-7pm
Lesser Hall

Choir
Usually Tuesdays
Church 7.30pm
phone Franny
01567 829048

Cubs
Tuesdays
7.15 - 8.30pm
Lesser Hall

Explorers
Last Wednesday of month
Lesser Hall
7-9pm

Gentle Yoga
Mons
10.30-1200
Old Mill

Indoor Bowls
Mondays 7.30 Lesser
McLaren Hall

Internet Cafe
Thursdays
Killin Library
11am-3pm
Drop In

Junior Badminton
Mondays at 6
Crianlarich Hall

Junior Knitting
12.30-2.00
Mill
Contact Franny

Killin Craft group
Tuesdays 10-12
Community Rooms

Killin Heritage
Thursdays
Lynedoch

Killin Gun Club
Third Sunday of month.
March to December
Contacts:
Stuart Ogston
07999 510014
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01567 820354
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ClayPigeon@outlook.com

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

Metafit
Wednesdays 7.30
McLaren Hall

Netball
Tuesdays 7.15pm
Killin Sports and
Leisure Club

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

Quilters
Wednesdays 2pm
Community Rooms

Saplings
Only in summer holidays
1 day per week

Scouts
Wednesdays
7-9pm
Lesser Hall

Softplay Club
Tuesdays
Sports Pavilion
12.30 - 2.30pm

Strength and Balance
Wednesdays
1.30-2.30
Killin Hotel

Tai Chi
Mondays 2.15
£3 Tyndrum Village Hall
Restart after holidays

Tuesday Club
Community Rooms
2-4
Restarts October 3rd

Tiddlers & Toddlers
Thursdays fortnightly
Sports Pavilion
10am-12 noon

Woman's Guild
3rd Thursday of every month
2pm
Falls of Dochart Retirement
Home

U3A
French Wednesdays 2.30-4pm
Bridge Fridays 2pm
Art Tuesdays 2pm

Mobile Libraries

Tyndrum/Crianlarich Fortnightly Fridays

June 2, 16, 30, July 14, 28

Crianlarich

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

Tyndrum

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

Glen Lochay/Ardeonaig Fortnightly Mondays

June 12, 26, July 10, 24

Glen Lochay 10.50-12.30
Ardeonaig 2.00-2.45

Perth and Kinross Fortnightly Tuesdays

June 13, 27, July 11, 25

Tombreck 16.40-17.00
Lawers 17.15-17.30

Recycling Centres

Callander

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

Aberfeldy

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

Crieff

North Forr, Brioch Forr
All Year
Monday-Friday 9am-7pm
Saturday & Sunday
9am-5pm

Which bin? Saturdays

3rd June

10th June

17th June

24th June

1st July

8th July

15th July

22nd July

29th July

Grey = grey bin + blue
bin

Brown = brown bin + blue box

Green = brown bin,
green bin + blue box



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