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Killin News

Editorial

As autumn approaches many of us look back on a happy, busy summer, despite the frequent rain "showers", and look forward with some degree of enthusiasm, only tempered by the thought of further watery deluges, to the return of our equally busy winter schedules.

Our holiday visitors will leave with their own unique impression of Killin and its surroundings, and will share these personal experiences with friends and family upon returning home. Their comments may be shared on social media, reaching a possible enormous readership.

It comes as no surprise then that Killin is fast becoming a popular destination for annual events and group outings. Recent "group invasions" have included motor cyclists, pedal cyclists, canoeists, hill walkers, classic car enthusiasts, photographers and runners.

Local talents have again emerged this summer with entries from all ages in the Killin Show, the Highland Games and the Floral Display competitions. We were treated to stunning floral arrangements, mouth-watering baking, recognisable scarecrow politicians, perfect vegetables, colourful garden displays, talented artwork, stunning photography, amazing craftwork, impressive muddy hill racing, pristine antique tractors, champion sheep and cattle.

There remains plenty to occupy us in the months ahead and as the weather grows colder and the nights darker, we can enjoy plenty of "craic" with neighbours and friends whilst at the same time keeping a caring eye out for those who may be struggling. Killin is good at that.

The Killin News team now look forward with hope to a possible office move bringing us closer to the centre of the village and opening up further opportunities for us all.

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Front Cover Photo - Ron Allner

Robert Lafferty performed and demonstrated three disciplines of balance on Cycle, Trial Motorcycle and Unicycle at the Ross of Mull Show in Bunessan, Mull. Robert stunned the crowd with this inward back somersault and was well received by the crowds throughout his demonstration.

Appeal

To all readers and friends of KILLIN NEWS

Readers may remember that, following flooding last year, Killin News had to move out of our office for several months. Now, unexpectedly, Dani Grant, until recently one of our Committee members, has offered us the chance to buy the \pounds Shop as a new office and we feel this is an opportunity not to be missed.

At the moment Killin News is not a 'legal entity' so cannot buy property. However, if we become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO), we would be able to, so we are now in the process of applying to become a SCIO. As a SCIO, Killin News will be able to apply directly to funding sources and be eligible for small amounts from more places but we still need to raise money ourselves in order to take advantage of the offer as soon as possible. KAT is very supportive of the project and possible ways of sharing the space with KAT and/or other community projects are being explored.

We realise the \pounds Shop will be missed but, as a home for Killin News, it has the potential to become a lively hub of community activity. In addition to giving us more of a presence in the village and making it easier for people to drop in items of news, it could also be used for other purposes alongside work on the paper. We would welcome ideas about what/who else might use the space.

Killin News is **YOUR** paper and we are asking all readers and friends to support us by donating money or fundraising for us in addition to whatever we do ourselves.

Please contact any member of the Committee (see page 2) with donations and/or suggestions or send them to our current office. The more community support we have, the more likely we are to get grants and be successful in creating a useful new community space.

We are delighted to have had a good initial response already. If successful, we will doubtless need help with making changes to the property, so any promises of help with the work will also be very welcome.

PLEASE HELP

Potential Withdrawal of Killin Bus Service

This letter was received from Stirling Council by Tim Frost, secretary of Killin Community Council, in response to local concerns about the proposed withdrawal of the C60 bus service. Dear Mr Frost

Bus Service C60: Callander - Killin

Bus service C60 between Callander and Killin is currently operated by Kingshouse Travel Ltd on behalf of Stirling Council. The contract contains a clause whereby it may be terminated voluntarily by the operator or the Council giving at least four months' notice to the other party.

Due to an anticipated shortage of PSV-qualified drivers next year, Kingshouse Travel Ltd have given notice of voluntary termination of the contract, such that their final day of operation of this service will be Saturday 30 December 2017. The company will continue to provide Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) services for the Council.

The Council is about to consider how best to replace this service from January 2018. There are three main options:

'like for like' replacement of the bus service;

replacement of the bus service with an amended timetable; replacement of the bus service by a DRT service.

Bus operators other than Kingshouse Travel Ltd are all some distance away, which would increase operating costs and could make a replacement bus service unaffordable . The DRT option would effectively join up the Balquhidder, Killin & Strathfillan and Trossachs DRT schemes into one

large area, which would be quite a major step, bringing both advantages and disadvantages. I should be obliged if you could bring this to the attention of the Community Council at your next meeting, which I believe to be on 12th September 2017. We would need to have your response by 30th September 2017 to enable us to meet procurement deadlines for a replacement service. I enclose a copy of the current Service C60 timetable. Please come back to me if you need any additional information. Yours sincerely

David W. Brown

Public Transport Project Officer phone 01786 404040 text 07717 990 001 web: www.stirling.gov.uk

Update

At MP Stephen Kerr's surgery on 15th September in McLaren Hall, 35 local people turned up to voice grave concerns about the termination of the C60 bus service between Killin and Callander. The proposal to replace the service with Direct Response Transport (DRT) was seen as not at all suitable, due to it

being somewhat unreliable and also that it must be booked at least 24 hours in advance. In addition, tourists would not be able to access it. Both Stephen and Martin Earl (local councillor), who also attended, insisted that a long term sustainable bus service must replace the current C60 and are working with Stirling Council to ensure this happens Marion Strang

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Despite the wet weather the show was a great success. The Show was host to a film production company and will feature in the new series of "The Farmer's Country Showdown" in the Spring of 2018.

The return of the Cross Cattle classes after an enforced two year absence was welcomed by the exhibitors. Willie Taylor of Dall Farm won the Best Spring Born Calf Trophy followed by Neil Campbell of Succoth Farm taking the best Native Calf with a Heifer. Hamish McDiarmid, Ben Lawers Farm took the Best Cow with Calf Trophy. In a closely matched final for the overall Championship, Hamish came first with a Limousin Cross, Willie taking the reserve with the Spring Born Calf. The Sheep classes totalled close to 170 entries. The Swaledale entry was in line with the first classes last year and Judge Donald McLaren from Dalmally eventually awarded an Aged Ram from Grant Jolly, Benmore Farm, Crianlarich with the Championship and a Ewe from Finlay Macaskill, Tullich Farm, Glen Lochay with the Reserve. In the Cross and Other Breeds classes, Judge Willie Stevenson presided and there was an almost clean sweep of the top prizes and the Champion by Peter McDiarmid, Shenlarich. The Blackface classes were judged by Alec MacPherson and honours were fairly even between Messrs McLarty, Glentarken and Peter



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Show

McDiarmid, Shenlarich, with the Champion going to Glentarken and the Reserve to Shenlarich.

The Champion of Champions this year went to Peter McDiarmid with his pair of Texel Lambs.

The Vintage Tractor display was organised by Ian Hancock. The winner of the Bonny Baby Show was a local girl, Bella, pictured with proud mum Allana.

The shearing demonstration was commentated on by Donald MacKenzie, and the Comrie Pipe Band gave a real Highland flavour to the proceedings. This year's Scarecrow Competition had a political theme and the work which went into producing the effigies tested the creators. So, many thanks for helping bring many laughs and sniggers. There were many competitions in the McLaren Hall and the number and quality of the exhibits was well up on last year, with results below. Well done to all competitors who entered and a special congratulations to the many winners.

Show Dinner

The Show Dinner takes place in the Killin Hotel on Saturday 18th November. Tickets are always in demand so contact the Show Secretary, Stuart Cluckie, to book your place.

> Alex Stewart Show Commentator







Winners

Handcarft Cup (Art)James GePhotography CupMayumi PHomecraft CupJenny HurBaking CupCathy ReioProduce CupMargaretVegetable CupJane WattBest in Veg ClassesAlex StewFlower CupMargaretFloral Art CupMargaretGirls CupEilidh FlerBoys CupAlastair GCommunity ChallengeKillin WRI

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First phase of National Park East West walking and cycle route opens

A key section of the National Walking and Cycling Network, crossing part of the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park has officially opened.

The walking and cycling route, which forms part of the Cross Scotland Pilgrims Way, is situated in the community owned woodland at Dalrigh, Tyndrum. It creates a circular loop from Tyndrum, allowing cyclists to bypass the A82 trunk road.

The path has been created by the Loch Lomond & The Trossachs Countryside Trust, a charitable organisation with the aim of encouraging more people to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. It has been delivered in partnership by Sustrans Scotland, Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park, Tactran, Forth Valley and Lomond LEADER, the Brown Forbes Memorial Trust, the Garfield Weston Foundation, Forestry Commission Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage and the Strathfillan Community Development Trust.

The route takes in impressive views of Ben More, crossing the river

Cononish with views of pine forest. Since completion in the last two months, 1446 walkers and 317 cyclists have enjoyed the new path which is suitable for cyclists, horses, buggies and walkers and includes a brand new bridge connecting the communities and businesses of Tyndrum and Crianlarich.



TheCountryside Trust hopes to start the next section of path later this year linking the 4.5km to Crianlarich and then a further 22km to the National Cycle Network in Killin. Speaking at the opening, Natalie Stevenson from the Countryside Trust said: "It has long been an ambition of the communities of Tyndrum and Crianlarich to not only provide a safe access route between the two villages but also to offer new local links to nationally recognised long distance walking and cycling routes such as the West Highland Way and National cycle routes.

This ambition ties in with long term plans to create a network of paths running from the east of the National Park at St Fillans to the west at Tyndrum. This new path gives residents and visitors more opportunities for active travel, to enjoy recreational walks or bike rides or to join longer distance routes.

We are committed to supporting local businesses and communities in achieving this ambition and are thrilled that we can now start work on the next sections around

Crianlarich and Killin." Sustrans Scotland provided £200,000 towards the route, through its National Cycle Network Development fund, which is funded by Transport Scotland.



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Ciro's Pop up Bistro

Loch Tay Highland Lodges onsite Bistro has been taken over for the summer and turned into a 'Pop up' Italian Bistro! by Ciro of @Ciro's Italian Restaurant. He and his family will be running the bistro until 5th November.

This follows on from Ciro's Restaurant in Callander having to close after a damaging fire above the restaurant affected the whole building earlier this year.

The Pop up Bistro is open to the public so they look forward to seeing Killin locals and any Callander customers.

To book a table the Bistro can be contacted on 01567 820853 or email bistro@lochtay-vacations.co.uk



Furry friend or Foe?

I am writing this on an early September day with the rain pouring down – yet again. After the great sunny start to the summer we have had so much wet. Of course it has affected wildlife. Some of the heavy rain came when grouse chicks were too well grown to be sheltered under their mother's wings. This meant that the early promise of the sunny days was washed away as many young died in the storms, not yet having enough waterproof plumage. Most estates do a grouse count before 12th to get an idea of the number of birds and if there are not sufficient they decide not to shoot. Numbers this year are variable from area to area. One thing which appears to have thrived everywhere is the heather. I am sure that everyone will agree that it is glorious this year and many hills appear more purple and healthy than for many years. Even the patches on Glen Ogle which are surviving amongst the bracken are looking good. For anyone who loves the heather, a trip over the Trinafour road out from Fearnan is a real treat.

The rowan berries are red and ready for the birds to eat, the bracken is turning and dying down so that we can see a little more and the squirrels have all but deserted us for wild food along in the hazel woods. I was thinking that this was earlier this year but apparently not – must just be me getting old. I expect that the hedgehogs will soon be deserting us too for hibernation. Eric, who has been coming since last year must actually be Erica since she is accompanied by two young ones. We feel so privileged to have these lovely spiky folk as the general hedgehog population is declining, by about 97% since 1950. Major Coles, MBE, who started the British Hedgehog Preservation Society in 1982 has recently died but did sterling work to show how we could help. This can be done by building ramps in cattle grids where they may get trapped and by feeding up smaller ones for hibernation if we get the chance (but not with bread and milk as this will kill them) with mealworms, dogfood or special hedgehog food. I hope that ours do not hibernate quite yet as I have just bought a 5kilo bag of food! By far the biggest threat is the increase in badger populations.

There are innumerable examples of the correlation between badger increase and hedgehog decline. We don't want there to be no badgers at all, but there is a case here for practical conservation. I want my grandchildren to be able to show their children the occasional hedgehog in real life, not just a historical picture.

Our other endangered friends, the red squirrels, were well featured in a stand at the Galloway Country Fair where "Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels" were encouraging people



to report sightings. We had the reps there jumping around with excitement at the number that we had around here so please go to scottishsquirrels.org.uk/squirrelsightings to send in any information. The beavers of a nearby area are not so popular as they are smacking their tails on the water during their nightly shenanigans and scaring the pheasants out of their roosts. S.N.H. are planning to move 28 from Tayside to relocate in Knapdale where introduced trial beavers have not flourished and also to capture all the Beauly beavers and move them

to somewhere else. You have to ask yourself just why? Is it job creation or just a game of beaver chess? Another question is why are we introducing an animal which cuts down trees for a living and, at the same time wanting to cull deer drastically because they may nibble the odd sapling? On that same note I will whisper so that the deer, grouse, and another myriad of Scottish wildlife doesn't get scared out of its wits by hearing - but the Scottish government is thinking of compulsory orders to purchase land

for commercial forestry. Just beware as you look out of your window of a morning. You may wake up one day to find fir trees all over your lawn.

Another scary thing is that so-called conservationists are continuing to put out fraudulent mis-information. Mr. Packham recently claimed that a number of high profile companies had given "positive responses" against grouse shooting. None of the companies had in fact agreed to this.

Yaks need to be wary also, wary of waxwork museums! When Madame Tussauds recently made a waxwork of Donald Trump they made his hair using yak hair! While you are still

chuckling have a look at Mr. Fox recently interviewed in a supermarket car park in Glasgow. He was not very environmentally friendly as he told our reporter that he never brings his own bag.

Tim Frost



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Internet Café

The internet café is still running on a Thursday morning from 11am to 3pm in the Library. We are working with Stirling Council Libraries for them to take over the internet café but this is unlikely to change until mid to late October. We have not had a definite date yet as they have a new coordinator starting late September and the hand over will not be until she has settled into her post a bit.

When the internet café is handed over it will run on a Tuesday from 11am to 1pm in the Library. It is open to anyone and will be free to use. The service will be run by a volunteer who is supported by Stirling Council Libraries. We will advertise in the library when the service is changing and anyone who is attending the current internet café will be kept informed of when the changeover will take place.

MacGregor's and the Post Office KAT has been working with MacGregor's Community Hub (MCH)

to look at the long term sustainability

of the Post Office. They have been looking for a solution to ensure the building they are in is affordable and the lease/ownership is long term. With this in mind they were offered the option to buy News First at market value. KAT were approached to see if they would take on the purchase of the shop from Dougie and Liz with the view for it to be leased by MCH from KAT for the Post Office, Newsagent and shop. KAT applied to the Scottish Land Fund as a joint partnership with MCH but our application was unsuccessful, but we have been invited to resubmit. This time we have been asked to submit an application from just KAT. We need to show that the community are in favour of KAT purchasing the shop and we started our community consultation at our open day on 23rd September. **Breadalbane Park**

The park group met with Ingrid Roughead from Keep Britain Tidy to look at putting Breadalbane Park in for a Green Status Award. In order for us to get the status we would need to develop a management plan alongside Stirling Council. The benefits of having a Green Status Award would be that it is easier to access funding. If we decided to take this path and were successful we would be the first community in Scotland to achieve a Green Flag Community Award status.

The Woodland Trust are giving free hedges to community groups. We have approached Stirling Council to get permission for putting some in, but they said we could only do this if the community can show how they will maintain the hedges. They will discuss the options for this at their next meeting.

Theresa Elliot

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Old Mill Report

Killin Mill

We are now winding down after a busy summer and thank you to all the volunteers, visitors and people who have donated goods, covered shifts, managed the wheel and attended classes.

This season our biggest seller has been books. We had a great donation of over 100 old penguin paper backs and they proved to be really popular, especially with visitors who do not wish to take up too much luggage space.

We are delighted that a wedding ceremony took place outside by the Wheel in August. Yvonne Macpherson performed the ceremony and the happy couple were thrilled. We also had a very successful day at the Killin Show with our plate smashing stall which raised £225.... considering the weather that day we really did well. **Opening Times**

At the moment our opening times are 10am-4pm every day (that is if we can get cover) From October 30th our opening times will be

Mon-Fri 1-4pm

Sat / Sun 10-4pm.

<u>Classes</u>

Our Gentle Yoga classes continue on a Monday 10.30-12.00

Donations

We really would not function without your kind donations of goods to the Mill. However we are extremely limited as to what we can store and sell.

Please can you not donate electrical goods, cycle or motor cycle helmets, large gym equipment, VHS tapes. We cannot dispose of these items easily.

We are happy to accept <u>clean</u> clothes, shoes (paired), and bags, clean household items, books, bric a brac, toys, games, DVD's and records.

If you wish to donate a lot of items please can you contact me to arrange a suitable time to drop off the goods. Also please contact me if you want to volunteer in any way at the Mill. We need as many volunteers as possible and not always on the shop floor as we have an attic full of goods to sort and organise. Many thanks

Killin Mountain Rescue 50th Anniversary



Killin Mountain Rescue reached its 50th Aniversary this year and the occasion was marked with an award ceremony at McLaren Hall.

Past and present members attended the evening to celebrate the volunteers who have provided much needed support to the emergency services over the 50 years of service.

David "Heavy" Walley MBE BEM (a mountain rescue 'celebrity') also attended to present awards to Phil Younger and Mark Nicols on their 100th rescue. The Killin Mountain Rescue volunteers provide their service ex-gratia. Please help to support them raising much needed funds by donating via their website killin.scottishmountainrescue.org





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Strathfillan Community Council

Broadband - Strathfillan CC hosted a meeting with Digital Scotland, and other interested parties, to discuss whether superfast broadband is ever going to reach Strathfillan. We were told that Strathfillan has been "geographically challenging" to reach, and a number of possible routes for the cables have been investigated and subsequently rejected, which is the main reason the published dates have kept slipping. Although there are anecdotal reports of fibre already being in the area, in order to futureproof any upgrade a fibre optic "core" is needed, rather than joining in with anything which might already be here. Currently there is detailed costing work being done to investigate the feasibility of bringing a cable up via the A82. If the cost of this is not prohibitive, then it is hoped the work would be done by the end of 2018. The first stage would bring speeds of up to 80Mbps to properties within approximately 1.5 km of Crianlarich and Tyndrum exchanges. Other properties would eventually be able to connect to the fibre optic core, with a government target date for 100% connectivity of 2021.

There is a government voucher scheme for properties which currently get less than 2Mbps, to assist with the costs of installing a satellite or other system. The voucher scheme will run out at the end of 2017, anybody who might benefit is encouraged to apply as soon as possible.



Crianlarich Telephones - the CC have escalated the problems with Crianlarich telephones regularly not being able to call in/out. With help from Cllr Martin Earl and Dean Lockhart MSP this is at last being taken seriously by BT, and being properly investigated. We hope it will be fully resolved soon.

C60 Bus Service - all CC members are extremely concerned that Kingshouse will be terminating their contract for the C60 bus service at the end of the year. We understand the major impact this would have for many people and are urgently working with local councillors and the other affected community councils to ensure a suitable alternative service is put in place.

Planning- Scotgold have submitted a new planning application for starting full production at Cononish. The CC will write in support of the application, however will also request that a short section of the West Highland Way is re-routed along through Tyndrum woodlands, to minimize the sharing of Cononish drive between pedestrians and vehicles.

Bypass - Comments have been made about the lack of landscaping on Crianlarich bypass. The CC have previously raised this with Transport Scotland, but nothing has changed. We will raise it again with them.

CC Members - John Riley expressed concern about the fact that the majority of CC work is being carried out by a small number of people also that there is not enough representation from Tyndrum. Sheona MacLennan and James Allardice have now been co-opted onto the CC, and James will take on the Transport delegated role. If you would like to find out more about what actually happens at CC meetings, please come along and observe. The remaining 2017 meetings will be held on Mondays 2nd October, 6th November and 4th December - all at 7.30pm in Crianlarich Hall.

Strathfillan Community Development Trust



Tyndrum to Crianlarich Cycle Path: we are pleased to say that we had a very successful Cycle Path Open Day on July 25th, with over 100 people attending - and fab weather! Everyone had a great time, and the electric bikes proved to be a big hit. Thank you to everyone who came along, and thanks also to Artisan Café for their fantastic cake. We would also like to extend a particular thank you to Natalie Stevenson from the Loch Lomond and Trossachs Countryside Trust for organizing the day. The path is proving very popular for bikes, walkers and runners, and we hope to see the second section to Crianlarich completed in the not too distant future.

Our Bike Hire Feasibility Study has been completed and makes very interesting reading. If anyone is interested in seeing a digital copy of the report, then please contact Kelly at the details below. The Trust is currently looking at the results and assessing if and/or how to take forward some of the recommendations relating to local biking infrastructure. So watch this space!



by the Way

Crianlarich Play Park:

Update – we have been informed by Stirling Council that there has been a "slight delay due to the procurement process" in buying the needed so quickly. Nevertheless, the wheels are still turning – just very, very slowly.

SAPLINGS: another successful Saplings year was had, with art,

Opening of Cycle Path

equipment, meaning that it is unlikely that the tower will be installed until December 2017. As you can imagine we are very disappointed, especially as we have all worked so hard to raise the funds science, nature, and rounded off with a great trip to Ganavan Beach. Thank you to all involved especially our session leaders, helpers, and Christine Macnab for organizing. We would also like to acknowledge Awards for All, who funded some of our activities this year. We are keen to get feedback on Saplings from the children who attended or would like to attend, so we will be sending round surveys to Crianlarich Primary School to get their views and suggestions before the October Holidays.

AGM: the Trust plans to hold its next AGM in November 2017, so please keep an eye on noticeboards and/or our Facebook page for any updates.

Last, but not least, we would like to

extend our thanks and best wishes to John Riley and Christine Macnab, who have decided



after many years devotion to the Trust to stand down. They will be very much missed, and we fully appreciate everything that they have done for the Trust and the community at large. As such, we now have space for two

more Trustees on the Board. If you are enthusiastic about making a real difference to your community and want to find out more, please contact Kelly at the details below. We are always looking for new skills, ideas and suggestions. Contact: if you want to contact Strathfillan Community Development Trust for any reason please do. Our office in Crianlarich Village Hall is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9.30am to 4pm, or you can email

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McLaren High School Exam Success I am delighted with McLaren

High Schools strong academic success this year and as a small rural school our academic success is something our community is really proud of. This success has been down to focus and determination on the

part of the pupils in the senior phase and also the exceptional support provided by their teachers over the academic session. I am not only very proud of our pupils who have achieved all A's, but also proud of all our pupils; both in terms of their National 5, Higher and Advanced Higher results and the life experiences and co-curricular enrichment they have gained here at McLaren High School.

As Headteacher, it has been my aim to unlock the full academic potential of each individual but, more importantly, to encourage every pupil to discover him or herself and make the most of the opportunities presented, so that he or she can go out into the world and make a meaningful and fulfilling contribution. With 96% of our pupils in positive destinations after leaving McLaren High School, I am certain that we are providing the best possible grounding for a successful future for our young people in whatever career path they chose. Marc Fleming

Headteacher

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McLaren High School

in this competition. Both schools played some great rugby and it proved to be an entertaining night for the spectators. The S1 team enjoyed their first experience of high school rugby, and the conference system, winning their match 14-7. This was a great start for the boys and they impressed with their enthusiasm and commitment.

The S2 team also kicked off their





Deputy Head Girl, Hazel Lafferty, being invested with the Henman Silver Salver from previous Deputy Head, Olivia Ridgewell, both of Killin.

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season with a victory. The game was an even contest early on, with both teams performing to a high level. However, in the end McLaren ran out

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11-4 winners. The try scorers were Jamie McNaught x4, Joe Lazell x3, Ben Isgrove x2, Arif Stec and Jack Campbell.

The U16 team won their thrilling encounter 31-26. This was an end to end match, where both teams played some excellent running rugby. The try scorers for McLaren were Ben Roebuck x2, Josh Maher, Duncan Brown and James Isgrove. Peter

Hayes also added three successful conversions. Well done to all the boys. It was great to see over 40 boys representing the school. McLaren host Falkirk High School in the next round of fixtures in the Central Conference.

McLaren High Book Groups

A number of our lovely senior pupils are sharing their love of reading by leading Book Groups for junior pupils. S1

and S2 pupils are invited to sign up to read one of these series with their appointed senior pupil. Harry Potter - Struan Garvie Northern Lights - Rachel Darby A Series of Unfortunate Events - Iona Whitehead & Mhari Stewart Skulduggery Pleasant - Erin Higginson & Owen Ferguson Hunger Games - Hazel Lafferty & Hazel Imrie

Clock Work Angel - Laura Maskrey If you have copies of any books from these collections and would be willing to donate them to this project it would be hugely appreciated! Thank you in anticipation.

Prefect Leadership Team 2017/18

Our Head Boy/Girl, House Captains and their deputies were chosen just before the summer break and are now fully immersed in their new roles.

Poetic Praise for the Killin Show

Hello, my husband and myself are frequent visitors to Killin, and recently visited when the show was in full swing. I hope you like the attached poem.

Roy & Sharon Wadsley, Lancashire It's all going on at the Killin show, a tradition, that began, some years ago, there's lowering cloud, and rain; a threat, but nobody bothers, or gets upset, in fact, if it should rain, no shame, if it didn't, it wouldn't be the same. It's part-and-parcel, a wonderful pride, and all, just take it, in their stride. and it rained...

There's a fairground smell, of burger, and chips, and, sod the damage, to our hips! Over-excited dogs, and kids, muddy patches; created skids, the sheep are penned; they stand and wait, their fleece, the judges, to appreciate, the tannoy crackles, to announce a race, all competitors, quicken their pace. and it rained...

The terrier racing! Who'll prevail? See them, chasing a foxes' tail, a terrier grabs it, with all his might, shakes it, delivers a killer bite, a cheer goes up; the best of three, (my moneys' on him, though, actually). Happy dogs, put through their paces, and kids rush by, with painted faces... and it rained...

The pipers' pipe, they bang a drum, all around is a steady hum, the tug of war, or, a mud slide? It's left to the judges, to decide, all adjourn, to the refreshment tent, notes exchanged; it's money well spent, such high spirits, come to pass, (and not all of them, are in a glass!) oh, rain...

The auction now, is about to begin, if you're lucky, you could possibly win, don't wave an arm, try not to shout, or it's fifty quid, for a carrot and a sprout... while, across the field, it's end of day, and, various goods, are packed away, it's the ceilidh later...that's merry weather, and quite a different blether, all together...





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Before the cold weather really sets in, Primary 1 through to 7 are making the most of the sunny days by getting out to Breadalbane Park for our Daily Mile.



Killin has caught the reading bug and have signed up to the 'Scottish Book Trust Bookbug Picture Book' initiative to choose the best picture book for 2017. The three chosen books will be read during Scottish Book Week to the younger classes by our Primary 6 and 7 Class.



Class 1 have had a busy start to the year by learning about the 5 Senses. They enjoyed making Mr Potato head pictures to show which part of the body we use to see, hear, smell, taste and touch.



Killin Primary School was congratulated by Mark Ruskell MSP at the Scottish Parliament in August after being awarded the prestigious Green Flag by Eco-Schools Scotland. Eco-Schools is the largest sustainable schools programme in the world and encourages children to excel in a diverse range of environmental areas. Class 2 have been learning about keeping hygienic and preventing spreading germs. They have designed some posters for the Flu Immunisation Poster Competition.





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Crianlarich Primary School

Crianlarich Primary School have launched back into the new school year with their hallmark, keenness and enthusiasm to learn! We welcome our two new P1s and Miss Alexandra Eddie to the teaching staff. The Maths Trailblazers project with Juliet Robertson from Creative Star Learning was held on Friday 22nd September. She taught teachers, staff, parents and children how to practise and develop maths concepts whilst working outside. Other teaching and learning opportunities for this term include investigating the work of local charity Mary's Meals for P1 and P2 and finding out about Entrepreneurs and

The days of using blackboards have of course long gone. Indeed, unless you are of a certain vintage, you may never have seen one in a school! Blackboards were replaced by whiteboards that you write on with a special pen. These still very much have their place in a school, including small handheld ones that children can use on their desks. Then about 10 years ago interactive whiteboards were introduced. These have a video projector that displays the output from a PC on a large screen and allows some interactivity through the use of a special pen. Crianlarich was equipped with a first



Philanthropists for P4-P7. Friday afternoons are given over to Music: learning brass, woodwind or percussion instruments through the Soundstart programme and our ever popular Friday Clubs, which this term include Drama, Arts & Crafts, Outdoors and Chess.

Lastly, a warm invitation to all to join us to celebrate Harvest at Crianlarich Church on 3rd October at 2.30pm. We'd love to see you there!

> Mrs Lochhead Acting Principal Teacher

generation model. The problem though was that over the last year, the projector has failed to work as it should, resulting in the screen being virtually unreadable. These older units are no longer supported and thus could not be repaired. The cost of



So we are tremendously grateful to Mrs Riley at the Tyndrum Inn for stepping in and organising a fund raising event which raised over £2364. A wonderful total.

This allowed the very latest state of the art giant touch screen wall panel to be installed over the summer, one of only seven such installations across Stirling. It is fantastic. Even in bright sunlight, you can still read small text. Videos look superb with rich colours. So thank you to everyone at the Tyndrum Inn for your support.

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suit you. Wednesday Afternoon, Strength	22/11/17 29/11/17	Capercaillie	Kinnell Circuit Tyndrum New Path(Car share)	*

* Dementia friendly walks

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 Cathy Scott: cathy.scott@lochlomond-trossachs.org tel. 01877 330055

Killin Drama Club

The Good, The Bad and the Panto!

Walk in the Park welcomes people living with dementia and their carers onto our walks and activities.

The Bad News?Summer has come to an end, the nights are drawing in and soon the leaves will fall from the trees.

The Good News? Members of Killin Drama Club are busily working on their panto production, Beauty and the Beast by Ben Crocker. The show can be seen on 18th, 19th and 20th January.

Once again we have newcomers to our cast, and of course the "old-timers" too. They are all working together to bring you a great show. Our junior cast is as strong as ever and again we welcome new members in this age group.

Ticket prices have been retained at the previous level, 'cos we do keep in touch with the real world sometimes, but we guarantee that there'll be NO cutbacks on laughs, NO limit on the fun and NO shortfall in the massive effort from the cast. Oh no there won't!!!!

We hope that you'll support this traditional village annual event once again. Bear in mind that if you want the best choice of seats you'll need to book early! Bookings can be taken NOW! Just email beautykdc2018@gmail.com and we'll send you details of how to pay, including PayPal.

See you in January!

Oh and just a quick mention that, following the success of his visit to Killin last December, Santa has offered to return and welcome children of all ages in the Lesser McLaren Hall on Sunday 17th December. The time will depend on the speed of his reindeer, and whether they have to fight through snow, but there will be more information in the next Killin News!



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Rob Halligan

Rob Halligan has a reputation for his passionate live performance and his maverick approach to life. Considered by many as 'one of the finest unsigned performers on the scene,' Rob's song writing looks at life from an alternative perspective. 2009 saw the launch of Rob's fourth solo album recorded with Graeme Duffin (Wet Wet Wet) and produced by Sandy Jones (Wet Wet Wet). Rob's latest album, The Wild Horses, was released in January 2017.

Rob's life took a new direction after the death of his father in the terrorist events of 9/11 and this would be evident in his writing. His songs challenge faith, politics and complacency and are delivered with a rough spirituality and brutal honesty. He has received praise from the folk and rock press with his songs being heard on both radio and TV. Presenter, Paul Gambaccini, commented, "These are some of the strongest songs I've heard for a while". He has a passion for "children's charities" and has visited refugee camps in many poor and war-torn areas. This theme emerges in many of his songs.



Killin Golf Club Gents Open: Saturday 5th August

Scratch : The Davies Trophy

- 1. Aiden McCuish (Glencruitten) 69
- Kenny Campbell (Prestonfield) 71 BIH
- 3. Graham MacColl (Glencruitten) 71
 - Handicap : The Melia Quaich
 - 1. David MacVicar (Glencruitten) 59
 - 2. Lee Douglas (Killin) 61

3. Tony Johnstone (Killin) 63 BIH Longest Drive

Category 1 (9th only) : Gavin Dott (Kenmore)

Category 2 (7th only) : Graham Herd (Killin)

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Category 1 (8th & 17th): Bruce Ford (Crieff)

Category 2 (5th & 14th) : D MacVicar (Glencruitten)

All in 2 (6th only) : A McCuish (Glencruitten)

The Wee Claret Jug: (Best Local Overall): Lee Douglas 61 Magic 2's

John Plunkett (Glencruitten) x 2, Graham MacColl (Glencruitten) x2, Martin Tait (Glencruitten),D MacVicar (Glencruitten), Andy Burns (Leven Thistle), Kerr Butterworth (Killin), John R Cowan (Taymouth Castle), J Livingstone (Dalmally), Kenny Campbell (Prestonfield), RD Lewis (Killin) x2, Ross Ronald (Killin), Paul Melia (Killin), Bruce Ford (Crieff), Graham Herd (Killin).

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Innis Bhuidhe is a very special place for a huge number of people. It's stunning setting in the middle of

the Falls of Dochart with Ben Lawers as a backdrop means that it is one of Scotland's most photographed beauty spots. It is in the heart of Killin and is important to the local community.

From a Clan Macnab perspective it is even more important. It is the burial island of the Chiefs and all that remains of the original Macnab estates. It is a must visit place for all Macnabs from throughout the world and represents where their ancestors originated. As such it has enormous spiritual significance. It is also the site of two ancient Iron Age forts.

The island is a beautiful, natural place where there are no grazing animals and trees have naturally regenerated. It has several structures including the stone steps down from the Dochart Bridge, the

The Clan MacNab 2017 Gathering gave the Members of the Killin Lodge the opportunity to show the American contingent the progress in clearing up the Old Cemetery. The funding donated by the Clan Board was put to good use and the clans folk were impressed with the result of the hard work.

There are nine family graves bearing the clan name, and all are now accessible for study by the historians and researchers. Others have names of female kinsfolk who had married into local families. The trees having



Clan Macnab Innis Bhuidhie Restoration Project

two stone pillars, the arched wall and the enclosed Burial Chamber at the end if the island. There are numerous headstones in and around the Burial Chamber.

All of these structures are now in need of maintenance and repair. Most urgent is the main arched wall which is bulging and may need to be partially rebuilt. There are also some old trees which are dying and forestry and maintenance work will be required. The objective is not to turn it into a garden but to preserve its natural state for generations to come.

The island belongs to the Macnab Memorial Trust of whom I am head Trustee. It is managed by Donald McLarty from Killin and the Killin Angling Club rent the salmon fishing and access the island for that purpose. Donald and I met Craig Jardine of the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park on the island recently. He has recommended that we appoint a conservationist to put together a plan of works for their approval. We will be doing this in the near future.

The cost of the works and ongoing maintenance is likely to be considerable and well beyond the very limited funding held by the Trust. We will therefore be launching a Funding Appeal to raise finance for the works.

If anyone is interested in contributing to this please contact me on my work email address: jmacnab@savills.com

> Jamie Macnab of Macnab 24th Chief of Clan Macnab



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been felled has allowed safer access and the continuing work will keep growth in check and the grass at a suitable level.

The Lodge members opened the lodge building to the clan members so as we could meet with them and let them see our home and offer some good old fashioned highland hospitality at the same time. Home baking and a few drams made for a wonderful couple of hours which were much appreciated by over forty MacNab visitors who came along. It was rather special for those in the company, who are also members of The Masonic Fraternity in the United States and contact details were exchanged. To round off the visit to Killin I received a gift of \$250 to help with our support of pre-school groups. Helping young people in getting a good start in their education is a feature in many branches of the Masonic Order, and this wonderful gesture is much appreciated and will be actioned once the new season of meetings begins.

This shows the firm common bond amongst the World-Wide Membership in helping wherever support is required, often completely spontaneously.

Alex Stewart PM













Killin Mountain Bike Group

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mountain bike, and some of our

not offer any formal instruction, and

as such individuals participate on the

We can however provide a few bikes

for those who don't have their own

"On a Friday evening in September the sun soaked trails and

forest tracks around Killin saw the first meet of the Killin Mountain Bike Group. 14 individuals, of varying ages and abilities, set out for a

mountain bikers of all abilities, who

are keen for a social, non-technical

We plan to meet at the sports

bike ride once a month on local trails.

pavilion either on a weekday evening

(summer months) or a Saturday /

Sunday morning (winter months) -

head out for about an hour or two

a time of rehydrating and further

socialising. While the group aims to

dates TBC. From the pavilion we will

before returning to Killin, followed by

relaxed and social bike ride before returning to the Killin Hotel for a well-deserved refreshment or two!" The Killin Mountain Bike Group aims to attract adult



group members will be more than happy to give tips and guidance to any novice mountain biker. So, if this

experienced

more

sounds like something you would be interested in please come along and join us!!

Meet dates and further information can be found on the Killin & District Sports & Leisure Club website and Facebook page. Also look out for the posters around the village.......See you there!!

Rural Transport Review Update

We are in the process of consulting with communities to identify transport problems that residents have with accessing transport and the transport links to where they wish to go. Initially this will be within the communities of Drymen, Buchlyvie, Callander and Killin. As part of the engagement an online survey has been developed to help identify transport gaps and we would be grateful if you could complete the survey and if possible forward the link to family members, friends or other residents within these local communities to ensure that we capture as much feedback as we can. The survey can be found by pasting the following link into the web page address bar:

http://bit.ly/RuralTransport2017 Hard copies are available at the respective libraries or library bus. In addition to the online survey we are planning face to face engagement sessions within these communities with the dates, times and locations to be confirmed via community council notice boards and social media.

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Killin 10K Round-up

Nearly 400 runners participated in the Killin 10K and Fun Run on Saturday, 26th August. The sixth annual event, one of the biggest events of the summer, saw a record number of participants, as well as a new best time. The race concluded successfully with a new route that showcased Killin and the beautiful Glen Lochay.

In the overall male category, Scott Brember of Stirling's Central Athletics Club, zoomed over the finish line at 34:11, coming in first place and breaking the course record. The overall female category winner was Jennifer Telford, of SPS ACC, who finished spectacularly with 42:43. The race was followed by the kids' Fun Run, with Elliot Impy and Amy Goddard winning in their respective categories. Afterwards, food and refreshments were served in McLaren Hall by the local Cancer Research committee, and then a prize giving was held. The full list of winners can be seen at the end of this article. The event has grown from 103 registrations in 2011 to well over 500 this year, with a very positive

response from participants. Local runner, Helen Cole, said,

"I enjoyed the run and was very pleased with my result which was a personal best."

Theresa Elliot, of Lochtayside, commented on the benefits of the new route. "I enjoyed the new course as it gave you more contact with supporters. From a supporter's point of view, I would imagine they probably enjoyed being involved for longer at the start too.' When asked to give reasons behind the event's success, founder Pete Waugh said, "Runners always comment on how friendly the event feels and the support they get from local people cheering them on - a big heart for a small town event. "There are a huge number of community groups, local people, friends and family who come back every year to help and the event wouldn't be the success it is without the hard work and dedication of all involved."

Entries for next year's run will open in October.

Category Winners

Top 3 Men:

Top 3 Men:		
Scott Brember	-	34:11
Olle Dahlberg	-	34:16
Craig Eadie	-	36:41
Top 3 Ladies:		
Jennifer Telford	-	42:43
Louise Tyler	-	44:46
Sonjia Crow	-	45:20
Junior (15-18):		
Nathan Goddard	-	37:20
Cerys Gilbride	-	53:04
Open (19-39):		
Olle Dahlberg	-	34:16
Sonjia Crow	-	45:20
Veteran (40-49):		
Scott Brember	-	34:11
Jennifer Telford	-	42:43
Super Veteran (50+)):	
Alan Derrick	-	38:03
Fiona Angus	-	47:19
Fastest Local:		
Stephen Rawlinson	-	38:47
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McLaren Duke of Edinburgh Award Group **Call for Volunteers**

The Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE) has been running for over 60 years, with the aim of giving young people skills and experiences that help prepare them for life and work as they move on from school and out

into the wider world. During that time over 2.5 million young people have taken part, setting goals for new skills and physical challenges, giving their time by volunteering at local charities and organisations and taking part in outdoor expeditions. Our group typically has between 45 and 60 young people embarking on their bronze qualifications

every year with some then going on to take part in their silver and gold awards.

The DofE Award operates through groups affiliated with schools, as well as youth organisations such as

scouts, guides and cadets. In Callander, the McLaren DofE Group is affiliated with McLaren High School. It is a wholly volunteer led and run group, with people from the community giving their time to assist with organisation and administration work, driving minibuses and leading, assisting and assessing on overnight expeditions.

To be an expedition leader requires a qualification in either Lowland Leader (LL), Basic Expedition Leader (BEL) or Mountain Leader (ML). As well as assisting you to gain these qualifications, if you don't already

Seeing the transformation and development in maturity as the young people are encouraged to set goals, take decisions for themselves and manage their own risks as they go on their journey through DofE is a

great reward for your volunteering time. We are currently looking for anyone who would like to give some of their time to help the group but particularly; - To lead and assist with expeditions (this would

typically take up a weekend in March for training and then two weekends between April and September)

- Help on the expedition administration side to ensure the paper trail

which is submitted to the council, national park and DofE is submitted on time and compliant

- Administration work based at the school, which involves supporting the group as a whole and guiding the

young people through their qualifications. If you are interested in helping out on any way, please contact

> **Bob Bawden** 07720 890287 bob@thebawdens.com

Group photographs include some local youngsters

Tuesday Club

The Club is up and running once again. As usual the meetings are held every Tuesday at 2pm in the Community Rooms.

This year we have a varied syllabus including:

- Talk on The Sunday Post and Courier
- The Safari Park
- St Kilda,

also we have a few talks with local interest.

Two of our talks are BRING A FRIEND so you might be lucky and get invited by a member, but why wait for that, come and join us and see what a good afternoon out it is.

Subscription remains at £5 and £1 at each meeting.

We always have a Christmas lunch and an outing in the summer.

Come along and you will be made very welcome.

Margaret Ireland

Garden Bonfires

There have been a few recent complaints regarding smoke from the burning of garden rubbish.

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Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA) has welcomed a new member to the team – an eightfoot paramedic mascot. Set to become a firm favourite throughout Scotland – especially with younger supporters – the as-yet-unnamed mascot was unveiled this week at SCAA's Perth Airport base.

The mascot wears similar kit to SCAA's pool of six paramedics who crew the air ambulance along with two pilots.

The fun-filled foam character has been sponsored by specialist personal injury solicitors Watermans. The company's threeyear support of the friendly giant will allow SCAA to promote the country's only charity-funded air ambulance at events and public gatherings.

SCAA Chief Executive David Craig said the arrival of a customised mascot would help enhance the charity's profile.

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SCAA New Mascot

your support for those in desperate need in the years to come will make a real difference. A £100 legacy will fund the fuel to keep SCAA flying for an hour for example, while £2,000 will effectively fund a life-saving mission.

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Please visit to learn how you can help fly us into the future. My heartfelt thanks to everyone for supporting the People's Helicopter.

David Craig

Chief Executive, Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance

many years to come." Paramedic team leader John Pritchard said it was great to have such a handsome paramedic on the team! An online competition to name the mascot has been launched through SCAA's Facebook page scotlandscharityairambulance

SCAA's new mascot gets familiar with the routine alongside senior pilot Captain Russell Myles and paramedics Craig McDonald and Rich Garside.

saving missions around the country, we now have an ever-ready standin who can help promote SCAA at events and activities throughout Scotland," he said.

"We are extremely grateful to Watermans who have sponsored our first-ever mascot and I'm sure he will become a much-loved key member of the SCAA family for

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Killin Floral Association

Report and Competition Results 2017

Killin Floral Association is made up of a small group of dedicated people who plant up and care for the planters in the village. Finding funding to enable us to buy the plants, compost and fertilizer is becoming impossible, so we depend on small amounts of money from local organisations and people living in the village. Sadly the contribution which came from villagers this year was very disappointing, which means that we have had to use up most of our savings. This will have a roll on effect for next season as our account is nearly empty. If we are to maintain the excellent standard of planting we have achieved this year, then next year we will need more financial input from the village. We would like to thank those people who gave money and Franny for allowing us to put a collection box in the mill. We would also like to thank Anne and Chris Rose for bringing the plants on in their polytunnel, Stirling Council who provided plants which were left over from their plantings and all of the volunteers who have worked so hard planting up the containers, keeping them watered

and dead headed. The Floral Competitions have now been judged and the gardens and containers have produced some wonderful colour in the village.

Alicja Fraser

DOMESTIC HANGING BASKETS

- 1. Sheena MacColl
- Dreadnought Place
- 2. Jean & Pat Faichney 3 Dochart Rd
- 3. William Rew Lismore, Manse Road Commended: Ann Smith
- Muileann Sabh, Myrtle Grove

TUBS and CONTAINERS

- 1. Fiona and David Elston 4B Ballechroisk
- 2. Scott Wyllie 20 Fingal Road
- **3.** Gerald and Jenny Huntley Rowanbank, Dochart Road
- Commended: Jessie MacLeod 9 Fingal Road



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WINDOW BOXES

- 1. Mairi Hunter 6 Dochart Road
- 2. Allan and Sheena Chisholm Kilvaxter Cottage, Manse Road
- 3. Roger and Diana Twigg Craigdarroch, Main Street

OVERALL DISPLAY IN CONTAINERS

1. Ann Smith

- Muileann Sabh, Myrtle Grove
- 2. Mairi Hunter 6 Dochart Road
- 3. Jim Beattie and Elizabeth Hancock Allt-Beag, Manse Road
- **Commended**: Gerald & Jenny Huntley Rowanbank, Dochart Road

OVERALL GARDEN PLANTING and DISPLAY

- 1. Mairi Hunter 6 Dochart Road
- 2. Niall and Sandra Laurence Croftmohr, 1 Pier Road
- 3. Gerald and Jenny Huntley Rowanbank, Dochart Road
- **Commended**: Fiona and David Elston 4B Ballechroisk

MOST VARIED and INTERESTING GARDEN

- 1. Richard and Anne Steven Bruach Bheag, Manse Road
- 2. Niall and Sandra Laurence Croftmohr, 1 Pier Road
- 3. Fiona and David Elston 4B Ballechroisk
- **Commended:** Gerald & Jenny Huntley Rowanbank, Dochart Road

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- Commended: Falls of Dochart **Retirement Home**

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Top Sheena MacColl-Hanging Baskets Middle Fiona and David Elston-Tubs Bottom Mairi Hunter-Window boxes and overall display

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Obituary

Susan George 28th June 1930 to 28th July 2017

Susan was born in Aberdeenshire, the daughter of a farmer and a schoolteacher. In her twenties she went to Edinburgh where she got a job in a chemist and became a dispenser.

In the early sixties she bought the Falls of Dochart Hotel, now a retirement home. Susan built up the hotel with her great cooking and personality. She married Peter in 1980 and they had a happy marriage until Peter's death in 2010. Susan's life over the past three years was spent in hospital and in a care home due to ill health. Susan was a popular figure in Killin and she will be fondly missed by family and friends.

Ian Fraser (nephew)

"Susan Holland (nee Adams) entered our lives when our father Peter George moved up to Killin to be with her in 1977.

She was a feisty, strong woman in her mid-forties when we met her. She had been a beauty queen in her youth, and still remained very pretty long into old age.

She was very particular about her appearance, and had a leopard-skin coat which she wore even in Killin, where she cut quite a dash. She had come to Killin in the mid-1960s from Edinburgh and bought a run-down hotel, The Falls of Dochart, which she built into a thriving business.

Through her hard work and great cooking, she gained a contract to provide lunches for coach parties touring the Highlands, and at its peak the Falls of Dochart was serving 90 lunches per day. She did high teas and evening meals and no customers were



turned away. Her relationship with our father was extremely happy for both of them and, in 1980, they married and Turkey, Italy, Madeira and France. They lived at 3 Pier Road for over 30 years Susan hosting lunch and dinner parties for friends and family. Their



remained very happy - which was shown by their affectionate bantering almost like a comedy double act until our father's death in 2010. Susan and Peter retired from running the hotel in 1990, when Sue was 60 and she and Peter went on many trips together around Scotland but also to other wonderful places around the world - including Sri Lanka, home also was distinctive because of the fabulous front garden created by Peter. Susan became part

of Peter's children's and grandchildren's lives and we part of hers as well. We all came up to visit them in Killin which we all loved every year, and she also came down to London to stay. Susan allowed us to have time with our father alone as well which showed a generosity of spirit. After our father died we remained in touch with her through

occasional visits, telephone calls and cards. Philippa and Chris went up to see Susan in her care home a few weeks ago and shared some happy memories with her and were really thankful that they had, as it was - as expected - a fond goodbye. We all miss Susan, and are grateful that she gave our father such happy times. "

Philippa George



Killin Commnity Council July Meeting

Stirling Council

Call Centre: Work continues with call centre but still no Ref No given out. As jobs are not logged first time, more phone calls are required and emails are not being replied to. KCC want an up-to-date list of employees from all the departments. Contact centre should be directing you to the correct department.

Bottle Bank Area: The council were thanked for cleaning up the bottle bank area.

Waste Collection: New lorries and more man power are now in operation. Routes have been tweaked in urban areas, and now rural areas are being looked at. £500k saved last year, working practice has improved, service review due in September. Lifestyles have changed with more online shopping. Processors can't cope with mixed glass/plastic that's why separate boxes needed to keep costs down. Housing: People are asking why those with drink/drug/BO issues are being moved to the area when houses are needed for locals first. SC give a fair process to everyone who applies for housing. ASBOs take a long time to be issued and SC will not rehome those affected.

General Matters Arising

White Lining: Ambulance depot and Ardeonaig road end not yet done. They will be coming back to do them and they will be asked to do Lyon Road with double yellow lines.

Pot Holes: Pier Road needs fixing, and the road/pavement at Breadalbane Park entrance needs fixing. Owner has fixed flag stones

on drive into the park. **Road Signs:** New sign for Lyon Road - one way sign needed. **Water Pressure:** Still bad, ongoing for 4-5yrs, this is a Scottish Water problem.

Dochart Bridge: Hedges need cutting again for cars to see other side of the bridge.

Police Report

Anti-Social behaviour: This needs to be reported to the police, they will decide if there is enough evidence for an investigation. House Breakings/Crimes of Dishonesty: 17/18th June 2017, two inflatable canoes were stolen from Maragowan Caravan site. Police have asked that caravan owners and business premises please review their security after a white Ford Transit was seen in suspicious circumstances at various locations in the area that weekend. Road Safety: A number of vehicles stopped across Killin and Callander sections. Some occupants have been found in possession of drugs and dealt with accordingly under the Misuse of Drugs legislation. **Operation Ironworks:** Patrols continue throughout Killin and the 5 Lochs area. 1st July incident at Loch Venachar with several unruly campers causing issues with National Park staff. Killin and Callander Officers assisted in dealing with people under the influence of alcohol and also in possession of axes and saws. An associate had dropped them off and abandoned them by the lochside.

They proceeded with their unruly conduct which included causing

damage to trees. As well as vandalism they also appear to be responsible for a break-in to a nearby shop in Callander. As a result they have been charged with the offences. **Killin Music Festival 2017:** A well run event and no issues for the police.

Biomass: All 8 Units are installed, Robertson's are 90% done with civil works, inside work getting there. They have taken first delivery of wood, and people are sending in their CV's.

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Play Park: Funding has been received to get plans drawn up, but not to go ahead with the plans. Fundraising needs to be looked into. Public meeting for 23rd September for the Park will be held at the Lesser Hall.

A.O.B.

Cambusurrich Forestry: Planting scheme representatives to be asked to come to September meeting. **Rural Housing Fingal Road:** 2 dogs not getting walked and being allowed to toilet in garden, not picked up, leading to unpleasant smells in area. **Patient Transport:** Ask for appropriate times for this area and point out postcode to them when getting appointment.

Doctor's surgery: Can wait for up to a week for an appointment. **Fibre broadband** : Requested timescale for remainder of the village

Next meeting: 12 September 2017 at 7.30pm in Killin Primary School



Message from our local MP

Since being elected in June it has been an exciting, busy period in which we have established our constituency office in Stirling and put in place the staff that will assist me in dealing with the large number of inquiries I receive. Please do get in touch with any problems or concerns you may have and we will ensure your issue is dealt with efficiently and During the summer I started an ongoing series of meetings with organisations and groups across the area. Meetings held so far include with the Federation of Small Businesses, the NFU, Start Up Stirling, Network Rail and BT. These will help me stay informed on the many important issues that people are affected by or have an opinion

professionally. I gave a commitment that, if elected, I would leave my current profession to concentrate my time and efforts on representing the people of Stirling without any distractions and I am pleased to sav that this is now the case.

Before

parliament rose for the Summer recess I delivered my

maiden speech, engaged in a number of debates, submitted questions on a range of topics and took time to become familiar with the parliamentary estate. When the House is in session I will need to be in Parliament from Mondays to Thursdays and will hold surgeries across the constituency on Fridays. Surgery dates are available on my website, posters, the Stirling Observer and upon inquiry from my office. My Killin surgery in the McLaren Hall on 15 September will already have taken place by the time you read this.

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on. Please let me know if there are any groups you feel I should be in dialogue with. I see that Killin also has a busv summer, including the recent 10k run and the Killin show which I hope to be able to come along to in the future.

At present I am working on a number of priorities including;

Broadband, environmental issues, the rural economy and how the City Region Deal from Stirling Council must deliver to the 'region' as well as the city. Brexit, of course will be a major topic. I am also keen to hear from any businesses or individuals that have experienced poor service from their banks or utility companies.

Finally, if you live in the Stirling constituency, have ever wanted to see the Westminster Parliament in session, and you are planning to visit London, why not get in touch with



me to arrange a visit? Tell me when you are planning to come and, if possible, I could give you a tour of the historic building. I do also get a small allocation of tickets for Prime Minister's Questions. The tickets are in limited supply but I will do my best to get them for dates that suit you.

Stephen Kerr MP

49 Borestone Crescent Stirling,FK7 9BQ 01786 475034.



Children's Play Area Upgrade Planned for Crianlarich



Plans for improving a popular children's play area in the village of Crianlarich have taken a step forward with funding support from Friends of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs, the independent conservation and heritage charity for the National Park area, and help from Stirling Council.

Strathfillan Community Development Trust is bidding to rebuild the facility for young residents and visitors to Crianlarich after the removal of its equipment by council chiefs in December 2016 following safety concerns. The facility had also been well used by younger visitors using the Youth Hostel next to the playpark in the village.

The Friends have now stepped in to provide £500 from funds raised from its Friends of OUR park visitor giving scheme, which is assisted by more than 100 businesses all over the National Park. These include local businesses such as the Artisan Café, Portnellan Chalets, and Strathfillan Wigwams. This is the fourth children's play area in the National Park supported by the Friends in recent years.

James Fraser, Chairman of Friends of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs, said: "Providing a good quality children's play area is important to enrich the lives of youngsters either staying or visiting the popular tourist village of Crianlarich and we are pleased to be able to support the plans being progressed by

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Jared Bowers, Project Officer of Friends of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs, presents the cheque for £500 to Kelly Clapperton-Bates of Strathfillan Community Development Trust.

Strathfillan Community Development Trust with the support of local businesses who are participating in the Friends of OUR park visitor giving scheme."

Kelly Clapperton-Bates, Community Development Officer with Strathfillan Community Development Trust, added: "It was a blow to the village to lose the playpark equipment due to safety concerns but things are now starting to look hopeful with some new equipment being purchased by the Community Trust following kind donations from a number of local



organisations, including Stirling Council, and this cash injection from the Friends is a major boost for our ambitions. It has not been an easy process to get this far and we have needed all the support we can get, and we very much appreciate the Friends' assistance in this venture."

For more information on the Friends of OUR park project, call 01389 727761, email

info@lochlomondtrossachs.org.uk or visit

www.lochlomondtrossachs.org.uk

For further information contact James Fraser, Chairman of Friends of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs, on 07894 908807; or Kelly Clapperton-Bates of Strathfillan Community Development Trust on 01838 300249.

The Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs was established in 1978 and is the only independent conservation and heritage charity working solely to protect, promote and provide projects and services for the area covered by the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park. The Friends has a strong membership base and is supported by a large number of individuals and companies who are passionate about caring for and celebrating the special qualities of the area. The Friends often work in partnership with others, including the National Park Authority and Scottish Enterprise who financially support the Friends of OUR Park initiative and other projects to try and make a difference and help ensure current and future generations can enjoy Scotland's first National Park.



Celebrations



Lucie Ronald graduated from Strathclyde University with a First Class Honours Degree in International Business with Economics.

Cameron Kennedy, son of Scott and Hayley Kennedy, born on 26th July, weight 7lbs 13ozs.





Catherine Grace Allan (McLaren High School),graduated from the University of Dundee with First Class Honours for the Degree of Business Economics and Marketing.

Congratulations Catherine on your well deserved success. With Love from proud Mum Kate Allan and your sister Beth Allan



Noah Hudson was born 12th May at St John's Hospital in Livingston weighing 5lb 7oz. Noah decided to arrive 8 weeks early and he is doing great. Kirsty and Anton would like to thank everyone for all Noah's kind gifts and cards and thank you to everyone for their help and support while Noah was in hospital



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2nd Killin & District Scout Group Stirling & Trossachs.

The scout group held their 3rd AGM in the lesser hall on 29th August. They also held their enrolment night in conjunction with their AGM. They would like to thank all who came along. The group now has its own executive committee and the leaders would like to thank all parents who signed up. The group would like to thank Euan Mackenzie for his kind donation to the group and to those who have nominated us as their group of choice through the Coop membership scheme. The group are looking forward to the coming term with the Beavers and Cubs running alternate weeks until we can find a Cub leader, so if you are interested in helping out or becoming a leader/assistant leader get in touch with the group.

Chaz Kemp

KILLIN MEDICAL PRACTICE FLU CLINICS

It's that time of year again when we invite our patients over 65 and those with a long term condition to attend one of our flu clinics. The first one will be held in Killin in McLaren Hall on Monday 16th October from 11am to 1.30pm. There is no need to book an appointment, just come along between these times. We are very lucky to have Professor Dawn Skelton of LaterLife Training Killin attend this year's clinic where she will be carrying out "Fitness MOT's". These will consist of simple tests of physical function and a chat about how this compares with others your age. The tests are not compulsory but you are more than welcome to have a go. The Crianlarich flu clinic will be held in Crianlarich Village Hall on Wednesday 18th October from 10am to 12pm. Again, there is no need to book an appointment, please just come along between these times. Our HCA's Ann & Mhairi have completed their immunisation training and you may be asked if one of them can administer your flu jab. They are grateful for your continued support in the development of their roles. We hope to see as many of you as possible at the clinics and you are welcome to attend either location.



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Killin Cemetery

Along with my family I visit the above on a regular basis and we are always disappointed at the dreadful state this cemetery is in. When you are attending a funeral you are not aware of this due to your obvious distress. It is when you return in the quiet to pay your respects that this becomes an issue.

Where I live in Angus these areas are treated with great respect and the standard of condition is excellent. What do your readers feel about this **Isabel Cowan**

Query re a local mill

I wonder if anyone can help? I am trying to find out any information about an old mill that existed on my family land on the south side of Loch Tay. The Mill was called Muileann Dubh or also Cloichran Mill and operated in the 1800's. I have seen references to it on old maps and in books but am keen to find out more about it. Looking forward to hopefully getting some answers! Many thanks. **Ilse Mikula**

Reply from Stirling council received by Isabel Cowan following her complaint to them about the cemetery

I understand your concerns relating to the maintenance of the cemetery grounds in Killin. Our programme of weedkilling and general maintenance has been affected by the weather and resource issues. The last few months have been verv wet and coupled with an increase in interments it has not been possible to fulfil the scheduled weedkilling application. We are in the process of recruiting four gardeners with interviews being held next week and once in place we will send in a squad to address the issues you have raised.

I apologise for any inadvertent distress caused by the current condition of the grounds and would assure you that the service tries very hard indeed to maintain our cemeteries to an acceptable standard given the resource available.

> **Barbara Docherty** Cemeteries Officer

Shelbylynn Elizabeth Wilson

Family and friends of Shelby met recently at the Capercaillie to remember a young girl who came to Killin not so long ago and lived and worked amongst us at both The Smiddy and The Capercaillie. She returned home to Pearl River, Louisiana earlier this year and tragically lost her life on 26th August 2017, aged just 24.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Myra for arranging the memorial afternoon and for all who attended. We threw flowers into the river in loving memory of Shelby who will always be remembered.

'So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me I'm right here in your heart'

(Lace up) Martin Gillespie and Craig Strang

The 'lace up' refers to a rapper she and her friends liked (MGK) and means 'keep going through life's ups and downs'.



Local Planning Applications

National Park 10th August

Proposal: Development of an underground mine to extract gold and silver with associated service and production building, plant, storage areas, Tailings Storage Facility (TSF), settlement pond and gauging station, bridge and car parking (Further revision of 2014/0285/DET) Location: Minerals Cononish Road

Tvndrum Applicant: SGZ Cononish Ltd

Application Type: Minerals Planning Permission

Decision: Current

11th August

Proposal: Installation of illuminated signage.

Location: The Crianlarich Hotel Crianlarich

Applicant: Crianlarich Hotel

Application Type: Advertisement Consent

Decision: Approve

11th August

Proposal: Erection of replacement dwellinghouse and detached double aaraae

Location: Former Clisham Cottage Crianlarich

Applicant: Mr And Mrs James Palmer Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

15th August

Proposal: Erection of 2 no. holiday lodges

Location: Falls Of Dochart Inn Clachaig Killin

Applicant: Applecrest Eco Ltd Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

25th August

Proposal: Installation of 6 No. rooflights; replacement of 5 No. existing rooflights, creation of door opening and internal alterations Location: Glenfalloch Bothy Glenfalloch Estate Crianlarich Applicant: Mr Alex Caraffi



Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Decision: Approve 28th August

Proposal: Installation of telecommunications apparatus; including a 15m high replica telegraph pole; 2no transmission dishes; 2no antennas; ancillary equipment cabinets; fenced compound and 100 metres of new access track Location: Land at Riabhach Killin

Applicant: EE UK Ltd Application Type: Detailed Planning

Permission Decision: Approve

28th August

Proposal: Erection of dwellinghouse Location: Bridge Of Lochay Hotel Killin

Applicant: Mr Robert Stevenson Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Approve

29th August

Proposal: Erection of 1.5 storey dwellinghouse

Location: Tayview Main Street Killin Applicant: Mr Colin McCrae Application Type: Detailed Planning

Permission Decision: Approve

1st September

Proposal: Demolition of conservatory and erection of sunroom

Location: Invertay House Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mr Paul Paxton Application Type: Householder **Planning Permission** Decision: Current

1st September

Proposal: Internal alterations, installation of door within existing window opening, replacement of existing velux and replacement of existing conservatory with sunroom Location: Invertay House Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mr Paul Paxton

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Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Decision: Current

1st September

Proposal: Installation of 14 no. photovoltaic panels to rear elevation of primary school. Location: Crianlarich Primary School Applicant: Mr Adeyemi Adewunmi Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission Decision: Approve

Perth & Kinross Council **31st July**

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

Applicant: Mr Rupert Barret Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Approve the application 8th August

Proposal: Erection of a staff welfare building including storage and workshop

Location: Lower Kiltyrie Killin

Applicant: Mr And Mrs Graeme And Ruth Anderson

Application Type: planning permission local

Decision: Awaiting decision

5th September

Proposal: Renewal of permission 14/01548/IPL (erection of farm shop and formation of ancillary parking (in principle))

Location: Land 60 Metres East Of Tay Cottage Killin

Applicant: Mr Tony Allen Application Type: planning

permission in principle local Decision: Approve the application

Stirling Council

Nothing to report

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Scottish Wildlife Trust Pitlochry and Highland Perthshire Group The 2017-2018 programme starts on Monday October 9th in the Tryst Hall in Pitlochry at 7.30pm. The speaker will be David Williamson and the title of his talk is 'Biodiversity in the Planning System'. For more information contact Richard Horobin richardwhorobin@tomcroy.co.uk

Tarmachan Hill Race

The annual Meall nan Tarmachan Hill Race takes place on Saturday 7th October at 1pm. The race starts up at the Ben Lawers carpark, and involves 700m of climbing over a distance of 9.5km.

Registration should be done in advance through the SiEntries website, and race numbers can be picked up from the National Trust Office on Main Street from 10am to 12:15pm on race day.

Full details can be found at http://www.scottishhillracing.co.uk

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