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Seasons Greetings To All Our Readers

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Editorial

Have you noticed that each year new catch phrases, often of a negative or cynical nature, creep into our vocabulary, for example "Trump Tweets", or "Paradise Papers", whilst positivity is often lacking in the medias' daily News Reports. However as a community, we in Killin cannot help but be more positive, living in this wonderful location amidst rivers, lochs and mountains. As in all other rural towns and villages, the problems of local shops staying open and public transport being maintained are always ongoing in this age of online shopping and two car households but in this issue you will read that changes to ease such problems are afoot, prompted, in no small way, by community pressure.

Whilst the city supermarkets and stores gleefully rub their hands together in anticipation of massive profits over the coming festive season, we have the option of shopping locally in Killin and its neighbouring communities such as Tyndrum, Aberfeldy or Crieff, altogether a more relaxing experience in less crowded surroundings. Car sharing or use of the Community Bus are good ideas for this if no bus service is available.

You'll need to preserve some energy though before joining in the local forthcoming festive events: musical concerts, children's parties, coffee mornings and Christmas fayres, Santa Dash and Carol Services, but remember to keep some energy in reserve for the lantern walk, Hogmanay Fireworks and Ceilidh, pantomime and safari supper, all happening early next year.

Most importantly, take a deep breath and relax to enjoy a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

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Kinnell Standing Stones
Photo Ron Allner

The Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride Killin 2017

On Sunday 24th September on a dreary wet day, 25 classic bikers gathered at the McLaren Hall, in aid of Prostate Cancer & Men's Mental Health.

The weather was not going to deter the riders, and spirits were kept up by our local piper Duncan Mackinnon, who stood out in the rain playing for all gathered, including the people of Killin and surrounding area who came to lend their support. Thank you each and every one of you, it meant a great deal to us all.

The route took us out of Killin westward toward Tyndrum, where we had a brief stop to regroup and refuel at the Green Welly Stop, then off to the hollow mountain at Cruachan visitor Centre, Dalmally, for much needed refreshments and respite from the rain. It was great to see people at the roadside waving us on our journey too. On the way back to Killin the rain did manage to stay off for a few miles which made for a more pleasant ride. We arrived back at the village about 1:45 where all riders were treated to a hearty



lunch donated by Michael & Lynn Crow at the Courie Inn. Once again the village has welcomed this ride and supported in the most generous way. Charities such as this are much needed to help fund research for the future.

Our sincere thanks to all who took part in the 2017 Killin Distinguished Gentleman's Ride. We were proud to be part of such a supportive group of riders. Your fundraising achievements have been outstanding. The total amount raised was £13,679 by 30 riders, an amazing achievement. Our thanks to Big Duncan for piping us off, to Dave Hunt

and Ron Allner for photography, the Co-operative store for supplying teas and coffee etc., Ann Watson for serving refreshments, Lix Toll Garage for use of breakdown van and crew (John, Raymond and Jamie), Marshall's, Gordon Webster and Pete Boyd-Cross and to Michael & Lynn Crow and staff of the Courie Inn for making us so welcome, a great end to a special day.

And finally, thanks to everyone who donated to help the Killin Ride raise such a fantastic amount once again.

Tom and Elizabeth Murphy



Killin Safari Supper

Back by popular demand - February 2018 sees the very successful Killin Safari Supper making a return appearance. The date is Saturday 24th February and we need as many hosts as possible. Please get in touch with Elizabeth Woods, Marion McRae or Marion Strang if you can help us with this. We also need taxi drivers for all or part of the evening and donations of raffle prizes. The more of all these things we have, the bigger and better the night will be. The beneficiaries of this event have still to be decided but all proceeds will remain in the village. Tickets will be on sale from February 9th and we need to know how many hosts we have before that date. So don't be shy and please get in touch. More details to follow in the next Killin News and on posters around the village nearer the time.



For those not familiar with how a Safari Supper works here is a brief explanation:- As host you decide how many people you can seat at your dining table, including yourself,

and then cook for that number i.e. 6, 8 etc. You then make a three course meal for that number of people. Guests stay for only one course before moving onto their next venue. All this is organised in advance and, as host, you merely give out the details of where they go next to your guests when they have finished their part of the meal at your house.

As guests or travellers you have to purchase a ticket (not always easy as they normally sell out quickly) and also each person takes a bottle of wine to your first host.

As a taxi driver you are shuttling some of the travellers between venues, which won't be further than either end of the village and then to the Killin Hotel, where everyone i.e. hosts, guests and drivers meet up for coffee, drinks and raffle.

Update on C60 Bus Service

Below is a summary of a letter sent by David Brown, Public Transport, Stirling Council on 9th October to Killin Community Council in response to feedback from the recent consultation exercise held in Killin and attended by some Crianlarich and Tyndrum residents as well as Killin locals.

People's priorities were as follows:
Fix the C60 service.

Anything that extends the service to Crianlarich and Tyndrum would be good, provided the number of journeys doesn't reduce too much. It would reduce from 6 to 4 journeys per day.

A 'shopper bus' on Saturdays would be great on top of the C60 but is no substitute for it.

DRT can supplement the C60 but is no substitute for it.

In all communities pre-booking of Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) by 3pm on the previous working day was unpopular. The council said it "cannot see a way around this without an upgraded IT system because short-notice, same-day booking that meets the Council's audit requirements cannot be achieved cost-effectively using a system that would become dependent on telephone calls, rather than the once-a-day manifest that pre-booking by the previous working day enables us to use."

However the council is now in discussion with Kingshouse Travel Ltd about a possible continuation of the C60 service until at least the end of March 2018, having been informed that some people have expressed an interest in training as Passenger

Carrying Vehicle (PCV) drivers with Kingshouse Travel Ltd.

In addition, the council stated that "Some funding is available for pilot schemes to improve rural transport. One of the improvements proposed (before the C60 situation developed) was to run a 'shopper's bus' on two Saturdays per month from Tyndrum to Stirling, extending to Springkerse Retail Park. Putting this service in place on top of the C60 (or its direct replacement) would enable us to retain the current C60 daytime frequency, while offering a direct through service at a frequency appropriate to the likely level of demand. It would be best to introduce this service no later than early December 2018, to make it available for pre-Christmas shopping"

David Brown

Stephen Kerr MP, letter to residents

Here is the latest information I have available regarding the C60 service.

Two people have come forward interested in taking the course to train as drivers. This requires successful completion of the Passenger Carrying vehicle (PCV) course. Should the course be successfully completed they will be awarded with the appropriate licence and be able to drive a bus. It must be stressed that people can decide not to proceed or subsequently decide that this career path is not for them. However we wish them the very best and it is very encouraging that they have come forward. In addition an existing driver who was due to retire in December has indicated he/she is willing to stay on until the end of March 2018. The efforts of Kingshouse Travel to secure additional drivers should be acknowledged and I would add my thanks to them for working to try to secure a future for the C60. Should the existing provision not be viable after the end of March next year, I would expect the Local Authority to issue tender documents to secure a replacement provider.

This may be a complex process with a number of potential outcomes but it appears there is now at the very least more time to find a sustainable solution. Of course Kingshouse may well be able to continue and this may not be necessary.

I am still very keen that there are serious efforts made to improve the route and include Crianlarich & Tyndrum. Should any new contract be required this would be an opportunity to include such an enhancement.

I am also aware of an exercise to introduce a service on a trial basis that runs on two Saturdays per month from Tyndrum through to Stirling. This would operate for an initial set period and tender documents are being prepared by the Local Authority. In last year's budget there was some additional budget included for rural transport and I welcome the foresight of that move that is allowing this project to be progressed.

I will keep you updated as any further information becomes available.

Stephen Kerr

MP Forthcoming Surgery Dates

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1/12 11:30am Riverside Riverbank Centre
1/12 1pm Raploch Community Campus
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15/12 10am Dunblane Victoria Hall
15/12 11:30am Bridge of Allan, Allan Centre
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Posthumous Award to Graham Wilson from the Russian Arctic Convoys Club (RACC)

The following letter and photos were received from Anna McKessock, Chair of the RACC

Dear Killin News,
Here are some photographs of the sons of the late Graham Wilson receiving his Ushakov medal at the Russian Federation Consul (Edinburgh) in April this year. The Russian Federation had been searching for information about Mr Wilson, who served on the convoys to Russia during WWII, when I started to help them find 'missing' servicemen. Luckily I came across a newsletter you had produced in 2004

and, thanks to your help, managed to find his sons Harry and Gavin and they were then awarded their Dad's medal.

Thank you so much for all your help in locating Mr Wilson's family. The Ushakov is the highest honour that is ever given out to the servicemen, so it's a really huge deal for the families.

The Consul General of the Russian Federation, Mr Andrey A Pritsepov, made them very welcome and was

extremely generous in gifts he also gave them, as well as a specially produced whisky (which was commissioned by Mr Pritsepov). I hope you like the photos, the ones in Edinburgh were taken by the Consul and the ones of Mr Wilson were, I believe, his own. There is more information online here
https://edinburgh.mid.ru/en_GB/web/edinburgh_en/-/ushakov-medal-presentation-ceremo-5



Graham Wilson
in the 1940's



Graham Wilson
in later life



From left to right: Andrey A. Pritsepov,
Harry Wilson, Anna McKessock, Gavin Wilson

Killin News Office Change of Plan

In our last issue we made an appeal for funds to help buy the £Shop as an office and we are very grateful to all the readers who made donations. We will be in touch with you directly where possible. In the past sixteen years no possible alternatives to our office have come up but now a second opportunity has arrived with the chance for us to rent another property in Main Street. There had always been a background of concern about buying, both because of the length of time it would take sorting out legalities and applying for (and perhaps not getting) grants, and about a group of people who volunteered to help produce the paper also having to become property owners. Renting means we can move quickly and won't have to raise money before doing so. It will be good to have more room and to be more central in the village without having to make alterations and decorate. We are all looking forward to the move and are hoping our next issue will be produced from there. More details then.

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Killin Masonic Lodge

New Year's Night Ceilidh Dance

Once again this year the local Masonic Lodge will be hosting the Traditional New Year's Day Family Scottish Ceilidh Dance. The excellent band is made up of Donald Black (1983 Scottish Accordion Champion) Robert Black (2011 Scottish Accordion Champion) and Mark Kitchin (a well known and respected drummer). The cost of the tickets has again remained the same as last year and are Adult £10, OAP's and Under 16's £8, Family of 4 £28.

Tickets are available from News First Tel: 820362, Dougal Ireland Tel: 820218, Alex Stewart Tel: 820224, Bobby Lafferty 820854 and The Studio 820820

Lodge members wives/partners will again provide soup and sandwiches at a modest price, and of course there will be a raffle.

We do ask that a responsible adult accompanies all youngsters.

The ceilidh will start at 9:00pm until 1:00am and doors open at 8:30pm or earlier if the weather is bad.

Remember to bring your own liquid refreshments.

The proceeds from the dance are returned to local organisations in the form of Benevolence, which the Lodge has ensured for the last four decades. So come along and enjoy the night.

Old Cemetery Work

This has progressed throughout the year and the Lodge Brethren have been

busy in keeping the grass at a manageable level. However we all know what the weather has been like these last few months. We are hopeful that we can have another strim of the grass before the onset of winter snow.

The money donated to the Lodge by the Clan MacNab has been used to remove the self seeded trees in the graveyard to allow easier access to the



various headstones.

The visit of the Clan MacNab Association to the Killin Highland Games and the Lodge in Manse Road was a great success, and was welcomed by all who attended. The generosity of masons in the Clan was displayed in a gift of \$250 to be used for pre-school education in the surrounding area. The donation when converted to GBP amounted to £170.07. The Lodge members agreed to increase this to £200 and this was presented to Killin and Crianlarich

Nursery Schools by W.R.M. Bobby Lafferty.

Christmas Hamper

The Senior Citizens Burns Supper will again receive the proceeds of the Christmas Hamper Draw which will take place at the Capercaillie Restaurant on the 23rd December at 9:00pm. Once again we thank Myra for her kind permission and help with selling tickets.

Tickets are also for sale in Sheila's Sweetie Shop.

Dougal Ireland IPM

Benevolence

The members of the Lodge meet seven times in a season and at each meeting we hold a collection. The money donated by lodge members and guests is used for our running costs. Any funds left over are added to the profits from the New Years Dance, the Auction and the Christmas Hamper. It is then

distributed to Masonic Charities and local groups and activities such as the Children's Lantern Workshop, the Scouts, the Burns Supper, the Nursery School etc. The masons need this community's support and goodwill to achieve this. You can help by supporting our dance, buying hamper tickets and donating your unwanted items for the Auction. This year we hope to help twelve different causes. Please support us. Thank you.

Ron Allner
Treasurer



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Frost Report



Changing times and seasons

I am writing this on the morning after the first frost of the winter and still no snow on the tops, which is usually seen by the end of September. The squirrels have almost forsaken the food put out for them in favour of a more natural diet in the nearby beech and hazel woods. These seasonal scurrings in and out of the woods have obviously not been subjected to a risk assessment as on a recent trip from Ardeonaig to Aberfeldy we saw six squashed on the road. On the same grisly subject, it would appear that two of our visiting hedgehogs have also been subject to road kill.

Our resident population of pheasants is being augmented by quite a platoon of incomers. Presumably the shoots towards Kenmore are moving them in our direction. We are hoping that a few partridge will arrive as they did a few years ago. They usually stay around the garden for a good while as they enjoy sitting on the big rock lookouts.

Mr. Stoat, along with his friends and relations who relocated to Orkney, will be in for a shock as a £64,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund has been granted to aid their eradication. The project is to be run between RSPB and SNH. The stoat is said to be non-native to Orkney and

poses a threat to poultry, the Orkney vole and many birds.

Some good news for those of you worried about polar bears and global warming – scientists have discovered that, once again, sea ice has melted hundreds of thousands of miles below average this year. Don't worry too much about "cuddly bear" either



as there are now between 22 and 33 thousand. This is an increase from about 8 to 10 thousand in the 1960s. Some areas of Northern Canada are at maximum carrying capacity. Similarly there are panic stories about there being no elephants left in a decade but, I can assure you that there are an awful lot of elephants in Africa as a whole, though poaching still takes a horrible toll in some areas. In the August/September issue of Killin News I wrote about drones being used to count elephants in Zimbabwe. We recently heard from a Sri-Lankan friend who was on the same safari and who had been surfing the net, that drones were also

successfully used to detect poaching, even at night. Unfortunately hardly any poachers are arrested due to bribes being paid.

Communication around the globe is so much easier with modern technology. After a recent article in The Guardian newspaper about a day out listening to the autumn roaring of

the stags with my eldest son, a man in South Africa contacted him on Facebook to ask if he was the tiny toddler he had known at Boreland almost 40 years previously when he had ghillied there. We are aware of cows being blamed for emitting too much harmful gas into the atmosphere but apparently, weight for weight, clams are much worse - well consider what they eat!

It would appear that Mr. Fox has been

giving masterclasses in urban living. One cat flap owning householder came home to find a badger curled up in the dogbed! It vacated the property before the RSPCA arrived. One lovely sound throughout the winter is the robin's song which continues each morning through the bad weather. December 21st is National Robin Day. Everyone is asked to specially remember the small birds during the hard times and don't forget the Christmas supply of bird food for your wee friends when you are getting the turkey and Christmas pud.

Tim Frost

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For more information please contact Stirling Council Libraries' Digital Inclusion Officer, Angela Short, Tel: 01786 237547, Email:

shortan@stirling.gov.uk or Killin Library Tel: 01567 820571

KAT would like to thank Angela Hanvey for running the internet café for the last 21 months. She has done an excellent job of helping people become more confident with using technology.

Breadalbane Park

We have registered for a Community Award for Green Flag Status. The Green Flag Award scheme recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world. We are working with Stirling Council to develop a maintenance plan. The judging will take place in May.

The play park consultation is coming to an end and we should have the final plans worked out shortly.

Old Mill

The Heritage Lottery Fund have responded to our Expression of Interest submission. They are happy

to support the project, but unlikely to fund the whole project. We will be looking at developing a funding package for the stage 1 application.

News First Property

The public consultation we held on 23rd September highlighted that the main concern in the community was the need to secure banking facilities and the Post Office. This will help our application to the Scottish Land Fund which will be submitted in November.

Theresa Elliot

Project Manager

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Old Mill Report

As most local people know, Franny Morrison is now no longer our manager at The Old Mill. The volunteers met and gave her a good send off on the 10th October in the mill. Franny has worked hard to get this project off the ground and we all appreciate the time she gave us. The volunteers and the board will miss her. In the meantime, I have taken up the mantle and will do my best to carry on her good work until a decision on the long term running of the mill is taken.

Visitor numbers were very good in October which was reflected in the takings, perhaps due to people taking their holidays here instead of



going abroad. I would like to give a great big thank you to all our volunteers for helping me through my learning curve after taking over as mill manager. Without their

continued support this project would not be possible. There is a great feeling of camaraderie, and people find that helping is very rewarding. If you would like to join us you would be welcomed with open arms. Please give me a call. We also still need your kind donations of good quality items to sell in the mill, but no electrical goods.

Our Christmas Fair will be on 9th December in the Mill Shop. Please come and support us. The Choir will be there to sing around mid-afternoon. There will be nibbles and drinks and a warm welcome is assured.

Ron Allner

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Strathfillan Community Development Trust

AGM

if you want to find out what Strathfillan Community Development Trust has been up to over the past 12 months then come along to our Annual Get-Together and AGM on Thursday November 30th from 7pm. Our short AGM will be followed by a presentation by Natalie Stevenson from the Countryside Trust on the installation of the first section of the Tyndrum to Crianlarich Cycle path. She will also let us know how things are progressing with the second section. There will be drinks, a buffet and the chance to catch-up with the Trustees. Hope to see many of you there.

Community Gain

Some of our local hydro-electric schemes are generously contributing community gain funds to the Strathfillan Trust, which helps to cover our overheads and contributes towards community projects. As a result we have a small pot of money for local community groups to apply to for small grants. If you are in a small community group in the Strathfillan area that could do with a wee bit of money for a planned project, then please get in touch with Kelly to find out more.

Bike Skills Park

Following the fantastic and positive response to our Facebook survey on a proposed bike skills track in Tyndrum Community Woodland,

the Trust has developed a brief and is applying for funding to move the project forward. This is a very exciting project, and we are extremely pleased that the primary school and nursery are keen to get on board to help us design the track – with expert help! If anyone is interested in finding out more or would like to get involved in the project please, please get in touch with Kelly. We would also like to thank Kelda Platt for her advice and suggestions.

We still have space for two more Trustees on the Strathfillan Trust 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 strathfillancdt@btconnect.com, and phone 01838 300249.

Strathfillan Community Council Minutes

Fire Stations

Gordon Kerr, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) Station Manager attended the November CC meeting to discuss staffing numbers at Crianlarich Fire Station. Currently Crianlarich Station only has 2 retained personnel which is not enough for it to be fully operational. A minimum of 4

(ideally 5) is required for it to operate effectively. One candidate is going through the recruitment process at the moment, but more are urgently needed. SFRS have no plans to close the Station, but ask for the community help to recruit more retained firefighters for Crianlarich, to ensure that it can survive. An information / recruitment event will be organised between SFRS and the CC - anybody aged 18+ who might be interested is asked to come along and find out more, without obligation.

Firearms Licences

The CC are very pleased that the problems surrounding signing of medical certificates for firearms applications has now been resolved and that KMP are now able to provide this service for patients once again.

Telephone & Broadband

There has been no further update from Digital Scotland regarding the potential upgrade to fibre optic broadband for Crianlarich and Tyndrum exchanges. The CC will continue to push this issue with the relevant authorities, and will provide an update as soon as possible.

The problems experienced over the summer with Crianlarich telephone landlines has now been resolved, after the intervention of the CC, with assistance from Dean Lockhart MSP. Should anybody experience further problems with landlines please report it to your telephone provider in the first instance.



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Tourist Information Centre

The CC were very disappointed to learn that Visit Scotland have permanently closed the Tyndrum Information Centre, along with many others across Scotland. It is understood that visitor numbers using the Tyndrum centre had been increasing year on year. At the time of writing, Tyndrum Village Hall committee are in the early stages of exploring whether the redundant building would be suitable for community use, and the CC have offered to support this in whatever way they can.

C60

The CC were pleased that Stirling Council agreed to the request for a drop in meeting about the C60 bus service to be held in Strathfillan, and that the event was well attended. As a direct result of this meeting, Stirling Council are now looking at ways to provide a direct bus service from Tyndrum to Stirling. We understand that there is to be a trial of a fortnightly "shopper service" on a Saturday, starting and finishing in Tyndrum, although details of this are not yet

known. The CC were also pleased to learn that the C60 service should now be extended until at least March 2018, and hope that a permanent solution will be in place by then.

Community Council Tyndrum Meeting

The next CC meeting will be held in Tyndrum. The meeting will be in The Tyndrum Inn at 7.30pm on Monday 4th December. Councillor Martin Earl will also be holding a drop-in surgery in Tyndrum Inn from 7-7.30pm that evening. No appointment necessary. All CC meetings are open to everybody, it is hoped that the change of venue will encourage more community members from Tyndrum to attend. If the change of venue is successful, future meetings could potentially alternate between Crianlarich and Tyndrum. There is no meeting in January, so the first meeting of 2018 will be on Monday 5th February in Crianlarich Hall at 7.30pm.

Crianlarich Village Hall Community Auction

Our annual fundraising Auction is back for 2018! This is scheduled for March next year. We are beginning our collection of donations now so if you are having a pre-Christmas clear-out or just need to find a new home for some of your stuff then get in touch and we'll come and uplift it or you can hand it in at Crianlarich Store. Big or small – all donations for the auction will be very welcome. Look out for an update on the Day and Time in the next issue of the Killin News and on posters sited around the local area. Thank you for your support.

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Strathfillan Parish Round-Up

Crianlarich Church and Bridge of Orchy Church are together in making up the area of Strathfillan Parish. Below are extracts from the latest Parish Newsletter sent in by Erica Kerr, treasurer for Strathfillan Parish.



Crianlarich Church

However, we are extremely fortunate that Mr. Peter Mills, a Reader from Oban, has agreed to be our Locum and so will be taking the majority of our services and be available for pastoral visits. So if anyone would like to see him, please contact

one of the elders, come to church on a Sunday or contact him direct on 07774 225 905 or peter@peteramills.com

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They would like to know what you think. (Within reason!)

We are all aware that there is a need for spirituality in our lives

Your churches are there for you, not just for weddings, baptisms and funerals! They are there for quiet reflection, prayer and sanctuary. If you find that the church is not open at the time you want, please ask at the shop, or one of the elders will be happy to open it for you.

Visitors are always welcome
Bridge of Orchy Kirk has seven apples on the apple trees!

We have welcomed two new members from Bridge of Orchy into our churches.

The Remembrance Day Sunday

Service was on Sunday 12th November, with a walk to the War Memorial. Your churches provide a wreath each year.

Christmas Service:

Please come to the **Family Service** to be held on Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve) in Crianlarich Church at 11.30am. (There is no service on

Christmas Day this year).

There will be a joint service on Sunday 31st December at 11.00am in Dalmally.

Thank you to all our supporters.
Every time you go online to place an



Bridge of Orchy Kirk

Crianlarich Primary School held a lovely Harvest Festival in the church and intends to have a small carol service in the church in December. The congregation of Strathfillan have contributed a considerable sum of money from buying home grown vegetables provided by Alan Smailes. There are various local activities and events at which we hope to meet you and hope you will feel most welcome.

What's New?

There has been much talk between the elders of both parishes regarding the experimental "Hub". The idea is to have one Minister acting as an administrator looking after several parishes, namely

- 1) Inveraray, Cumlodden & Lochfyneside
- 2) Glenorchy and Innishael with Strathfillan
- 3) Muckairn, Kilchrenan and Dalavich.

As you can see this is a vast area, so our fragile communities are going to be sorely stretched.

There are not enough Church of Scotland ministers and that shortage is increasing.

order for anything, you can raise funds for our churches by first clicking on website address:

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Crianlarich Primary may be small, but our parents and friends are very generous. Last term we raised lots of money for school funds, charity & the local community.

Sponsored Walk - a massive £646!
Penny line up for Mary's Meals - £55 (that's a lot of pennies).

Crianlarich Kirk collection - £38.55.

We have launched back into a busy term leading up to Christmas.

Maths Trailblazers launch day was a huge success with pupils. Staff from several schools and parents working together outside to develop and practise maths skills. We now have numeracy grab bags to use at playtime, stuffed full of all sorts of fun resources and some huge target games to keep our mental addition skills in shape!



The Primary School supported Crianlarich Nursery's Transition evening to welcome parents of prospective P1s. See how our current P1s have jumped into their learning. Here they are performing a poem for

the class (photo above). Other teaching and learning opportunities for this term have included a trip to Kirkton Weather Station to research local weather and natural disasters. We are now embarking on our exciting Christmas topic of Putting on a Performance. Watch this space for details of our production, 'Aladdin Trouble'. Lastly a warm invitation to join us if you can, to sing

carols on Thursday 14th December at 2pm in Crianlarich Kirk and to see our panto on Thursday 21st December at 6.30pm in Crianlarich Village Hall.

Mrs Lochhead

Acting Principal Teacher



Crianlarich Primary School Awarded Silver Status By Sportscotland

Crianlarich Primary School has been recognised with a prestigious national award for innovation and achievement in delivering physical education and extra-curricular sport.

The school has achieved the sportscotland Silver School Sport Award for their commitment to engaging all pupils in sporting activity. As part of the National Lottery funded programme, the sportscotland School Sport Award is a national initiative that is designed to encourage schools to continuously improve physical education and sport. The Award also encourages sporting links between schools and the communities around them.

Stewart Harris, Chief Executive of

sportscotland, said: "Congratulations to all the staff and pupils at Crianlarich Primary School - they should be extremely proud of this fantastic achievement. Not only have they put physical education and sport at the heart of their school and local community, but they have managed to do so in a way that encourages all pupils to engage in physical activity whilst having fun at the same time. Richard Teall, Head Teacher, from Crianlarich Primary School commented:

"It's an honour to be awarded the sportscotland Silver School Sport Award. Our staff supported by the wonderful staff from Active Stirling, work incredibly hard to deliver a wide range of sports. We also have a group of parents who have helped us with running clubs and providing transport. We may be a very small school in an isolated community but our children have still competed in regional and national events. There are not many schools of any size that can say that every child from P1 to P7 has received training in kayaking or that they have had a team in a national ski final. This year we are determined to get the Gold Award and are working hard towards it such as through giving the children themselves greater

opportunities to have leadership roles. Already this term we have been part of a winning P5 team in athletics and are competing in a freestyle ski event in Glasgow. The whole school also takes part in Zumba classes which not only helps with fitness but also co-ordination. Each spring, the entire school participates in an exhibition of dance at the MacRobert Theatre at Stirling University. We believe that physical education, physical activity and sport are incredibly important factors in the school curriculum. We combine this focus with looking at the importance of a balanced diet as part of our Health and Wellbeing programme. We want every one of our children to be fit and healthy and to have had a wide range of experiences that will help build their self-belief and give them a positive outlook on life. We also want our children to have fun!"

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125 Years of Success

Thursday 7th September saw

the launch of our year-long celebrations commemorating 125 years of continuous service to our local (and not so local) communities. This year's Award Ceremony opened with a stirring march by McLaren High's own Pipe Band. Just before the main event started, Callum promoted Rebecca More to the rank of Pipe Major, the band will continue to grow under Rebecca's stewardship. Marc Fleming, Headteacher, gave an address linking McLaren's illustrious heritage with the current and future successes of the pupils. Our keynote address was given by Stirling Provost Christine Simpson who drew parallels between the charity work conducted by Stirling Council and the work done by the pupils of McLaren High who give so freely of their time.

Jenkins and Jessica Orr-Ewing are involved in. Poppy has been running in the race for life every year since the age of 3! The awards culminated in Carmen Clive winning the Dux having achieved "A band 1" in all of her Highers. The official part of the evening drew to a close with the Outgoing Head Boy and Head Girl Callum Hall and Finn Manders

Australia. Members of the wider school community attended a barbecue in beautiful sunshine before many of our current pupils joined former pupils at a lively and energetic ceilidh in the evening, with music provided by former pupil Kirsty Finland and friends in the Glasgow Vet Ceilidh Band. The day was a perfect way to start the celebrations which will continue

throughout the school year. The next event is a 125 themed interhouse competition in school for pupils and staff on Friday 6 October.

Inter-house Literary Quiz

On Friday 15th September S1-6 pupils and staff were invited to take part in our inter-house literary quiz. We had a fantastic turnout for this second whole school quiz event of the year, accumulating points for all houses simply by

participating! Pupils answered questions about authors, famous opening lines of novels, book series, Shakespeare, famous book



Includes local girls : Beth Allan, Sorchu McGroaty and Annie Chisholm

talking to their fellow pupils and encouraging them to make the most of the opportunities they have whilst at McLaren High School.



Literary Quiz with Sam Rosendale

The evening showed the range of talent and dedication of the pupils. Dux Ludorum was won by our sporting champions Charlotte Brodie and Jamie Nixon. Dillon McFarlane, Niamh Gillespie and Eve Scott shared the War Memorial prize.

This year the PTA (Parents' Teacher Association) created a special recognition award for the cancer research funding which Poppy McMahon, Holly Bowen, Millie

Following on from the Awards Ceremony on Thursday, McLaren High School's 125th Anniversary celebrations continued on Saturday 9 September. In addition to the annual Former Pupils' lunch, an afternoon tea for current and former staff took place, giving everyone who attended these events the opportunity to catch up and reminisce on their time at McLaren, including two former teachers who had travelled from

settings and autobiographies. We were delighted to see how well-read our pupils are!

Bracklinn came in first place, Dochart second and Leny's teacher team were third. The best team name points were awarded to Bracklinn for "What's in a name?" Well done to everyone who took part!



Nyah McGroaty

Charity Event for MacMillan Cancer Care

Friday 29 September saw our new S6 Charities Committee host their first event of this session - a bake sale in aid of MacMillan Cancer Care. Thanks to everyone who baked and bought for this great cause and well done to Leny who won at the end of the day by raising the most money. Congratulations to Kimberly Stevenson S4 who won the raffle for the Trainer Cake which was kindly donated by Mrs Norris, ASN staff.

There was also face painting at the interval, with European flags being painted to tie in with European Day of Language.

Thanks must also go to Mrs Cleary for helping organise the event and to Mr Clark for arranging a coffee morning for staff in the staff-room at the interval.

The total raised during the day was £911.64. A great effort everyone, well done!

Rugby vs Lornshill Academy

On Wednesday 27 September McLaren Rugby played their final league match of the Central Schools Conference against Lornshill Academy at Alloa RFC. Both schools managed to field great numbers at S1, S2 and U16 levels. The U16 team lost their first match against a well organised Lornshill team. The match finished 39-24 to the hosts. McLaren's tries were scored by James Isgrove x2, Duncan Brown and Peter Hayes. The S2 team won their match 17-7 to maintain their unbeaten run over the past two years. Well done boys. The S1 team won a very close match against Lornshill, with both sides trading tries. The boys ran out 9-7 winners, with Scott Hopper putting in a man of the match display. The S1 team also had a second match, which was a friendly against Alloa Academy. The S1 team won this match, and with excellent teamwork they helped every one of the S1 team to cross the line for a try. Thanks to Alloa RFC for hosting and Lornshill Academy for some great games.

Remembrance Day

The Service was held by the Minister of Killin and Adeonaig Parish Church, Rev. Russell Moffat, the service was very well attended by locals and visitors. A wreath was laid by Mrs. Stroyan on behalf of the local community. Wreaths were also placed by The local Scout Group, Lodge Breadalbane St. Fillan No.815 and Councillor Jeremy McDonald on behalf of Stirling Council.

Ron Allner



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Bannockburn Trip

On Tuesday 26th September Class 3 went on a trip to Bannockburn for their topic, The Scottish Wars of Independence.

At first, we were ushered into a small room. On the walls were lovely murals of infantry, cavalry and archers.

Around us was old armour, swords and much more. We were shown a PowerPoint by our tour guide, Ross.

The trip was very hands-on and everyone was involved. We all had a chance to try on real armour and let us tell you, it was very heavy indeed! Interesting fact – archers were the poorest soldiers and the cavalry were the richest!



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After lunch we got special glasses and we went into a dark room where we watched a 3D movie clip. We then took part in a 3D battle, where the arrows and spears were flying over us. We also got into two teams to play a military strategy game.

England, led by Fergus, had a larger army but the Scots, led by Jai, won the battle. Finally, we went up to the Statue of Robert the Bruce and practised the hedgehog defence move.

Leo said, "My day at Bannockburn was awesome. I had a lot of fun and I thought it was very interesting. The 3D graphics were brilliant and I would recommend the trip to others."

By Innes and Iona, Class 3

Crime In Class 1!

On Monday 25th September there was a crime scene in Class 1.

When class 1 came into school, all their teddies and superhero costumes were gone! It appeared that someone had stolen them. They did some work to find out who had stolen their stuff.

They received a letter from the evil master mind Dr Zorg. Their teddies were fine and so were the costumes. They found out that the reason Dr Zorg took everything was he wanted to be friends with class 1 and was trying to get their attention.

Mrs Dunshea, their teacher, was devastated that her class couldn't dress up anymore. "At first, I was a bit worried but when we found out he was just a bit lonely, the boys and girls in Class 1 were very kind and supportive to Dr Zorg.

Class 1 wrote lovely letters to let Dr Zorg know that they wanted to be friends with him. Thankfully, Dr Zorg returned everything and tidied up the superhero area.

By Kaci and Jordan, Class 3

Cross Country Club

Pupils from P3 to P7 have been enjoying running in the new Cross

Country club. They have been improving their training through technique drills, hill sprints and laps around the park. They are looking forward to taking part in the upcoming competitions in Callander and Stirling.

Ground's Day

To prepare the school grounds for the winter, all the children and staff in school put on their waterproof clothes and got stuck in, outside! The fallen leaves were making the playground very slippery so Nursery, Class 1 and 2 put them into piles then picked them all up. Mrs Kerr also was a big help and blew the leaves with her leaf blower. Class 3 were in charge of weeding at the front of the school and having a general tidy up. The weather was not great but it was good fun!

By Innes, Class 3

Halloween Fun

For Halloween we were allowed to dress up at school for the afternoon. We had a spooky lunch with finger sausages, spaghetti brains and mud cake. After lunch, all the classes and

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nursery took part in spooktacular activities. Class 1 made ghosts, skulls and pumpkins. Class 2 made paper pumpkins and hanging witches and Class 3 spent the afternoon making scary sound effects to go with music, using percussion instruments. It was a great start to Halloooooooooooooooween.

What are baby werewolves' favourite type of stories? HAIRY TAILS!

By Keira, Class 3

McLaren Netball Competition

On the 18th October, KPS took part in a McLaren Cluster Netball Competition. We entered two teams. Both teams did very well, winning a game each. We had extra substitutes to swap in and out, making sure we all got to play. We played against teams from Callander, Doune, Strathyre and Aberfoyle. Some of the players were HUGE but we didn't give up. The S2 girls from Killin were also there to help keep the scores and be referees.

By Lily, Class 2

Outdoor Maths

Class 1 had fun counting outside!

Outdoor Maths



They collected a variety of natural and man-made materials, counted how many had been collected and then made a picture using the different objects.

P5 Athletics

In October, a team made up of Primary 5s from Killin, Crianlarich and Strathyre took part in an athletics competition at McLaren Leisure Centre. We competed against Doune, Callander, Aberfoyle and many more. We had to do relay races, obstacle course, speed bounce, high jump, long jump and hop, skip and jump. We worked really hard and were supportive of each other. At the end they announced the third place, second place and to our amazement... WE WON! WOOHOO! We were so excited and happy we sang all the way home on the bus.

Isobel said, "It was a good athletics competition. We were happy just to get through to the final but winning was even more amazing!"

By Caitlin and Jodi, Class 2

Sound Start



Sound Start

Every Friday, Primary 5 - 7 have the opportunity to take part in music sessions called Sound Start. Mr Parker and Mrs Muir introduced us to lots of brass instruments. We got to choose what instrument we wanted to play. The choices we had were flute, trombone, euphonium, trumpet, clarinet and saxophone. Two people are also playing percussion.

All of the children will soon be getting their instrument to take home for the rest of the year to practise. Before we take our instruments home we have to learn how to clean them and put them together so that we can look after them properly.

Jay in P5 said, "Sound start is good. I like to play the clarinet and can't wait to take it home."

Last week we also learned how to put a music stand up. It's actually more complicated than we thought but we got there in the end!

By Naomi, Jordan and Kaci P7

Animals Up Close!

On Wednesday 27th September 2017, Byron from Zoo Lab came to our school to see each class. He brought in 4 different creatures. First was a giant African Land Snail, which felt very cold.

FACT - Did you know snail slime is used in soap, makeup, face wash and

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more! Next we held the millipede. We learned that it crawls up in to a poo shape when it is threatened and lets out a disgusting smell when an animal tries to eat it. They are also poisonous!

Byron also had a tarantula, however we weren't allowed to hold it.

FACT - When tarantulas are scared they shoot out hairs which stick in your skin.

"It was the first time I have ever seen Zoolab. It was great fun and I learned so much," said Lauren, P6.

The final creature we held was a gecko which had a cheetah print on its back. This gecko had eyelids and only certain geckos have them. They have bumps that have heat in them so at night when it's cold, the bumps keep them warm. Their tails are very delicate and can fall off if you pull them.

FACT - When a predator tries to eat a gecko it drops it's tail and runs. We all had fun holding the animals and learning new facts.

By Laura and Naomi, Class 3

Sainsbury Vouchers

Prior to our Summer holiday, Killin Primary School were collecting vouchers from Sainsbury's. The vouchers collected exceeded our expectations and with the value of vouchers collected the pupils selected play equipment which the children could use at break times. Our sincere gratitude is extended to all members of our community who donated their vouchers. It is very much appreciated.

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Comp.: 1. A Limerick Theme " Birthday Party"
2. Your favourite hair decoration
- 1 February **Herbal Salts** (by Cath McGregor)
Comp.: 1. A Herb Scone
2. Your favourite novelty salt & pepper set
- 1 March **Attention this will be an afternoon meeting! (start 2pm)**
Dog's Trust (by Emma-Louise Livingstone) / **Open Meeting**
Comp.: 1. A small spring posy
2. Your favourite dog ornament
- 5 April **Women's Health Part 2** (by Dr Elaine Turner) / **Quick AGM. Party** with games, singing etc. (to end the season)
Comp.: 1. A lavender bag any craft
2. Your favourite pillbox

Why not give it a go and join us at any meeting in the Lesser McLaren Hall beginning at 7.30 PM. Enjoy a cup of tea during the interval and perhaps win a prize in our raffle. A different way of spending your evening!

Désirée van Doorn
Killin SWI Ass. Secretary

EAK Otter Event

Saturday 2nd December
11am to 2pm at Lynedoch, Main Street, Killin
Come to Lynedoch on Saturday 2nd December to find out more about the elusive otters which use the rivers and lochs around us, followed by a walk to look for signs of their presence, or if we are very lucky, we may even catch sight of one. There will be tea, coffee, mulled wine, cakes and mince pies available, as well as a raffle, children's drawing competition, slide show, question and answer session and a lot more otter information, with the possibility of some live music. The money raised will go towards the cost of the wildlife reflectors which have been placed along the A827, between the biomass plant and Lix Toll Garage, in an attempt to reduce the number of otter and other wildlife fatalities along that stretch.

Alicja Fraser



Callander & West Perthshire U3A

Our thriving U3A has recruited over 50 new members this autumn who have been offered over 30

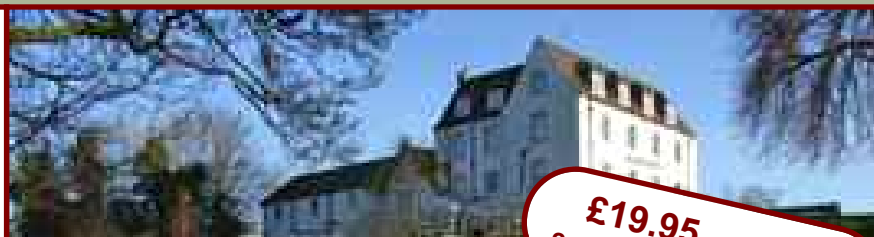
interesting groups to attend, two of which are new for this year;

'Appreciation of Antiques' and 'Armchair Astronomy'.

A party has been organised to celebrate 5 years of C&WP U3A and this will take place on 30th November at Callander Golf Club – an evening of fun and dancing with the Riverside Ceilidh Band, supper and a quiz. Tickets are still available from

committee members.

Interested in joining us? Please Google our website 'Callander and West Perthshire U3A' where you will find details of all our courses, timetables and enrolment forms.



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Venison & game terrine with side salad, Scottish oatcakes & red onion chutney DF
Oven baked brie & cranberry with mixed leaf salad & bread V/GF

MAIN

Individual turkey roulade with Cumberland sausage, apricot and cranberry stuffing
Highland beef topside roast with homemade gravy
Root vegetable, apricot & goat's cheese nut roast V
Hot roast salmon salad with new potatoes and dressed leaves GF
Slow roasted pork belly with black pudding and cranberry jus
All main courses with seasonal vegetables & roasted potatoes

PUDDING

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KILLIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

12th September

Cambusurich Woodland

Charles Bushby of Scottish Woodlands and Catherine Walker of Forestry Commission Scotland gave a presentation on a proposed woodland at Cambusurich. This ground has been bought by two Germans who have experience with woodlands in Germany. Charles Bushby said that it was the first time that he had designed a woodland in this way. It has been designed over the last 18 months and it will be a mixture of 31% Sitka, 22% conifers, 34% native woodland and 13% Scots pine. This will be on the open hill above the already designated S.S.S.I. which is already overseen by S.N.H. The new woodland will be able to provide the local biomass with wood over time.

The woodland will be serviced by a road network which will be about 6km long. After two years the wood will have started to grow and there will still be public access to the site. It was asked if an area that gives one of the only views over the loch would be planted. Fencing was also discussed.

Charlie Grant brought up the subject of the water supply to the village and surrounding area possibly being affected. Charles Bushby said he did not think the water would be affected and Katherine Walker said she would talk to Scottish Water.

Charles Bushby gave maps to those who requested them and Kay Riddell is to hold some in the library for interested parties.

Matters Arising

We are still waiting to hear from Alan Milliken at Stirling Council with regard to matters arising that were listed in the previous minutes.

Road Lines

The yellow lines at the ambulance depot and Lyon Road have been done, but there are no white lines down to the Give Way sign.

20mph signs will be implemented for the Ballechroisk area and the Old Mart.

Pier Road Potholes

The road is due to be re-surfaced in week of 25th-29th September which will mean further limited access. Tim Frost had been given two different dates from 2nd October but has contacted them about the matter.

Breadalbane Park Entrance

Stirling Council were contacted and said they were not responsible for that.

Water Problems

Tim Frost is still waiting to hear back from Scottish Water about the pressure and there has also been a complaint about a smell.

Dochart Bridge Hedges

Still need to be cut. Theresa Elliot will follow this up.

BioMass Report

Job interviews are now being held

Fibre Broadband

BT are still pursuing the option of putting boxes outside the school.

Doctors' Surgery

Concern was raised about how patients sometimes have to wait a week for an appointment. Tim Frost also spoke about the requirement to have a gun licence signed by the doctor.

Police Scotland Report

Anti-Social Behaviour – Several incidents were investigated and dealt with in Killin in July.

Violent Crime – In July there was an incident reported in Killin which resulted in an arrest for aggravated assault.

A man was arrested in Glen Dochart after allegations of serious sexual assault.

A man was arrested in Crianlarich following a report of domestic assault.

Road Safety – A man was arrested for drink-driving in Killin Main Street in July which resulted in a fine and

driving ban

Mountain Rescue – Killin Mountain Rescue were called out to assist during a spate of incidents.

Planning

The planning applications for Colin McRae, The Bridge of Lochay and the Falls of Dochart have all been passed.

Correspondence

A notice from Stephen Kerr was received announcing he would be holding a surgery on 15th September at 11.00

An NHS Forth Valley meeting regarding ambulance cars was to be held on 27th September.

Rural Stirling AGM will be held at 8.00 on Wednesday 20th September.

Any Other Business

Termination of the Contract for Bus Services to Killin

The decision about the termination of the bus service to Killin from 30th December was discussed at length and there have been several meetings on the situation since. Stirling Council are looking at the options available for continuing the service.

KAT

Ron Allner said there is to be a consultation day from 10am to 2pm on 23rd September in McLaren Hall where representatives from the Old Mill, the Post Office, Killin News and Killin Sports and Leisure Club would be available.

Problems about the water and drainage in Breadalbane Park was brought up with complaints about how bad it is now. It was decided that plans would be made to deal with the issue.

Christmas Tree and Christmas Lights

This is to be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held in Killin Primary School on 14th November 2017.



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Walk in the Park

The group enjoyed their recent visit to Kenmore where they walked in Taymouth Castle Estate enjoying the glorious colours of the countryside.

The walking group and the Strength and Balance group are looking forward to their joint annual Christmas Lunch in the Capercaillie on Wednesday 13th December from noon onwards. After the 13th December both groups will have a break for the winter returning on Wednesday 17th January, weather permitting.

Wednesday Morning Walk, 10.20am, (see schedule for meeting place)

Walk in the Park provides a variety of short walks in and around Killin. Led by trained volunteer walk leaders they are a fun, safe and easy way to get fit, enjoy the wonderful countryside and make new friends. Walk at your own pace and distance to suit you.

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.

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

Date	Meeting at 10.20am	Routes :
06/12/17	Capercaillie	Village Walk *
13/12/17	Capercaillie	Craignavie Road Followed by Christmas Lunch at Noon in the Capercaillie. Please pre-order your lunch.
17/01/18	McLaren Hall Car Park (car share)	Moirlanich Longhouse *
24/01/18	McLaren Hall Car Park (car share)	Golf Club Walk * After refreshments walkers are invited to join the walk leaders to plan ahead for the coming year. Come along with ideas and comments about your walking group.
31/01/18	Capercaillie	River Dochart / Old Railway *

* **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 Heritage Society : A New Year and a New Style

Times are changing and unfortunately the attendances at monthly meetings have been going down steadily over the last few seasons, so the Committee has decided to focus their time and energy next year into setting up Interest Groups in line with the aims expressed in our constitution. These groups will concentrate on developing our knowledge of local history. The groups will meet regularly. We will look at 3 areas:

The Graveyard Project

Started many years ago but not yet finished. The mapping and recording

needs to be completed and the records put in a database which is searchable on the internet.

The Houses Project

On the back of the work already done we have the start of a project to look at the development of the village through its houses. The information to be collated, pictures included, again in a searchable database.

Caring for artefacts and records

The artefacts, records, books, papers and photographs which are in our keeping need archiving, photographing, researching and valuing.

.We will be looking for members to join one or more of the interest groups depending on their interests or their talents. If you have your own ideas let us know. Once we get started there will be opportunities for feedback of the findings. Members will be invited to renew their interest and membership at the AGM in February (15th).

Sue Hughes

Killin Heritage Society Committee

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The Caerbannog Connection

"Are you looking for the rabbit too?"
 "No, I'm looking for the Holy Grail."
 So begins my conversation with two Monty Python nerds. There's something quite surreal and comical about this exchange, standing on a remote hillside, in the pouring rain. My worst fears were of knight's armour and brandished longswords, but these two *look* normal; a cheery, twenty-something couple in dayglo anoraks and walking boots. Like me, they're searching for a rather peculiar copper mine.

To devotees of that infamous comedy group, the name Tomnadashan won't mean much. It has some geological and industrial interest – not something that'll get pulses racing. Ask them about 'The Cave of Caerbannog' and you'll get quite a different reaction. The mine was immortalised in 1975's *The Holy Grail* as the home of a fearsome bunny that prowls over a heap of human bones. Today, it

attracts fans worldwide brave enough to face the mythical beast.

"Have you seen it yet?" asks the young woman. "We've been looking but I think we were going in the wrong direction."

I tell her that I spotted a spoil tip on the incline – we are close to our destination. We continue climbing and scramble over the tip; a grey, lunar-like scab on otherwise fertile land. On the ledge above are some ruined cottages. Beyond, partially concealed by trees, two giant gaping mouths etched into the rock.

"Oh, there it is," says the young man casually. His partner rushes forward with her camera, exclaiming, "The rabbit is here!"

Luckily this one is quite harmless, all sodden fabric and marble eyes – a tribute left by a previous visitor. In the alcoves of the entrance are more props like coconuts, a goblet and even a Holy Hand Grenade, the device used by Graham Chapman's King Arthur to slay the rabbit.

As I enter I am immediately struck by the vastness of the place. Every tiny sound reverberates wonderfully:



dripping water, the crunch of rocks underfoot, a gurgling creek. Tunnels snake in and out. Some corners are so deep I can't see the bottom. And protruding from the walls, there's an unusual orange paste that resembles copper ore.

Copper is one of many mineral deposits in the Breadalbane area. In Tydrum, lead and silver was extracted from as early as the 15th century. In places such as Lochearnhead and Amulree gold has been found. Elsewhere, Baryte (used as a sealant in North Sea Oil

exploration) is being mined just north of Aberfeldy. Tomnadashan, on the south side of Loch Tay, was worked for about twenty years towards the end of the 19th century. Despite the willpower of entrepreneur John Campbell (who even built his own smelting factory on the lochside) no metallic copper was ever produced. The mine closed down in 1862.

On a lighter note, this abandoned relic has been given new lease of life in Monty Python fandom. Elusive to

sign posts and Ordnance Survey maps, it is still discovered and has become, in ways that Campbell could never comprehend, a shrine to a very funny film. Carved into these orange walls are dozens of catchphrases that'll either crack you up or anger you as careless vandalism. But if this is how

Tomnadashan is to be remembered, then I'm in the first camp. Say no more. The pilgrimage ends with a beautiful view over the loch. As I walk back to the car, I see the mine disappear once more into the hills, hidden from passing drivers. While this might not be the most pretty, accessible or informative attraction in our corner of the world, it is the weirdest – how often do you see that in the brochures?

Michael Gardiner

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Killin Medical Practice

Patient Participation Group

On November 1st the group met with Anne Ferguson, communities projects manager at Stirling Council, brought on board by Councillor Earl. Ms. Ferguson was keen to learn of our problems with hospital transport directly from the community. The idea is to put together a case for funding. Specific case studies will be especially useful in this respect so please, please let me know of any particular problems that you have regarding this. Also please report any unsuitably early appointment times given at Larbert as some clinics are still not adhering to the advice for rural areas. These complaints can then be relayed to the hospital. Remember that you can say that a time is unsuitable and request an alternative.

Following an incident at Dalmally where a defibrillator was not located, it has been realised that the location of the Killin defibrillator is not too obvious so to remind you – it is just within the open porchway at the Falls of Dochart home. We are recommending further signage for this. If anyone or any group would like first-aid and/or defib. training please ask the local paramedics directly or through myself.

After discussions with police the doctors at Killin practice are now willing to sign medical forms for shotgun and firearms certificates.

As always please continue to keep us aware of problems and successes. Any information will be kept strictly confidential.

If you are interested in joining the group please just come along to our next meeting in the surgery waiting room at 11:45 on December 10th.

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Flu Clinics

The Crianlarich and Killin flu clinics were very well attended this year. If you have not yet had your flu immunisation and are over 65, have a long term condition or are a carer, please phone the practice to arrange your appointment with Jamie, Ann or Mhairi.

Thank you very much to Professor Dawn Skelton and the staff from Later Life Training in Killin who came along to the Killin flu clinic and carried out Functional Fitness MoT's for patients over 60. This was a huge success and 100% of those assessed said they would recommend it to family or friends.

Thank you also to the ladies of Killin Cancer Research Committee for providing food and drink for all.

Update on Shotgun Certificate Applications

Police Scotland has now agreed to our terms and we will process shotgun application forms.

Prescribing

We are pleased that our Practice Nurse Jamie Anderson and Community Pharmacist Laura Bathgate are up-skilling. They are both carrying out extended prescribing training. We will support them both here in the practice. You might see Laura here in the surgery while she gains practice based experience.

Christmas & New Year

The Practice will be closed on Monday 25th December, Tuesday 26th December, Monday 1st January 2018 and Tuesday 2nd January 2018. Please ensure that you order your medications in plenty of time and remember you have the opportunity to acquire medications through the community pharmacist. If you need medical assistance during this time, please contact NHS 24 on free phone 111. In case of emergency dial 999. Everyone at the practice would like to wish all of our patients a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2018.



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Killin Nursery

The Adventures of Farmer Duck

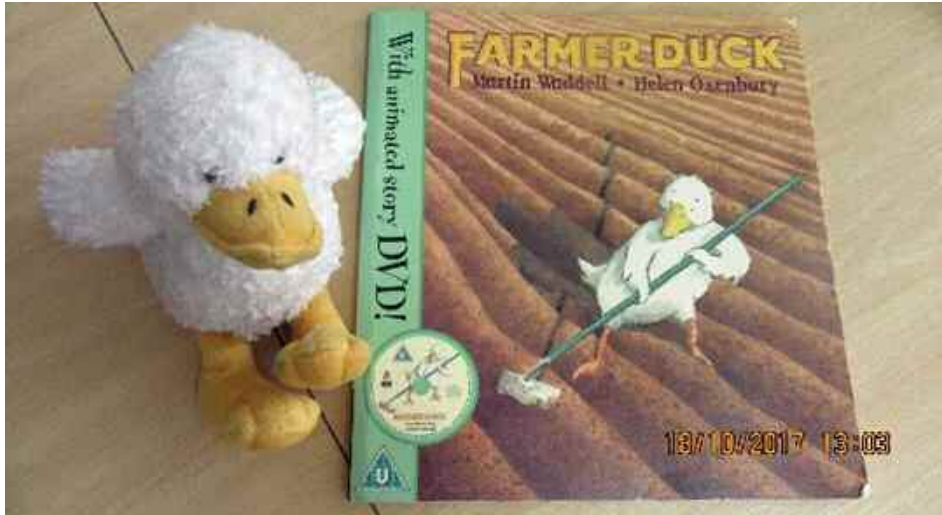
Farmer Duck is one of the many stories read at Killin Nursery. The main character is Farmer Duck and he is loved by all the children. He has been an inspirational character which has been used as a provocation to inspire our young learners to engage in all forms of literacy.

How the adventure began.....

The children observed that Farmer Duck's wing was broken when they were exploring the Farmer Duck story sack. The children were extremely concerned and ECE,

shopping, he even took part in some water aerobics and joined us kayaking. Keira and Farmer Duck also sent a post card to see who would make it home first! Still no sign of the post card.....

Once Farmer Duck returned to Nursery he posted his holiday pictures on the Nursery Facebook page and joined the children at circle and share time to share his holiday experience. The children were excited to share their October holiday adventures and have created a 'Bag of Adventures' to take home



Kayleigh suggested a trip to the office to seek help. Working on a farm with a lazy farmer can take its toll, so once his wing was repaired it was agreed that Farmer Duck would join my husband Jason, daughter Keira and me on a holiday to Ibiza. Now you would think a duck would be a confident flyer but he was a tad nervous, but once reassured by cabin crew he settled down fairly quickly. Keira a former young learner of Killin & Crianlarich Nursery decided to document his holiday adventures, hoping that this would capture the imagination of our young learners and inspire learning across the curriculum.

Farmer Duck took to relaxing like a duck to water; swimming, sunbathing, sight-seeing and

to their families accompanied by Farmer Duck, to document their mini adventures.

Farmer Duck is now so popular that some children have painted his portrait. The educators discussed with each child elements of Farmer Duck's anatomy, talking about size and shape, thus scaffolding the children's learning. This type of interaction supports the children's representational skills.

The learning possibilities are endless and who knows what the children and Farmer Duck will learn next.....

.....wherever the children's imaginations take us!

Natalie Campbell ECE
Killin Nursery

Shoobox Appeal



A big thank you to all who either filled a shoebox, donated items for boxes or handed in money towards buying items. A special thank you to all the knitters who knitted so many lovely garments for babies and toddlers.

My car was once again full with shoeboxes being taken to the Blythwood shop in Crieff where they are then put into bigger containers for transportation abroad.

Once again thank you.

Kay Riddell

Hogmany Lantern Making

The workshop will be in the McLaren Lesser Hall, on Saturday 16th December 2017 from 10am-4pm. All children must be accompanied by an adult, lunch provided. Contact Alma 07777605248 by text, or on facebook to book places.

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Killin Music Festival Round Up

Killin Music Festival would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best for a brilliant 2018. A huge thanks to everyone for their support over the past year. We can't wait to enjoy the festive season with you all when the mighty Skipinnish return on the 30th December. Tickets are sold out for the event, but there is a Facebook group to help connect those who can no longer make it with those looking for tickets. Killin is such a great place to spend the festive season and we hope this concert helps to enhance the area as a top destination for the holidays.

Our 2017 review video is now live on our website and Facebook page – can you spot any familiar faces having a wee dance?

Tickets are now on sale for the 2018 festival and are selling fast! The third year will be headlined by Blazin' Fiddles, Peatbog Faeries and Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham. There will be lots of free music to enjoy throughout the weekend at our Session Tent and plenty of new talent to hear at the Open Stage.

All remaining tickets are now on sale online at killinmusicfestival.com – there are now less than 100 tickets left for each night!



The festival is through to the final five for Event of the Year at the MG Alba Scots Trad Music Awards 2017. This is a major achievement for the festival, and it's humbling and an honour to even be nominated let alone shortlisted. This wouldn't have been possible without the help and support of all the hard-working volunteers and local businesses, not to mention everyone who comes to dance the night away!

By the time you are reading this, public voting will have closed, and our fate sealed! Wish us luck. We attend the awards night on Saturday 2 December, with part of the night being broadcast live on BBC Alba and BBC Radio Scotland!

January will see Celtic Connections sweeping through Glasgow where there will be an opportunity to see fantastic bands from around the world, as well as Scotland's best talent. Showcase Scotland is a conference which takes place as part of this festival, for event organisers to network, hear new bands and make new contacts. Gregor MacKenzie and Douglas McRobbie will be attending

this year to represent Killin Music Festival and seek out some new sounds to bring to Killin in the future.

Keep an eye out for our annual Spring Ceilidh – details coming soon, and good luck with your Christmas Shopping - KMF tickets make a great stocking filler!

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Local Naturalist

A local naturalist has made the Shortlist for the 2017 UK Awards for Biological Recording and Information Sharing

Dan Watson, 48, from Killin, in Stirling, has been shortlisted in the 'Gilbert White Adult Award for terrestrial and freshwater wildlife' category of the 2017 UK Awards for Biological Recording and Information Sharing.

These annual awards started in 2015, and have been developed by the National Biodiversity Network, the National Forum for Biological Recording and the Biological Records Centre. Their intention is to recognise and celebrate the outstanding contributions made to biological recording by adults and young people, which is helping to improve our understanding of the UK's wildlife.

Dan Watson says:

"I am fascinated with nature, particularly that of Scotland's mountains, and have long been motivated to record it and share what I have found. A lot of what drives me is finding things that are new, whether that is something I have never seen before, a new population of a rare plant or moth, or something common in a new place. There's nothing to beat exploring a craggy area rich in plant life as you never know what you might find!"

The winners of the 2017 UK Awards for Biological Recording and Information Sharing will be announced at a special ceremony on Thursday 16th November in Cardiff.

Purba Choudhury

Rob Halligan Concert

On Friday 27th October a small but enthusiastic group of people attended the live concert at Killin and Ardeonaig Church to hear singer/song-writer Rob Halligan.

It was a special evening! Rob was in great form and demonstrated both his song-writing craft and technical musical ability.

His songs from his latest album "Wild Horses" were introduced with both pathos and humour and he recounted the light-hearted and moving stories behind the words and music.

We were taken to places as far afield as Ethiopia, Lebanon, and Syria and the people he met in refugee camps there. We also heard of his work on the streets and housing schemes of Coventry.

As well as the serious stuff there were many moments of fun and a couple of love songs thrown in for good measure! The response from those who came was overwhelmingly positive and there is a demand to have him back sometime in the future.

Many thanks to everyone who supported this. All our costs were met on the evening and £70 was also raised for the charity Mary's Meals.

Brenda Moffat



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Obituaries

Miss Muriel Vera Mustard 20/06/1929 - 07/10/2017

My Aunt was born at St Leonard's, Forfeath Avenue, Elgin, the youngest of four daughters to Alexander Low Mustard, solicitor with Messrs Grigor and Young and Eliza Russell Mustard (Ivy, nee Jack). She went to Springfield Primary School and then to St Margaret's Edinburgh which decamped to Dunkeld during the war. While there she passed grade VI (Intermediate) in Pianoforte. She became a reporter with a local paper in Elgin. On the death of her father in 1949 she, her mother and sister Hetty moved to Edinburgh. In 1950 she gained certificates in shorthand at a speed of 100 words per minute and first class in typewriting at intermediate stage and became a medical secretary at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. Circa 1953 she and her mother went on the Union Castle line to South Africa for a winter staying with friends in Rhodesia. After gaining qualifications including Latin, she went in 1957 to Edinburgh University gaining an MA in 1960 and a Diploma in Education in 1961. Part of her teaching practice was at Elgin Academy where I had her taking my English class at the start of my first year as a pupil there.

She taught at West Calder Primary School and then was deputy Head at Danderhall Primary School. After her sister Hetty bought Pierend in Killin she spent the summers there. She was heavily involved with Liberton Kirk and attended Killin Church. She was a life member of the Friends of Balquhider Church and for many years attended their summer concerts and with her sister Hetty did the

and her sister Hetty ran the Mustard Pot, a tearoom and gift shop in Killin. She also volunteered with the WRVS in Edinburgh. As already mentioned she enjoyed playing the piano and keyboard. In 2001 she passed with merit in pianoforte leisure play - advanced. She played for services at Braidhills Nursing Home.

She had several dogs and visited care homes under Therapets with them.

She enjoyed travelling. In 1994 she went on a pilgrimage to the sacred places of Jerusalem and the Holy Land. She went on two safaris with her niece Vivien Welsh.

She took a great interest in her great nieces and more recently in her 2 great great nieces, and knitted picture jumpers for their birthdays.

She was a life member of the Moray Society. Visitors to Elgin Museum will see a rocking horse there. It was the Mustard family rocking horse which was given to the Rose Nursery School which

was on Northfield Terrace, Elgin. When the nursery closed it trotted to the museum and the family had it restored to its former glory.

James A Welsh



catering for them for a few years. She was for a time Brown Owl with one of the Brownie Packs at Liberton Kirk and took them on Pack Holidays to Kippin. After she retired from teaching in 1981, during the summer months she

Dugald MacGregor 1937 to 2017

We would like to thank all those who attended the funeral service of Dugald MacGregor on Monday the 11th September, especially those people who came from far and wide to say their final goodbyes. Russell, the minister, paid a fine and respectful tribute at the well attended service and we are very grateful for his support and kind words throughout this time. Ross Anderson was especially helpful in organising the arrangements and guiding us

throughout the process. To all those at Perth Royal Infirmary (PRI) and Forth Valley Hospital who attended to Dugald during his time of need we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation in making his time there as pleasant and as comfortable as possible. A special thanks goes out to his niece Ann, who works at PRI, who took the time to give extra care and attention to Dugald during that period. We have received many cards of

condolences and at this time of sorrow it's nice to know that Dugald left you with so many great memories. A total of £212.07 was raised on behalf of Diabetes Scotland and we thank you for your donations. Lastly, we would also like to thank the staff at the Killin Hotel for their time and ability to handle the wee session that took place after the service. We are sure Dugald would have enjoyed the craic!

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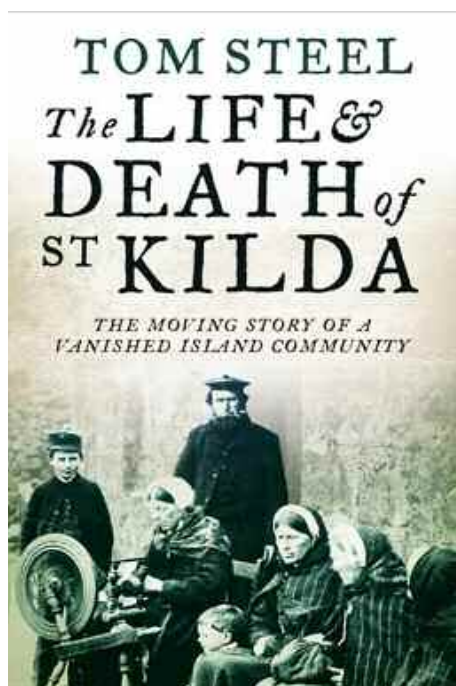
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Book Review



St Kilda is Scotland's westernmost island. A hundred miles from the mainland, this harsh and barren archipelago sustained a small community for generations until 1930, when a series of unfortunate events forced the inhabitants to leave.

Unlike so many books, films and tv programmes, this account is not

really about the evacuation. Instead, Tom Steel documents the history of the islanders throughout the centuries; detailing how they lived, communicated with the outside world and were perceived by visitors.

It was a life of unimaginable hardship. Ravaged by continuous gales (which sometimes caused deafness in individuals) and held prisoner by the tides, the community sheltered in primitive stone houses with next to no furniture. They bred cattle and sheep, but their diet consisted mainly of sea birds and their eggs which were collected by perilously scaling cliff edges.

This is as compelling as any survival story, the sense of desperation palpable. Yet Steel suggests that the islanders were comfortable, even happy, with their situation – only because they knew nothing else.

However, such was the strength of the community, that some who left for better prospects returned shortly after due to homesickness.

Perhaps the most tragic part of this story was the plight of the older St Kildans post-evacuation. Steel writes, "They expected life on the mainland to be the solution to all their problems." The result was the breakup of families, poor pay, inadequate housing and a struggle to

adapt. For the younger islanders, settling in was much easier and seen as an adventure.

Steel's writing style can be a little dry at times and could have used more atmospheric scene-setting but the photographs inside do an excellent job of humanising the people. At once heart-breaking and inspirational, this book offers a full look at a lost place and time – an island truly on the edge of the world.

Michael Gardiner

Christians Against Poverty

CAP Highland Perthshire are a free debt-counselling charity. We have been supporting people in the Killin area in recent months and we are delighted that one family are now debt-free! In the lead up to Christmas, we plan to give Christmas Hampers to families we are working with throughout Highland Perthshire. If you would like to contribute to this (either in goods or in finance), we would be happy to let you know how you could help.

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Tyndrum Fire Service....with thanks !!

Thanks to all from the community who braved the weather and came out to support us on our annual fundraiser for the national firefighters charity. As a result of the fund raising event we managed to raise a fantastic £630.



The Killin & District Sports & Leisure Club would like to thank all those who came to the Halloween Craft event. All places were sold out and some lovely creations were made! Thank you to the helpers and to those who made spooky creepy cakes!

David Riddell



Loch Tay Safaris 25th Anniversary Celebration



To celebrate twenty five years of successful operation from its base in the village of Dull, Highland Safaris has unveiled a three metre high steel installation of a red deer stag, based on its logo. Donald Riddell, co-founder, feels that "Symbolically the stag represents resilience and strength which can be said to sum up the Scottish spirit that visitors so admire." Having commissioned social enterprise initiative, The Workshop Aberfeldy, to produce the special stag, Highland Safaris invited Bailey Pearce, one of a number of local youngsters currently being trained and mentored by The Workshop, to perform the unveiling in front of a group of specially invited guests. Julie Riddell, co-founder of Highland Safaris, said "The Workshop is an amazing local initiative, and a registered charity, which is really changing lives and enabling many more young people to stay in the area and find gainful employment." Paul Parmenter, Manager of The Workshop Aberfeldy, said: "People of all ages come to us to learn wood working, metal working and laser cutting, in addition to business management, although we particularly focus on helping young people who face barriers to employment."



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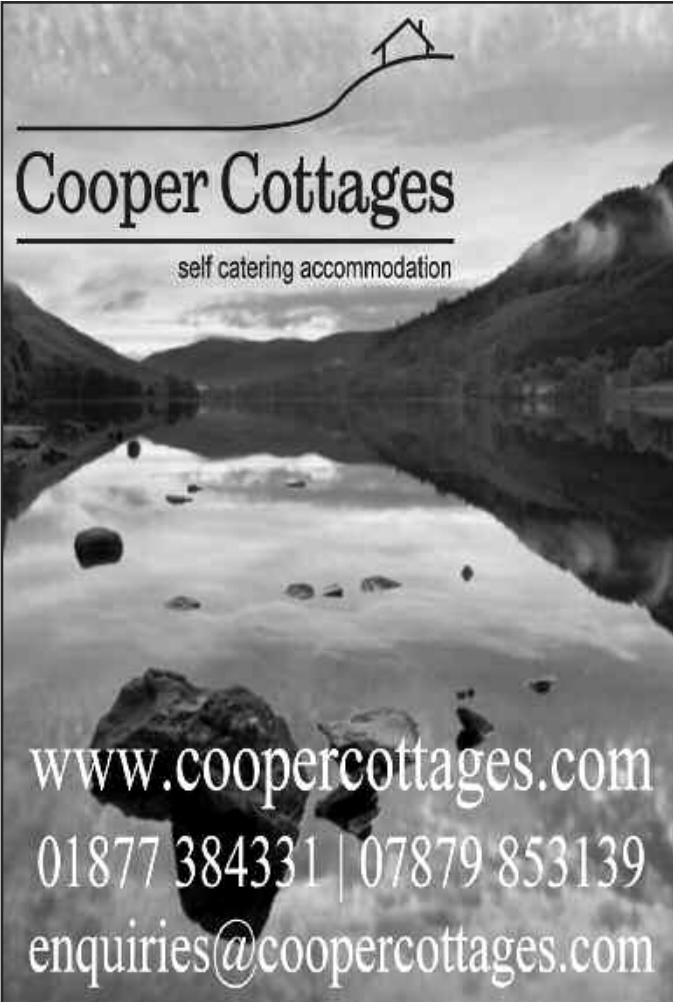
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SPORTS NEWS

Glen Ogle 33 Ultramarathon

At 8am on a cold but clear Saturday morning, over 400 runners headed off from McLaren Hall, up Killin's Main Street, to compete in the Glen Ogle 33 mile Ultramarathon.

The route climbs up through Acharn Forest to Glenoglehead, down across the Glen Ogle viaduct, past Lochearnhead to Kingshouse, along the quiet back roads to Balquhiddy and Strathgryre, before more forest tracks back to Kingshouse, then back up Glen Ogle and eventually back down to Breadalbane Park in Killin.

Back in McLaren Hall the runners' efforts were rewarded by vast quantities of the legendary home baking of the ladies of the Cancer Research UK - Killin Local Committee.

The race was won in an incredible 3h 48m by Iain Carroll, and first lady in an equally impressive time of 4h 01m was Alison Rowatt. Spare a thought for those at the back of the field with the "Lantern Rouge" being awarded to the last place runner who completed in 7h 58m.

Those that still had any energy left, and there were plenty, then danced the evening away at a ceilidh in McLaren Hall, with the music provided by the fantastic Reely Jiggered.

The hall is already booked for 1st weekend in November 2018, so plenty time to get some training in for those that fancy a go.....

Angus Kay

Start of GO33 Race



Meall nan Tarmachan Race Report

Despite the pessimism of every forecast I looked at, the race was run in mostly sunny conditions, with all the tops clear. A bit windy, and wetter underfoot than recent years, but a pleasant surprise all the same.

Ochil's Alasdair Anthony and Lochtayside's Stephen Rawlinson battled it out at the front. A bit of local knowledge saw Stephen overhaul Alasdair on the descent, only to be overtaken again on the fast paced track to the finish. First female was Jennifer Gane.

Thanks to everyone who ran and everyone who helped. We made just over £400 to split between the National Trust for Scotland for their conservation work on Ben Lawers NNR and Killin Mountain Rescue Team, who did a great job, as always, providing safety cover.

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Letters

Cadets Memories

I always take time to catch up with the goings-on in the village as my grandparents lived in Lyon Rd and I have fond memories of countless holidays spent with them in the 60's. So I was really surprised to see my dad in the picture (Billy Campbell) as a young lad in his Cadets uniform with his cap at a very jaunty angle. Sadly Dad died just over 5 years ago and if he were still alive I have no doubt he would have been taken aback to see this photo. Although he moved to Glasgow in the mid 50's with British Railways, his heart never left the village so it made sense that we brought his ashes, along with Mum's who died 2 years earlier, back to the place of his childhood. We obtained permission to gain access to Inchbuie where we were able to get to the side of the Dochart and scatter their ashes into the river. Mum and Dad loved to travel, so by scattering their ashes in the river I hope they will continue to do so and who knows where the river will take them. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to see how the village is doing and no doubt we'll be back up in the very near future.

Stuart Campbell

Many Thanks

We wish to thank most sincerely all family, neighbours and friends for all cards, flowers and most kind messages of sympathy and support received on their recent and very sad loss of Dugald. Also to Russell for a most comforting service and to all who paid their last respects. Thank you all.

Archie, Morag, Ann and Gregor

Salmon Fishing

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G. McDonald

Seasons Greetings from Paddy McKinnon

I will not be sending Christmas cards this year, and would therefore like to wish all my family, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas with the churches in Balquhiddier, Killin and Lochearnhead

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Mon 18 December 7pm

Community carols in Lochearnhead Village Hall Dec with Killin Community Choir, followed by mulled wine, fruit punch and mince pies

Sun 24 December

Christmas Eve

10am Sunday worship at Killin Parish Church

11.30 am Sunday worship at Balquhiddier Parish Church

5.30pm Crib Service at St Angus's in Lochearnhead

7pm Christmas Mass at St Fillan's in Killin (Roman Catholic)

8pm Christmas worship in Balquhiddier Parish Church

Mon 25 December

Christmas Day

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As well as the usual goings on within our sections there has been background work in flow with the formation of the Friends of 2nd Killin & District Scout Group. The committee members who are forming this group will have already done their first fundraising event before publication of the Killin News. There is a Facebook page for the Friends Group to keep track of all the behind the scenes work they will be doing. Exciting times indeed for Scouting in Killin.

Beavers

Beavers are aged 6-8 and will be meeting every other Tuesday in The Lesser Hall, Killin, from 6-7pm.

We've had a busy term at Beavers with lots of new Beavers joining us, as well as our new leader Michelle! We followed on from our geocaching in the summer by learning more about maps and planting our own geocache in the village – we challenge you to try and find it! Other highlights this term have been baking biscuits and our spooky Halloween party. We're looking forward to working on our animal friend activity badge in the run up to Christmas.

Laura Bathgate
Beaver Leader
killinbeavers@yahoo.com



Halloween Fun !



Cubs

Cubs are aged 8-10½ and will be meeting every other Tuesday in The Lesser Hall, Killin, from 6-7.30pm.

The first term of Cubs with myself as leader has been exciting and inspiring. Games and getting to know everyone has been a big theme for this term. The weather has been kind and allowed us to be outside when we have wanted. The Cubs are doing well

with their badge collecting with a cycle night being a big success. I am acutely aware of the need to have a sleepover and more weekend activities but still trying to get used to my new role. The winter term is looking just as busy. It is a shame that we are only able to meet every two weeks but hopefully, with continued assistance from parents and young leaders, we can work toward weekly meetings in the New Year.

Stephen Rawlinson
Cub Leader 07742 886918
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Scouts

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

Over the last term the Scouts have been busy working on a range of different skills. Their orienteering skills need a little work but their baking skills are very good. There was close competition in our Scout bake-off, where the challenge was swiss roll and meringues. All (including leaders) decided the Scouts' attempts tasted better than the shop bought versions, although a bit irregular in shape! The Scouts have also been working on their DIY skills and some have been helping out at home. We had a Halloween party as a reward for all their hard work recently and carved some very interesting pumpkins.

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The Explorers started off their second year by running a craft evening and a cooking evening. The craft involved creating a structure out of natural items found outside (although pretty sure the pumpkin came from the shop). Their Halloween treats for the Scouts Halloween party were far more successful, very tasty toffee apples!

Harriet Wishart
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Reflections at 70

Along with others of my era the landmark of seventy arrived recently. I am grateful for the support of my family in celebrating this milestone and especially with the arrival of Lachlan, our first grandson three days earlier. Thanks also for the many messages of good wishes from both home and abroad. All were most appreciated. Looking back over the years, the railway has gone, the bus service has altered and of course owning transport has dramatically changed village life. There was always folk ready to help organise events, and clubs were well attended. Co-operation was how things were done. Sadly, some of the original clubs have ceased and others have sprung up and with the ever-evolving lifestyle, the village has changed to what we know today. Reflecting on the many organisations I have been involved with and the changes in village life, it is worth mentioning how people became involved in projects, and in their way shaped life in Killin, all for the benefit of the community. My personal



involvements have included angling for most of my life and serving for nine years as the local club President. I was on the steering committee which obtained the River Tay Protection Order and still play a very active role. I gave evidence before the Scottish

Select Committee on angling reform, and was interviewed for the Western Catchment Project launch on television. I was also proud to represent the club on Loch Leven at one of

the last Scottish National Angling Competitions to be held there. As a member of the Masonic Order I have always believed in it's principles and urged others to do the same. I served with the original Traditional Music and Dance Festival, latterly negotiating with the artists. Those who remember those years will know how the whole village was involved and the economic benefit it brought. The Killin Initiative was the umbrella group for the main village events and won the prestigious Thistle Award for the best Village Initiative in Tourism in 1995. We all worked together on The Festival and the Highland Games and put Killin

on the map. Today's Music Festival has a different approach and is worthy of support even from an Old Traditionalist like myself.

Debbie and I were responsible for the Millennium Cairn project, part of the celebrations for the village. The sealed packages it contains will hopefully survive intact until its opening at the dawn of the next century. The on-going Hogmanay Fireworks began with the celebration on the arrival of 2000. This year the Farmers Country Showdown production team came to the area and recorded many hours of the Killin Agricultural Society Show which is to be part of the new series in 2018. Over the years I have gained a lot of pleasure from being involved with like-minded folk in events.

Alex Stewart



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Location: Tyndrum Lodges Tyndrum
Applicant: Rab And Elise Cleaver-Smith
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Current

20th September

Proposal: Change of use of land for the siting of a mobile snack bar (Renewal of Temporary Permission Ref No 2014/0047/DET)
Location: Loch Lubhair Lay-by Crianlarich
Applicant: Ms Nichola MacLean
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Current

22nd September

Proposal: Variation of condition no. 7(a) of planning permission 2016/0153/DET to increase the days allowed for chipping operations at wood fired combined heat and power plant
Location: Acharn Forest Killin
Applicant: Clean Energy Ventures Operations Management Ltd
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Current

29th September

Proposal: Installation of rooflight (conservation style)
Location: Glenfalloch Bothy Glenfalloch Estate Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr Alex Caraffi
Application Type: Listed Building Consent
Decision: Current

4th October

Proposal: Erection of timber domestic garage
Location: Tynreay Clifton Road Tyndrum
Applicant: Mr Allan Brodie
Application Type: Householder Planning Permission
Decision: Current

28th October

Proposal: Tree works within a conservation area - fell 2 mature lime trees
Location: Hornbeam 1 Station Road Killin
Applicant: Mr Gregor Gillies
Application Type: Tree works application
Decision: Current

1st November

Proposal: Installation of 2 No. illuminated and 1 No non-illuminated sign
Location: Royal Hotel Tyndrum
Applicant: MGM Muthu Hotels
Application Type: Advertisement Consent
Decision: Current

1st November

Proposal: Installation of 2 No. illuminated signs, 7 No. non-illuminated signs
Location: Ben Doran Hotel Tyndrum
Applicant: MGM Muthu Hotels
Application Type: Advertisement Consent
Decision: Current

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7th September

Proposal: Erection of a replacement dwellinghouse
Location: Site Of Former Brauich Cottage Fearnan
Applicant: Professor and Mrs A Paterson
Application Type: planning permission local

Decision:
Awaiting decision

14th September

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: Approve the application

6th October

Proposal: Alterations and extension to staff accommodation
Location: Lochtay Highland Lodges Killin
Applicant: Largo Leisure
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Awaiting decision

19th October

Proposal: Change of use and alterations to nursery school to form holiday/staff accommodation, erection of 2no holiday/staff accommodation units and siting of 4no static caravans/chalets for holiday/staff accommodation (in part retrospect)
Location: Boreland Farm Fearnan
Applicant: Boreland Farm Ltd
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Approve the application

Stirling Council

13th October

Proposal: Formation of forestry track
Location: Land 1150M South West Of Fiddlers Bay Killin
Applicant: Mr Wilken Von Hodenberg
Application Type: Agricultural Notification
Decision: Unknown

17th October

Proposal: Single storey extension to north west elevation of existing dwelling house
Location: Ardeonaig Lodge Killin
Applicant: Mr Greg Deakin
Application Type: Full
Decision: Unknown

23rd October

Proposal: Installation of electronic communications apparatus at existing site
Location: Killin Transmitting Station Killin
Applicant: Arqiva
Application Type: Statutory Notification (Telecoms)
Decision: Unknown



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Your new waste and recycling collection calendar is available online. The online calendar allows all residents to "enter your postcode" to check the dates of your future collections days, and features the option of printing off a handy calendar.

Following customer feedback, the glass collection will move from fortnightly to every 4 weeks, providing a simpler presentation model for residents.

Paper copies of your collection calendar will be delivered to households soon and can also be accessed from your local library and Customer First office.

Please note that this will be the last issue of paper calendars to households. In future, these will only be available online, reducing our impact on the environment and saving precious resources by asking residents wherever possible to access their calendar online. This easy to use online calendar will help us all do our bit for a cleaner, greener Stirling.

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

Beavers
Tuesdays
6-7pm
Lesser Hall

Beginners Quilting
Mondays
2-4pm
Old Mill
Contact Franny

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
10.30-1200
Old Mill

Indoor Bowls
Mondays 7.30 Lesser
McLaren Hall

Internet Cafe
Tuesdays
Killin Library
11am-1pm
Drop In

Junior Badminton
Mondays at 6
Crianlarich Hall

Killin Craft group
Tuesdays 10-12
Community Rooms

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

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

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 4th

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

Women'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

Dec 1, 15,
other dates not known yet
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

Nov 27, Dec 11,
other dates not known yet
Glen Lochay 10.50-12.30
Ardeonaig 2.00-2.45

Perth and Kinross Fortnightly Tuesdays

Nov 28, Dec 12,
other dates not known yet
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

25th Nov

2nd Dec

9th Dec

16th Dec

23rd Dec

30th Dec

6th Jan

13th Jan

20th Jan

27th Jan

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