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Editorial

This is the first issue to be produced from our new bright and roomy premises. Distractions abound as we overlook the main street but hopefully we have not allowed too many errors to creep in. Now that 2018 is well underway we are discovering, via the media, that we need to think "outside the box", as programmes and news reports featuring robotic therapists, carers and cleaners set us imagining what life will be like in the years to come. Couple this with incredible medical advances, such as the recent success in re-growing bone within a dog's shattered leg, and it seems that science is becoming ever more prominent in shaping our futures. Let us hope that such progress can lead to positive benefits for our world and its survival. Talking of survival, the resurrection of the Safari Supper in February is a big positive and, as reported in this issue, there is a lot happening in and around Killin despite winter's occasionally icy grip. Already the evenings are lengthening and the snowdrops are pushing their way upwards. Glen Ogle may still have a few snowy surprises for us to negotiate but by the time the next issue is out, the daffodils will definitely be out – or will they?

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Hogmanay Lantern Workshop and Walk



On December 16th 2017 we had our 4th Lantern Making Workshop. New and seasoned lantern makers filled the Lesser McLaren hall to design, construct and produce 21 colourful unique lanterns using natural sustainable willow, tissue paper and glue. These amazing lanterns were stored until our Hogmanay Walk. Eventually the heavy rain stopped and we gathered to begin our 'Ribbon of Light' along the Main Street in Killin. With lots of supporters joining us along the way, and Ron taking photographs, we arrived at the Killin Hotel to show our wonderful lanterns to crowded dining rooms of cheery guests. The judge for our event was the lovely if unsuspecting Hazel Mackenzie, and she had a tricky job. She decided on 1st Noa, 2nd Stacey and 3rd Lieke. We all enjoyed a creamy hot chocolate to round off our evening. Many thanks go to our sponsors who

make this community event possible; Pete Waugh from Tay Fitness, Killin Masonic and Stirling Council who provided funding, Euan from our local Co-op who generously supplied all the food for our workshop lunch, the Killin Hotel for hosting our end-of-walk judging, and for all those who made a donation on Hogmanay. Our thanks also go to all the folk who helped us on our way; David and Kirsteen Riddell for use of the pavilion, Falcon and Linzi Frost for transporting the lanterns, Iona Frickleton for keeping us safe during our walk, Ron Allner for taking amazing photographs and for getting our event published in the Stirling Observer, Trish and Charlie Grant for all their hard work and time spent helping our event and last but certainly not least, my family Chris, Morgan, Erin and Josi without whom I could not do it all. Until next time!

Alma Walker

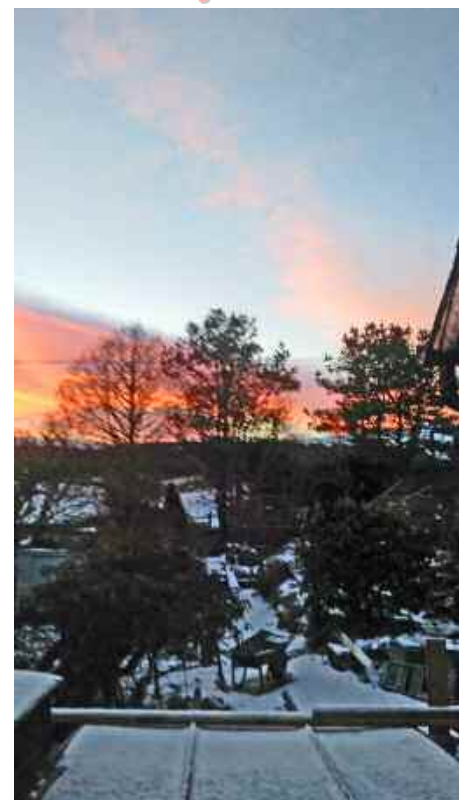
Safari Supper

Tickets for the Safari Supper 2018 will be on sale on Friday 9th February at 09.00 from Elizabeth Woods at The Cedars or on 829412. Ticket price remains £15 per person with each guest taking a bottle of wine to their first host. We are looking for taxi drivers on the night so if you can help out please get in touch with Marion McRae, Marion Strang or Elizabeth Woods. You could also still volunteer to host if you would like to be involved that way. We look forward to another great night in Killin.

Marion McRae



Sunrise behind Gray Street



Skipinnish

On 30th December, traditional band Skipinnish returned for another year to raise the roof of the McLaren Hall. After clinching Best Live Act at the Trad Awards in early December, the band rocked the crowd of 400. The sell-out gig was an excellent start to the village's New Year celebrations, where generations of all ages and many visitors had a fantastic weekend. For one night only the KMF team also ran a Golden Ticket prize draw fundraiser, with local Chaz Kemp winning a phenomenal £250 cash. Overall, the event was extremely successful once again and we are very grateful for the village's support.

2018 Festival

90% of tickets are now sold for the 2018 festival which will take place from Friday 15th - Sunday 17th June. Confirmed headliners are Blazin' Fiddles, Peatbog Faeries and Phil Cunningham and Aly Bain. More acts will be announced throughout springtime featuring some of the best musicians on the Scottish music scene.

For all available tickets please visit www.killinmusicfestival.com

As well as top quality live music in the McLaren Hall, we are opening a larger Session Tent this year at the Sports Pavilion where you will be able to hear more live music absolutely free throughout the day time! We will also have an open stage event on the Sunday afternoon showcasing the best in "up and coming" talent.

Volunteers required Our festival could not run without the generous time and support offered by



volunteers throughout the weekend.

We have lots of volunteering opportunities available and we are flexible to your availability. If you would like to express an interest please get in touch by email.

This year we will also launch a brand new craft fair event in the Church which will feature music by local artists and a chance to browse through hand crafts goods by local artists as well as by some people from further afield. If you are interested in being part of the craft fair please get in touch with office@killinmusicfestival.com

Trad Awards Nomination

Killin Music Festival was nominated in the Event of the Year category at the 2017 MG Alba Trad Awards. The committee attended the glittering awards at Paisley's Lagoon Centre on Saturday 2nd December. Unfortunately the festival did not win, but the prize went to the fantastic "Night For Angus" which commemorated the life of Shooenifty's iconic fiddle player Angus Grant Junior at Celtic Connections 2017. There were some wonderful performances and KMF performers Talisk won Album of the Year. Thanks to everyone who voted for us!

Spring Concert

On Saturday 7th April at 7.30pm in the McLaren Hall we will be having our annual Spring concert showcasing the best in local talent. Acts will include the Killin Community Choir, Liam Rennie, McLaren High School Trad Band and a ceilidh to finish off the night. Tickets will be available from News First and on the door on the night. There will be a bar, raffle and an opportunity

to get your hands on some KMF 2018 merchandise!

Team KMF

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Breadalbane Park Play Area

The play area consultation has been completed and we had lots of useful feedback from many people and groups in Killin. The Friends of Breadalbane Park will now decide on the final plan, which will need to gain planning permission and permission from Stirling Council.

We will now start looking at how we can fund the project. We intend to phase the play area installation of equipment funding. The reason for this being that there is not one large pot of funding at the moment for the play areas, which means we could be waiting for a very long time to get started. If we fundraise for a few bits of equipment at a time and install it we can get started. Yes it will cost more in the long term, but at least the play area will be getting upgraded gradually.

Green Flag

The Friends of Breadalbane Park have applied for The Green Flag Community Award. We have to develop a Management Plan which will show how the Park will be maintained (by us and Stirling Council), future plans, making the

park more visible (signage and marketing), community involvement, keeping our park clean and tidy.

Dog Bins

Stirling Council have replaced the dog bins in the park and replaced them with normal bins which you can put poo bags in. There should be a bin at each entrance to the park so please use them not just for poo bags but also general litter. Stirling Council have organised for the main gate to be painted as well as the poles inside the park. KAT would like to thank Gordon Aitken for doing a little bit of welding for us on the park gate as the name 'Breadalbane' was a bit wobbly. Hopefully once painted the gates will look great. Also Stirling Council are going to put up signs up on the main street for the park.

News First Property Purchase

KAT applied to the Scottish Land Fund to help us secure funds to purchase News First so we could use the premises for the benefit of the community. The Scottish Land Fund is a 2 stage process and in August we were not successful in achieving stage 1 but were asked to provide more information and resubmit our

application. In December we found out we were successful second time around.

The Stage 2 application has to show that what we are proposing is viable and sustainable. To find out we need to have the premises valued, have a structural survey carried out and develop a maintenance plan. All this information and lots more will make up our business plan.

The feedback we received from our consultation day in September showed that the majority of the community wanted to ensure the long term viability of the Post Office and Banking Services in Killin. Another area that was highlighted was a place for people to come and chat, we will look at how we can provide a space for this to happen. We would also like to provide an area where people can come and look for advice and information.

KAT will be working with the MacGregor's Community Hub to deliver a successful project that will not only ensure the long term sustainability of the Post Office but will create an asset for the community.

Killin & District Sports & Leisure Club

KAT have been working with KDSLC to help them look for funding to carry out their feasibility study. They applied to Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park for their community grant but were unsuccessful. We are now applying to Christina Mary Hendrie Trust and Tesco's Bags of Help. We will keep you informed of how we get on.

Theresa Elliot
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Old Mill Events



the Bedding of the Healing Stones took place at the Old Mill on December 24



The Christmas Fair at the Old Mill on 9th of December

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Highland Hustle first came to Killin at the Music Festival in 2016, and in February 2017 weekly classes started on a

Wednesday evening.

There was great anticipation as over 30 people joined us for our first class and from there on in it's been a great success. Week upon week classes have had a great workout whilst most importantly having fun and we frequently have new faces come along to join us. From enjoying taster sessions at both Killin and Strathgryre music festivals, a couple of beautiful sunny classes outside in the summer, to special Christmas tracks in December, it's been a brilliant first year for Highland Hustle Killin.

Exercise and the endorphins associated with it are great for both physical and mental health and one of my favourite things is seeing everyone leave busy chatting away to each other with a smile on their face!

I hear you asking what is Highland Hustle? Highland Hustle is essentially a dance fitness class. It combines moves based on highland dancing



and ceilidh dancing with a fitness class. There are a wide variety of tracks within the class including some group tracks which have a



distinctive ceilidh feel to them. You decide how hard you work; throughout the class there are lots of

intensity options from zero intensity when your feet never leave the ground together, all the way up to a full on, high intensity workout. Age is not a barrier: if you can do a Gay Gordons or Strip the Willow you can join in with a class. The music ranges widely too, from old classics, to modern pop songs, to Scottish tracks by bands like Skerryvore, but it's always upbeat with a lot of Scottish influences.

New Year's Resolution to be more active? Classes for 2018 will run every Wednesday starting on 31st January 6.30-7.15pm in McLaren Hall, Killin. Both old and new faces

most welcome, from two-left feet, to a highland dancer, options are offered for all levels of fitness and ability. £5 per class or £16 for a 4 week class pass (no need to be used on consecutive nights).

Find us on facebook "Highland Hustle Killin" or contact me for more info.

Laura Bathgate
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Frost Report



Comings and Goings

Last year our visiting red squirrels defected to the wild food in the woods till early Summer but this Winter several appeared back well before Christmas. Whether it was thoughts of easier foraging, a poorer nut harvest in the woods, more squirrels or just hoping for a visit from Santa who knows. Certainly one of the three youngsters who are coming could not be more pleased with any gift more than the thick rope that we have put up between trees and a feeder. He had been seen honing his skills on the telephone wires so this was easy-peasy great fun. And great entertainment for the humans watching.



There is also a flock of about 30 goldfinches back with us but no siskins for some time. They are probably finding food in the woods. At least we do have some suitable woodland around our area and not all the coniferous cover which is almost non-productive of wild food. We even have the sessile oak which does not bear fruit till about 40 years old but can then bear 50,000 acorns per tree. Apart from this feast it provides an open canopy which can support a full and varied understory, home to a possible 280 species of insects, yummy food for many birds. If you want to identify this tree look to its name "sessile", which comes from the fact that the acorn cups grow directly on the twig and have no stalk.

Food seems to continue to be good on kept moorland as a recent survey by The British Trust for Ornithology has found that these areas continue to have a much greater success for nesting waders than the non-kept RSPB sites.

Presumably that is because fewer predators are around to view them as food and the habitat is more traditionally kept. The RSPB. is also having problems with the lack of success of hen harriers. The £20million of public money per year received by the charity is failing to help our rarest bird of prey. RSPB. managed sites averaged 1.2 chicks per year between 2013 and 2017 and no RSPB. sites averaged 2.1. It is said by some that the charity is spending more money and time on trying to jail keepers than on protecting birds. Certainly one well known supporter was recently identified on a clandestine mission when his facemask was taken off! Let's hope that the birds do not disappear.

Another little known problem faced by ground nesting birds is ungulates eating eggs and nestlings. While surveying lapwing nests ecologists noticed sheep attacking the nests. Mutilated arctic tern chicks on Foula were assumed to have been attacked by hedgehogs and otters but a local farmer had seen his sheep scooping up nests of eggs and chicks. Similarly manx shearwaters were thought to be similarly preyed but a stalker watched deer munch away at them. Once again – ask the man on the ground! I don't know what this did for the ungulates' digestion and emission of the dreaded methane but it has been proved that a diet of 2% seaweed greatly reduces this emission. I don't know if a similar study has been done on humans. We are also very fortunate to have a reasonable population of golden eagles. I was lucky enough recently to be able to see the tracking of a tagged bird and it was interesting to see that its home territory was smaller than you may think. It was

obviously quite happy in its local habitat.

Apparently some of our beavers are still not so happy. The ones that arrived at Beaulieu were doing O.K. but some caught up from there died. If the ecologists want beavers why try to remove them from where they are doing well and continue to try to introduce them to areas where they fail? There is obviously some beaver habitat knowledge denied to humans. Maybe we should do a 'move to the country' style program for them to find out? They obviously like Tayside Lynx have not yet arrived. In Norway farmers lose an estimated 20,000 sheep annually to predation. They are compensated by the government at £260 per head. 34% being lost to wolverine, 21% lynx, 15% bear and 9% wolf. This is where sheep are often kept indoors for half the year and does not compensate for psychological damage to the farming community. Could our tightly stretched government be able to do this?

Animals are going in Africa also we are told. An increase in lion numbers in some areas has led to a fall in giraffe numbers. Will lions be culled? At least around here things seem fairly stable and it will soon be breeding time. Our male pheasants are already gearing up and chasing the ladies around the garden.

There has to be mention of the great "Farmers' Country Showdown" on BBC featuring the farms at Ardeonaig. The program showed the families and their stock really well and it was lovely to see local country life so well portrayed. I have not found out if there is any truth in the rumour that the children have to get to school early to sign autographs or that Willie Taylor is being considered for the next James Bond.

Tim Frost



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Crianlarich Nursery

Leading on from Bonfire Night and personal experiences, the children in the 3-5 room at Crianlarich Nursery, have taken their interest in camping forward. The children have been building and extending their knowledge through group discussions, risk assessing, den building, constructing fires, camping indoors and out. Matt Brook from Active Stirling (also nursery parent) kindly came in for the morning to lead a workshop on camping, providing first-hand knowledge and skills in camping outdoors. Children learned how to construct a camping stove, how to cook on the stove, fire safety and how to assemble a tent. It was evident from the children's enthusiasm, engagement and positive comments that they thoroughly enjoyed this interactive experience.

Alex Tigwell

"We were camping and we were making fire because we needed to get nice and warm when we went outside. We went into the tent, took all our shoes off and had milk and cocoa."

Jackson

"We were making sausages, and we were also playing and made a camp. We went in the camp and had hot chocolate and had those yummy hot dogs"

Michaela

"We were being safe from hot stuff that was cooking hot dogs. We were putting up the tent and making stoves, not running around."

Eddie



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Crianlarich Primary School

The whole community was treated to Crianlarich Primary School's wonderful performance of 'Aladdin Trouble' on Thursday 21st December. One parent said, 'The panto was absolutely fantastic. The quality of the whole production was amazing, the programmes, the costumes, the set and of course the cast! Truly a night to remember....'

Well done to all the children and huge thanks once again to staff and parents for their support and amazing talents!

Coming up this term we have exciting teaching and learning opportunities to celebrate the life and work of Robert Burns. A poetry recital followed by refreshments is to be held in school on Thursday 25th January at 2pm. All welcome.

The whole school will visit Bannockburn Heritage Centre (P4-7) and Stirling Castle (P1-3) in January to research and learn more for their topics. We are again looking forward to an exciting term and wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Mrs. Lochhead
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The CC have continued to push various agencies for information and commitment to upgrading the Strathfillan internet to "superfast". We are told that Digital Scotland are still hoping to carry out a Strathfillan upgrade, as part of the "Gainshare" programme during 2018. However, detailed technical costings are still being carried out, and these need to be known before a final decision is made. Bruce Crawford MSP is strongly pushing our case with Digital Scotland, and Stirling Council have also offered to make a funding contribution. We understand that a meeting is scheduled for early February when Digital Scotland will finalise the 2018 spending plans, and hope that Strathfillan will indeed be included in these.

Various people have suggested that Strathfillan should be looking at a community led broadband improvement scheme - however we have been advised not to even consider this approach while Digital Scotland are actively looking at a solution for Strathfillan.

Tourist Information Centre

The CC were pleased to hear that the Tyndrum Hall community meeting was very well attended, and that a new and enthusiastic team of volunteers are moving

forward with looking at securing the former Visit Scotland building for community use. The CC has offered full support to this project, in any way it can.

C60 Bus

The CC are delighted that the C60 bus service seems to be secure till 2019. The CC will contact Stirling Council well in advance of the contract renewal and ask that some of the suggestions arising out of the public meetings are included in the new contract (e.g a more regular service extending to Tyndrum). The CC are pleased that the fortnightly shopper bus has started, and understand that it has been well used so far.

Transport

The recent overnight road closure at Glen Ogle (in November) highlighted that Strathfillan CC are not on the statutory list of consultees for Transport Scotland for roads in this area. If the local councillors had not forwarded information onto us, then we would have had no knowledge of the planned closure in advance. It was agreed to ask Transport Scotland to automatically include the CC in consultations affecting the A82, A84 and A85 Trunk Roads. It was also pointed out that better road closure signage is needed, and in particular that the signage used during the daytime A82 closures in November was insufficient, and in some places even misleading. Alan will write to Transport Scotland to raise these points.

Strathfillan

Community Council Tyndrum Meeting

The December CC meeting was held in the Tyndrum Inn, and was attended by four members of the public in addition to the elected members. There was no meeting in January, and the next meeting will be held on Monday 5th February at 7.30pm in Crianlarich Hall. All are welcome. Current Community Councillors are: Alan Smailes (Chair), Ian Marret (Vice-Chair), Catriona McKenna (Secretary), Isla Craig (Treasurer), Mary Anderson, Alistair MacDonald, Sheona MacLennan, Falcon Frost, Mark Holt.

Strathfillan Community Development Trust



AGM

Strathfillan Community Development Trust held its annual Community Gathering and AGM on Thursday November 30th. It was a very successful evening, with 40 local people joining us - thank you to everyone who came along. Following our AGM we had a very interesting and informative presentation by Natalie Stevenson from the Countryside Trust on the Tyndrum to Crianlarich Cycle Path. It was fantastic to find out how the first stage was completed, and very exciting to hear that Natalie is hoping the second stage will kick-off during 2018! We would like to thank her for coming along



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and joining us. We now have three new Trustees, who were elected at the AGM. We would like to warmly welcome Helen Skelton, Tony McLarney and Mark Holt to the Board – we look forward to working with them over the coming year. A massive thank you to the Green Welly Stop for pulling out all the stops and providing a fab, last minute buffet for us, it is much appreciated. Thank you too to Crianlarich Stores for providing all the drinks. Our following Board Meeting saw our election of office bearers. Ellen Cattanach was elected as Chair, Isla Craig as Vice Chair, and Moira Robertson as Treasurer. We are all looking forward to a busy and successful 2018.

Bike Skills Park

Kelly is still working on getting funding for this exciting new project, and we are happy to say that both the Primary School and Nursery are very enthusiastic in being involved in the project. Kelly

met with the School Pupil Council before Christmas, and all the pupils were very excited by the proposals. We are currently looking into developing a Crowdfunder page to help finance the project – so watch this space for more information. If you would like to find out more, or how to get involved, then please contact Kelly at the details below.

Crianlarich Play Park

The on-going saga of the Crianlarich Play Park has taken another twist, which you just could not make up. The delivery of the tower has been subject to further delays – suffice to say not the fault of Stirling Council – but the factory making the equipment has had major industrial action, including the entire workforce downing tools and walking out! As you can imagine we are all very frustrated and fed-up (as I am sure you are). The \$100 question now is...‘will it be in for Easter’? I will keep you informed.

Community Gain

We would like to remind Strathfillan residents that we still have a small pot of money for local community groups to apply to for small grants. If you could do with a wee bit of money for a project or pay for materials etc, then please get in touch with Kelly to find out more.

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 3pm, or you can email strathfillancdt@btconnect.com, and phone 01838 300249.

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Kwik Fit Sessions

Thanks to Kwik Fit staff who came out to the school on Wednesday and covered basic car maintenance with all our S6 pupils. A very worthwhile event - despite the weather!



Duke of Edinburgh Ceilidh

The annual McLaren High School Duke of Edinburgh Group fundraising ceilidh took place on Friday 3 November. Thanks to the committee for organising, to Ian Milligan and his band for the ceilidh music and to senior pupils for providing alternative music for entertainment during the interval. A great night was had by everyone and the sum of £922.80 was raised for the group!



UNICEF Sponsored Cycle

Pupils studying Higher Geography took part in a 10 mile Sponsored Cycle for UNICEF and have raised £470. This charity gift provides everything a health worker needs on his immunisation rounds! The "Equip a health worker" gift provides a bicycle, vaccine carrier and 100 doses each of measles and polio vaccines and will help protect and save children's lives. 32% of the world's population do not have access to a hygienic place to go to the toilet. This money will also provide a kit to build a toilet to help prevent the spread of diseases such as cholera, diarrhoea, dysentery, hepatitis A and typhoid and will also offer women and girls in particular, dignity and privacy. Toilets provided in schools also improve attendance.

These toilets are durable and sturdily designed, able to withstand heat, dust, rain and strong winds. This was to tie in with the learning they have been doing in their Higher classes about Primary Healthcare Strategies.

Mock Trial

On Friday the 3 November a group of S5 and S6 pupils along with Mrs Drysdale went along to Stirling Sheriff Court to take part in a Mock Trial. Senior pupils with an interest in studying law/police/justice system at university were invited to take part to give us a taste of what these kind of jobs would involve. "I learnt a lot from this experience and personally found the questioning by the prosecution and defence very interesting as it was very real and intense. We all enjoyed the experience and we all learnt more about the Justice System in Scotland. We would all like to say a huge 'Thank You' to the organisers and everyone involved."

Katherine Stewart-Earl S6



Clan MacLaren Donation

On Wednesday 15 November, representatives of the McLaren High School STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) group welcomed Donald MacLaren of MacLaren, the Chief of the Clan MacLaren, to the School. The school's original benefactor and founder 125 years ago was Donald MacLaren, a Callander banker. In recent times the School has forged close links with the Clan MacLaren Society and has also hosted visits by its overseas societies in North

America, Australia and Germany. The Chief was visiting the school to present a cheque for £1000 from the Scottish Society to support the STEM project.

The donation from the Clan MacLaren will be used to purchase equipment and to showcase projects at the STEM Festival in 2018.

Children in Need

Congratulations to all our pupils and staff who raised the total of £753.67 last week. We held a PA Auction on Thursday, and S6/staff Fancy Dress plus a mufti day for all other pupils and staff on Friday. Winners of the fancy dress were:

S6 Group - Shrek

S6 Individual - Edward Scissor Hands

Staff - Humanities Faculty 'Gnomes'

Well done to everyone involved



Girls Rugby @ McLaren High

Girls' rugby has been continually growing at McLaren for the past few years. However, this year we have seen an amazing number of girls participating in the sport. The U15 girls now train three times a week - Monday (lunch), Tuesday (after school) and Thursday (lunch). The girls are being coached by Dylan our SRU Modern Apprentice, Connor Clark (Club volunteer), S3 Sports Leader Innes McLellan and S5 volunteers Bethia Trotter, Eva Donaldson and Lottie Hesp. It has been great to see over 20 girls training at each session and to observe the development of the girls from the start of the school year.



Fundraising for Start Up Stirling

McLaren High School held a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15 December to support Start Up Stirling (Food Bank). Donations of non-perishable food items, festive goodies and small gifts to help others less fortunate than ourselves were collected. Huge thanks to Strathyre Primary pupils who joined our Christmas Jumper day and also brought lots of donations along. You can see from the photos the huge amount we collected, over 1.5 tons!



Cellist Visit

We were very fortunate on 22 November to welcome a Canadian cellist, Cameron Crozman, to McLaren High School. Cameron performed a short programme on his \$12,000,000 Stradivarius cello to a target audience of orchestral players and NQ music pupils. He answered questions from pupils and everyone who went along to listen to him play were enthralled by his music.

Christmas Concert



Christmas Dances



Thank You



Elizabeth McKenna "Libby"

The McKenna family would like to express their appreciation to all who sent condolences, cards and flowers after our Mum Libby passed away on 18th October 2017. Mum went very quickly and it was a shock to all, not least to those who had not seen her in some time. A special thank you goes to Father Neil Gallagher who carried out a very warm and personal funeral mass, a fitting tribute to Libby. The support that we have received has been overwhelming but we could not have got through without those kind words, thoughts and deeds from all of you. Donations received amounted to £654.30 which was passed on to the Mary's Meals charity as Mum wished, so thanks again to all who gave.

Geraldine McKenna

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Scottish Book Week

During Scottish Book Week, we took part in the Bookbug Picture Book Prize. This involved shared reading activities with all children in the school. We read three books, 'Little



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Owl's Egg', 'Gorilla Loves Vanilla' and 'The Forth Bonniest Baby in Dundee'. The Primary 6 and 7s learned how to make the picture books interesting to the younger children by using funny voices and by asking lots of questions about the book. At the end of Book Week, all children in Primary 1 and 2 were given copies of the books to keep. We had a vote to see which book was our favourite and 'Gorilla Loves Vanilla' won by a long way. During the week we also took part in other activities including making book spines and big books to make our library look bright.

Jai P7

Nativity - Lights, Camel, Action

Inspired by the popular TV Show, Strictly Come Dancing, the children at Killin Primary School performed their EPIC Nativity, "Lights, Camel, Action" in front of a packed McLaren Hall on Friday 15th December. Lots of hours were spent learning the words to songs, perfecting dance moves and practising acting skills. Our Nativity was set in the stable in Bethlehem and was attended by our Hosts, the Townspeople of Nazareth, the Wise Men and Camels, Angels, Shepherds, Sheep, Innkeepers, The Star and backing dancers and of

course the Judges - Caesar Augustus, The Innkeeper's Wife and Donkey.

The audience even took part in our final song, "Spread the Word", by copying the hand jive. Everyone had a great time and it was a great way to celebrate this busy term before the holidays. We hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Leah P7

Spotacular BBC Children in Need

On Friday 17th November, the children celebrated Children in Need. During the week the children were able to buy Pudsey ears, Pudsey key rings and glow in the dark wrist bands raising £189. The teachers took part in a Duck Race Sweepstake, raising £18. On the Friday the children took part in the Dress Down Spotacular, raising £51.66 and the Bake Sale raised an incredible £103. In total £361.66 was raised for the charity. We also took part in the village walk, supporting the Retirement Home and Nursery with their fundraising. Thank you to all who donated including the adults who donated their tasty baking for the bake sale.

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Panto Time!

We were very lucky to have Shooglie Road Productions perform their musical version of "Beauty and the Beast" on 29th November. The children from Strathyre and Crianlarich Primary Schools were also able to join us.

The performance was very funny and Mrs Potts even managed to get Mr Teall up to dance with her. The songs were very good and we hope to see them perform again next year.

Keira P7



Panto Time

SWI Christmas Party

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to the Ladies of the SWI for hosting our wonderful Christmas Party on the 20th December. We all



took part in some traditional Scottish dancing including the Gay Gordons, the Military Two Step and a Canadian Barn Dance. We also played some party games and had a fantastic buffet which included sausage rolls, crisps, crispy cakes and ice cream. There was also a very special guest at the end...SANTA.

Spelling Bee

As part of our Scottish Book Week Celebration, all the children in the Primary took part in the Annual Spelling Bee. The words came from three different books and the competition was very close. We would like to congratulate our winners: P1 – Reyss, P2 – Liam, P3 – Archie, P4 – Isla, P5 – Caitlin, P6 – Lexi and P7 – Leo.

Naomi P7



Spelling Bee

Stick Man

In our class we have been reading the story, 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson. It's about a Stick who is alive! Lots of things happen to him. He gets picked up by a dog, he gets thrown into a river, he gets used as a flag, someone uses him to write in the sand and he gets used as a bow and arrow. Poor Stick Man. In the end he gets a ride on Santa's sleigh. We made our own Stick Man outside using sticks, pinecones and stones. We made a Stick Man using pipe cleaners and we wrote stories about him. We give the book 10 out of 10.

Morgan and Jamie P2



Stick Man

Wintry Landscapes

The Christmas holidays are now over but it's still very cold outside. Class 2 have been creating wintry landscapes with trees. We started by drawing the trunk with pencils then we added the branches using Y shapes. Next we used oil pastels to colour the tree in. Then we painted a sunset using watercolour and finally we added glitter to make the branches look frosty.

Maia P5



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Health walks - tackling rural isolation and improving mental and physical wellbeing.

Walk in the Park, led by Loch Lomond and The Trossachs Countryside Trust is a series of low level health walks in five communities in the National Park. Starting in 2007, the walks now have over 100 participants in Balloch, Callander, Aberfoyle, Killin and Drymen. The walks last between 45 minutes and an hour and are tailor-made to suit all levels of mobility. Many of the participants have been referred to the project by GPs and physiotherapists, others have self-referred themselves and joined the walking groups. Providing much needed recovery from operations such as hip and knee replacements, or offering a safe walking environment to Parkinson's or dementia patients, the walks are being heralded by health professionals.

The Countryside Trust work closely with NHS Scotland with part funding from Paths for All, Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, Forestry Commission Scotland and Scottish Natural Heritage. Speaking about the project, Walk in the Park coordinator Cathy Scott said: "Walk in the Park is a great way to vastly improve both mental and physical wellbeing for people living in rural communities. Often people can become isolated living in villages without means of transport to help them get out and about. Our walks provide not only rehabilitation to wellness but also a social network to help people who are on their own and others who suffer with mental illness such as depression. We are very lucky to

live in such a beautiful part of Scotland and studies have shown that getting out and enjoying the countryside has a positive impact on health and wellbeing. We take every measure to make sure the groups are inclusive with volunteers walking at different paces to suit all abilities. I'm incredibly proud to be part of this project and to watch members grow in confidence and fitness." An important part of the programme is the social side to the walks and group members regularly include a café stop in their walks. Along with the health walks, the Loch Lomond & The Trossachs Countryside Trust run a strength and balance programme. Weekly workshops are run before or after the walks and combine strength and balance exercises with advice on walking to help older adults stay active and independent.

Sue Watson, Senior Physiotherapist for the Rural North West Forth Valley Partnership, spoke about the success of the programme: "Walk in the Park provides a really valuable service that promotes a long term commitment to keeping people mobile and all the associated health benefits. As a community rehab team working in the National Park it is fantastic that we can refer patients on to the Strength and Balance sessions led by the Walk in the Park team knowing that these sessions are safe and supervised by experienced staff and volunteers. We regularly see great changes in confidence and fitness from the people taking part."

Participant's quotes

"I attend the Strength and Balance sessions and take part in the Callander walks. I have circulation problems so it is important for me

to keep walking and the exercises certainly help me do just that. Our walk leaders give me confidence to extend the length of my walks and take me routes I would not normally do on my own."

"The social side of the group is really important. We can share our experiences with the rest of the group. There is a lot of laughter so the social side is so important to motivate regular participants and new members."

"This walking group has helped me a lot since I had my stroke. I am not as able as I used to be and find it difficult talking at times. The group and the walk leaders have been a lifeline to me. I can come out for a walk with confidence and enjoy the company

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

The photo shows some of the group members being presented with their Walk in the Park badge for completing a target number of walks. Duncan MacDonald, Jane Campbell and Isobel Gallagher have completed 50 walks with the group and received their bronze badge. Kyreen Neilson completed 100 walks and was presented with her silver badge. This was followed by a delicious Christmas lunch in The Capercaillie when members from the Wednesday morning walk and the afternoon strength and balance session celebrated another successful year before stopping for their Christmas and New Year break.

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Walk in the Park Coordinator
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For more information about the Walk in the Park programme visit

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Robert Scott

Duncan MacDonald - bronze badge /50 walks

Jane Campbell - bronze / 50 walks

Isobel Gallagher - bronze /50 walks

Kyreen Neilson - silver badge/ 100 walks

Date	Meeting at 10.20am	All Routes: Walk from 15min – 1hour
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14/02/18	McLaren Hall Car Park	Glen Ogle to Viaduct (car share) Or Village walk
21/02/18	Capercaillie	Kinnell Circuit
28/02/18	McLaren Hall Car Park	NCR7 at Mhor 84 (car share) *
07/03/18	Capercaillie	River Dochart/ Old railway *
14/03/18	Capercaillie	Craignavie Road *
21/03/18	McLaren Hall Car Park	NCR7 at Strathyre (car share) *
28/03/18	McLaren Hall Car Park	Tyndrum New Path(Car share)

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

For more information contact: Walk in the Park Project Coordinator

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- Aged 65 and over
- Pregnant women
- Children and adults with an underlying health condition (such as long term heart or respiratory disease)
- Children and adults with weakened

immune systems

Flu can be unpleasant and if you are otherwise healthy it will usually clear up on its own within a week. Over the counter advice can be sought from a pharmacist in the first instance.

Practice News

We are very pleased to announce that Mhairi Kyle has been appointed as Practice Manager. Mhairi has worked at the Practice for four years and is looking forward to the new challenge. We would like to thank Linda for holding the fort over the last year.

Our Practice Nurse, Jamie Anderson, will have completed a Nurse Prescriber course by the end of January. The aim is for Jamie to enhance her "long term condition" reviews and also develop her "minor illness" role. Our patients have responded well to Jamie's training and she thanks you all for this wholeheartedly.

Patient Participation Group

The Patient Participation Group are holding their AGM on Wednesday 18th April at 11.45am here at the Practice. All welcome.

Patient Participation Group

At the last meeting Mhairi Kyle was welcomed as new practice manager. The waiting times for appointments at the surgery were discussed. Sometimes someone may seem to have jumped the queue but this may be that they have an urgent need and have been given a cancellation. Sometimes this is because a patient asks to see a specific doctor. As all information is shared, a patient does not need to always see the same doctor. A large problem at the moment is missed appointments.

Patients just do not turn up. This happens up to 18 or 20 times a month and means a great waste of doctor/patient time. Please help by making careful note of appointments, not missing them and cancelling as soon as possible if you no longer need it or cannot attend. We are looking into a possibility of setting up a system for hospital transport by investigating a system in place in another area and addressing problems such as insurance etc. If you, or someone

that you know, may be interested in doing this, please contact me or any other group member. Our next meeting will be the A.G.M. on Wednesday April 18th at 11.45 in the surgery and we would welcome any prospective new members. Paramedics are anxious to train new groups on defibrillation and basic first aid. A small group is being set up to organise this, so look out for information on this.

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The wildlife warning reflectors only reflect light towards the side of the road so there is no risk of dazzling drivers. The project to install these reflectors has been led by Rosie Third from Environmental Action Killin. It was Rosie's concern over the death of two otters on this stretch of road that prompted her to look for a way of preventing further road casualties. Through internet searches and correspondence with

the International Otter Survival Trust (IOSF), information was found about these reflectors that have been used widely in Europe. Through dedication and hard work, and the invaluable support of a number of organisations the project has come to fruition.

EAK would like to thank all those involved in the project, in particular Robertson Civil Engineering who installed the bollards and reflectors for free; Highway Barrier Solutions

who provided the traffic management system for the works to take place, free of charge; the Callander Branch of the Scottish Wildlife Trust who purchased the reflectors; KAT who purchased the bollards; Stirling Council; LLTNP; Killin Co-Op; IOSF; and Killin Primary School and Nursery who took part in the Otter Art competition. This is an excellent example of collaborative working with a wide range of community, business and charity partners all working together. Articles on the project have even been in the national newspapers and online and hopefully this will encourage other

collaborative projects elsewhere.

EAK would also like to thank all those who supported the Otter Project fundraiser held on the 2nd December at Lynedoch. The event raised £283 which will be donated to KAT.

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Letters

Golden Wedding

Sheena and I would like to take this chance to thank all those hardy souls who came to the Capercaillie on Saturday, 25th November on a bitterly cold night to help us celebrate our Golden Wedding anniversary. It was wonderful to be able to remember all those years in the company of so many friends and relations. It is not often these days that we have so many locals together at the one time and it really made the night special. We would also like to thank Myra and David for the lovely buffet. Myra's buffets are always very good and this one was no exception. Special thanks to our family who have collectively paid for us to visit London on a short holiday early in the year which we are really looking forward to. We would also like to thank everyone for the flowers, presents, cards and good wishes on the night. It was quite overwhelming. I am also happy to say that we raised £150 for the Killin Old Folks' Home from the collection made that night in lieu of presents. The money has been handed over to Mandy Bickerton at the home.

David Osler

Many Thanks

I would like to thank all family, friends and neighbours for their very kind cards, flowers and gifts on the occasion of my recent 90th birthday.

Paddy McKinnon

Christmas Tree

I am sure that it is on behalf of all locals and visitors that The Killin Community Council would like to thank the Killin Firefighters for supplying the tree and for both putting up and taking down the tree and lights.

Linda Frost

Dog Bins

Land Services has taken the decision not to replace broken pole mounted dog bins for the reasons stated below. Could you pass the details below to all Community Councils as an explanation as to why, and the options available.

We are working hard to minimise the use of pole mounted dog bins, many were erected in the past, and as they fail, we are assessing the need for litter bin provision in general. These dog bins are not particularly hygienic for use by the general public, as their use requires a "touch", with operation of the lid. Far worse are the Health & Safety issues encountered by our operatives during the process of emptying, exacerbated by overfilling of the containers, and heavy rain. Within the environment of a residential street, the first option for disposal of dog waste is the domestic wheeled bin. This also applies to other items of litter, most of which can be readily recycled with the variety of containers our residents are issued.

The second option is to use a free standing litter bin, which accepts both litter & dog waste. These larger containers act as a dilute and disperse for the waste, giving a much cleaner empty for the operative. They also empty via a door, preferable to a straight lift up from a pole bin, on occasion showering the employee with the contents. These free standing litter bins are expensive, therefore they cannot be located everywhere.

Derek Leitch

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Cat Fouling

There is usually a huge outcry about dog fouling of pavements and paths and there are official posters which state penalties if owners are caught allowing their dogs to make a bit of a mess and not clear it up.

However when it comes to out of control cats roaming where and when they want at all times of the day and night, what recourse do people have? Cats do their business wherever the garden soil is tilled which allows them easy digging and covering of their deed.

There are some keen gardeners in Killin and I am speaking out for those who suffer from cats digging up seeds and plants and leaving their mess in the soil. I have young grandchildren and have to make a check of the garden the day they are visiting to make sure they will not be encountering foul smelling deposits which carry harmful parasites.

I am therefore giving notice that this year every precaution and deterrent will be used to prevent cats coming into our garden. Owners have a responsibility to look after their pets and it's now time for those with offending cats to do so.

Alex Stewart



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AGM will be quite short, and will be followed by a talk by Dr David Hetherington, Ecology Adviser with the Cairngorms National Park Authority and a Trustee of the native forest restoration charity, Trees for Life. There will also be light refreshments, displays illustrating some of the exciting work being done by HPCLT, including our Rural Skills training for young people, and the chance to talk to some of the people actively involved in HPCLT.

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Marseillaise, many costumes had a
definite French touch and there were
French pennants fluttering in the Hall
(now you understand why the French
flag was hanging outside the McLaren
Hall). The main characters often spoke
with a strong French accent (especially
Ma, Beauty's mother, who kept it up
throughout the evening). Of course
there was the odd lapse into Scots,
which only added to the hilarity!
The children in the Junior Chorus were
as enthusiastic as ever in their
choreography and it made the

audience sing along and clap. And
then there was the live violin
accompaniment and gymnastic
backflips! The costumes were brilliant
and the frequent changes told of many
hours spent in various homes, sewing
and altering.

In this production we saw snow falling,
not only on stage but also in the
middle of the Hall! We had talking
furniture, perfectly timed sound
effects, birds getting shot and much
more, bearing witness to an
accomplished technical team behind
the scenes! The beautiful sets deserve
a mention as well.

All the main characters played their
parts very well: Karen Lafferty as Ma,
Vicky Paul as Beauty, Lee Douglas as
the prince, Sammy Hibbert as
Capucine and Alex Tigwell as the witch
Malabelle. Kay Dowling was very
convincing as the Beast. The comic
duo of Chaz Kemp and Colin Hay were
again outstanding and had the
audience in stitches. Killin Pantos
seem to have stepped up a gear since
they joined the cast! Chaz Kemp in his
role as Felix ("poodlepower,
ahoooooo") probably stole the show
in most peoples' eyes.

A lot of effort goes in to producing a
show like this and we are so lucky in
Killin to have people like Gordon
Hibbert, Lesley Syme and Sammy
Hibbert, as well as all the actors, who
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Killin & Ardeonaig Church News

Some of you will have noticed that we had some fun organised for the children in the run up to Christmas.

Beautifully knitted sheep were hidden in 18 village shops for the local children to find. The children were invited to collect a form from the library and when they spotted a sheep they wrote its name on the list. If they wanted they could then accept the invitation to our family service on 17th December. All the sheep by then had been rounded up to join us that morning. Unfortunately the mischievous sheep had again hidden themselves all over the church but the children soon found them and a prize draw was then given to two of the children. Also during December our newly knitted Nativity Set went on a journey through six of the church families. Each family was invited to set up the figures and play with them for the three/four days then pass the set on to the next family on the rota.

On 17th December the Nativity Set was brought back to the church by the last family and set up in our beautiful new stable.



So this article is really to thank many people.

Firstly thank you to all the shops and venues who so willingly accepted a sheep to hide in their shop. Thank you to all the children who enthusiastically trailed about the street looking for these sheep and to the parents who encouraged them. Thank you to all who came to our family service on 17th and helped make it a lovely event. And now a special thank you to the Craft Group who spent many months knitting the 18 sheep and also the colourful 14 piece Nativity Set. And last but not least, our Nativity Set was beautifully complemented by our amazingly detailed rustic stable, made especially for us by John Connor.

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KILLIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Cambusurich Woodland

Everything is going ahead. Tim Frost has complained about the gates down to the Lochside and how they could cause problems with public accessing the area. The road will mostly be opposite the field and will be started at the beginning of next year. He had also asked that trees should be planted to still assure a view to the loch from the main Ardeonaig road.

Points from July meeting

Alan Milliken said that the problem has been the individuals being dealt with and no recognisable charge would be brought. Tim Frost mentioned the call centre and that nothing had been done. Fiona Kennedy suggested that it would be useful to be informed when people are to be away. Martin Earl said he would deal with a response about the CCTV. He says anyone who rings should insist on getting the name of the person they speak to. There seems to be a problem with the customer service system as there appears to be occasions when messages are not getting through

Breadalbane Park Entrance

This has been fixed now.

Water Problems

Fiona Kennedy said that the water pressure can be very low some days. Tim Frost said that he has not had an answer from his emails. Martin Earl said he would contact Stephen Kerr MP about this.

Dochart Bridge Hedges

Some work has been done but is still in hand.

Biomass

They now employ six local people. Mechanical and electrical equipment are now being put inside the building. There have been some delays in construction and progress is not expected until next March or April.

Fibre Broadband

Stuart Inglis said that the new plans have been submitted but the location is still a problem. Martin Earl said he would try and get an update and will also contact Gregor MacKenzie.

Doctors Surgery

With regard to doctor signing the gun licences, the police have said they have re-worded the form and hopefully

the issue will be resolved. There are still concerns about the present appointment system and the length of time people have to wait.

PPG - Patient transfer

Linda Frost has given a request for people to come forward with any problems they have experienced with getting hospital transport.

Bus Service

The bus service will now continue until March. There is also a new bus service which runs on Saturdays, starting in December, also planned until March, which will take people to and from Stirling for shopping.

Police Scotland Report

Crimes of Dishonesty

There were several property and vehicle violations in a 4-day period in September.

The Chip van at McLaren Hall was broken into with cash register stolen. The snack-bar at Glenoglehead had damage done to door but entry not gained.

A car had window smashed and camera equipment stolen at Glenoglehead.

Car window smashed at Ben More but nothing stolen.

Drink Driving

A 28 year old man was arrested in Killin for drink driving and disqualified. He was in court in July and re-offended in September.

Mountain Rescue

Killin Mountain Rescue were called out to several incidents on Ben Vorlich, Ben More and Stob Caol in Balquhiddier Glen.

Planning

Planning has been agreed for work at a house that is it being built at Glenlochay.

KAT

The Mill

Ron Allner said Frances has left the mill so they will be looking for volunteers. Ron has taken on the role as temporary manager for the winter.

Breadalbane Park

Theresa Elliot said they are still consulting on the play area. They are also looking to gain Green Flag Status for the park.

News First

They applied to the Scottish Land Fund with regard to the possibility of acquiring News First.

Correspondence

The NHS Community Services Directorate, Public Partnership Forum is to take place on 29th November 2017.

Killin Santa Dash

This will take part on Saturday 9th December at 11.00

Community Council Conference

This will take place on 25th November 2017.

Any Other Business

Killin News

The paper is moving to the premises beside MacGregors Market and Post Office in the Main Street. Fiona Kennedy met the staff who offered us the opportunity to put up a community notice board. It was also agreed that we might try having our own page on Facebook.

War Memorial

Work needs to be carried out and we will be asking for quotes.

Lantern parade

Charlie Grant asked if Killin Community Council would back the lantern parade again. This was approved.

Christmas Tree

Chaz said he would see about getting the tree put up. It was also suggested that we use existing trees. This was agreed by the members.

Gritting

Tim Frost to enquire about the gritting of Fingal Road. Gritting from Lix Toll to Killin to be prioritised as well.

Damage to Bridge

Ron Allner spoke about damage near the McNab entrance on the bridge. Tim Frost said his road also needed to be worked on.

Fiona Kennedy said Stirling Council put up signs in Ballechroisk.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at the school on 14th January 2018 at 7.30pm.

Fiona Kennedy thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

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Little did we think at the beginning of 2017 that it would be a notable year in the history of Killin News as we would acquire four new Committee members and a new office. In the spring we had a team change when Kay Riddell and Dani Grant resigned. We are very grateful for all the help they gave over the years. Margaret MacIver retired from production but stayed on the Committee and we welcomed the addition of four men to join the only other man. Angus Kay, Chris Rose and Christian Welsh brought in much needed IT knowledge and

Michael Gardiner his journalistic experience. They are also extremely handy in dealing with fixing and lifting things which proved very useful when we moved. As all but the least observant locals will have noticed, our office is now in Morenish Place next to the Post Office in Main Street, where some of you helped us to celebrate in December when we invited passers-by in for a glass of mulled wine. We are really enjoying having space and are still experimenting with how to use it best. As well as suiting our production, the facilities are good for

small meetings and the windows could have a noticeboard or displays so, except when we are actually in production, we are able to offer the use of the premises and/or window space to other community organisations. If you are interested, please let any member of the team know.

2018 starts with the first production from the new office and the hope that Killin News will continue to be an asset to the community and be an even better presence in the village.

Heartland Film Society – Animated Films for Young Indies Competition

Stacey Riddell and Caitlin Chisholm entered the Junior Category of the Young Indies Animated Film Competition, part of the Heartland Film Society. Their animated entry entitled 'Super Skater', was short listed for the final which meant the film would be shown on the big screen at The Birks Cinema in Aberfeldy on Sunday 19th November. Both girls (and parents!) were super proud of their work and at making it onto the short list. Well done girls!!

David Riddell



Callander & West Perthshire U3A

We rounded off last year with lunches and parties for individual groups, together with an outing to

Christmas Markets and are now looking forward to our main Festive Lunch for all members which is being hosted by Aberfoyle Golf Club. New members have still been joining and we remind everyone to keep an eye on our website where all our latest news is posted. Just Google 'Callander and West Perthshire U3A'. Here's to 2018 and a happy year of joining together to Learn, Laugh and Live with the U3A.



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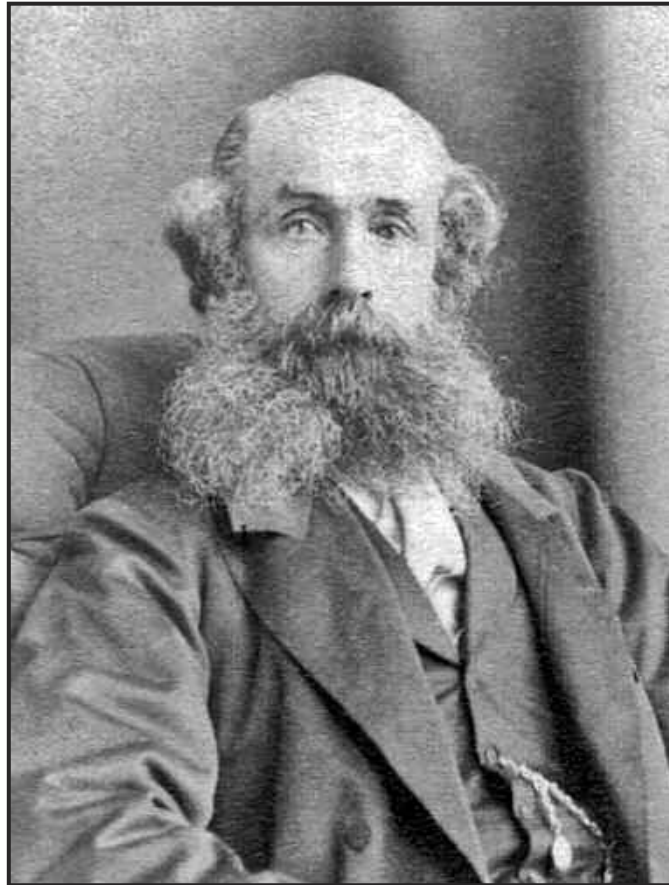
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Campbell of the Yukon

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These are the words of the great pioneer Robert Campbell, written in 1883 shortly before his death. By this time he was around seventy-five years old, quietly retired on his Manitoba ranch, having been the first European to discover the Yukon River forty years prior. Like many Scots, Campbell explored vast swathes of Canadian territory, opening up new trade routes and ushering in the Klondike Gold Rush of the late nineteenth century. To add to his significance, he was a local – hailing from Glen Lyon, no less.

It was here that Campbell's life changed, when his visiting cousin inspired him with tales of the Canadian frontier. Seeking adventure and fortune, Campbell left home in 1830 and joined the Hudson's Bay Company, firstly as a farmer and then as a fur trader. He was tasked with establishing trading posts in the western region of the Mackenzie River and along the way explored the Stikine, Dease, Liard, and Pelly Rivers, which he personally named after Sir John Henry Pelly, governor of HBC. However, life as a fur trader was difficult and often dangerous. In addition to the punishing winters, Campbell and his men suffered daily attacks from rival traders and native tribes. Starvation was a



constant threat, with Campbell describing how they had to eat the "lacing of our snow shoes" to survive.

The following years fared much better. In 1843, Campbell made history when he reached the upper Yukon River, the second largest river in Canada. It was not to be the last of his achievements. He constructed the first HBC post in the Yukon at Frances Lake (today a popular angling spot); was the first European to trace the Yukon to the sea; and remains the world record-holder for the longest snow-shoe tramp: 3,000 miles from Fort Simpson to Montana. His explorations defined the geography

of the Yukon and soon thousands of prospectors followed his routes to the Klondike gold field, making the region world famous. After forty-one years of service to the Hudson's Bay Company, Campbell retired. He spent the last years of his life as a rancher, importing the first Highland cattle into Canada. As a mark of his achievements, Campbell was elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. Today he is honoured in Canada by way of the Campbell Highway, a 362 mile road following the fur trading route he laid out for moving around the southeast Yukon. It is because of these pioneering routes that he is remembered by Canadians as "Campbell of the Yukon".

Closer to home and Campbell's exploits are sadly not as revered. Indeed, with distinctive names like David Livingstone and John Muir often the focus of academic study, it is unsurprising the man remains largely obscure to public knowledge. The only memorial is a small cairn erected at his birthplace, a few miles from Loch Lyon. Standing on the mound, it silently watches over another great river – a fitting symbol of an adventurer who spent much of his life navigating the unknown.

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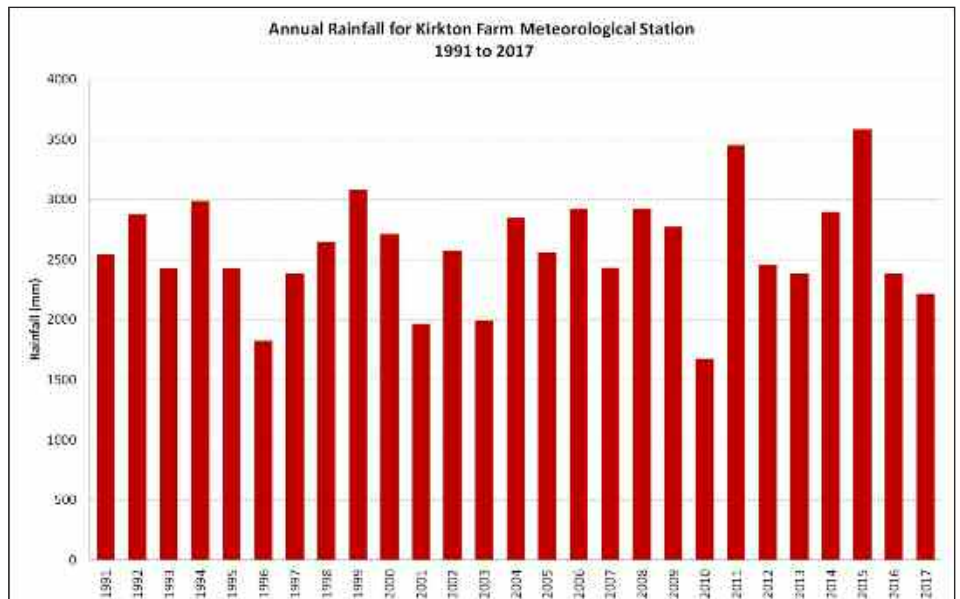
Kirkton

The main features of the weather at Kirkton in 2017 were an unusually dry January (the 128.2 mm of rainfall recorded was only 35% of the 1991-2015 twenty-five year average); a dry, sunny and at times warm spring (it was the driest April at Kirkton since 1995); a wet summer (there were only 15 dry days); a wet October; and a cold, icy, but relatively dry December. Despite the wet summer total rainfall for the year was well below average.

The total rainfall recorded at the Met Office automatic weather station at Kirkton in 2017 was 2216.0 mm (87.2 inches). This was 397.8 mm less than the 1991-2015 twenty-five year average (2613.8 mm), and 1369.8 mm less than the rainfall in 2015. 2017 was the driest year since 2010. The wettest month was October when a total of 341.0 mm (13.43 inches) of rainfall was recorded. The rainfall was above average in February, June, July, August, and October. The driest month was April with 65.4 mm of rainfall (only 43% of the twenty-five year average). The highest rainfall over a calendar week (Monday to Sunday) was 140.0 mm, between the 19th and the 25th February. The highest rainfall in a single 24 hour

period (09:00 GMT to 09:00 GMT) was 62.6 mm on the 6th December. There were only two days in 2017 when more than 50 mm of rainfall was recorded (1st October and 6th December). The total number of rain days was 283 (77.5 %). There were 16 days when there was more than 25 mm of rainfall recorded. There was no measurable rainfall between 30th April and 11th May (a period of 12 days). The lowest temperature recorded

during 2017 was on the 11th December when the temperature fell to -10.8C. This was the lowest temperature since January 2011. The lowest maximum temperature was recorded on the 10th December (-2.3C). This was the only day during 2017 when the temperature failed to rise above freezing. An air frost was recorded on a total of 88 days (exactly the same number as in 2016). There were no air frosts recorded in June, July or August. The



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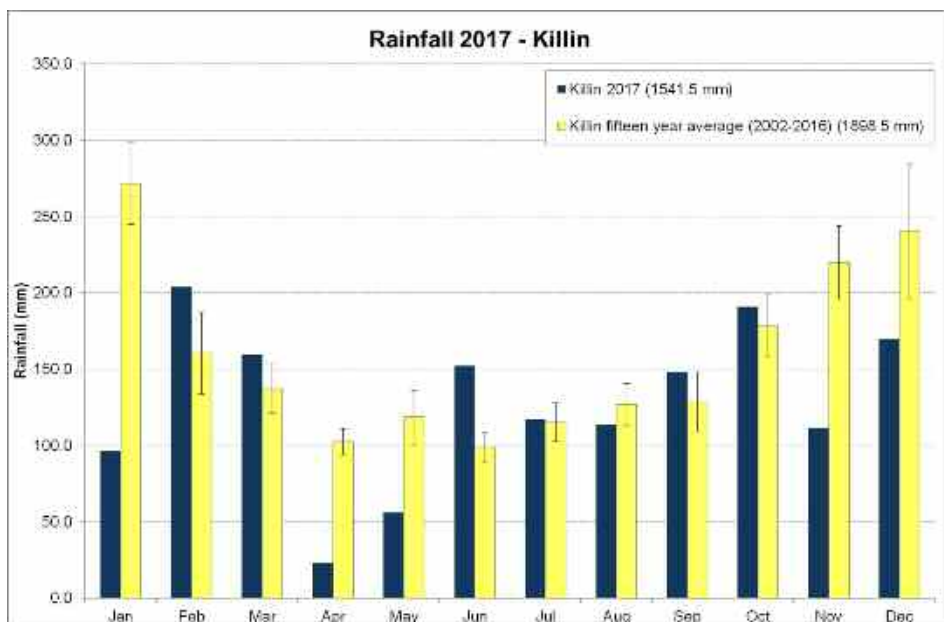
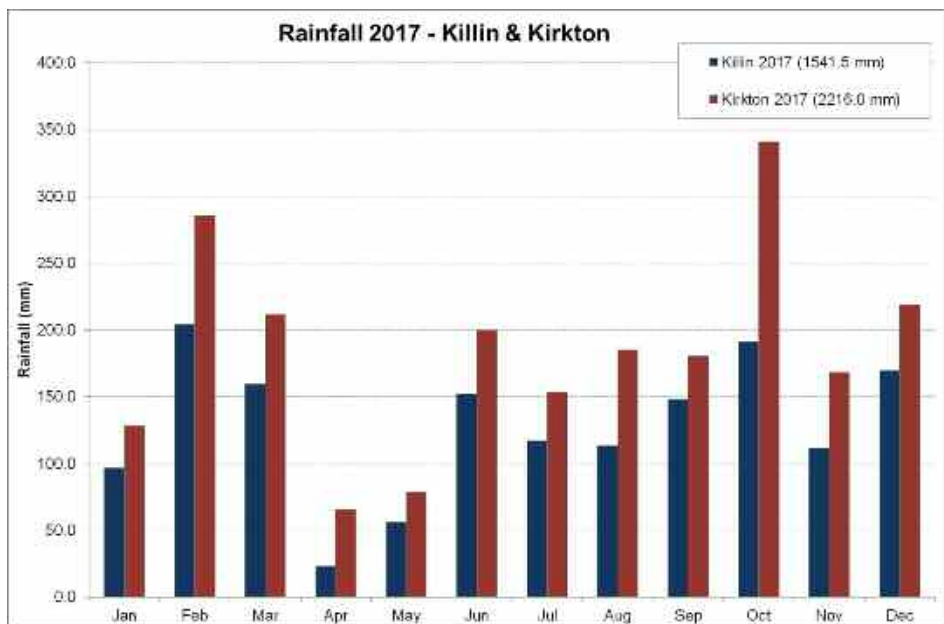
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Killin

The total rainfall recorded in Killin in 2017 was 1541.5 mm (60.69 inches); this was 357.0 mm less than the 2002-2016 fifteen year average (1898.5 mm). 2017 was the driest year since 2010. April was the driest month with only 23.0 mm of rain, while February was the wettest month with 204.0 mm. Six months were drier than average (January, April, May, August, November and December). During 2017 Killin received approximately 69.6 % of the rainfall recorded at Kirkton (i.e. some 674.6 mm less). The rainfall was higher at Kirkton in all months. Thanks to the Met Office for supplying the data from the automatic weather station at Kirkton.

John Holland

(SRUC Hill & Mountain Research Centre, Kirkton & Auchtertyre Farms)

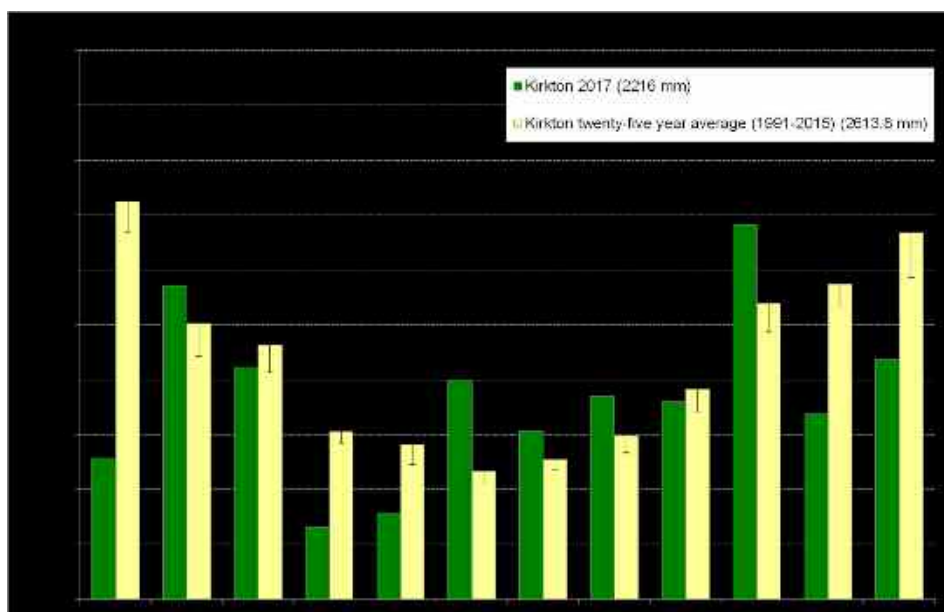


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manage their finances and become debt-free. Unfortunately, many people leave it until they are at their wits end before they ask for help. However, CAP can give the time and resources needed to support people practically and emotionally as well as helping them find a solution to the problem of debt that they find themselves in. Many clients have said that even after the first visit from the local CAP Debt Coach they felt reassured that there was a solution for them and that someone was now sharing the load with them. The staff at CAP's Head Office in Bradford are experts at negotiating with creditors and finding the best solution for each client.

Everyone is different and CAP's holistic approach ensures that everyone is treated with respect and supported in a way best suited to them. We can meet clients in their own homes and our

befrienders go above and beyond in order to support clients while they walk their journey out of debt – sometimes by finding out information for them, or helping them with shopping, taking them out, or just being a listening ear. Often clients say that their befriender was a real 'life-line' for them during a difficult and dark period.

We at CAP are humbled to journey with people until they see light at the end of the tunnel and it's been a real joy to see lives transformed once people are debt-free and in control of their finances. There is always a way out!

Highlights over the past four years have been:

Over 30 individuals and families have been helped and supported
8 people are now debt-free and released from the burden of worrying debt and others are working towards this goal

Over 60 volunteers have been mobilised to support CAP either financially or practically

Working with referral agencies we have supported those known to us who need help eg. we managed to stop an eviction, found a new

affordable home for a family, helped with food shops, reduced isolation and improved mental well-being. Working alongside churches in the area, CAP Highland Perthshire recently also provided Christmas Hampers for over 15 families. We look forward to our developing relationship with churches who see a need in their area for the services CAP provide.

You don't need to be in debt to contact CAP as we also offer practical help through CAP Money courses for anyone who would like help in managing their finances more effectively. There is always something you can learn!

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			Tyndrum

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Musings From the Manse

I'm often asked if I have settled in to life here in the Highlands. The answer is yes and no! Having started my Ministry 32yrs ago in New Deer in Buchan, a small farming village, it is great to be back in the countryside after two sojourns in the cities of Aberdeen and Edinburgh. On the other hand it's an ongoing process. In Edinburgh I could walk round my parish on foot - I rarely needed the car and when I did the journeys were short. So I'm adjusting to rural life and to a Ministry that covers a large area and different communities which pull in different ways. Also it is many years since I had to dig the car out of the snow! Proof if any was needed that I'm getting old! But there are huge compensations: the people are warm and welcoming, the scenery is stunning and both congregations wonderfully supporting and encouraging. On Sundays after I finish the service in Killin I drive over Glen Ogle and down to Balquhider. I never fail to be inspired by that journey. Long may it continue!

For many years whilst living in Edinburgh, Brenda and I holidayed in the Lake District amongst the Fells, Tarns and Becks. We were often asked why we did this when we lived in Scotland one of the most beautiful countries in the world. The answer we gave was that the hills in Cumbria were lower and more accessible for a pair of unfit middle-aged numpties like us! (The days of "Munro bagging" are, for us, long gone!)

The iconic sheep of the Lake District is the Herdwick. It is a magnificent animal with a large white head and adorable face, white legs and a unique slatey-blue/grey colour. The lambs are born black, eventually turn brown and finally end with the adult colouring. The name apparently

derives from the Old Norse *herdvyck* - sheep pasture. It was possibly brought to the area by Viking settlers in the 10th Century. As a native breed it was enthusiastically promoted by the famous author Beatrix Potter supported by the National Trust. It has been calculated that 99% of Herdwicks are farmed in the Lake District. So imagine my delight on seeing Herdwick sheep in a field in this area (and in the Balquhider area) Herdies are my favourite sheep so whoever owns them give me a call and I'll baptise them for you!

A couple of years ago I read James Rebanks' wonderful book "The Shepherd's life". It is a superb depiction of life in the Lake District and is justifiably, even if surprisingly, a best seller. Needless to say he is a passionate and enthusiastic Herdwick farmer. All the way through the book Rebanks introduces us to terminology from his shepherding world, much of it of Norse origin. One such word is "Heft" a term well known in Northern England and Scotland. The noun refers to a piece of land to which a farm animal has become attached. The verbal form means the "act of becoming so attached" and the adjectival form of course describes livestock that has become thus attached. Herdwick sheep never stray from where they were suckled as lambs and this "homing-instinct" is passed from generation to generation. Lake District farms are therefore bought or rented with their existing flocks in place. Apparently, the root of the word goes back to an Old Norse word meaning "tradition". This is a useful analogy for us today as human culture has been shaped and moulded by the stories that we not only tell ourselves but in which we live and move and see our world consciously or not. Our "traditions" matter.

The Early Church Father Tertullian writing in North Africa around 200 AD referred to reports he had received of Christians who were living north of the Roman wall in Britain. Presumably this was Scotland! If there is any truth in this then our Christian heritage goes back a long way indeed! People are like sheep, we are "hefted" to traditions (ethnic, religious, political, philosophical) that shape who we are. James Rebanks was motivated to write his book on Lake District life as he feels that time-honoured traditions in his world are in danger of being lost through neglect and ignorance. In this regard I want to make a plea for the Christian "Story". As the tide ebbs on Christian culture in the 21st Century I believe we are in danger of losing something of great value. We are living in an age where the Church seems to be not just in decline but in meltdown. As a Minister I want to highlight the relevance of the Christian Tradition which can enrich and empower our lives. I am aware that rural life is very different to the town or city and it has always appeared to me that village people have a connection and appreciation of their local church (even if they don't attend it!!) which is not the case in urban areas.

Killin church (just like the village itself) is a special place with a marvellous and fascinating history. That is one reason we attract so many visitors and pilgrims throughout the year. But it is the wonderful tradition of faith which underpins it all which is a treasure worth preserving and nurturing.

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Masonic Lodge News

New Year Night's Dance

The New Year's Night Dance was a real Family affair with all ages mixing and enjoying the Traditional Scottish Music and the well known Scottish Dances, which has been the feature of Killin New Years for over forty years. The Dance Band members were very pleased with how the company joined in and the huge appreciation shown to them by the revellers. Ticket sales indicated around 230 supported the event and with the Raffle and Kitchen contributing there was a pleasing increase in funds from the previous year for distribution to local causes and organisations. A total of over £1500 was raised. The Lodge wishes to thank all who came along and the Band for making this such an enjoyable evening.

Easter Saturday Community Auction

In this edition of the Killin News there is a 'Flyer' giving some details of the 2018 Fund Raising Auction on Saturday 31st March. This event has developed into a real community affair and the generous donations from the Village and surrounding area are much appreciated.

It is not that often that a local fund raising event like the Auction attracts both locals and a substantial number of regular visitors who join in as part of their Killin Holiday. Also there are a few folk who dabble in the wide field of 'Collectibles and Antiques' who take a day out from the wheeling and dealing in the hard fought commercial world to patronise our local friendly auction. All are very welcome as the proceeds go to worthy causes and appeals. Please contact any of the names on the flyer for further information.

Alex Stewart PM

Sheila's Sweetie Shop

As from February 1st 2018 Sheila's Sweetie shop will no longer have a BT phone line or a card machine, anyone wishing to contact Sheila at the shop can call her on her mobile phone No. 07553071997, sorry for any inconvenience.

Killin Calendars

We would like to thank everyone for their support by purchasing calendars this year, all profits help pay for the Firework display at New Year which was extra special this year. There were so many people in Killin to enjoy the three events over the hogmanay celebrations. A special thank you to Kay and the staff at The Bridge End Mill and the volunteers at The Old Mill for selling so many calendars.

Scottish Wildlife Trust Pitlochry and Highland Perthshire Group

On Monday 19th February in the Tryst Hall, Pitlochry at 7.30pm Susan Davies will talk about 'Making a difference for wildlife - what the SWT is doing now and what is the future vision'.

On Monday 19th March in the Tryst Hall, Pitlochry at 7.30pm Eilidh McNab will talk about 'What's happened on Duncoillich as the trees return'.

On Monday 16th April in the **Village hall in Blair Atholl** at 7.30pm David Hetherington will talk about 'Restoring a functioning natural world, the case for getting the lynx back'.

Please note change of venue for this talk.

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2nd Killin & District Scout Group Stirling & Trossachs.

All sections would like to thank everyone who came along to the Christmas Fayre back in November. This was organised by our new Executive committee: The Friends of 2nd Killin and District Scout Group, to raise funds for the group but we are sure many people across the community also benefitted from the Christmas cheer.

The Scouts and Cubs spent a busy morning in December delivering the Christmas post around Killin. Thank you to all that supported us with their Christmas card delivery. The group are still collating all the figures for these fundraisers and how the funds will be used but will let all our readers know in the next issue.

Further to the fundraising activities that we have been organising we need to make an extra special thank you to the Co-operative and its Local Community Fund. At last count this has amounted to nearly £2000! We are still in the process of deciding how the funds will be spent but certainly they will help us to deliver an even more exciting programme for all in the Scouting community.

We still have plenty of space in all sections so if any young people in the area might be interested in joining our adventures please get in touch with the appropriate leader (details below). Or just come along for a tester night! That goes for any adults who feel they might like to be more involved with the group. Just get in touch.

Beavers

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

Beavers have had a busy winter term focusing on our animal friends badge; we had a 4 legged visitor whom we learnt all about caring for and we've all been helping to look after an animal over the Christmas break as part of our badge. It's not long into 2018 but in February we are looking forward to celebrating

Chinese New Year and learning about celebrations that take place in different cultures around the world. New Beavers (age 6-8) are always welcome. Please get in touch

Laura Bathgate

Beaver Leader 07708216065
killinbeavers@yahoo.com



Beavers

Cubs

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

Our creative skills have been flowing recently with paper airplane creations and some impressive DIY tasks. Games, communicating and socialising have all been taking a strong feature with our challenge badges in mind. We are looking forward to getting going again after the Christmas break with plans in store for a possible Joint camp in April. Unfortunately, we are still having to meet every 2 weeks but it does give us more time to make our sessions even better.

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.

The Scouts recently enjoyed an evening of hot air balloon making and flying. While the balloons did "take-off" they did not travel more than 2 metres, we are calling that a success! The Scouts put their baking skills to the test when baking 4 big tubs of cookies for the group's Christmas Fayre. The cookies went down well on the day and the Scouts enjoyed running the kitchen serving tea and coffee to all the visitors. The end of last term finished in a whole group "trading post" evening run by the Explorers which the Scouts really enjoyed.

Harriet Wishart

Scout Leader 07581 151442
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Explorers

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

The Explorers had the responsibility of planning and running the Group's joint end of year meeting - Trading Posts. This is one of our favourite evenings of the year. It involves working in teams to buy materials from the shop in order to make or do something that can be sold back to the shop for more money. The team that earns the most "money" (actually we trade in dry pasta), wins. There is always lots of noise and lots going on but everyone (including leaders) gets involved and has a great evening. The Explorers did an excellent job of managing the shop.

Harriet Wishart

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Killin Gun Club

It was with great sadness that the members of Killin Gun Club (KGC) were recently informed of the passing of our old friend, John "Jack" McKay (8th November 1929 – 11th November 2017). Club members performed a 21 Gun Salute in tribute to Jack at the November Shoot at the Auchlyne Quarry.

Jack was KGC President for 3 years between 1997 and 1999, during which time he encouraged many new members, especially youngsters, to take up the sport of Clay Pigeon Shooting.

He served his National Service in the Army (Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers) followed by many years with Rolls Royce before retiring to Killin. Jack had

an exceptionally talented mind and was meticulous in everything he did, from recording the weather observations to creating a detailed scale model of St Angus's Episcopal Church in Lochearnhead.

Jack also made a brief, but spectacular appearance in Killin Millennium Memories video (1999-2000), where he was filmed firing an old Black Powder Shotgun at the gun club. His picture is on the video jacket.

Jack and his lovely wife, Dorothy, lived at The Steading on Craignavie Road, with their faithful

old Labrador "Bracken", before moving to Lochearnhead. Later they moved south to Belper, Derbyshire, to be nearer family. When Dorothy passed away poor Jack was devastated. The family, and especially the grandchildren, meant so much to Jack and Dorothy.

Jack and Dorothy's son and daughter, Andrew and Jayne, were frequent visitors to Killin, as was Jack's sister, Pat. Many happy memories for those who were privileged to know Jack and Dorothy McKay.



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Local Planning Applications

National Park

16th November

Proposal: Erection of garage
Location: Clifton Cottage, Clifton Road, Tyndrum
Applicant: Mr T Edgar
Application Type: Householder
Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

21st November

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

23rd November

Proposal: Installation of 2 No. telecommunication broadband cabinets
Location: Outside Of Killin Primary School, Main Street, Killin
Applicant: BT Openreach
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Current

24th November

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: Approve

28th November

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: No Objections

8th December

Proposal: Erection of reception building and change of use of existing lodges from hotel staff accommodation to short term holiday accommodation
Location: Tyndrum Lodges, Tyndrum
Applicant: Rab And Elise Cleaver-Smith
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

13th December

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

18th December

Proposal: Construction of 1200 metres of new ATV access track
Location: Land South East Of Inverardran, Crianlarich
Applicant: Andy Malcolm
Application Type: Prior Notification
Decision: Prior approval not required

19th December

Proposal: Installation of Customer Information Screen (retrospective)
Location: Tyndrum Upper Railway Station, Station Road, Upper Tyndrum
Applicant: Abellio Scotrail Ltd
Application Type: Listed Building Consent
Decision: Current

21st December

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: Approve

21st December

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: Approve

Perth & Kinross Council

28th November

Proposal: Alterations and extension to staff accommodation
Location: Lochtay Highland Lodges, Killin
Applicant: Largo Leisure
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Approve the application

6th December

Proposal: Erection of a replacement dwellinghouse
Location: Site Of Former Buaich Cottage, Fearnan
Applicant: Professor and Mrs A Paterson
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Approve the application

22nd December

Proposal: Installation of a slipway
Location: Land 130 Metres East Of Waterfall Cottage, Lawers
Applicant: Mr Stuart Clumpas
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Awaiting decision

9th January

Proposal: Siting of 13 No. camping pods and associated works (in part retrospect)
Location: Lochtay Highland Lodges, Killin
Applicant: Largo Leisure Ltd
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Approve the application

Stirling Council

16th November

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

17th November

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

18th October

Proposal: Formation of 25m of road/bellmouth off a public road to provide access to a forest road
Location: Land 1150M South West Of Fiddlers Bay, Killin
Applicant: Taytimber Ltd
Application Type: Full
Decision: Unknown

20th November

Proposal: Amendment to house type approved under 13/00457/FUL and repositioning of access junction and driveway
Location: Benula, Killin
Applicant: Mr Jim Devine
Application Type: Full
Decision: Unknown

10th January

Proposal: Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension
Location: Kennels Cottage, Glen Lochay North Road, Killin
Applicant: Boreland Estate
Application Type: Full
Decision: Unknown

Firbush Outdoor Centre 50th Anniversary

Situated 3 miles from Killin on the South Loch Tay Road, the University of Edinburgh's Firbush Outdoor Centre has turned 50 years old this year. The distinctive wooden log cabin building can be seen clearly from the loch side and I am sure many a local will have seen us out and about. With up to 7000 people passing through each year we can often be seen canoeing or mountain biking into the village or seeing our sail boats or windsurfers out in the loch during the summer months.



This gives us a great opportunity to look back at the memories created and to say thank you to the local community who have worked or assisted us over its long life span. As part of the celebrations

to mark its 50 years our department is trying to collate as many stories, pictures and more with the aim of publishing later in the year. It would be great to hear from people in the local community so if you want to share your stories please let us know or email to

Firbush.memories@ed.ac.uk..

As we go to print there are new developments and opportunities arising so the future is looking exciting. The devil is in the detail at the moment so do please keep an eye out on local notice boards and pestering our staff

for more information. We do also have a new Instagram page which is proving very popular.

Once again, thank you to all the locals who have helped make Firbush that extra special place and making the outdoor centre one of the best student and staff experiences possible.

Here's to the next 50 years!

The Firbush Team

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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

Highland Hustle
Wednesdays
6:30 - 7.15
McLaren Hall

Junior Badminton
Mondays at 6
Crianlarich Hall

Indoor Bowls
Mondays 7.30 Lesser
McLaren Hall

Junior Knitting
12.30-2.00
Mill
Contact Franny

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

Killin Craft group
Tuesdays 10-12
Community Rooms

Killin Gun Club
Third Sunday of month.
March to December
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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

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

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

Mobile Libraries

Tyndrum/Crianlarich Fortnightly Fridays

Feb 9, 23, Mar 9, 23

Crianlarich

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

Tyndrum

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

Glen Lochay/Ardeonaig Fortnightly Mondays

Feb 5, 19, Mar 5, 19

Glen Lochay 11.15-12.30
Ardeonaig 2.00-2.45

Perth and Kinross Fortnightly Tuesdays

Feb 6, 20, Mar 6, 20, Apr 3

Tombreck 16.40-17.00
Lawers 17.15-17.30

NB. Unable to confirm Perth and
Kinross dates before going to print

Recycling Centres

Callander

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

Aberfeldy

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

Crieff

North Forr, Brioch Forr

All Year

Monday-Friday 9am-7pm
Saturday & Sunday
9am-5pm

Which bin? Saturdays

3rd Feb

10th Feb

17th Feb

24th Feb

3rd March

10th March

17th March

24th March

31st March

7th April

Grey = grey bin + blue bin

Brown = brown bin + blue box

Green = brown bin,

green bin + blue box

NB Blue box now once a month

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