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Editorial

Since our last issue we've all endured partial enforced hibernation thanks to the 'Beast from the East', closely followed by its consequences, namely burst tyres and broken vehicle suspensions from the enormous potholes, cancelled work days, appointments and school days, bare shelves where bread and milk usually sit and for some unfortunates, broken bones. However community spirit was amazing, helping hands were everywhere and Killin and its neighbours shone through.

In case spring doesn't arrive before this issue comes out, we've pre-empted it with a front cover photo to warm the soul. If you need further cheer, go to page 15 and read "Jock an' the Beanstalk" in Killin Primary School's article. It is a real heartwarmer and is beautifully written. In fact it has inspired us to include an old favourite Scots poem, 'The Puddock', for you to enjoy.

On page 29 you can read about the exciting prospect of a prestigious award for the Killin Music Festival team. Their nomination for the award is a massive achievement for a small community group. Meanwhile on page 7 you can share in the excitement and enthusiasm generated in Tyndrum and Crianlarich by a flying visit paid by Greg James, the well known Radio 1 DJ and his team, whilst on their 3 Peak Challenge ('Gregathlon') raising money for Sports Relief.

Finally, we hope that the Easter period is a good one for you all and hope that, with warmer weather and sunshine featuring soon, we have no need to say "Lang may yer lum reek" until next winter.

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Front Cover

**Water meadow at head of Loch Tay
Photo David Paterson**



Killin Local Cancer Research Committee (CRC) 60th Anniversary

2018 sees the 60th Anniversary of our local CRC.

It was set up by Mary Stroyan in 1958 following the death of her husband aged just 57. It helps to try to do something positive in the face of heartbreak and tragedy and that is just what Mrs Stroyan managed to do and it is a very fitting legacy.

Amongst the early CRC members were Margaret McNee (Mollie McRobbie's Mum), Willie Allan, Jean McTaggart and Mrs Buchanan (Daldravaig). Judy Forster, who has been a committee member for over 40 years, remembers vividly the arrival of Mrs Mary Stroyan to ask if she would consider becoming involved. "It was like a summons from the Queen", remembers Judy and, of course, she didn't even think about refusing! Other long-standing committee members include Bunty MacGregor, Ellen Stewart, Jill Stroyan and Kathleen Blyth. The photograph shows members of the committee in the late 1990s.

In 2017 our local committee donated £10,900 to Cancer Research, so in the course of 60 years this village has contributed a very substantial sum in helping 'Stand up to Cancer'. The committee recognises the role that locals, businesses and visitors have had in ensuring that we continue to be able to make these sizeable donations.

We have, of course, had a lot of fun and hilarity along the way at many of the events including The Ladies Lunch, Cheese & Savoury, Jazz Nights and Flu Clinic!!!!

Our next event will be on Sunday, June 17th, a coffee morning at the Killin Music Festival. We are also providing catering at the Killin 10K on 25th August and at GO33 on 3rd November.

The Ladies Lunch will be held on Saturday, 22nd September. This has been delayed from May 19th as some of our committee and guests may want to watch the Royal Wedding – or maybe even receive an invitation.



Safari Supper - Oh what a night!

Saturday 24th February saw the resurgence of The Safari Supper in Killin after over 3 years absence. Once again, a fantastic night was had by all, including 68 travellers, 16 hosts and all their helpers. As well as all the fun we also raised £1400 to help the Killin News with the expense of their move to the new office. It was decided to donate £300 of the proceeds to The Floral Association and we look forward to a spectacular display of flowers in the village this year, weather permitting, of course.

We would like to thank Marion McRae and Elizabeth Woods - organisers extraordinaire, for all their help, expertise and running around! Thanks also go to Marion Strang for suggesting the idea this time around, and helping to coordinate it all, as well as to Liz, Jean, Sandra and Sandra for their most excellent taxi service and also to the Killin Hotel who set up everything for the afters party. The staff in the hotel coped admirably given the numbers arriving into an already busy hotel. Final thanks to Lawrie who made a magnificent job of selling the raffle tickets and helped boost the total for the night.

The Killin News Committee

Killin Floral Association

The Killin Floral Association wish to thank all those involved with the Safari Supper this year for the £300 donation towards the purchase of the flowers, compost and fertiliser which we will need to plant up the village tubs.

This, along with the money raised in the collection buckets in the Co-op, will mean that we will have enough money to provide a good show for the village - weather permitting. We rely solely on donations in order to be able to buy all that we need to fill the tubs.

We know from the feedback we receive from locals and visitors that our effort is very worthwhile and much appreciated.

A number of local people, not on the committee, help us in various ways by allowing us to use their outside taps, so that we do not have to carry water, also by providing raffle prizes when we are fund raising, and by donating money and helping to care for tubs close to their homes. We are very grateful for their support and welcome offers of help from

anyone else who would be willing to support us in any way. Please contact Alicja on 01567 820690 or any other committee members if you are interested in helping out.

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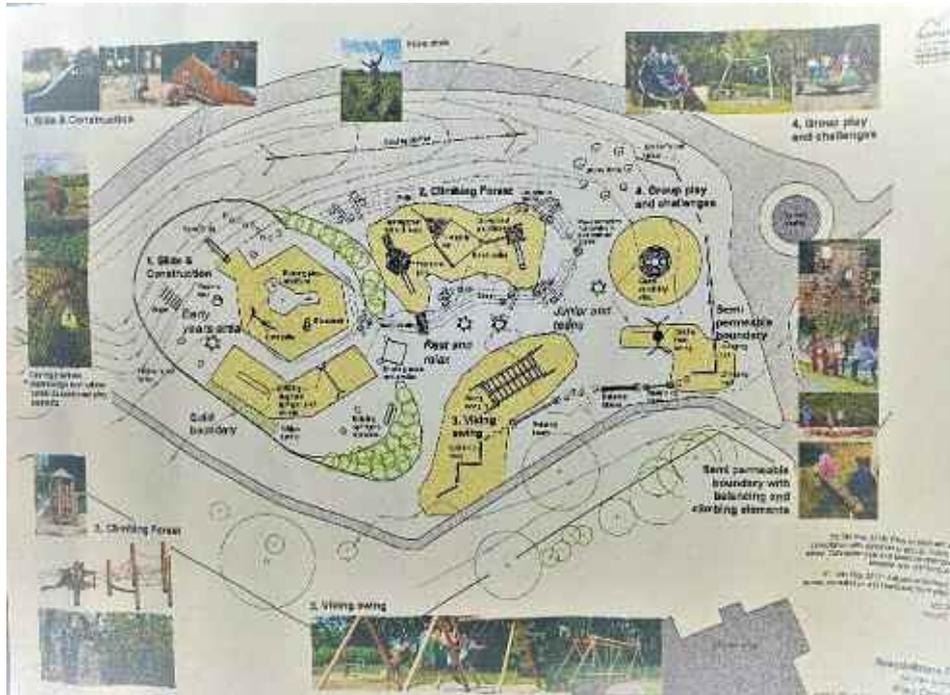
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Breadalbane Park Play Area

Stirling Council will replace the boundary fence between the play area and McLaren Hall, which will include a pedestrian and vehicle

gate. We will be working with Stirling Council to purchase and install equipment as funding is found. Design by Munro Landscape Ltd Green Flag Stirling Council arranged for people

who are doing community service to come and paint the main gates at the park entrance. They are certainly looking good now. The Council will be putting up wooden finger signs on the main street and near McLaren Car Park for Breadalbane Park.



News First Property Purchase

A lot has been happening in the background gathering information that we need to develop a business plan. At the moment we are waiting for reports from the valuation survey and structural survey.

To help with our application we will need to gather more information to show the community support for our project. We will be putting out a short questionnaire in April/May. Along with gathering information we need to do some fundraising as the Scottish Land Fund will only fund up to 85% of the cost, the other 15% will need to come from match funding and local fundraising. Please look out for events or you can donate directly to KAT.

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In addition to the normal weekend opening, the plan is to open on weekdays as much as possible leading up to the May Bank Holiday, then full time leading into the summer. The opening hours will be 10am-4pm each day. Visitors love to come and look around The Old Mill, and for that reason alone I believe it is important to preserve it for future generations. This, however, is only possible with your support, and your donations of goods are much appreciated and vital to our success.

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Obituary

Sandy Graham 24/07/1929 – 02/01/2018

My Dad, Sandy Graham, sadly passed away on 2nd January this year. He was born at Toward Point Dunoon in 1929 and spent a lot of his youth travelling up and down the West coast due to my grandfather's job as a ploughman. During that time he also ended up in Argaty, near Doune and left school at 14 to help his father. He had three brothers, John, Hughie, Donny and a sister, Jean. After his national service he got a job as a lorry driver along with his brother John and arrived in Killin in the early fifties working on the Lawers Hydro Scheme. This is where he met my mum, who was working as a wages clerkess. His brother John also met Maisie his future wife who was from Fortingall.

My mum and dad got married on 12th March 1955 and I came along in 1960. Dad then got a job with Stitt Brothers and worked there until he retired in the early nineties due to ill health. He did have a year out from Stitt during that time, when he got a job with the Hydro Board which involved maintenance of the grounds etc. including grass cutting. That is when he found out he had hay fever, so he didn't last too long there. After he retired he started volunteering for the hospital cars and was very



committed to it.

Mum and Dad spent most of their married life in Craiglea but moved up to Stewart Road a few years ago where they enjoyed the company of all their neighbours. They celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary in 2015 with a family get-together in Inverness.

Dad's health wasn't great after he retired but he rarely complained. Latterly he visited most hospitals in the central belt with one ailment or another. Mum was starting to struggle with her health and then dad was diagnosed with dementia so, as a family we decided that it would be

best for everyone that they went into the Care Home. They were a bit hesitant about it but when they settled in wished that they had done it sooner. Mandy, Stephanie and all the staff looked after them so well. The village is very blessed to have such a facility that is so well run and we have nothing but praise for them. Mum passed away last Hogmanay and my dad took it very badly and it was very noticeable that his dementia got much worse straight after this. He managed to continue to attend the staff meetings at the care home, (uninvited I may add), wandering about with his zimmer or hurdy gurdy as he called it and it was only just before Christmas that his health really deteriorated.

He was a beloved husband to May, much loved dad to David, father-in-law to Val, papa to Scott, Michelle, Kimberley and Lee and great-papa to Ruby, Hamish and Emily. He will be sorely missed by all the family. The family would like to give our sincere thanks to all the staff at the home, GP's and District Nurses who made him comfortable in his last days.

David Graham

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Sport Relief

Radio1 presenter Greg James began the Gregathlon at the beginning of March, which would see him climb the highest peaks in Wales, England and Scotland starting with Snowdon, then cycling to Scafell Pike. After climbing that, unfortunately he had to call a halt due to the red weather warning. On Wednesday 14th he resumed the challenge when he set off cycling to Lanarkshire. On Thursday his journey took him to Crianlarich where he called into the primary school and met the children, then on to the Real Food Cafe to host his afternoon show with co-host Adele Roberts. Greg spent time with the locals, having lunch and chatting. Everyone was so impressed with his friendliness and that of his crew. At six o'clock he set off for Fort William, ready for the final challenge of climbing Ben Nevis on Friday. At that point the money raised was just under £800,000.

Opposite:
Sarah Heward and her team at Real Food Cafe with Greg (centre)

Below left:
Michaela Paul from Bridge of Orchy with Greg

Below centre:
Greg's team van

Below right:
Setting off for Ben Nevis



Scottish Wildlife Trust Pitlochry and Highland Perthshire Group

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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Frost Report

Forgotten in the Snow

As this is being written, the heavy rain is washing away the snow which has caused so much havoc the last few weeks. It came as a shock to many as we haven't had any amount of snow for a good few years. I can remember our early years at Boreland when the snow blew up in banks to the edge of our low roof and we had weeks of sledging in the neighbouring field. This would never manage to match our 'Cresta Run' in Sutherland. We lived at a remote lodge, 12 miles from a road, and needed to be prepared for being cut off by snow for up to three months. Sometimes we didn't know that we were cut off until someone tried, unsuccessfully, to get in. This message would come via our radio phone in the stalker's house, which was the only link that we had - when it was working. The postie once dug his way along the track to bring our twice weekly delivery only about six hours late. Our Cresta Run was down a steep and winding path between large rhododendron bushes down from the stalker's house to the lodge below. The stalker, his wife and youngest child and myself would wait for my wife and the two children, whom she taught in the tiny school, to come running out of the schoolroom bang on 3, just as it was getting dark up there. The sledges were large old metal trays used when there had been a dairy and they were excellent for the job. The adults each lay on a tray and the children hung onto our ankles. As the snow came and came, we built up quite a course with smooth banking on the bends.

We shared a freezer, as we only had electricity from a generator which had to be fed by diesel brought in from a tank on the road. So we were careful in it's use, but our long life milk and meat running around on the hill kept us going. Hay and maize was piled up ready to feed the stags each day, quite often on a huge old sled, a bit like Santa's. This was in the early seventies when we expected bad weather, country people coped as best they could, but you knew that someone would be looking out for you and a snowmobile would bring in anything essential. The plough was not situated miles away but was run by Benny-the-shop. The plough was on an old army lorry and did a fabulous job. If you contacted Benny he would go along in front of you. He did once call in for a cup of tea along the strath and the lorry and plough had disappeared under snow by the time he came out. Country lanes and rail tracks were edged with snow breaks - long since fallen into disrepair.

Nowadays no-one seems to be aware of the plight of those who live up tracks or along rural roads. Not until the news had run out of traffic jams etc. did they begin to look to rural communities still cut off. Farmers need to move around to feed stock and milk has to be collected. Many gallons were thrown away recently as tankers could not get to the farms. That is when many rural communities had tried the best themselves. It becomes more and more evident that rural areas are not high on the official agenda and agriculture is given a back seat. It's

a matter of money they tell us, when £46million is being spent in the coming year in grants for new tree plantations. The government has 'ambitious woodland creating schemes' - 10,000 hectares to 2021. There is no information on what sort of land is being used for this - agricultural, moorland or ? And just what type of trees are they going to be ? Many will be non-native and just when they are wanting to cut down the beech trees at the Birks at Aberfeldy because they are non-native. I wonder if they will cut down the beech hedge at Meikleour.

Let's face it you can't eat trees. Though mice and voles can of course! So-called "new ideas" to encourage owls and other raptors to come into forests to eat up the little nibblers are not new at all. This is common sense and great for owl and friends. Unfortunately it has been found that 85% of barn owls have some level of poison in them. The use of mouse and rat poison causes non-targeted species such as voles and even small birds to eat it and also the raptors who feed on them to be poisoned. Please also remember this if you use slug pellets in the garden. The slugs are eaten by birds, hedgehogs etc. and they do actually entice slugs to your garden. It would seem to be much kinder to surround vulnerable plants with spent coffee grounds or give the slugs a good send off with beer traps. A robin or thrush may get a bit squiffy on them but no real harm will be done.

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Crianlarich Nursery

The children in the 3-5 room at Crianlarich Nursery have put their camping skills into action.

We went up the community woodlands for the day and explored the great outdoors. A fun day was had by all and we had tired children by the end of their adventure.

Childrens' voices:

"I liked the walk, I liked when we were looking for things when you were cooking the dinner". **Evie**

"The tent set up, the lunch, the soup, doing a wee walk". **Andrew**

"I liked having a story in the camping tent. I remember eating soup it was a little yummy and a bit yucky. I saw you when we were looking for things, you were making stuff for us. We went in the forest". **Charlie**



Killin 0-3 Team

The children in the 0-3 room in Killin have shown an interest in the Gruffalo story. They developed their own version of the story with natural materials and soft toy animals from the Gruffalo story sack. (See photo below) The children went for a walk around the village, looking for the animals from the story.



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Strathfillan Community Council Minutes

Telephone & Broadband

Despite starting a costing exercise in August 2017 to bring 'superfast' broadband up the A82 to Strathfillan, Digital Scotland's latest communication at the end of last month was that they had no update to report. Bruce Crawford MSP has shared our disappointment at the lack of information coming from them. Cllr Martin Earl is going to ask Stephen Kerr MP to ask for clarification on our behalf. We continue to have problems with our landlines. At times, the whole of Crianlarich is unable to call out to anyone including 999 calls. There is a fault at the exchange. Unfortunately BT has not yet found the reason for the latest fault.

Update from DSSB (Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband)

"We remain committed to doing all we can to deliver fibre to Crianlarich within the lifetime of the DSSB programme. However, following further planning investigations, we are having to undertake extensive re-planning of the deployment of fibre to the area to ensure the best outcome for the people of Crianlarich, Tyndrum and the surrounding areas, within the parameters of this programme. As a result, it will be towards the end of the summer before we have any meaningful updates we can share. We understand how frustrating this is for the local community – unfortunately with large scale infrastructure programmes such as this, we often encounter technical

and deployment challenges which take time to overcome. Throughout all of this, we are committed to communicating with the local community."

Shopper Bus

We are pleased that this service is being used by locals. It is worth noting that in order for the bus to get to Tyndrum, there is another service, 160, to allow passengers to travel from Stirling and arrive at Tyndrum before 10am. In addition, the Shopper bus becomes the 160 service, and can take passengers from Tyndrum back to Stirling at 6pm. This is not well known and we have asked for more publicity, particularly in VisitScotland I Centres, in Fort William, Oban and Stirling.

Transport

Our roads are continuing to disintegrate. We have been in regular contact with BEAR to ensure potholes and uneven roads are reported and repaired as quickly as possible. We would ask people to continue to report issues to BEAR.

Following a request from a local resident, Bruce Crawford MSP has highlighted the need for a 40mph buffer zone outside the 30mph sign of Crianlarich. This works exceptionally well in Strathyre and we agree that it is needed for our village too. Mr. Crawford states that "The target area runs East of Crianlarich, just beyond the end of the 30mph limit, for around 400 metres. Local residents have reported a number of near misses and have raised concerns of drivers reaching the 60mph speed limit within seconds from leaving the 30mph zone, making it nearly impossible for

locals to merge safely onto the road. Concerns were raised with me by constituents that a 60mph zone in this area was not suitable. I have seen the positive impact that the speed buffer in Strathyre has had and I have made representations to Transport Scotland to ask them to commit to exploring all available options to progress this proposal. The safety of residents and tourists is absolutely paramount and I trust Transport Scotland will view this request with the seriousness that it deserves."

Planning

Scotgold's mine at Cononish, Tyndrum was approved planning permission for their expansion plan. This will generate at least 50 new jobs. (See MSP article on opposite page)

Strathfillan Community Development Trust



Bike Skills Park

We have applied for funding for the design element of the Bike Skill Park in Tyndrum Woodland, to both Leader and Awards for All, and SCDT will donate £1500 of Community Gain. We now just have to sit tight, cross our fingers and hope for the best! We are in the process of developing a Crowdfunder page to help finance the construction of the Bike Park, once the design is in place, so watch this space for more information. If you would like to find out more, or how to get involved, then please contact Kelly (see CDT details pg11).

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Crianlarich Play Park

At long last the tower is up – hooray! However, because nothing can go smoothly, due to the chaos of the factory’s industrial action some pieces are missing. Stirling Council has assured me that they are on their way, and the park should be fully open for Easter. On a slightly more positive note, due to the shambolic mess made by the company, they have offered to gift an extra play piece to the community. We have chosen a ‘spinner’, which the Council will install at their own expense. So perhaps there is a silver lining....

Saplings

It’s that time of year again when we start to arrange Saplings for the summer. We are hoping to arrange some new, exciting activities for the children, as well as offering a few old favourites. We’ll keep you posted as to progress, but we hope to have forms out after the May Bank Holiday. Any questions, please contact Kelly.

Community Gain

We have had our first applications to the Community Gain Small Grants

Fund – and both were successful. We granted £200 to the Primary School Parent Partnership, towards the Ski Trip for the P4-7s, and £200 to the Tyndrum Village Hall Committee towards legal fees. 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**

Stirling MSP Praises Full Planning Permission For Gold Mine

Cononish Gold Mine has been granted full planning permission for gold mining operations following a decision from Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. Scotgold intend to extract half-a-million tonnes of mineral ore from 170,000 tonnes of rock over the next 17

years. The developer has said that it is convinced that it will meet the highest environmental standards and will be a significant boost to the local economy in Tyndrum.

The firm has offered nearly half-a-million pounds in payments to support the local community and it is expected the operation could create as many as 52 local jobs.

Welcoming the decision, Stirling MSP Bruce Crawford said:

“This is a golden opportunity for the local area and I am delighted that the mine now has full planning permission. I was honoured to attend the official opening of the mine in 2016 and it was clear that the potential benefit to the local community was substantial. “With full permission granted, Tyndrum’s Midas touch is now able to continue for many prosperous years to come.”

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“Gregathlon” Visits Crianlarich Primary School

On Thursday 15th March, we at Crianlarich Primary School were lucky enough to be able to show our support for Greg James. The Radio 1 DJ was passing our school on his amazing “Gregathlon” challenge in support of Sport Relief. After being delayed in his initial challenge, and the continuing adverse weather conditions throughout the day, we knew he would need a boost to continue on his way. After frantically listening to Radio 1 and refreshing Twitter throughout the day to track his movements, we eventually got word that he was just 2 miles from the school. Wrapped up in our coats with our umbrellas we stood in the downpour to show our support for his amazing feat, knowing that the conditions we were facing were nothing compared to his journey. We were so grateful he was able to stop to speak with us, and none of us more so than Theo who had been waiting for this moment. Greg offered us kind words of encouragement and thanks, which I’m sure the children will never forget, and he is truly an



inspiration that anything can be possible if we set our minds to it. A number of pupils additionally continued to support Greg later in the evening as he conducted his radio show in Tyndrum before setting off to cycle to Fort William.

This is a day we as a school can look back on to remind us to, as Greg so eloquently put it, ‘never give up on our dreams’ as incredible feats really are possible.

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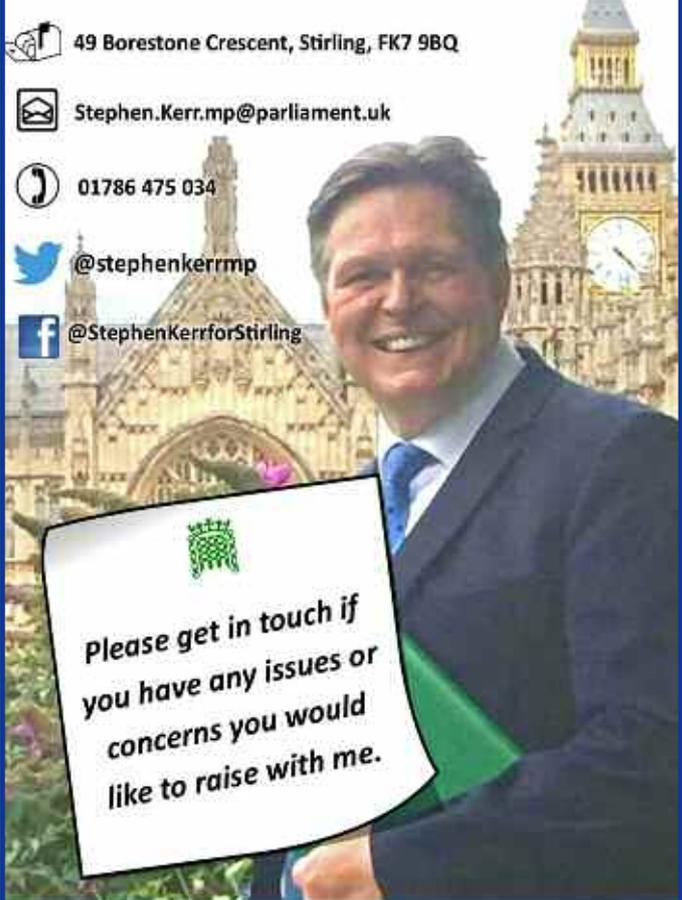
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Please get in touch if you have any issues or concerns you would like to raise with me.

STEPHEN KERR MP

Church Events

**Rev Canon Paddy Allen's
Desert Island Discs.**

Friday 27th April at 7 pm

St Serf's Episcopal Church, Comrie.

Paddy will be retiring as Rector of the Strathearn Episcopal Churches (Killin, Lochearnhead, Comrie and Crieff) at the end of May, but before she leaves please come and hear the story of her life and her choice of music. She was born in Zimbabwe, living through the civil war, nursing and teaching in Africa before being ordained and moving to Scotland. Linda White will be leading the interview. Followed by wine and nibbles. All welcome. Donations to St Serf's carpet fund. (No tickets)
Contact **Emma and Angus Barrie** (671182). Charity Ref SC016377.

Pilgrimage walk from Crieff to Killin over four days Friday 4th May to Monday 7th May.

Join Rev Canon Paddy Allan and friends for a pilgrimage walk along the line of her parish charges, ending each day's walk with a barbecue. Enjoy a gentle walk for one or more days - Monday 7th May is Lochearnhead to Killin. Contact

**Paddy Allan
01764 656222**

Please come and support two events to be held in St Fillan's Episcopal Church, Killin on Saturday 16th June, which links with the Killin Music Festival Weekend - promises to be fun and lift your spirits!
The events are as follows :

Come and Try a Ukulele Workshop

A fun and interactive workshop with Lorna Swan and Elenor Macdonald. You will be surprised by what you will be able to do at the end!!
Maximum 8 participants. Ukuleles provided.

Saturday, 16th June, 1.30 til 2.30

Minimum age 11, no upper age limit. Tickets £4. To reserve a space please contact

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Performance of Scottish folk music, singing,

with some audience participation with Elenor Macdonald (guitar, vocals and hammered dulcimer) and Lorna Swan (fiddle, and clarsach)

3.00 to 4.30 on Saturday 16th June 2018.

Tickets £8 at the door - refreshments included.

Thank you.

Emma Barrie



March came in with *The Beast from the East* and upset plans all over the place, not least causing the cancellation of many of our interest groups but once roads were clear again everyone picked up where they had left off with great enthusiasm. At the time of writing it looks like the Ancient History Group will not have any problems setting off for Rome to tour the city and its surroundings on another intensive week immersing themselves in Learning for Fun, which is what the U3A is all about.

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Castles Project

We have been making shields in art for our Castles project. First we designed our shield pattern on paper then we copied the pattern onto our shields. We had to mix paint to get the colours right.

Class 1

Chess

Every Friday, as part of Golden Time, some children have been learning how to play chess. Everyone involved is really enjoying the club and will hopefully go on to take part in tournaments with other schools. A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Chisholm for giving up their Friday afternoons to teach us.

Leah, P7

Cross Country

On Tuesday 6th February, four of our pupils took part in a Cross Country event at Bannockburn High School. Leah, Lexi, Innes and Fergus from Class 3 each took part in a 1 mile race. It was a freezing cold day with snow on the ground which made the conditions more difficult. Mrs Finlay, who took the children to the event said, "They all did fantastically well, and against big schools too! They all supported each other so much, cheering each other on (despite the cold!) and making sure each of them had a drink, snack and jacket waiting at the finish line. I was very proud of them. They were a credit to the school."

Lexi, Class 3

Castles Project



Chess



Cross Country

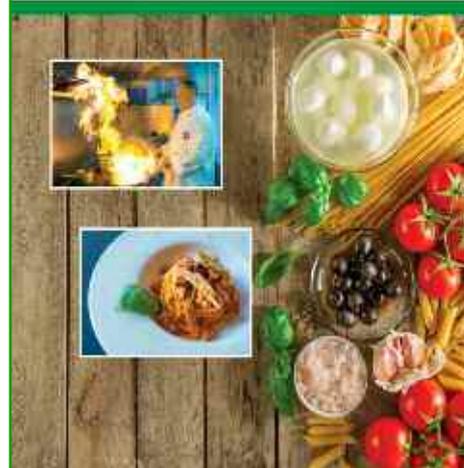



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Dino Egg

We have been reading 'Dino Egg' by Charlie James. It's about a dinosaur called Lucky who has a friend called Ned. One morning when Ned was eating his eggs for breakfast, one of them cracked open by itself and Lucky was inside the egg! Lucky is a bit naughty and gets into lots of mischief.

We really thought this book was exciting and adventurous. Our favourite part is when Lucky meets all his cousins when they go to Loch Ness. We would give this book 10 out of 10.

Alice and Finlay K, Class 2



Scots Words

In Class 3 we have been learning lots of new words in Scots. We translated some famous fairy tales into Scots and read them to Class 1.

Jock an' the Beanstalk

Lang ago, there wis a lad cad Jock. He bid wi his mither an they had an auld, broon coo.

Ai day Jock's mither asked Jock to tak the coo tae mairket tae sell. Jock met a mannie fa gave him some magic beans fur the coo.

When Jock cam hame his mither wis crabbit, she threw the beans out an

sent him tae his bed. The neist morn, a muckle beanstalk had grown outside his windae. Jock wheeched up it.

Fan Jock reached the tap he saw a fantoosh castle and went inside. Jock heard a noise an hid. A muckle giant cam in tae the room wi a gowden hen an a harp. He yelped, "Lay!" an the hen layed an egg then "Sing!" an the harp sang. The giant fell asleep. Jock took the hen an the harp yelped an the ramgunshock giant woke up. He chased Jock doon the beanstalk. Jock shouted, "Help!" Jock's mither cam oot an chappit doon the beanstalk wi an axe. The giant fell tae the groon. He wis niver seen again.

Jock an his mither bid happily iver eftir.

Iona, Class 3

Smarties Quiz

On Thursday 8th March, Naomi, Laura, Iona and Fergus represented Killin Primary School at the annual Rotary Quiz in Callander. We trained very hard and were given quizzes and general knowledge questions in class and for homework! We were very happy to come in third place. We each got a certificate and a 'Smarties' egg.



Once Upon A Time

Our new topic in Class 1 is Castles and Fairy Tales. Every week we are learning about a new Fairy Tale. We have read Jack and the Beanstalk, Beauty and the Beast and Rapunzel. One morning we went into school and there was porridge and golden hair everywhere! The three bears were there too! Goldilocks was in the bed in our house area. She is very naughty because she broke baby bear's chair, she slept in his bed and she ate all his porridge. We made Wanted posters and wrote lots of adjectives like - cheeky, naughty, sneaky and bad.

Felix and Struan, P1



Class 1 and 2

In January we were learning about the wonderful Scots language. Class 1 and 2 were able to say the parts of the body as well as singing traditional Scottish songs.

They also created beautiful thistle art work. Class 3 were able to describe themselves in Scots and had great fun translating traditional fairy tales to read to Class 1.



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Poetry Competition

All the children took part in a poetry competition. They had two weeks to learn a Scottish poem and then recited it to Mr Moffat, who then judged each class. Thank you Mr. Moffat for choosing our winners... a very difficult job indeed!

Caitlin, P5



Snow Much Fun!

During the snow days, we all had great fun making snow men in the playground.

We also created a SNOW COO which was influenced by the Steven Brown art we did in class. We were delighted to see that Steven Brown posted our Coo and commented on our masterpiece. Have a look at <https://www.gallery.stevenbrownart.co.uk/>



Outdoor Maths

Class 1 have been learning to count and order the numbers to 20 using logs.

Naomi and Laura, P7



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Killin GP Practice Involved in New Scheme

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They can then take their own blood pressure readings and text the result. All the readings will be collated on a secure web interface which can be viewed by their GP or practice nurse. Those behind the scheme say it feels just like sending a text message to a friend!

Crucially, if readings fall out-with certain parameters agreed in their care management plan, a text will be sent back to the patient advising them of what to do next. An alert can also be sent to clinical staff to support early intervention which can reduce the need for the patient to travel to their GP or

hospital.

The system is called Florence (Flo), after Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing and is a more modern and convenient way to monitor patients. Although the 'back end' of Flo (the computer programming needed to make it work) is complex, what the patient sees and interacts with could not be more simple and familiar, given the prevalence of mobile phones and texting.

Lesley Middlemiss, Programme Manager for Primary Care Transformation with Forth Valley's two local Health and Social Care Partnerships, said: "Indications from other Health Board areas are that patients really like this scheme and it is working very well. GPs and practice nurses are also enthusiastic, as taking a reading at home is much more reliable. All GP practices in Forth Valley will eventually get the opportunity to come on board."

**NHS Forth Valley's
Communications Department -
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Hospital Transport

Recently there was a very positive and promising initial meeting held about setting up Hospital Transport.

In order for this initiative to progress we require :-

- People to be members of a small running committee.
- A small team of volunteers to match requests to drivers - may be paid.

We would also like drivers in Crianlarich and Tyndrum for short runs to surgery.

This is a great opportunity to help your community. Please spread the word.

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Festival of Flowers and Quilts 2018

Following the success of our Festival in 2015 we have decided to have another this spring. It will take place from Saturday 12th to Wednesday 16th May in the Parish Church of Killin and Ardeonaig and once again we will be asking local clubs and groups to participate by putting in a flower arrangement.

If anyone has a quilt, old or new, that they would like to exhibit we would be pleased to hear from you.

We are looking for volunteers to steward and help in the kitchen serving tea, coffee and cakes. We will also be including a plant stall and we would be grateful to anyone who can offer any cuttings or plants they have divided.

Most of all, please come along and support this event, there will be stalls with items for sale and quilts for sale too.

We hope this community event will be an even bigger success and all proceeds will go to the church.

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the Big Shed A very belated Happy New Year from the Big Shed!

To those readers new to the area, the Big Shed is a community building collectively owned by the communities around Loch Tay and Glenlyon and run by a group of volunteers.

It is available for hire in whole or in part by individuals, small businesses or groups. It includes a live/work studio, a commercial kitchen and a 60 seater hall. There is a large, grassy space outside the building which can be used for recreational purposes including erecting a marquee, group camping and bonfire parties. There is easy access to the local woods, hill side and loch shore. Read more about the facilities here:

www.bigshed.org.uk/wordpress and www.facebook.com/theBigShedTombreck

On Friday mornings from 10.30 to 12 there is a yoga class with Emma Burtles from Aberfeldy. The cost is £6 a session and there's no need to book – just turn up.

From April there will also be a

Thursday evening Yin yoga class with Raquel Monteiro. Do contact her direct for more information: kelipurnayoga@gmail.com



as the start date has not been confirmed at the time of writing.

The volunteers also organise occasional events. This year we have some music and some yoga workshops:

There's a repeat visit from Sarah Smout & Sophie Ramsay in May, Cambridge Folk Festival performers

Fran Gillivray and Mike Burke in June, hopefully the Feis Fhoirt Ceilidh Trail in the summer and then Ana Silvera in November. If you'd like to organise a gig at the Big Shed, do get in touch!

We have 2 yoga workshops with Sue Atkinson on the mornings of Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July. Come to either the Saturday or the Sunday workshop – or both! Lunch is provided both days. It costs £25 for one morning and £45 for both. Then Clare Stephen returns on 9th September for a one day yoga workshop at a cost of £45 including lunch.

For more details of any of these, check the website/facebook or text/phone **07508 645453** The Big Shed is at Tombreck on the north side of Loch Tay, about two and a half miles beyond the Ben Lawers Hill Road. Access is signposted from the main road and there is parking.

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Bingo Night in Crianlarich



Crianlarich Primary School Parent Partnership held a fundraiser bingo night in Crianlarich on Friday 9th March to raise money for Class 2 (P4-P7) skiing trip to Glencoe Mountain. We had two great bingo callers Iain Wragg and P7 James Elliot. The event was attended by lots of people from the communities of Bridge of Orchy, Tyndrum and Crianlarich and a fun night was had by all.

The Parent Partnership would like to thank the local businesses who donated the full house prizes for each game; Londis Crianlarich Shop, Crianlarich Hotel, Glencoe Mountain and Mecca Bingo. We didn't target local businesses as we will be coming to see you for donations for the Summer Fayre and Duck Race on the 9th June. Also thank you to the local community who donated raffle prizes and attended as we raised a huge £679.70. Strathfillan Community Development Trust donated a generous £200 towards travel. The skiing trip is now fully funded so a massive thankyou to everyone.



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Iain and Margaret Campbell on their Wedding Day in Aberdeen 25th January 1958.

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Mum and Dad settled into married life at Keilator farm, Crianlarich and moved to Lix Toll in 1960, with their first daughter, Yvonne. Over the years, Lix Toll Filling Station became Lix Toll Garage and the house grew in size too, to accommodate 3 more daughters, Susan, Linda and Morna, followed by son, Pharic in 1970. The family moved from Lix Toll to Perth in late 1975, when Jim and Frances Cushley and their young family took on Lix Toll Garage.



Iain and Margaret Campbell with son, Pharic, and daughters (from left) Morna, Linda, Susan and Yvonne

The family has had several moves since Perth and the 5 children all married and moved on to live and work around the UK and beyond over the years. Our parents now have 7 grand-children and 2 great grand children and we've had many happy, family celebrations over the years.

Mum and Dad celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 25th January 2018, and the family,

friends and neighbours came together from far and wide, to celebrate on Saturday 27th January 2018; a double celebration as it was also Mum's birthday on the 27th January.

If anyone would like to get in touch with us, please pass your contact details to the Killin News.

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Iain and Margaret Campbell on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, 25th January 2018 with 60th Wedding Anniversary Card from Queen Elizabeth 2

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Outward Bound at Loch Eil

On Monday 22 January, 28 S3 pupils went to the Outward Bound Trust at Loch Eil. While we were there we got split up into three different 'clans' - the



McDonald Clan, the Cameron Clan and the McLean Clan. We had to eat together in our clans and all the activities we did, we did in our clans. Over the course of the week we did a variety of different team

challenges and activities. These activities included a zip wire, a wooden wall that we had to get over only using each other, canoeing, climbing and abseiling. We also did a 'jog and dip', which involved us going right the way into the freezing cold loch even though we could see snow on the shore! There was also an activity called tyrolean where we had to build our own zip line over a gorge with a river running at the bottom. However, because of all

the snow that melted off the mountains, the river we had planned to build it over was too high (about 3 metres too high or maybe more), so we had to re-think our plan. We ended up doing it over a smaller river on-site but we



still got loads of laughs out of it, whenever someone fell over trying to get up at the end and we got to see the beautiful scenery. Glen Nevis (the place where we were meant to go) was where some of Braveheart was filmed. Halfway through the week we went on an expedition where we worked as a team to plan which paths we would take and we took turns reading the map as we were walking. Our group got a bit lost at one point, but eventually we got to a bothy where we ate and played a couple of card games. We slept in tents through all the wind, rain, snow and even thunder and lightning! Even though we were soaked through by the end of it, we enjoyed it. We got through whatever challenge was thrown our way by sticking together and encouraging each other through it all. It was certainly a great experience that we will all remember for the rest of our lives.

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Junior Rangers 2018

Junior Rangers on 8 February was another great experience. We had lots of fun meeting the Park Rangers and getting to know a bit more about our National Park. We started off by meeting the Balfron Junior Rangers and getting into groups to cut rhododendrons as mixed teams. We all worked really well together as a team. After we had cleared this invasive weed, we moved onto lunch which we enjoyed on the beach. We learned how to make a fire using a flint and steel, cotton balls and Vaseline and had hot drinks made in a Kellie kettle. We ended up attempting to build a roaring fire to finish the day.

Park Rangers aim to get people out experiencing nature and to protect the wildlife, and this is exactly what we were learning.

At the end of the day you could see the progress we had made in clearing the rhododendrons. The Ranger Service gives young people the opportunity to volunteer in their National Park and experience the different jobs carried out by the Park Rangers. Being a Junior Park Ranger could also lead to jobs in the future.

We would like to thank the National Park and their rangers for this brilliant opportunity.



Clearing the rhododendrons turned out to be more fun than expected!

Ellie Ridgewell (left) and Katie Bell (right) both facing their biggest fear and challenging themselves to the max!



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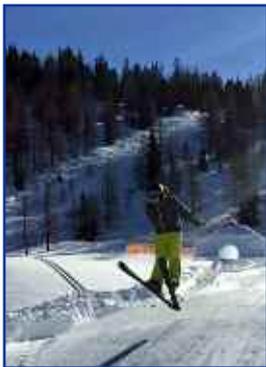
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Junior Ski Trip – Austria 2018

We set off on our journey at 9am on Sunday 21 January. The snow was lying thick but we expected it to be lying thicker in Austria. Unfortunately it was dark outside when we arrived in Austria and we could not see the scenery, but the next day was spectacular... Monday was our first day of skiing. We learned to turn and jump and our ski instructors were so nice and kind and were very supportive. They always encouraged us to do our best.

The second day of skiing was amazing! We were all much more confident with our skiing now that we were used to the slopes. All of the groups progressed in the height and business



of the tracks, one of the groups even graduated to the black ski runs. For the first time since arriving we woke on Wednesday to blue skies. As it was the third day, our confidence had grown lots. However despite this, we still had a few tumbles. Group 2 crossed the mountains to try out some extra hard slopes which were the same difficulty as some of the black slopes. At the end of the day everyone was exhausted but had achieved the goals they had set that morning. On Thursday group 1 ventured over to Wagrain to try their luck at the slalom with their instructor, Karl. After the highly heated race they skied down through the trees with only the occasional fall or two! After that they tried the famous Austrian doughnuts which they thoroughly enjoyed. For Friday group 1 decided to try and finish off the last few runs so that they could say they had finished them all. On Saturday we started with the

fun slope and then we almost couldn't get back to base because one of the chair lifts wasn't working, but by luck it started again and the rest of the day was great. At lunch all of our instructors told us that we were really good. Everyone agreed we had had a great week and thanks to the school staff who accompanied us for making it such a brilliant trip.

The Junior Ski Team

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KILLIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 2018

Cambusurich Woodland

Fencing has begun

Matter Arising

Alan Milliken at Stirling Council has given no further contact. There are still problems when using the council call centre.

Martin Earl has asked about using the mobile CCTV unit at the bottle bank and bins because of the rubbish being left there, but the council appears to be reluctant to do so. There is a chance that the bottle bank will be taken away.

The gritting policy is to be reviewed with police input. There is a shortage of grit bins. Numbers will not be increased – if one is to be put in an area then one will be lost from another area. There needs to be more joined up thinking between services instead of each working in isolation. Recently police had to grit Fingal Road so that carers could get in.

Water Problems - Scottish Water has reported that they have reduced the pressure but it is still within the regulation limits.

Dochart Bridge - The Aberfeldy sign is still obstructed. The repairs to the damage on the bridge can only be done between April and September due to the need to use lime mortar.

BioMass – There was no representative at the meeting but it is not yet in production.

Fibre Broadband - BT have submitted plans for putting a box outside the school.

Patient Participation Group

Mhairi Kyle has been appointed as new practice manager. There will be a meeting on Jan 30th with council projects manager and a representative from a group in another area who have successfully re-established volunteer paid drivers

of hospital transport.

C60 bus service - is still continuing and there should be further updates. War Memorial – Quotes are being sought – ongoing.

Police Scotland Report

Road Safety – There have been accidents on A84/85, a contributing factor was adverse weather conditions. Hints were given about safer Winter driving and looking out for deer. There has been a report of dangerous driving on A84 which has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal. A car wheel was damaged on A827 as a drain hole cover had been removed. An operation to deter drunk driving was undertaken and no-one was found to be over the limit, this will continue to be monitored.

Other incidents of note - There was an incident of two males fighting outside The Courie Inn but this brought no complaints to the police. There have been complaints about bogus workmen at Strathyre. There was also a suspicious incident in Killin where someone was asking to check gas meters. The man was not traced and the public are reminded to always ask for I.D. An intoxicated female was ejected from the Citylink bus in Crianlarich. A vulnerable female on the same bus was returned to her home in Edinburgh.

Mountain Rescue – Killin Mountain Rescue were called to a man suffering from hypothermia on Ben More. On Ben Challum a woman with a suspected broken ankle was able to walk off the hill. Concern over a walker at Strathfillan house leaving a vehicle overnight caused extensive enquiries but he returned next day. Advice to leave message in car or with police if intending to stay out overnight.

Planning

Application has been made for extension to Ardeonaig Lodge bungalow.

K.A.T.

The first phase of the grant for buying 'News First' has gone through. Phase 2 will be in 6 months.

Green flag status for the park is still being sought.

The lights under the Dochart bridge are not working. It is thought that the power comes from the old mill so Charlie Grant and Ron Allner will investigate. Dr. McKenzie has offered to contribute to electricity costs for this and National Park is also going to be asked for a contribution as this is a tourist attraction.

Correspondence

There is to be a licensing review for public houses etc.

There was a consultation regarding flight paths from Glasgow airport.

There has been an on-line community council consultation.

A letter has been received from Stirling Council regarding a small charities review and reorganisation.

Any Other Business

A request has been made for a review of allocation of council housing, as people from outwith the area would appear to be given preference over locals.

Councillor Earl was asked if he could request that french drains and ditches be cleaned on the Ardeonaig road.

Christmas Tree and New Year

Thanks were given to the firefighters for supplying, erecting, lighting and taking down the Christmas tree.

Thanks to Alma Walker and all who helped with the lantern parade.

Thanks to Charlie Grant and all who helped in the firework display.

The Skipinnish concert was a great success and thanks to all concerned in its organisation.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Killin Primary School on 13th March 2018 at 7.30pm.

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The picture shows local man Clem McEwan's great grandfather Donald Mackerracher (with beard) of Eilean Cor (circa 1888). He was employed by the Marquess of Breadalbane who owned most of the Fishing on Loch Tay at the

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Scottish finalists at Epic Awards

With only a matter of weeks to go, the Killin Music Festival team has been busy working on a number of things over the past few months. Tickets are nearly sold out with only a handful of Friday tickets currently available. We are working on safely increasing capacity for the festival for both Friday and Saturday evenings to cope with demand, which is causing a delay in releasing our full lineup.

We are delighted to have Franny Morrison supporting us again; she dedicates a substantial amount of her time to run singing lessons with some of the children at the Primary School. These will begin in April, and the group will be performing once again on the Sunday of the Festival in the McLaren Hall with tea, coffee and cake for sale, in aid of the local Cancer Research Committee.

Showcase Scotland

In late January, Gregor MacKenzie and Douglas McRobbie represented the team at Showcase Scotland. This four-day event in conjunction with Celtic Connections was an opportunity to meet lots of festival organisers, promoters and agents from around the world and has already sparked exciting conversations about headliners for 2019!

Awards

There has been some more success for the Festival following our nomination at the Trad Awards last

year. We are now a Scottish Finalist for the Epic Awards, by Voluntary Arts Scotland. Gregor MacKenzie and Clare Melia represented the team at a celebration event on Saturday 24th February.

Here's what we said: Killin Music Festival's foundations are built upon the shoulders of all the hard working volunteers of the Team KMF army. Over 60,000 voluntary arts groups operate across the UK and Republic of Ireland, and to be selected as one of the 10 in the running for the Scottish awards heat is an incredible privilege, and recognises on a national level the dedication and effort from all the volunteers that make up every part of our wee festival.

A panel of judges will decide the winner for Scotland, and there is a separate "People's Choice" award where voting is open to the public. Please help us win by going along to <https://www.voluntaryarts.org/epic-awards-peoples-choice-voting> to cast your vote! Voting closes 11 April 2018

Merchandise

The team has also been working hard on developing the merchandising range; exciting new additions for 2018 include bags, sunglasses and water bottles! Our festival shop will be open again this year throughout the weekend in the Sports Pavillion.

Spring Fundraiser

Not long now until our annual KMF

Spring Fundraiser, showcasing the best of local talent. This is taking place on Saturday 7th of April in the McLaren Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm and tickets are now available from News First with remaining tickets being sold on the door on the night. There will be a bar, raffle and an opportunity to get your hands on some KMF merchandise!

Ways YOU can help!

Are you over 16? Would you like to volunteer to help at KMF 2018? There are a range of ways everyone can get involved so please get in touch through the website and we would be delighted to have you on board. Do you have any spare storage space? The team is looking for a new, dry and secure space to store various bits and pieces including white goods and other materials. Please contact Gregor MacKenzie if you think you can help. Do you know any super crafters? We are looking for the likes of jewellers, artists and candle creators to come along to our Craft Fair taking place on Saturday 16th June 2018 in the church. We already have some local groups signed up which is fantastic. Please contact Catherine Allan with any recommendations.

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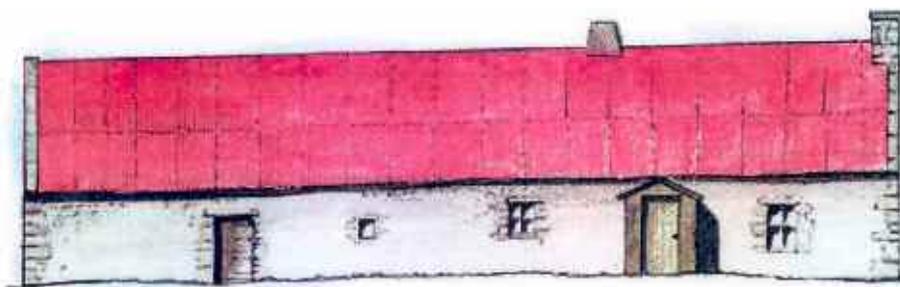
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Killin Youth Group

After several successful years Killin Youth Group came to a natural end two years ago when numbers attending dropped and the youth leader, Pete Waugh, moved on to other things. The remaining committee members have agreed to formally dissolve KYG and distribute its funds and equipment as per its constitution.

To this end KYG is passing funds and/or equipment to the following groups run for the benefit of young people in Killin: Junior Badminton, Junior Drama Club, Junior Golf and Adventure Scouts. In addition, some funds will go to Killin Primary School Parent Partnership for P6/7 skiing and to Abernethy Trust to support local activity days.



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Letters

Thank you

I am now home after a lengthy sojourn in various hospitals following my initial fall at the Co-op and then a further fall in Oban when I broke my ankle. A special thanks to Morag MacKenzie and all the staff at Killin Co-op who helped on that first day and of course Douglas Willison who flagged down the car full of nurses.

I would like to thank family and friends for all their help, enquiries, cards, gifts and flowers. I was so grateful to all those who visited me - all great for cheering me up.

I am still enjoying all the visitors, flowers and gifts since I have been home.

Kind regards,

Jan Willison

Thank You

I wish to thank family and friends for all their kind thoughts and prayers towards me when I was feeling very poorly, but now hopefully I'm on the mend. I've still more chemotherapy to get and after that hope everything will be alright.

I would also like to thank all my friends who visited me in hospital and at home, and also all those who were phoning my mum to see how I was keeping. Many, many thanks once again to everybody.

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Musings From the Manse

Friends have often asked me what it is like living in Killin. My answer varies but always begins with the comment "I'm living in Psalm 121 country!" Just in case you are not familiar with this Psalm, it opens with the majestic and evocative proclamation - *I lift my eyes to the hills. Where does my help come from. It comes from the Lord the maker of heaven and earth.* I have no doubt that visitors to Killin have their first stop at the Falls of Dochart, which can be very impressive especially when in spate! However, as they subsequently drive down Main Street the back-drop of the mountains usually takes their breath away. You can see this happen almost every day as cars stop and people disembark to point in the distance and take photos. On the pavement outside the Manse I have lost count of the numbers of walkers who again stop, look, photograph and then take time to drink in the marvellous vista before them. I can imagine that many of them have come from towns and cities with grey skylines and lots of noise, hustle and bustle, traffic fumes and stress. A visit here must seem like being in paradise which, of course, is why so many folks fall in love with this place and return again and again to this wonderful location. But what of us who live here? Is it possible we can become a little complacent and matter of fact about the wonder all around us, even a little numb to it all? In January 2007 in the Metro Station in Washington DC, a busker found a space beside the stream of early morning commuters. He took

out his violin, set down his open case with a small container in it for donations and proceeded to play. He played for 45 mins and during that time covered six pieces by the composer Johann Sebastian Bach. Whilst he played no-one stopped or paused to listen although some deposited money in the case as they walked by. At the end he had received 32 Dollars for his effort but there was no applause. What these commuters didn't realise was that the musician was none other than Joshua Bell one of the world's most famous classical violinists. The instrument he played was valued at 3.5 million Dollars and the night before he had performed to a packed theatre in Boston where the tickets were 100 Dollars each! They missed something very special indeed. But who can blame them. They were all focussed on something else as they passed by. If only they had paused for a moment they might have realised they were witnessing something special...this was no ordinary busker! But instead they "heard" but didn't really "hear." Likewise it is possible to "see" but not really "see." For me the scenery here in Killin is food for the spirit, but every now and then just to clock that in the midst of a busy day or, to tune into it for a brief moment, is a wonderful pick-me-up. Living in the country doesn't mean that we can't be worried, stressed and bruised by the struggles of life. However, we are in the midst of a wonderful environment that can provide a stimulus for renewal if we make use of it. When we think of the drab, soul-less environments that millions

of people throughout the world face every new morning (think of rush-hour commuters) we realise that what we have here on our doorstep is a gift beyond price. In towns and cities people often have to get away from their area and into the country to recharge their batteries. We don't! We are already here! They say that familiarity breeds contempt. I would hope that this is something we never get used to in any casual or complacent way. Appreciation is a choice and counting our blessings is a deliberate attitude. Life is enhanced, enriched and sustained by disciplined habits. Make a habit of looking up and around from time to time and stealing a special moment in the midst of our work, duties and responsibilities. I call these "Condor" moments. My Grandfather used to smoke a pipe and one of the tobaccos he used was Condor, made popular with the series of adverts featuring various characters involved in different scenarios which always ended with one of them enjoying a peaceful puff on the pipe...and all was well with the world! I must admit that my Grandfather always looked so contented, lost in his own wee world when he smoked his pipe. I was jealous. I even tried pipe-smoking myself a number of years ago but failed miserably. But that's another story! Now all I need are the mountains, a few moments of time, and the words of Psalm 121. Give it a try sometime.

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09/05/18	McLaren Hall car park	Golf Club Walk (car share)
16/05/18	McLaren Hall Car Park	Tyndrum River Walk (car share) *
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2nd Killin & District Scout Group Stirling & Trossachs.

The group has recently had to say goodbye to two key members of our leadership team: Chaz, our Group Scout Leader (previously a Cub Leader) and Luke, an assistant Beaver Leader (previously a Young Leader). Both have been with the group since we started and all leaders and young people are very grateful for the time and effort they have given. We shall be sad to see them go but, as with all adults or young people who leave the group, we are always more than happy to welcome back past members should they wish to return in the future.

Beavers

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

We've welcomed 4 new Beavers into our pack this term. It's been great to have them join us as well as our new young leader Ellie. The Beavers had fantastic fun learning about Chinese New Year, making dragon masks and getting to taste some Chinese food. We have also been working on our safety badge, learning about road and water safety. Here are the Beavers in a quiet moment between games,



concentrating on an activity sheet, spotting danger surrounding water. They all proved to be very good at

this! We'll be doing some baking at Easter time and hopefully getting outside more as the light evenings come back in! If your child is interested in joining Beavers please get in touch.

Laura Bathgate

Beaver Leader
killinbeavers@yahoo.com

Cubs

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

Since the last issue the Killin Cubs have been learning their knots with great success! Some basic structures were made but, with the Cubs amazing skills, we are looking forward to making even bigger and better items using just rope and broomsticks. At time of writing we are preparing for our Joint Camp with the Scouts in April and certainly looking forward to the lighter nights and warmer evenings.

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 braved the wintry weather to attend a weekend winter camp run by the Stirling and Trossachs District at their campsite along Loch Venachar. The Scouts had a great time getting to meet and try some team building activities and archery with lots of other Scouts from around the local area. On our regular meeting

nights, we have opted to remain indoors in the warmth and have enjoyed a variety of activities, including: circus skills; Burn's night celebrations; dragon making for Chinese New Year; pioneering, stop motion jelly babies; and even had time to learn about some endangered animals (a great evening run by one of our own Scouts).

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 have had a planning evening and came up with lots of great ideas for evening activities that they will independently plan and run over the coming months. Unfortunately, Explorers are still only able to meet once a month due to not having their own separate leaders. We are really hoping that there is an adult (or 2) out there who has 2-3 hours to spare a week (or fortnight) to help this great bunch of young people get the most out of their Scouting adventure. The Explorers do plan and run their own evenings so only require an adult to support and encourage their ideas. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in helping please do get in touch to find out more.

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A Scots Poem The Puddock by J. M. Caie



A puddock sat by the lochen's brim
An' he thocht there was never a puddock like him.
He sat on his hurdies, he waggled his legs
An' cockit his heid as he glowered throu' the seggs.
The bigsy wee cratur' was feelin' that prood,
He gapit his mou' an' he croakit oot lood.

"Gin ye'd a' like tae see a richt puddock" quo' he,
"Ye'll never, I'll swear, get a better nor me.
I've fem'lies an' wives an' a weel plenished hame,
Wi' drink for my thrapple an' meat for my wame.
The lasses aye thocht me a fine strappin' chiel,
An' I ken I'm a rale bonny singer as weel.
I'm nae gaun tae blaw, but the truth I maun tell -
I believe I'm the verra MacPuddock himsel' "

A heron was hungry an' needin' tae sup
Sae he nabbit the puddock and gollup't him up,
Syne `runkled his feathers. "A peer thing" quo he,
"But puddocks is nae as fat as they eased tae be"

Meanings of some words:

puddock - frog	wame - stomach
hurdies - buttocks	chiel - child
seggs - yellow iris	blaw - boast
gapit - gaped open	nabbit - grabbed
gin - if	syne - afterwards
thrapple - throat	peer - poor

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05 Jan 2018

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

12 Jan 2018

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

22 Jan 2018

Proposal: Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse
 Location: Tigh Na Leacainn 25 Manse Road Killin
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs D Noble
 Application Type: Householder Planning Permission
 Decision: Approve

24 Jan 2018

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

12 Feb 2018

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: Approve

Perth & Kinross Council

13 Feb 2018

Proposal: Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse
 Location: Rose Cottage Fearnan
 Applicant: Mr D Clutterbuck
 Application Type: planning permission local
 Decision: Approve the application

26 Feb 2018

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

05 Mar 2018

Proposal: Change of use, alterations and extension to steading to form a dwellinghouse
 Location: Wester Croftintygan Farm Lawers
 Applicant: Mr G Robertson
 Application Type: planning permission local
 Decision: Awaiting decision

Stirling Council

17 Jan 2018

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: Approve with Conditions

30 Jan 2018

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: Approve with Conditions

13 Feb 2018

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: Approve with Conditions

16 Feb 2018

Proposal: Construction of a small external seating area with a small fire pit
 Location: Firbush Point Field Centre Killin
 Applicant: The University Of Edinburgh
 Application Type: Full
 Decision: Unknown

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What's On In Killin And District

Regular Activities

Mondays

- Gentle Yoga, 10.30-12.00, Old Mill
- Beginners Quilting, 2-4pm, Old Mill, restarting autumn
- Juniors P7 Badminton, 6-7pm, McLaren Hall
- Adult Badminton, 7-10pm, McLaren Hall
- Junior Badminton, 6pm, Crianlarich Hall
- Indoor Bowls, 7.30pm, Lesser Hall

Tuesday

- Softplay Club, 12.30-2.30pm, Sports Pavillion
- Killin Craft Group, 10am-12pm, Community Rooms, restarts 4th October
- Internet Cafe, drop in between 11am-1pm, Killin Library
- Junior Badminton, 6-7pm, McLaren Hall
- Adult Badminton, 7-10pm, McLaren Hall
- Beavers, 6-7pm, Lesser Hall
- Cubs, 7.15-8.30pm, Lesser Hall
- Choir, 7.30pm, Church, contact Franny 829048
- Netball, 7.15pm, Killin Sports & Leisure Club
- Tuesday Club, 2-4pm, Community Rooms
- U3A Art, 2pm, Killin Hotel

Wednesday

- Strength & Balance, 1.30-2.30, Killin Hotel
- Quilters, 2pm, Community Rooms
- Highland Hustle, 6.30-7.15pm, McLaren Hall
- Metafit, 7.30pm, McLaren Hall
- Scouts, 7-9pm, Lesser Hall
- Explorers, 7-9pm (last Wed of month), Lesser Hall
- Painting & Crafting, 2-5pm (1st week of month), St Fillans Church
- U3A French, 2.30-4pm, Killin Hotel

Thursday

- Tiddlers & Toddlers, fortnightly 10am-12pm, Sports Pavillion
- Women's Guild, 2pm (3rd week of month) , Falls of Dochart Retirement Home
- Running Club, 6pm, Acharn Forest carpark

Friday

- U3A Bridge, 2pm, Killin Hotel
- Yoga, 10.30-12.00, The Big Shed

Sunday

- Killin Gun Club, 3rd Sun of month March-December. Contact Stuart Ogston 07999 510014 Henry Paterson 01567 820354 KGC-ClayPigeon@outlook.com

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March

- 31 Community Auction, viewing 4.30pm, Auction 6pm, McLaren Hall

April

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21st April **28th April**

5th May **12th May**

19th May **26th May**

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June 1

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Tyndrum

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Clifton 1.55-2.20
Mansefield 2.25-2.50

Glen Lochay/Ardeonaig Fortnightly Mondays

April 16, 30, May 14, 28
Glen Lochay 11.15-12.30
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