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**Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
to all our readers**

Killin News

Editorial

There is a lot of good news in this issue. For example three awards have been given to local businesses (pages 30,33 and 13), and there have been several fundraising success stories (pages 3,4,18,28,30,32 and 38). On a more serious note, many locals came together on November 11th in the church and at the war memorial to commemorate those who fell during World War 1, whilst on the previous evening, the "Weekend To Remember" concert was a moving and memorable experience for all who attended. All of that is now behind us as we approach the festive season. We may be gritting our teeth in the face of daily news updates on Brexit but within our everyday local lives, there is often a chat with friends to cheer us and wonderful scenery to enjoy. In addition, the next panto is not far off and Mother Goose is bound to be able to put us all right on the subject of Brexit and can possibly even outsmart Donald Trump.

Before that though, a new experience awaits us – Fireworks in the Park at Hogmanay – thanks to the hard work and perseverance of those determined not to lose such a popular and spectacular occasion. Finally don't forget, in the build up to Christmas, to keep an eye out for dozens (metric measure) of Santas dashing through the village. On that note, the team at Killin News wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a Guid New Year.

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**Gray Street from Kinnell Path
Photo Ron Allner**

Fundraising Walk and Sponsored Cycle



Fundraising Walk

Some residents from the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home joined the Walk in the Park group, and primary school children in a few circuits of Breadalbane Park. With the money raised, two cheques for £348 each were presented to the Killin Hogmanay Fireworks Appeal, and the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance.



Sponsored Cycle

We would like to thank every single person who helped make our sponsored cycle event so successful. We are both so grateful for everyone's support and enthusiasm. The event stemmed from a conversation with a few guys in the bar one night into a day which raised just short of an incredible £3000 for the village fireworks.

A group of 30 enthusiastic cyclists left Killin just after 11am on Saturday 15th September and enjoyed a beautiful and at times challenging 22 mile cycle to

Callander along the national cycle route 7. The weather held up for us with just one small shower. Upon arrival in the Meadows car park in Callander, lunch and refreshments were provided by our team from the Courie Inn.

We would like to thank all of the participants, sponsors and everyone who helped out on the day, be it marshalling the road crossings, serving lunch, taking photos or taxiing bikes and riders back to Killin. We would like to congratulate Anneke Mayo who won a meal for 2 at the

Courie Inn for raising the most sponsor money, well done! After the success of this year we are hoping to make this an annual event. Everyone at the Courie Inn wishes Mike, Jinny and their team the best of luck for this year's fireworks display. We hope to see you all in the bar or bistro over Christmas and New Year for a wee winter warmer or even if it's just to pop in and pick up a takeaway. See you all soon!

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A Weekend to Remember

Killin Community Choir, November 10th/11th 2018.

At a packed McLaren Hall on Saturday 10th Nov, the Killin Community Choir with soloists, pupils from the Killin Primary School, Ron Allner, Colin Hay and John Sinclair brought together a moving tribute of music and readings. The Hall was beautifully decorated, with displays created by the choir and members of

the community, as well as poignant artwork from the pupils. The striking poppy display stood centre stage in both the hall and the church. Thank you Sally Connor and all the knitters for this stunning creation. On Sunday 11th the choir, with guest singers and instrumentalists, performed Faure's Requiem in the Killin Parish Church. This was a touching and fitting homage for

Remembrance Sunday.

Huge thanks to all who helped make this weekend such a success - for all the helpers, the use of staging and sound equipment, raffle prizes and especially for the continued support from all who attended these events. Because of your generosity, we have donated £500 to the charity Bravehound.

Franny Morrison
Killin Community Choir



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There was a great turnout for Remembrance Sunday. The church service was very moving, as was the war memorial one. Following the services, many went on to the the Capercaillie to toast absent friends. It was a fitting tribute to the fallen and those who had served.



The importance of the occasion was emphasised by the flying of the Union Jack - many thanks to Teddy Inglis for all his efforts in supplying, restoring and erecting the flagpole

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Killin and Ardeonaig Trust

Breadalbane Park

On Wednesday 10th October we held a very successful Green Flag Raising Ceremony with representatives from Stirling Council, Rural Stirling Housing Association, Killin Primary School, Killin Nursery and local people. We were lucky with the weather as this was the only day that week which was dry and sunny.

The ceremony started in the Park where Paul Godzik spoke a few words on behalf of the Friends of Breadalbane Park, followed by Councillor Jim Thompson who spoke on behalf of Stirling Council and raised the flag. Also present were local Councillors Martin Earl and Jeremy McDonald. Killin park was one of only two in Scotland this year to receive a prestigious Community Green Flag Award. The accolade recognises the efforts of local volunteers and community groups in maintaining Breadalbane Park to a standard that allows it to be enjoyed by all. It was one of five parks in Stirling this year to be honoured with Green Flag Status by Environmental Charity, Keep Scotland Beautiful. Paul Godzik of Killin and Ardeonaig Community Trust (KAT) said: "The community are delighted that the park has achieved Green Flag status, and it's a real recognition of the hard work that has gone into improving

the park over a number of years. "Breadalbane Park plays a key role within the local community, hosting events like the Agricultural Show and the Highland Games. The focus now is on retaining the flag next year and especially fundraising for

year to achieve this accolade.

News First

We have been delayed in setting up our Crowdfunding Page. The process of setting up a page has taken longer than expected and we want to ensure we get it right. If we do get this right then a lot of money could be raised outside Killin, but if we don't we would struggle to reach our target. Our page will be up and running by December 2019 and can be found at <https://crowdfunder.co.uk/more-than-a-post-office>

Internet Café

The Internet Café has been running successfully by Stirling Council on Tuesday 11am to 1pm in Killin Library and is free. They have a volunteer who takes the session and can answer most questions relating to IT and digital technology. If you need some help go along and see if Paul can help you.

Theresa Elliot
Project Manager



improvements to the children's play area." Councillor Jim Thomson, Convener of the Environment and Housing Committee, said: "This is a wonderful achievement for the community who deserve enormous credit for their dedicated efforts in becoming only the second park in the country this

New Park Bench



A new park bench was made and installed by Ron Allner into Breadalbane Park. The funding for the bench was gratefully received from Stirling Rural Housing

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Acharn Biomass Update

Work is progressing on the Acharn Biomass near Killin, with the majority of construction now complete. The first wood gasifier plant in Scotland will run 24/7 and supply the national grid with up to 5.6 megawatts of electricity.

Killin News volunteers visited the plant on 9th November and were given a tour of the premises by site manager Chaz Kemp. Starting in the main office, the group was shown around the whole site, including the wood storage, chipping operation, engine room and all the engineering works which will ensure that the plant is efficient and secure.



The plant is expected to be operational by the middle of next year, with commissioning activities still to be carried out. Most of the main components, such as the Gasifiers and Gas filter Systems have been installed.

Using a combined heat and power unit (CHP) - a process that utilises heat from electricity generation - the plant will generate enough electricity to be able to power over 9,000 homes. The ambitious project will also help reduce nearly 22,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions per year, the carbon footprint of 4,864 UK homes.

Consistent with the terms of the planning consent, the fuel supply will be woodchip sourced from local forestry. An average of 1400 tonnes of timber will be chipped per week. The wood chip is dried before going through a chemical heating process

called gasification. With a controlled amount of oxygen, the chips are burned to create a fuel called syngas. The syngas is burnt in eight

gas reciprocating engines which produce electricity and heat; operating in a similar manner to a conventional vehicle engine. To complete the eco-friendly cycle, ash residues from the gasification process could potentially be reused as fertiliser.

Biomass is one of many renewable energy sources that countries around the globe have been pursuing over fossil fuels. In 2013, Finland set the record with the world's largest gasifier plant, Vaskiluoto, which produces 140 MW of electricity and aims to supply 50% of the country's energy by 2030. Meanwhile, Sweden has pledged to go 100% renewable by 2040.

Scotland could also be set to meet this target as the fourth greenest country in Europe - partly due to

bio-power. According to site manager Chaz Kemp, "the main benefit of bio-power produced from gasification is that generation is not dependent on external factors as is the case, for example, with wind, solar and hydro power. The power generated is therefore a reliable source of clean base load generation."

As well as its environmental targets, the Acharn Biomass has brought many economic benefits to the area since work began in November 2016. This will continue after the plant is fully operational, says Mr Kemp: "There will be a total full-time workforce

of approximately fifteen. We hope to have as many local employees as possible."

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Car Scheme Launch

Killin and District Volunteer Car Scheme

The Killin and District Volunteer Car Scheme had its official opening at the end of October. The trustees, drivers and members were joined by a good number of local people, as well as staff from Stirling Council, Councillors Martin Earl and Jeremy McDonald, MSP Bruce Crawford, MP Stephen Kerr and representatives from Town Break (a dementia support service working across the Stirling area) and the Community Transport Association.



The launch was well attended

Don Fraser chaired the event and spoke about how the scheme developed, it's success so far and what may be possible in the future. Other speakers included Anne Ferguson from Stirling Council who had worked with the Patient Participation Group looking at ways in which transport issues could be improved. Councillor Martin Earl also supported the group and spoke about this, as well as the need to seek out further funding, to try to keep costs to passengers to a minimum. Christine Watt spoke about the work of Town Break and praised the car scheme for being able to support a

member of the community by taking her to the day club in Callander on a regular basis. Dickie Lewis, one of the drivers, spoke about how much pleasure he gets from driving passengers, how interesting it is to hear people talking about their life experiences and how, as a

group of drivers we have all come together, even though we did not know one another, to develop this essential service. It was reassuring to hear how impressed the speakers are about what the scheme has achieved so far and that the work that has gone in to making it happen is appreciated. Stephen Kerr handed Don Fraser a

cheque for £50 which was gratefully received, as well as other donations on the day. Many of the local people joined the scheme as members of the organisation, others registered to receive the service and 7 people came forward offering to be either drivers or escorts. Since the launch, a number of people have come forward asking who can use the service. Our leaflet states that the car scheme offers a safe, reliable and

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Alicja Fraser



Don Fraser with various dignitaries



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Bike Skills Park

Things are moving on behind the scenes with the Bike Skills Park. We are beginning to work with local school children, and hope to draw some preliminary plans together over the coming weeks. Once these are completed we aim to have a community consultation on the suggested design, so you can input. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for details. If you would like to find out more or would like to get involved, then please contact Kelly at the details below.

Saplings

We are in the process of getting feedback on this year's Saplings from the Primary School children, which will help us provide even better

Saplings sessions in 2019. We are looking into expanding the age range from 5 years to 12 years, which will allow more children to take part in the activities. We are also exploring hosting a one-off Spring Saplings during the Easter holidays. We will keep you informed!

Tyndrum to Crianlarich cycle path

We are very sad to announce that Mr Vigners, the landowner of Ewich Woods, passed away a short time ago; our thoughts are with his family at this time. We are, however, still working in the background to secure the woodland for the cycle path – though this may be delayed somewhat (understandably). We are also working with local landowners, Transport Scotland and Network Rail to explore safe routes for the cycle path into Crianlarich.

Lower Station Yard

Working with Stirling Council, we have submitted an Expression of Interest to the Rural Infrastructure Fund to help finance proposed developments in Lower Station Yard. The project is still in its infancy, and we are currently drawing up draft project proposals and plans. We will, of course, bring these proposals to the community for consultation once they are more solid. With the pressures that extra visitors have put on the facilities and infrastructure of Crianlarich, we hope our suggestions will be beneficial to the village. We are, in the meantime, very keen for input from the local community, so if you have any suggestions, ideas or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Kelly, or drop into the office.

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. Please note our new email kelly@strathfillancdt.org.uk 01838 300249

Strathfillan

Crianlarich Water Supply

Scottish Water are to investigate improvements on Crianlarich pipe system.

Following four burst pipes in four months, Stirling MSP Bruce Crawford wrote to Scottish Water to ask what action would be taken to bring about a permanent solution.

Scottish Water have since responded, notifying Mr Crawford that investigation works are to be carried out with a view to improving the system. They said:

"We appreciate the inconvenience of these bursts and are committed to undertaking improvements to the water network to reduce the chance of interruption to our customers' supplies. I can confirm these improvements are a priority and a solution is currently being developed through our engineering design process.

"I can advise that we have engaged with a contractor and will be writing to the community in the coming weeks to advise of site investigation works which will be undertaken to enable detailed design of the project. Site investigation works will involve trial holes being dug to establish ground conditions and to locate underground utility services. Once these investigations are complete, detailed design can be carried out and we will be able to advise on a start date for the works. Please be assured this work is a priority and we are exploring any opportunities to start as soon as possible."

Commenting, Bruce Crawford said: "I am pleased that this appears to have been taken seriously and that Scottish Water have listened to calls for a permanent solution to the problem.

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people in Crianlarich would welcome a resolution to this issue. "I will remain in close contact with Scottish Water and hope to see swift action that brings an end to the repeat-problem of burst mains in Crianlarich."

Tyndrum Hub

Tyndrum's community suffered a blow this summer, after a bid to take on and develop Visit Scotland's closed visitor centre failed. Tyndrum's newest charity - 'Tyndrum Hub,' is hosting a public gathering and annual AGM to talk about what the community of Tyndrum would like to do now.

This will be held on 3rd December, 7.30pm at The Tyndrum Inn Restaurant.

The former Tourist Information Centre was identified as being an ideal replacement for the Tyndrum Village Hall, which was sold this August. Located in the centre of the village of Tyndrum alongside the main trunk roads A82 and A85, it has potential as embryonic gold mining and tourist information centres, and as a community hall.

At a very well attended public meeting on 2nd December 2017 in the Tyndrum Inn, the Tyndrum

Village Hall Committee held a vote for the Tyndrum community on the sale of the old village hall, and a vote to seek to acquire the Tourist Information Centre. The proceeds from the sale of the old village hall would be invested in the Strathfillan Community Development Trust ring fenced for Tyndrum. These votes were in favour of the action put forward.

A new 'Tyndrum Hub' group was formed by volunteers from the meeting, with the aim of acquiring the information centre as a replacement premises. The group is now a registered charity. Visit Scotland was intending to sell the information centre and explained that the land for its construction had been donated to them and its sale was governed by some legal burdens imposed when the land was gifted to Visit Scotland.

These burdens created extreme complications, restricting the potential for the community to acquire the building, affecting the activities which could take place, and creating the potential for legal action in future years.

The 'Hub' group undertook a huge amount of work to unravel the complications within the burdens,

form a suitable constituted body and to develop business plans. Unfortunately time ran out and Visit Scotland were unable to hold off the sale any longer. The Centre has now been sold to another party. It is saddening that a public facility has not been able to be transferred to the community, but it is the hope of the hub group that there is future potential within Tyndrum to realise the aspirations of the group, to develop an exciting facility within the village, to tell Tyndrum's unique mining story and to provide a space for the community to meet once again. At the December 3rd meeting we will be looking at all ideas for potential uses for Tyndrum's hall sale funds and finding out what the community would like to see happening in Tyndrum. Would you like to see a new community space, a gold mine centre, tidy up and improve the village or anything else? Please come along and join in!!



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On 8 September 2018 McLaren High School held its first

ever STEM Festival – a celebration of the work in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths from pupils across the McLaren cluster. An incredible array of projects was on show and the judges on the day noted that this festival rivalled those nationally. The work at McLaren High School was highlighted by HMIE as a key strength of the School. Our STEM initiative was launched approximately 18 months ago and many of our pupils have been working on projects throughout that period with a view to showcasing them at the STEM Festival. In the background our young people and staff have been working together to create an unbelievable range of projects ranging from Laser Harps to Bioluminescent Algae.

Our thanks to DigitalXtra Fund who provided a grant to help support this initiative. Thanks also to all the staff who gave up their time and worked behind the scenes to make the event happen including the janitorial and ICT support staff as well as Chilli's Cafe volunteers who did us proud. The McLaren High STEM Festival was made up of 3 main aspects:

1. Senior STEM Projects

Forty four of our S4-S6 pupils displayed their STEM projects for judging (twenty five girls and nineteen boys). Local boy Ross Ronald (see photo) designed and built a working model ski lift that was 2 metres long and operated at a 30 degree slope. All of the projects were finished to an extremely high standard - in some cases we had pupils who started their projects while in S2 and were working on Advanced Higher level material. The dedication of our young people was clear and the Big Bang judges certainly had their work cut out for



them. All of the STEM link teachers were so very proud of our young people who proved once again that McLaren is a school punching way above its weight. The STEM festival was also a qualifying heat for Big Bang UK – a national Science and Engineering Competition – and therefore a number of our pupils will be travelling to the Big Bang UK Finals in Birmingham next March.

2. Primary School Robotics Competition

With our support many of our associated primaries delivered a block of content on robotics and space. Pupils were taught how to build and program the Lego Mindstorms robots to complete challenges focusing on a space theme. Each school entered teams to compete against each other in a number of challenges on the day. On the day of the STEM festival, our 'Tomorrows Engineers' UK Winners assisted the running and judging of the competition.

3. Primary School Poster Competition

As part of our STEM engagement with

our cluster primary schools, we invited them all to design a poster under the brief of 'Favourite Gadget', 'Farm of the Future' or 'New Inventions'. Many of our associated primaries entered posters into our STEM themed competition which were displayed in a Poster Tunnel at the entrance to the festival.

McLaren High School Pipe Band

The McLaren High School Pipe Band has been busy since the new term started. On 10 September they were invited to play for a delegation of over 40 Taiwanese delegates at Callander Youth Project. The band played for over half an hour, to the delight of the delegates who really enjoyed the Scottish entertainment. Then on Saturday 15 September the Band, along with pupils from the Balfron High School Pipe Band, were invited to join the Scottish Fiddle Orchestra at the Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow, where they played a number of tunes along with the SFO in front of an audience in excess of 1,000 people. The pupils were a credit to themselves and the School who were very proud

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of their brilliant performances. What an amazing experience for our young people! Congratulations to Catriona Norman who had her debut as the official SFO Piper on the evening and opened the concert and the second half playing solo!

The band were also tasked with taking part in a 'buskathon' around the McLaren area over 2 weekends to raise much needed funds. Well done to Eion and Catriona who travelled to Loch Katrine, Andrew and Jamie who busked at Kilmahog and Cameron who travelled to Stirling—all raising funds for the Band.

If anyone would be interested in sponsoring the Pipe Band please contact Ms Webster at the school.

Chilli's Community Café - Official Opening

We were delighted to welcome Deirdre Wood and her son Stewart to officially open Chilli's Community Café on Friday 26 October. Molly Craig S5, the café manager, welcomed the guests and thanked everyone for coming along and for their continued support of the café. Special thanks were given to the Steamship Sir Walter Scott at Loch Katrine who sponsored the very smart café uniform. Guests enjoyed an hour of delicious home baking and hot drinks before a pop-up café was held in the staff room over interval.

Scottish Swimmer Ross Murdoch Visits McLaren

Huge thank you to Ross Murdoch for taking time out of his busy schedule to talk to our S4 pupils on Monday (29 October) about his career, growth mindset and the benefits of taking part in sport while studying at school. Ross is currently the British record holder for the 200m Breaststroke. He stormed to stardom by winning two medals at his home Commonwealth Games in Glasgow 2014, with Gold and Bronze.

Community Bus Outing to Pitlochry



Ron Allner recently organised an outing to Pitlochry in the Community Bus. They had lunch and then saw Chicago at the theatre. Ron successfully applied for funding for this trip via the Tesco Bag Appeal.

Real Food Cafe Recognition



Sarah Heward recently accepted a plaque from the local fire service, in recognition of The Real Food Cafe being a supporter of the Retained Fire Service. Two of the cafe's employees, Colin McGeogh and Ivan Stankov, are retained fireman at the Tyndrum fire station. The award was presented to Sarah by the region station master James Disser.



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Around the World



Chess



Reindeer Competition



Incredible India - Class 1

Reindeer Competition

In Term 1 we entered a Stirling wide competition to design a reindeer to be displayed in a shop in Stirling. Of all the designs, Stacey and I couldn't believe our eyes when we saw the size of it! We had fun p in December to find all 20 so make sure you have a look for ours.

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Moirlanich



Remembrance Posters

Around the World Club

This term the boys and girls from P1-3 have had the chance to attend 'Around the World Club'. Led by P6 and P7 Pupils, the children will be involved in activities relating to six different countries. Each child was given their own passport and their first stop was The Netherlands. "I really liked learning the birthday song in Dutch and eating stroop waffles," said **Fiona P2**

Chess

This term Jan and Sandy Chisholm have again kindly volunteered their time to teach P5 to P7 how to play chess. The class are all enjoying it and look forward to playing different variations of chess.

Incredible India

The whole school spent a week focusing on Incredible India.

Class 1 learned about the Taj Mahal, the lotus flower, the Indian flag and all the endangered animals.

"I liked painting my lotus flower pink." **Georgia P1**

"My favourite part of India Week was making my Indian elephant." **Annie P2**

Class 2 made a huge map of India. They made Rangoli patterns and learned about the festival of Diwali.

"I really liked doing Bollywood dancing to the Jai Ho song for Wake and Shake." **Paige P4**

"I liked making my mehndi hand." **Liam P3**

Class 3 used maps to find physical features and cities in India. We retold the story of how Ganesh got his elephant head and we drew amazing peacock pictures.

"I think my peacock picture was really good fun to do."

Callum P5

Fascinating Facts

Diwali is the festival of Light.

Indian elephants have smaller ears than African elephants.

Bengal tigers and lions both live in India. The tigers are endangered.

The lotus flower is the national flower of India.

Moirlanich

Class 1 and 3 visited Moirlanich Longhouse to learn about life in Killin a long time ago. We made a human timeline and wore costumes from the past. We also played with old toys including hoop and stick, yo-yo, skipping rope and ball in a cup. In the long house, Eleanor had set out some old Halloween games which we played. **Maia P6**

eer. The 20 best designs would be made into a full size 3D reindeer. I were picked as winners. The reindeer was delivered and we painting our design onto it. There will be a reindeer hunt in Stirling
Lexi P7



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On 20th October the staff from both nurseries together with their mountain guides and bus driver climbed to the top of Schiehallion to raise funds for the Schiehallion ward at Glasgow Sick Children's Hospital. One of the children from Crianlarich Nursery has recently been diagnosed with leukaemia and the staff team were eager to do something to support Callum and his family. Clair suggested that we climb Schiehallion due to the connection with the ward and the uphill struggle that cancer entails.

After much organisation, excited

anticipation and determination, we set off. The first part of the climb was straightforward on an excellent path, however as we neared the boulder field we were amongst the cloud and clambering over rocks and boulders was not the most enjoyable experience. Unfortunately we were denied the spectacular views from the top and instead were blown around in the strong breeze. However we were rewarded with a lovely rainbow on our descent. We would like to thank Jim and Ted who made sure everyone made it safely to the top and back, returning

tired but elated with a few aches and pains.

We would also like to thank Jane for driving the bus and making the climb with us.

Yvonne was unable to join us on our walk, however she has contributed by hand stitching a beautiful Spiderman Quilt for Callum.

We have still to finalise the total amount raised, however we know it is in the region of £3000 which includes the very generous sum of £500 donated by the Killin Firemen. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this worthwhile cause.

Elizabeth Hancock
Head of Nursery



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KILLIN MUSIC FESTIVAL

All remaining tickets are now on sale for Killin Music Festival 2019 which runs 14-16 June. No more ticket batches are being held back – all tickets have been released.

Our three headliners have been announced - west coast stormers Trail West, neo-trad supergroup Elephant Sessions and award-winning singer Siobhan Miller. We have also signed a host of other fantastic artists who will join them throughout the weekend. Our full line-up will be announced early in 2019 on Facebook.

Following feedback from previous years, we now have an adjusted ticketing structure for KMF19 which features a new two-day ticket to cover Friday and Saturday, alongside our usual tickets. A perfect wee stocking filler just in time for Christmas!

All of the KMF tickets that we have left are available online right now at www.killinmusicfestival.com

Skipinnish are all set to return to the McLaren Hall on the 30 December to another sell-out crowd. As the band embark on their 20th year together and following on from an electric gig last year, they can't wait to come and play for the Killin audience again and kick off another round of memorable new year celebrations in Killin.

If you are still looking for tickets for this year, please add a post to the event on our Facebook page – we'll do our best to connect those with spare tickets with those looking to buy. Tickets for the Skipinnish new year gig go on sale during the summer and normally sell out within a few weeks by October – keep an eye out for them going on sale next



Siobhan Miller

year. Mark those new calendars up! Killin Music Festival couldn't happen without the help of the army of volunteers who drive their time and energy into the event every year. In the new year the team will be holding an open evening for anyone who would like to come and find out more about getting involved with the event. This will take place in the Killin Hotel from 7pm on 12 January – come say hello!

The Killin Music Festival team would like to thank the community for all their support over 2018 and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the coming year.



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

group are looking forward to their joint annual Christmas Lunch in the Capercaillie on Wednesday 12th of December from Noon onwards.

After the 12th December, Walk in the Park will have a break for the winter returning on Wednesday 16th January, weather permitting. Wednesday Morning Walk, 10.20am, (see schedule for meeting place). Walk in the Park provides a variety of short walks in and around Killin. Led by trained volunteer Walk Leaders, they are a fun, safe and easy way to

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Walk in the Park welcomes people living with dementia and their carers onto our walks and activities. If you have any questions about joining in any of our walks or exercise sessions please contact the Walk in the Park Coordinator - Cathy Scott on the details above.



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Killin's Hogmanay Fireworks Display

Way back in June, I wrote 'Is it over?' Well, Jinny and I are happy to say that with the support of local businesses and residents we have reached and exceeded our target of £5000. The success of the fundraising effort is predominantly down to two things. Firstly Jinny, together with strong support from Mike and Lynn at the Courie Inn, organised and held a sponsored cycle ride from Killin to Callander which raised just under £3000 – wow! Secondly Ken Chew of Morenish Mews, through his contacts with local businesses to whom he appealed directly for support, raised over £3000 – another wow!

From our perspective this figure is significant in that the fireworks display has truly been supported by local businesses and by residents in sponsoring the cyclists. A real community effort. I know that the cycle ride will be the subject of another article by Jinny, but would like to hope that it will be held again next year as it was so popular. As we said we would in the last article, we have published below details of those businesses that have generously supported our appeal.

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-Mornish Mews
Once again, thanks very much. We hope to see you at the start of New Year in the Park.
We would also like to specifically thank the members of 'The Walk in the Park' group who raised £348 for the fireworks display as well as an equal amount for the local Air Ambulance.

A tremendous effort which I hope was also enjoyed by those involved. Other events which we hope you will all support for our fund raising include Killin Calendar sales, organised by Ron and Sheila Allner, a social in December (on a date to be announced) at the Courie Inn and a bucket collection in the Co-op. The funds that are being raised are sufficient to pay for the fireworks display, council licence fee, insurance premium and barrier costs. We also expect that there will be a small surplus which will provide a good start for the following year's display. We are still looking for some volunteers to help on the night so, if you would like a great excuse to stay sober(ish) then please get in touch with me or Jinny.

And finally, to all those who have contributed in whatever way, THANK YOU, THANK YOU AND THANK YOU AGAIN. We hope that the fireworks display will be a great start to the New Year but, to make it a truly special event, we need to see as many people there as can make it.

**Mike Beresford
Jinny Anderson**

U3A - Callander and West Perthshire



In the run-up to Christmas our busy groups will be arranging lunches and outings over the festive season and we

hope our 47 new members enjoy all the activities. At the time of writing many members are looking forward to a trip to Edinburgh to see the lights and visit the Christmas market. We only have a short break over New

Year and anyone not in U3A and wondering what it is all about is welcome to join us then. You can come to two different groups on a trial visit before deciding to join and the membership subscription after New Year is reduced to £5. All the information about our groups and where they meet is on our website, just Google 'Callander and West Perthshire U3A'.

A Merry Christmas and a Guid New Year from us all.

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CELEBRATIONS



Graduation

Chloe Buchanan Granddaughter of George and the late Mary Hunter, graduated from the University of Glasgow in June 2018 with an honours degree in dentistry. Chloe is now working in Glasgow as a dentist.



Wedding

Gillian Smith (daughter of Gordon and Frances Smith) and Colin Lyon were married in the King Robert Hotel on Friday 5th October 2018. A superb day was had by all.



Graduation

Camilla (Millie) Tigwell. Graduated from Glasgow University in June 2018 - MSc Veterinary Public Health with Merit.



Wedding

Sarah Murphy and Pete Cross were married at Kenmore Church on 15 September. A very precious and happy day for all who attended.



Birth

Tommy Leach
Born on the 14th of May at 11:12am, 5 weeks 3 days early, weighing 5lb 5oz. First Great Grandson of Annie MacNee. I would like to thank everyone once again for all the kind gifts, cards and well wishes I received on the birth of Tommy, they were all very much appreciated.

Naomi MacLaren



Birth

Eilidh Anna Brandon was born in New Zealand on 4/9/18 to Lucy and Christopher. She is the first grandchild for Jimmy Davidson and Anna Nicholson



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Frost Report



Look both Ways

I am not really thinking about crossing the road when I say this but rather that we are fast approaching the turn of the year. Like the two-faced god Janus, after whom January is named, we can look two ways at once.

The squirrels, especially this year's babies are returning to the feeders after a brief vacation eating and/or storing the wild food. It never fails to surprise how athletic these wee things are. I'm sure that one was casing the joint for a break in the other day as he ran repeatedly along the window sill looking in then jumped up to the top of the window, looking as if he was checking that it was not open. Goodness knows what mayhem he would have caused inside. We did have a break-in one time in Africa by a monkey, but luckily he was only interested in a bag of sweets.

Rabbits seem to be making a comeback. This is to the anger of the gardeners but the delight of at least one terrier.

Looking two ways seems to be happening quite a lot in wildlife circles at the moment. Call it seeing

two points of view or just being two faced, please yourself.

Huge media coverage was recently given to the American woman who had shot a goat on Islay. Not an unusual occurrence as goats have been shot all over Scotland for many years with the approval of Scottish Natural Heritage. The First Minister supported the anti campaign and would look into it. One would have presumed that the Scottish Government would have been aware of the laws regarding the delivery of sustainable wildlife management. And are we to assume that the entire menu of Holyrood is totally vegan? It surely must be at Andy Murray's hotel as his Mum was speaking against the shooting. But maybe the shooting of an animal happily going about his grazing in freedom is so much worse in their opinion than a domestic one being sent for slaughter. In many European countries a great respect is paid to every animal shot by placing a bunch of grass or heather in its mouth and spending a few moments in quiet thought. Also how does the stance of the government equate with their directive on the high number of deer to be shot? You would expect Bambi to be equally as cuddly looking as a baby goat!

After a 17 year £5.5million killing of mink in the Outer Hebrides 2,198 animals had been killed (obviously no outcry as they did not have such good P.R. on twitter) the islands were declared mink free. Only three months later there were four reports of new sightings. Someone was wrong somewhere. This had cost £2,500 per mink killed – I have not checked the maths.

The so-called mis-management of some of this summer's moorland fires has been criticised by the RSPB and

George Monibot. The fire on Geltsdale Moor which was caused by heather burning going out of control and destroying SSI's and sensitive hen harrier nesting areas received very little coverage. This moor is owned and managed by RSPB Any connection do you think?

The Scottish Gamekeepers Association had a QC look into a 2017 SNH report on deaths of golden eagles and he found that "the results of the study had been manipulated to obtain a desirable result." One fairly local eagle is thriving as the feet of several razorbills and guillemots were recently found at one of his feeding stations. It is unknown if these were 'delivered' by the gales or if the eagle had been for a day at the seaside. His tracker does show that he heads to the coast at times.

Mr. Fox can be seen on a Youtube clip nipping into the open boot of a car and having a good sniff around for snacks. Mr. Lion and friends were also looking for snacks one night in a South African game reserve. Next day a ranger on a game drive came upon the kill. Several skulls and a pelvis (identified as human), rifles and backpacks and 3 pairs of shoes were an indication of the number of poachers now deceased. Animals are so much smarter than we often realise! Those of you who watch QI will have heard about the elephants which had bells put around their necks so that the African farmers in that area could hear them coming to raid their crops. However the animals scooped up their dung and packed it into the bell to stop it ringing. I didn't hear how they got the bells onto the elephants – gives 'belling the cat' a whole new meaning

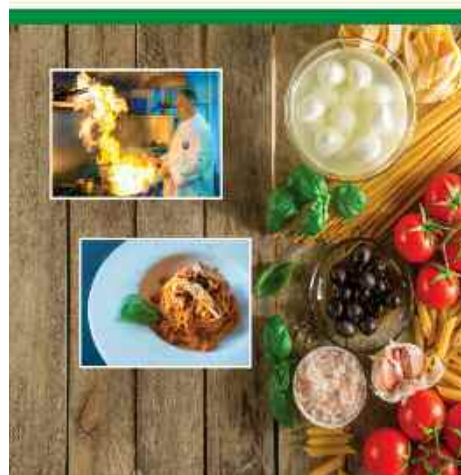
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Glen Ogle 33 Ultramarathon

The 8th running of the Glen Ogle 33 mile race took place on Saturday 3rd November.

Starting at McLaren Hall in Killin, the route uses cycle paths, forest roads, and minor roads to pass through Glen Ogle, Kingshouse, Balquhidder, Strathyre, then back to Kingshouse, Glen Ogle and Killin.

This year almost 400 runners stood on the start line with the rain battering down, and the wind gusting. The weather didn't really get any better all day, but thankfully it was a mild day and everyone survived fairly well.

The male winner was back to the



Race start

hall in 3h 58m, the first lady in 4h 11m. Spare a thought for those at the back of the pack and all the marshals, out in those awful conditions for over 8 hours.

The ladies of the Cancer Research

UK - Killin Group, had laid on a truly fantastic spread, selling soup, sandwiches, cakes, teas and coffees to the ravenous runners.

For those with any energy left, the day ended off with an evening ceilidh in the hall with music



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provided by Reely Jiggered, and more money raised for the Cancer Research campaign with a large raffle.

In total, more than £2,000 was raised over the weekend for Cancer Research UK.

A superbly organised weekend by the BaM Racing team (Bill, Mike and Cat).

Same place, same time (first Saturday in November) next year!

Angus Kay

Tuesday Club

The Club started again on the 9th October and unfortunately I was too late with the report.

Our first speaker was Ben Houston from the Safari Park. This was his second visit to us and he is already booked for next year. He is very interesting with all his news about the animals and day to day running of the park. Then we had Claire Harvey from the Raploch Community Campus and we were all amazed at the facilities available to the public. Another interesting talk. By the time you read this we will have heard from Scott Kennedy about life in the Metropolitan Police and from Heather Webb about touring Europe in the Motor home.

After New Year we have local speakers, Dr Syme, Rev Russell Moffat, David Osler, and then Judy Forster with Liz Howard. Our last speaker is Stephen McDonald making a return visit to tell us about his work on St Kilda. We will finish up on April 6th with our annual Soup and Savoury lunch. Hope to see you there.

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MUSINGS FROM THE MANSE

The Christmas we get we deserve! Well the Christmas countdown is now fully underway with TV commercials and shop displays. It is good to know that the Supermarkets make Christmas special for us: where would we be without them! And then there's that special drink that sets us up for the festive season - "Casillero Del Diablo - wine from the Devil's cellar." Must get some of that! On a more serious note, I recently heard the song "I Believe in Father Christmas" by the late Greg Lake (formerly of King Crimson and ELP). This was the song that was kept off the number 1 spot in the charts by Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" in 1975. What a brilliant, evocative, provocative and challenging song it is. Many people believe it is the best Christmas "protest" song ever written. No arguments from me on that score. Some have claimed that it is an anti-religious song although Greg Lake denied that, maintaining it was a criticism of the over-commercialisation of Christmas. Others have claimed it is about the loss of childhood innocence. I think there is a bit of all three in the song. For me it is not only theologically profound but also theologically subversive in the spirit of Monty Python's "Life of Brian". I might also add, a bit like Jesus himself! Let's remind ourselves of some of the lines from the song. "They said there'll be snow at Christmas
They said there'll be peace on earth
But instead it just kept on raining
A veil of tears for the virgin birth.....
They sold me a dream of Christmas
They sold me a silent night
And they told me a fairy story
'Till I believed in the Israelite.....
Hallelujah, Noel,
Be it heaven or hell"

The Christmas we get, we deserve. It has been said that the trouble with Christmas is that the bills come in January and the baby grows up! It is an astonishing fact that in recent years the statistics for crime, domestic abuse, hospital admissions, suicides, prescriptions for anti-depressants, and increased personal and family debt, show a marked increase over the so called "festive" season. An advert song from last year asked "Who took the 'merry' out of Christmas?" Who indeed! But then again who takes the 'Christ' out of Christmas? Regardless of our personal beliefs, and of the fact Jesus wasn't born on the 25th December, Western Europe has traditionally set aside this time, religiously and culturally, to remember and reflect on the Biblical story. So unless we change the name to "Festival of Light", as some secularists want, we will still have some resonance, however faint and lightly held, between this time of year and the Christian story. The Birth narratives of Jesus can be interpreted on several levels. First though, it must be said that there is nothing sentimental, romantic or even cheesy about these narratives. Unfortunately, it is Christmas card pictures and "nativity plays" acted out by young children that have created the public perception of Christmas. Reading the Biblical texts in "context" and also reading between the lines reveals something much more serious and dramatic. They are "protest literature"; and the language used makes it very clear this is subversive material both religiously and politically. The Jewish and Roman authorities would not have been amused reading them. I may come back to that another time. However, for this posting I want to concentrate on a

general point. The life of Jesus was a bright light shining in a dark place. He was born in "occupied territory", in a troubled land, during troubled times (what's changed!). Yet, he gave hope to many and started a revolution that is still on-going in a variety of forms and in a variety of ways within our world. Greg Lake was right to raise the question about "peace on earth" but the message of Jesus needs to be embraced and embodied in our world for that to happen. This principle was epitomised in the lives of Mahatma Ghandi and Martin Luther King and the impact they had in their respective situations. Both were inspired by the life and teachings of Jesus. Father Christmas may be a "fairy story" and it is right that we lose our childhood innocence, but Jesus was flesh and blood and his message and meaning still have relevance and importance today. So how will we celebrate Christmas? Can we get beyond the hype, the tinsel and glitter and the over-indulgence and perhaps shine a small light in a dark place for others? What Christmas means for us, our families, our communities and our nation is up to us. Maybe Greg Lake was right, "The Christmas we get we deserve."

Russell Moffat

Christmas Eve Watchnight Service

This will begin at 11.15pm and finish shortly after the midnight countdown. It will be an informal and light-hearted occasion. The doors will open at 10.30 for mulled wine and mince pies. Come and join the celebration.

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Tom spent his early childhood in West Lothian. His father, Jim, was a miner and vowed that his son would not follow him down the pit - he would have a better life. Jim was a keen fisherman and his trips would often bring him up to this part of the country and when he saw the post as Gardener Handyman at Remony Estate Acharn, Kenmore, he jumped at the chance.

Tom loved his life in Acharn and spoke fondly of his time there and his wee friend Jimmy Stott who taught him so much about the area and the wildlife. They would often climb Drummond Hill in the search of Capercaillie and play in the walled garden which is now the Kenmore Club. He attended Acharn village school and then Breadalbane Academy, where he excelled in science. Unfortunately, the change was too much for his parents and they moved the family back to West Lothian, but the seed had been sown in Tom for the country life.

Tom and I first met in 1976 whilst both working as weavers in United Fabrics, Livingston. We dated 5 years later, Tom proposing to me just 4 months after our first date.

When Tom first came to pick me up from my parent's home on his 650 Triumph Bonneville speed twin my mother nearly had a fit. That was my first taste of riding pillion on a motorbike and I never looked back, I loved it and loved the handsome biker. We married in June 1982, staying a short while in Armadale, West Lothian. We bought our first home, a lovely wee cottage in Cleish, Kinross, enjoying the country life. In 1985 we were blessed with a beautiful baby daughter Sarah, then 3 years later in 1988 our family was complete with the birth of our son Jamie. A bigger house was then required, and Tom decided that he wanted to go back to the Kenmore area where he had been so happy as a boy. In the summer of 1989, Corriecharmaig in Glen Lochay was to be our next home where we spent 11 happy years immersed in the wildlife

Prostate Cancer UK were extremely saddened to hear of the recent passing of Thomas Murphy following a long battle with prostate cancer. Like many men, Thomas was sadly diagnosed late and the disease had already spread to his bones. Despite such a traumatic diagnosis, Thomas was an incredibly dedicated supporter & worked tirelessly to raise awareness of the disease as well as raise vital funds towards research and support. In September, despite his poor health, Thomas hosted his third consecutive Killin Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, riding on his beloved BSA Lightning 650 Combo motorbike. Thomas alone, raised an amazing £1,400, bringing his team's total to over £8,000. Sadly, Thomas passed away only a week later, however his bravery and

and the elements, before moving and adjusting to the village life in 2000. Motorbikes had always been a big part of Tom's life, buying boxes of bits of bikes and building them to completion - so clever.

His love of bikes was to take us all over Europe on his trusted (or sometimes not so trusted) BSA Lightning. Some of these trips were to take us to places where famous movies were filmed, in particular Fussen in Bavaria where Tom and his friends were to re-enact The Great Escape. Thankfully no barbed wire fences were involved. Another trip was to the hydroelectric power plant in Vemork, Norway where the "Heroes



of Telemark" was filmed. Both films told true accounts of the 2nd world war. Great friendships were made as well as many treasured memories. On returning from one of our trips in the summer of 2012, Tom struggled with severe back pain. It was thought that this was due to his heavy work over the years as a fencer. He was unable to continue his work as a postman. Tom was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer in January 2013. It had already spread to his bones and lymph nodes, there was no cure, and he was given 2 to 5 years life expectancy. Tom faced his cancer with great determination and strength of character and vowed to make the most of the time he had left. As the cancer progressed, Tom found it increasingly difficult to ride the BSA as a single unit so he bought and restored an old sidecar, fitting this to the BSA, enabling him to continue

riding.

His love of bikes was a great factor in the positive way that he faced his cancer, as was his love for his family, determined to see his son and daughter happy and contented.

On 15 September he was so proud to walk our daughter Sarah down the aisle, it was such a beautiful day and a loving lasting memory.

Tom founded The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride in Killin 2016 after seeing footage of past rides on the internet. He felt a strong connection with the world-wide charity in aid of prostate cancer and men's mental health and was compelled to do what he could for the charity.

The turnout on that first ride from the people of Killin and surrounding area was beyond our expectations - we were overwhelmed by your support. With just 15 riders they were to raise over £9,000. The 2017 ride raised over £13,000 and Tom was to receive a made-to-measure helmet for being one of the top 100 highest fundraisers in the world. In 2018, due to Tom's failing health he was unable to host the ride but vowed to ride. Nothing was going to stop him and with the greatest

determination and every last bit of strength he had left, he achieved his goal.

The following Sunday, Tom passed away at home with his family at his side. We lost a wonderful loving husband, devoted father and dear friend.

My sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended Tom's funeral and to the dear friends who accompanied the procession on their motorbikes. It was overwhelming to see such a turn-out - Tom would have been astounded! Thank you also to everyone who sent cards and words of comfort. Your love and support helped us all get through a very difficult day and continues still.

Donations received in the church for Prostate Cancer UK was an outstanding £824. Thank you once again for your generosity.

Our love to all. **Elizabeth Murphy**

kindness will be remembered not only by Prostate Cancer UK, but by the whole Killin community. Both Prostate Cancer UK and Thomas's family were overwhelmed by the incredible amount raised at his funeral service - over £824. This kindness and generosity from Thomas's many friends and family is a testament to how loved and respected Thomas was. The funds raised in his memory will ensure that we can protect future generations of men and their families from prostate cancer - a fitting tribute to Thomas.

Laura Kennedy
Senior Legacy & In Memory Executive
Prostate Cancer UK

Duncan Stewart Kennedy, 1954 - 2018

Stewart was born on the 8th March 1954 in Callander, a younger sibling to Alistair and Donald and eventually an older brother to Jean. He lived in the village for the majority of his life and absolutely loved it here. He met Janette in 1980 when she came to the village for work and they were married on the 8th Decemeber 1984 iin Ardfarn, a small place that meant a great deal to them both. He became a father in 1987 when James was born, followed by Catherine in 1991 and finally Lianne in 1993. He was truly a family man and lived for all of us. Stewart always possessed a strong work ethic and began training as a butcher in the early 70's, a career he was very passionate about and thoroughly enjoyed. It was during his time working as a butcher in the village that he gained the affectionate nickname 'Sausages'. After a fulfilling 38 years, his time as a butcher came to an end as the



shop in the village closed it's doors. While he was deeply saddened by this it presented him with the opportunity to work within a completely different industry. He took up post at Strathfillan Wigwams for his final working years

and found himself in his element. He thoroughly enjoyed the social aspect of his work and took every opportunity to get a blether with new people.

He was a very social man and could often be found at the end of the bar in The Fishers, with a pint of best and cigarette in hand. He thoroughly enjoyed the company and looked forward to a pint after a hard days work.

Stewart lived a fulfilled and happy life, and although he was plagued by ill health in his final years, he remained fiercely stubborn and tried to keep his independence until the very end. He passed away peacefully in Forth Valley Royal Hospital on the 17th July 2018, following a very sudden decline. As a family we would like to thank friends and neighbours in the village for their kind words and support following Stewart's death. This has provided great comfort to us all at this difficult time.

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Unfortunately the conditions of the licence mean that the audience has to be members only, so to avoid missing out on these events why not become a member?

Membership costs just £25 per year and includes your whole household. You will also be entered in to our monthly draw with a chance to win £100. Other benefits include reduced price events, with members getting priority when booking. We are running a games and activities session on Friday 23rd November and this is usually booked up within a few hours, as the events are so popular.

We also ran a Halloween Quiz with the help of Killin primary school, and the lucky winners were 1st place - Cai Weir and 2nd place - Alice

Taylor. Well done guys winning Halloween tasty treats. Thanks to all those who entered and we loved reading your quiz answers, some were very entertaining. One question was "I have warts on my face, I fly a broomstick and have a pointy nose, who am I?" to which one young child answered "Mum"!

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Community Sport Hub Update

Following the last issue's introduction to the Community Sport Hub initiative, being hosted by KDSLCL in partnership with Active Stirling, the hub group have made strides towards developing their collective vision and plan for growing sport and physical activity in the area.

Over two meetings in September and October, the group agreed on a vision to "Support our local community to live fun, social and

healthy lives through sport and physical activity". Underpinning this vision, the groups identified priorities have been collected into themes of: People, Profile, Participation, Places, and Connections. All of the above will act as pillars of the hub's plan and provide actions to drive future meeting agendas and progress. We hope to have the plan finalised before the end of the year, paving the way for big things in 2019! If you would like to learn more or are interested in being involved please contact KDSLCL at info@kdscl.co.uk or the CSH Officer Christopher McKenna at: mckennac@stirling.gov.uk

David Riddell

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Pitlochry and Highland Perthshire Group

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Cameron and Lucy Taylor receive their award from Helen Wright

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Letters

Dear editors

The cover photos on the front of the latest two issues of the Killin News have prompted me enough to say how much it means to receive the newspaper. Sometimes there is little in it to remind me of my first homes there and of growing up in such a pretty place as Killin. However, the Common Spotted Orchid on the beautiful glossy cover of the August/September issue certainly did. Then recently came the October/November issue with the Killin War Memorial and flag flying which reminded me again of my childhood in Killin. You can take the girl out of the country but you can never take the country out of the girl!

**Norma Macarthur
(Edinburgh)**

Dear Sirs

My daughter lives in Crianlarich and for a long time she has been sending the Killin News to me. I must congratulate you on such a magnificent community newspaper. Each time she sends it to me I cannot wait to see the picture on the front cover. Again a wonderful one on Issue 166. They would all look wonderful in a top class book shop.

**Mrs. Barbara Hyland
Eastbourne**

Thank You

On the 19th of August, I took part in The Dundee Kiltwalk. I would like to say a big thank you to all who kindly helped me to raise the amazing amount of £1075. With the 40% top up from The Hunter Foundation, the final sum of £1505 has been donated to Missing People, in tribute to Timothy. Thank you all for your support and generosity for making this possible.

Sheena MacColl

Seasons Greetings from Paddy McKinnon

Due to health problems, I won't be sending cards at Christmas, so may I wish all friends and neighbours a very Merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Paddy McKinnon



Morag and Archie wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year

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On Friday 10th August at 6am the Loch Tay Open Water Swimmers (Helen, Lizzie, Angela, Ishbel and Theresa) started their relay swim of Loch Tay from the Killin end. Each person took 30 minutes swimming stints and the rest sat in a row boat and took turns rowing, (actually Lizzie and Angela did the most rowing) and eating cake (and savouries but a lot of cake!).

After a long discussion to decide what order we needed to swim in – looking at logistics: the two main rowers could not swim in succession; the boat had to be collected at Firlush, so again the rowers needed to be further down the line of rotation. We decided that we would swim in ascending age order, which meant Ishbel kicked the day off. For the first leg of the journey we had 3 kayakers supporting the swimmer – Norman, Les and Kate. At Ardeonaig, Mark and Susan took over and Pat joined them at Fearnan, with Kate re-joining us a short time later. The kayakers helped guide the swimmer on the line of swim to take and also protect the swimmer if other boats were in the vicinity.

The whole day couldn't have been better. The morning was sunny, warm and Loch Tay was flat calm. By early afternoon there was a little chop

going on around Ardeonaig, but the wind was pushing us in the right direction. We did get a couple of showers between Ardeonaig and Fearnan. Close to Kenmore the chop got a bit bigger as the channel narrowed and was quite rough, but all was fine as we didn't have far to go. We all swam into Kenmore together as a team.

We arrived in Kenmore at 4.03pm. There was no welcoming committee but Janice McLean and Marion McRae appeared a couple of minutes later and took a picture of us. We had been promised the use of Taymouth Marina Hotbox after our swim, so Angela and Lizzie took the boat over to the marina whilst the others travelled in the kayakers' vehicles. Our little boat looked a little out of place amongst the boats moored up! Before going into the Hotbox we just had to try the water slide back into the loch! After a quick shower and change of clothes we went to the restaurant for a very welcome dinner. After dinner the rest of the swimmers and the kayakers waved Angela and Lizzie off as they set off for the return journey to Firlush, with the boat under the power of an outboard, thank goodness. As we travelled down the loch in the fading light we realised the enormity of what we had done

that day. The outline of the hills look so different from the loch and as we passed no landmarks, we were so relieved to see the lights of the Firlush centre in the distance, finally



arriving at 10.30pm with Lizzie showing signs of a mis-spent youth with her boat handling skills in the dark across the harbour.



We would like to thank Firlush for lending us the support boat, all the kayakers, Taymouth Marina who gave us the use of their Hotbox for free after the swim, and of course to everyone who gave a donation either online or in the Post Office – we are amazed by how much we have raised.

Theresa Elliot



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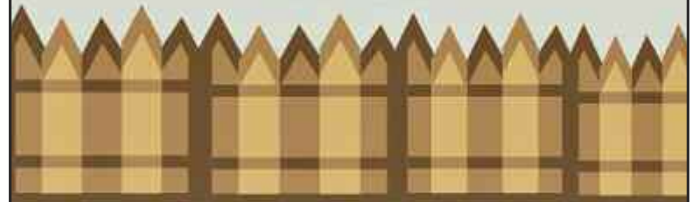


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2nd Killin & District Scout Group Stirling & Trossachs.

With the darkening nights and inclement weather, all sections have started to migrate back inside with their activities and sessions, but this does not mean we aren't busy!

There are many group activities during this term with Remembrance Day being a particularly important one on this the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day. Looking towards December the young people will be assisting with the Christmas Fair on the 1st December and helping with sorting and posting of Christmas Cards on the 16th December.

Along with the changing seasons we are also witnessing a change of the leader team too. Our founding Scout Leaders, Zach and Harriet Wishart will be leaving us after over 5 years of dedicated service for pastures new. They will be leaving knowing that the Scout Group has grown and is thriving, but this could only be so due to their determination and experience. We are sure they will continue being a part of the Scout movement and that our paths will cross soon.

Beavers

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

The evenings have now migrated inside but we use the best of the darker nights by having an evening of playing games in the dark. This annual event has been looked forward to for a long time. The Beavers now have a large waiting list due to there being more members than ever before in Killin. The coming term has a strong theme of making and creating with a bit of emphasis on the festive season too. Be sure to buy some homemade gifts at the Christmas Fair!

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.

It has felt like we have had a lot of fires this term with at least two outside in the park, one of which we even attempted to cook on! Not a real success but certainly all the Cubs are excited to try it again, maybe slightly bigger and better. A highlight of the term was to have an overnight sleepover at the Aberfeldy Scout Hut. This was a great way to finish off a load of badges and have fun at the



Cub sleepover at Aberfeldy

same time. Excitingly, we were able to confirm at the Sleepover that we will be having a joint camp in May at Meggernie Scout Camp, Glen Lyon with the Aberfeldy Cubs. With nearly 30 cubs in attendance, it will be quite an experience!

Stephen Rawlinson
Cub Leader
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Scouts

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

Over the autumn the Scouts have been taking part in more indoor activities which have included: baking cupcakes (The Great Killin Scout Cake-Off), knot tying, logo designing, learning about different types of stoves, and (the Leaders' favourite) silent challenge night! For Remembrance, we were fortunate enough to have a local veteran Royal Naval person come to visit the Scouts and tell them about his time serving in the armed services. The Scouts were very interested in all the stories and they were very grateful for him coming and sharing them with us. The last few months have seen Scout

numbers increase, with several Cubs moving up and some new members joining to the group. We have also had two new adults joining the group as Scout leaders (Matt and David), who bring with them many years of Scouting experience. This addition of new leaders is good-timing as they will take over running Scouts from myself (Harriet) and Zach when we leave Scouts in mid-November. We will both be very sad to leave the Scout group. It has been hugely rewarding to volunteer with such a fantastic group of young people and fellow leaders. When we move to Glencoe we take with us many fond memories of the adventures and experiences we have had with the group.

Harriet Wishart
Scout Leader
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Matt Collins
New Scout Leader
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Explorers

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

With Matt taking on the reins of the Explorer unit it has been a time of understanding what the Explorers want to get out of the sessions and a bit of planning. The highlight of the term is the Explorers crazy Halloween night for the Scouts. Sometimes we do wonder if the Explorers have more fun planning than the Scouts have doing! A strong theme of the Killin Explorers is how many of them come and help as Young Leaders in other sections. The young leader scheme is open to all young people, including Duke of Edinburgh award participants. This help is always welcome but please speak with the leader team first to ensure you get the best experience.

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National Park

05 September

Proposal: Engineering works to existing car park to provide additional car parking spaces
Location: Falls Of Dochart Inn Clachaig Killin
Applicant: Ross Anderson
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

12 September

Proposal: Erection of single storey side entrance porch
Location: Glenardran Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr & Mrs R Salt
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Current

13 September

Proposal: Erection of replacement conservatory
Location: The Tyndrum Inn Tyndrum Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr Andrew Riley
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Current

20 September

Proposal: Erection of external access stairs and repairs to stone screen wall, burial chamber and entrance piers
Location: Clan Macnab Burial Place Main Street Killin
Applicant: The Macnab Memorial Trust
Application Type: Listed Building Consent
Decision: Current

12 October

Proposal: External alterations including door to window conversion, and erection of timber decking
Location: Tigh Na Bruach Cottage Main Street Killin
Applicant: Mr Jason Campbell
Application Type: Householder Planning Permission
Decision: Current

15 October

Proposal: Change of use from tourist information centre (Use Class 2) to restaurant (Use Class 3)
Location: Tourist Information Centre Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr Ian Cleaver
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Current

19 October

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

22 October

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension
Location: Ila Lyon Road Killin
Applicant: Miss Angela Steel
Application Type: Householder Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

25 October

Proposal: Reconstruction of front porch, and convert 2 no. windows by lowering cills and internal alterations to kitchen
Location: Yellow Cottage Killin
Applicant: Mr Ian Fraser
Application Type: Listed Building Consent
Decision: Approve

27 October

Proposal: Tree works within a conservation area - Remove 1no. yew tree and reshape 1no. yew tree
Location: The Cedars Main Street Killin
Applicant: Mr James Woods
Application Type: Tree works application
Decision: Current

29 October

Proposal: Erection of extension to roof
Location: Laggan Main Street Killin
Applicant: Mr Bobby Lafferty
Application Type: Householder Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

Perth & Kinross Council

02 November

Proposal: Erection of a replacement dwellinghouse
Location: Site Of Former Cragganester Lawers
Applicant: Mrs Morven Cooke
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Awaiting decision

02 November

Proposal: Alterations to building
Location: Morenish Church Killin
Applicant: Mr Andy Johnson
Application Type: Listed Building Consent
Decision: Approve the application

05 November
Proposal: Erection of a polytunnel
Location: The Farmhouse Tombreck Lawers
Applicant: Mr Tober Brown
Application Type: Prior Notification Agricultural
Decision: Awaiting decision

05 November

Proposal: Erection of a polytunnel
Location: The Farmhouse Tombreck Lawers
Applicant: Mr Tober Brown
Application Type: Prior Approval Agriculture
Decision: withdrawn

Stirling Council

03 September

Proposal: Replacement agricultural store building
Location: Building 88M South East Of Duncroisk Cottage Killin
Applicant: Upper Boreland Trust
Application Type: Agricultural Notification
Decision: Approve

17 September

Proposal: Installation of septic tank (retrospective)
Location: Harbour Lights Killin
Applicant: Loch Tay Fishing Club
Application Type: Full
Decision: Unknown

17 September

Proposal: Extension to dwelling house.
Location: Kennels Cottage Glen Lochay North Road Killin
Applicant: Boreland Estate
Application Type: Full
Decision: Approve

01 November

Proposal: Domestic storage building
Location: Poll Lairge Killin
Applicant: Mr I Noble
Application Type: Full
Decision: Approve

The Bedding of the Healing Stones of St Fillan

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Tim Frost



Christmas Lights Competition

To Raise Funds for Killin and Crianlarich Nursery: Killin and Crianlarich Nursery Parent Partnership Group are having a competition for the best outdoor Christmas Lights Display. To enter you must live in Killin, Crianlarich or Tyndrum, you should complete an entry form and pay a £5 entry fee. There will be a first prize and a runner up prize. Entry forms can be collected from Killin Newsagents, Crianlarich Store, Brodies Store in Tyndrum or either of the nurseries. Closing date 15th December, judging 16th December.

Killin and Crianlarich Nursery Parent Partnership Group

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- Adult Badminton, 7-10pm, McLaren Hall
- Junior Badminton, 6pm, Crianlarich Hall
- Bridge, 7.15-9pm, Killin Hotel, contact Marion 829027
- Indoor Bowls, 7.30pm, Lesser Hall

Tuesday

- 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, 6-7.30pm, Lesser Hall (every other Tuesday)
- 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
- CAB drop-in session, 10:30-12:00, MacGregor's Market, 1:00-2:00, Killin Library

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, 10am-12pm, Sports Pavilion
- Women's Guild, 2pm (3rd week of month), Falls of Dochart Retirement Home
- Running Club, 6pm, Acharn Forest carpark
- U3A Geology, 10-12pm alternate weeks starting 27/9, Bridge of Lochay Hotel

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

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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

8th December 15th December

22nd December 29th December

5th January 12th January

19th January 26th January

2nd February 9th February

Grey = grey bin + blue bin

Brown = brown bin + blue box

Green = brown bin + green bin

Mobile Libraries

Tyndrum/Crianlarich Fortnightly Fridays

Dec 14*

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

Dec 10*

Glen Lochay 11.15-12.30
Ardeonaig 2.00-2.45

Perth and Kinross Fortnightly Tuesdays

Dec 11*

Tombreck 16.40-17.00
Lawers 17.15-17.30

* No other dates have been decided yet

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