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Editorial

Our striking cover photo for this issue features one of the many participants in Sam's Superhero Dash, an event that took community spirit to a new high, with massive amounts raised for Sam's chosen charities. We are all behind you Sam.

Memories of the Music Festival are still fresh in our minds. So many accomplished performers entertained us with fabulous music, not least our local group, 'The No Marcs', who almost brought the house down at McLaren Hall on the final night. Their confidence, stage presence and real talent were a joy to share.

The torrential rain did not deter those competing in the Bob McGregor bike trials and even though only a few square metres of rock at the Dochart Falls remained above water, they still managed to tackle that section of the course.

In this issue, we have the first report from our new Community Council, as well as details about our new Community Action Plan (page 4). Do go along to the meeting in August to let your views and ideas be heard. Similarly, if you are keen to find out more about the proposed Heart 200 route, you can keep up to date by checking the websites (page 38). Likewise, if you need to know more about the planned new Glen Lochay transformer, see the enclosed flyer and page 37 for details of how to do this. Your voice can influence events. In fact, it was popular demand that influenced the decision to revert to Dochart Bridge as the site for our next Hogmanay firework display.

Coming up next in this busy summer – the Highland Games and the Agricultural Show. No rain permitted, but have your wellies ready, just in case.

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Front Cover
Superhero Dash in Killin
Photo Ron Allner

Baldwin Brilliance (KMF Church Event)



As ever, the Killin Music Festival brought fun, laughter, visitors and wonderful music, with a great atmosphere, together in one event. From the main stage events to the smaller tent events and the local bars there was a tremendous buzz of people having a good time. In the quieter venue of Killin Parish Church the service took place at its regular time of 10 am with the usual but celestial church hymns. What was unusual was its format when we were graced with a young singer-song-writer, Patrick Baldwin, who was

selected to play by the Killin Festival Committee and who is just starting out on his music career. He played the piano and sang two original compositions in pitch-perfect tone, a ballad and a Scottish themed song accompanied at one point by his talented brother Rob, on the French horn. Patrick's final piece was a flawless rendition of David Bowie's Life on Mars. Known to be a difficult song to sing he sang it effortlessly. The service continued within this theme with a moving clip/video of David Bowie in front of an audience



of thousands, remembering those who had died of terminal illness, kneeling and saying aloud the Lord's Prayer with sincerity and reverence. This brought us to the sermon by our local Minister, Rev. Russel Moffat, on The Lord's Prayer and the words within it. Do we ever really listen to them when we recite it? It was a poignant part to a weekend in which a wide variety of music was central in deepening community bonds and strengthening faith. We look forward to hearing more of Patrick Baldwin.

Dee Melia

25 Year Anniversary of Tornado Jet Crash in Glen Ogle

Sunday 1st September marks the 25th anniversary of the Tornado jet crash in Glen Ogle in 1994, in which Flt Lts Patrick Harrison and Peter Mosley were tragically killed. We have been contacted by John Harrison, father of Patrick, to let the village know that the RAF will be holding a remembrance service at the memorial stone, located near the carpark at the top of Glen Ogle. There will be a minute's



silence at 12:04pm on Sunday 1st September to mark the exact time of the crash.

The RAF will be sending a team to tidy up the surrounding area ahead of the service.

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Killin Community Council

After a lapse of several months due to a shortage of volunteers, we now have a new Community Council, comprised of a mixture of old hands and fresh faces.

The new Council was inaugurated on 23rd April 2019 and was presided over initially by Michelle Flynn of Stirling Council's Community Engagement team. No sooner had it convened than it was asked by members of the public in attendance to look into the state of the play area in Breadalbane Park. Other issues coming to our attention were the proposed construction of a replacement transformer sub-station in Glen Lochay and the requirement for Killin to develop a new Community Action Plan.

Play Park - Happily we can report that the children's play area is now the focus of some serious attention from Stirling Council. Repairs and maintenance will be prioritised by SDC and improvements are in the pipeline, thanks to the Killin and Ardeonaig Trust.

New Transformer - On 17th June, at the first full KCC meeting, Scottish and Southern Electricity

presented their draft proposals to us for the transformer replacement. The original installation, built in the 1950s, is no longer deemed fit for purpose, but due to current technical, environmental and safety considerations, the replacement is likely to have a much larger footprint. There are legitimate concerns that the new sub-station will have a significant visual impact on the area at the head of the lower Lochay Valley and there are some environmental and archaeological considerations to be addressed. SSE agreed to defer the application for planning permission until October, in order to review their draft proposals and investigate some means of mitigating the visual and environmental impact, and to come back to the community with a revised plan. The target date for this is August.

Action Plan - The National Park is driving the creation of a number of local action plans, in collaboration with local communities. In Killin this will be led by the KCC and KAT, working with the National Park and interested members of the public in a 'Community Partnership'. The objective at this stage is to engage as much of the community as

possible in the process. This will involve public events, publicity and, of course, the dreaded surveys and questionnaires. But bear with us. The resulting Action Plan will be a valuable tool to help lever funding and support for local initiatives and projects. It is also important that all constituencies and groups within the local area are involved and consulted; the farming and rural communities, business, the young and the old and the in-between. It is important to make your voice heard, to let us know your wishes, needs and priorities. Be on your guard. There will be an event or survey happening near you sometime soon! It only remains to be said that the Community Council is your community council and members of the public are welcome to attend any or all our meetings, to express their concerns, ask difficult questions or merely vent their fury. Onward and upward.

Next Meeting 7.30 Monday 19th August in Killin Primary School

Andy Aitken
KCC Chair

Community Action Plan

As Andy has mentioned in the Killin Community Council's (KCC) report above, we are now working on our Community Action Plan. This is an action plan driven BY the community, FOR the community and additionally supported by KCC and KAT.

For those of you who are not aware, a Community Action Plan (CAP) is a recognised document that records the needs and wants of a community and can be used for lobbying locally and nationally and importantly to successfully source money for projects.

A Steering Group has now been set up which includes a range of people from our Killin Community and our work is supported and assisted by the Community Partnership which is funded by the Park. The essential factor here is that whilst there is a

group of people pulling the plan together, it means NOTHING without the implicit input from the whole range of people who make up our community. The nature of this work is that the views of the various sectors within our community will be consulted as issues emerge - to ensure that we leave no stone unturned.

To ensure that we are able to capture all these needs we will be commencing with a session on Saturday 31st August at the McLaren Hall to which you are all invited. This will provide an opportunity for you to ensure that we know what matters to YOU and what you would like to see changing in your Killin Community. The final plan will reflect the views of the entire community.

The Scottish Government's Local Governance Review and it's Draft

Local Democracy Bill are there to ensure that local communities have a much greater influence on spending, priorities and resources. It is evident that funding applications for projects that are not identified under a Communities Action Plan are unlikely to succeed.

The great news is that the timescale for this is short - the plan will be completed by March 2020 and will be a document that will prove essential in driving improvements for the Killin Community going forward.

Please try and support our first event on 31st August with your input - you and your family and community will be the direct beneficiaries.

Amanda Clark
Chair of the Community Action Plan Steering Group

Killin Telephone Box - Ideas for Re-Use ??

BT have identified 21 public payphones in the Stirling Council area that have been proposed for removal, this includes Killin's phonebox at the entrance to Breadalbane Park.

There are three courses of action: a) agree to the removal, b) object to the removal, c) adopt the red phone box and use as an asset for the community. If anyone has ideas for using the phonebox as a community asset, please get in touch with the community council at communitycouncilkillin@gmail.com

Paper Shop and Post Office

Explaining who is who

"Och aye the news" incorporates the goods and services previously provided by News First and MacGregor's Market, but all under one roof.

Killin and Ardeonaig Trust (KAT) got funding to buy the paper shop and lease it to MacGregor's Community Hub, a non-profit making social enterprise. They in turn run it on a daily basis. Some of their staff are paid, some are volunteers.

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News First

On Friday 31st May we held the official opening of MacGregor's shop. We invited all the organisations who have funded the project, along with local Councillors and local people. Ruby Fulton, as one of the oldest residents at 95 years old, very kindly agreed to officially open the shop by cutting the ribbon. We invited the winners of the logo competition so we could present them with a tote bag with their own design. It was great to have the girls as part of the shop opening.

Breadalbane Park

The Stirling Council's 'Your Stirling, You Decide' funded 2 projects in the Trossachs and Teith Ward. The top 2 projects were both in Aberfoyle. The Breadalbane Park Project was third and only 13 votes short of being 2nd. Such a shame as we were so close. Maybe next year.

Stirling Council have taken away the swings as they will be installing the Viking Swing in mid July. They will also remove some of the fencing, but will put up a new fence to close in the park where the old equipment is situated.

We have applied for Co-op funding and over the next few months will put in further application to other funders. The funding process will continue as and when funding becomes available.

We applied for the Community Green Flag again this year and



Shop Opening

just found out that we were successful, which is another great achievement.

If you want to be involved with the Friends of Breadalbane Park Group, our meetings will be advertised on our Facebook page or you can contact me. We meet as and when required.

If you find any problems in the park



Logo Winners

these can be reported to Stirling Council, who are responsible for maintenance.

Old Mill

We submitted an expression of interest to Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park for funding to replace the internal lights and fix the sluice gate. We have been successful with this first round of application and will be putting in a full application by the end of July. Once the sluice gate is repaired, the wheel will be able to function.

We will also put in an expression of interest application into the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

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Killin and District Volunteer Car Scheme

The Killin and District Volunteer Car Scheme will have been in operation for almost a year now and has grown from strength to strength. During our first eight months we made 116 journeys and 68 have already been carried out in May and June.

We are lucky to have an enthusiastic and dedicated team of volunteer drivers and escorts available to take passengers to their destination.

We are pleased to be able to say that so far all requests for transport have been carried out, however near or far, and appreciate the support we have received from the community in making our first year such a success.

We are preparing our end of year figures and reports for OSCR and in preparation for the AGM, which will take place on Saturday 31st August in the lesser Hall, from 11.00am.

Tea, Coffee and cake will be provided and we look forward to as many people as possible joining us to celebrate our first year of operation.

Reply to Last Issue's Article "All Things Wild and Wonderful"

I don't think it is all doom and gloom. I agree that there is a decline in many species of birds, mammals and insects in this area and further afield but there are some pluses.

Recently we had a number of narrow banded bee hawk moths feeding on the aubretia, along side peacock, tortoiseshell, cabbage white and orange tipped butterflies and various bumblebees. We have lesser butterfly orchids and marsh orchids. We also have red kites nesting in the Glen, along with ospreys, nuthatches and blackcaps, all of which weren't present a few years ago.

I made a list of birds seen on Auchlyne over the year and got to 59 different ones. It's maybe too long to include in this article, but I'm happy to let anyone who may be interested see it.

The following will be controversial, but the decline of many species is partially due to the large numbers of corvids, foxes, pine martens and

badgers that are present. Crows will quarter the ground looking for nests and young birds. Badgers will do the same and if they come across a bumblebee's nest, they'll dig it up to get at the grubs. They are also partial to hedgehogs, and I haven't seen any here for a long time. Pine martens will seek out bird nests in trees and bushes to get the eggs or young birds.

There are far fewer gamekeepers in the area and they have an uphill struggle to control corvids and foxes who, along with protected species such as badgers and pine martens, breed in the large tracts of commercial forestry that are all around us.

There needs to be a happy medium but at the moment our song birds and waders etc don't stand a chance.

**Emma Paterson
Auchlyne**

Killin SWI

Meetings restart on Thursday 3/10/19 at 7.30pm in Lesser McLaren hall. Full programme in next Killin News.

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Feasibility Study

On June 25th, the community sport hub met with a particular focus on the key findings of the sports clubs feasibility study. Led by Integratis consulting, who undertook the study, the well-attended meeting considered the study objectives, potential options and recommendations to improve and develop the sports facilities available in the village, and critically

ensure they are fit for the future. The final study is yet to be published, but we expect full coverage to be detailed in the next issue. However, Integratis outlined the kind of facilities other small communities have developed (and the finances behind these) and also highlighted the themes that are emerging from the study, which shows a high level of concern over accessing quality sports facilities, a desire to access external funding, and a strong community support to improve the sports facilities available locally, especially amongst

young people.

Thanks to all who took the time to attend and also to all those who responded to the recent surveys! The sports club will continue to share and hear views and input into the community plan discussions that are now underway.

If you would like to learn more about the study please contact us on: info@kdscl.org.uk

Christopher McKenna

Club Open Door Week

In conjunction with Killin Primary School's Health fortnight in September, local clubs/groups have agreed to put on a series of sessions during that time to encourage links for members of the community to come along and try some of the local sport and physical activity on offer. Many of these you will already be aware of, but during the open door week there will be extra incentives to come along for free or special events. At this early stage the timetable is as follows:

DATE & TIME	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Monday, September 16th, from 7pm	Five a Side Football Sport & Leisure Club	The sessions are open to anyone over 16 (unless accompanied by a responsible adult, either playing or watching. Child must be at least 14 years old.)
Wednesday, September 18th, meet at 10.20am (45 minute - 1 hour walk)	Walk in the Park- Meet at McLaren Hall Car Park Route - Head of Loch circular walk, uneven terrain	Walk in the Park health walks utilise the beautiful and nurturing surroundings of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park. Join us for a free, fun and easy way to get fit and feel better. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. Optional refreshments at Shuttlers after the walk (at walkers' expense). Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing.
Wednesday, September 18th, 1.30-2.30pm	Strength & Balance Exercise - Killin Hotel	Gentle chair based exercise to strengthen muscles and improve balance. Aimed at over 60s but anyone would benefit. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. Please wear comfortable clothing. Session is free, optional refreshments after the session in the Killin Hotel (at participants' expense)
Thursday, September 19th, from 6pm	Lochdayside Runners Acharn Forest Car Park Opposite War Memorial	Free, friendly running club based in Killin and open to anyone from the surrounding area age 16 years +

Over the coming weeks we will be adding new sessions and events to the time table. Please keep follow the Sports Club facebook page: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/kdscl.org.uk/>
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Strathfillan by the Way

Strathfillan Community Development Trust July 2019

Tyndrum Community Woodland Bike Skills Park: Our concept plan is here and looks great! Following a Facebook Poll, which saw a fantastic 75% positive reaction, we have had the plans available in the Trust office for the mid-two weeks in June for anyone to come in and see and chat to Kelly. Thank you to everyone who took part. The plans are still up in the Trust office and, although the official consultation period is over, we are more than happy for folk to pop in. We would like to extend a massive thank you to all the funders of this phase of the project: Forth Valley and Lomond Leader; Stirling Council's Community Pride and Crowdfunder grant schemes; and all those who supported our Crowdfunder. We are now working toward a phased plan to construct the Bike Skills Park. This may take some time as we still need to develop 'shovel

ready' plans, seek planning permission, and acquire funding. It may not look like much is happening on the ground, but the cogs are turning behind the scenes!

Adopt a Tub Scheme: Thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to fill and look after the plant tubs across Strathfillan. All the tubs in Tyndrum have been adopted, which is great news. We still have some spare tubs in Crianlarich if anyone fancies taking one or two on, just contact Kelly below. The Trust would also like to announce that we are holding a wee competition for the best kept tub. We have prizes for both Crianlarich and Tyndrum, and an overall cash prize for the best Strathfillan tub. Winners will be announced in September. So get your gloves on and trowels out.

Lower Station Yard: we are still working closely with Stirling Council and the National Park to develop this site. We have had to reduce our plans to fit in with our funding. However, we still hope to provide much needed seasonal toilets and

fix the car park drainage issues. When we have plans drawn up, we will bring them to the community for consultation.

Small Grants Scheme 2019: The Trust would like to draw your attention to another round of our Small Grants Scheme. If you are a community group in Strathfillan and are looking for a small amount of money to help buy materials, run a project or other activities, then please contact Kelly at the Trust. The funding pot is limited so please don't hang about!

Contact: if you want to get in touch with the Trust for any reason, we want to hear from you. Office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9.30am to 2.30pm, at Crianlarich Village Hall. You can email Kelly anytime at kelly@strathfillandct.org.uk, or phone 01838 300249 during office hours.

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Tuesday 13th August: A kid's eye view of Ben Lawers
Join our hands-on exploration and leave no stone unturned on the way to becoming a nature know-it-all.
Duration: 2 hours
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Meet: 10.30 am Ben Lawers NNR car park. Numbers limited, booking advisable

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STEM California Excursion

Our recent STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) trip to California was an awesome learning experience. The trip included 5 nights in San Francisco with 4 Nights in Los Angeles/Santa Monica. Whilst in San Francisco we had special access to Google, Tesla and Apple. We visited many STEM-related museums including the 'Exploratorium' with lots of interactive Science and Engineering exhibits. At the 'California Academy of Science', the group experienced earthquake simulators, the planetarium show, the indoor rainforest and visited Claude, the albino alligator. We also walked across the marvel of engineering that is the Golden Gate Bridge and had the opportunity to visit Alcatraz, Pier 39 and ride the antique cable-cars. After a 9-hour bus ride to Santa Monica, our trips included viewing the moon and Jupiter at the famous Griffith Observatory and seeing the real Space Shuttle 'Endeavour' at the California Science Centre Michael Limonci and Hannah MacCallum

Aquathlon

On 26 April, a group of S1-S3 pupils participated in an exciting Aquathlon race at the Michael Woods Sports Centre in Glenrothes. The race involved 12 lengths in the pool followed by a quick transition into an outdoor run. Congratulations to Connor Stewart (S2) who placed 13th in the S2 race.



Stuc a' Chroin Hill Race

A group of S1-S3 pupils took part in a challenging hill run at the Stuc a' Chroin Hill Race in Strathgryre on 3 May. The course involved a 2K trail run that featured steep climbs, marshy terrain and windy single track paths. Congratulations to Ryan McGuire (S3) who placed 2nd in the S1-S3 boys category.

Central Schools U15 Girls and U15 Boys Rugby

On Wednesday 8 May, both the U15 Girls and Boys squads travelled to Stirling County RFC to take part in 7s tournaments. The boys reached the semi-final stage against Wallace HS whilst McLaren girls won all four of their fixtures and finished in first place. A number of our players, were part of the Stirling County U15 squad that won the national final at Murrayfield on Sunday.

Archaeological Dig

All S1 History pupils at McLaren High School have been given the opportunity to visit and participate in an archaeological dig in Leny Woods. Staff and pupils were supported in this by Northlight Heritage and Callander's Landscape. Some pupils now want to be archaeologists. This experience was part of the Humanities Faculty's plan to introduce Archaeology two periods a week next year as part of an S1/S2 elective. If anyone with archaeological experience would like to help support this or find out more, please contact the school.

S2 Moorland Indicators of Climate Change Field Trip

S2 pupils took part in a fieldwork trip on Moor Park Moorland near Drymen recently. Field work experiments involved taking water samples and testing peat levels in the moor. Pupils enjoyed this hands on experience learning how important

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Duke of Edinburgh It's the season for Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. Several groups were out recently walking from Loch Venachar over to Aberfoyle, camping nearby in the Dalzell Wood. The second day was a circular route passing Loch Ard.

Biology Challenge

Pupils have done really well this year and we are all very proud of them. We have 3 Silver certificates, 6 Bronze, 5 Highly Commended and 11 Commended

Sponsored Walk

Our annual sponsored walk took place on the morning of Friday 31 May. The walk followed the well-trodden route from the school through Coihallan Wood toward the fish farm, returning along the Invertrossachs Road. All the money raised from the

sponsored walk will stay in the school to the benefit of McLaren High pupils. The projected total raised is £3,000. Thank you to everyone who took part and were involved in making this such a successful day.

Scottish Schools Athletics

There was success for McLaren High School pupils, Katherine Fowler and Scott Hopper at the recent Scottish Schools Championships. Katherine won bronze medals in the Pentathlon and the 200m. Scott also achieved success with a silver medal in the Shot Putt and gold medal in the Javelin.

Individual Athletics

Last week we held the S1 and S2 individual athletic championships. Three pupils broke school records dating back to 1979! Our S3 to S6 championships are due to take place in June.

Callander Primary School Health Week

On Thursday 6 June, McLaren High School Sports Leaders delivered a session about Mental Health to P6 and P7 pupils from Callander Primary School as part of their Health Week. The theme of the session was a juice bottle and how that represents bottling our feelings. Pupils were given the opportunity to participate in different activities that promoted positive mental health.

Race for Life

On Sunday 12 May staff and pupils participated in the Race for Life at Stirling University. This was the second year that McLaren High School took part and it was fantastic to be part of such an amazing event. All staff completed the 10k course and we cannot wait until the next one.

Killin & Crianlarich Nurseries

Due to the expansion of Early Learning and Childcare, both Killin Nursery and Crianlarich Nursery are undergoing refurbishment over the summer months. Killin Nursery is operating from Killin Primary School whilst these works are taking place.

The nursery has very kindly been offered the use of an area of ground beside the bowling green to enhance outdoor learning experiences for the nursery children. We are very grateful for this and have recently had the area fenced so that we can start using the facility and developing our resources within this space. The children have been looking forward to using their new outdoor learning space and today they chose to take some resources to the area.

However, it is with grave concern and sadness that I bring to the community's attention that before the children have even been able to use this space, mindless destruction of the entrance gate has already taken place. Someone has deliberately removed the screws from the hinges of the gate! This is the second time that nursery property has been damaged in recent weeks.

Our aim is to develop this space for the community, working together across the generations. We need everyone's support for this to succeed.

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Choir

The children in Class 2 and 3 had a wonderful morning singing with the Killin Community Choir at the Killin Music Festival. Thank you to Fran Morrison and KMF for giving us this great opportunity.

P7 Leavers

We wish our Primary 7 leavers all the best for the move up to McLaren High School.
Good luck to Lexi, Stacey, Lauren, Stewart, Danny, Andrew, Sean, Carlo and Innes.



Water Safety

Thank you to Colin and Scott who came to school to teach us about Water Safety and CPR. The children learned ways to keep themselves safe and what to do in emergency situations.



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Sponsored Walk

On the 17th May we went on our annual sponsored walk. This year we stayed local, walking around Kinnell Farm then on to the Head of the Loch. The sun was shining for us all day and there was not a midge in sight! Thank you to all the parents and family members who joined us and who kindly sponsored our children.



Prizes 2019

Congratulations to our Prize Winners for this year :-

Progress in Literacy

P1 Georgia, P2 Struan, P3 Liam, P4 Olivia, P5 Isla, P6 Lieke, P7 Lauren

Progress in Numeracy

P1 Lucy, P2 Annie, P3 Morgan, P4 Scarlett, P5 Niall, P6 Maia, P7 Stewart

Growth Mindset Certificates

P1-2 Jamie, Declan, Andrew
P3-4 Grace, Paige, Harry
P5-7 Jodi, Isobel, Carlo

Mr Ramsay



We are very excited to give a warm welcome to Mr Ramsey who will be our new Head Teacher in August. Mr Ramsey is looking forward to meeting and working with all the children and parents of Killin. Miss Mongan will also be joining the school to teach in Class 3.



Beach Trip

On 21st June the whole school celebrated the end of our World Ocean focus by having a day at the beach. We spent the day making structures with sand and stones and enjoyed a bit of rock pooling. A great day was had by all.








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Saturday 1 June

Scratch

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(Killin) 78

2nd : Tracy MacPherson & Elizabeth
Moyes (Langlands) 82

Handicap

1st : Sally Birnie & Heather Cleland
(Pumpherston) 67.8

2nd : Helen Payne (Milnathort) and
Jan King (Muckhart) 68.6

3rd : Suzanne Graham & Jolan
Audsley (Pumpherston) 69.6

Killin Cup

(Best overall Handicap)

Sally Birnie & Heather Cleland 67.8

Bridge of Lochay Salver

(Best Local Handicap)

Laura and Sheila Aitken 64.6

Dochart Trophy

(Best overall Scratch)

Laura and Sheila Aitken 78

Nearest the Pin in 2

Sheila and Laura Aitken

Longest Drive Silver

Laura Aitken

Longest Drive Bronze

Heather Cleland

Magic Twos

Sally Birnie & Heather Cleland

(Pumpherston)



Laura and Sheila
Best Local



Heather, Sheila and Jan

Mixed Open

Saturday 27 May

Handicap

1st - Tony & Helen Lang
(Harburn) 63

2nd - Paul Melia & Kay Dowling
(Killin) 66

3rd - Allan McHenery & Liz Stevens
(Killin) 67.5 BIH

Scratch

1st - Gordon Aitken (Killin) &
Caroline Henderson (Aberfeldy) 75

2nd - Jim Ronald & Laura Aitken
(Killin) 80

3rd - Gavin Dott & Susie MacDougall
(Aberfeldy) 84

Best Killin (Bill Mitchell Salver)

Paul Melia and Kay Dowling

Best Overall (McRobert Thistle Cup)

Tony & Helen Lang (Harburn)

Best Overall Scratch

(Glen Ogle Trophy)

Gordon Aitken (Killin) & Caroline
Henderson (Aberfeldy)

Nearest Pin

Ladies (14th) - Cathie Reid (Killin)

Gents (11th) - Paul Melia (Killin)

In 3 (9th & 18th) - Allan McHenery &
Liz Stevens (Killin)

Longest Drive

Ladies (16th) - Laura Aitken (Killin)

Gents (9th) - Jim Ronald (Killin)

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Sheila and Lizzie

Competition Results from Open Day

Texas Scramble

N/P 2nd Hole in 2 - Mary Lewis, Lee Douglas and Taylor Forsyth

N/P 14th - John Strang, Silvia Knecht, James Elliot

1st - Sheena Chisholm, Neil Forsyth, Ben Watson 27.6

2nd - Audrey Weaver, Ken Bisset, Jo Millar, Janette Weir 29.2

3rd - Jean Faichney, Stephen Hay, Noah Billios 30.1

Fun Competitions

Juniors

Cai Weir - Hole in One - won a family ticket to Auchengarrich Wildlife park

Ben Watson - Pitching ladder and hoops

Stewart Gall - Putting and foot golf

Adults

Jean Faichney - Pitching ladder and hoops

Putting & Foot Golf

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21/08/19	Capercaillie	River Dochart / Old Railway *
28/08/19	McLaren Hall Car Park	NCN7 at Strathyre (car share) *
04/09/19	McLaren Hall Car Park	Moirlanich Longhouse (car share) *
11/09/19	McLaren Hall Car park	All Groups and Ramblers walk (car share) * Aberfoyle - please book this walk
18/09/19	McLaren Hall Car park	Loch Circuit, or Pier Road if wet * Clubs Open Week
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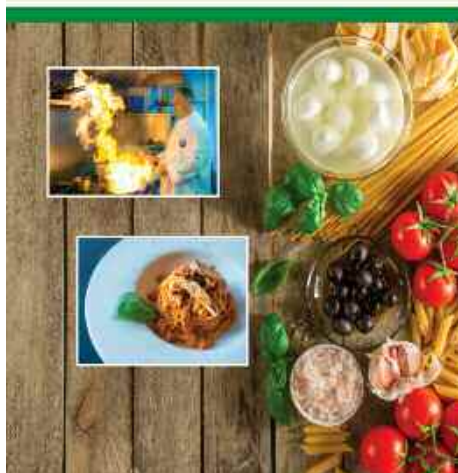
Our final total was a massive £9263.54 and because of this phenomenal amount, we were also able to meet Sam's request to make a donation to CLIC Sargent. The day was a true example of the local community spirit. Thank you all. **Friends of Sam**



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The Frost Report



Today is back to sunshine after a brief dull spell. The Summer so far has been changeable if nothing else. Yesterday, a pheasant brought along a pack of day old chicks in a torrential downpour and hopefully, she got them all safely dried off in the sunshine that followed. Certainly the early warm spell set everything off to a good start. We have been enjoying watching the many new fledglings in the garden. Siskins, blue tits and woodpeckers in their pristine little suits of many colours. The wee robins are a bit more on the smart casual side as they always seem a bit fluffier and are slow to get their red chests. They are often so friendly and appear at your side in sheds and around the garden. Unfortunately, for the first time in about 30 years, we have no house martins or swallows nesting on our walls. In fact, in our area there are far fewer martins and swallows than usual. Maybe there was some storm or other disaster where they spent the winter months or on their journey over here. It is one of those things that still astounds, that such small creatures can navigate and survive their journeys, often from Africa. Many folk would do a great deal to escape a Scottish winter, but your average quadrathlon pales into insignificance compared to these mighty flyers.

Of course, the arctic tern goes to the extreme of doing its pole to pole flight twice a year to take advantage of both Arctic and Antarctic Summers. The ring on one of the well-travelled birds recently found dead in Aberdeenshire showed it to be 32 years old, which means that it will have travelled around 1,500,000 miles. David Attenborough would have a job to beat that record. This equates to almost two return trips to the moon.

Animals unable to fly have been proved to use their feet for many long journeys. Not only the mass migrations

of the Serengeti-Masai Mara, but lone journeys too. Mr. Fox's arctic cousin for one. Recently a female was tracked over a journey of more than 3,500km, taking four months and going from Svalbard in Norway to Ellesmere Island in Canada.

Sometimes the animals do not decide on their journeys themselves, and not all have a happy ending. A rhino was recently being flown to Africa but died on the way. Our own Mr. Fox was recently seen trying to round up a ewe and lamb for lunch. He managed to get the lamb into a burn and was going for



the coup de grace when the mum ewe tuned on him and bravely butted him on his way. And they say that foxes will not go for live lambs! The same story went for sea eagles when they were reintroduced to Scotland. After the evidence of the last few years, it is now apparent that they will take live lambs should the opportunity arise. On one of the S.N.H. monitored farms, there has been an extra loss of 181 lambs between 2012 and 2018. We recently saw one or two sea eagles on Ardnamurchan and, with the lack of sheep over much of the area and apparent lack of rabbits etc. you have to wonder what they do eat. Though some birds can surprise; a black backed gull was seen by a photographer to swallow a rabbit!

It was lovely to revisit a favourite area. Although it is far busier than when we first went there over 50 years ago, it was good to see that it still has its quiet bits where you can watch otters and seals and have to stop the car while a pine marten has a scratch in the road. Like the brave ewe, female humans can also show great courage. Women are on the front line of the poaching war. With elephant and rhino horn being worth more than cocaine, it is a dangerous job to work against organised international groups working in ways akin to drugs smuggling or people trafficking. It is women who run and protect a rhino reserve in South Africa. I was certainly impressed in Zimbabwe on seeing young women returning to their hut at dawn from their poaching patrols carrying their AK 47 rifles. Another method being employed to try to tackle this problem is the drilling of the rhino's horn and the injection of an indelible pink dye and anti-tick serum which would cause nausea and vomiting in humans and so renders the horn unsaleable. GPS trackers are fitted at the same time. Some areas are not doing so well, such as Loch Etive where the escaped farmed rainbow trout will cause a threat to the brown trout, salmon etc. There is still concern about the effect of accumulated waste around the farms causing pollution. Lochs are to be treated with caution by dog owners giving their pets a cool down in the warm weather, as many are polluted and dogs have died after drinking only a little of the water.

Now to mention 'beavergate'. Following the sighting of the beaver crossing the Dochart bridge at 7.45 one morning, it is rumoured that The National Park will be putting a beaver crossing on the bridge. As the beaver seems to be very relaxed, as though it does this trip regularly at this time, look out for the special flashing green lights?

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KILLIN 19 MUSIC FESTIVAL

Killin Music Festival rocks it again this year

Killin Music Festival rocked their idyllic highland village setting once again this year with another array of exciting, up-and-coming Scottish bands.

Crowds assembled across three days in the beautiful spot at the head of Loch Tay to be part of the area's annual gathering, with over 150 musicians and artists taking to the stage. One enthusiastic festival goer from Doune said "you look around, and everyone is just givin' it laldie – it's the most authentic festival I've ever been to".

Among the great performances, Elephant Sessions had the crowd pulsing, audience members raved that the music was felt through the soles of their feet, shaking the hall cobwebs loose. Kinnaris Quintet took the audience on a journey with their heartfelt strings, ranging from soothing relaxed numbers to riveting renditions that re-energised the crowd.

Fiddler Ryan Young led the Sunday stage, opening for Siobhan Miller to deliver in the headline slot. The highlight of Siobhan's set occurred when she left the stage and moved into the audience for a spine-tingling song alongside guitarist Aidan Moodie. The performance was flawless, without any PA, within metres of the silent, spellbound crowd.

Artists who performed during the day in the festival's Portnellan tent were also crowd pleasers. Headland and

Stirling's Greig Taylor had everyone in the Saturday audience buzzing in the build-up to the evening performances. The winner of Sunday's Open Stage competition was Glasgow's "Man of the Minch" (adjudicated by Simon Thoumire of Hands Up For Trad). The alias of Pedro Cameron, this act's eclectic, modern approach to Celtic music impressed, his lyrics about life and love as a member of the LGBT community striking a chord. The festival will now invite Man of the Minch to take a place on the main stage line-up for next year.

A group of young people from the village have formed the band The No Marcs, delighting audiences at this year's festival. With an undoubtedly bright future ahead of them, this young band's enthusiasm is one example of how the music festival is inspiring and encouraging the next generation of musicians.

Gregor MacKenzie, who spearheads the festival team, praised their army of volunteers: "Our team of dedicated volunteers pour countless

hours into this event across the year. They are the tireless engine that powers the weekend for our festival goers, and they are the foundation upon which the festival is built."

"This year's festival proves that when given the chance, young fresh artists and musicians can spread their wings and deliver beyond expectations - all they need is that opportunity to step up. In the afterglow of Killin Music Festival, with so many memories created, the festival's heart continues to beat loud and strong, driven by the energy of our volunteers. Our eyes are now squarely fixed on next year - 19-21 June 2020 - book those diaries now!"

For the big year 5 next June, the music festival is holding off early bird ticket sales until the autumn, to allow plenty time to plan exactly what they will deliver for 2020.

Killin Music Festival can be followed on social media, and or you can sign up for email alerts via their website, to be the first to hear about tickets going on sale.





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At the Water's Edge

Early Iron Age settlement around Loch Tay

At the Water's Edge has conducted the second season of a two-year project that has investigated the later prehistoric settlement landscape of Loch Tay. Directed by Michael J Stratigos and W Derek Hamilton (both of the Scottish Universities' Environmental Research Centre), the project has been funded by the Royal Archaeological Institute with support from the University of Glasgow.

In Loch Tay there is exceptional Iron Age settlement evidence in the form of 18 crannogs, 9 of which have confirmed Early Iron Age phases, but terrestrial settlement in the same area firmly dated to the Early Iron Age is virtually absent. This project has targeted the few surviving potentially Early Iron Age settlement sites to test whether there is a bias in the survival and identification of Early Iron Age features and, with this new insight, develop an understanding of settlement patterns and social history in this region from c.800-400 BC.

Two of the handful of likely later prehistoric settlement sites were investigated as part of the Ben

Lawers Historic Landscape Project at Croftvellick and Tombreck. Our project is re-examining the material recovered there and may provide further chronological precision. Additionally, we have also carried out excavation at Easter Croftintygan,



near Lawers and Ardnagaul, near Killin. Work at both of these sites between 17-28 June 2019 has revealed further evidence for when and where people were living around the shores of Loch Tay in the Iron Age.

We will have to wait for laboratory analysis to be sure exactly when

Ardnagaul and Easter Croftintygan were in use, but the excavations have provided us with substantial information on the kinds of structures which were built. At Ardnagaul, we have very substantial stone walls, about 1.3m across which had well-laid facing stones along the interior. Within the interior, a number of post holes were found, and at the bottom of one, the tip of the post was recovered evidently waterlogged since it was placed there as much as 3000 years ago. At Easter Croftintygan, our excavation revealed a substantial ditch and external bank which may have had a turf superstructure. The interior of the Easter Croftintygan house contained a number of post holes which would have supported a roof of some kind and spreads of charcoal from a central hearth. With this new information, in addition to the work we have been conducting on the crannogs in Loch Tay, we expect to be able to develop a better understanding of how settlement developed and changed in the Iron Age.



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Dr Gareth Tigwell

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Dr Garreth W Tigwell

Since leaving McLaren High School 11 years ago, Garreth has been studying at the University of Dundee. He completed his Undergraduate Degree in Psychology (2008-12) and went on to do his Masters in User Experience Engineering (2013-14). In June, he graduated with a PhD in Computing (2015-19) within the research area of Human-Computer Interaction. This August he is moving to Rochester, New York to begin an Assistant Professor faculty position at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), where he will carry out research and lecturing responsibilities.



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Letters

Birthday Thanks

I would like to thank everyone, especially my family, who made my birthday celebrations so special. I received over 70 birthday cards and, although I had specified "no presents", I received several lovely gifts. Thank you all very much.

Helen, Victoria, Rachel and their families checked into the lovely cottages at Acharn for the week so on my birthday we were able to use the family room. As you can see from the photo we had a great party.

Chrissie Fenton



Thank You

I would like to say thank you to all my friends and neighbours for their cards, flowers and good wishes sent to me when I was in hospital. Also, thank you to the doctors at Killin Surgery and to the staff of Ward 21, Forth Valley Royal Hospital for all the care given to me.

Christine Webster

Hospital Cars

I urge everyone who qualifies to use this friendly, community spirited venture, or to donate if they can. I'm certainly very grateful to all the drivers who have taken me to hospital and dental appointments since last year, saving me many hours waiting for hospital transport. The scheme is a wonderful addition to the community, especially for those unable to drive themselves or use public transport. Thank you.

**Eileen Carson
46 Fingal Road**

Community post office opening

It was a real pleasure to attend this official opening. There has been a huge amount of work by many people in the community to ensure that this vital service stayed in place. The ongoing commitment by volunteers to staff the shop and post office is fantastic and shows just what a great community there is in Killin.

**Martin Earl
Local Councillor**

Thank You

Killin Parent Partnership would like to thank local businesses for their kind and generous prizes for our successful Rock and Roll Bingo Evening. We would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event. A good night was had by all.

Killin Parent Partnership

Killin New Cemetery

Thank you for your help in my enquiries re Killin New Cemetery. I contacted Evelyn Tweedie at Stirling Council and was advised that something would be done. I received a phone call from someone who works for the Council who assured me work would take place. I have discovered, since starting this enquiry, that several people who have relatives buried in this sacred ground are also very concerned. I have contacted a friend in the village who will let me know if this work is carried out. Fingers crossed good things will happen.

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On returning to Kinnell the raffle was held and home baking was enjoyed by all.

Many thanks to the Dowling family for the use of their premises for the day and to Pitcastle Estate/Steven Cook for allowing access to head of Glen.

A special thanks also to Reekie Ltd Perth for supporting the day by donating a prize for the raffle and the use of a Massey Ferguson tractor.

Lastly I want to thank everyone who donated money, prizes for raffle and helped out/took part on the day.

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French Conversation, Painting for Fun, Bridge, Current Affairs, Geology for Beginners and Geology - Selected Topics (e.g. Great Scottish Geologists; Life on Earth) will be offered in Killin. Timetables will be available on Enrolment Day.

If you miss the Tuesday pop down to Callander for :

Thursday 29 August 2.00-4.00pm - AGM and Enrolment Day in Callander Kirk Hall

The subscription fee for next year is still set at £10 for members (£5 if you already belong to another U3A) and you can send a cheque payable to 'Callander & West Perthshire U3A' to our Membership Secretary: John Champness, 18 Robertson Way, Callander, FK17 8JF.

If you can come to one of the Enrolment Days please put your cheque or cash into an envelope with your NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE FRONT and hand it in on the day.

Group leaders will be present to answer questions about their groups and to sign you on. Timetables will be sent out beforehand and will also be available on the day.

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Musings From The Manse

Since I came to Killin in 2016, two things have confirmed that I'm getting old. First, the invitations from the local Doctors' Surgery to get the Winter Flu jab! The second has been the death of some of my favourite rock artists these last few years, who have passed away whilst still in their sixties, the decade that I am now well into myself. So much for the Biblical hope for "three score years and ten" - maybe I should take the jab! One of my favourite rock artists was Tom Petty. I loved his "rebel" attitude, and his great music and lyrics. Comparisons have been drawn between the role of rock and folk musicians over the last 50 years and the Biblical prophets. It is a comparison not without its merits, as both groups were outsiders and radicals who often spoke truth to power, and their words were often critical of the established institutions of their respective societies. Politics and religion were often in their sights. A famous quote from Tom Petty was "No-one gets Jesus more wrong than Christians!" Wow! That's hard, but I'm sure we all know what he meant by that. A wee bit like Ghandi's famous phrase - "Two thousand years of Christian love is enough to frighten everyone!" Again, this is hard to hear but easy to understand. A few years ago, Richard Dawkins was photographed wearing a T shirt with the slogan "Atheists for Jesus". Once again, the same theme is being played out, that there is a vast difference between the Founder and his Followers, with the latter compromising, misrepresenting or undermining the original message. However, things are never that simple. There is a story about the Baptism of Frankish warriors in the Middle-Ages. Each soldier raised his right hand above the water, indicating that Jesus could have their hearts but not their sword arm. Whether apocryphal or not, this account

certainly highlights that it is always easier to baptise a person, a church, or even a culture, than it is to convert it. It also helps us to understand subsequent European history. Cultural critic Peter Hitchens has long maintained that the major decline in European Christianity began in 1914 with the Churches supporting the lunacy of the Nationalisms and Imperialisms which led to the catastrophe of World War 1. I always find Remembrance Sunday a poignant time. My Grandfather fought in the First World War and lost his three brothers at the battle of the Somme in 1916. He himself was severely wounded and invalided home - shades of the film "Saving Private Ryan". My question has always been, where was the Christian Church in all this? Given the influence (at least potential if not actual) of Eastern Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism and Protestantism in the nations of Europe at that time, why was War not avoided? Well the Churches weren't speaking to each other and the Politics of the day trumped the universal claims of the Gospel. Dreadfully sad! Yet it would have taken a very brave Clergyman to have raised this from the pulpit in any of the European churches including our own. In a contest between Flag and Cross the former was always going to win. A number of years ago I read a story about a Minister in one of the Southern States of America during the Civil Rights protests. Already warned by the Klu Klux Klan regarding his sermons on this issue, a group of masked men broke into his study one Saturday night and dragged him from the house. His body was found in a nearby river the following day. He left a young wife and children behind. As someone who at that time had a young family at home and was often in my study on a Saturday night, I was forced to ask myself what I would

have done in that situation. I imagine that not just for me, but for all of us, we can only ever answer that question when actually faced with the situation. None of us are perfect, we have our weaknesses, faults and failings as we share this common humanity with all its limitations. Yet history shows that ordinary people can often do the right thing when called upon. Perhaps that is the hope for the future of our troubled world. Following Jesus, truly following, has never been easy. That is why we have a Cross as our principal symbol. I wonder if Tom Petty would agree.

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The History Of Killin Is Important To Pilgrim Way

Stirling MSP Bruce Crawford has taken part in a debate in the Scottish Parliament on the St Andrew's Way – a series of pilgrimage routes that lead to St Andrew's Cathedral.

The St Columba's Way stretches 200 miles from Iona to St Andrews, via Killin in Mr Crawford's constituency. Mr Crawford took the opportunity to talk about Killin's history, giving particular focus to the Killin Incident of 1749.

Speaking in the debate, he said: "Killin's history is of great interest to many who visit, and the history of the village has great character that endures to this day, as I can testify.

The Killin incident of 1749, in the aftermath of the Jacobite uprising, gives a flavour of the type of community that Killin is. Two men who were causing mischief were captured by the British Army, not for crimes that they had committed, such as the stealing of goods, but because they were in full Highland dress, which the British Government's Dress Act 1746 had outlawed. They were captive until a large mob of the good folk of Killin secured their release. I can testify that, to this day, the good people of Killin will not stand for injustice." Commenting after the debate, Mr Crawford said:

"Pilgrim routes in Scotland have become more popular recently, and I welcome this. They are a celebration of our country's history and it is fitting that people who take part in these routes seize the opportunity to soak up as much local history as possible.

"Killin is a fantastically beautiful village. Nestled in the Trossachs, with the spectacular Falls of Dochart running through its heart, it has so much to offer those who visit.

"I am delighted that Killin is on the pilgrimage map, and hope to see the St Columba route of the St Andrew's Way continue to grow in its success."

Killin Medical Practice

Locum GP Retiring

Many of you will be familiar with Dr Sue Middlemiss, our long-term locum GP who has worked at the practice for many years. Dr Middlemiss is retiring in August and we would like to thank her for her work over the last few years. We have been very lucky to have the support of a long-term GP locum at the practice and we wish her all the very best in her retirement.

We are delighted to welcome a new

GP locum, Dr Martin Tolley to the practice in August. Martin was based at a General Practice in Edinburgh for over 20 years and has been a locum GP covering rural practices across Scotland. Martin will be joining the practice in August to provide locum cover when required.

Breast Cancer Screening

The Scottish Breast Screening Mobile Clinic visited Killin in July. The Scottish Breast Screening Programme invites women aged between 50-70 years old every 3 years. Women over

70 can attend through self-referral. If you were unable to attend or missed your appointment you can contact West of Scotland Breast Screening on 0141 800 8800 to arrange an alternative appointment.

Practice Nurse

We are pleased to let you know that our Practice Nurse, Jamie Anderson, will be increasing her working hours and working an extra day from the end of August. Jamie's clinic will now run from Monday-Friday.

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Killin's New Year Fireworks Display

The fireworks display to bring in the start of 2020 is to be held once again at the Falls of Dochart!

Our meeting held at the Killin Hotel on 6th June, was attended by many of those who actively supported the 2019 display. There was little to discuss other than the location for the display. Pleas were made for it to be held in the park once more, learning from the last event, while others wanted the event to return to the Falls. However, it became apparent, in the days and weeks following our meeting, that the feeling in the village was that it go back to the location where it was held for so long.

The decision having been made, there is now much to do in organising the event. Alas, no cutting and pasting this year's display paperwork. We are back to square one in sorting everything out.

To get things moving again there will be a meeting at the Killin Church Community Room on Tuesday, 6th August, 2019 at 11am. We would like to see as many people there as are able to attend.

We shall also invite representatives of the Police and Fire Service to discuss the important issue of access and safety.

Once again, to any local resident who would be interested in volunteering to help with the event, please let either Jinny or myself know.

Fund raising will be a key discussion at the meeting, not only to ensure this year's event takes place, but also to provide a fund to ensure that it continues in the future.

One major fundraising effort is the sponsored cycle ride from Killin to Callander on Sunday, 25th August. If you are ready for an enjoyable day out with friends, coupled with the opportunity to raise funds for the fireworks, then pop along to the Courie Inn where you can collect a sponsor form and then start your training!

We hope that we can all look forward to a bright and sparkling New Year 2020.

**Mike Beresford
Jinny Anderson**

Lodge 815

The members of Lodge 815 in Killin would like to thank this great Community for their support of the events we stage, such as the News Year Dance and the Auction.

This year there are a couple of extra events. In May we organised a dance with a Rock and Roll Band called the Rocka Hillbillies which turned out to be such a great night that we have asked them back in November to brighten up the dark nights before Christmas.

It is important to us that these events are supported well as the funds raised are used to help local organisations such as the Scouts, the Lantern Parade, Nursery School and many others.

Our donations help with their running costs and we also donate to national charities. Thank you all once again and hope to see you on 30th November for a Rockin good night.

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As I write this, the summer holidays are upon us and it gives the leaders time to recharge their batteries and have a welcome break. It also allows us time to reflect on the year that has passed and work towards the next year, either through planning or necessary training.

As can be seen below, we have been particularly active outdoors in the last term. Here's hoping for a pleasant Autumn to continue this trend. All sections are likely to return in the week commencing 26th August. The Group Executive will be holding their AGM in September. This is one time of the year when the working parts (finance, fundraising, section reports, future projects/plans) of the group are discussed openly with the community. Your involvement is important and we hope you can make it for the short meeting.

Beavers

Beavers are aged 6-8 and will be meeting every other Tuesday in The Lesser Hall, Killin, from 6-7pm. We had a great night finishing up before summer break, with both colonies heading along to Abernethy, Ardeonaig. The Beavers got to tackle the low ropes course, providing some problem solving, balance and agility challenges. They also tried out their hand at archery which took some concentration and skill to master, but we had some good results once they had some practice. These adventurous activities helped the Beavers to achieve their "my adventure" challenge badge. Thank you to the staff at Abernethy for giving us a wonderful evening – we all had great fun!

The leaders will be getting together soon to plan lots of activities when we start back after summer. As some of our Beavers turn 8 and move on up to Cubs, we now have some space in our colonies, so if your child is 6 or 7 and would like to come along please get in touch.

Laura Bathgate - Beaver Leader
killinbeavers@yahoo.com

Cubs Outdoor Challenge Camp – May 2019

It seems a long time ago now but the Killin Cubs took part in a Joint Camp with the Aberfeldy Cubs at Meggernie Scout Activity in Glen Lyon. This was over two days and nights, with this being, for some Cubs, their first true camping experience too. A huge amount of planning and organising took place leading up to the event. But prior planning meant for an easier

camp, happy Cubs and myself finally achieving my Camping Permit. A write-up by our Cubs, Noa and Alice gives a great overview:

"We thought the Cub Camp was fun because we did a lot of unusual things we have not done before. I was excited to meet the Aberfeldy Cubs and we did some fun activities like campfires, slippery slope, grass sledging and sleeping in tents."

I shall certainly take away how well the Cubs befriended the other Cubs and took the Scouting spirit to new highs. I am really impressed with how the Cubs dealt with our second night's sleep, with temperatures dipping below freezing overnight! It only took a few days before the Cubs were asking when the next camp will be...

Cubs

Cubs are aged 8-10½ and will be meeting every other Tuesday in The Lesser Hall, Killin, from 7.15pm to 8.30pm.

The summer months are great for allowing us to get outside and be active. After the Cub Camp we were able to use some of the skills we learnt on camp and go for a local walk around Killin, taking in the bluebells

above Pier Road. A lot of the Cubs also took part in a morning's cycle from Glen Ogle to Mhor 84. All the Cubs said this was the longest cycle they had ever done but I am sure most of them could have carried on. Apologies to any parents who have some kids who are addicted to cycling now!

The fun never stopped, with an evening's canoeing at the Firth Outdoor Centre on South side of Loch Tay. The games the instructors played were great for getting everyone paddling and involved, some more than others, with three children getting wet! It isn't called a water sport for no reason. Many thanks to Michael and Zuzanna for volunteering their time.

With a large number of Beavers moving on after the Summer we are in desperate need of adult help. I am sure you would agree that it would be a real shame to have to curtail our activities after such a productive and exciting term.

Stephen Rawlinson - Cub Leader
07742 886918
2ndkillincubs@gmail.com



Shearing Competition



Open - machine

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2nd Robert Campbell
3rd Allan Mckenzie

Local

1st Robert Campbell
2nd Allan Mckenzie
3rd Ewan Cameron

Best Pen - Robert Cameron

Hand- open

1st Allan Oldfield
2nd Phill Oldfield
3rd Rab Webster

Local

1st Rab Webster
2nd Ewan Cameron
3rd Gordon Stewart

Best Pen - Allan Oldfield

Results of the Shearing competition which was held on the 28th June at Auchlyne farm (thanks to Stewart Christie)

Thank you to everyone who helped, judged, participated and spectated on the night, and to Stewart for hosting!

Jillian Laurence




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20 May 2019

Proposal: Installation of replacement window and door
Location: Craigvockin Gray Street Killin
Applicant: Mr J Satterthwaite
Application Type: Householder
Planning Permission
Decision: Current

05 Jun 2019

Proposal: Erection of 2no. poles for 11Kv Overhead Line
Location: Land at Benmore Farm Crianlarich
Applicant: Lorna Williamson
Application Type: Statutory
Notification - overhead lines
Decision: No Objections

19 Jun 2019

Proposal: Proposed change of use of shop unit (class 1) to form 2no. 1 bedroom holiday lets and change of use and alteration of garage to form 1no. 1 bedroom holiday let.
Location: 1 Craiglea Lower Floor Main Street Killin
Applicant: Mrs A Sutherland
Application Type: Detailed Planning
Permission
Decision: Current

03 Jul 2019

Proposal: Erection of timber shed with flue for smokehouse (retrospective)
Location: Falls Of Dochart Inn Clachaig Killin
Applicant: Ross Anderson
Application Type: Detailed Planning
Permission
Decision: Approve

Perth & Kinross Council

11 Jun 2019

Proposal: Erection of a replacement dwellinghouse
Location: Site of Former Briar Croft Fearnan
Applicant: Ms Lisa Beaumont
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Awaiting decision

17 Jun 2019

Proposal: Extension to dwellinghouse and erection of a garage
Location: Greenacre Killin
Applicant: Mr Julian Sheard
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Awaiting decision

Stirling Council

17 May 2019

Proposal: Erection of agricultural shed
Location: 30M South East of Duncroisk Cottage Killin
Applicant: Upper Borelands Trust
Application Type: Full
Decision: Unknown

19 Jun 2019

Proposal: Reinstatement of fire damaged dwelling house
Location: Myrtle Cottage Killin
Applicant: Mr Allan Attack
Application Type: Full
Decision: Approve

27 Jun 2019

Proposal: Formation of forest road
Location: Land 175M South of Firthush Point Field Centre Killin
Applicant: Gresham House
Application Type: Prior
Notification/Approval
Decision: Approve with Conditions

Glen Lochay Substation Planning Application Update - from Louise Thom

During a presentation to the community council, SSE agreed to host a second public consultation and to make available updated plans and visuals of the proposal, which hopefully will be displayed in the Library and on the Killin facebook page, thus ensuring that most people get the chance to see them.

I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend the meeting, date not yet known (see KCC report page 4 & flyer)



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Heart 200 Update

To date Heart 200 has had no consultation with any residents, Community Councils or local businesses along the route. There was no reply to a direct request to arrange a public consultation meeting with those local to Coshieville, Fortingall, Fearnan, Glen Lyon and Kenmore, but due to many emails and letters sent by everyone, that community have successfully achieved removal of the Coshieville-Fortingall-Fearnan section from the marked Heart 200 route. There was also some interview coverage on 'The Nine', BBC Scotland June 27th and on the News at Six on STV July 1st. More details can be found at : www.fearnanvillageassociation.com/heart-200/

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- Gentle Yoga, 10.30-12.00, Old Mill
- Juniors P7 Badminton, 6-7pm, McLaren Hall
- 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 (Winter months only)
- Outdoor Green Bowls, 6.30pm (Bowling green-Killin. Summer only)

Tuesday

- Killin Craft Group, 10am-12pm, Community Rooms
- Internet Cafe, drop in between 11am-1pm, Killin Library
- 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
- 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

Church Services

- Sunday 10am, Morning Worship, Killin Parish Church
- 2nd Sunday of the month, 3pm, Falls of Dochart Retirement Home

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
- U3A French, 2.30-4pm, Killin Hotel

Thursday

- 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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Aug 5, 19, Sept 2, 16, 30
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Ardeonaig 2.00-2.45

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