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Editorial

Approaching the end of yet another year, we hurtle (or glide, depending on your disposition) towards the milestone of twenty years since the millennial celebrations. Where does the time go?

In the period since our last publication, the village has been saddened by the loss of several well-loved friends who contributed so positively to village life – something we can all aspire to do and which many already achieve.

Looking forward, we have an election in the offing, an event by which a lot of us are flummoxed and perhaps veering away from, but if you decide to do your duty by ticking a box, you could then head to the Killin News office for some complimentary mulled wine and mince pies (2-4pm) to revive, warm and cheer your body and spirits.

Once the results are out, you may feel the need to escape to the hills, as so many hardy souls did recently in the Tarmachan Hill Race (page 21) and the Glen Ogle Ultra Marathon, or you could retreat to a comfy sofa to bury your head in a book (page 9).

One book that has stayed in my mind is 'Wilding' by Isabella Tree, an inspiring book for all of us who are deeply concerned by climate change and the decline of animal and plant species (page 27). Nature itself has the answer, if only man will allow it to happen.

All the usual village events are lining up for your enjoyment as we near Christmas and Hogmanay – the Santa Dash, Santa at McLaren Hall (Drama club), the children's party, lantern making, club outings (food related), music, fireworks, and in January, the Wizard of Oz will be visiting Killin.

Whatever you will be doing, we wish all our readers a Happy Christmas and New Year.

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Glen Dochart

Photo Ron Allner

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The Killin Telephone Book



Every three or four years since 1978, Killin has produced its own telephone book. This has proved very popular, as local numbers and mobile numbers can be easily found. The Killin book was started as a fund raiser for the church, typed on wax stencils and run off by hand using an ink roller. In 1998 production was taken over by Killin

News which produced the next eight editions, the last six of which raised a total of £6,337 for the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. The current edition was compiled in 2016 but, due to the flood in the Killin News office, did not appear until 2017 and it is now out of date. So maybe a new one is due - or maybe not. A few things need to be considered.

Firstly, is a phone book needed nowadays when everyone keeps numbers on mobile phones? On the other hand, how do you find the number or mobile number of someone in the village you haven't called before? You find it in the local book. When you see a number you don't know has called, how can you find out whether it was someone local? By looking up the number in the local book. A future version

could also include email addresses. But if a new book is wanted, who should produce it and how? Neither of the only two people in the village with previous experience of doing so, nor anyone on the present Killin News team is willing to undertake it. The last few editions were done on Excel, simply updating and adding to the last version, but nowadays there is almost certainly a more modern and better way of doing it by those with a good knowledge of computers. Perhaps another group could produce it to raise funds? So there are two questions: Is there a demand for a new phone book? If there is a demand, is anyone willing to undertake production? And a third question: Which comes first? Over to you....

Killin News Team

Killin Hogmanay Fireworks

Alas, it is already November as we write this article and Hogmanay will be with us before we know it. We wish everyone a happy Christmas and a sparkling New Year. As reported in the last edition of the Killin News, Jinny circulated local businesses in an effort to raise funds for the fireworks and we are pleased to list below those who have kindly donated so far.

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As a result of the donations to date, together with money raised from the cycle ride and calendar sales, the Falls of Dochart will once again resound to the sight and sound of fireworks to bring in the New Year.

Arrangements for the event are now all in hand.

The calendars are selling well, so if you want a copy get one while the going's good. They make an ideal Xmas gift for those not fortunate to live here. Remember all proceeds go towards the fireworks.

A meeting was arranged at the Killin Hotel for 11am on Tuesday, 26th November. Arrangements for the New Year display will have been discussed and finalised. Once again, if anyone would like to help out on the night by being a marshal then please let me or Jinny know.

It just remains for us to say a big thank you to all who have contributed towards this year's display and our hope that everyone who can make it to the Falls on New Year's Eve enjoys a spectacular start to 2020.

Mike Beresford, Jinny Anderson.



Killin Mountain Rescue - Your Local Team Have Been Busy

It has been a busy period for the Killin Mountain Rescue Team with a number of callouts and training events.

A number of team members have attended two significant national and international training events. One being the International Commission for Alpine Rescue Congress held in the Tatra Mountains in Poland and the other being the Scottish Mountain Rescue Training Conference held at the Scottish National Outdoor Training Centre. Both events provide an opportunity for team members to be informed of any recent developments, practices and technology as well as time for networking and sharing knowledge between teams, which in turn assists in providing an up to date service.

We have a structured training programme with this month's events including off-road driving. There are many areas of training we have to cover apart from mountaineering and rescue skills, driving being one of them. Rope Rescue training has also taken place, as well as a number of personnel preparing to undertake The Mountain Rescue Casualty Care Assessment, which enables a higher level of care to be given for casualties

in the mountains.

We have been working closely with helicopters this month, having recently travelled to the HM Coastguard Search and Rescue Flight at Prestwick to undertake helicopter safety and winch training. This very soon proved its worth, as three days later the team were high up on the

as avalanches.

In addition to the above, and after recent incidents, we have been attending meetings with local authority stakeholders to discuss hazard awareness for the public and lifesaving measures at Bracklinn Falls. Finally, the team had great success with their newly acquired drone,

when they were called out to a working dog that had been stuck on a cliff face near the Tarmachan Ridge. The dog had been stuck on the mountainside all night and the team were called to help locate and rescue it. The team's newly qualified drone pilot managed to pinpoint the dog, which allowed two rock climbers from the team to ascend and rescue it. This was the first instance in Scotland of a deployed drone making a live find. The team's pilot is part of the newly formed Search and



Lisa, Misty and Mark

Tarmachan Ridge, near Killin, carrying out the very same techniques to rescue a badly injured walker. This was the second time in as many weeks that the team were working in conjunction with the coastguard to rescue injured walkers, with another from Ben Lui.

We also paid a visit to the Emergency Medical Recovery Service at Glasgow Airport. Scotland's Emergency Medical Retrieval Service (EMRS) saves lives by providing critical care and safe transfer to definitive treatment for patients in remote healthcare locations and at accident scenes. The team is ready to respond by helicopter, plane or fast response vehicle within minutes of activation. As winter approaches, the team were discussing how they would work together with the EMRS to treat casualties involved in incidents such

Rescue Aerial Association-Scotland, which is a full member of Scottish Mountain Rescue.

All in all, it has been one busy period but the team, consisting entirely of volunteers, will not stop preparing for winter and will be out training in all weathers, night and day, to provide the best possible service for the communities they serve.

The Killin Mountain Rescue is one of 5 local projects that are being sponsored by the local Co-op, please visit the Co-op membership website where you can vote for which cause you would like to support.
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Killin Community Council

Chairman's Report

The Council meeting of October 21st was addressed by our local police officers, Scott Kennedy and Andy Fleming, whose report detailed a reassuringly low level of local crime, most of it petty and opportunistic. They were at pains however, to alert us to the continuing threat of fraud and financial crime, not only internet enabled, but also door to door cold calling. Some of this is on the margin of legality, which makes it difficult to police effectively, although it is certainly morally dubious, to say the least.

We were also given a presentation by the promoters of Heart 200, a proposed touring route centred on West Perthshire, but including much of Stirlingshire. The promoters see this as a comprehensive tourism development package, with an emphasis on the many different activities within the area and intend it to be a gateway for tourist engagement rather than a simple touring circuit. There are also plans to publish a dedicated guidebook detailing the many attractions along the route. There is however some understandable disquiet about this project, mainly driven by negative

experiences on the North Coast 500, where a lack of facilities and accommodations has led to congestion on the mainly narrow or single-track roads, rough camping and rubbish accumulation. There seems to have been a significant increase recently in motorhome touring, perhaps driven by the emergence of a flourishing business in motorhome rentals, which may have contributed to these problems. The promoters of Heart 200 drew attention to the wealth of existing facilities and accommodation options along their proposed route, and the range of visitor attractions and opportunities for visitors to explore more widely.

The Community Action Plan is moving forward, but slowly. Local engagement in drawing up the Plan is not quite as widespread and enthusiastic as we had hoped. There is some apathy, but it is important to get as full a contribution from the local community as possible. The Action Plan is due to be completed by March of next year, and will form the basis of much community development, particularly the allocation of grants and subsidies, as well as transport links and

recreational opportunities. There are surveys to be undertaken and online opportunities to engage with the Action Plan. Kay, in the Library, is happy to help anyone get access to the CAP online or fill in a questionnaire for us. We hope that most of you will contribute to this exercise over the coming few months.

Finally, we are to get 20mph signs on Pier Road, although the campaign for a 30mph limit on the Aberfeldy Road from the Glebe to the Bridge of Lochay is still ongoing. Parking remains an issue, and we are scheduled to undergo a parking audit in December 2020. To end on a positive note, the playpark is getting new fencing and proper drainage thanks to the indefatigable efforts of our own Davy Fettes on behalf of Killin Community Council. The next Council meeting will be held in Killin Primary School on Monday, 16th December at 7.30 pm. May I take this opportunity to wish you all, on behalf of the Council, a Merry Christmas and a happy and productive New Year.

Andy Aitken
Chair, KCC

Further Notes

Roads and Traffic: No organisation for educating child cyclists has been identified but the search would be continued.

The Glebe is an unadopted road so Stirling Council will not put up a sign to warn it is a dead end but residents could do so.

Average speed control on the road to Crianlarich is to be brought in but no date has been decided yet.

Overhanging trees on the Aberfeldy Road will be dealt with by Stirling Council when the statutory time for finding the owner has elapsed. The need for Manse, Fingal and Craignavie Roads to be gritted was discussed. Cllr Martin Earl said that, as they were not considered to be main roads, this could not be done as that would mean hundreds of other such roads would have to be done too and Stirling Council had neither the funds nor the resources to do this. Self-gritting could lead to insurance problems.

School and Nursery: Work had still not been completed.

Heart 200: A presentation was given by Robbie Cairns of Fortingall Hotel. The aim of the Heart 200 is to try and bring back tourist trade by attracting people to stay in the different areas on the route, emphasising the attractions at each proposed stop. There is much to see and do - many castles, gardens, adventure activities - and hotels. Marketing will be chiefly abroad and down south and a book about the area will be published next spring when there will be launch events. An App is also to be produced. Sales people will be going round the areas to talk to businesses. Questions about parking, loos and rubbish bins are being discussed with the National Park. Any queries, worries or comments can be referred either to Robbie at the Fortingall Hotel or to the Heart 200 website.

Margaret MacIver



Clinics are held in the bowling green pavilion in Killin on the following dates between 9.30 & 11.30am

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Breadalbane Park

Most of you will know that the Viking Swing has been installed into the park since the last Killin News article was written. It has been well used by a variety of age groups including adults which is great to see.

Stirling Council were out recently to install drainage from what was the old swing area to the manhole just outside the fence. We are hoping this will solve the flooding problem that has become more noticeable here and in the Viking Swing area since this was installed.

We have been successful in being one of the causes that the Co-op are funding this year. You can support us by becoming a member of the Co-op. Once you are a member, go to the Co-op website and pick which cause you want to support. Then every time you buy a Co-op product 1p will go to the cause you have signed up to. The fundraising runs for a year and normally raises a good amount of money for each cause.

We appreciate your support to help us raise money for the play park.

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

Old Mill

We were successful with our funding application to Stirling Council and Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park for money to replace the lights in the Mill and repair the sluice gate. Work will be starting on the lights very shortly, when the contractor can fit us in to his busy schedule. Work has started on the sluice gate. The Contractor has taken away the old one so that he can use it as a pattern for the new one. He is hoping to complete the repair by the

end of February 2020.

The Mill Group are working on funding applications for the development of the Old Mill.

KAT AGM

KAT held their AGM on Saturday 28th September in the Killin Hotel. It was well attended by members. There was a presentation by Anne Sobey from the Community Partnership about Killin Action Plan.

The directors for KAT are:

Liz Stevens – Chairperson

Pat Hayes – Vice Chairperson

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We are continuing to seek grant funding to ensure that we can keep our prices as low as possible and would like to thank those people who donate money to us. This is very

much appreciated and is a good way to show funders that we are using other ways of raising money to continue our work.

Two of our trustees attended a meeting organised by Disability Equality Scotland with the Scottish Ambulance Service. A consultation by Disability Equality Scotland asking people if they experienced problems using passenger transport services revealed that, from over 800 responses, over 90% reported some form of issue. Sam Ritchie Head of Patient Transport provided an overview of the patient transport services including scheduled care and eligibility criteria. It was good to discuss what works well, what doesn't and what needs to change. It was good to hear some forthright exchanges from people using the service and the issues it raises for them.

We would like to hear from you if you live in our area, have limited movement, disability or use a wheelchair to get around, and have difficulty travelling due to lack of accessible transport. Perhaps just getting to the bus stop, or the steps onto the bus may be more than you can manage.

We are aware that neither the car scheme nor the local public bus, currently have a vehicle which can take a passenger needing to stay in their wheelchair while travelling. There are also likely to be at least 60 people, in our area, using wheelchairs and for some of them getting beyond their front door is difficult. We would like to hear from you about the problems you have and how you feel things can be changed to support you when using transport. Either ring Don on 01567 820690, or email dfraser3610@gmail.com

Scottish Wildlife Trust

Pitlochry and Highland Perthshire Members Centre

The next talk will be on Monday 16th December at 7.30 in the Tryst, Church of Scotland, Pitlochry PH16 5EB when Andrew Barbour will give a talk 'Upland farming and wildlife in Highland Perthshire'. Andrew is a farmer, forester and former chair of the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership.

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KILLIN MUSIC FESTIVAL

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Skerryvore 360 World Tour – 20 December

Tickets to see Skerryvore have flown out the door. Join us for a night that only Skerryvore delivers. Only a handful of tickets remain - available now from www.killinmusicfestival.com. We're also looking for volunteers available to support us on the night – please call Gregor on 07717 130333 if you up for helping out.

KMF20 – 19-21 June

We are busy signing our stacked lineup of top tier talent for year five. Our first batch of 2020 tickets sold out within 24 hours with demand exceeding availability. The next batch of discounted tickets go on sale Friday 29 November via our website. Remember discounts drop as we get closer to the event – so the earlier you buy tickets, the lower the cost. If you buy tickets in this batch, you will also be the first to be able to purchase our brand-new snazzy hoody design.



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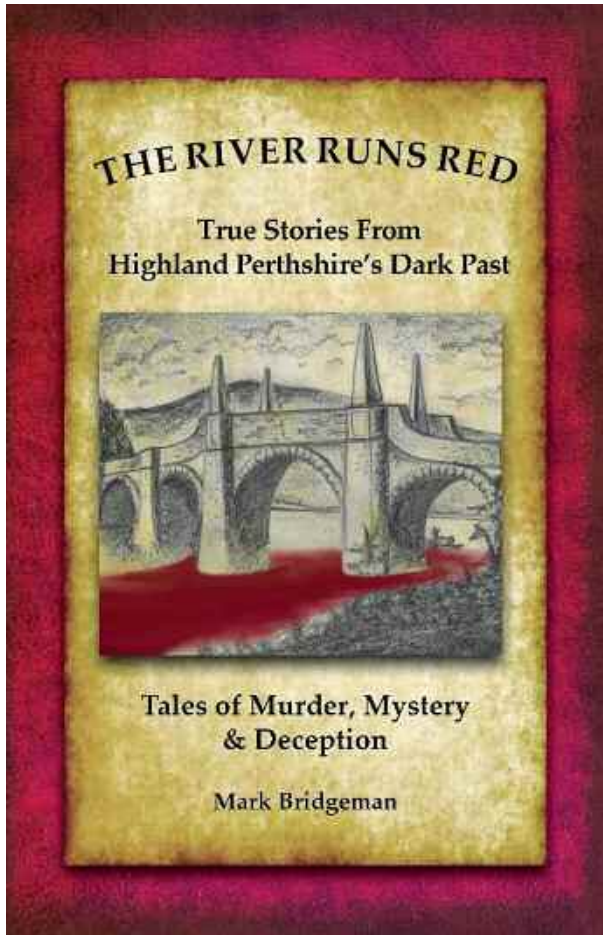
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New Local Book – Help Needed



Local author Mark Bridgeman has embarked on a second volume of local crime stories.

Following the success of his first book, *The River Runs Red*, author Mark Bridgeman is writing a sequel. This time he intends to delve a little deeper into Killin's dark and secret past with a selection of short stories from the area's turbulent history – and he wants some help from the people of Killin and the surrounding area.

Mr Bridgeman's first book *The River Runs Red* featured a series of true stories from Highland Perthshire's past. The book tells 19 true tales of murder, mystery and crimes. Mr Bridgeman said: "The River Runs Red has been an amazing success in Perthshire. We've virtually sold out

within few weeks of publication, and the book has been so well received.

"Now I want to write a second volume for publication in 2021. I'm looking to gather a series of really interesting local stories, based on crimes, mysteries and mysterious occurrences in the area. If you know a local story or mystery, I'd love to hear from you. Thank you."

Anyone with a historical crime or mystery they'd like to see in this new book can contact ;

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Strathfillan by the Way



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Lower Station Yard: Much to our surprise there has been a major development in relation to this project. It has come to our attention that Stirling Council, who own Lower Station Yard and from whom we lease, are assessing their land across Strathfillan with a view to developing housing in response to local business demand. This assessment includes Lower Station Yard. Although there is no guarantee that the site will be developed for housing, it has meant that our project has been put on hold for the foreseeable future. We hope that the Council will decide quickly what will happen with the land, and that it is developed in line with the wishes and needs of our community.

Community Action Plan (CAP): As you will be aware Anne Sobey from the Community Partnership and the local CAP Steering Group have been working towards our new Community Place Plan. There is a housing needs survey currently out on SmartSurvey, and we would encourage you to complete. There will also be a Place Standard app being issued shortly,

which will mean you can have your views recorded for the CAP without leaving the comfort of your own home.

Bike Skills Park: As with many projects, people are beavering away behind the scenes. We have commissioned the next phase of works, and our contractors are working away. Not much will happen on the ground for the next few months – except the odd survey – but we still hope to have the project 'shovel ready' for March next year.

Small Grants Scheme 2019: We recently awarded £200 to the CAP Steering Group to help them host the Community Action Plan Open Day. So, 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!

AGM: by the time this is published we will have held our AGM and Community Gathering on November 11th this year. This was an

opportunity for us to update the community on our projects and achievements over the past year, and followed by two short but interesting presentations from Anne Sobey from the Community Partnership and Dr Summers from the Tay Fisheries Board. We would like to thank the Real Food Café for the delicious buffet, and Crianlarich Londis for drinks. The Trust would also like to take the opportunity to say thank you to Alan Smailes, who stepped down from the Trust. He has been involved in the Community Development Trust for over 10 years, and he will be missed. We hope that everything goes well for him and Eileen over the coming years.

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: kelly@strathfillancdt.org.uk, or phone 01838 300249 during office hours.



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Wiped off the Map Eilan Rowan, Killin's Lost Castle

When I moved to Killin and wanted to learn its history I was puzzled by references to "Eilan Rowan", the medieval stronghold of the MacNabs, destroyed in 1654 by George Monck, Cromwell's commander in Scotland. Many describe the castle (also spelled *Eilean Ran*, *Eilan Ruin*, *Islandran*, *Illarayin*, *Ellanrayne*) as on an island in the Lochay, but it isn't on the



map or in tourist information, and there were no signposts. The site is shown on only two maps, both pre-1654 – by Robert & James Gordon and by Timothy Pont, both depicting an island, *Ylen Rann*, at the head of Loch Tay. *Eilan Rowan* has been translated as "the island of the point, or promontory" so, despite these maps' inaccuracies, an obvious candidate for *Ylen Rann* seemed to be the former promontory that jutted out into the loch at the mouth of the Dochart. However, the channel which makes this an island was only cut in c. 1895–1899.

An alternative location was suggested in 1892 by John Christie

who noted, in *The Lairds and Lands of Loch Tayside*, that "There is a portion of the haugh, bordering on the Lochay, and near the junction of that river with the Dochart, which is still called Islandran".

This "eminence or plateau several feet above the surrounding ground" was, he believed, the site of the MacNab stronghold. When the rivers are high, this natural mound *is* almost an island [photo], although the Gaelic word *eilean* can also mean a piece of raised ground in marshland.

Eilan Rowan is walked over, mostly unnoticed, every day. Apart from a tumble of stones at its river end, there are no signs of occupation, no levelled platforms for buildings,

nothing to indicate substantial defences. However, high-status loch-side settlements were an important feature of the medieval landscape, their locations being well suited for defence, communication and trade – in fact a 1573 property transaction refers to "land of the Clachan of Killin, lying at the Port of Islandran". Eilan Rowan is central to the often turbulent history of Killin. It was from there, for example, that in 1612

"Smooth John" MacNab ventured out with his brothers on a murderous retaliatory raid on the MacNeish stronghold on Loch Earn, carrying their boat over the hills and returning with a sack full of MacNeish skulls, including the chief's. However, as the MacNabs declined in the face of the growing power of the Breadalbane Campbells so part of their history was wiped off the map. In the end I found Killin's lost castle hiding in plain sight. Maybe it's time to put it back on the map.

Andrew Powell



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Andrew Dunhill Links tournament

Andrew Mclay, an S4 pupil at McLaren High School has won the handicap

competition for S4s to S6s during the Alfred Dunhill Links tournament at St Andrews on Sunday 23rd October. Andrew finished the tournament with an amazing score of Net 64, securing his place on the top spot. The Alfred Dunhill Links Championship is one of the most exciting golf events in the world, and something that Andrew will never forget being part of. Andrew is pictured on right being congratulated by one of the competition organisers

Also representing the school were Ben



Isgrove, Jack Campbell, Thomas Campbell, Jamie McNaught, Ross Ronald and Alistair Cantlay, who will attend the Dunhill Championship taking place at Carnoustie Golf Links, Kingsbarns Golf Links and St Andrews Old Course.

Artist Alec Finlay's 'Day of Access'

Alec Finlay, a Scottish artist based in Edinburgh has partnered with the 'Travelling Gallery' in an attempt to raise accessibility to art for those who are affected by disability. Finlay's project is acting as a campaign to present information and artworks, whilst providing space for open discussion all around Scotland. The bus contains art from multiple Scottish artists, most of which contain themes surrounding disability. Finlay who is disabled himself, has a strong belief that everyone should have the opportunity to experience wild nature and hopes that his 'Day of Access' will help bring this opportunity to those who would usually find this physically and emotionally demanding. As part of the tour the bus made a stop at McLaren High School in Callander. Alec Finlay's vision has made positive impressions on the pupils at McLaren High School. In allowing them to access art that has promoted positive

thinking towards the challenges faced with disability, he is encouraging pupils to see the wider picture, break down stigmas and boost forward thinking.

Biology excursion to Dundee University

On September 24th pupils of McLaren High School visited Dundee University to partake in the Biology Lectures. Throughout the day pupils had the opportunity to partake in various experiments and had the chance to practice inserting 'genetically modified BT solution' into tobacco plants. The lecture was on Pharming - the use of plants in medicine. The lecturer set the context of the growing need for food, the losses due to pest & disease and the need to discover and mass produce drugs.

European Day of Languages

Last week we celebrated European Day of Languages with a wide range of events. Each day, we were greeted with a tannoy message read by a pupil in a foreign language. Six pupils from S1 to S6 spoke to us in seven different languages. Mr Fleming helped S1 pupils to bake the French dessert, *Moelleux au Chocolat*, and artistic and linguistic skills were used

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in designing a t-shirt logo, and we held pop quizzes in French and Spanish, while Mrs Moir and team did some face-painting. There was a lunchtime tasting-table of continental snacks followed by an inter-house quiz on a language and culture theme.

Fiona Duff and Catriona Anderson at the SAME Conference

Fiona and Catriona performed at the Scottish Association for Music conference, which is a professional body that represents all those involved within music education. Their performance was a prelude to Nicola Benedetti, an award winning Scottish Violinist who at the age of 16 won the 'BBC Young Musician of the Year'.



Pictured from left to Right: Nicola Benedetti, Catriona Anderson, Flora Duff, and Tutor Miss Rosie

McLaren High Bake Sale for Macmillan - Friday 27th September

On Friday 27th September McLaren High School held its annual coffee morning and bake sale for Macmillan cancer support. The pupils helped organise and sell home baking during their morning break, raising a total of £729. We would like to thank

everyone involved and everyone who baked and bought for this great cause.

Scottish Mental Health First Aid (SMHFA) training course

On Tuesday 24th and Monday 30th September, three S6 pupils from each school in the Stirling Council district attended Scottish Mental Health First Aid (SMHFA) training course at Wallace High School and Queen Victoria in Dunblane. The Intensive 2-day course has provided pupils with a strong understanding of mental health awareness and a clear knowledge on practical use of Scottish Mental Health First Aid. Now that the pupils are certified mental health first aiders, they possess the knowledge and understanding of how to approach a person in distress, how to help support someone in crisis and how to guide them to relevant professional help.

Auschwitz Trip 2019

This month two pupils from McLaren High School, Eloise Murray and Archie Farquharson, travelled to Poland as part of an excursion to visit Auschwitz. This was in partnership with the 'Holocaust Educational Trust' who work alongside schools and colleges in order to educate about the Holocaust and its contemporary relevance.

"For those who haven't been; what needs to be understood is that the millions who died went there with the expectation they were going to live their lives there – it was to be a home.

There isn't anything that can prepare you for the amount of belongings you walk past that was removed from them. However, it was not just material belongings, we are shown the hair that was removed from women and used to aid the Germans during the war. The striking matter of

Birkenau is what cannot be grasped until it is seen; the sheer size of the camp, the size of the uncompleted camp that was expected to be expanded further.

The trip supplies an experience that is so different from any other. We were shown the exact location of genocide and it was when walking through the makeshift "blocks" of pre-fab stables for holding Jews and the original crematorium that we were reminded that injustice cannot be allowed to survive ever again, that as humankind we failed once. It's unbelievable that we allow anything similar to continue"

Eloise Murray S6

McLaren High Celebrates Maths Week

Staff and pupils at McLaren High have joined in with activities to celebrate Education Scotland's Maths Week 2019 (30th Sept – 6th Oct).

There were a number of challenges for everyone to take part in. The week ended with teams of pupils from our cluster primary schools competing in the second McLaren Primary Maths Challenge. We were blown away by the mathematical talent of our young people and were speechless when we had THREE joint winning teams.

Congratulations to:

Team 1 - Doune Primary School (1)

Team 4 - Port of Menteith Primary School

Team 7 - Deanston Primary School

Forth Valley Disability Swimming Gala

On Friday 27th September McLaren High School was represented by 5 pupils in the 'Forth Valley Disability Sport Schools Swimming Championships'. All girls received awards in different events, with Niamh Micklejohn winning two gold medals in the 50m breast stroke and 25m freestyle events.

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On Friday 1st November we were invited over to the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home to their Community Café. We enjoyed reciting our poem that we wrote about Killin.

Jodi, Isobel, Lieke and Kenzie
(House and Vice HouseCaptains)



**Thanks To Our Wonderful Community
(by Jodi, Isobel, Lieke and Kenzie)**

I moved here not so long ago
I did not know how things would go.
Now so many people know me
Thanks to our wonderful community!

In Killin everyone is kind,
They help anyone when they need some time.
People helped me when I was down,
And then they helped me turn it around!
So many people have helped me
Thanks to our wonderful community!

I have enjoyed my time at Killin school
It has been super duper cool
Many challenges stood in my way
But people helped me along the way
Thanks to our wonderful community
Our surroundings are filled with beauty,
We work together in unity
We are given lots of opportunities
Thanks to our wonderful community.

Some of our Class 3 children are also spending time with the Residents on a Friday morning. They will be sharing weekly news, reading and playing games.

We were invited to design posters for the Comrie Fireworks on Saturday 2nd November. Alice and Morgans' posters were chosen as the winning designs and they were given the honour of lighting the bonfire and the fireworks. Well done, girls.



Morning Of Music

Thank you to Mrs Watts who helped prepare us for a 'Morning of Music' at school where we got to show off our talents on the piano, guitar, chanter, penny whistle, saxophone and fiddle. We played different genres of music, and the boys and girls couldn't help but clap along with us. We have already started practising pieces for our Christmas Carol afternoon.

Caitlin and Maia, P7

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Thank you to Killin Fire and Rescue for having us to the Station to learn about emergency vehicles. We enjoyed using the hoses and sitting in the fire engine. We also got a chance to see the Police Car, Paramedic Car and the Mountain Rescue van. Class 1 then wrote reports about their visit.

Killin Santa Dash

& Christmas Fair

Saturday 14th December 2019,
10.30am

START POINT: Falls Of Dochart Inn, Killin

FINISH POINT: Breadalbane Park, Killin

10.30 - 12.00 - Christmas Crafts Fair at
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12.00 Onwards - Lantern Making at the Lesser Hall.

Entry Fee: £6 (Child) £6.50 (Youth) £7 (Adult)
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the event and a finisher's medal.



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We had a blast on the last day of our Health and Wellbeing Fortnight, taking part in a Mini Mudder. Thank you to Active Stirling and the parents who came to spectate.

Class 3 built some fantastic models
as part of their Titanic Topic.



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McLaren High Trip to Belize

In 2017 I committed, with other students from McLaren High School, to a World Challenge trip – part volunteering in a local community, part character-testing adventure and part holiday. Each student raised several thousand pounds to finance their place.

On 28th June 2019, a team of about 20 students set out from Callander on a 17-day expedition to Belize. Situated in Central America but part of the Caribbean, Belize is a melting pot of cultures with some of the best protected habitats and ecosystems in the region. After a gruelling two days' travelling including three flights, we arrived in Belize City. Sadly, my luggage did not accompany me and went to Dallas instead! Luckily, it arrived later in the day, otherwise we would have had no tent for our first night's camp.

From Belize City we travelled to the town of San Ignacio, close to the Guatemalan border. This vibrant town had a distinctly Hispanic influence in the food and local market. From San Ignacio, we visited the Mayan ruins of Xunantunich, which towered above the barley fields on the West Bank of the Mopan River. Everything in the ancient city, including the huge temple pyramid, dates from between 600 and 950AD. It was fascinating to see how the Mayans lived. Moving on, we took the public bus to Yaxche Jungle Camp where we had the opportunity to go cave tubing in St Herman's Blue Hole National Park – we floated down the course of an underground cave system used by the ancient Mayans. After that we visited the Blue Hole, a spectacular jungle pool where a refreshing swim was most welcome. Next morning,



we woke to find a tarantula next to the tent and sampled a traditional Belizean breakfast of fry jacks. Our next leg was to Cockscomb Wildlife Sanctuary, the first jaguar reserve in the world. We spent four nights in this reserve doing various treks, some strenuous. My favourite was a steep 8km trek to a vantage point with stunning views over the whole jungle reserve. Just below the peak of the hill we found a small waterfall, which was great to cool off in. We saw varied wildlife including snakes, scorpions, spiders, birds and even a water possum out on a night walk.

The penultimate phase of the journey was our volunteering project – providing labour on a sustainable permaculture farm called Maya Mountain Research Farm. This was extremely remote and only accessible by an hour's walk through the jungle, followed by a precarious river crossing. The farm provides a habitat for wildlife and food for the local community. We spent five days here planting mangos, pineapples, bananas and peppers, and learning all about sustainability. We made coconut oil, a sustainable alternative to vegetable and olive oil, which can even be used as a biofuel. We also made cocoa from chocolate beans

using a traditional method. The food we ate at Maya Mountain was almost exclusively vegetarian and all produced on the farm. There were delicious breakfasts of pancakes, raw honey and freshly harvested fruit; evening meals of rice, beans, chaya (tree spinach) and papaya salad with hot sauce. Our experiences really made us think about our diets at home and how consumerism and intensive farming make us less healthy and damage the environment. We learned

important lessons, enjoyed hands-on experiences, developed new skills and, most importantly, contributed to the sustainability and natural habitat of the area.

Our final three days in Belize were spent at the Caribbean paradise of Palencia, a peninsula in the south of Belize. We had an amazing time exploring the area, soaking up the sun, chilling by the pool, lazing on the beach and trying the local speciality – lobster. The highlight of our R&R phase was a snorkelling trip to the tiny and uninhabited Laughing Bird Caye, which was so beautiful it could have been a scene in a novel. Just metres off the Caye is a coral reef and protected Marine National Park, listed as a world heritage site in 1996. After an hour-long boat trip, we snorkelled straight off the Caye seeing a wonderful array of marine life.

After our 15 days in Belize, it was time to head home. I had an amazing time with fantastic experiences and I am inspired to travel more and see the world. I am also thinking much more about sustainability and have decided to try vegetarianism as a result.

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The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride 2019

This year's Distinguished Gentleman's ride in aid of Prostate Cancer and men's mental health was another great success, raising over £8,777. Another fabulous amount raised by such a small number of riders.



My sincere thanks to everyone for your continued support. This is the third Killin Gentleman's Ride, originally introduced to Killin by my late husband Thomas Murphy who sadly lost his brave battle against prostate cancer one week after last year's ride.

It was a day of mixed emotions and at times difficult without Tom by my side riding his beloved BSA, but I was also immensely proud of what he had achieved. He certainly succeeded in what he set out to do, being a spokesman for Prostate Cancer and getting people talking and raising money for a cause close to his heart.

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride, partnered with the Movember foundation, is a worldwide charity held on the same day in over 120 countries, where riders of classic and vintage style motorbikes dress in their dapper clothes, making a great spectacle of themselves for a good cause.

My heartfelt thanks to all the riders, to the sponsors who generously donated, to everyone who came to wave us off, Ron Allner and Gillian Goode for photography and Gregor Mackenzie for spectacular drone footage. Also huge thanks to Michael and Lynn Crow at the Courie Inn who



kindly laid on a delicious lunch for us all after the ride. My apologies if I have missed anyone. Here's to the 2020 Distinguished Gentleman's Ride.

Elizabeth Murphy



The first meeting of the new session took place in October. The demonstration was by Ann Dowds who works in the restaurant industry. Ann provided beautiful food which was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

The November meeting took place on Thursday 7th November in the Lesser McLaren Hall and the speaker was Lisa Godfrey who works for a London based corporate travel firm. Lisa gave a superb talk on her experience within the industry and also some of the trips she has had the privilege of enjoying especially one to Kenya, which she will never forget for all of the right reasons.

It was a most enjoyable evening and for anyone wishing to come to any of the meetings: they are normally held on the first Thursday of the month in the Lesser McLaren Hall.

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Sheena Chisholm – A Thank You From The Family

This is not an obituary, as there were so many of Sheena's friends at the church for her funeral that it would be pointless repeating what was said at the service. Instead, I want to say thank you to so many people. I want to start with my own family, Rory and Catriona, for without their help and support, I would have been at a loss. A father could ask for no better. When we found out that there was no hope for Sheena, Rory was there every day by her side, starting in the late morning until sometime after nine at night. Catriona was there almost as much. Having a family to look after, she still managed to find the time to be with Sheena. As you all know, I am very deaf, so Catriona

handled the complete funeral and grave arrangements, etc. mostly done via smartphone apps, of which I know very little.

I will start in the order of events

when Sheena was becoming increasingly unwell. First to attend were our own Paramedics, Jean and Michael, and a standby chap from Stirling, called Ian. They all gave Sheena their 100% attention with great kindness. Next was Dr Tara who came up to see her constantly. Although she did not know what the problem

was, she was spot on when she suspected it was blood-related. An appointment had been made at Larbert, but by this time she had already been a patient there for four days.

Ward 12A can only be praised for all the love and care from all the staff, and they could not have been nicer. They did everything they could to make sure she had as much comfort as possible for the remaining days of her life. When she finally passed away, Kevin, of Andersons Funeral Directors, took over. Again, he showed a gentle manner as becoming an undertaker.

At Sheena's funeral service, our own minister, Russel Moffat (woof woof) read out our letters beautifully, like only he can deliver, to say nothing of his address to Sheena. A special thank you also to the Killin Choir, who had already booked the church

for an all day special event. This had been overlooked, but the choir, bless their hearts, postponed it. Thank you Jean and Cathie for the lovely sporty altar flowers and to Willie Chisholm

for the beautiful music in the church and at the graveside.

As for you, the lovely people of Killin, we were overwhelmed by so many things. The amount of people who came to give Sheena her final farewell at the church, as well as the graveside, made us almost cry. The total collection came to £1030, plus an extra £100 to the home from one of Sheena's teacher friends of the early years. Sheena received 14 get well cards before she died, and we received 140

sympathy cards after her death. I will cherish them all, and later, when everything is finally over, I will re-read them. Most had a little letter attached and, in nearly all cases, the words 'lovely lady' or 'beautiful lady' were used.

As for the lovely ladies of Killin, I had many a visitor and I was inundated with cakes, shortbread, biscuits, soup, mince and potatoes and many varieties of meals. I thought at first I would have to buy another freezer!

By the time you read this, Sheena will be in her final resting place. I know where it is and she will not be alone. We, the family, made sure she was with all her friends.

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| Walk in the Park takes a Winter Break Wishing all our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year | | |
| 15/01/20 | Capercaillie | River Dochart / Old Railway |
| 22/01/20 | McLaren Hall Car park | Glen Lochay (car share) |
| 29/01/20 | McLaren Hall Car park | Village Walk |

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For more information contact: Walk in the Park Project Coordinator
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 Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/KillinWalkinthePark>
 Website : www.trustinthepark.org/walk-in-the-park

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

The walking group and the strength and balance group are looking forward to their joint annual Christmas Lunch in the Killin Hotel on Wednesday 11th of December from noon onwards. After the 11th December both the Health Walks and the Strength and Balance sessions will have a break for the winter returning on Wednesday 15th January, weather permitting.



Medical Centre or Library. All walks are free. Walks are followed by optional refreshments in a local coffee shop when walkers pay for their own refreshments. Strength and Balance exercise sessions continue to be held in The Killin Hotel from 1.30 – 2.30pm on Wednesday afternoon. This very popular session offers gentle Otago based exercises to keep you walking with confidence. The session is free and open to all ages and is followed by refreshments in the Killin Hotel.

Participants pay for their own refreshments.

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Meall nan Tarmachan Hill Race

The 10th Tarmachan Hill Race attracted the highest number of runners, other than when it was a Scottish Hill Runners championship race in 2014. This was despite the forecast of high winds and low cloud. The rain came in earlier in the day than expected, making a mix for pretty brutal conditions higher up. For the 92 runners the section along the ridge is over with fairly quickly, but many thanks to the volunteer marshals for enduring the maelstrom and ensuring everyone got round the course safely.

Despite the weather, Finlay Wild managed to break Prasad's course record by 29 seconds, crossing the line in an amazing time of 47:28. Graham Gristwood also put in a great performance, finishing in 49:19, only the third person to break the 50 minute barrier. Tom Owens came in third in 51:18.



This shows the quality of the field this year, as this time would have been good enough to win in seven out of the previous nine times this race has taken place. Catherine Joanne MacPhail was the first woman over the line in 1:02:50, closely followed by Catriona Buchanan in 1:03:40, with third place going to Anwen Darlington in 1:07:13. Once again, Stephen Rawlinson was the first local in 6th place with a time of 53:45. Other locals that ran were Dan Watson, Trevor Shaw and Kate Forster.

We raised £630 which was split between the National Trust for Scotland and Killin Mountain Rescue Team. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped to ensure the event ran smoothly. We also received some great donations of food and drink from Inveralmond Brewery, Harvieston Brewery, Dewar's, Tunnock's and Graham's Dairy.

Dan Watson

Firemen's Charity Car Wash



A total of £574 was raised by our Killin firemen at their annual car wash event. That money will go to the Firefighters' Charity. Earlier this year, at the Killin Show, they raised over



£400 which they plan to distribute evenly between four local causes, namely the Hogmanay Fireworks, the Christmas tree lights, the Beavers and the children's Christmas party.

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The Frost Report

Parasites, Pests and Whisperers

We are saving a few pennies towards Christmas at the moment as the birds are not using the feeders as much as usual. This may be due to the current abundance of wild food. Even after the vast flocks of fieldfares have passed through, there seem to be plenty of berries and seeds left. The squirrels usually desert us for a while at this time of year when there is abundant food on the hazels and a nice bite of fungus. They will soon come scuttling back when that runs out and they have forgotten where they buried the emergency supplies. We are hoping that the birds will return as the weather gets colder but they may also be being put off by the regular visits of a sparrowhawk.

Our regular hedgehog visitor, Eric, has stopped coming too. We thought that he was hibernating but there are still a few out of a night wandering the highways of Ardeonaig. They must surely be at risk of the cold in the longer nights, as well as from the traffic and the badgers.

The Scottish Green Party is advocating the afforestation of our grouse moors. They obviously need to get an ecologist on board to point out that deep peat is not really suitable for broadleaved trees but – surely not – they weren't going to suggest foreign conifers!? Also, the high ground peatland of U.K. holds more carbon (5 billion tonnes) than all the forests in the UK and France, and planting in peat deeper than 50 cms is not permitted anyway. An ecologist may also point out that these areas of heather are not only a food source for endangered wild bees, but heather pollen contains

'bee medicine' which guards against certain parasites. I'm on the side of the groups who want to increase lowland heather and give our wee friends in furry rugby shirts a fighting chance.

Talking of parasites, a tick-borne brain virus has recently been confirmed in the U.K. for the first time, although it has been recognised abroad for some time. There is also news of a parasite being passed from gorillas to humans but I don't think that will personally bother us unduly in Killin.

To guard against tree parasites, a new law requiring all imported Christmas trees over 3 metres tall to have a passport means that there may be a shortage this year. Plastic trees, especially glittery ones, will be deemed environmentally unfriendly and if Santa has to ditch Rudolph and pals because of their methane emissions, Christmas is looking bleak. Though it is now thought that more methane is emitted from the mouth than from 'other bits', so if the reindeer guys wear masks and promise not to burp, we should be ok.

As autumn advances we often get a few spiders coming indoors. If this sends you all squeamish then think on this. Scientists in the US have studied the glue which spiders use to catch their prey which stays waterproof although it absorbs water. Using this knowledge, double sided sticky tape has been developed to suture tissues in wounds. I think it may be a bit more sophisticated than that used in Blue Peter.

Many lawns around Killin have been dug over by badgers. One person struck lucky when a badger came onto the lawn at midday while he/she was working in the garden. That person scared the badger away and it has not been back. I am sorry but

am not at liberty to divulge details of who the badger whisperer is. The stripy guys have been doing their worst on the golf course, but at least we only have badger and occasional deer to contend with, while Skukuza Golf Club in The Kruger National park (S. Africa) has leopards, hyenas, elephants, giraffes and lions to deal with. The elephants harm the trees and the hyenas eat the flags and tee markers which have to be taken in at night. Not sure what the lions eat, but I bet the greenkeepers are not too late at night taking in the flags. Maybe a certain owner of a Scottish golf club who managed to destroy its SSSI status, could be persuaded to take on the job?

Some countries in Africa have banned trophy hunting but are coming to regret that decision. Organised hunting can not only bring in much needed wealth to the economy but is far better than the increased poaching which occurs and the more random killing of marauding animals. In some areas animals such as elephant are so numerous that the livelihood of the people is at risk. It has to be remembered that many of those people can lose a year's work and all their food in a single night. Poaching has become so bad in some areas that packs of trained dogs are being used to hunt down the poachers. Since the badger whisperer has been at work, we are back to Mr. Fox again. After entering a house through an open back door, he bit the woman owner seven times. He then caused alarm when he tried next door where there was a young baby, but he only savaged a shoe!

Tim Frost

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Killin Floral Association

We need a new Committee and Volunteers to take over the Floral Association. Some of us have served for many years and feel it is time we handed the reins on to a new group of people. Not all of us are wanting to stand down, so the remaining members will still be available to support new volunteers to create the beautiful displays that make such a difference, brightening up our village. The association is looking for a new Chairperson and Secretary, who will be responsible for fundraising, as well as volunteers to plant up and water the tubs and organise the judging of the Annual Floral Competitions. If you feel that you would be interested in taking on any of these roles, please call Alicja on 01567 820690.

The tubs around the village have looked very good this year, despite the wet summer. We have a new member who has been dead-heading the flowers on a regular basis, which has made all the difference to how well they have flowered. It is important to keep the floral association going, as visitors often comment on how lovely the tubs look. Hopefully we will have a few people come forward to help keep it going.

Alicja Fraser

Children's Sunflower Competition Champions

Congratulations to all the children who participated in this year's sunflower competition.

Despite the wind and rain throughout the Summer, there were loads of fantastic entries and the results were very close.

Tallest Sunflower

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 st | Findlay Boath |
| 2 nd | Caitlin Chisholm |
| 3 rd | Isla Chisholm |

Largest Flower

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| 1 st | Morgan Murphy |
| 2 nd | Arran Campbell |
| 3 rd | Caitlin Chisholm |



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Musings From The Manse

Faith, Doubt and Rock & Roll

A man walking by the edge of a cliff one day slipped and fell. Hurling down to certain death, he managed to grab hold of a small branch thereby stopping his fall but leaving him hanging precariously on the cliff face. In desperation he shouted "Is anyone there?" Suddenly, a loud voice boomed out, "Hello this is God speaking. I see your plight and want to help you. Trust me! Just let go and I will catch you." There was a long silence; then the man called out "Is anyone else there?"

Over the years several people have said to me that they wished they could believe in my God. I have often replied that "sometimes even I don't believe in my God!"

Before I am handed my P45 let me explain. Doubt is not the opposite of faith, or the lack of faith, *it is faith*. Faith and doubt are two sides of the one coin.

There are few certainties in life. Sadly, "certainty" has caused untold suffering throughout history because of the actions of both religious and political fundamentalism. However, for many of us, certainty on most issues is beyond our grasp and that is reality. The famous Russian writer

and philosopher Dostoevsky once wrote "It is not as a child that I believe and confess Jesus Christ, my hosanna is born of a furnace of doubt." The pathos in that statement is all too apparent; powerfully so. Scott Peck in his best-selling book "A Road Less Travelled" remarked that life is "difficult." This is the first thing we need to acknowledge and be honest about.

Years later in his follow up work "Further Along The Road Less Travelled," he began by saying that life is "complex" and accepting this helped us to be honest and realistic about what we faced.

I concur with this and would add a third term which is that life is "messy".

If we accept that life is difficult and complex, then we can expect our experience and attempted management of it to be somewhat problematic. Few things are straightforward. We have to play the hand we are dealt (and sometimes it's a poor one!). Furthermore, changing the metaphor, life can throw us many curved balls along the way. How many of us wish we could have done things differently on past occasions, or said things differently in certain situations (or not said anything at all?) How many of us have changed our opinions on politics, ethics, or religion over the years? Why? Well because life is very often a learning experience and it is hard to maintain attitudes we may have had in our youth after the rich and varied experiences over the years which have helped shape our lives and informed our understanding. Change is a perfectly normal, natural and even necessary part of life.

One thing I like about the Bible is its honesty and realism. Yes, there are stories of miracles and even weird

and, to modern ears, problematic material. But the heroes are flawed, the portrayal of the human condition is insightful and the expressions of faith are rich and varied (and that includes doubt and questioning). There was a famous cartoon character at the time of WW1 called "Old Alf". In one scene, Alf, a veteran of the fighting, is depicted sheltering in a shell-hole with a rather green conscript whilst under German artillery fire. The young soldier complains about their situation and Old Alf replies:

"Well if you can find a better shell-hole go crawl to it." Many of us need a "shell-hole" in the "battle" of life and the Christian faith is mine. Now I am a Christian by conviction. On good days I can be insufferable in my opinionated explanation and defence of this wonderful tradition and its message of Faith, Hope and Love in and through Jesus Christ. But I also have bad days because life is difficult, complex and messy and there is no certainty in these matters. That said if you can find me a better "shell-hole", then I'll crawl to it....I don't see one!!! One of the bravest rock songs is U2's "I still Haven't Found What I'm Looking for." It is ruthlessly honest, tension laden and paradoxical. It clearly expresses Bono's Christian faith but also his spiritual yearning, struggles and doubt. There are days when that is my song. Faith and doubt are the Yin and Yang of life, and what a creative combination they can be. May you find courage and hope on your journey through this wonderful, weird, and sometimes disturbing world.

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Golf Club Results

Senior Gents

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| Ivor Noble Quaich..... | Allan McHenery |
| John Hall Cup..... | Brian Stock |
| Senior Trophy..... | Brian Stock |
| Medal Play Off | Mons Bolin |
| Willie Allan Trophy..... | Brian Stock |
| Toddy Trophy..... | Ian Ramsay |
| Anderson Senior Trophy..... | Ian Hendry |
| Tarmachan Trophy..... | Mons Bolin |

Mixed

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Dr Stevenson..... | Paul Melia |
| | Susan McRobbie |
| Lochay Trophy..... | Hamish Campbell |
| | Liz Stevens |
| Centenary Cup | Neil Forsyth |
| | Sheena Chisholm |
| | Ben Watson |
| Adult and Junior Cup | not played |
| Junior Championship | not played |

Competition Winners representing Killin Golf Club at further rounds

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Save the Children (winners) | Daniel Knecht |
| | Silvia Knecht |
| (Represented KGC as runners up)... | Allan McHenery |
| | Liz Stevens |
| Ladies Coronation Foursomes..... | Silvia Knecht |
| | Jo Miller |
| R&A 9 Hole Competition..... | Gordon Aitken |
| | Sheila Aitken |
| Ladies Daily Mail Foursomes | Sheila Aitken |
| | Kay Dowling |
| Gents Daily Mail Foursomes | Gordon Aitken |
| | Daniel Knecht |



Ladies

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Silver Medal | Kay Dowling |
| Bronze Medal | Silvia Knecht |
| Senior Ladies Medal..... | Jo Miller |
| Golden Oldie Trophy..... | Maira Reilly |
| McKay Cup | Liz Stevens |
| Chrissie France Trophy | Kay Dowling |
| May Wilson Trophy | Sheila Aitken |
| | Silvia Knecht |
| MacMillan Cancer Relief Spoon | Silvia Knecht |
| Red Cross Eclectic (Scratch) | Liz Stevens |
| Red Cross Eclectic (Handicap)..... | Silvia Knecht |
| Captains Prize | Susan McRobbie |
| | Marion McRae |
| | Maira Reilly |
| Flag Competition | Sheila Aitken |
| Mystery Competition | Cathie Reid |
| | Kay Dowling |
| Birdie Tee | Liz Stevens |
| Par Tree | Silvia Knecht |
| LGU Breakthrough Brooch | Kay Dowling |
| Killin Cancer Research Medal | Kay Dowling |
| Ladies Champion | Laura Aitken |

Gents

Monthly Medal Winners

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| April..... | Graham Herd |
| May..... | Graham Herd |
| June | Jim Ronald |
| July | Paul Melia |
| August | Ross Ronald |
| September..... | Gordon Aitken |
| Captains Putter | Dickie Lewis |
| Jack McLean (2 ball) | Gordon Aitken |
| | Dickie Lewis |
| Arrochar Trophy..... | Gordon Aitken |
| Flag Competition..... | George Dewar |
| Jack Noble Stableford | Lee Douglas |
| Shotgun Foursomes | David Stewart |
| | Hamish Campbell |
| Fred France..... | Ross Ronald |
| Medal Play Off | Graham Herd |
| Dr Wilson | Graham Herd |
| Foursomes Trophy | John Strang |
| | Craig Fraser |
| Fourball Trophy | George Dewar |
| | David Stewart |
| George Smith Trophy | Craig Fraser |
| Club Champion | Gordon Aitken |

Top Left
Gordon Aitken

Bottom Far Left
Laura Aitken

Left
John Strang

Trophies being presented by
Ladies Captain
Sheila Aitken
and
Mens Captain
Lee Douglas



Killin Primary Health Week- Bowls Taster Session

On Monday September 16th, Killin Bowls club were delighted to have the opportunity to invite Killin Primary School down to the green for some taster sessions as part of their health week. With thanks to Bowls Scotland, who provided bespoke kit and bowls for the occasion, participants in every class from Primary 1-7 were able to take part in three activities testing their accuracy, pace, and skill. Following similar tasters last year, many of the pupils showcased great technique, but were given extra pointers and technical insight from Jane, Dougie and Don



from the Bowls club to help them along the way. Although now out of season, the Bowls club look forward to offering more opportunities at the green in the new season next year.

Removal of Putting Green

During our September committee meeting, it was decided unanimously to remove the putting green with immediate effect. Following the great success of the Bowls Club forming this summer, we want to encourage and support the development of this club who have committed significant human resource and planning to enable the green to be in a much better playing condition for the benefit of the whole community from next year.

Chris McKenna

Killin Community Action Plan

I know that many of you will be very aware of the current piece of work to produce a Community Action Plan (CAP) for Killin which will provide a snapshot of the views, issues and aspirations of the area. The committee progressing the plan have created a survey, available on both computers and as an app for phones, that covers 14 topics as prompts for you to feedback into the plan. There are also sections for you to provide more summary comments. Of the 14 topics, there are sections on recreation and facilities, which are very pertinent to the Community Sport Hub. However all

topics will contribute to making the most comprehensive and robust plan to implement.

Please go to the following link to get started:

<https://arcg.is/1fX5XH0>

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Nature In Crisis

A meeting to raise awareness of this situation was held on Sat 26th October at Lynedoch House, courtesy of National Trust for Scotland.

It was jointly organised by Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP and Environment Action Killin and led by Gareth Kett, NP ranger.

Posters were displayed highlighting climate change issues and possible local effects and ways to reduce our carbon footprints, together with short, relevant film clips. There was also a children's painting competition and a quiz, with informal discussion.

Liberal refreshments were served.

Two ideas for local action emerged from the occasion :-

- to organise more local, native tree planting
- the encouragement of insect-friendly gardens.

There will be a further meeting to pursue these objectives.

Tim Fison



Greetings from the Old Mill!

Hi there Killin, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself, even though some of you may know me already. My name is Raina Jones and I am the new Mill Manager. If you volunteer at the Mill, or display artwork there, I will be getting in touch soon to say hello in person. I look forward to meeting you all. If you have been thinking about volunteering, please do get in touch.

We are trying to keep the thrift shop open at weekends at the moment, with Fridays as a bonus. The more volunteers we have the easier this is!

We will be **Re-bedding the Healing Stones on Christmas Eve at midday**. For those of you who don't know, though I'm sure most of you do, the Healing Stones of St. Fillan are housed in the Old Mill and belong to the people of Killin. They are traditionally rebedded with reeds from the Dochart by some children of the village on Christmas Eve. This is a tradition that dates back into the mists of time and you are all welcome to come along to witness it, over a glass of mulled wine and a cake.

In the meantime, please keep your donations coming in! I am going to be trialling an ebay shop over the next few months, to increase thrift shop sales and to make space for some activities in the upstairs room. I will be sharing this on the KAT and Old Mill facebook page, so please share it on when you see it.

You can contact me by email at or by phoning the Old Mill on 01567 820628 (Friday is a good day to try over the next few months, although my hours are flexible, so you may need to leave a message and I'll get back to you).

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Isabel Rees 23/04/1931 - 18/10/2019

Mum was a familiar face in Killin for over 30 years attending church and social events, always receiving a warm welcome and considered the village her second home.

The eldest of 5 sisters, she grew up in Carntyne, Glasgow and during World War 2 the sisters were all evacuated to Dolphington in Lanarkshire, where mum's love of nature grew, and she spent many happy times.

When she was old enough she joined the Waffs (Woman's Auxiliary Air Force) stationed at RAF Wittering and Battersea Park in London.

She met my father Bob when she was just 18. They married on her 21st birthday in 1952 and had 5 children.

Dad sadly passed away in 1997 - they had been married for over 45 years.

Mum started her nurse training in Glasgow in midwifery then on to general medicine. When they moved to Livingston, mum continued her nursing career at Bangour General



Hospital Burns Unit. When the hospital started closing down mum changed direction in her career attending catering college where she gained her City & Guilds and went on to be cook supervisor in the local primary school, until she retired.

Mum was kept busy with her growing family of 7 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, and just this year welcomed a great great grandson to the family what a legacy!

The house was filled with so much love and laughter. Mum had a brilliant, witty sense of humour, loved politics and holidaying with her sisters and spending time with her family.

Last year mum was diagnosed with breast cancer and only a few months ago we were told that the cancer had spread and time was not on her side. As a family we all rallied round making sure that mum was cared for. Sadly on 18 October mum gently passed away with her family by her side.

She was the pillar of strength to the family and we have lost a wonderful loving person. As a family we thank everyone for making mum feel part of the wonderful community of Killin.

Elizabeth Murphy



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A year has passed since we lost 'Mum', 'Grandma', and I have tried to put pen to paper so many times. It is very difficult to summarise the life of someone you love.

Our Mum was an amazing lady. A Lancashire lass but proud to become a McLaren. She left school at 14 to work in the family bakery and grocers before training to be an RGN Nurse and Midwife exactly as in "Call the Midwife".

She married our lovely Dad, George McLaren (1922 -1990) and moved to Glasgow. Hard working and an entrepreneur, she was always trying her hand at new skills. She studied Domestic Science at Queen's College and became a well-loved Home Economics Teacher. She always managed to juggle many plates whilst caring for family and friends and there was always a very warm welcome (and great cake!) for anyone who came to our house. Talking of cakes, requests for her exquisitely decorated wedding cakes came from far and wide. They retired to Glenoglehead in 1984 making wonderful friends in and around Killin.

One of her greatest loves was music and her piano. She had a magical quality in her playing so much so that even when her arthritis became severe, her musicality still shone through. She had a great sense of humour, but common sense always prevailed. My mum said that she didn't want a funeral - if it was to be winter, she didn't want folks travelling on the roads and standing in the cold and rain - if it was to be summer, she didn't want folks standing in the midges!

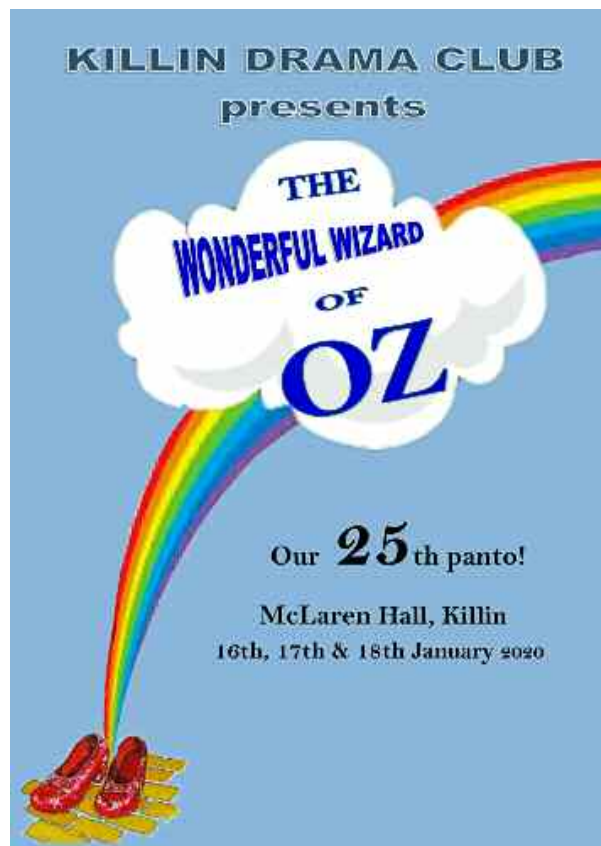
She shared her love of music and of nature with her children and her grandchildren.

Thanks Mum!

My family would like to express sincere thanks to all who looked after my mum, from the care given by Mandy and all the team, to our doctors, nurses and our paramedics.

We are so fortunate here in Killin to have all those who make The Falls of Dochart Retirement Home such a wonderful home. You were all very precious to my mum and you are all very precious to us. Thank you so much.

Rosie Third and Family



As usual our Killin Drama team have been hard at work rehearsing for their next fabulous panto production. Don't forget to get your tickets. Contact any member of the drama club for ticketing details or see Issue 172



Callander & West Perthshire U3A

Our 2019/2020 session is now well underway. In October a 'Welcome Lunch' at the Roman Camp Hotel, for new and returning members, followed by a talk from the acclaimed mountaineer Vicky Jack, was a great success. Many groups are already organising a festive lunch for group members before Christmas.

U3A members come together to learn, meet new people and have fun within a variety of interest groups, of which

there are more than 30 on offer, from Ancient History and Art to Table Tennis, from Current Affairs to Wine Tasting. A new Badminton Group, based in Thornhill, has recently been added to the group list and has been well supported.

You may have knowledge or skills you wish to share with others. U3A creates opportunities to explore and share interests and experiences while making new friends. **Learn, laugh, live!**

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Killin Police Report August to October 2019

Crimes of Dishonesty

Lix Toll Garage (22/23 Sept)

A number of the garage's recovery trucks were entered whilst parked at Lix Toll garage. Damage caused and items moved within. Enquiries continuing into incident believed to have been an attempt to steal the vehicles.

Coach House Hotel (22 Sept)

A shed located in the hotel grounds was entered and a number of tables and chairs and other items were removed from within. Suspected to have been malicious actions of a few rogue campers, most items were recovered later.

Property Security – Keep vehicle keys safe. Homeowner's are requested to review the security around their homes. There has been a recent trend in the Balfron section where a number of cars have been stolen, apparently using the true key.

In one incident at a rural dwelling house in Killearn (17 Oct) there was a set of car keys sitting on the hallway table in the house and visible from the letter box in the front door. This was always the usual position for house-holders keys, however, on this occasion thieves were on the prowl. It appears that long lengths of wire were used to hook the keys from the table and thereafter they merely drove away in the family car.

Keep keys out of view and away from windows and doors.

Tayside Section

Rynachulaig Farm (25 Sept)

10 lambs were reported stolen overnight from a shed.

National Trust car park for Ben Lawers (2/3 Oct)

Parking machine in the isolated and secluded car park was forced and money stolen.

Mental Health

In the early hours of 14/09/2019 police were called to an address in Fingal Road in relation to a disturbance. The incident was resolved but shown to be another example of persons suffering from poor mental health.

It is common now for people with poor mental health to live in their own

homes and receive care in the community. However, occasionally when their health deteriorates police will often be the first service called upon to assist, usually when the poor mental health manifests into anti-social / unusual type conduct. This is a time consuming process to resolve, particularly in our rural locations.

Assistance is often sought from Mental Health professionals.

Vulnerable Person Database reports are sent in these cases which highlight the circumstances. These reports are reviewed by the Public Protection Unit and can be shared with relevant partner agencies in Health, Housing, Social Services and Education.

Operation Ironworks

The Patrols took place over the period between March and September and involved Loch Lomond National Park Rangers and Police. This is an initiative to deter antisocial behaviour from unruly campers.

This has now come to an end, however, local officers will continue to monitor this situation.

Other Incidents of Note

Falls of Dochart (23 Sept)

A 57 year old woman sustained an injured ankle after a fall on the rocks at the Falls of Dochart. Killin Mountain Rescue Team assisted local Paramedic to recover the lady to the roadside and receive medical help.

Cononish Gold Mine (3 Oct)

An accident occurred at Cononish Gold Mine where 2 males were injured when unloading a lorry at the site. Health and Safety Executive have been notified and enquiries continuing.

Gorge Walker injured (5 Oct)

An 18 year old lad sustained a head injury after a fall whilst taking part in a Gorge Walk at a burn on the South Loch Tay road a few miles from Killin. He was taken to hospital as a precaution.

Scams Beware of Cold Callers

A recent trend has seen a legitimate company purchase details of expired vacuum warranties from manufacturers and send representatives to the addresses of former warranty holders, to offer maintenance services on

vacuum cleaners. People should be aware that whilst this is legal, the selling tactics and behaviour of the company representatives are questionable. Trading Standards should also be contacted if you have any issues with cold callers.

Beware of Online Scams

Typically these scams are conducted from abroad and encourage people to either hand over bank or credit card details, or passwords to emails. Banking details are taken to make fraudulent purchases whilst email passwords are sought to enable scam emails to be sent from legitimate email addresses.

Your personal information is valuable to fraudsters and should also be protected. Treat callers with suspicion should they attempt to obtain personal details.

Always be on your guard from unsolicited e mail contact from apparently genuine persons / companies.

Never click on 'links' from unsolicited emails or mail that you're not 100% certain of.

For details of how to protect yourself – Getsafeonline.org

Road Safety

Autumnal weather is now upon us and road conditions will become increasingly hazardous. Drivers are advised to take extra care, allow extra time for their journey and ensure your vehicle is in good condition. Low sunlight and longer hours of darkness will be experienced, along with wet and slippery roads. Ensure your driving lights are clean and working well and good tread on tyres.

Fatality (20 Sept)

Sadly a 58 year old motorcyclist was killed on the A85 just outside Crianlarich after a collision with a BMW motor car. A death report covering the circumstances has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal and collision investigation work continues to be carried out.



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My partner Steven Smithers and I had a baby boy on 20th October. His name is Tristan Smithers. Tristan is pictured with his two older brothers Mason and Logan.

Satya Bolin

Glen Lochay Book

Request For Old Photographs and Snippets Of Information

The Association of Certificated Field Archaeologists (ACFA) is looking for old photographs and snippets of information of Glen Lochay up until 1911.

For over 26 years ACFA has been surveying the archaeological remains of upper Glen Lochay. The individual survey areas have already been published by ACFA as separate papers. Research of the Breadalbane Muniments, housed in the National Archive, Edinburgh has also been ongoing over the last 26 years with the ultimate aim of publishing a book pulling together the archaeology and history of the area. The field work has revealed the remains of human activity in the glen from the early prehistoric to more recent times, with the building of the hydro-electric scheme in the early 1950's.

The history and names of the people, e.g. McVean, McDiarmid,

Stewart, McNab who populated the glen from the early 16th century through to the potato crop failure in the mid 19th century, reveal the human story and the struggle experienced by those living in a highland glen.

The final book will be a summation of the work of the last 26 years and will include information on the geology, land use, human history and archaeology in a readily digestible form. ACFA would therefore like to appeal to those with photographs or stories relating to the glen, to volunteer their material with the possibility of it being included in the forthcoming publication. The authors will be pleased to visit anyone with information and will be sensible to all copyright.

For further information and contributions please contact:

Margaret Gardiner
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Letters

Thank You

I would very much like to thank all the people who give me lifts up the brae and help me home with my shopping. Also, thank you to Jacqui and all the staff in the Co-op for packing my shopping bag, such a help. Thank you too to Ron and Sheila for doing so much for me, also the nurses and the posties, as well as the three girls in the paper shop, a delight.

I think the car scheme is a great idea for Killin, so helpful. Killin is such a caring village.

Jessie MacLeod

Kind Neighbours and Good Samaritans

On the evening of 5th November, I tripped and fell in Fingal Rd. I cut my head and knee open, and knocked myself out. As I lay in the road, several neighbours came to my assistance, wrapping me in a blanket and sitting with me whilst we waited for an ambulance.

Chrissy McNaught had two young boys in the car with her when they saw what they thought was a blue wheelie bin in the road. She stopped the car and prevented me being run over. Annette and Chaz Kemp wrapped me in a blanket, and Jamie Anderson turned up with a first aid kit. Other neighbours turned out to help and soon Jean, our wonderful paramedic, arrived. She ferried me home and waited with me,

preventing me from passing out, and taking blood pressure, etc. until an ambulance arrived. I was stitched up and kept in hospital overnight.

I can't thank the wonderful folk of Killin enough for coming to my rescue. They are lovely neighbours and truly good Samaritans.

Joseph Cottage

Thank You

Daniella Hay and I would like to thank everyone who kindly supported and sponsored us on our recent challenge. We took part in "Walk your Way 2019", raising money for the Stroke Association. We raised the grand total of £375.

Fiona Boath & Daniella Hay



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SSEN would like to extend an invitation to local members of the community and interested parties to attend the exhibition on the below date to discuss our plans with the project team and to provide feedback on our proposals:

**If you have any questions,
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Liaison Manager:**

Louise Anderson



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For further information, please contact Louise Anderson, the Community Liaison Manager or visit the project website:
<https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/projects/lochay-13211kv-transformer-replacement>

Killin Medical Practice

Flu Immunisation

The annual flu clinic was held here in the surgery on the 10th October, and we had quite a good turn-out on the day. However, there is still plenty of time to get your flu jab and we would encourage you to contact the surgery to make an appointment if you fall into the categories below:

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

If you are unsure whether you meet the criteria, or you received a letter from us last year but not this, please give us a call on 01567 820213 and we will be happy to assist.

Flu can be unpleasant and it is important to protect yourself against it. There are several myths surrounding the flu vaccine. Here are some to consider.

MYTH: You can catch the flu from the vaccine.

The vaccine is made from an inactivated virus that can't transmit

infection. So people who get sick after receiving a flu vaccination were going to get sick anyway. It takes a week or two to get protection from the vaccine. But people assume that because they got sick after getting the vaccine, the injection caused their illness.

MYTH: I feel healthy despite my underlying health conditions so I don't need to be vaccinated.

While it's especially important for people who have a chronic illness to get the flu shot, anyone, even healthy folks, can benefit from being vaccinated. As a healthy person you may not get symptoms of flu but you can carry the bug and pass it to those less well than yourself.

MYTH: You don't need to get a flu jab every year.

The influenza virus changes (mutates) each year. So getting vaccinated each year is important to make sure you have immunity to the strains most likely to cause an outbreak.

MYTH: You can catch the flu from going out in cold weather without a coat, with wet hair or by sitting near a drafty window.

The only way to catch the flu is by being exposed to the influenza virus.

Flu season coincides with the cold weather. So people often associate the flu with a cold, drafty environment, but they are not related

MYTH: If you get the flu that lasts, antibiotics may be necessary.

Antibiotics work well against bacteria, but they aren't effective for a viral infection like the flu. Then again, some people develop a bacterial infection as a complication of the flu, so it may be a good idea to get checked out.

Failure to Attend Appointments

We had 39 missed appointments in September and October last year. This may not seem a large number but please consider that there were 39 other people who had to wait for an appointment, to say nothing of the wasted clinical time here at the surgery. Please keep your appointment if you have one or give at least 24 hours notice of your non-attendance.

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We would first like to say thank you to those parents who were able to attend our AGM in October. It may not be a long meeting but is certainly one of the best ways the leaders and group executive can engage with the parents.

The feedback from parents about their children's enjoyment of Scouting is important to us and we would always be happy to hear from you. This also applies to the young people in Scouting with a real emphasis on them leading and directing how they want the sessions to run.

One of the promises that Scouts of all ages make is to help others. Trying to make an impact in the community can be difficult for the leader team when quite a few of us still consider ourselves new to the community. Some examples of our presence are assisting with the Killin 10K, attending Remembrance Day and helping with the Scout Christmas Fayre. There is always room for further involvement and we are open to being contacted with new ideas of how Scouting can sit within the community.

Beavers

Beavers are aged 6-8 and will be meeting every other Tuesday in The Lesser Hall, Killin, from 6-7pm. The Beavers are continuing to work on the "My World" challenge badge. As part of the badge they had to meet someone who serves their local community and we enjoyed two fantastic evenings at Killin Fire Station. They got to learn about some of the equipment that the firefighters use as part of their job and even got to try some of it out. The uniforms were needless to say a bit big when they tried them on but it was great fun. There was a challenge to find items blindfolded, even to lift the very heavy breathing apparatus and they all had great fun trying some target practice with the hose outside! A big thank you to the fire station for having us along. To learn about a celebration from around the world we enjoyed Diwali, the Hindu festival of light; making lanterns, playing our favourite games in the dark and learning the story of Rama and Sita. We've also been interacting with our community and have held two meetings in the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home where the residents have had the

opportunity to see what we get up to at Beavers.

There are still spaces for Beavers, so please get in touch if your child is 6 or nearly there.

Laura Bathgate - Beaver Leader
07708216065



killinbeavers@yahoo.co.uk

Cubs

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

With the early nights and colder weather upon us the Cubs have been spending the majority of their time indoors now. This is a great time to start getting creative and to work towards some of extensive badges. We have been working towards the "Skills Challenge" this term with some keen learning going on. Later on in the term we shall be looking at "Our World" badge with an emphasis on why we celebrate Christmas and other festive celebrations in the Autumn.

As we enter the winter term we shall be seeking assistance with running evenings with an emphasis on the community. Numbers are expected to increase too so every little bit of help will be appreciated.

Stephen Rawlinson - Cub Leader
07742 886918

2ndkillincubs@gmail.com

Scouts

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

Our evening meetings have now migrated indoors, with highlights being inspecting our old tents and seeing what imaginative ideas we can come up with. Our cooking night was quite impressive with miniature pies being made from a limited selection. The pancakes were surprisingly delicious too. Car balloon rockets, made out of Lego, were interesting as it was quite a difficult challenge.

For the first time this year we were able to organise our first camp. Family commitments and running out of time meant we did not have a summer camp. Our Autumn camp took place for the third time at Craggan Scout Campsite south of Auchingarrich Wildlife Park. It's one of our favourites for giving us loads of space to do outdoor games, woodland skills and campcraft fun. The competitiveness of the Scouts in whittling a wooden spoon was surprising. A lot of time was spent cooking on open fires and bread making on a fire somehow turned into a competition! Bannocks will certainly be a campfire staple from now on. The weather stayed warm and dry for the time of year. This allowed some of the Scouts to "sleep under the stars".

The successful camp has meant we are already planning our next nights away for the Spring and invitations to attend the Essex Jamboree in the Summer have already gone out. Fundraising for travel and subsistence costs has already started in earnest.

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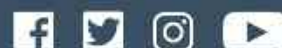
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Local Planning Applications

National Park

27 Aug 2019

Proposal: Siting of storage container
Location: Cononish House Cononish Road Tyndrum
Applicant: Mr Chris Lazaris
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Current

19 Sep 2019

Proposal: Temporary change of use from class 9 (house) to sui generis (house in multiple occupation (HMO))
Location: Keilator Farm Crianlarich
Applicant: Glen Falloch Estates
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

19 Sep 2019

Proposal: Change of use of semi-detached bothy to dwelling (retrospective)
Location: Keilator Farm Crianlarich
Applicant: Glen Falloch Estates
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

26 Sep 2019

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

02 Oct 2019

Proposal: Erection of two storey extension
Location: 6 Strathfillan Terrace Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr David West

Application Type: Householder Planning Permission
Decision: Current

03 Oct 2019

Proposal: Replacement and installation of septic tank with associated soakaway
Location: Auchtertyre House Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr William Colquhoun
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Current

09 Oct 2019

Proposal: Construction of 154 metres of temporary access track
Location: Inverardran Road 923 Land South Of Inverardran Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr Andy Malcolm
Application Type: Prior Notification
Decision: Prior approval not required

11 Oct 2019

Proposal: Erection of 4no. 'wigwam' and 1 no. yurt holiday let accommodation units (retrospective)
Location: Auchtertyre Camping Site Crianlarich
Applicant: Ms Fiona McKay
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Current

14 Oct 2019

Proposal: Renewal of temporary planning permission (2014/0192/DET) for the change of use of car parking for siting of hot food snack bar
Location: McLaren Hall Car Park Main Street Killin
Applicant: Mrs Annette McLarty
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

24 Oct 2019

Application Type: Prior Notification
Proposal: Construction of 520 metres of forestry ATV access track
Location: Allt Coire Chlach Ben More Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr Andy Malcolm
Application Type: Prior Notification
Decision: Prior approval not required

Perth & Kinross Council

23 Oct 2019

Proposal: Formation of a balcony
Location: Willowbank Creagach Fearnan
Applicant: Mr Paul Usher
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Awaiting decision

25 Oct 2019

Proposal: Removal of groyne structure, installation of breakwater and gabion mattress erosion protection system (in part retrospect)
Location: The Alders Fearnan
Applicant: Mr And Mrs Chris And Heather Van Der Kuyl
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Approve the application

Stirling Council

25 Sep 2019

Proposal: Erection of Electricity Substation comprising platform area, control building, associated plant and infrastructure, ancillary facilities and landscape works
Location: Land Adjacent And North East Of Lochay Power Station Killin
Applicant: Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission
Application Type: Proposal of Application Notice
Decision: Closed

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What's On In Killin And District

Regular Activities

Monday

- Flow Yoga, 7-8pm, Community Rooms
- Gentle Yoga, 8.05-9.05pm, Community Rooms
- 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 (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

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
- SWI, 7.30pm (1st Thursday of the month, Lesser McLaren Hall)

Friday

- U3A Bridge, 2pm, Killin Hotel
- Yoga, 10.15-11.45, The Big Shed

Sunday

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

Coming Soon !

December

- 4 Walk in the Park
- 10 Glen Lochay Transformer Replacement Meeting p33
- 11 Walk in the Park p19
- 12 Killin News Mulled Wine, p9
- 14 Killin Santa Dash and Christmas Fair, p15
- 14 Hogmanay Lantern Workshop, Lesser McLaren Hall, 12 noon
- 15 Family Church Christmas service, p39
- 15 Santa's Grotto, McLaren Hall, 2pm-4pm
- 16 Community Council, p5
- 16 Scottish Wildlife Trust, p7
- 20 Skerryvore Concert, p8
- 24 Old Mill, re-bedding the Healing Stones, p27
- 24 Church Watchnight Service, p39
- 31 Hogmanay Lantern Walk, 7.30pm Monemore carpark
- 31 Hogmanay Fireworks, p3

January

- 15 Walk in the Park p19
- 16-18 Drama Club Panto, p29
- 22 Walk in the Park, p19
- 29 Walk in the Park, p19

Church Services

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

Special Festive Events

- Sun 15th Family Church Christmas service, 10am, with Praise band
- 24 Church Watchnight Service 11:15pm with live band. Come at 10:45 for mulled wine and mince pies.

Recycling Centres

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

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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

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5th Oct 12th Oct

19th Oct 26th Oct

2nd Nov 9th Nov

16th Nov 23rd Nov

30th Nov 7th Dec

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blue bin

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green bin

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Tyndrum/Crianlarich Fortnightly Fridays

Oct 4, 18, Nov 1, 15, 29

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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

Oct 14, 28, Nov 11, 25
Glen Lochay 11.15-12.30
Ardeonaig 2.00-2.45

Perth and Kinross Fortnightly Tuesday

Oct 1, 15, 29, Nov 12, 26
Tombreck 16.40-17.00
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