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Editorial

It seems that, in the blink of an eye, the whole world, our small part of it included, has been transformed into an uncertain, fearful place, in which we all feel as if we are treading on eggshells, not knowing what the future holds for us, our families and our friends. When the last Killin News was published, none of us had even heard of Coronavirus, but now, already many positives are beginning to emerge. The huge concerted efforts by our NHS teams, with scientists, governments and communities around the world to overcome a common enemy is heartening.

Killin Community is no exception. As you will see on page 3, a group of local volunteers have very speedily thrown us all a precious lifeline, in the form of the newly created Killin Care Group. The speed with which this happened, including the production and distribution of leaflets to every home, is a huge credit to all involved.

On a world scale, with few air flights and less car use, we are already seeing rapid environmental improvements, prompting many to reconsider their priorities in life. Yet another positive is the resourceful use of social media and television to reach and encourage groups of us to join in a host of activities, such as exercises, dancing, singing, all enjoyable and all from the confines of home.

Back in Killin, we are very pleased to report that a new Killin phonebook is now to be produced, thanks to some very keen volunteers (page 6). Our production of this issue was challenging as we had to cope with daily changes and cancellations, but we hope you will still enjoy reading it and not be too confused by it! Production of the next issue may be cancelled, depending on the situation by that time, but be assured that we will return at some stage. In the meantime, we all hope you stay safe and healthy. **EH**

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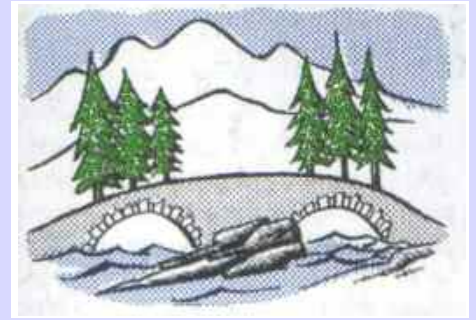
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Photo Ron Allner**

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As the magazine was being prepared, the situation was changing daily and some activities or events appearing in this issue may have been cancelled.

Please check with the organizer before attending any of the advertised activities.

CORONAVIRUS – COVID-19

KILLIN CARE GROUP

Government advice will soon come into effect requesting certain groups of people to self-isolate, in order to control the spread of the virus and protect those more vulnerable to its affects. To that end, volunteers from the Killin Community have drafted a plan in order to help those groups of people who may have to self-isolate over the coming months. So, if you are one of these people, or work for the NHS (or any other community service) and find that you can't cope, we're here to help, FREE of charge:



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If you need help, please call Sara or Christian on the following numbers:

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Christian 07921 954589

or email us: killincares@gmail.com

We will then arrange for someone from the Killin Care Group to help you out at the earliest possible opportunity. We are all volunteers and there is no charge for our help, we will also **NEVER** ask you for money to provide this service.

IF YOU REQUIRE URGENT MEDICAL ATTENTION PLEASE CALL 999 OR 111

Killin Medical Practice

Coronavirus (Covid-19)

The situation with Coronavirus will be rapidly changing. At the time of writing, 18th March, we have had to begin to re-prioritise and adapt how our care is delivered. Medical services will alter nationwide in the coming weeks and months.

Our specific plans will be displayed in and around the villages :-

Killin - on the notice board outside the surgery, the Killin News Office, Library, Newsagents and the Co-op.

Crianlarich - Londis Shop.

Locheearnhead - Owens Shop.

Tyndrum - Brodies Shop.

Our website will be updated with changes and accessed at

www.killinmedicalpractice.scot.nhs.uk

We will also post updates on the Killin Community Page on Facebook.

Thankfully, for the majority Covid-19

will pass as a mild flu like illness

which you can manage at home

yourself as with many other viral

illnesses. If you have a fever or new

continuous cough you should self-

isolate at home for 14 days. Please

follow advice for self-management

and self-isolation (which includes

instructions for your household) at

www.nhs.inform.scot Do not present

at the surgery or other care

providers without prior arrangement.

If at any stage your condition

worsens contact the surgery when

open, NHS 111 out of hours, or if

your symptoms are severe call 999

telling them of your infection. If your

symptoms are no better after 7 days

contact the surgery or follow advice

at NHS 111 online. If you have no

internet access you could call NHS

111.

Further complete and up to date

information on Coronavirus (Covid-

19) can be found on NHS Inform

website www.nhsinform.scot

Other Appointments

For other routine appointments we

will no longer have initial face to face

consultation without prior triage. We

appreciate you letting our front office

team know about your reason for

your appointment. This will mean

you are offered a telephone or video

consultation. If physical examination

or a further examination or test is

necessary at the surgery in person,

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and provide you with information on

how to attend the surgery. Please do

not attend if you think you may have

any symptoms suggestive of

coronavirus or one of your household

contacts develop symptoms between

times. Recontact us and we may

change your appointment

arrangement.

When you attend the surgery let the

reception team know you have

arrived. You will be directed to

particular a waiting area or be asked

to remain in the car park and we will

call you into the surgery. It is

necessary for us to restrict home

visits to essential urgent care at the

time of writing.

If you usually drop in prescriptions,

we ask that you use our repeat

telephone prescription line or speak

to the staff if it is not a usual repeat.

If you have forms you require the

surgery to process please speak to

the team to arrange email delivery.

Please speak to the team for post

delivery of all outstanding forms that

are due collection from the surgery.

New Video Consulting

Video consultation is an innovative

medium for consulting with you that

we are swiftly trialling. It will enable

you to consult with any of our

medical team if you have access to

or own a computer, laptop, tablet or

smart phone.

Situations in which we see this

service to be helpful include:

- For those with flu like symptoms a

- video consultation can provide

- additional clinical information over

- and above what can be achieved by

- phone.

- For patients with coronavirus or

- quarantined due to contact with an

- infected person to have consultations

- at home to negate a home visit or

- attendance at clinic.

- To enable GP services to continue

- to be provided without exposing

- clinicians or patients to Covid19

- unknowingly by reducing the number

- of patients coming into GP premises.

- To enable clinicians to work

- remotely, either due to quarantine or

- to reduce the infection risk for the

- clinician.

There are limitations to consultations

via this service:

- You may not have access to a video

- device with microphone and

- speakers.

- It will not be possible for all your

- problems to be thoroughly reviewed

- via this service, however we can

- then appointment you with a

- clinician appropriately.

- We recognise that the internet

- speeds possible in some of our

- practice areas may mean this service

- is not fully reliable for us to consult

- with you.

To see this system in action please

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appointment. This appointment is

made by our reception team in the

way that other appointments are

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for the appointment please visit our

website and click the link or visit

www.nhsattend.vc.killinhc you will

then access our 'virtual waiting

room' where the clinician will

connect with you.

Should you have to come into the

surgery can we remind you to report

to reception and not go directly to

the waiting room and please

remember for the safety of both staff

and patients to wash your hands or

use the hand sanitizer provided.

Linda Kerr
Acting Practice Manager

Killin Medical Practice

Patient Notice

We will be CLOSED on the following days:

Good Friday - Friday 19th April 2019

Easter Monday - Monday 22nd April 2019

Monday 6th May 2019

Monday 10th June 2019

Monday 9th September 2019

Monday 14th October 2019

Christmas - Wednesday 25th December 2019

Thursday 26th December 2019

New Year - Wednesday 1st January 2020

Thursday 2nd January 2020

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Killin Phone Book

Following the recent article, the Killin News team has received offers of help to update and produce a new edition of the Killin and District Phone Book, which should be available for sale later this year. The format will be similar but slightly different, with personal and business entries separated. As always, inclusion is entirely voluntary. Landline numbers, mobile numbers and postal addresses are welcome, but fax numbers and email addresses will not be published. Data will be kept on a secure system and will not be made available on the Internet or passed on to any other organisation. We hope to make the updating process as smooth as possible.

This is what you need to do:

Existing entries

If you are already listed in the 2017 edition, and your name, address and phone number(s) have not changed, you do not need to do anything. If you wish to confirm your entry, that would be helpful but it is not required. The easiest way to do this is by brief email to phonebook@killinnews.co.uk.

If you wish to be removed, or if any of your details have changed, such as your mobile number, you need to let us know. You can do this by email to phonebook@killinnews.co.uk or by completing one of the forms which will soon be available in the Post Office.

New entries

If you are not in the 2017 book but are over 18 and wish to be in the new one, please complete one of the above mentioned forms, or email phonebook@killinnews.co.uk with details of your name, address and phone number(s).

Businesses and services

We will aim to contact all local businesses and service providers to check entries, but you could help make the job easier by letting us know any contact details you wish to be included, such as website, email address, postal address and brief summary of services provided. There may be a small charge for inclusion in the Classified section.

Clubs and community groups

We plan to include a new section on local groups and will try to compile a comprehensive list. If you are involved in running one of these and would like your group to be included, please let us know by email or by completing one of the forms.

Contact details for all entries

Please email phonebook@killinnews.co.uk or complete one of the forms once they are available in the Post Office. These can be dropped into the Killin News office on Main Street or returned to Katy in the Post Office. Crianlarich Store and Brodies shop in Tyndrum have also kindly agreed to be collection points.

Alan Dawson



Killin SWI

The February and March meetings of Killin SWI have been very well attended. Gregor MacKenzie was the speaker at the February meeting. He spoke about drones, something which is quite alien to many of us however Gregor had a lot of information about his hobby and answered many questions put to him. He ended his talk with a slideshow of Killin and surrounding area which made us all aware of how beautiful our countryside is and how fortunate we are to have someone like Gregor in our village who is able to pass on his valuable knowledge.

At the March meeting Elizabeth introduced Nora Watson who gave a fascinating talk on hat making. Nora took up millinery as a hobby on her retirement, something which has now taken over her life and her house. She brought along many of her creations which the ladies

enjoyed trying on and modelling. Lynne Ferguson gave a lovely vote of thanks and the evening ended with a lovely buffet of savoury and sweet treats, all of which were donated by the members, thanks to everyone.

The next meeting is on Thursday 2nd April at 7.30pm. The evening will take the form of a planter workshop and Bridget Black will be the lady in charge.

There will be a coffee morning on Saturday 11th April in the Lesser McLaren Hall from 10.30am until 12.30pm. The proceeds will go towards the Childrens Christmas Party and everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy tea/coffee and home baking.

NB The April events are likely to be cancelled due to the coronavirus situation

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Killin and District Volunteer Car Scheme

The car scheme continues to work well and is being used very regularly, not just in Killin, but also in the surrounding areas. Don Fraser was invited to provide a case study and presentation to the Social Enterprise Hub for Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, Growing Enterprising Communities group, about the way we have set up and provide transport around Killin. This followed a discussion and workshop identifying community challenges, which are multiple, although the need for improved transport is especially common in rural areas like ours. The group were interested in the way the problems had first been identified by the Patient Participation Group and how we had then set ourselves up as a charity and begun providing the service. David Johnston also presented a case study on the development of the Balquidder Community

Broadband scheme. He was surprised to hear that the car scheme covers the Balquidder area. It seems that our message has not reached all of the surrounding villages and we need to do a similar event, as we are planning in Crianlarich, in the south of our area, to make people aware of what we do and the area we cover. Saturday 14th March saw the launch of the Upper Tay Transport Group. Their aim is to increase transport options in the Upper Tay area, particularly for isolated and vulnerable people and to enable people to access services, in the area covered by the Community Councils of Glen Lyon & Loch Tay, Kenmore & District, Dull & Weem and Aberfeldy. If you need to book a car please call 07988 280743

Alicja Fraser

Killin Heritage Society

In February Killin Heritage Society enjoyed hearing the history of the Scottish hydro-electric schemes from Roger Twigg, whose comments triggered plenty of questions and discussions about our future energy supplies.

Unfortunately, due to the threat of COVID-19 Killin Heritage Society has decided to postpone the AGM and talk planned for Sunday 29 March, probably until the autumn. Similarly the talk by local conservationist Polly Pullar on Thursday 23 April will have to be postponed to a later date.

Details of new dates and other events in the autumn will be sent to those who give us a contact email and will be published on posters in the village and the Killin Facebook page. If you aren't on our contacts list, send your email address to keithmayo2000@yahoo.co.uk

Killin Floral Association

As you may know, several of the long-serving members of the Floral Association have now resigned. Since the floral displays around the village are always very attractive to both residents and tourists, we thought it would be nice to carry on and we now have a handful of people willing to take this forward. It may mean there will be a few changes to the way things were done before.

If you think you can help in any way, either because you have ideas about organising or because you want to help with planting and/or watering, please get in touch with me on 820068.

Anneke Mayo

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THE KILLIN CONNECTION

The Artist & The Giant

In August 1829, the twenty year old composer Felix Mendelssohn and his companion Karl Klingemann set off from Tobermory on board the steamer *Ben Lomond*. Their destination, the isle of Staffa with its great sea cave, had by now become a legendary pilgrimage of artists and writers - from Scott to Turner, Johnson and Keats. Mendelssohn, however, was suffering from "the most fearful sickness". At the mercy of the cruel Atlantic swell, he unlikely shared Klingemann's poetic enthusiasm, who compared the cave's huge black columns to an immense pipe organ. Nevertheless, the young composer heard its music. Back at his lodgings later that evening, he began scribbling down the opening bars of what would become his most iconic score, *Die Hebriden* - forever known as "Fingal's Cave".

For those unacquainted with the legend, Fingal (also known as Fionn Mac Cumhaill) was a warrior giant in Scottish and Irish mythology, giving name to the aforementioned sea cave and the Giant's Causeway in County Antrim. The origins of Fingal go back centuries, to when Western Scotland and part of Northern Ireland were united under the Gael Kingdom of Dalriada. Some of the earliest Gaelic literary prose, exemplified in story "cycles" and ballads, are centred around the giant and his band of warriors, the Fianna. In the Fenian Cycle, Fingal built the Causeway across to Scotland to fight a rival giant and after its destruction in the battle, a fragment drifted out into the ocean and became Staffa. The real connection between the two places is, of course, their geology - both formed from the Paleocene basalt flow about 65 million years ago - but why let that spoil a good story, eh?

How Killin fits into this narrative is both fascinating and bizarre. The first clue is in the name. In Gaelic, Killin (Cill Fhinn) has been interpreted as the "White" or "Fair Church". It derives from the Old Irish "finn" meaning white, bright, fair or blessed. Fingal, the eponymous hero in James MacPherson's *Ossian* texts (a result of the metropolitan literati's growing awareness of Gaelic culture) was adapted from "finn" to mean "white stranger". This probably comes from the Old Norse "Fine Gall" (tribe or territory of foreigners), a Viking settlement near Dublin and present day County Fingal. Interestingly, local folklore alludes to the warrior tribe Fianna, the

once a centre of early Celtic Christianity but as no saint of the name Fingal is on record such a derivation is improbable. Perhaps the most obvious translation comes from "the burial place of Fingal" and our local landmark, the standing stone in Breadalbane Park. This stone is said to mark the final resting place of the mythical giant. The legend goes that Fingal and his love rival Taileachd were vying for the affections of a local woman and in turn she presented them with the challenge of leaping Loch Dochart. When Fingal failed to reach the far side and fell into the water, treacherous Taileachd seized the advantage and cut off his head. The

Fianna later found his body downstream and carried it to the grave on the hillock. I'll spare the gory details of Taileachd's fate, but it's up there with the best action/thriller revenge movie plots...

Today the tale lives on in the landscape. Places like Finlarig (sometimes interpreted as the field or plain of Fingal) and Ath Chinn (The Ford of the Head) all tell of Killin's deep connection to the legend long before it became synonymous with Mendelssohn's work. While the

composer freely acknowledged the influence of MacPherson's *Ossian*, it's doubtful he had anything other than a superficial understanding of the larger context of Gaelic literary tradition that travelled far and wide across the country. *Ossian*, after all, was a product of the Enlightenment and reworked ancient Gaelic poetry that greatly appealed to a fashionable European market. There was a romanticism, partly imposed by its audience, that resonated with Mendelssohn's own musical imagination. That our village has a small part in the story is quite remarkable.

Michael Gardiner



Fingal's Cave, Staffa, 18th Century

Fingalians, living in Glen Lyon during the Late Iron Age. Supporting this claim, the 1845 *New Statistical Account of Scotland* ascribes "Caistealan-nam-Fiann" - the castles of the Fiann - to a series of hill forts in the vicinity. Further suggestions are found in nearby Fortingall, for which the Gaelic is "Feart-nan Gael" (the strong place of the strangers). It may be no small coincidence that the 16th century manuscript, *The Book of the Dean of Lismore*, which collected early ballads of the Fianna, was compiled in Fortingall. Another interpretation of "Cill Fhinn" is "church of Fingal". As with "white church" this name suggests Killin was



Breadalbane 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.

Coronavirus

I will still be working during this, though as we will be encouraged to distance ourselves from people I will be working more and more from home. If you need to get hold of me either email me or phone my mobile. I work Monday to Wednesday 8am to 4pm.

Theresa Elliot
Project Manager
01567 820628
07789 265823

Crianlarich Nursery - Cuppa Chat

Crianlarich Nursery has been offering a 'Cuppa Chat' session on various Tuesdays from 10am – 12.00. This is a community and intergenerational project that has recently started. It is an open door event and members of the community and nursery can come along for a chat over a cup of tea/coffee. The children bake various items for this event and enjoy talking about what they are creating and learning to the visitors. Please feel free to come along to any of the dates.

24th March
 21st April
 26th May
 23rd June

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Hello all, The Old Mill Thrift Shop is currently open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays 10-4 as volunteer availability allows. Any of you who have been keeping an eye on Facebook will have noticed that we have a new stock layout. We

are also going to begin to sell goods via ebay so please keep an eye out for information about that on Facebook.

We will be reviewing the situation regarding staying open and Coronavirus on an ongoing basis, and will also be publishing any changes to our opening hours on Facebook. We are still accepting donations but we ask people to please bag or box them securely so we can leave the packages 72 hours before opening them.

We have plans for a program of events, including storytelling, heritage displays and crafts, upcycling workshops and healing stone open days. Whilst these were planned to run for the whole of the summer, they have now been postponed until the current situation improves. The Mill and KAT are willing to help the community of Killin through any difficult times ahead. If anyone thinks of anything we may be well placed to help with, please let Theresa or Raina know.

Raina Jones
01567 820628
(please leave a message)

Killin Cancer Research Local Cancer Committee Save the Dates

Friday 5th June sees the return of our very popular Savoury and Wine Evening. Great for a night out to meet new people and support a fantastic cause.

Saturday 26th September is the date for this year's (legendary) Ladies' Lunch.

Both events will be held in the McLaren Hall. Ticket details will follow on social media, in posters around the village and in the Killin News. Keep your eyes peeled!



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Police Report

Greetings from the Police station. One of the things that people often bring up with us is the issue of our accessibility and availability. The station is not staffed 24 hours a day and is not operational 7 days a week. The nearest 24-hour station is Callander. Killin Police station works alongside Lochearnhead and Crianlarich so that generally, when the officers there are on a rest day, Killin is staffed and vice-versa. Therefore, when we are at work, we normally cover the area from Strathyre up to Tyndrum and everything either side of that and we have responsibility for all calls in those areas. There are times when this extends to covering Callander too. Station closures in the neighbouring divisions means that we can be the closest resource to incidents outside of our beat boundary and so, from time to time, we cover calls in those areas too. Constraints on Police budgets have seen station closures all over the country. Currently all arrested persons within Forth Valley division are taken to Falkirk Police station only. Any arrests or interviews, which are conducted solely at Falkirk station, mean lengthy periods of

time away from Killin and often take up most if not all of our rostered shift. Other common and lengthy demands on our time may come from accompanying people to hospital or from mountain rescue situations. When we are not taken out from the area, we try to maintain a visible presence here in Killin.

Recently the average speed cameras on the A85 from Lix Toll have gone live and the speed limit into the village from the Bridge of Lochay side has been reduced from a 40mph to a 30mph. We have been patrolling this area to gauge the compliance of the new speed limit and its effectiveness. When possible, we also stand outside the school, as it is the one time of day when lots of people in the village and from surrounding areas come together and it is quite usual for people to approach us and speak to us or ask to arrange a time for a chat.

If there is anything that you would like to discuss with us and you have not seen us, then please use the 101 facility and ask to leave a message. We will always respond and arrange

a time suitable and convenient to you when we can listen to you. We are also going to trial a drop-in surgery here at the Police station where you will be free to come in, without an appointment and speak to us. The drop in dates and times are:

Thursday 9th of April 4pm to 6pm
Friday 17th of April 3pm to 5pm
Thursday 23rd of April 10am to 12pm
Wednesday 29th of April 8pm to 10pm

The purpose of the drop-in sessions is to give you the opportunity to come in and speak to us about anything you would like to discuss. If the drop-in sessions prove popular, then we would hope to continue this. If you plan on coming, then we look forward to speaking to you. In the meantime, we wish you well.

PC Scott Kennedy
Killin Police Station

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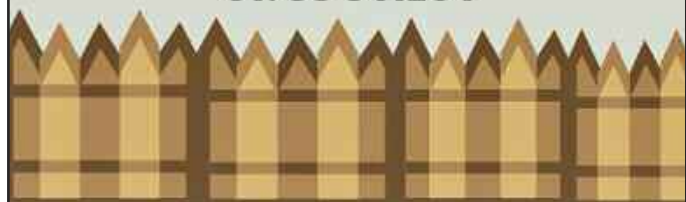


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Killin Community Council

The meeting of 17th February was well attended, though a planned presentation by SSE concerning the transformer replacement in Glen Lochay was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. This was a busy meeting with a full agenda and covered a lot of issues.

The closure of the Bank of Scotland was discussed and concerns were raised about the effect this would have on the village in three areas; the impact on those without easy access to online services, provision for the disabled and the loss of the BoS Cashpoint machine. The latter was seen as a potential problem during the busy summer months.

The future of the Co-op was raised. Staff have already been advised of a plan to relocate the existing Co-op to a new-build premises, the location of which is still unclear. There are obvious benefits to this, such as a greater range of products and services, wider and more accessible aisles, better opportunities and conditions for staff, and improved car parking arrangements, but there are also downsides. The Co-op currently occupies premises in the centre of the village. Where will the new Co-op be located? Will the Main Street be left with yet another empty shop?

The advent of telephone and internet banking, online shopping, and changing tastes all impact on the retail and service environment, and companies need to be able to adapt to changing conditions to survive and prosper. The role of the Community Council is not to hinder these adaptations but to help manage them for the greater good of the community. We will be seeking clarification and reassurances from both the Bank of Scotland and the Co-op over the coming weeks and

months, and will keep you informed. The longstanding problems with the sewer system at the junction of Main Street and Station Road, are finally being addressed by Scottish Water, and a survey of the area's pipe network is underway. This survey may be extended to other parts of the village and may result in a general upgrading of the sewage and wastewater system.

After a concerted campaign, the speed limit on the Aberfeldy Road has been reduced to 30mph from the Glebe to the golf course, and Pier Road is to be restricted to 20mph, though these signs have yet to go up. The Bridge over the Dochart is to have its lighting restored after a gap of many years, a welcome development both for residents and visitors. The Christmas tree lights are to be replaced, as the current set are at the end of their operable life. Estimates for replacement lights are around £1000, and £800 has been pledged towards their cost by the Killin Highland Games Committee, and a further £100 from the Fire Service, with the remainder coming from the Community Council.

The bus shelter next to the Police Station, which was, fortunately, the only casualty of an elderly driver losing control of his vehicle, will be replaced, but Stirling Council are pursuing the driver's insurance provider, which is the cause of the delay. The bus shelter at the connection point on Station Road, Callander is to be replaced, but this seems to be subject to another litigation, this time between Stirling Council and the developer of the recently built flats there. We await with anticipation the outcome of these various legal manoeuvres.

The recent wet weather has led to flooding and damage to roads and

pavements right across the region. There have been concerns raised about flooding in Breadalbane Park. Whether this is a failure of the drainage system, or the result of water saturated ground everywhere, we will not be able to assess until the weather improves and the ground dries out. There are potholes appearing everywhere, particularly at the roadsides, where saturated ground and flooded ditches are undermining the road surface. Pavements are also showing signs of damage, and the area between the Co-op and the Post Office is in very poor condition, as is the pavement outside the Courie Inn. We will be monitoring this situation and alerting the Council to any major defects and hazards. Members of the public are also encouraged to alert Stirling Council, either by phone (01786 404040) or on the dedicated pothole page on their website.

We are told that the Acharn Biomass Plant is hoping to go onstream in November this year, and that there is a significant potential benefit to the community, as there will be 4.5 megawatts of energy in the form of hot water available. This is a huge amount of energy, and there will be discussions about how it may be put to use. The Biomass operator has a statutory duty to agree a community benefit within a year of it becoming operational, so we have time to assess the feasibility of various schemes and suggestions. One suggestion, that the hot water be pumped directly into the Dochart upstream of the village, thus creating the 'Hot Falls of Dochart' and raising the temperature of Loch Tay to tropical levels, is not expected to gain much traction within the angling community.

Chaz Kemp has resigned from the Community Council due to work commitments. The Council would like to thank Chaz for his support over the last few months and wishes him well. The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Monday, the 20th April at 7.30pm in the primary school. Members of the public are always welcome.

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May we who have to cancel our trips,
remember those who have no place to go.

May we who are losing our marginal income
in the tumult of the economic market,
remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home,
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Shutters Knit and Natter Group

By the time you are reading this issue of the Killin News, Shutters Knit & Natter group will have finished for the session. The group would like to thank Sandra & Jillian for the use of the Bothy on Thursday mornings for a group of like-minded people to meet, knit, natter and have a cuppa and cake.

The group started meeting in October last year and proved to be very popular, with 15 knitters and crocheters attending on some weeks. The group encouraged beginner knitters to come along and learn to knit, along with some who hadn't picked up the needles in year and others who were avid knitters, so there was something for everyone.

Although Shutters closed for the month of January, this didn't mean the needles were idle, with some members of the group deciding to knit hats for premature babies to be given to FVRH. 191 hats were collected. Another donation of hats and cardigans will be making its way to the hospital in early April.

The Knit & Natter Group will start meeting again in The Bothy, Shutters on Thursday 1st October, 10 – 12 noon. Everybody's welcome to come along and join in the fun.



Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance Reacts to Coronavirus Guidance

"Given the current situation with COVID-19 and recent advice from the NHS regarding social distancing, Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance has therefore moved to cancel all future events, social gatherings and meetings until further notice.

"We hope the public will understand our position and continue to support us in the amazing way they always have to ensure we keep flying for those most in need." Since launching in 2013, SCAA has responded to nearly 2,500 emergencies all across Scotland and its many islands. Many of these have involved critical illness or injury where speed has proved a life-saving factor.

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Secrets of the Celtic Rainforest

Secrets of the Celtic Rainforest is a Plantlife Scotland project which raises awareness of their international importance and is unlocking the secrets of the unique species that dwell within them. The expert speaker at the Callander SWT meeting in February was Alistair Whyte, Head of Plantlife Scotland. Unfortunately, I couldn't be there but thought it worth sharing the information on their website
www.plantlife.org.uk/scotland/our-work-scotland/projects-scotland/celtic-rainforests


The Celtic Rainforests of Scotland, also known as Atlantic woodlands, form part of the wider western Atlantic woodlands of the UK. They are a habitat known as 'temperate rainforest' which is a rare habitat worldwide - rarer even than tropical rainforests! These mainly coastal forests have a special 'oceanic' climate which is very wet and mild due to landscape and warm ocean currents. The combination of high rainfall and stable mild temperature makes the woodlands very humid which allows growth of some really special residents. Lichen, mosses and liverworts, fungi and ferns really make the Celtic Rainforests what they are. Not only do they help maintain the humidity in the forest but they also give them that mysterious and magical feel. Where can you find these Rainforests? Beyond Britain and Ireland, such coastal temperate rainforests are found mainly in the redwood forests of western North America, the beech forests of

western Chile, in south-east Australia, New Zealand, south-western Japan and Taiwan. In Scotland they are mainly situated along the west coast.

What grows in the Celtic Rainforest? The smaller plants of the Celtic Rainforest provide habitat and maintain the humidity levels necessary for the health of the forest. These special plants are called lichens and bryophytes (the mosses and liverworts). Some of them are very rare in the rest of Europe but Scotland is a 'hotspot'. A lichen is unique because it is two organisms in one: a fungus and an alga/or cyanobacteria. Mosses and liverworts are ancient non-flowering plants, having been around for 400 million years. Mosses have small leaves that grow all round their stems, whereas liverworts have two ranks of leaves either side of their stem. Details, pictures and identification guides can be found at
www.plantlife.org.uk/scotland/our-work-scotland/projects-scotland/celtic-rainforests

Are they threatened? Unfortunately, there are threats facing Scotland's native rainforests; and shading out these special smaller plants and fungi. The woodlands are becoming increasingly isolated and fragmented. They benefit from the right amount of grazing but too little can lead to the woodland becoming shady and choked while too much leads to more fragmentation and not enough regeneration of young trees.

Lesley Hawkins



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Taiga Bean Geese



The Taiga Bean Goose is not a species with which many of us are familiar, not surprisingly as they are Scotland's rarest goose. However, they are regular winter visitors, migrating from N Scandinavia and Russia in October and staying until March on the Slammanan Plateau. Callander SWT's entertaining speaker in January was Angus McIver, a long-term volunteer with the Bean Goose Action Group which monitors these geese on behalf of RSPB, including tracking their migration via satellite tags. The Slamannan Plateau is 5 km south of Falkirk and 4 km east of , Cumbernauld at around 170m above sea level. The area is a mosaic of agricultural fields and wetlands dominated by species (rushes), and bogs and two shallow lochs within Fannyside Muir. Parts of the area were once open-cast coal mines which fed the iron works in Falkirk, leaving uneven terrain very similar to the summer

wintering grounds in Sweden. In 2002 the site was proposed for a Central Scotland airport but actually became an area of special scientific interest in September 2007, due to being the primary site for wintering taiga bean geese in the UK, more important now with the demise of the Norfolk population.

They feed mostly by day on grass in farmed fields and juncus in rough pasture, spending a lot of time sitting in the sun which makes them and their leg rings difficult to spot. However, they are very wary and will go into alert mode with necks up if disturbed and will stay in that pose while people remain visible. Pairs are faithful and spend time in their pairs. Their wintering movements are to fly twice per day at first light and dusk but in snow have been observed to sit still for several days, using up body fat as they can't feed.

In the early evening they fly to their roost sites, or if the weather is bad, they can roost within their preferred feeding fields. Eating grass generally does not endear them to farmers who may scare them off but shooting them isn't allowed: unlike Greenland white-fronted geese in Islay for which SNH has licensed their shooting to protect crops!

It took 20 years to get SNH permission to fit Satellite tags on collars but these have given amazing information on the migration routes between Slammanan and Sweden's Taiga Forest or the Glomma River system



in Norway. They have been seen to follow landmarks like the Forth Estuary but can be strongly affected by bad weather. The spring 2017 migration was tracked across the Isle of May to Aberdour, over the North Sea to NW Denmark then to Norway/Sweden. However, in strong winds they have been deflected as far north as Orkney Mainland, back to Caithness, over the Cairngorms to Slammanan for a week before successfully heading off to NW Denmark – exhausting! For a detailed description of these geese, their history and updated tracking data in Angus' blog go to the excellent site .

Lesley Hawkins

Invitation To Locals to Attend Callander Meetings

The Scottish Wildlife Trust has many local groups which are run by volunteers. The group in Killin has been inactive for a few years now so SWT has decided to 'allocate' the members to the nearest active one, which is Callander.

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Killin Music Fest kicks into high gear for year 5!

Killin Music Festival enters its fifth year in 2020, with another cracking main stage line-up, supported by a refreshed array of fringe events which celebrate Killin's traditional music pedigree. The festival runs 19-21 June, and tickets are available now online at killinmusicfestival.com.

Multi award-winning Mànrán will headline Friday night, famous for their modern adaptations of traditional Gaelic songs and now featuring Kim Carnie on vocals. Saturday is highlighted by those Scottish celtic rock giants from Tíree, Skerryvore, and Sunday evening's seated concert will feature the iconic Scottish singer Karen Matheson of Capercaillie. Highland music champions Dàimh will also be performing on Friday with their unique blend of mouth music and vibrant tunes. Young Traditional Musician of the Year 2019, Benedict Morris will front his new band Arkus, and Man of the Minch, who won the coveted Up and Coming Artist of the Year at the Trad Music Awards 2019, will round off the evening's line-up.

Saturday's lineup includes vibrant Orcadian fiddle band Fara, and singer-songwriter Amy Papiransky, who twines stunning vocals with entertaining anecdotes in her native Doric. Killin Music Festival continues to promote young, fresh talent with Ali Levack, Young Traditional Musician of the Year 2020, who is set to perform on Saturday with Project Smok.

LATEST NEWS

As we write this article some 3+ months away from Killin Music Festival 2020, life is changing every day due to COVID-19. It is difficult to predict how this will affect the event this year so far out. We are keen that any decision be thought out, well advised and precisely timed.

As always the health and wellbeing of all those who attend the event (and those around them) will come first. Any change to the plans for Killin Music Fest 2020 will be announced via our social media channels and email list. Our team is keeping calm and working hard to produce our best festival yet – whenever it runs. We've included our original article below which was written before COVID-19 started to snowball, highlighting some of our plans and activities.



Karen Matheson will be joined on Sunday by upbeat folk six-piece Heisk, who mix traditional fiddle music with electro harp and keyboards. Showcasing young talent again, local heroes The No Marcs will kick off the Sunday concert playing to their home crowd.

A brand-new competition will be running as part of the festival fringe this year to award the new Col Charles Stewart Quaich. This

competition is inspired by Killin's exceptional heritage in traditional Scottish music, in particular, Stewart's 'The Killin Collection'. Col Charles Stewart (1823-1894) was a prominent figure in Killin and Perthshire, and helped to preserve and promote local history, folklore and music. Among his many achievements Stewart was Chief of the Perth Gaelic Society, Director of the Killin Railway, head of Killin Gaelic Choir and was a respected historian and translator of old manuscripts. Born in Glen Lyon, Stewart spent the greater part of his life in Killin at Tigh'n Duin (the now demolished youth hostel). His legacy 'The Killin Collection' comprises songs and tunes of the local area from the 18th century.

Killin Music Festival is proud to honour Col Stewart's work and legacy by introducing this annual award. The competition will be open to all ages, and accepts any performance of music, poetry or stories, which celebrate the local area of Killin and Perthshire. For more details on the all new Col Charles Stewart competition along with inspiration and the entry form, check out the festival website - killinmusicfestival.com, where you can also secure your festival tickets!

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EAK is Killin's local community environment group. The purpose of the group is to improve the natural environment in the Killin area through community involvement in

environmental projects. We aim to achieve this through community education, raising awareness and environmental campaigning, as well as through practical environmental

projects at a local level. We have an indoor meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 8pm in the Killin Hotel as well as practical outdoor meetings and regular wildlife watching events. Over the years we have organised awareness raising events on topics such as Climate Change, Nature in Crisis, Recycling and Composting and Renewable Energy. We have also carried out practical tasks such as footpath maintenance, litter picks and a wildlife audit. We try to make all our activities fun and informative, and all are welcome to join. So if you would like to get involved please come along to one of our meetings. Some of the activities planned for this spring include a tree planting day on the 21st March, our annual litter pick around the head of the loch on the 28th March, Black Grouse lek counts in April, and a dawn chorus walk on the 9th May. We also plan to have another wildlife focussed public event later in the year.

John Holland
EAK Chairperson



EAK members helping to clear fallen branches from the cycle path
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Letters

Searching For Relatives

I am looking for descendants of Gilbert & Janet (Anderson) Christie, who had twelve children – Donald, Lewissa (McGilchrist), Ann (Ferguson), Jean (McWhannell), Margaret (Cameron), Duncan, Hugh, Catherine (McDiarmid), James, Susan (McDiarmid), Malcolm, & Janet (Robertson). Gilbert was born in Croftchose, Glendochart, Killin to Malcolm McGilchrist & Lewissa Campbell in January 1753. Our family history also mentions James & Catherine Christie residing at Auchlyne Farm in Killin.

Gilbert's son Duncan & Ann (McKay) Christie of Killin were parents of Gilbert, Katherine (McColl), Janet (Robertson), Ann (McIntyre), Margaret (Cameron), Peter, Jane, Susan, Duncan & John.

Many of my Christie descendants were born in Killin and are buried in the Killin cemetery.

I am also looking for descendants of Donald McNaughton & Grace McNaughton married in Fortingall.

Their children were William, Margaret (McIntyre), Ann (Campbell), John, Alexander, Janet (Grieve), Finlay, Grace (Christie), & Donald & Christina.

Peter & Grace (McNaughton) Christie emigrated to the Herbert River District in North Queensland aboard the Jumna in 1889 with Duncan, Janet (Fairley), Donald, Ann (Ballardie), Thomas, Patrick & William.

Thomas is my maternal grandfather. I would love to meet as many of my Scottish relatives as I can whilst over there. I look forward to receiving a reply to this letter before we leave Australia on 18 May. My email address is:

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Railway Cottage

We have recently finished the refurbishment of the Railway Cottage Killin. I believe this to have been two small cottages behind the railway line at Killin Junction Station in which station masters/porters resided.

We have carefully kept the cottage to its many original features and are now trying to put as much history into the interiors with stories, pictures etc.

We have a few pictures of the cottage in its ruins, but none so far of the cottage whilst it was lived in originally.

I have read your Issue 148 Oct/Nov 2015 and the articles on the railway cottage were just beautiful. If anyone has a photograph of the cottage, as it was originally all those years ago before it was left to ruins, I would be so grateful if you could get in touch with me.

I would appreciate anything you can give me as this is for a birthday gift for my partner Dan who has worked on the renovations for 7 years now. Many thanks

Helen Martin

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(Cottage at Killin Junction)



Killin Community Auction

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Annual Community Auction on Easter Saturday, 11th April is **cancelled**. It is hoped the auction will be rescheduled later in the year

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who has supported my London marathon fundraising for Girlguiding, either through the Scottish Quiz night, the Valentines kids' party or a kind donation.

At the time of writing this, I've raised £1400, well on the way to my target, and the training is going well too, so thank you all for your support!

Laura Bathgate

Before and After

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Walk in the Park

Date	Meeting at 10.20am	All Routes: Walk from 15 min – 1 hour
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06/05/20		
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You'll have seen that the situation and response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has been escalating globally, as well as more locally in recent days. The Coronavirus outbreak has now been confirmed as a 'pandemic' by the World Health Organisation. In response the UK Government is moving to the 'delay' phase of its action plan to tackle the outbreak.

In order to help keep our walkers safe, Walk in the Park have made the decision to cancel all walks and strength and balance sessions from today (Monday 16th March).

Cathy Scott

Active Travel in the National Park Walk in the Park is the flagship project of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs Countryside Trust. For the last year, The Countryside Trust have also been working on the Trossachs Rural E-bike Demonstration (TRED) which provides e-bikes on a loan basis to local residents in the Trossachs area. We ran several taster sessions then loaned the bikes out for a week to provide them with the capability and opportunity to make local journeys by bike.

Latest government policies want to see walking, wheeling and cycling at the top of the sustainable transport hierarchy, and to this end we will continue to support and develop Active Travel in the forthcoming year.

We have recently consulted with two local communities Aberfoyle and Callander to produce Community Active Travel Action Plans which you can view here:

<http://trustinthepark.org/tred/> This will help guide future developments in these areas. We will continue to support communities, from Drymen to Killin, to further develop their active travel programmes.

Both Aberfoyle and Callander now have regular sociable cycle rides or

Meanders at 10.00am on Thursdays and Tuesdays respectively giving the option to explore the cycling network around the towns with some more experienced cyclists.

Looking forward, we will shortly be producing an e-biking leaflet and map of the Trossachs area and are



planning our programme of pop-up activities where we will attend local events and offer route planning, Dr Bike, e-bike tasters and general advice on how to incorporate active travel into your daily routine. If you see us at an event make sure to come and have a chat with us.

Jim Riach, Active Travel Officer

For walks please see the schedule for Wednesday morning meeting times

and routes, or pick up a flier from the 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.

Booking is not necessary, however if you have any questions about joining in any of our walks or exercise sessions please contact the Walk in the Park Coordinator - Cathy Scott 07852 334272 or send an email to:

cathy.scott@lochlomond-trossachs.org

For more information about Walk in the Park and walk schedules for all groups including Callander, Killin, Aberfoyle, Drymen, Balloch and Arrochar visit www.trustinthepark.org/walk-in-the-park

Facebook Page : <https://www.facebook.com/KillinWalkinthePark>



Primary 4 to 7 had a fantastic day at Abernethy – Ardeonaig, building new friendships, learning new skills and having a BLAST. Thank you to all the group leaders and the Killin Parent Partnership for funding the day.



We enjoyed the experience of looking after salmon in our classroom. We had a great time on the release afternoon with Gareth, who taught us lots about the salmon life cycle.

Timmy, P7



Congratulations to our Quizzers who came in 3rd place at this year's Rotary Quiz in Callander. Tough competition with only 5 points between us and first place.

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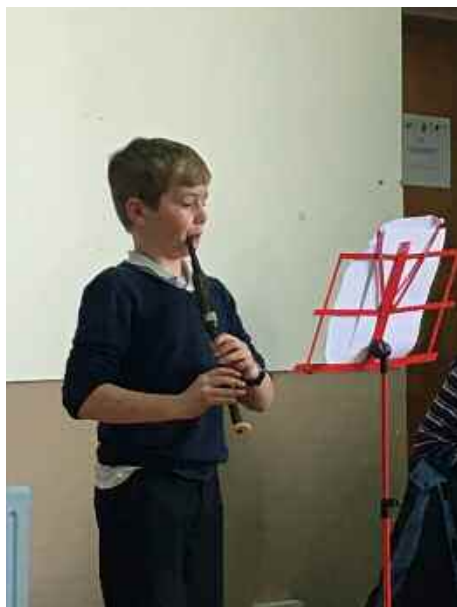
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Katie P3

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The Frost Report



A Soggy Spring and A Worm Moon

As we see the end of a very soggy February and go through March, it is the time of changes and new beginnings. At last there are some squirrels returning to the feeders as their winter stores run out. The oystercatchers were first noticed to have returned to Ardeonaig bay on Jan 29th but were not regularly seen for a few days as their favourite landing place of the pier was well underwater at this time. Our 'Ardtalnaig correspondent' did not report them until February 26th. Some residents who do not mind the wet are the frogs. We first noticed them in our pond on 8th March and there was the first frogspawn the next day. Ours do not have a hazardous journey crossing a road as they seem to hibernate in the mud of the same pond. How environmentally friendly to cut out the travel. Another individual making good use of the pools of water in the fields today was a carrion crow who could be seen splashing water around as he took a rather long bath. Maybe he was having a wee makeover before

the breeding season or just being extra vigilant about washing his claws because of the coronavirus. The increasing day length (Spring equinox on 20th March) is turning the young birds' fancy to thoughts of love, or rather sex as they begin to sing and pair up. The Super Worm moon on 9th heralds Spring as Native Americans expect to see the first casts of worms starting to come to the surface. Maybe some worms around here will be wearing snorkelling gear this year. It will soon be the start of the gardening season. Remember that you should not plant your veg. seeds until the soil is warm enough for you to comfortably sit on it with a bare bottom. An old saying, but can't say that you notice this testing going on much round here. Maybe it's under cover of darkness or by the light of the worm moon. Maybe it's a good idea to buy in new compost but watch out for prices this year as millions of pounds worth of the old paper twenty pound notes are not being incinerated (bad for the planet) but are being composted. I don't know how many millions it takes to make a bag of compost but your roses would think you had won the lottery.

It's a pity that all political decisions, especially those relating to the environment, can't be made by people who know what they are talking about. A really scary story appeared recently of a Labour MP and shadow secretary for DEFRA reporting to a meeting on 3rd that millions of grouse were imported each year to be shot. Someone needs to remind them that red grouse only exist in Scotland, Northern England and Wales and cannot be artificially bred. It is probably not surprising that a large proportion of UK sourced fish is transported to China for processing then returned to UK for you to buy. Also that :

- a rocket launch site proposed for Sutherland would be in an area of 40million tons of peat bog estimated to capture more carbon than all the trees in Britain put together.
- that governments want to use 20% land for trees to capture carbon (they didn't read the bit about peat flow country).
- that non-native trees are being planted when we are being brainwashed into reintroducing species such as the beaver.

Maybe all will balance out as beavers are said to be able to fell up to 300 trees each per year. That's approximately one tree a day with Sundays off. SNH guesstimate that there are 450 to 500 beavers in Scotland so that is a lot of trees (upwards of 135,000). All we need now is to clone beavers which only fell non-native species and only take leylandii out of gardens.

Of course all this tree culture is a great threat to deer especially our iconic red. As deer fencing is expensive it seems much better to tell us to go on a shooting spree. Not only are estates being made to cull larger numbers which is going to be financially difficult as venison prices are low, but amateurs are going to be recruited to shoot in their communities. Not sure if the politicians have squared this up with the stringent laws on firearms. A shorter closed season for hinds and a complete lack of closed season for stags, roebuck, sika stags and fallow bucks is proposed. Night shooting proposals are also being put forward. All of this is proposed by an independent deer management group set up by Scottish government. Also very much in favour of this is a link group made up of The National Trust for Scotland, John Muir Trust and RSPB.

On the Ardeonaig road you can see fenced woodland and the trees within the fence individually enclosed in plastic tubes (plastic! Agh!) which begs the question why? If the fence keeps out the deer what other little devils are nicking the trees? Could it be the usual culprits of hares, rabbits, mice and voles? On the same road nearer the village there are acres of growing conifers which are completely unfenced and the birch and hazel woodland along the road has grown with no protection. Maybe one stag was launching a protest at Kingshouse in Glen Coe when he charged at a tourist trying to feed him chocolate biscuits. Or maybe he just preferred custard creams. So with our political leaders needing the low-down on the facts of country life it is no bad thing that a recent visitor to Westminster was The Honourable Mr Fox MP who was seen on the escalator and then in the café. He was later 'escorted' to the banks of the Thames. Stop press:- March 10th pied wagtails have returned.

Tim Frost



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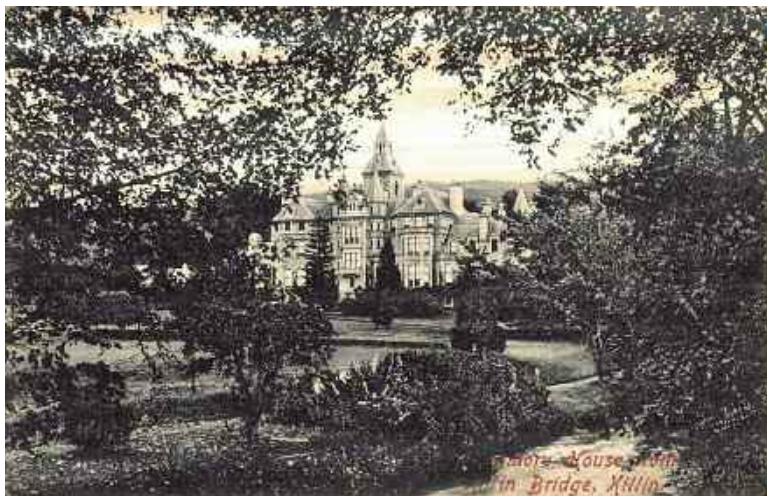
1893 Storm Damage in Killin and Surrounding Areas

This postcard of Auchmore House, Killin dates from 1911. At this time, Mabel Duke worked here as a domestic servant and on 21st May that year, she married William Walker, of Main Street, Killin.

One of the worst storms ever to visit the British Isles took place on 17th November 1893 and lasted till about the 21st. In 1964 William Walker, shared his memories of this with Anne Ross; this recording is available on the excellent website Tobar an Dulchais. He tells of the terrible damage caused and recalls that so strong was the wind, a haystack was blown clean across the loch. The Dundee Courier a week later, reported on this storm.

William (Bill) Walker was born on 17th August, 1883, son of John Walker, postmaster and Grace, née Cameron. He passed away on 29th June, 1967, at the age of 83. Killin - The gale experienced on Friday night and Saturday morning was of exceptional severity. It is no exaggeration to state that the greater portion of the beauty of Killin and its surrounding area has been irreparably destroyed for many years

to come, plantations being laid low in all directions. The wood around Auchmore House which was one of great beauty, has been almost levelled, only a few scraggy trees remaining to mark the place where a



wood once was. Finlarig Woods have also suffered severely. Desolation and ruin are seen all around. The splendid avenue leading to Finlarig Castle has been badly smashed up. Trees that have stood the blast for over 800 and 900 years have had to succumb. The large tree, known as "Fillan's Tree," at Millmore to which was ascribed many healing virtues, is now no more. The beautiful island above the Bridge of

Dochart, well-known to tourists and artists has suffered as well, and an artist who is at present in the village has remarked that this island will never be the same attraction again. In Inchbuie Island many splendid

trees have been uprooted. But not the smallest loss is that sustained by crofters and others. In the village, the view presented on Saturday morning of wrecked houses was something appalling. Thatched houses in particular have in many cases been totally wrecked, families having to leave them during the early hours of Saturday morning. Glenlochay, Carie, and Ardeonaig

have suffered without exception. Farm steadings and stackyards have also suffered to a great extent. In the memory of the oldest inhabitant nothing approaching this gale has ever been experienced here. (courtesy of the British Newspaper Archive) Mike

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Musings From The Manse

Faith: Radar In The Fog

A German, an Italian and a Russian were in an art gallery (yes it's a joke!). They were looking and reflecting together on a painting depicting Adam and Eve in the legendary Garden of Eden. The German confidently asserts "Look at them! They are calm, dignified and very much in control of the situation. They must be German." The Italian responds "Oh I couldn't disagree more" he says, "this is such a romantic setting and they look so happy and in love, they have to be Italian." Finally, the Russian rather tersely asserts "No! They have no clothes, no shelter, and only an apple to eat between them, yet told they are living in Paradise? They are *definitely* Russian!"

From time immemorial, humans have had utopian yearnings. This is not surprising given the struggles of life. Whatever the wonders of life on earth, and whatever the positives of human historical development, there is still the "shadow" side of earthly existence. Human beings have always had longings for something better, something "other"; for a time and a place where there is permanent contentment, health, peace and wholeness. Whether this

is depicted and visualised as a mythical city, an oasis in the desert, a mystical island or even another dimension, the dreams are the same. Christians call this the "Kingdom of God" and it relates to the consummation of nature and history at the end of time within the plan and purpose of the Creator. This process began with the first Easter experience of the death and resurrection of Jesus, an event which prefigures and preludes this great future hope.

It has been a difficult and very wet winter, depressingly so. Our community has also been hit hard with many deaths this past year of well-known and much-loved people. This has had a very negative impact on the "soul" of our village. In the midst of this can we find hope? Florence Chadwick was the first female to swim the English Channel in both directions. She also swam across the Straights of Gibraltar and on another occasion across the Bosphorus. In 1952, she took on another major challenge. She attempted to swim from Catalina Island to the Californian Coast. This was a distance of 26 miles. Unfortunately, on the day she did this, the channel was inundated by one of the famous fog-banks that the area is well known for. Visibility was dreadful. After sixteen hours in the water Florence gave in and was taken on board the support vessel. She only had one mile still to go and her Mother had tried to encourage her to keep going. At the press conference later she was asked about this, and why she had stopped so close to the end. Her reply was "If only I could have seen the shore." Two months later she attempted the crossing again but the weather was exactly the same. Nonetheless, this time she kept going and although she couldn't see

the shore in the midst of the fog, she still managed to beat the male record for the crossing by two hours. The key to her success second time around was imagining the "shore" in her mind as she swam through the darkness. There is a lesson here for us about faith. In the 1980s as a student attached to a Hospice in Edinburgh, I met a wonderful lady there who had terminal cancer and who presented me with a little booklet of poems she had written. One of them was so constructed that words represented the figure of a lantern and it simply read "The night is dark until we train our eyes to see." I found that incredibly challenging and humbling then, and still do. In a similar vein the Apostle Paul says:

"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed but not in despair; persecuted but not abandoned; struck down but not destroyed.... Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, inwardly we are being renewed day by day.... So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary but what is unseen is eternal."

2 Corinthians 4: 10,16,18

The Easter experience which Paul shared with the other early followers of Jesus is the foundation of his hope and the source for these words of challenge and comfort. May the God of Easter grant us a faith such as this.

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Bank Closure - MP & MSP Back Community Calls For Talks

Stirling MP Alyn Smith and MSP Bruce Crawford have written to the Managing director of Bank of Scotland following the decision to close the local branches in Balfron and in Killin. Mr Smith and Mr Crawford have written in support of a letter from Balfron Community Council, calling on the bank to engage in dialogue with locals about the shape of a replacement service once the branch closes.

Bank of Scotland have suggested that the Post Office can play a bigger role in financial services and are looking at temporary mobile banking vehicles visiting the village as a replacement.

Bruce Crawford said:

"Bank of Scotland tell us that they will engage with the local community to configure the right



sort of replacement for the current level of service that people receive in Killin and Balfron. This dialogue must take place. There are a range of options that must be on the table and up for discussion before any decision is made. This is not a lot to ask, but the potential impact on these communities could be

significant if Bank of Scotland do not get this right."

Alyn Smith said:
"All the local community are asking for, is a bit of respect from a bank that is ultimately closing their local branch. Bruce and I are trying to encourage the bank to engage in a broader range of options beyond a mobile banking unit replacement, and

these considerations must be based on what the community are saying that they need."
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Killin Activity Programme

Killin Community Sport Hub was pleased to host an activity programme every Tuesday from 25th February in the McLaren Hall. The programme was designed to offer opportunities for a range of age groups based on findings from the sports clubs feasibility study that was undertaken last year.

Specifically the programme delivered three sessions each week, one for families, one for teenagers, and one for adults. Over the first three weeks of the programme the families' session was proving to be a big success with an average of 20 children participating. The teen session was growing in popularity with twelve enjoying the session on archery and dodgeball.

Adult attendance was slightly more mixed, but they did put on a fantastic game of Bocchia in week two. Activities also included athletics and soft tennis. We would like to thank all who have attended and hope you enjoyed the sessions. We would also like to thank the community for your engagement, feedback, and enthusiasm to see the sessions be a success. The hub is scheduled to meet on April 28th to review the programme and look to extend provision where sustainable. Please keep an eye out for more updates on this exciting programme soon.

Christopher McKenna
Active Sirling

Stirling Parliamentary Office Temporary Changes

In response to the Coronavirus outbreak, and in line with public health advice, temporary changes have been implemented to the joint office of Bruce Crawford MSP and Alyn Smith MP with immediate effect.

In line with both UK and Scottish Government guidance, the changes will limit physical contact and help protect public health.

The office will still function full time, with staff members now working from home.

Constituents can still contact both Mr Crawford and Mr Smith in order to raise issues by email or by phone. The office telephone number will take constituents to an answer machine, which is being checked regularly.

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Just like a weekly supermarket shop, people place an order online, then once a week pop into the Post Office and collect their shopping. Easy! Even better, because the producer has the order in advance, there is no waste, and everything arrives extra fresh.



Paula and Ellie are hosting NeighbourFood Killin as part of their budding market garden at Tombreck Farm, on the north shore of Loch Tay. As well as their own eggs, salads and delightful vegetables, they have signed up other local producers offering meat, bread and cheese.

They are constantly on the lookout for new suppliers and, as well as the necessities, you will find a growing

range of specialty cakes, jams, chutneys and crafts.

Scotland has amazing food to offer. Buying local is a practical way of valuing rural economies. It helps growers and producers, and reduces food miles and the distance customers have to travel.

Paula and Ellie believe good, affordable, locally produced food is at the heart of growing communities. They will be hosting an information session for producers and customers at the Old Mill on Saturday 18th April between 10 am and 2 pm.

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Local Killin Business Achieves National Recognition

Later Life Training, based in Killin, have been recognised amongst health industry leaders included in the recently published 2020 Parliamentary Review, a series of annual independent publications, which aim to share best practice among the UK's leading policy makers and business leaders. The review aims to raise standards by showcasing some of Britain's 'best' companies and organisations. Each of its editions focuses on a key governmental policy area, with a variety of organisations sharing personal insight alongside cabinet ministers, government agencies, associations and trade bodies. As an industry lead organisation in the exercise and health sector, Later Life Training were invited to share their development story within the 2020 Health Care and Pharmaceutical edition.

Professor Dawn Skelton, Later Life Training CEO, said "As a local Killin

business, working across the UK and Europe, we are proud to have been asked to contribute to the Parliamentary Review, demonstrating the impact that a local business can achieve nationally and internationally".

Founded in 2003 by three close friends and professional colleagues, Later Life Training were innovators and forerunners who promoted the case for strength and balance exercise opportunities to be accessible for older people. But as the implications of an ageing population were slowly being realised, and the evidence for the benefit of physical activity and exercise continued to mount, the demand for exercise opportunities and expertise to support participation also increased, and, in particular, contributing towards the reduction in accidental falls amongst the ageing population. Later Life Training were among the very first to recognise that demand and over the last few years, have developed eight nationally-recognised training courses underpinned by relevant industry standards and assessment of instructor competencies and skills. Delivered by a nationwide tutor team of more than 20, Later Life Training also provide continuing professional development for a range of

professionals and training designed to meet local needs, resulting in steady growth across the UK and more latterly across Europe. Settling into Crianlarich in 2006, by 2012 demand and expansion resulted in the purchase of small office premises, Silver Cottage – a former butcher's shop on Main Street, with an expanded and dedicated skilled workforce. David Riddell, Director, said "We have now trained over 11,000 individuals across the UK and Europe and the office team here in Killin are an integral part of the success of our business".

Two of our directors are invited experts for a number of national guidelines and government strategy groups concerned with falls and physical activity in older people and have won national and international awards for their work. Later Life Training have also become the go-to organisation for expertise and advice to local and national government agencies, the fitness sector and the health and social care industry.

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Yes there is sickness.
Yes there is even death.

But,

They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
You can hear the birds again.
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.
They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other across the empty squares,
keeping their windows open so that those who are alone
may hear the sounds of family around them.
They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.
Today a young woman I know is busy spreading fliers with her number
through the neighbourhood
So that the elders may have someone to call on.
Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples
are preparing to welcome and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary
All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting
All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way

All over the world people are waking up to a new reality
To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.
To what really matters.

To Love.

So we pray and we remember that

Yes there is fear.
But there does not have to be hate.
Yes there is isolation.
But there does not have to be loneliness.
Yes there is panic buying.
But there does not have to be meanness.
Yes there is sickness.
But there does not have to be disease of the soul

Yes there is even death.
But there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.
Today, breathe.

Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing,
Spring is coming,
And we are always encompassed by Love.
Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able to touch across the empty square,

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- Fr. Richard Hendrick, OFM
March 13th 2020

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EAK Schools Project and Competition

Following on from EAK's Climate change/Nature in Crisis project last October you may have seen some of the wonderful artwork in the previous edition of Killin News from children attending Crianlarich and Killin Nurseries.

The children of Killin and Crianlarich Primary Schools were also invited to participate in this project and have been busily 'beaver' away working on drawings, paintings, species fact files and quizzes. The standard of work produced by the children has been truly amazing and demonstrates their skills in research and observation. Their work also shows an understanding of the importance of species in biodiversity,

habitat loss and the threats to survival. Specific animals and insect species studied by the children included The Red Squirrel, Scottish Wildcat, Pine Martin, Golden Eagle, Eurasian Otter, Bottlenose Dolphin, Vole, Rabbit, Stoat, Puffin and the Common Skate! The Climate Change quiz competition also involved researching scientific information from recognised, reliable sources such as NASA. It was almost impossible to pick winners for the competitions as all the entries were outstanding and so a very well done to the winners and all the children for your hard work and dedication to this important subject.

It was a great pleasure and privilege

to have Writer, Photographer, and Naturalist, Polly Pullar supporting this project through visiting both schools on 10th February. Polly presented each school with a beautiful book and we were all treated to a wonderful presentation of her film clips and stunning Scottish Native Wildlife photographs. The children were so enthusiastic asking lots of excellent questions and telling stories of their own wildlife experiences.

Thanks to Mr Ramsey, Head Teacher, Miss Foubister, Mr Waugh and the Support Staff of Killin and Crianlarich Primary Schools for your support.

Rosie Third
EAK

Local Media Archive

We are looking at setting up a local media archive group to maintain and promote digitised collections of local media.

The media we would focus on would be of local interest, showing locally known people, locations or events for example. Originals can be returned once digitised, and we should be able to convert most media types including printed

photographs, negatives and slides; any digital media; film including VHS, DV, 8mm; audio cassette tapes.

Long term we would hope to expand into generating our own in-depth interviews with local people, and screening nights to show some of the existing archive.

If you have a collection of old media stashed away in an attic that hasn't

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Obituary

Malcom Campbell, was a beloved husband, father and grandfather. He was born on 20th August 1939 to Donald and Marion and grew up and lived at Ledcharrie Farm, Glen Dochart, where he lived and worked until retiring in 2011. He attended the local primary school in Glen Dochart (which has long since shut) before travelling by train to secondary school in Callander where he boarded during the week. Growing up he would have liked to have been a draughtsman but his father had other ideas and he went to work on the farm, helping his father and his Uncle Alastair. Although not his first choice of career, it soon became his love and a huge part of his life. Although predominately a sheep farmer, he was very interested in cattle and was one of the first farmers to introduce Limousin cattle to the area.

Malcolm met Cheryl in the 1970s at one of the many dances in Killin and love blossomed quickly. They were married in 1977 and had three children, Isla, Ruth and Hamish. When he wasn't farming, Malcom helped out in Killin Mountain Rescue and was its Leader for a number of years. There were many cold winter nights when he would be out all night helping with a rescue and then be back at work on the farm in the morning having had very little or no sleep. Malcom also had a love of vintage tractors and would often be found in his workshop in the evening or at the weekend restoring an old tractor. Some would say his



workshop was like an Aladdin's Cave – full of tools and things that might come in useful. His pride and joy was his Turner Yeoman tractor – it had been found dumped and neglected in woodland near Acharn, Loch Tay. Malcom worked tirelessly restoring it, bringing it back to life and taking it to shows all over the country.

In his later years, once retired from the farm, Malcolm enjoyed spending time with his family and going away in the motor home with Cheryl. Together they enjoyed many trips up the west coast of Scotland, taking in the scenery and visiting their many friends. He also enjoyed having the time to listen to music and particularly enjoyed a Foster and Allen Concert.

the Big Shed

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Remember to BYOB – tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available at the Big Shed.

Yoga class with Emma Burtles resumed on Friday 10th January. The class starts at 10.15am and finishes at 11.45am. It costs £6 and there's no need to book.

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The Killin Masonic Lodge celebrated its 125th anniversary on Saturday 8th February, in the McLaren Hall, one day after the date of the granting of our Charter on 7th February 1895, which Consecration Ceremony was held on 11th of March 1895 at Kinnell House.

This is the second Masonic Lodge to be established in Killin, the first Charter being granted on 2nd of February 1803 and first meeting was on the 7th of February 1803 and the Lodge was number 281. The last records of this Lodge are recorded as being in May 1837 and dormancy was declared in 1848.

The history of our Lodge gives an interesting view of the development of the village and how travelling by horse drawn carriages eventually was overtaken by powered vehicles and the arrival of the Killin branch railway. National and International events are also recorded, particularly the two World Wars with our records recording those who went to serve and did not return but whose sacrifice is always remembered.

There is a remarkable record of businesses in the village with names such as 'Miss Tyson' who ran a tea shop. Fund raising from the 1953 McLaren Hall dance raised £11. An appeal from Grand Lodge to fund a new Lifeboat in 1983 raised £250,000 from all the Lodges. Among the records is a list of Lodge Members who emigrated with the best wishes of the Members and a gift of Masonic items to help them continue their membership.

Today the local Membership is small in number, who strive to carry on the traditions of our Craft begun all these years ago. Fund raising is predominant in the Masonic culture and helping out where we can when assistance is required is an ongoing necessity. If this short passage lights a flame of interest in the curious then I have achieved something and end with a few words penned by a highly respected Brother many years ago which says everything.

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When you're weak and growing old.
Sometimes the greatest lessons
Are those that are learned anew
And the old man in the park today
Has changed my point of view
To all my Masonic brothers
The only secret is to care
May you live upon the Level
And part upon the Square*

Alex Stewart PM

Below you'll find out what each of our sections have been up to over the last term and more info about how to get in touch, but we want to dedicate this issue to the late David Robertson. Many of you will know that without David we would likely not have 2nd Killin and District Scouts. Having been a keen Scout leader and GSL for many years, in Falkirk before Killin, David was the driving force behind setting up the current Scouting groups here in the village. He was a great support to all the leaders here in Killin and has given us a great foundation to continue to build upon. One of his most prominent legacies within Killin Scouts is his choice of the Flower of Scotland tartan which we wear as our necktie. A heartfelt thank you to David, through his dedication and commitment to Scouting, so many young people in our village and surrounding area have had the opportunity to benefit.

As this goes to press we have sadly had to cancel our regular meetings going forward due to the coronavirus outbreak but we hope that we'll keep the Scouting spirit going through badges that can be done from home and online activities too. Leaders will be in touch with the parents in the relevant sections.



Beavers

Beavers are aged 6-8 and our two colonies meet on alternate Tuesdays in the Lesser Hall, from 6-7pm.

Beavers have had a busy term! We've mainly been focused on our cooks badge. Learning about safety with regards to cooking, from keeping ourselves safe in the kitchen to the importance of hygiene. We've also got some hands-on making fruit salad, smoothies, flapjacks and pizzas. The Beavers have also lived out their promise of being helpful by helping out with the preparation of a meal at home. It's proved a lot of fun.

We were also really grateful to Sammy and Glenda who came along on behalf of the Drama club for an evening. The Beavers all took to their roles in our little

drama, about a Midge who wouldn't listen, like naturals – some budding talent for the panto in years to come! Thank you so much to the ladies for giving up their time.

Laura Bathgate
Beaver Leader
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Cubs

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

A lot of new Cubs have joined us from Beavers this term so we have been making good use of games and the different badges Cubs can do. The main

highlights have been Pancake night and our Emergency Aid badge. This now means that all Cubs are at the same level and experience, meaning they can all deal with an emergency and know what to do when someone is unconscious.

With the high numbers of young people attending, we have been using a parent rota to increase our adult ratios. I want to thank all those parents who have helped so far and to say that is very much appreciated. As always, a team of helpers who would like to learn more about Scouting and assist would be very useful.

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Scouts

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

The term has been primarily looking towards our Essex Jamboree with fundraising ideas in formation. However, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, it has now been cancelled. This has of course been upsetting for those Scouts who had already invested time and effort into the planning. The leader team will see how things pan out and make short term decisions on what alternatives can be made in line with Scout HQ and Government guidance. The term has not all been bad news, with some good evenings, including a particular

favourite called "The Village" which may well become a winter staple of our programme.



We were also fortunate enough to have a joint sleepover in January at Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh with the Kintore Scouts and Guides. The planning was very rushed but great to have got so many of the Scouts to attend. It was a tiring one night/two days. The thought of taking Scouts to the Big City was a little worrying for the rural leaders but was a great experience all round. Even better was that we were able to make great use of public transport and able to get back to Killin in 2.5 hours via one train and one bus! Here's to spring's arrival and the prospect of longer days.

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Superhero Gets the All-Clear

By the time this letter is published, most of the Killin News readers will be aware of the excellent news that our superhero Sam has been given the all clear from the hospital.

Sam's health will of course be monitored by the hospital for the next few years, but all in, it is great news!!

We would, as a family, like to thank all the people, friends near and far, who supported ourselves and Sam during this difficult and trying time. We would also like to thank everyone for the generous contributions and selfless efforts towards Sam's fundraising for his chosen charities. We would particularly like to thank the team who organised the fundraising events early on during Sam's treatment, and the people from Killin and surrounding area who turned up to the fun run to show their support. This team also organised a 'just giving' event to which people far and wide (including internationally) contributed.

All these events raised a magnificent sum for Sam's charities. I am always amazed at what the people from Killin and



surrounding areas can achieve when they put their minds to it. I have deliberately not highlighted anyone in particular for thanks, for several reasons.

Firstly, there are too many to mention and I know, since I'm getting on in years, I'm sure to miss someone important out. The people who helped know who they are and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

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Location: Cononish Farm Cononish Road Tyndrum
Applicant: SGZ Cononish Ltd
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Current

23 Dec 2019

Proposal: Erection of shed
Location: Riverside Craignavie Road Killin
Applicant: Mr Paul Godfrey
Application Type: Householder Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

13 Jan 2020

Proposal: Alterations to dwelling including demolition of attached byre, erection of extension, replacement porch and internal alterations, installation of solar PV panels to barn roof and partial demolition of drystone wall.
Location: Cononish House Cononish Road Tyndrum
Applicant: Mrs E Symmonds
Application Type: Listed Building Consent
Decision: Approve

13 Jan 2020

Proposal: Alterations to dwelling including demolition of attached byre and erection of extension and replacement porch, change of use of land and agricultural barn to garden ground and domestic outbuilding, installation of solar PV panels to barn roof, siting of oil tank and diesel tank, erection of wind turbine, partial demolition of drystone wall and erection of enclosures.
Location: Cononish House Cononish Road Tyndrum
Applicant: Mrs E Symmonds
Application Type: Householder Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

17 Jan 2020

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

27 Jan 2020

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to side elevation and raised decking areas to side and rear elevations
Location: Caberfeidh Manse Road Killin
Applicant: Mr C Walker
Application Type: Householder Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

21 Feb 2020

Proposal: Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse, part change of use of dwellinghouse to extend existing laundry; erection of new boundary fence; relocation of boundary wall and installation of gas tank.
Location: 2 Tralee Main Street Killin
Applicant: Miss Pamela Farquharson
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Current

05 Mar 2020

Proposal: Tree works within a conservation area - Fell Sycamore tree T1
Location: The Cedars Main Street Killin
Applicant: Mr James Woods
Application Type: Tree works application
Decision: Current

09 Mar 2020

Proposal: Erection of telecommunication mast (smart meter) and installation of associated equipment
Location: Verge South Of The Shielling A82 Crianlarich
Applicant: Arqiva Ltd
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Current

10 Mar 2020

Proposal: Erection of 6 no. self catering holiday chalets and formation of parking area.
Location: Bridge Of Lochay Hotel Killin
Applicant: Bridge Of Lochay Hotel
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Application Disposed of

Perth & Kinross Council

19 Dec 2019

Proposal: Change of use, alterations and extension to steading building to form dwellinghouse and erection of a storage building
Location: Steading North Of Easter Cloanlawers Lawers
Applicant: Mrs Suzanne Tulloch
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Awaiting decision

20 Dec 2019

Proposal: Erection of 4 dwelling-houses
Location: Land 70 Metres North West Of The Croft Fearnan
Applicant: AKG Homes
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Awaiting decision

16 Jan 2020

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

21 Jan 2020

Proposal: Erection of a maintenance/storage shed
Location: Land 100 Metres North East Of Old Church Lawers
Applicant: Mr Angus Thomson
Application Type: planning permission local
Decision: Awaiting decision

Stirling Council

13 Feb 2020

Proposal: Change of use of hotel rooms to form 4No holiday let units
Location: Ardeonaig Hotel Killin
Applicant: Mr Greg Deakin
Application Type: Full
Decision: Approve with Conditions

19 Feb 2020

Proposal: Installation of air source heat pump (Retrospective)
Location: Ardeonaig Hotel Killin
Applicant: Mr Greg Deakin
Application Type: Full
Decision: Approve

06 Mar 2020

Proposal: Erection of dwelling house
Location: Land Opposite And South Of Ardeonaig Hotel Killin
Applicant: Mr Greg Deakin
Application Type: Full
Decision: Withdrawn

06 Mar 2020

Proposal: Construction of 2No single bay marinas to house 2No house-boats
Location: Ardeonaig Hotel Killin
Applicant: Mr Greg Deakin
Application Type: Full
Decision: Withdrawn

06 Mar 2020

Proposal: Erection of 4No holiday let units
Location: Ardeonaig Hotel Killin
Applicant: Mr Greg Deakin
Application Type: Full
Decision: Withdrawn

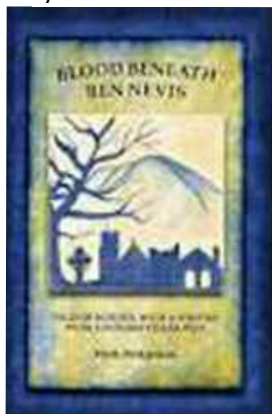
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April & May

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Sat 4th 08:30 Hill: Beinn an Fhogharaidh (616m) contact 01877 382682

Wed 8th 09:30 Stroll: River Eam, Muthill to Crieff (6miles) contact 01786 825249

Sat 18th 08:30 LDP: FCP(7) Elie to Leven (10miles) contact 01877 330032

Wed 22nd 09:30 Hill: Ben Cleuch the Easy Way (721m) contact 01786 825877

Wed 29th 09:30 Ramble: Great Cumbrae Inner Circle (7½miles) contact 07599 068003

May

Wed 6th 09:30 Hill: Mid Hill & Beinn Dubh (Luss) (657m) contact 01877 382924

Sat 16th 08:30 LDP: FCP(8) Leven to Kirkaldy (10miles) contact 01877 330032

Wed 20th 09:30 Stroll: Where Coal Was King (St Ninian's to Loch Fitty) (6miles) contact 07785 703124

Wed 27th 09:30 Ramble: Cademuir Hill Forts & the Tweed (Peebles) (8miles) contact 01877 330169

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

Friday

- U3A Bridge, 2pm, Killin Hotel
- Yoga, 10.30-11.45, The Big Shed

Sunday

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

Coming Soon !

April

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May

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Check with Organisers

Church Services

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

Which bin? Saturdays

4th April 11th April

18th April 25th April

2nd May 9th May

16th May 23rd May

30th May 6th June

Grey = grey bin + blue bin

Brown = brown bin + blue box

Green = brown bin + green bin

Recycling Centres

Callander

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

Aberfeldy

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

Crieff

North Forr, Brioch Forr
All Year
Monday-Friday 9am-7pm
Saturday & Sunday 9am-5pm

Mobile Libraries

Tyndrum/Crianlarich Fortnightly Fridays

April 17, May 1, 15, 29

Crianlarich

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

Tyndrum

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

Glen Lochay/Ardeonaig Fortnightly Mondays

April 13, 27, May 11, 25
Glen Lochay 10.50-12.30
Ardeonaig 2.00-2.45

Perth and Kinross Fortnightly Tuesday

April 14, 28, May 12, 26
Tombreck 16.40-17.00
Lawers 17.15-17.30



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