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**MERRY CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year
to all our readers**

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Editorial

The beginning of the new "normal" has seen the Cancer Research Ladies Lunch return, albeit with reduced numbers but no less enjoyable (Page 7). Holding this event with Covid restrictions in place was due to the masterful management of the committee – well done ladies. Walk In The Park and Strength and Balance classes have recommenced, as have other group get-togethers. We have also had the re-dedication of the War Memorial and, of course, the Remembrance Day service itself (Pages 20 and 21),

The festive events to come include the Santa dash, the Lantern workshop and Hogmanay walk through the village, Christmas at The Mill, Nativity at The Nook, Santa visits Killin and many others. The village Living Advent which was such a success last year will again be taking place and of course the Drama Club Panto which this year is Pinnocchio will be taking place in January. There will also be the Hogmanay Fireworks to look forward to.

Many of these events can only take place if everyone takes great care and follows any Covid guidance. On that note, the team at Killin News wish you all a very Merry Christmas and...

"A guid New Year to ane and a' and mony may ye see,
And during a' the years to come, Oh happy may ye be"

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Photo Ron Allner

Panto in January? - Oh yes we'll try!



For many weeks, working to the strictest of guidelines, members of Killin Drama Club have been rehearsing for their planned Pantomime - Pinocchio, by Doreen Moger. The scheduled dates are 20/21/22 January. For much of the rehearsal period we have split into 3 groups, Primary, High School and Adults and every effort has been made to reduce contact with other groups. It means that this years show will be a little different, but you can count on an exciting evening when you come to join us. The story follows Pinocchio's journey from the workbench to the point where he becomes 'human', includes a visit to the Circus, and also an undersea adventure in the jaws of a whale! We promise the usual Killin Spectacle!

Will the audience be arranged as usual? To minimise risk, we have reduced the audience number by over 100 seats each evening, giving a maximum of around 135 as opposed to the usual 250.

Will there be a Bar? Not this year we regret, as we are trying to avoid lots of movement around the hall and queueing. Patrons will be encouraged to BYOB and a glass, and then take all the debris back to your home for disposal.

What about Ice Creams? Vanilla Ice Cream Tubs can be pre-ordered and paid for at the time of booking. They will be delivered to your table at the interval.

What about Ticket Sales? Please see the sketch plan of the hall. For this year, we plan to seat everyone at a table, in groups of 4. Tables cost £32 each for 4 persons—be they adults or children or OAP. If your party consists of only 3 persons, we ask you to invite a local neighbour to join your group.

What about Additional seats? All our planning is for the purpose of keeping everyone safe and we cannot allow seats to be moved.

How can we book a Table? It's First come-First served, and you can book in 2 ways:-

1. by emailing pinocchioKDC2022@gmail.com
2. by visiting the McLaren Hall between 10.30 and 11.30 on 2nd/9th/16th December. Full payment must be made at the time of booking.

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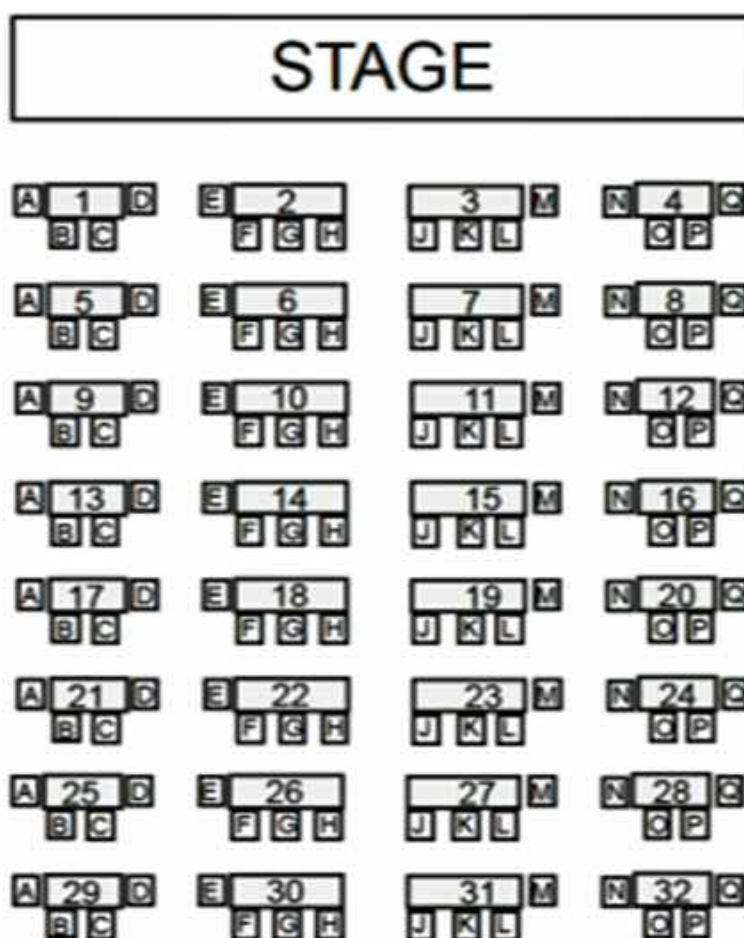
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Correction

In the August issue, we unfortunately had an incorrect name in the obituaries list.

Cathy Gravent should have been Cathrine Graven.

We apologise to friends and family for any confusion and distress this may have caused.





Mànran Set to Rock Killin

One of Scotland's most loved trad-rock bands, Mànran, returns to Killin for the first time in four years to play the McLaren Hall on 30th December as part of the area's Hogmanay celebration events programme.

"Mànran live are electric and quite simply unstoppable" - Sunday Herald

Since last playing Killin, Mànran has added to their lineup with Scottish songstress Kim Carnie and guitarist Aidan Moodie joining their ranks, marking an exciting new chapter for the multi-award-winning group. Kim was raised in Oban with strong links to Perthshire's Glen Lyon.

Gary Innes said: "It's always loads of fun getting out on the road during the festive period and we're delighted that Killin is part of our tour this year. The McLaren Hall is a terrific venue



to perform in and we're excited to once again be returning to the area for what is sure to be a brilliant night."

Tickets are on sale now at killinmusicfestival.com. Capacity will be extremely limited compared to previous gigs, so this event is on course to sell out well before show time.

General admission to the main hall will be standing room only, with balcony seating being pre-allocated. You can select if you want access to the balcony and where you want to sit using a seating map when buying tickets online.

Planning for the return of Killin Music Festival in 2022 is also well under way. Tickets are on sale now via the Killin Music Fest website. Mark those calendars : 17-19 June 2022.

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Village Resident Appointed Stirling and Firth Valley Regional Food Tourism Ambassador

So, what's it all about?

An exciting, brand new programme that aims to put Scotland on the map as a global destination for unique and memorable food tourism experiences and help the food, drink and tourism sectors recover from the effects of the pandemic.

The programme is administered and managed by Scotland Food & Drink and other key partners including The Scottish Tourism Alliance, VisitScotland and The Scottish Government.

I am part of a team of 25 regional ambassadors who span the length and breadth of Scotland. These positions are voluntary and on a two year contract. Ambassadors have been selected to represent a wide cross-section of skills and experience in Scottish food tourism from agritourism, hospitality operators and chefs to writers, social media influencers, drinks experts and food and drink producers.

We will work together as a team on some events and projects and individually on others.

Our main goals are to:

- Promote, support and develop food tourism in Scotland, for example, eat and drink local campaigns
- Provide practical guidance to Food Tourism Scotland on strategy and planning
- Engage with local food networks and interested parties to assess gaps and needs within the sector
- Network further afield to learn from best practice. We will then benchmark and share results
- Engage with young people to listen, learn and inform - we need to foster future food tourism champions; identify training and development opportunities for them to become involved in food tourism and connect with formal and informal education platforms to assess needs and interest

I'm currently getting out and about to meet people already involved with various aspects of food tourism in the region. Forth Valley and Stirling is a large geographical area to cover and it's very diverse, so there's quite a lot to learn and get on top of. I have ideas but they are only that at present. I plan to build at least one

project close to home (in or near to Killin!) as a pilot scheme and, if successful, roll it out around the rest of region or in time, throughout Scotland.

I am still talking to people and working on ideas but here are a few of my initial thoughts:

- Digital visitor information pack for all self-catering accommodation: (issued when bookings are made, to help holiday planning). Create a directory of local food producers; hospitality businesses (pubs, hotels, restaurants and cafes); farm shops, delis and markets and food and drink tourist attractions.

- A recruitment tool kit to help hiring in food and drink businesses: This would be made by food & drink businesses sharing their own best practice ideas with others in a set of monthly updated videos and blogs

- Gluten Free Fortnight: The goal here is to make the region a magnet for coeliacs and those that choose to follow a gluten free diet by highlighting any and all gluten free offerings that exist in hospitality and independent retailers as well as accommodation providers. I have first hand experience of creating gluten free menus and events. Mostly recently, the café team and I held our yearly Gluten Free Fortnight which was a great success. They can attract a significant loyal following that boosts business with customers often travelling hundreds of miles. Customers also often make a mini break and stay over as part of the event.

I may well modify or change these goals as my journey develops but this will give you a taste.

I am interested to hear your views and will be organising some local focus groups at the start of 2022. If you'd like to attend you would be most welcome! I will put more information about how to participate on the community FB page or you can e-mail me on sarah@therealfoodcafe.com

**Sarah Heward
November 2021**

To find out more about the food tourism ambassador programme, go to <https://foodanddrink.scot/regional-food-growth/regional-food-tourism-ambassadors/>

MacGregors Community Hub and Post Office

The following are the new winter opening hours for the shop and post office

Monday – Friday

Shop 7am – 4pm
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Sunday

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Post Office closed



Merry Christmas and all
the very best for 2022
from Escape in Killin

Killin and Ardeonaig Trust

Allotments

While some discussions have taken place Stirling Council have yet to fully respond to our request for allotment and food growing space under the Community Empowerment Act 2015. Cllr Martin Earl has now taken the issue up with senior managers and is seeking clarity on the need for the Council to take proactive action to promote and develop food growing opportunities, in order to meet their statutory responsibilities.

We've also been in contact with residents in Callander facing a similar issue and have made contact with the Scottish Allotment Garden Society to establish how other local authorities have dealt with requests elsewhere. In our view the legislation is quite clear on the need for local authorities to take reasonable steps to cater for local needs and demand, which at present Stirling Council seem reluctant to do. It is hoped that some progress will be made soon!

Anyone wishing to get involved, register an interest and/or join the waiting list for a plot should get in touch at raina@killincdt.co.uk or ring /text 07902 973122.

Co-op

Stage 1 funding from the Scottish Land Fund has now been secured. This will allow KAT to fully investigate the condition of the asset and also put together a business plan for utilizing the building for community use. The Scottish Government's Community Right to Buy team have also now received our application for registration of a community interest in the building. Thanks to all those who signed the petitions and indicated support!

Greener Recovery Fund

Disappointingly neither the KAT nor the Killin Community Council bid to LLTNP's Greener Recovery Fund were accepted. We are still waiting to hear which community bids were successful from this fund but do recognise that it was heavily oversubscribed. KAT are now seeking to secure funding from Stirling Council and LEADER to take forward the cycling development and bike trails feasibility study element of the KCC bid, which ultimately aims to access capital funding from both SportScotland and SSE.

In terms of the Old Mill and both the placemaking and activity elements of our applications, KAT are considering other funding sources to take these forward.

Community Place Plan

After a significant delay due to the Covid pandemic the Community Place Plan has now been published and a final version passed to LLTNP. Thanks to all those who contributed to the various consultation and engagement opportunities and especially to Amanda Clark, who chaired the Drafting Committee and coordinated much of the activity.

Unfortunately, part of the Greener Recovery Fund application (as above) was for a Monitoring & Delivery Plan to be produced in order to organise further community-led activity focused around delivery. However with this funding not forthcoming, KAT and KCC will need to look at other opportunities for this.

Copies of the plan will be placed in the library and any comments on the various projects or future actions are gratefully received.

Playpark

Thanks to the fabulous community fundraising activity, Stirling Council have now been instructed to make the purchase of a new basket swing. The Council themselves have also indicated that they are in a position to renew both the springer see-saw and the sand-pit climbing frame thanks to the Scottish Government funding that was announced earlier this year, and our thanks to Cllrs Tweed and Earl for highlighting Killin's situation to Council officers. In addition to this the Co-op Community Funding has also now been confirmed which will allow the volunteer team the opportunity to look at another piece of equipment. After a long hiatus, it is tremendous to see progress being made and we look forward to the new equipment being installed in the new year!

Sports Pavilion

Discussions with Stirling Council on the future of the Pavilion continue and have been raised at the highest levels within the Council. Without updating and modernising the current leasing arrangements little progress can be made, and these legal changes seem to be taking an inordinate amount of time to rectify! However, UK Government funding under the Community Ownership fund is being made available specifically for sports & leisure facilities and it is hoped that the possibilities around accessing this funding will focus minds within the Council!

In addition KAT have recently been successful in applying for National Lottery Community Fund funding to appoint a part-time worker in the New Year. This will allow us to help coordinate the emerging youth work & sport programme, as well as look at how the building and facilities are brought up to standard.



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Cancer Research Committee Ladies Lunch 2021

We're back and what a great afternoon we had! 120 ladies who lunch, the committee, various volunteers, stall holders and three brave men - Douglas and Gordon on the bar and Ron taking the photographs.



The stall holders were all local. The Nook Gift Shop which showcases the work of local craftspeople, the Old Mill who ran a tombola and Escape in Killin who had their usual fantastic display and ran their own raffle to add, very considerably, to our takings.

It was a real community event with all our guests turning out in their finest and looking fab-u-lous and the local business who cooked and donated much of the food and those who provided raffle prizes. Even the sun shone for us.

A representative from Cancer Research UK also enjoyed the lunch. She said she had heard about our amazing event and also presented flowers and certificates to a number of our long-serving committee members.

The total amount raised on the day was £3265 which is a much need boost for the charity to continue the work they do.

Watch out for our next event, which will not be just for the ladies.

Marion Strang



Long service certificates were presented to :
Marion McRae - 25 years, Ellen Stewart - 30 years, and
Elizabeth Woods - 25 years





Callander and West Perthshire u3a

We are now at the start of our 2021/22 session and are tentatively moving forward. Some of our groups have started in venues, where circumstances allow. Others are using Zoom for the time being. Our online fanzine Chatterbox, which has delivered more than 100 issues, continues to keep us informed, entertained and in touch.

Formed in 2012, Callander & West Perthshire u3a is an active and friendly organisation for retired and semi-retired people who would like to develop their interests, make new friends and have fun. Although Callander is at the heart of our territory, our membership ranges from Kippen in the south, to Drymen in the west, through Gartmore, Aberfoyle and Port of Menteith to Thornhill, on to Dunblane and Doune, and north as far as Killin.

It's never too late to enrol. Membership is only £10 for the year (£5 if you belong to another u3a). Details of classes that are running currently are on our website

www.u3asites.org.uk/callander-and-wp where you can find out more on the GROUPS page. You will be made very welcome.

Killin Couple Give Trust Wedding Present To Protect Ben Lawers

A couple from Killin has donated over a thousand pounds from their wedding guests to conservation charity the National Trust for Scotland to help protect and enhance natural habitats after a chance meeting with a ranger. Newlyweds, Diana and Malcolm Gourlay are keen hikers and were saddened to see newly planted trees damaged and litter left by campers on a walk in Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve. It was just then that they had a chance meeting with Helen Cole, Property Manager and Senior Ranger for the National Trust for Scotland. Helen spoke with them about the work the Trust does to restore the habitats of Ben Lawers. This meeting with Helen made Diana and Malcolm rethink their wedding plans – and they decided to ask guests for donations to protect and restore nature on Ben Lawers. Bride, Diana Gourlay, said: "It warmed our hearts to hear about the hard work that the National Trust for Scotland puts into restoring and caring for a place we truly love. We decided there and then to ask for donations instead of wedding presents. In total our loved ones have helped us to raise £1,300 for Ben Lawers." Their wedding, like many couples', had to be delayed due to the pandemic. They rescheduled to this summer, with an intimate ceremony at Inveraray Castle. Now they've returned from their honeymoon and are back to hillwalking at Ben Lawers. Groom, Malcolm Gourlay, said: "We love this place. In June we did an epic 18-hour walk through Ben Lawers and the nature reserve."



We're so pleased our friends and family have helped us to care for and protect this place that's so important to us."

Helen Cole, Property Manager and Senior Ranger for Ben Lawers, said: "Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve is home to rare plant species and important habitats. It's designated as a site of European importance for several scarce and declining habitats, but the National Trust for Scotland has been pioneering work to conserve and restore these. The generosity and love of people like Malcolm and Diana gives this vital work a great boost, and so we would like to thank them very much."

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Killin Medical Practice

Vaccinations

Thank you to all the patients who attended the practice for their Covid 19 booster. It was so nice to hear the chatter in the waiting room. We appreciated all the kind words of thanks. General Practice is going through a difficult time at the moment and your kind words made all the difference to our team morale.

If you wish to have the flu vaccine or missed our Covid booster clinics, please visit **www.nhsinform.scot** where you will find all the guidance you need there.

Other vaccinations that we aim to address are pneumococcal for the over 65s, this is a one-off vaccination often referred to as the "pneumonia" jab and the shingles vaccine for those between 70 and 79 years of age.

Long Term Condition Reviews

These have had a brief pause again to allow Jamie to administer the Covid boosters here in the practice. We endeavour to maintain our immunisations and not relinquish this service to the NHS Forth Valley immunisation team. This allows the service to be provided locally, in turn utilising the Direct Response Transport service and the Killin volunteer car service that provide transport at a small fee. Jamie is trying to slowly work through all the patients needing to be seen. However, if you are worried in any way and feel that your review should be sooner rather than later, she is very happy to discuss this in an initial telephone consultation and book appointments if it is appropriate. Jamie understands that many people in the community living with long term chronic conditions may be aware they are overdue review and is happy for people to come forward.

Staff

We are sad to announce that Caroline Robertson, our mental health practitioner, has moved on. We wish her all the best.

We would like to welcome Jackie Kiely to the practice. Jackie is our new mental health nurse. She is able to provide support and advice for many common mental health issues including stress, low mood and anxiety. She can offer guidance, support and a range of treatment options or refer you to specialist mental health services. If you call with a mental health concern, you may be directed to Jackie for a review. Jackie is here at the surgery on a Tuesday.

Appointments

Here is a brief outline of how the practice is running at the moment: Our aim is to get you to the right person at the right time. When you call the practice, the administration team will ask initially if you feel the appointment is urgent and if you need to be seen that day. If that is the case then you will be put on a triage list. We also ask our reception staff to ask your reason for wanting to see the doctor. Please call first thing in the morning ideally between 8am and 9am so that we can deal with the issue promptly. Our Practice Nurse, who has been extensively trained in triage over the last 4 years, or a GP will call you back that morning, usually between 9am and 9.30am and take a full history over the phone. If appropriate, you will be seen face to face that day in an unscheduled slot or booked in later in the week depending on clinical need. The earlier you call the practice the better we can organise your care. If you request a routine appointment but feel, for example, a week is too late to wait then the call will again be put on a triage list and a clinician will

reappoint if necessary, depending on clinical need. Not all patients need to be seen in person and sometimes a phone or video consultation is completely suitable.

We understand how unfamiliar this must feel but we have to protect you and our team and feel this is currently the safest way to run the practice in the current climate. Please visit our website at www.killinmedicalpractice.scot.nhs.uk for information regarding the practice.

General

Polite reminder - if you have or think you may have Covid symptoms, please get a negative PCR test before entering the surgery, thank you.

Please note: We have an email address that we sometimes ask patients to use. Please don't use this email address unless you have been asked to do so.

We would like to wish all our patients a very Happy Christmas and a happy and healthy 2022.

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Killin Community Council

Overnight Use of Carparks

Following our report in the Killin News of October regarding the huge increase in motorhome tourism, we have had some feedback, mainly informal through community councillors. The overwhelming response is that the new 'no overnight parking' signs for motorhomes are naff – a good Scottish word meaning tasteless and ill-considered. We have no statistical evidence that they are discouraging tourists but they are certainly not welcoming. The Community Council has established a sub-group to investigate the possibility of creating a 'motorhome friendly' area in the Station car park. This will require consultation with the National Park, Stirling Council and, of course, the local community. Motorhome tourism is a huge growth industry and Killin should seek to ensure it benefits from it. Most of the available facilities for camping, caravanning and motorhoming, with the exception of Maragowan, are miles from the nearest village restaurant, shop or pub. As Killin is a community that relies for a lot of its income on tourist footfall, this has to be addressed. Should we encourage new sites closer to the village? 'Staycations' are the new normal. This is not likely to change over the next couple of years. It is an opportunity that we should capitalise upon – not only in the short term, but by investment and development, in the long term. As ever, we seek your views on this. Comments can be sent to communitycouncilkillin@gmail.com or killinfeedback@gmail.com. All comments will be treated as confidential.

Summer Activities program

Our summer activities programme for young people was a resounding success with great feedback from

both parents and those participating in a wide range of outdoor and challenging activities, including canoeing, paddleboarding and gorge walking. We are also pleased to announce that £800, originally allocated to transport costs, has been agreed by Stirling Council, to be held over and donated to the new Youth Group being set up.

Community Care

There are currently some issues around homecare provision for the infirm, elderly and housebound – namely the lack of it, and members of the community have expressed their concerns to us. We are liaising with Stirling Council, our local councillors and our constituency MSP, and we are assured that everything is being done to try to resolve this issue, which is not merely local, but national and is being addressed on both a local and a national level. Hopefully this situation will improve soon.

Community Council Members

We have recently lost a very valued member of the Community Council. Amanda Clark has resigned as Secretary and also as a member of the KCC. We wish to thank Amanda for all her hard work and wish her well for the future. Amanda will continue to work on the Xmas street lighting project in the interim – a joint enterprise of the KCC and the Fireworks Committee in which Amanda has played a huge role. Gregor McKenzie has also resigned as a co-opted member. We thank Gregor for his contribution and wish him well for the future. We also wish to express our gratitude to Andrew Fleming who has recently retired as our local 'bobby', and to Iain Campbell who has retired as Watch Manager of our local fire station.

Christmas

There have been lurid and disturbing reports that Christmas could be cancelled this year. One of the principal reasons often given is that seasonal EU workers are no longer allowed into Brexit Britain. The Community Council has, naturally, sought assurances that such a disaster can be avoided. We were pleased to learn that our own Santa Claus is not from Finland, but Aberdeen, and will be out and about in the village from the 14th of December. Christmas can go ahead! We wish you all a Merry Xmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. But don't expect much in your stocking – our Santa is, after all, Scottish!

The next meeting of the Killin Community Council will be held on Tuesday, 4th January, venue to be arranged.

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Nativity at The Nook



Hi! It is me, Lieke. You may know me from around the village, or you may have visited me whilst I was at my new "work". I help run the Nook Gift Shop at Dall Lodge Country House in Killin. This place has become one of my favourite places to go. It has a great atmosphere and the other people who run it are so friendly and welcoming. This is not only a shop but a place to meet others. A place to see your friends, learn about arts and crafts and a place to have a chat. It started because of the lockdown. I like to say that something good will come out of a bad situation and for me the Nook is just that. Since the long hours during lockdown left us bored, many of us were looking for

something to fill the time. For the people who run the Nook, it was arts and crafts. Some already did crafts as a hobby (or as a bit of work) but then we became so engrossed in our crafts that we decided it needed to go somewhere - and that is how the Nook was born. By now we have gathered over a dozen local talents. We sell an impressive collection of jewellery, crocheted, knitted and sewn items, jams, honey, teas, books, wax products, toys, DVDs, paintings, photography prints and more. There is also a small exhibition of wildlife photography prints and oil paintings.

Have I sparked your interest? If so, why don't you pop in and have a nose around?!

This Christmas at the Nook, we want to give something to the community. So, we are doing free events for the month of December. These will be during the opening hours (Tue 10am-12pm, Thu 4pm-7pm and Sat 11am-3pm) and there will be events for all ages (see ad). Also: on Thursdays 10% of all the earnings go to the MacGregor Community Hub!

Lieke Van de Coterlet

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Sat 18/12 - Storys and hot chocolate with Morag and jewellery making with Lieke 11 - 3
Thurs 23/12 - Card making with Cheryl 4 - 7

"Find us @ Dall Lodge Country House"

All events are FREE and there will be drinks and nibbles! On Thursdays 10% of all proceeds will go to the MacGregor's Community Hub to help them get through winter.

Retirement

After 39 years 4 months & 3 days with the Fire Service in Killin Station, WC Iain Campbell finally hung up his helmet on the 21st. October 2021, following his last shout to Glen Lyon.



There was an outstanding turnout on the night from sister stations and senior management including the Scottish Chief Officer, Martin Blunden QFSM, who presented Ian with his Retiral Certificate and Tally. The Chief Fire Officer also thanked Ian for leading the Killin Station for over thirty years.



"The Fire Brigade has been my life and I sure will miss the buzz when the pager goes off", Ian said. "I will be leaving the station in great hands with a great bunch of guys. They have been a great crew to work with over so many years, we have had many a great laugh and many sad times too".

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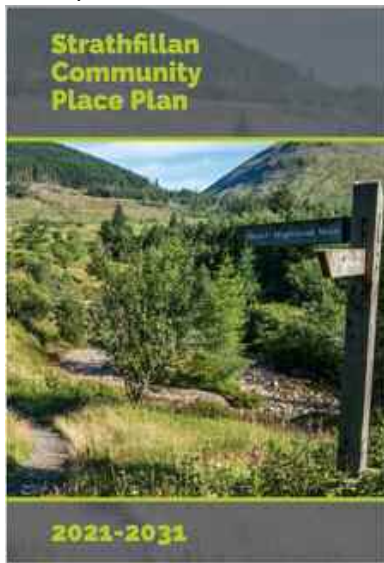
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Strathfillan Community Development Trust

Community Place Plan

At long last the Community Place Plan is finished! You can now go online and download your own copy. This Place Plan documents Strathfillan's challenges and opportunities, outlines our community's priorities for the next ten years, and provides proposals to make our community an even better place to live. We are currently working on the Delivery Plan, and this will be available, online only, shortly.



We shall have some printed hardcopies for reference in the Trust office, or for those who would prefer or cannot access the internet. If you would like a hardcopy, please let Kelly know by contacting her on the details below. We would like to, again, extend thanks to everyone who has taken part and supported us throughout the process, we could not have done it without you. You can find the Community Place

Plan online at <https://sites.google.com/view/strathfillan-community-develop/projects/community-place-plan>

Strathfillan Seasonal Rangers

Our Seasonal Rangers' pilot has unfortunately come to an end, but we are hopeful that we can repeat it again next year. We would like to extend a big thank you to Gavin Macnab and Clare West for all their hard work over the past few months, they did a great job. We would also like to thank everyone who took part in our online Facebook Poll on the impact of having the rangers. If you are interested there is an End of Project Report on our website, which details how the project ran, the results and what we hope for the future.

This project is supported by NatureScot, through the Better Places Green Recovery Fund



Bike Skills Park

As with life, everything happens in fits and starts and we have had bit of movement with the Bike Skills Park. We were granted planning permission at the beginning of November, which is great news, and means we can now start moving towards the construction phase. Unfortunately, we were not successful in securing funding from the National Park to employ a Project Officer, however, we

did manage to secure the money through LEADER's new Staffing Fund – so onwards and upwards! We hope to employ someone from December onwards.

Tyndrum Facilities Improvements

The Trust has been working with the Tyndrum Infrastructure Group (TIG), which was formed by Sarah Heward from the Real Food Café and several disability campaigners to install a Changing Places toilet in Tyndrum for disabled visitors. We have managed to secure funding from LEADER to investigate improving toilet and waste facilities in Tyndrum, which should help with some of the visitor management issues raised during the Place Plan consultations. So please watch this space as to what might happen next.

AGM

And lastly, a wee save the date. We plan to hold our AGM on Thursday, January 26th, 2022. At the moment, we hope that this will be an in-person event with an option for Zoom for those who either cannot make it or would feel uncomfortable. Walk in the Park will be there as our 'guest speakers'. More information will be available nearer the time.

Contacts

If you want to contact the Trust you can email Kelly at kelly@strathfillancdt.org.uk, or phone 07707044484. She is currently available Monday to Thursday, 9.30am to 3.30pm.

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Changing Places Toilet for Tyndrum

Tyndrum has recently been awarded a £10,000 grant by Forth Valley LEADER to carry out a feasibility study into building a Changing Places facility.

The Strathfillan CDT is custodian of the funds for the project which is currently being jointly managed by CDT and TIG (Tyndrum Infrastructure Group).

As a stake holder in Tyndrum and a passionate campaigner for Changing Places, this is very good news after years of trying to get the ball rolling and making next to no progress.

So, what is a Changing Places facility and why is it important?

A Changing Places facility is a toilet for people who need to be hoisted onto the loo.

This can be a complicated procedure, so a Changing Place provides all the facilities that might be needed in addition to a special toilet.

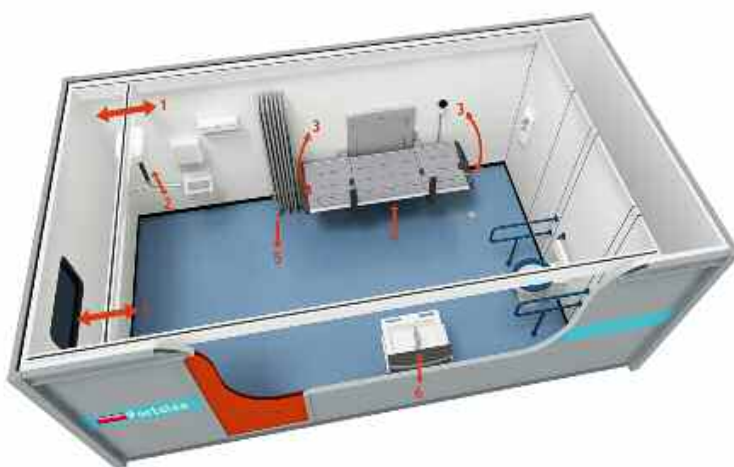
At present there is no such facility between outer Glasgow and the Western Isles. Imagine going for a drive and not being able to go to the loo from Balloch to Barra. Well, that is the reality faced by people who need these facilities at the moment.

You may think this doesn't affect you, however you would be wrong. It may not affect you today, but no one knows what lies around the corner for themselves or for people they love and care about.

I knew nothing about any of this and, as so often happens, became interested and passionate through

personal necessity.

My education and learning started when my Dad became ill with a degenerative neurological condition. Travelling was very challenging for Dad because all too often it meant a humiliating situation of having to wear a nappy, which ultimately meant he didn't want to go out. Another example, my husband's cousin was very active until he was knocked off his motorbike and paralysed.



Many thousands of families are in similar situations through disability, illness or accident.

You can find out more at www.changing-places.org and www.pamis.org.uk

The quest to build a Changing Places loo in Tyndrum has proven challenging because of the unique nature of Tyndrum.

Some of the issues we face are its small size and despite the huge volume of passing traffic, there are no public facilities (apart from the tiny and outdated public loos and a

couple of litter bins), no public open spaces or public buildings, not a single public car parking place and there is no suitable land for sale/lease.

The feasibility study will look with fresh eyes for workable solutions to the barriers, investigate funding and look at maintenance and management after the loo is open.

It's good timing because the Scottish Government has announced a new £10million fund for the

purposes of extending the Changing Places network throughout Scotland. This will be great for those families that desperately need these facilities, the communities they serve and for accessible tourism.

So, finally after several years of not gaining real traction, things are really starting to line up and I believe this project will at last become a reality.

If you would like to be involved or discuss aspects of this project and the Changing

Places network, then please get in touch. I am an enthusiastic supporter of the concept and the work Changing Places and PAMIS do.

Finally, I'd like to say a big thanks to my fellow volunteers on TIG who are all very committed - Kim Kemp, Dougie Peddie and Jonathan Attenbough. They are all customers of the café from outwith our community.

They have kept me going and offered guidance throughout this journey.

Thanks also to Theresa Elliot and Kelly Clapperton-Bates from the Strathfillan CDT - this wouldn't be happening without their help, guidance and support. Additionally, thanks to Anne-Michelle Ketteridge at LEADER for believing in us and the project and finally, our MP, Alyn Smith and our MSP, Evelyn Tweed who have been very supportive and are keen to do what they can to help push this over the line.

Sarah Heward

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Book Reviews

In Class 1 we have been reading *Funny Bones* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. It was about a skeleton who had a dog and it fell apart. They got the bones all mixed up then they put them all together again right at the end. We made *Funny Bones* pictures and named the bones. I really enjoyed this book and would give it 5 out of 5!

Libby P3

We are learning about the Solar System in Class 2. Our class novel is *The Secret Explorers and the Comet Collision* by SJ King. It's about secret explorers going to fix a space probe near Jupiter. There is an incident with a comet and that's where the trouble begins. I really like this book and want to read others in this series. I would give this book 5 out of 5.

Felix P5

Class 3 are reading *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. We learned about the author by reading his autobiography. We have made a full size wardrobe display in the classroom and we have written passages describing going into the wardrobe. So far I am loving this book and would give it 5 out of 5.

Rhys P6



Class 1 enjoyed learning about what a Police Officer's job entails and dressing up in uniform.

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Our new topic is The Senses. We have been learning about sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell.
Bella P1



As part of their project on the Solar System, Class 2 enjoyed learning how to create a printing block, ink it up and make multiple prints. It was great fun!



With help from the Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust, Class 3 learned about different species of marine life in our waters in a 'Floating Classroom' online. Pippa from HWDT taught us about their boat, The Silurian, and the different jobs to be done at sea. We were able to spot different species by looking at their dorsal fins and completed a log to show what we had seen. We had a really good live Q&A with Pippa and she was very impressed with the work we had done in our lap books and the questions we asked.
Lucy P6



Class 2 have also had great fun making and testing paper rockets to see whose would fly the furthest. We talked about what would make each rocket more aerodynamic and streamlined.

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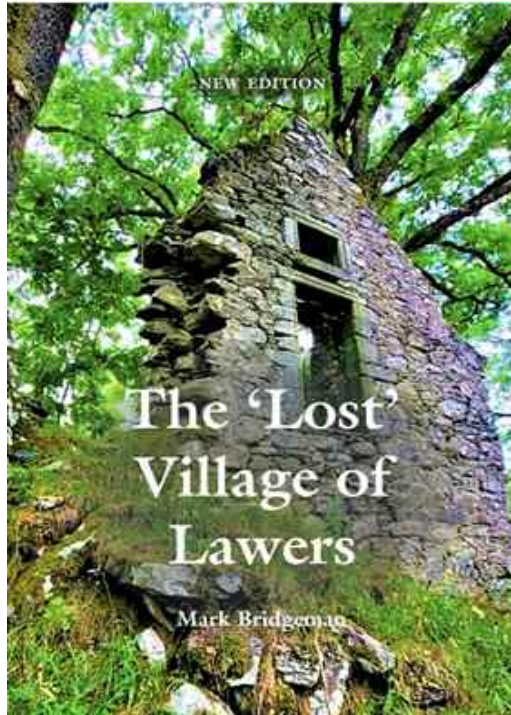
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"Firstly, the story went 'viral' as news stations and websites all around the world reported the story about the sale of an abandoned village and its resident ghost. Secondly, my phone rang off the hook, as journalists and TV companies from across the globe contacted me, all wanting to know more about this abandoned and enigmatic village".

Mark Bridgeman, best-selling author of *The River Runs Red*, *Blood Beneath Ben Nevis* and *The Dark Side of the Dales* has carefully updated *The Lost Village of Lawers* adding crucial and previously unknown material to the story of the mysterious and enigmatic abandoned village that has nestled beside the shores of Loch Tay for almost 1,000 years. The new edition reveals a story, lost for almost 200 years, that provides vital information about the mysterious 'Lady of



Lawers, the 17th century Seer said to still haunt the village, the oldest known photograph of the settlement, as well as updated and expanded details about life at Lawers.

"So much has happened since the first book was published", said Mark Bridgeman, "that the new, second edition has doubled in size! I was blown away with the popularity of the first edition, which sold out three successive print runs. And I'm really excited to bring even more of the story of this magical place to the public."

The *Lost Village of Lawers* (Second Edition), hopes to provide even more answers to the most popular question of all – just who was the Lady of Lawers?

You won't have long to wait to find out. *The Lost Village of Lawers* is available from 28th November from The Watermill Bookshop, Aberfeldy, MacGregors in Killin, visitor attractions in Highland Perthshire, and amazon.co.uk

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Killin New Year Fireworks And Bridge Lights

The question Ron and I are most frequently asked is, will there be fireworks this New Year? The answer is yes, subject to possible new Covid restrictions. An application has been submitted to Stirling Council for a temporary Entertainments Licence and Midnight Storm have confirmed their availability to operate the fireworks as they have done in previous years. The display will of course be held at the Falls.

All is going well – touch wood – though we do need some volunteer Marshalls for the event and a qualified first aider. So, those of you who want a good reason not to drink alcoholic beverages until after the display would you please contact me or Ron Allner. Marshalls will help safeguard others at the display, collect donations and are vital, as the Council require there to be at least 12.

There has been no fund raising for fireworks this year as Ron and I were involved in the festive lights appeal, which is also going well. However there are still Killin Calendars on sale about the village and all proceeds go

In our last article we wrote about the bridge lights and we are delighted to say that they are now working and very good they are too. Really impressive as you drive into Killin. Scott Semple and his helpers have



completed a great effort on behalf of our community. He has our great thanks. I would also like to thank Donald McLarty for his hard work on the project particularly trench digging!! Really hard work as Ron and I will testify. The work was funded by the Fireworks, KAT, the McNab Trust in the USA, a local donor and a Community Pride Grant from Stirling Council. Thanks go to all.

to the fireworks. They make great gifts at Christmas and are selling well. It is a great calendar so don't miss out.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Falls this New Year's Eve in the firm hope that 2022 will be a very Happy New Year.

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The Last Chief

The passing of Francis MacNab, 16th Chief of Clan MacNab, in 1816, brought a close to the final chapter in traditional Highland society. Despite the end of Jacobitism some sixty years earlier, and the gradual integration of the clan system into the British state, Francis had lived very much in the old manner. He had retained the values of chieftdom to the point of idolatry, becoming something of a celebrity thanks to Raeburn's famous portrait, *The MacNab*. A raucous and eccentric character, the chief is well remembered for his habits of drinking, gambling and womanising. Even after allegedly fathering as many as 32 children, he remained a bachelor until his death. With no direct heir, the title fell to his nephew, Archibald MacNab, then a 28 year old lawyer. By this time, the clan homelands that once stretched as far west as Tyndrum had shrunk to just a thousand acres around Kinnell House. Worse still, the whole estate was sinking under debts of about £35,000 - roughly £1.5 million in today's money. The honour that Archibald likely felt upon carrying his uncle's legacy soon gave way to sobering reality. To mitigate his debts, MacNab sold off more land in 1823, but it was not enough. A writ of foreclosure was issued and soon the king's officers would be coming to arrest him. Leaving behind his wife and children, MacNab fled Kinnell House with his elderly retainer Dugald, and made his way to London. They boarded a ship bound for Canada, where the lure of a free land grant system - not to mention immunity from prosecution - proved irresistible to a fugitive like MacNab. On his arrival in the New World a month later, the chief marched down the gangplank with the confidence of a free man. He quickly set about applying for a tract of land near the Ottawa River in Southern Ontario, and revealed his plans for creating a new settlement for his clansmen in Scotland. In a formal petition to the Governor of Canada, MacNab requested grant blocks of 100 acres per family and promised to pay for the passage of each settler, subject to reimbursement later on. Title deeds would be held by him for the first twelve months, after which they

would be given to each family on condition of good citizenship. The request was successful and MacNab was gifted 80,000 acres of land to populate. His true intentions, however, were conveniently left out of the discussions.



Lying at the junction of the Madawaska and Ottawa Rivers, the land in question is today skirted by the thousand mile Highway 17, carrying traffic from Toronto in the east to Vancouver in the west. When MacNab arrived here in 1824, he would have known only an eternal landscape of forest and wetland. Few roads yet existed, and rivers were still the only practical method of navigating this vast wilderness. Here, he built a large log cabin called Kinnell Lodge, the first settlement in what would grow into MacNab Township. Transport for 20 families from Killin was soon arranged, and 84 souls left Greenock in 1825 to start a life-changing journey. After 38 days at sea, the group disembarked at Quebec and began the long pilgrimage, through fly-ridden swamps and trackless bush, to the promised land of MacNab. It was not to be. The terms of settlement agreement was not disclosed to the settlers and instead MacNab contracted a system akin to the feudal days of old. He demanded not only rent but also a proportion of crop yield for every acre cleared. The settlers accepted, unaware that the land had been granted free by the Governor of Canada. For the next decade, they struggled against unmitigated odds with no support. Few had experience in timber felling and poor soil made it difficult to raise

crops. To add insult to injury, MacNab claimed the timber they felled as his own to sell. In one incident, where a disgruntled tenant sold his timber to a neighbour, the chief had him imprisoned under the charge of theft. The man was released only after friends paid his bail. When MacNab decided to build a new property at Waba Lake, eight miles distant, he enlisted each clansman to supply him with one month's worth of unpaid labour. Through a mixture of threat, political influence and bribery, MacNab's illegal system of serfdom remained free of scrutiny from the colonial government.

It was not until 1840, when federal authorities began reforms tackling corruption, that a petition was raised by the settlers and an official investigation into MacNab began. It found that he had charged extortionate interest rates for settlers' passage and expenses, and the accrued debt prevented them from claiming deeds to their lands. He was accused of oppression and fraud, and forced to give up his feudal hold over the tenants. Departing Canada in disgrace, MacNab lived much of the rest of his life in Orkney and died penniless in Brittany, France. He was succeeded by his daughter, Sarah Anne, who was recognised as 18th Chief after a period of dispute. When she died unmarried in 1894, the title eventually settled on the Arthurstone branch of the family, whose descendants still hold it. Today, the town which grew from MacNab's original settlement is called Arnprior. Named by MacNab in tribute to his mother's birthplace, many of the present population are descendants of the settlers who followed their chief across the Atlantic. From the 84 men, women and children who came here in 1825, there now stands a community of 10,000. Toponymy offers a more tangible ancestral link: there's a street, park, school and town hall named McNab; a river called Dochart Creek; and a host of Campbells, Dewars and MacGregors criss-crossing the map. That's quite a legacy for someone local Canadians remember as 'The Last Chief'.

Michael Gardiner



The Old Mill Christmas re-use shop will open on Fri 26th November this year. Don't buy new, re-use this Christmas! And remember, all the money raised goes back into our local community too.

Thanks to your generous donations, we have lots of lovely things for Christmas this year, we are quite excited! Please keep donations of Christmas decorations, gifts, toys and games and Christmas table-ware coming in!

We will be holding our annual Rebedding of the Healing Stones on Christmas Eve at noon. If your children want to be involved in this ancient local ceremony, please contact Raina on the details below. We will close the shop as usual from Christmas to the end of March to catch up on the sorting and plan for next year.



Healing Stones Ceremony

Keep an eye out for our new programme of activities and events for 2022, that we will be publishing in this time. We are planning some heritage, crafts and upcycling/ climate action activities, building on the success of RecyKillin's Climate Summit and the well attended Killin Climate March organised by EAK.

Come and help us tidy up the Old Mill! We always need more folk to give us a hand. You can do as much

or as little as you like, whatever and whenever you can manage. Whether you want to do sorting, help run the shop, put things on eBay, pack parcels, help run or set up courses, activities and events, make signs, or do some DIY, gardening or cleaning we would love you too join us! Please ring 07902 973122/01567 820628 on Tues/Thurs/Fri or email Raina on raina@killincdt.co.uk for more info.

RecyKillin

RecyKillin tool library and remakery is a community solution to sustainability, climate change and skills development for Killin and the surrounding area. We have started with the support of KAT, the Community Climate Asset Fund and the Old Mill, and we have big ambitions.

With COP26 in mind, we recently held a launch event, offering an introductory £10 annual membership, a chance to view the tools and chat about what workshops we should be doing and what tools we should be stocking in the future. We were delighted by the level of support and interest on the day, including the presence of Councillor Jim Thomson, Convenor of Environment and Housing Committee, and we hope to hold a similar event in the Spring before the gardening tools start becoming popular. In the meantime, we have continued the £10 offer – take a look at recykillin.myturn.com to join or look at our catalogue.



Lucy Upcycling

We also ran an upcycling activity for children: Lucy told us "I took part in the upcycle project at The Old Mill run by RecyKillin. We made our own bunting out of old clothes. We learned how to use an old-fashioned sewing machine and also a modern one. I practiced all the different



sewing patterns with the new machine. I really enjoyed choosing my patterns and creating my bunting, it was great fun." We were certainly impressed by the bunting everyone created.

We already have plans for an event in February, to help people develop their skills and think about what they could be doing with upcycling. Find us on Facebook for updates and do get in touch.

Killin War Memorial Centenary

On the 27th. October 2021, the centenary rededication of the Killin War Memorial took place. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Russel Moffat.

The Killin memorial preservation group planned the ceremony for last year but were forced to postpone it until 2021 due to covid.

In attendance were members of The Black Watch and many local ex-soldiers who were supported by many members of the local community.



Remembrance Sunday

The annual village Remembrance Sunday service was held on 14th November at the war memorial.



Centenary Rededication





The Frost Report

Autumn Days and Squirrel Ways

The Summer has flown, along with the swallows and martins and here we are at the beginning of November. Most of the butterflies have flown too, away to wherever they go but there was one hardy red admiral still about a few days ago. The squirrels and many of the small garden birds have returned after a 'spa treatment' detox in the woods and fields eating the wild harvest of nuts and fruit. Some of the returning squirrels are old hands and have their preferred feeding habits but there are a couple of newbies too. One has been adventurous enough to use the squirrel box and saving energy by staying inside till his tummy is full. But it must get a bit fuggy in there as some times his nose pokes out for a breather. Another prefers the sunflower seeds and happily twirls around on the feeder while eating. I realise that many Killin residents are seeing this in their own gardens but I am reliably informed by a young lady who now lives in Italy that reading these things brings back good thoughts of home. We have two rowan trees in our garden which were loaded with berries but every berry disappeared in one week. Fast work fieldfares and redwings! We were away at the time so they did have undisturbed use of the garden. We were away on the Northumbrian coast and walked quite a few of the beautiful sandy beaches. Despite a lot of people and more dogs per head of population than anywhere else it seems every beach was spotless with not a scrap of litter, a discarded bit of plastic or a doggy poo in sight anywhere. The only blot was a huge building that had been a coal burning power station but which had been 'greened' to biomass,

shame the wood pellets travelled from America and Canada. The Save Scotland's Red Squirrels group are worried about the sighting of greys at The Birks and on Chapel Road because, as is well known, they nick the food and spread squirrel pox. If you do see a grey in our area the drill is not to scare it off as this will make it harder to capture it. You can then get someone to come with a cage trap to collect it if you phone the squirrel people on 01313127765. There are also worries about the logging of Clashindarroch forest, Aberdeenshire, for a windfarm where some last remaining wild cats live. Eagles are gaining a bit more support as landowners in areas where there has previously been alleged (please note alleged only) persecution of eagles have joined forces with a private conservation group to tag and monitor eagle activity more accurately and openly as previous work has often been kept secret and skewed conclusions reached. So here we are desperately trying to save our iconic indigenous species and many organisations are just interested in rewilding new ones. Even the beavers who are the best lumberjacks in the animal kingdom and let free amongst all these so precious trees. Deer are under sentence of death for this but beavers seem to be congratulated. In S. Africa trees are being cut down to preserve water supplies as the long drought is still continuing there. No-one around here will have failed to have noticed the undergrounding of the electricity lines. A few trees cut down and farmland disrupted to improve the views but if you go just past Crianlarich on the Glasgow road you will see the acreage of precious peat being erased. They say that it will be restored but will the captured

carbon not have escaped by then? Many friends and relations of Mr. Fox have had it good in quieter towns during lockdown but one in England really tried it on. After a break from TV a woman returned to see a bony fox lying on her settee, obviously waiting for Netflix to resume. After a great deal of shouting etc. the fox was finally chased out and the woman resumed watching TV. What she should have done was thoroughly hoover and clean as she contracted canine scabies. She was told that a way of deterring foxes from your garden is with male urine. Not sure if it works but keepers often do this to deter a fox returning to its den. Those of you who remember the late great Fred Simpson can easily believe that this was discovered years ago. So beware – don't put your bum where a fox has sat and if, gentlemen, you are on fox deterrent duty, please check that no-one is looking.

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Musings From The Manse

Remembrance And Hope

On the 27th of October we gathered at the Cenotaph for a special re-dedication service of the memorial. The turnout was exceptional and the memorial itself was looking great thanks to the dedicated work of the committee and volunteers in preparation for this event. It was a double centenary commemoration; first the belated tribute to the establishment of the memorial itself in 1920, and secondly, the marking of the founding of the British Legion in 1921. Movingly, there was a roll call of the fallen whose names adorn the monument by some of the children from the local primary school. Their young voices provided inclusivity to the occasion and brought an extra poignancy to the service that was already heavy with pathos and emotion. There were 34 names read out (28 from WW1 and 6 from WW2). The names of the Crew of the RAF Tornado which crashed in 1994 in Glen Ogle were also mentioned as was our own Timothy McColl who went missing whilst on active service with the Royal Navy in 2012 and who tragically, has never been found. We tried to imagine what the crowd who gathered there 101 years ago would have been feeling at that first dedication service. After four years of the most cataclysmic war in history up until that time, a war whose dark hand touched every community in the land without restraint or remorse, the people of Killin, no doubt like all others in the country, could only breathe a huge sigh of relief with the Armistice

of November 1918. Unknown to them their trials weren't over and for the next two years the ravages of Spanish Flu spread yet another dark cloud over the landscape. Yet life continued as "hope springs eternal in the human breast." It has been said, "History is not just what happened but the way what happened is remembered." The WW1 poet Siegfried Sassoon asked of his own generation "Have you forgotten yet?.....Look down, and swear by the slain of the War that you'll never forget." (Aftermath 1919). That question is perennially relevant. In our own small way we have honoured the sacrifice of those who lived before us and their legacy to us. Far from glorifying war or celebrating militarism, nationalism or imperialism, (as is the accusation from some quarters) Remembrance Services are the opposite of that. We fully acknowledge the folly and tragedy of war but also the fact that freedom and democracy and the greater good sometimes require it. We do not live in a perfect world and evil exists. but every remembrance service, whilst acknowledging the past, also looks to the future. At the end of each service we pledge to go from the place of remembrance to do our individual and collective best to work in ways both small and large to make the world a better place. It is a double focus; looking backwards to the past in acknowledgment and gratitude but then looking forward to the future with faith and hope. All of which brings me to Christmas. It is quite fitting that we move in

November from Armistice Sunday with its testimony to the brokenness of our world and the human race, to December and the celebration of the birth of our Saviour. The Christmas story is not sentimental, rose tinted, idealistic, or in any sense "nice." Yes Christmas cards can present it in a fantasy-like setting with an other-worldly glow about it. The reality was different indeed. It takes place in "occupied territory" under the jackboot of Rome. Revolution is in the air! There is social and religious unrest. In the midst of this in a peasant backwater concerning two towns Nazareth and Bethlehem there is a shocking incident concerning a teen-age pregnancy, family shame and public scandal. Surprisingly, surrounding this story are also spiritual visions and claims of fulfilled prophecy! Whatever we make of that story today, it lit a candle in a dark place and that light has never gone out. It is however, mainly ignored. In the movie epic "Lord of the Rings" Galadriel says at the beginning of the film "Some things that should never have been forgotten were lost." The Judeo-Christian tradition has influenced Western nations in ways that are not even understood or acknowledged yet our cultures and societies would be very different today without that influence. It was Nietzsche who wrote "Those seen dancing were thought to be mad by those who couldn't hear the music." Will we hear the music of hope this Christmas?

Russel Moffat

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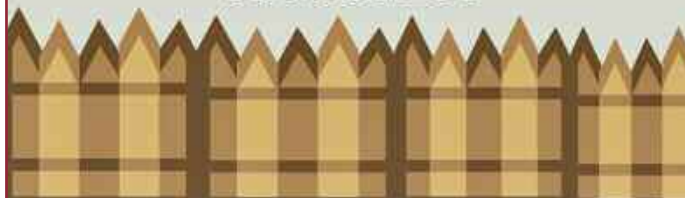


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Killin Heritage Society

The Shops in Killin project has been launched and we are gathering information on the businesses of the village over the past years. We have a Record Folder in the Library and we would like you to add your memories of the shops and businesses that you remember. The folder has individual pages for premises along the Main Street. Anything you can add about the names and positions of businesses, what they sold and the shopkeepers and staff would be useful. If you prefer to write some notes at home and drop them into the library, we can enter them into the folder. Or if you prefer you can ring Margaret MacIver (820411) or Keith Mayo (820068) to talk about your memories. Hopefully we will soon be able to meet up for a chat.

Sadly, there still seem to be Covid 19 cases in Killin and we do not feel it is wise to hold our usual meetings in Lynedoch. Other groups are putting off meetings at least

until next year and we think that is best. But we can meet on Zoom, and John Holland has kindly agreed to give a talk on Tuesday 7 December at 7.30 pm. John will speak on "The Natural History of Killin" - a look at the rich diversity of plants and animals that can be found in and around Killin and how climate change might affect them.

The talk is being shared by Killin Heritage Society and Environment Action Killin and a link to the Zoom call will be sent to all members beforehand. If you aren't a member, send me an email the week before and I will send you the link direct. John has a wealth of knowledge on our local plants and animals and we all need take steps to help them survive climate change. Please join us.

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Infinityblu will spend around a quarter of a million pounds on a brand new practice in the community and it is hoped the first patients can be seen around February 2022.

Infinityblu currently looks after 30 000 NHS and private patients across its 7 existing sites, with 90 staff employed either full or part-time. The move into Killin is a further coup, with practices in Pitlochry, Dunkeld, Crieff, Auchterarder, Alyth, Duns and Callander.

The Infinityblu reputation has grown on the back of general dentistry, Invisalign, implants and specialist oral surgery.

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"We've worked hard to grow, and invest back into the company at every turn, and we intend to continue that in a positive way."

While the firm develops its plans for the Killin practice, further negotiations are underway in the Scottish Borders.

Infinityblu has also spent considerable sums in relocating, refurbishing, and transforming its Auchterarder base from a single surgery to a 3 surgery practice earlier this year.

"It's been a busy time and we've had a big recruitment drive as well," added Chris.

"It's great to be developing a great team within the business and we are really looking forward to the time when we can get into the Killin practice and can start seeing patients."



company and the staff," said Clinical Director and Owner Chris Barrowman, who still works in all practices, specialising in placing implants and mentoring Implantology across the business.

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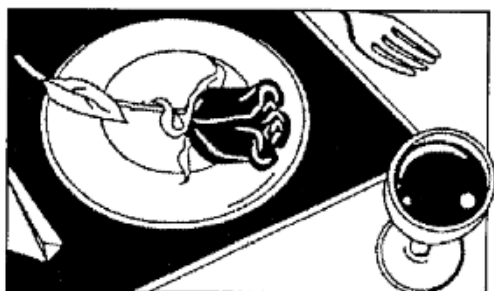
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If your child is over 5 1/2 you are also welcome to email and have their name added to the waiting list.

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Cubs

The Killin Cubs have been getting back into the normal swing of things by re-learning and doing a lot of Scouts skills including campfires, knots, teamwork activities and games.

With the assistance of the District Team we have been learning what it means to be a Cub Scout and demonstrating this well by attending the recent Remembrance Day ceremony.

We were proud to award our first ever Chief Scout Silver Award to Findlay Boath this term which is a great achievement. To receive this he has had to complete up to 7 of our Cub Challenge badges including, skills, adventure, outdoor activity, team work, team leader and personal challenge. He was only able to



receive this through hard work, being pro-active and doing activities outside of the regular Cub meetings. It is unfortunate that more of these awards could not be given to our young people across the group due to lockdowns and leader shortages. Looking ahead we are keen to get outside more and take part in more District activities and camps across the Stirling and Trossachs in 2022. The Cubs are currently meeting fortnightly on Tuesdays between 6.30pm and 8pm in the Lesser Hall, Killin.

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Scouts

The majority of our Scouts meetings have been taking place outside this term regardless of the weather or the dark! I am sure some of the time this has made the activities more exciting but maybe taken the rest of the day to dry out.



Two of our Cubs have now moved onto Scouts and have fitted in great with the others. The Scouts have been instrumental in making up our programme for this term. They have also been running some of the sessions with the help of the leaders. All of this involvement from the Scouts will help work towards the new 'You shape' badges. All are keen to get out camping and do more exciting activities as long as we can brave the weather. The Scouts are now meeting every two weeks on a Wednesday evening

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We are always happy to see new and old faces joining the Scout section. Do contact ourselves below first to find out when meeting next.

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Some of our Explorers are also Young Leaders who help with running some of our sections and gain really important volunteering experience. If there are any Young people looking for volunteering opportunities e.g DofE then the Killin Beavers, cubs or Scouts would be happy to assist. More information and contact information can be found on the Stirling and Trossachs Scout Website: <https://www.stirlingandtrossachsdistrictscouts.org.uk/>

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the Church on a Wednesday afternoon - anyone is welcome!

Kat joins the team!

Kat joins the Walk in the Park team as a Health Walk Coordinator for our Killin, Callander and Aberfoyle walking groups. With a Public Health background, and a keen hiker and runner herself, Kat understands the health benefits of walking and spending time outside. She is looking forward to supporting our Killin walk programme and getting to know our amazing volunteers and walk members.

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Date	Meeting Place	Walking Route	CAR	
3 Nov	McLaren Hall Car Park	Group Visit to Kenmore		
10 Nov	McLaren Hall Car Park	Glen Ogle to Viaduct		
17 Nov	McLaren Hall Car Park	Glen Lochy from Moiralanich		
24 Nov	Capercaillie	River Dochart/Old Railway		
1 Dec	McLaren Hall Car Park	Loch Circuit/Old Railway		
8 Dec	McLaren Hall Car Park	Glen Lochy from Golf Club		
15 Dec	Capercaillie	Kinnell Estate		
Christmas & New Year Break				
5 Jan	McLaren Hall Car Park	Golf Club Walk		

No need to book, just turn up.

For more information contact: fran.crumley@lochlomond-trossachs.org
Walks are followed by optional refreshments in a local coffee shop/hotel



Walk in the Park welcomes people living with dementia, and their carers, on our walks. Routes identified with this logo are suitable for most abilities. Please contact us for more details.



Walk in the Park is a flagship project of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs Countryside Trust. Registered Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation 42241

Local Planning Applications

National Park

09 Nov 2021

Proposal: Change of use from Hotel (class 7) to Dwelling House (class 9)
Location: Coach House Hotel Killin
Applicant: Mr David Robinson
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

11 Nov 2021

Proposal: Extensions to existing dwelling to form new porch and new living/dining room
Location: TighAnFraoich Crianlarich
Applicant: Mrs Mary Murchiston
Application Type: Householder Planning Permission
Decision: Approve

07 Oct 2021

Proposal: Change in the use of land to caravan site for siting of 1 pod (for holiday use)
Location: Inverardran House Crianlarich
Applicant: Mr John Christie
Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission
Decision: Current

24 Aug 2021

Proposal: Complete Demolition in a Conservation Area
Location: Greenbank Cottage Main

Street Killin

Applicant: Mr G Barnaby
Application Type: Conservation Area Consent
Decision: Current

Perth & Kinross

08 Sep 2021

Proposal: Installation of air source heat pump (existing)
Location: Mill House Morenish Killin
Applicant: Mr Rupert Barret
Application Type: Certificate of Lawful use
Decision: Awaiting decision

Stirling Council

23 Sep 2021

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house, including alterations to form this use (to function as ancillary buildings to main farm house)
Location: Duncroisk Killin
Applicant: Mr Mark Stroyan
Application Type: Full
Decision: Awaiting decision

03 Nov 2021

Proposal: Erection of 4 holiday let units
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Decision: Approve with Conditions

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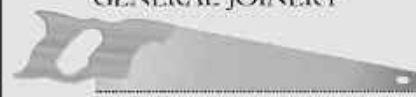
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Saturday 11th December 2021

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SANTA DASH

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Place: Falls of Dochart Inn

Entry info: tayfitness.com



HOGMANAY LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOP

Following the Santa Dash

Also on Saturday 11th December 2021

McLaren Hall, Killin

Make a lantern using traditional materials and methods to light up on our **Hogmanay Walk** through Killin on

31st December 2021

7pm from bus stop at Capercaillie to Killin Hotel car park



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Construction works have commenced on SSEN Transmission's Killin VISTA project which will see a total of 7.8km of overhead line removed, including 31 steel lattice towers, between Killin substation and Lix Toll.

Safety is always our first priority at SSEN Transmission and with this in mind, we ask that you please remain vigilant of signage or direction around the construction works and do not enter our working areas. Users of the access tracks are asked to obey signage and are reminded that large vehicles and construction traffic are also using the tracks

Distribution diversion works completed

- The Distribution diversion works around the Killin substation and Church of Scotland grounds (off A827) are now complete. These works were necessary to provide a clear corridor for the cable installation at these locations.



Completed diversion works
at Church of Scotland

Temporary bridge construction works

Works on the temporary bridge that has been installed across the River Dochart, west of Killin are now complete with the bridge now fully operational for site construction traffic.

The bridge will remain in place for the duration of the works and utilised for construction traffic only.



Festive period

Our site closure dates for the festive period will be:

Close 23 December and re-open 4 January

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Community Liaison Manager:

Louise Anderson
Community Liaison Manager,
200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3AQ (Return address)

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Mob: +44 (0) 7384 454 233
Email: louise.anderson@sse.com

Killin Telephone Book

After a delay of over a year, work is resuming on a new edition of the Killin and District Phone Book. This will cover nearby settlements as well as Crianlarich, Tyndrum and Lochearnhead. The format will be similar to 2017 but with personal and business entries separated. Inclusion is entirely voluntary. Landline numbers, mobile numbers and postal addresses are welcome, but fax numbers and personal 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. This is what to do to ensure that any entry reflects your wishes:

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 submitted an update in 2020, this has been recorded and you do not need to do anything if the details are still valid.

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 filling in the form available at Killin Post Office. If you know of someone who has left the area in the past few years, it would be helpful to let us know so that they are not included.

New entries

If you are not in the 2017 phone book but are over 18 and wish to be in the new one, please complete the form

available from the Post Office or email phonebook@killinnews.co.uk with details of your name, address and phone number(s). If there are two or more people at the same address, please give all names in full. Forms may be returned to the Post Office or the Killin News office on Main Street. New entries received last year have been recorded and do not need to be submitted again.

Businesses and services

We 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.

Clubs and community groups

We hope 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 to phonebook@killinnews.co.uk or by phoning Margaret MacIver on 01567 820411.

Timescale

Please submit all entries and amendments by 31 January 2022 so that the data can be updated and the new phone book published later in the year.

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Saturday 18th September was a special day for Stuart Laurence and Catherine Allan. Their marriage ceremony was held at Killin Church and marquee reception at 1 Pier Road. A great day was had by all. Stuart and Catherine would like to thank their family and friends in the village for their overwhelming love and support.

Happy Birthday Killin News

The Killin News celebrates 30 years this year as the first news was printed as a four page community newspaper in April 1991. With two photographs, a handful of adverts and a front page highlighting the Old Mill Project to create a village heritage centre with tourist information point. The project saved the mill from turning into a ruin and the Killin News has developed into the 40 page glossy magazine we see today. The original production committee headed by Sinclair Aitken (Editor) and Alan Walker (Assistant Editor) would be pleased to see the 'News' continue in their absence.

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the Big Shed

The Big Shed is at last fully open for bookings. The new website is ready too (see link below) and shows what we can offer.

We hope that the regular Friday yoga session with Emma Burtles will re-start in person in the New Year. Meanwhile, the session continues via Zoom starting at 10.15am on Friday morning. If you're interested in joining the class, please do get in touch preferably via email at websitecontact@bigshed.org.uk

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Killin Climate Walk



During COP26, Killin joined many cities, towns and villages across the world in holding a walk to raise awareness of climate change. Although the weather was atrocious, this event was well attended and generated much debate.

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Regular Activities

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- 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
- u3a Art, 2-4pm, currently being held in Lochearnhead Hall
- Adult Badminton, 7-10pm, McLaren Hall
- Beavers, 6-7pm, Lesser Hall
- Cubs, 6-7.30pm, Lesser Hall (every other Tuesday)
- Tuesday Club, 2-4pm, Community Rooms
- CAB drop-in session, every 2nd Tuesday: 1pm-3pm, Killin Library

Wednesday

- Walk in the Park, 10.30
- Strength & Balance, 2-3pm, Killin Parish Church- see p32
- u3a French, 2.30-4pm, online
- Quilters, 2pm, Community Rooms
- Highland Hustle, 6.30-7.15pm, McLaren Hall
- Scouts, 7-9pm, Lesser Hall

- Explorers, 7-9pm (last Wed of month), Lesser Hall

Thursday

- Women's Guild, 2pm (3rd week of month) , Falls of Dochart Retirement Home
- Running Club, 6pm, Acharn Forest carpark
- SWI, 7.30pm (1st Thursday of month, Lesser McLaren Hall)

Friday

- Yoga, 10.30-11.45, The Big Shed

Saturday

- Football in the Park, 12-17 years, 12-2pm

Sunday

- Football in the Park, 8-11 years, 6-8pm
- Killin Gun Club, 3rd Sun of month March-December. Contact Stuart Ogston 07999 510014 Henry Paterson 01567 820354

Church Services

• Parish Church

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

• Episcopal Church

- See www.strathearn-episcopal-churches.co.uk for details

• Roman Catholic Church

- Saturday Mass 3pm Dec 4th. Christmas Eve Mass 4pm. Services held in the Tin Church.
- Regular Sunday Mass in Callander at 11:30am.
- Christmas Day Mass 11.30am

Coming Soon !

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Killin Library

Has now reopened to collect books, DVDs, food and dog waste bags and hearing aid batteries.

Monday	10-1pm 2-5pm
Tuesday	10-1pm 3-7pm
Wednesday	2-5pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	10-1pm 3-7pm
Saturday	Closed

Mobile Libraries

Please see the council websites for any updates.

Tyndrum/Crianlarich Three Weekly Fridays

Dec 10

Crianlarich

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Tyndrum

Green Welly 13:45-14.30

Glen Lochay/Ardeonaig Fortnightly Mondays

Dec 6 , 20

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Dec 7 , 21

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4th Dec

11th Dec

18th Dec

25th Dec

1st Jan

8th Jan

15th Jan

22nd Jan

29th Jan

5th Feb

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