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Happy New Year from all at Killin News!

Storm Arwen gave Killin and District a very hard time in November with many trees blown down and damage to properties, made worse by the loss of electrical power. Some of us were lucky to have wood burners but everyone with heating, water or cooking reliant on electricity lost it for at least 48 hours.

The reports that power should be back in a few hours that were then extended a further time did not help plan ahead but of course Killin folk responded by checking on neighbours and organising food, company and even a generator or two.

Fortunately, by the time Christmas came, Covid rules still allowed families to get together. And there were other positives: new Christmas lights were installed along the main street and new lights now illuminate the bridge. Events like the Santa Dash and the Hogmanay Lantern walk could finally go ahead. Then at Hogmanay we had a magnificent fireworks display, which was watched by hundreds from near the bridge. The organisers also collected a sizeable sum of money, which will be used towards next year's display. And recently the Drama Club was at last able to put on their panto, which this year was Pinocchio, of which you will see lots of pictures in this issue. Since then spring bulbs have appeared and gorse is flowering. The days are lengthening and a little optimism about pandemic infection rates can give us hope of better times ahead for 2022.

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Photo Ron Allner

SANTA DASH 2021



On Saturday 11 December 2021 the Santa Dash finally took place. The 2020 event did not happen, due to the pandemic. This year, more than 40 people gathered at the Falls of Dochart, ready to start. The money raised on the day is going to good causes.



Killin New Year Fireworks



Everyone Ron and I have spoken to has remarked how much they enjoyed the fireworks display this year. It really was impressive and, although I had to see it from my garden courtesy of Covid isolation, I still enjoyed it. It really was touch and go as to whether the event would go ahead but, having spoken to Council officials we decided to hold it. Then along came Covid and Ron had to run it on his own with help from the volunteer marshals.

Midnight Storm really did us proud and Ron tells me that everyone did what they could to comply with the restrictions in place. Clearly those present on the night were grateful as we collected some £1167 which was magnificent and will go towards the next display.

2021 was a good year in some respects in that the festive lights project got off the ground. This will hopefully be completed this year so that all of Killin's Main Street will be covered by lights on its lamp posts. The restoration of the bridge lights was also completed. On both projects funds from the New Year Fireworks group were used to help.

As always, Ron and I wish to thank everyone who helped to make the event the success that it was, notably Ted Inglis and members of the Killin Mountain Rescue Team, members of the Kinnell House family, our local police as well as Kay Riddell, Margaret Galloway, Ricky Craig, our long standing marshals and 'chief bucket wavers'.

We need to raise some £3000 for the next display and are open to any fund raising ideas. Hopefully, Ron and Sheila will once again produce an excellent Killin calendar while I will organise a sponsored cycle ride with more details to follow when the weather is warmer and hopefully drier.

Please support our efforts to raise funds for the fireworks so we can all benefit from another sparkling display to start 2023.

**Mike Beresford
& Ron Allner**

KDVCS



Killin and District Volunteer Car Scheme

Killin and District Volunteer Car Scheme has been very busy over recent months, with a slight reduction of journeys over December and the start of January due to the demands of the Omicron variant of Covid, which lead to a reduction in non-urgent NHS services, along with the usual closures over the Christmas holiday period. We are now getting a lot more requests for journeys, which means most of our drivers are back out on the roads.

We are always looking for drivers to join us, as the more there are of us, the more people we can support, especially as some days we could have more than one driver out on the road, if multiple requests for transport come in on the same day. We are currently looking for drivers who may be able to do short journeys in Killin, either taking a villager to the

Connect Group on a Monday, GP Surgery or Nurses bungalow, as required.

We are still following Government and Community Transport Association Covid Rules for carrying passengers, which means we use PPE and screens in our vehicles, to separate drivers from passengers, to ensure the safety of both. As a service provider we need to make sure we adhere to the maximum regulations to stop the spread of the virus and need to keep doing this until we are advised otherwise. Our screens are easily removed from vehicles, if drivers do not want them in their cars when not using them for car scheme journeys.

We look forward to a time when we do not have to take all of these precautions but while the virus is still spreading amongst us this is not possible.

Anyone thinking about joining us as a driver can contact Don on 01567 820690 to find out more. We are a very friendly committed group of people, who support one another and all drivers are supplied with the PPE screens and other equipment required, as well as relevant training, when available.

We regularly receive praise, thanks and donations from passengers, which we very much appreciate and encourages us to feel that the service we provide is making a difference to peoples' lives. Below is an email I received recently. "I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the service. All the volunteer drivers we have encountered and everyone else involved in KDVCS are to be congratulated on their efforts which have made life so much easier for both my mother and myself. It is immensely reassuring to know that we have access to transport and I do hope that the organisation continues to receive the necessary official support and funding, allowing it to thrive in the future".

Please call us on **07988 280743** if you want to use the Car Scheme or email us at

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Youth work and Sports Pavilion

We are delighted that Callander Youth Project and Active Stirling have announced plans to start delivering a local youth and sports programme in the village. It has taken a huge amount of work to get to this stage, and all those involved deserve a huge vote of thanks! As the Community Place Plan process has shown, there is a real gap in terms of services for children and young people locally and it has become very clear over recent months that this is something that needs to be addressed.

KAT's plans to employ a part-time member of staff to help support this activity and help co-ordinate youth and sports activity are at the time of writing almost complete, so hopefully we will have someone in post by the time this edition is published. The post will also allow for an ongoing presence and point of contact for the Sports Pavilion, as well as playing a role in facilitating discussions, with Stirling Council and others, on how to improve and develop the facilities to ensure they meet the needs of everyone within the community.

Cycling and Pump Track

Despite missing out on the LLTNP Greener Recovery Fund, KAT has thankfully been successful in finding alternative funding (from both LEADER and the National Lottery) to progress work on cycling development and the possibilities around delivering a pump track in the village. Alan Jones Associates have now been engaged to take this

work forward and a community questionnaire has been launched and is available on the KAT Facebook page. Please do input your views!

Alan and his team will also be directly engaging with both primary and secondary pupils, and it is hoped that with the previous enthusiasm for a pump track from young people and the possibility of Sportscotland funding this idea will soon be able to take a big step forward.

RecyKillin, thrift & the Old Mill

Thanks to funding secured from the Scottish Government's Adapt & Thrive programme and the Scotland Loves Local fund KAT have been able to lease the empty retail unit at Morenish Place, and so we plan to move the majority of our thrift operation to this location over the next few months. We are delighted to be able to ensure that this building is occupied and remains as a retail unit, given the clear need to ensure that Main Street remains vibrant and with a mix of retail and commercial businesses.

We also hope the additional space will allow the RecyKillin project and the Tool Library to develop and grow. You can sign up to the tool library by creating an account at: Recykillin.myturn.com where you can also browse the range of tools that they have available to hire. You can email recyKillin@gmail.com with any queries or suggestions for new items.

The move also provides the opportunity to look again at the ground floor space in the Old Mill, and in that regard the KAT Directors and staff will be refocusing on the future of the Old Mill in the coming months. We have now approached Stirling Council to initiate discussions and hope to be able to outline a way forward for the building in the next edition of the Killin News.

Co-op

Our other major project to help preserve the retail and commercial mix on Main Street is of course the community purchase of the Co-op. We believe the space could play an important role in allowing the development and growth of

community enterprise locally, as well as helping ensure that Main Street remains vibrant and attractive. The Scottish Land Fund have provided funding to investigate this with a view to us applying for funding to purchase the building and we have engaged Community Enterprise to take forward this work on our behalf. The initial feedback from the Community Enterprise questionnaire shows a very healthy response rate and support for the concept of community ownership. The Community Enterprise team is now following this up with more detailed discussions with various people from across the community, which will all feed into the business planning process. We are hoping that the building survey work will be completed by the end of January, and should there be no major issues identified with the building we remain on course to submit our funding bid to the Scottish Land Fund for decision by May 2022.

Friends of Killin Cemetery

The Friends of the Cemetery Group have done a superb job of assisting with the maintenance of the cemetery over recent months! They are now appealing for new benches to be situated in the cemetery. These can be individually dedicated memorial benches and the details can be found opposite, on page 7.

Allotments

The discussions with Stirling Council on allotments are yet to progress meaningfully. However, we remain committed to highlighting to the Council that both a local need exists and that they have a statutory duty to meet that need. 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.

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As always if you have any questions, comments or suggestions or if you would like to volunteer to help with any of the projects above please do not hesitate to get in touch at chair@killincdt.co.uk or Theresa@killincdt.co.uk



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- Or perhaps part sponsor one?
- Would you like a memorial bench?
(you would need to fully fund this)

We are restricted to the type of bench we are able to use as it needs to be approved by Stirling Council. The type Stirling Council prefers is the metal one below;



The cost of this bench is in the region of £1,000 (fitted).

Contact David Riddell on 07986656047 for more information.

 **Killin and Ardeonaig Trust**

Killin Medical Practice

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year

The doctors and staff at Killin Medical Practice would like to express our thanks to the family of the late Donny Mackenzie. The proceeds from Donny's funeral have been donated to the practice. We're not sure what we will purchase yet. It will go towards buying some medical equipment. We will keep you posted, thank you.

During the power cuts and aftermath of storm Arwen we were gifted a camping stove from the Outdoor shop, thank you very much from us all.

We also thank all of you that so very kindly gave us gifts and cards for Christmas.

We are running short of blood pressure monitors at the surgery. If you've been lent one and it's collecting dust somewhere please can you return to us, thank you.

Those of you that have been in touch with the practice over the last few months will have known Linda Kerr has been assisting us with general office duties. Linda would like to retire completely, so we have a vacancy for an admin member of staff to join the practice for approx 11 hours a week. If you know of anyone that maybe interested, please send an email enquiry and current CV to fv.gp25351killincli@nhs.scot for further information. Thank you.

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It's a new year and despite the challenges a number of our groups are going strong.

Zoom, which none of us had even heard of three years ago, has been such a valuable resource,

particularly through the winter months.

In December we had an excellent presentation by Peter Ireland who shared his knowledge of Ancient Greek art. The pieces chosen were his particular favourites. Each piece was set in context and we had the opportunity to discuss and ask questions.

In February, Rosalind Holmes, who last year delivered a fascinating talk on 'China: the last hundred years through the lives of the women of one Beijing family', will join us again. This time her subject is 'It's all in your genes.'

If you are retired or semi-retired, find out what's happening at our Callander and West Perthshire u3a website. It's never too late to enrol (for the second half of the year the fee is only £5).

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If you would like to know more about joining our walks in Killin or becoming a Walk Leader, please contact our coordinator or just come along on Wednesday mornings at 10.20am to the locations listed. Our latest walk schedule is listed, look out for familiar spots or new routes to explore.

There was some fabulous news recently as we jointly celebrated the achievements of two of our Countryside Trusts' award-winning health walk programme 'Walk In The Park' longest standing walkers, Rosie (McDonald) and David (Mardon). Not only are Rosie and David volunteer Walk Leaders for our Killin group, they both received awards for their achievements at reaching some seriously epic walking milestones. Seen here is Rosie (who received a silver badge for 100 walks) and David (a gold badge for reaching 200)!

Rosie also demonstrates our Killin 'Strength and Balance' exercise sessions, perfect for anyone worried about slipping or falling, with simple exercises including leg raises and ankle movement.

These sessions are free, and are held on Wednesday afternoons from 2-3pm in the Killin Parish Church Hall. Please check with your GP first if you have a health condition, before signing up.

We are hugely grateful for all the support, friendship and steps Rosie and David have given to Walk in the Park and fellow walkers over the years. Congratulations and together let's keep walking!!

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26 Jan	Capercaillie	Kinnell Estate		
2 Feb	McLaren Hall Car Park	Loch Circuit/Old Railway		
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For more information contact: katarina.jackson@lochlomond-trossachs.org
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Killin Community Council

KCC Report January 2022

Storm Arwen

At the end of November a severe storm swept over large parts of the country bringing down trees, power lines, disabling mobile phone masts and causing damage to many houses and buildings. The power and communication blackout was exacerbated by freezing temperatures both by day and by night, and most of Killin was without power and communications for some 50 hours. On the second day members of the Community Council met with representatives of the emergency services and improvised a plan to check on all members of the community and offer what help and respite we could muster. We are immensely grateful to local businesses and agencies and to the huge numbers of our residents for their support and hard work in these endeavours. The list of those who we would wish to thank is far too long for this column, but it does not include Stirling Council, who were conspicuous by their absence and tin-eared refusal to engage with us over the entire period. We are not, ourselves, without criticism. A lack of communication and a certain amount of confused disorganisation resulted in some households being contacted several times by different volunteers while some were missed. Our inactivity on the first day is perhaps excusable in that we were all assured by SSE that the power would be quickly restored. We appreciate that SSE were dealing with unprecedented problems across the country and were working as hard as they could, but a little less airy optimism might have been a better option for all of us. There were two casualties, both elderly and suffering from hypothermia. They are still in

hospital as I write.

As a result of our experiences over that weekend, the Community Council is in the process of drafting a new resilience plan for the village and wider community. The sub-group tasked with this consists of Charlie Grant, Teddy Inglis and myself, and will liaise extensively with the emergency services and other agencies. If anyone has ideas or suggestions for how we might best go about it, they can speak to any of us directly or email us at the email address below. When the draft is completed, it will be published on our Facebook page and posted in the library. Further comments, suggestions and criticism will then, of course, be welcome.

Roads & Parking

Spring will soon be upon us and with it, the welcome return of tourists. Several initiatives are in planning. A clearway along the South Loch Tay road is promised by Stirling Council to avoid the congestion of the last two years. A section of the Station Road car park has been proposed as a 'mobile home friendly area' on a trial basis to better manage the expected influx, and Stirling Council has promised to replace the current (horrible) 'No Overnight Parking for Motorhome' signs, where appropriate, with other, more discrete and tasteful signs. Better signposting of the Maragowan caravan site is still being worked on and will hopefully be in place by the early summer. Stirling Councillor, Jeremy McDonald and Carlyn Fraser of the Council's Road Department had an on-site meeting with myself about the potential hazard of the blind corner of Lyon Road opposite the new

Co-op. It was suggested creating a 'virtual pavement' on the south side of this section of Lyon Road using painted markings on the tarmacked road surface. At our recent Community Council meeting it was decided to continue to press for a proper raised pavement on the north side of this section, but to ask the Council for drawings and plans in support of their proposal, and to consider the creation of a virtual pavement as an interim measure.

Next Meeting

Finally, we hope that 2022 brings peace, happiness and prosperity to you all, and an end, hopefully, to the debilitating and depressing cycle of lockdowns and restrictions that have so blighted the past two years. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st March at 7:00pm – venue to be arranged. All members of the community are welcome to attend, or to raise issues and concerns at any time by email. Our email address is communitycouncilkillin@gmail.com

Andy Aitken



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We are looking at all available funds and other sources of donations to build this facility for our community and visitors alike. All the information about the Bike Skills Park can be found at <https://www.strathfillancdt.org.uk/projects/tyndrum-community-bike-skills-park>.

We are very keen to make sure all parts of the local community and the biking community are involved in the development of the project. We will be contacting organisations and businesses with more information soon and please get in touch with seona@strathfillancdt.org.uk if you have any questions.

Community Garden

Now that spring is round the corner – and it has been very mild so far – we are looking to crack on with the Crianlarich Community Garden. Our Trustee Dawn Skelton is taking a lead in this, and we hope to work with the Primary School and Strathfillan residents to make this a fantastic space for the community. If you're interested in getting involved either contact Kelly at the details below or Dawn at dawnaskelton@gmail.com.



Tyndrum Facilities Improvements

In late 2021, in partnership with the Tyndrum Infrastructure Group, we commissioned Alan Jones Associates to undertake a Feasibility Study into improving toilet facilities in Tyndrum, including a Changing Places toilet – some of you may have come across them. They have been working hard to identify the best site for such facilities and would now like your views on what is needed in the village. Please follow this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/tyndrumchangingplaces> or click on the QR code below to take you to the community survey. The need for improved facilities was a high priority in the Community Place Plan, so having your say is important to make sure we get the facilities you feel we need.



AGM

Our AGM and Community Catch-Up will be held on February the 23rd at 7pm. Due to the ongoing pandemic situation we have decided to host it online. We know this is not ideal for those who cannot access the internet, however, we must keep our members and Trustees safe. If you would like to join the AGM then please email or phone Kelly for a Zoom link at the details below. Unfortunately, both Kelda Platt and Ellen Cattanach will be standing down as Trustees after many years of dedicated service. We will miss them both very much and wish them all the best for the future. This means we have at least two spaces available on the Trust Board. If you are interested in getting involved or want to find out more then please get in touch with Kelly.

Getting in touch

You can contact the Trust directly by emailing Kelly at kelly@strathfillancdt.org.uk or phoning 07707044484. For updates

on projects and activities you can check out our website <https://www.strathfillancdt.org.uk/home>, our new Twitter page [@StrathfillanCDT](https://twitter.com/StrathfillanCDT) and our new Instagram page <https://www.instagram.com/strathfillantrust/>

Health and Wellbeing

Have you felt your balance or strength has got a bit worse in the last year? The Strathfillan Community Development Trust (SCDT) have a new health initiative for the area and in the next few Killin News issues we will share one exercise you can do at home daily and feel the difference quickly. These come from the Active Calendar that Later Life Training (Silver Cottage, Main Street!) produce each year.

Sit to Stand

Breaking up long periods of sitting is hugely beneficial for anyone regardless of age. The movement of standing up and sitting down (slowly!) helps to keep the legs strong. Try to do 3-5 sit to stands every hour you are sitting, whether its watching TV, on the computer or sitting doing a hobby.

- » Walk your hips forwards to just past centre of the chair (easier to stand)
- » March the feet a bit to boost circulation
- » Bring your heels back a little, but keep your heels flat on the floor
- » Sit tall, hinge your trunk forwards
- » Power up to stand
- » Stand tall and move your feet a bit to pump the blood
- » Step back a bit and feel for chair on back of legs
- » Bend the knees, lead with your buttocks, sit down with control (as slowly as you can!)
- » Feel your legs getting stronger over time

Let us know how you get on – give us some feedback at dawnaskelton@gmail.com or on the SCDT Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2495715407394997>



Crianlarich Primary School

Road Safety

During Road Safety Week in November, we were visited by PC Iona and PC Scott. We learned about crossing the road safely and we did some experimenting with the speed gun. Cars go too quickly through Crianlarich so we came up with the slogan "Slow Down In Our Town" and took pictures of the pupils to make signs. The signs are outside the school and we hope they remind drivers to slow down.

Santa Dash

On 12th December we put on our Santa costumes and went for a run around the forestry track behind the school. We started at the play park and made our way round in a circle and then made our way back. Altogether it was one mile. We raised £700 and we had a lot of people take part. After the dash we ate cakes and had hot chocolate outside the school.

Christmas Show

Our Christmas show this year was called Lights, Camel, Action! We all had a lot of fun rehearsing and performing and recording it. We all had parts to play like judges, camels, wise men, sheep and lots more. It took a long time but we did it! The Christmas show was published on the school Youtube channel and has been watched about 300 times!



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This year we did lots of fun things at Christmas. We made Christmas crafts – baubles, puppets and cards. We learned some new Scottish Country dances – The Dashing White Sergeant and the Military Two Step. We had an amazing Christmas lunch and party at school! On top of this, we walked around Killin singing carols and delivering gift bags to some wonderful residents.

For the second year running, the school kicked off the Community Advent Window Competition. We enjoyed walking around the village finding all the festive windows. Well done to the Winners and everyone who took part!

Thank you very much to the ladies of the SWI who gave us awesome party bags and the KPP who provided yummy snacks for our party.

Noa, P7



Class 1 have been learning all about Scottish Wildlife. They made beautiful Scottish Wildcat masks and made some very colourful stag pictures.

Stephen Brown





Scottish Book Week took place from 17-25 November. We had lots of exciting reading challenges in school and we had a visit from Claire Hewitt, a local story teller. Thank you to the Scottish National Trust and the KPP for helping us run our Scholastic Book Fair.

Scarlett, P7



Our Scottish Poetry Competition was held on Friday 21st January. Everybody in our school learnt a new Scottish poem and recited it for their class. We all voted for our favourites. Well done to our winners and runners up!

Alistair, P6



In the interests of art, we each HAD to eat a Tunnocks Tea Cake to give us inspiration in the style of Gillian Kyle. Take a look in our window to see the finished pieces of art!

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Killin Hogmanay Lanterns 2021



It was fantastic to be able to make lanterns and go on our Killin Hogmanay Walk. Both experienced and new lantern makers made an amazing array of different lanterns from a bulldog to a games controller!!

We were welcomed to the Killin Hotel with a cheer and a hot chocolate.

A huge thank you to everyone who made this community event possible :-

- Ron Allner and the Killin Masonic/815
- Tayfitness
- Locals and visitors for their donations in our buckets on Hogmanay
- Christopher Walker for transporting lanterns for our walk
- John Mcgroarty for on-the-spot lantern repairs and collecting donations for us
- Lynn and Emily Crow from the Courie Inn for sweets and donations on our walk
- Pavilion committee for letting us store our lovely lanterns from workshop to walk
- McLaren Hall for allowing us to hold our Lantern Making Workshop

Folk are planning their next creations already! We also had a request to make lanterns every weekend !

Thanks again to everyone who took part and to my family, without whose help and support, it might not happen.

Until next time.....Dec 2022.

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In Their Own Words: The Story of the Gaelic Bible, Part One

To most, the period in history known as the Scottish Enlightenment has become synonymous with the cities of Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen, and great figures like Ferguson, Hume and Smith. Few would say that the Highlands, let alone Killin, stake a claim to this movement, but for the efforts of two local men whose story is rarely celebrated.

The work of minister James Stewart and poet Dugald Buchanan, slaving away for a decade in the Old Manse to produce the first Scottish Gaelic New Testament, was an achievement equal to any coming from the coffeehouses of smoky Lowland burghs. It reached the Edinburgh press in 1767 and would soon be found in every Gaelic-speaking parish and beyond, carried as far off as the Carolinas and Nova Scotia. The text exerted a huge influence on the literacy of the region and laid the foundations on which later generations of Gaelic writers could build.

This was over 250 years ago. It took the same time to fully realise the idea of a Gaelic Bible since the first translations were attempted in the sixteenth century. These texts originated in Ireland and resulted from the Classical Gaelic literary tradition employed by the literate elite of both Ireland and Scotland.

The language used not that of ordinary spoken Gaelic so most Gaels would have been left scratching their heads. This created enormous challenges for ministers, who had to attempt an impromptu translation of each passage they read.

Aggravating the situation was King James VI and I, whose treatment of 'barbarous' Highlanders reflected his desire to eradicate Gaelic from Scottish society. His severe policies, exemplified by the Statutes of Iona in 1609, supported Protestant ministers in Highland parishes, education of Highland elite in Lowland schools and outlawing Gaelic bards. James' prior actions, such as an attempt to colonise Lewis with Fife noblemen, were a disaster. By contrast, the education measures - a model tactic of colonial regimes - had

greater effect, ultimately gaining momentum in the aftermath of the Jacobite Rebellions. Throughout the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, the professional orders of Gaelic society were proficient in Latin and Scots alongside written Gaelic, but by the following century the ability to write Gaelic was declining.

Efforts to produce Scottish Gaelic religious literature were also thwarted by the apathy of the clergy and the suspicion with which the Presbyterian Church viewed the largely Catholic and Episcopalian Highlands. There were a few visionaries, like Robert Kirk, minister of Balquhiddier and later Aberfoyle, who adapted Irish Classical Gaelic versions of the Old and New Testaments with Roman font. Kirk's pocket Bible was published shortly before his mysterious death in 1692 (legend has it at the hands of fairies!) and despite wide circulation, was never truly Scottish Gaelic in form or style.



The need for a specific Scottish Gaelic Bible was accepted reluctantly by the Society in Scotland for Propagating Christian Knowledge (SSPCK), which had built libraries and schools in the Highlands from 1709. Its mantra of 'no Latin or Irish' later gave way to reality that in order to successfully promote literacy in English, it first had to make the population literate in their own tongue. The society arranged for the translation and publication of the Gaelic New Testament in 1755 and entrusted James Stewart with the job.

Born in Glen Finglas and educated at St Andrews, Stewart was by this time in his thirtieth year as parish minister, a role he would keep for the rest of his days. Assisting him in the

translation was schoolmaster and poet Dugald Buchanan, son of a miller in Strathgryre; one-time prodigy, boy tutor and student of Glasgow University. With a network of scribes coming from as far away as Lismore, the once quiet manse transformed into a hub of fervent activity for the next ten years.

The manuscript finished, Buchanan then travelled to Edinburgh to see it through the press - and at a critical moment. For Auld Reekie was in the midst of an intellectual golden age, a "hotbed of genius" as poet Tobias Smollett described. Buchanan is known to have associated with some of its leading stars, notably Hugh Blair and David Hume. Encouraged by his Enlightened peers, he published his own set of verse called *Laoidhe Spioradail* (Spiritual Hymns). Between printing Buchanan attended classes at Edinburgh University and organised the first ever Gaelic congregation in the city, despite not being a minister himself. He lobbied passionately for a Gaelic Dictionary in schools but found little support from the SSPCK.

The Scottish Gaelic New Testament was finally published in 1767 by William Smellie, who would go on to bring Robert Burns to a national audience. 10,000 copies were printed - enough for every church and school in the Highlands. His task complete, Buchanan left Edinburgh for home, where fame as a bard was sure to follow. Tragically, he and his family would succumb to fever weeks later. James Stewart, thanks partly to Samuel Johnson's praises, became in some way the sole hero in the making of the Scottish Gaelic New Testament. Buchanan's part was relegated to the end of the story, when in fact he had been there from the very beginning. The monument to Stewart in Killin, erected as late as 1890, describes him as 'The first translator of the New Testament to Scottish Gaelic'. Buchanan is unjustly missing from the plinth. Stewart himself suffered some injustices - his grave in Killin's Old Cemetery is unmarked, and had it not been for Victorian commemoration, his name may have disappeared altogether. Buchanan was also saved in this era, and his legacy as a poet, albeit not as co-translator, is found on memorials in Strathgryre and Kinloch Rannoch.

Michael Gardiner



Presenting The Old Mill, RecyKillin and KAT's New Funded Project!

The Old Mill, RecyKillin and KAT are pleased to announce we have received more funding for furthering and expanding our projects. We have received £18,000 from Scotland Loves Local, and £9,870 from the Together for Our Planet fund from the National

Lottery. Together with the previous £9,100 raised from the government's Adapt and Thrive programme, we now have the funds to improve what we offer to the Killin, and our wider community, as well as visitors to our area. So there are big plans afoot!



We plan to release more details, and will be asking you for your input, in the near future, but for now, here is an overview of what we are planning:

- RecyKillin is moving to Morenish place, next to Killin News! KAT's thrift shop is moving there too. We are going to be calling it a "Reuse Shop" from now on, to show how it fits in with everything RecyKillin is about.
- We are making plans about how to redevelop the Old Mill, to make much more of this beautiful historical building and the healing stones as important parts of our community heritage.
- We plan to expand the way you can 'think local first' whether it is for buying a reused or locally upcycled item, borrowing a tool, or having a fun day with the family or taking a creative course. Look out for our programme of heritage and climate related activities, events and workshops for you to participate in.
- We will be getting together for our planet, and talking to everyone we can, to make a climate action plan for the community. This includes you in Killin, and other communities and organisations doing similar things.
- There will be lots more opportunities to get involved, whether your interests are climate and the environment, arts and crafts, DIY and making things or community heritage. We are developing a better volunteer programme, which includes opportunities for related training and learning. So whether you're old or young, have lots of time, or just a little, get in touch, join our growing team, and we can help each other out!

Contact raina@killincdt.co.uk for more details or to get involved.

Raina Jones



Presenting our new funded project...



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Killin Drama Club Pinocchio



Panto Cast



Club Panto 2022

Pinocchio



Following an enforced absence from the stage, Killin Drama Club were delighted to be able to present their 26th pantomime, Pinocchio by Doreen Moger, from 20th to 22nd January. To single out cast members for mention would be a great mistake, as the show demonstrated teamwork throughout, on stage, backstage, technicians, prompt, parents, a good team all working with the restrictions of COVID regulations!

The highlights were probably the circus routine for junior members and the appearance on stage of an enormous whale! Perhaps most thrilling, the eagerness of the audience for some live entertainment after so long. Hopefully the 27th panto will be staged without restrictions.

Lesley Syme





Frost Report



The Know-Alls Who Don't

At the time of writing we are hearing the news of the volcanic eruption of the volcano Hunga Tonga. After its shockwaves reaching Scotland and subsequent tsunamis reaching the West coast of America it is expected that its huge clouds of ash will follow. This will cause a fall in the earth's temperature.

So this eruption, recent ones in La Palma and the previous 2010 eruption of Eyjafjallajökull in Iceland will be doing their bit against global warming. You never know, maybe Earth will sort itself out. We don't want it to go too cold either, look what happened to the dinosaurs. A saying of the Braanseer, the northern equivalent of the Lady of Lawers, was that the life on Earth would end with "the black rain".

It all goes to show that we as humans do not know everything. The real trouble is that we are constantly fed information by people who think that they do. It has now been discovered, after more accurate studies, that the previously reported decline in giraffe numbers is incorrect as there is now an estimated 15% increase since 2015.

Hill farmers and gamekeepers for generations have known that controlled burning of old heather promotes new growth but so called experts are trying to stop it. New research at Cambridge, Lancaster, York and Newcastle

universities has found that controlled burning can increase the carbon storage in three ways including new growth. It takes years of studies to find out what folk like old Fred Simpson knew all his life.

Just like that man who axed all the railways and caused many of our transport problems and those who reduced hospital capacity which has proved to be so short-sighted, we now have the dreaded "trees for cash" lobby. I know that we are all sick to death of hearing about them but we must not become complacent about the damage to our precious native wildlife. Nobody round here would need to be told that red squirrels do not thrive at all in uniform non-native woodland.

A variety of native trees need to be planted in small blocks at different times to provide year-long food for the squirrels. A five year study has proved this, something so obvious. It is interesting that TVs Winterwatch is being advertised with an iconic and beautiful picture of a red stag when we are being constantly told to cull more (in the interests of the dreaded trees again). We may watch Winterwatch (with the sound off of course and recorded so that we can skip the bits with Mr Packham in). We have inside info that there will be some good eagle footage.

The antis are shouting about shooting anything including crows but when it comes to deer no one seems to care at the moment.

What happened to the Bambi factor? Maybe we should encourage Disney to do a remake. Forestry and Land Scotland has released a five year plan to cull over 150,000 deer. They say that they have considered the high density of deer. I don't know about you but we don't seem to be exactly up to our oxters in them. When did you last see vast numbers in the wild? We will be like the tourists who have to go to a deer centre to show their children a red deer.

Maybe as we are near Burns Night we can consider our wider heritage. Just to let all you composters out there know that you are dealing with dangerous equipment!

Special power tools had to be used to release a badger who was stuck in a bin. We have had the odd problem with an inquisitive terrier in one but not a wild animal bigger than a woodmouse.

Let's look forward to Spring as the birds are. Oystercatchers on Ardeonaig pier on Jan 13th, earlier than last year and the nuthatches in the garden squarking at each other as they get "Spring frisky." It's not Mr Fox who is for a mention this time.

Instead we pay tribute on the death of Magawa the African giant pouched rat who received a medal for the detection of more than 100 land mines in Cambodia. He died peacefully in retirement.

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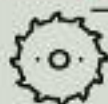
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Musings From The Manse

Going, Going, Gone!?

There have been several articles in the Press over the past two years concerning the drastic impact of Covid upon the Anglican Church and its response to the crisis. In contrast, this reflection comes from North of the Border and concerns the other national ecclesiastical entity the Church of Scotland. The aforementioned organisations are very different in historical origin, structure, polity and theological tradition. Although, the CofS is a 'national' church seeking to minister to every parish in Scotland, it is not a 'state' church like the 'established' CofE. We are independent of the State in matters spiritual. Her Majesty the Queen is a valued and honoured member of the Church but not its Supreme Governor. Being Presbyterian in government we don't have Bishops and abhor the thought of ever having them. Influenced by Calvinism, Presbyterianism has championed the 'preached word' over the sacramental and ritual. Critics see Presbyterian worship as sober, stark, serious and even severe being starved of ritual, imagery, and the drama of liturgy. That is only partly true. We Scots love the story of the Anglican Vicar who dreamt he was preaching. He then woke up and discovered he was! The episode of 'Mr Bean at Church' is instructive. While we watch the hilarious antics taking place on the pew there is a monotonous voice in the background coming from the pulpit. The voice although audible is unintelligible. I like to think the average fare in the Church of Scotland is an

improvement on that!

In 1980, I began a Divinity degree at Aberdeen University. I remember the excitement and optimism of our class. We were conscious that the new Millennium was on the horizon and we saw ourselves as a generation that would lead the Church into the 21st Century. What happened? None of us knew then that the high point for the Church of Scotland was in 1956 when we had 1.3 million members and that decline had already started, exacerbated by the game-changer that was the social and cultural revolution of the sixties and the subsequent impact of that on the church. None of us anticipated computers, the www and the transformation this would bring. I realise I'm a dinosaur because I remember using a type writer and carbon paper (fossils indeed!). The Sea of Faith has certainly ebbed and we are in rock pools waiting for the return of the tide.

Like the Anglican Church the CofS has been hit hard financially by Covid. The Church needs to reduce considerably, the number of clergy, charges and buildings over the next four years. Attendance is greatly reduced and no-one knows what the long term fall-out will be. Many of those who have got out of the habit of church-going may never return. Like many other clergymen, I should already be retired but have stayed on in the short term to offer some protection to my two congregations. Soon I'll be gone too.

Best-selling author and Shepherd James Rebanks recounts a story symbolising the decline of farming and the demise of a traditional way

of life. It is about an old man leaning on a fence at a half empty auction angry at the sale of quality sheep at a pitiful price. His protests are lost in the wind. Rebanks remarks that farmers sometimes feel like 'yesterday's people' and poignantly concludes 'The past falters and dies by little steps. Then it is gone, and old men go home alone.' That sentiment will resonate with many in the Church. Contrasting the optimism of 1980, mentioned above, with the stark reality of 2022, I borrow words from Matthew Parris regarding Liberal Conservatives: we thought we were 'forerunners' but it turns out we are 'remnants.' Yes!...but! The Bible is full of stories about God working in and through remnants so there is always hope. The Russian church embodies the symbols of death and resurrection. Under Stalin many churches were destroyed or turned into public lavatories among other things. Yet during World War 2 Russian churches were reopened as the nation needed spiritual strength for the ordeal the nation was facing. Since the fall of Communism the Russian church has undergone an unexpected renaissance. Killin church though small, punches above its weight and has embarked on an inspiring vision for the years ahead. This will involve creative use of the building and the glebe for the benefit of the wider community. We are not dead yet! Your support and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

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Many of our most familiar birds like the swallow, swift and cuckoo, are summer visitors, leaving Britain to winter in Africa. However there are a few species which spend the winter here.

In our area one of the most noticeable of these winter visitors is the Whooper Swan. These truly wild swans breed in Iceland, returning each autumn in small family groups to winter on our lochs, fields and wetlands. During their migration they fly non-stop over the Atlantic between Iceland and Scotland, a distance of 1200 km, often flying at very high altitudes. Whooper swan families migrate together, and the cygnets stay with their parents over the winter. They are very faithful to their wintering sites and often return to the same site year after year, usually arriving in October. One of these traditional wintering sites is Loch Dochart. The adult Whooper Swans' plumage is all white, and they have black legs, and a black and yellow bill, the patterning of which is unique to each individual. They have long thin necks which they usually hold erect. When Whooper Swans up-end to feed on submerged vegetation they show their square-ended tails. The juvenile Whoopers are pale brownish-grey and have a pinkish bill with a dark tip. Some of the



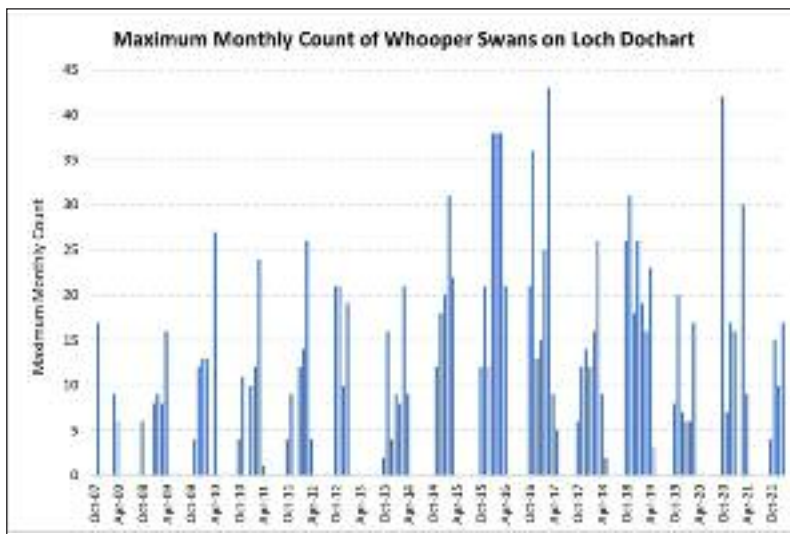
Whooper Swans that arrive in the autumn have rusty coloured staining on their head and neck feathers which is from the iron rich lakes in Iceland, where the birds have been feeding. The Whooper Swans are extremely vocal and have a distinctive loud trumpeting call, and when they fly their wing beats make a gentle hissing sound. Unlike the Whooper Swans, the resident Mute

Swans that you can see on Loch Tay throughout the year, have orange and black bills with a distinctive black knob at the base. Mute Swans also normally hold their neck in a curved position, and they have pointed tails. Although slightly smaller than Mute Swans, Whooper Swans still have a wingspan of over two metres and can weigh up to 11 kg. Whooper Swans occasionally turn up at the head of Loch Tay but they are often chased away by the resident pair of Mute Swans. The number of

Whooper Swans on Loch Dochart fluctuates from year to year but there tends to be a core wintering group with others coming and going through the winter. This winter there is a core group of ten adult birds, but sadly there are no juveniles with them, which is unusual. There is however a single juvenile Mute Swan that has been present on the loch

this winter, but it tends to feed some distance away from the Whooper Swans. If the water level rises too high, following heavy rain or snow melt, the Whooper Swans leave the loch as they can no longer reach the submerged vegetation on which they feed, only returning when the water level drops. The Whooper Swans will stay on Loch Dochart until late April or early May before they depart once more for their breeding grounds in Iceland.

John Holland



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Councillor Martin Earl - Updates

Storm Arwen

Killin and the surrounding areas experienced a great deal of disruption due to Storm Arwen.

There were many acts of kindness and support from within the community that helped others cope with the loss of power.

However there has been a lot of concern raised about the quality and pace of the response from the Council and other agencies over the weekend after the storm. There needs to be a complete review of the planning in place for events like these.

Better support is needed from the Council to add capacity within communities and improve procedures, especially when dealing with the rural locations, to ensure they get people and resources into communities like Killin far more quickly are essential.

To ensure this work is robust it is vitally important that the views, experiences and suggestions from communities themselves are heard.

I have been pursuing with council officers the need for such an opportunity and have received confirmation that it will be taking place. I would encourage everyone with thoughts and experiences on the subject to submit them as soon as the council get the process up and running.

I will advise details as soon as I have them.

Martin Earl

Bin Collections

In the past few months there has been consistent disruption to bin collections. Every year there can be good reasons why collections are affected and we all understand that.

However, this should only be occasional and people should expect their bins to be collected as scheduled. There is also little doubt that the change last year to monthly collections for both grey and blue bins has added to the problem. There is simply no capacity within the reduced collection schedule to cope with any disruptions. Many people's bins are already full or overflowing by the time their collection is set to take place.

Over the past months I have received a great deal of correspondence about this one service from residents across the ward area. I wanted to put together a short piece that I hope people will find useful and informative.. The lack of capacity to cope with any disruption was one of the issues, along with many others, that I and other Councillors have raised since the decision to reduce the service was first passed at a council meeting in June 2020 by twelve votes to ten. I believe these cuts to a fundamental service that everyone relies on to be wrong. Some of the reasons I feel the decision and subsequent implementation was flawed are as follows.

There were no other options put before Councillors despite it transpiring that they had been developed. There was no consultation at all with residents, no

discussion took place that would have allowed those that use the service to present their thoughts, comments, or suggestions. There is a great deal of talk about involving people in decision making but one must 'walk the walk' rather than simply paying lip service to the concept.

There has been little evidence presented to support the claim that these cuts will improve recycling rates. Only one other Council in Scotland has introduced monthly collections: Falkirk. This was done in late 2016. Since then, official figures show that they are recycling less than when they had two weekly collections. I cannot understand how cutting the blue plastics/cans bin to monthly supports better recycling.

We had also raised concerns that fly-tipping would increase, but this was dismissed. More figures from Falkirk Council show that since their move to monthly collections reported fly tipping cases increased by nearly 500.

I would suggest that, if one is serious about improving recycling and reducing flytipping, then the Callander waste facility should be open for longer periods rather than just a few hours in an evening and weekends. More localised, well serviced recycling facilities across the rural area would also help.

When one looks at other Scottish council's waste services, they manage to collect bins more often for substantially less than it costs here in Stirling. Official figures that compare costs and services across Scottish Councils show that here it costs £130.62 per household (the most expensive by far) whereas the Scottish average cost is £68.82. For example Highland Council's cost per household is £72.60 with fortnightly collections and food waste every week.

Should anyone wish to raise any points with me or be interested in the background information and statistics relating to any aspect of the article, please drop me a line at earlm@stirling.gov.uk and I will be happy to respond as required.

Martin Earl

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Innes Bhuidhe Lights



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Killin and Crianlarich Nurseries



The children in Killin and Crianlarich Nurseries have had a fantastic Christmas and New Year. They have returned to nursery and settled back well and are all ready to learn.

The children in Killin 3-5 room are focusing on learning about our world and will be looking for parental involvement to support their learning.

We would be grateful if you could share any knowledge of countries or holidays or trips you have been on either by email, eLearning journal or verbally. Killin 0-3 children had a busy time on the lead up to Christmas making gifts for their parent/carers. They rounded off the Christmas celebrations with their party and a visit from Santa.

The children are focusing on numeracy with lots of counting experiences. We are also spending more time outdoors at the pavilion, benefiting from fresh air and physical activities.



Please share any counting or outdoor activities that take place at home on your child's e-Learning journal or the closed Facebook page. We look forward to seeing



your posts as this can support practitioners to take forward your child's interest and learning. Crianlarich Nursery will be focusing on learning about the changing Seasons and understanding the

world around them. Together the children and staff have created a visual calendar. This will support the children to learn about the weather, appropriate clothes, the language we use to describe the weather, together with words and numbers to identify the

date. The children are still discussing ideas to add to it. This term our value will be respect.

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Obituary

Donald Mackenzie

Tullochcan Farm, Ardeonaig

Donald passed away at FVRH on the 11th November, surrounded by Joan and Donna and his loving sister Val, after a long illness which he bore with great dignity and resilience. Donald was born in Aberfeldy on 10th April 1952 to Donnie and Lily. Addie and Valerie followed to complete the family.

Donald's first job was a delivery boy for MacRae's the Butcher. After finishing school he became an apprentice mechanic at Lix Toll Garage also studying at Perth College. Upon leaving there he began to work for Hamish and Bunty MacGregor at the garage in Killin where he spent 7 or 8 very happy years. After marrying Joan in December 1974, he became very interested in farming, which he took up full time in 1979. Shearing was to become his great passion. He had been proud to be a member of the Lochearnhead Shears committee from the early days. Over the years he enjoyed attending the Shearing World Championships which took him to Southern Ireland, Wales and France as recently as 2019. He had been so looking forward to the World Championships returning to Scotland in 2023. He made many good friends in the shearing world.

Sheep took up most of his time, but he was also proud of the cattle and always loved his working dogs and latterly Mist who became his great pal. There wasn't a lot of time for other hobbies, but his frequent trips to the market were very special and recently he managed the Stirling and Dalmally Tup sales, catching up with many friends, whom due to covid, he had missed the previous year.

He showed a great interest in sport in general with football rating up top. Some of the locals will remember his



badminton prowess – say no more!!! His competitive nature showed through when playing carpet bowls for Acharn.

Latterly he enjoyed his wee trips to the village, whether it be to the Co-op, Paper Shop or Chemist where he would get the craic with whoever he met, sometimes being away for hours.

Joan and Donna were overwhelmed by the many cards, messages, flowers, home baking, visits and calls. A special thanks must go to the Paramedics and Ambulance crews, and for the exceptional care from the Killin Medical Practice,

where he was a regular visitor – an incredible £1542.20 was collected at the church. Also to Ross of Andrew Anderson Undertakers and to Rev Dr Russel Moffat for their professionalism and kindness. Killin Hotel put on an excellent spread for the many who had paid their last respects.

Donna Mackenzie

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Obituary

Tom Coffield

25 March 1926 to 19 November 2021

Tom and his wife Louise moved from Coatbridge to Crianlarich where he became the warden in the youth hostel. As a qualified master plumber Tom saw a business opportunity in the area and moved home to Inverhaggerney. Unfortunately their home at Inverhaggerney was lost to a fire and as a result he built a house at Roo-Nia with the assistance of his good friend Billy Stitt and many other locals. Roo-Nia became home to his family Neil, Tommy, Stewart (deceased) and Jane, and was a place of many great memories.

For many years Tom and Louise ran the plumbing business, along with a very successful bed and breakfast together with a toy and gift shop in Killin.

One of Tom's interests away from work was motorsport and after joining the 55 car club he became involved in special stage rallying. Many successful events followed and



with the aid of sponsorship from Autoglass and his trusted navigator Ron Adam much enjoyment was had throughout the UK.

On giving up rallying Tom took up photography and spent many a day and night in forests around the country taking photographs of rally cars. One of his favourite events was the Mull Rally which he attended on many occasions. He also took photographs of

weddings and many local couples had their wedding photographs taken by Tom.

Tom continued to live in his home at Roo-Nia after the passing of his wife Louise in 2018, but due to his health deteriorating Tom moved to the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home in December 2020.

During his stay there he thrived and was

thoroughly spoiled by the management and care staff, and he used to call his room his "wee house".

Tom passed away peacefully on 19 November 2021 in the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home, and will be sadly missed by all his family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends.

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Obituary

Gregor Macaulay

2nd December 1951 to 3rd November 2021

Gregor enjoyed many happy holidays as a child at Burnbank with my family and finally settled in Killin in the early 80's. Fishing was the love of his life, often travelling to the Western Isles or down to the South of Scotland. He also made enjoyable trips to Loch Fyne when he could fit them in. He got a job driving the Mail bus from Killin to Callander for 10 years and then worked as a postman in Killin for a further 15 years. Gregor was not only a much-loved brother, nephew and cousin but was also loved by many as a most helpful and kind person. He will be sadly missed and always remembered.



Gregor on Loch Tay with Midge. Midge has been adopted by Hannah and family at Daldravaig and is doing well.

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Applicant: Mr Richard Kenway

Application Type: Householder Planning Permission

Decision: Current

03 Nov 2021

Proposal: Demolition of storage shed

Location: Morenish Place Main Street Killin

Applicant: George Hogg Trust

Application Type: Conservation Area Consent

Decision: Current

02 Dec 2021

Proposal: Complete Demolition in a Conservation Area

Location: Greenbank Cottage Main Street Killin

Applicant: Mr G Barnaby

Application Type: Conservation Area Consent

Decision: Withdrawn

Perth & Kinross

Nothing to Report

Stirling

Nothing to Report

CELEBRATIONS



The marriage took place of John McFarlane and Moira Jackson on the 17 December 2021 in Killin and Ardeonaig Parish Church.

John and Moira gratefully thank Moira's daughter Victoria Paul who did all the planning and hard work associated with the day.

Also warmly thanked are Rev. Dr. Russel Moffat, Organist Paul Hicks, Piper Jack Rennie and Photographer Ron Allner who all made our wedding day so special.

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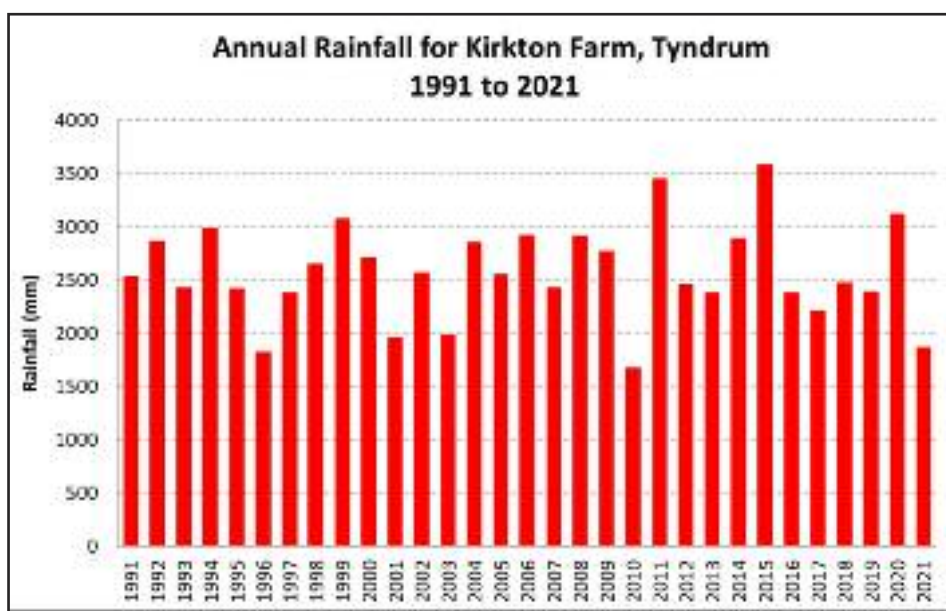
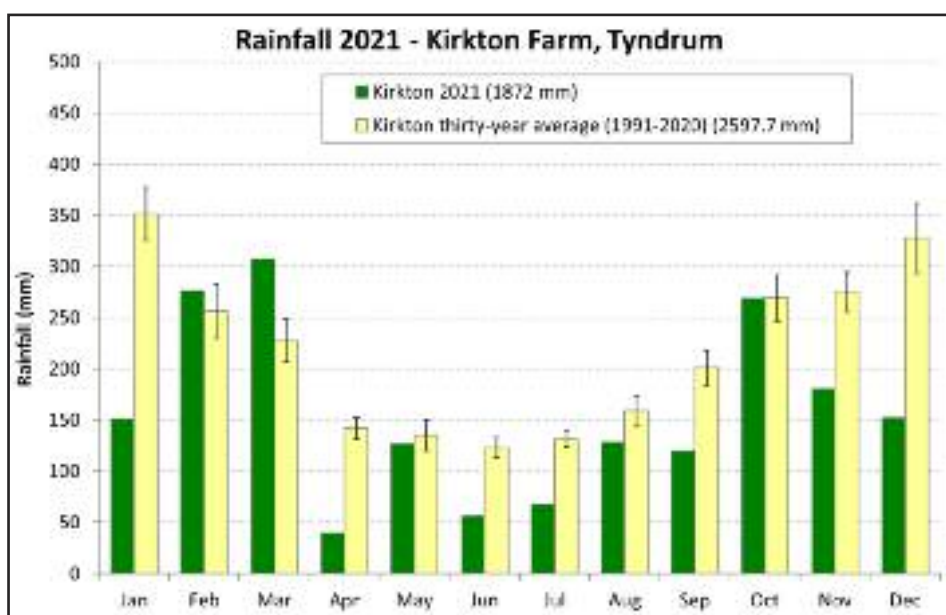
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2021 Weather Review

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The lowest temperature recorded was on 9th January when the temperature fell to -10.5°C. There was only one day when the temperature failed to rise above freezing (8th February; -0.2°C). An air frost was recorded on a total of 84 days. There were no air frosts recorded in July, August or September. As well as being dry, April was also cold with the lowest ever recorded April temperature of -7.5°C (on 12th April), and the lowest recorded mean minimum temperature of -1.4°C. This is the first time the mean minimum temperature for April has been below zero. There were also 19 days of frost in April (the average is eight). The highest temperature was recorded on 22nd July (27.3°C). July and August were the warmest months with mean temperatures of 16.71°C and 14.83°C respectively; and mean maximum temperatures of 21.73°C and 20.12°C respectively. July 2021 was the warmest month on record (going back to 1991), and the

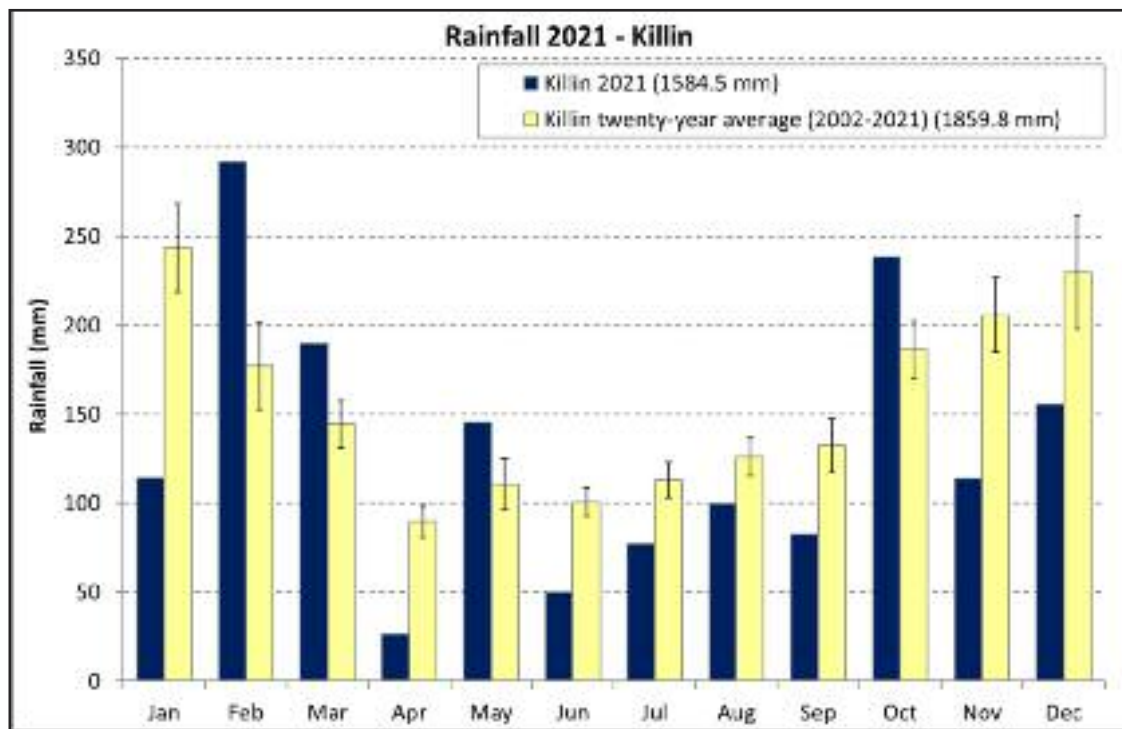


summer of 2021 (June, July and August) was also the warmest on record with a mean temperature of 14.94°C and a mean maximum temperature of 20.0°C. Temperatures of 25°C or above were recorded on 11 days, while temperatures above 20°C (but less than 25°C) were recorded on a further 40 days. This is the first year where there have been more than 50 days with maximum temperatures above 20°C (the average is only 25 days). The 27.2°C recorded on 25th August was the highest temperature in the UK for the month as Kirkton enjoyed an official, localised 'mini-heatwave' with temperatures of more than 25°C on three consecutive days. The maximum temperature of 26.2°C recorded on 8th September was the

highest September temperature recorded at the farm. On 31st December a maximum temperature of 12.1°C was recorded; this is the highest temperature ever recorded on the last day of the year. Thanks to the Met Office for supplying the data from the automatic weather station at Kirkton.

John Holland
(SRUC Hill & Mountain Research Centre, Kirkton & Auchtertyre Farms)

for Kirkton and Killin



Killin Rainfall 2021

The total rainfall recorded in Killin in 2021 was 1584.5 mm (62.4 inches); this was 275.3 mm less than the 2002-2021 twenty-year average (1859.8 mm). April was the driest month with only 26.5 mm of rain, while February was the wettest month with 292 mm. During 2021 Killin received 85% of the rainfall recorded at Kirkton (i.e. some 287.5 mm less). The gale force winds associated with Storm Arwen on 26th/27th of November caused extensive damage to trees and powerlines in the Killin area, resulting in a power-outage of more than 48 hours.



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Storm Damage on Innes Bhuidhe

As with many local areas, Innes Bhuidhe, home to the Clan MacNab burial ground, suffered storm damage during Storm Arwen at end of November.

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Beavers

Beavers has had a quieter spell over the Christmas break and panto season but we went out with a bang with a Christmas extravaganza for our last night back in December. We played lots of games which all had a unique Christmas twist to them and there was lots of fun running around as well as some activities which required us to think, listen and work together.

We are looking forward to starting back again after panto when we will be welcoming quite a few new Beavers so I thought I'd explain a wee bit about the background to Beavers and what we do. Beavers are aged 6-8 years old; collectively they make up what is known as a Beaver colony. Within our Beaver colony we also have smaller groups known as lodges that we will sometimes be in for games and activities.

Beavers aims to let the children master new skills and try new things, have fun and go on adventures, make friends, learn about the world around them, and help others and make a difference. We currently have 3 leaders; Laura, Sue and Rachael as well as having our parent helper rota. Usually each summer we try and take the colony away for an overnight indoor sleepover which is always great fun! If your child is 5 1/2 you are welcome to email and have their name added to the waiting list.

Beavers 6-7pm fortnightly Tuesdays

**Laura Bathgate
Beaver Leader
killinbeavers@yahoo.co.uk**

Cubs

The Cub Leaders enter 2022 with a renewed energy after a good Christmas break. With covid becoming a far more normal affair, we are all hoping to have a more consistent programme of activities but also get the chance to be outside doing new things!

We have decided to move Cubs to weekly meetings on Tuesday evenings between 7pm and 8.15pm. This should give us a far better programme for all.

In December 2021, a number of parents and the cubs joined in at a session to do a planning and review of the Cub section. This was a great opportunity for the leaders to get ideas and thoughts with some of these being put into our programme.

The moving to weekly meetings does mean that the section will need more assistance from parents and others. However, as they say every little helps so we hope people can give a little of their time to help this year.

The Cubs hope to meet weekly on Tuesdays between 7pm and 8.15pm in the Lesser Hall, Killin.
2ndkillincubs@gmail.com (ages 8 to 10.5 years).

**Stephen Rawlinson
Cub Leader
07742 886918**

Scouts

The Autumn term has allowed the Scouts to return more regularly inside and made running the programme a little easier. Having somewhere dry and with light has been appreciated. However, the Scouts have also been meeting outside on Saturday mornings. This

has allowed some more interesting activities to be completed even if the weather has not been too kind. Our survival skills activity has almost been exactly that with cold, wet and windy weather.

It was nice to be able have the Cubs and Scouts join in again for the annual Christmas Tradings Posts whereby teams of cubs and scouts compete to get more points by testing their Scout knowledge, skills and teamwork. The older Scouts who will be moving onto Explorers shortly, gratefully helped with running the activity.

Numbers are small at the moment so there is plenty of space for new Scouts to join us. The leader team are still looking to make meeting times more consistent this year. Best to contact the team in advance. The Scouts hope to meet weekly on Wednesdays between 7pm and 9pm in the Lesser Hall, Killin.

2ndkillinscouts@gmail.com (ages 10.5 to 14 years).

**Killin Scout Leaders
David and Stephen (07742
886918)**

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<https://engage.stirling.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/community-resilience>

Stirling Council Risk & Resilience Team



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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
- 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
- u3a Art, 2-4pm, currently being held in Lochearnhead 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

Coming Soon !

February

- 2 Walk in the Park, p9
- 9 Walk in the Park, p9
- 16 Walk in the Park, p9
- 23 Walk in the Park, p9
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March

- 1 KCC meeting, p10
- 9 SSEN Open Evening, p23

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 1st Saturday of the month
Services held in the Tin Church.
- Regular Sunday Mass in Callander at 11:30am.

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 Fortnightly Fridays

Feb 18th, Mar 4th, 18th

Crianlarich

Police Station 11.30-12.30

Tyndrum

Green Welly 13:45-14.30

Glen Lochay/Ardeonaig Fortnightly Mondays

Feb 14th, 28th Mar, 14th, 28th

Glen Lochay 11.45-12.30

Ardeonaig 14.00-14.45

Perth and Kinross Fortnightly Tuesday

16th Feb, 2nd Mar, 16th, 30th

Tombreck 16.40-17.00

Which bin? Saturdays

12th Feb 19th Feb

26th Feb 5th Mar

12th Mar 19th Mar

26th Mar 2nd Apr

9th Apr 16th Apr

Red = no bin collection

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Brown = brown bin + blue box

Green = brown bin + green bin

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Saturday: 10am-2pm

Sunday: Closed

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Tuesday and Thursday

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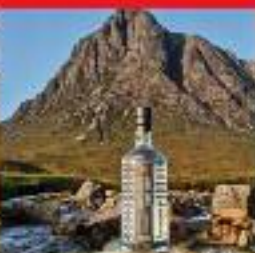
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