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Welcome Back C60 Bus

Operator Service Codes	SC	SC	SC	SC
	C60	C60	C60	C60
Killin, Station Road	06:45	09:05	16:05	18:45
Lochearnhead, opp Cameron Court	07:00	09:20	16:20	19:00
Kingshouse, Bus Shelter	07:06	09:26	16:26	19:06
Strathyre, Ben Sheann Hotel	07:11	09:31	16:31	19:11
Kilmahog	07:26	09:46	16:46	19:26
Callander, Station Road	07:29	09:49	16:49	19:29
Callander, Health Centre	07:33	09:53	16:53	19:33

Operator Service Codes	SC C60	SC C60	SC C60	SC C60
Callander, Health Centre	05:56	07:38	14:56	17:56
Callander, Station Road	06:00	07:42	15:00	18:00
Kilmahog	06:03	07:45	15:03	18:03
Strathyre, opp Ben Sheann Hotel	06:18	08:00	15:18	18:18
Kingshouse, bus shelter	05:22	08:04	15:22	18:22
Lochearnhead, Cameron Court	06:27	08:09	15:27	18:27
Killin, Station Road	06:40	08:22	15:40	18:40

Saturday

Operator Service Codes	SC C60	MB S60	SC C60	SC C60	MB S60	SC C60
Tyndrum, opp Pine Trees Leisure Park	111111	10:00		(18:05	
Crianlarich, opp Police Station		10:11		1.00	18:16	
Luib Hotel		10:22			18:27	-
Lix Toll	-	10:27	**	**	18:32	
Killin, Station Road	09:55	10:37	11:55	16:55	18:42	18:55
Lix Toll	140	10:42		346	18:47	
Lochearnhead, opp Cameron Court		10:52	12:10	17:10	18:57	19:10
Kingshouse, bus shelter		10:56	12:16	17:16	19:01	19:16
Strathyre, Ben Sheann Hotel	10:21	11:00	12:21	17:21	19:05	19:21
Kilmahog		19 1 0	12:36	17:36		19:36
Callander, Leny Road at Dreadnought Hotel		11:15		-	19:20	
Callander, Station Road		-	12:39	17:39		19:39
Callander, Health Centre		1	12:43	17:43	-	19:43
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Blairdrummond, Safari Park entrance		11:30			19:35	
Stirling Bus Station		11:45			19:50	
Springkerse Retail Park, Morrisons	-	11:52	*			

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Operator Service Codes	MB	SC	SC	SC	MB	SC
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Callander, Health Centre	-	08:50	10:50	15:50		17:50
Callander, Station Road		08:54	10:54	15:54	**	17:54
Callander, Leny Road at Dreadnought Hotel	08:35	1	-	+	16:45	
Kilmahog	-	08:57	10:57	15:57		17:57
Strathyre, opp Ben Sheann Hotel	08:50	09:12	11:12	16:12	17:00	18:12
Kingshouse, bus shelter	08:54	09:16	11:16	16:16	17:04	18:16
Lochearnhead, Cameron Court	08:58	09:21	11:21	16:21	17:08	18:21
Lix Toll	09:08	-	1.94	()	17:18	1.44
Killin, Station Road	09:13	09:34	11:34	16:34	17:23	18:34
Lix Toll	09:23	100			17:33	
Luib Hotel	09:28	-	2000 C		17:38	- C-22
Crianlarich, Police Station	09:39	-	1000		17:49	
Tyndrum, public toilet	09:50	-			18:00	



The C60 bus returned to service on Monday 1st July for residents and visitors between Callander and Killin.

An initial two-year in-house pilot by Stirling Council will replace the service previously provided by local operator Kingshouse Travel. A 16-seat minibus will

operate four return journeys daily from Monday to Saturday along the A84 between Callander and Killin, following the same route as the previous C60 service through communities including Strathyre, Lochearnhead and Lix Toll. The National Entitlement and Young Scots cards, which offer free bus travel in Scotland to eligible over 60s and young people aged under 22, are valid for all journeys. Full details of the timetable are available on the Stirling website.

Callander-based Kingshouse Travel withdrew its contract for the Council-supported service after 28 years on 31 March, citing challenges with driver recruitment.

The Council opened the route up to tender in September last year, but received no responses from potential operators. A further tender process in January attracted one bidder, but their offer was considered significantly over budget and proposed a significantly reduced service.

> Councillors agreed in May to take the service – which is not a statutory service – in-house following discussions with residents, businesses and community groups.

> The annual costs for running the pilot will be $\pounds 88,100 - \pounds 3,600$ over the current budget allocated for the service. This additional spend will be met from a budget set aside for transport pilots. Stirling Council understands the importance of public transport provision for people living along this section of the A84, whether for travelling to work, appointments or leisure activities. Community engagement will also continue to raise awareness of the new service and encourage its use among residents and visitors. The pilot will also provide valuable lessons and experiences for future decisions on public transport provision. An update on the progress of the pilot service will be presented to a future meeting of the

Environment, Transport and Net Zero Committee.



Killin Mountain Rescue Team

Callout Summary

The unusually cold and wet start of Summer has kept callouts down to a minimum. The reasons could be numerous but we hope it is that those going out into the hills are planning their walks for days with better weather or adjusting their routes accordingly.

We did however have an unusual callout for ourselves, to a cyclist who had fallen a large distance off the track around Loch Katrine. Given the distance he fell, his injuries could have been severe. It was a complex multi-agency response between the Coastguard, Scottish Ambulance Service and Police Scotland. Extrication from the difficult terrain was undertaken by the Team and the casualty subsequently airlifted by the Coastguard to hospital. We hope the casualty is recovering well from his injuries.

Another of our callouts was to a female walker who was lost on Ben Lui in thick mist. After calling for help the Police were no longer able to make contact with her so getting an accurate location was proving difficult. Subsequently a large search was undertaken with the assistance of the Coastguard helicopter, neighbouring team of Oban MRT and RAF Valley MRT who were passing by on their way to Skye for training. As teams were ending their initial search

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patterns the casualty eventually turned up in Glen Falloch having walked a significant distance offroute. This callout was primarily down to inexperience and being illequipped for the terrain and weather conditions present. It is all too easy though for novices





to get into difficulty at the start of their hillwalking career, so with this incident in mind, Mountaineering Scotland in collaboration with the British Mountaineering Club, have launched an Incident and Near Misses Reporting form to help educate and inform others from the lessons learned in the mountains.

New Members Applications

After our recent, successful advertisement for a Chairperson for the team, we have opened up applications for new prospective team members. It is likely that the deadline has passed by the time this issue has been published but we would still like to hear from locals who would be interested in joining the team so we can at least have a chat and discussion.

It is also likely that we will also soon be asking for additional charity trustees to join the Board of the charity ahead of our AGM in November. If you are keen to help with managing the charity side of the team please make contact with myself below. Likewise, applications to join the team as a full trainee team member can be made by contacting myself:

secretary@killinmountainrescue.scot

Stephen Rawlinson Secretary Killin Mountain Rescue Team





Killin Highland Games - 7th August 2024

Outlander star to appear as guest at Killin Highland Games

Event: Killin International Highland Games Venue: Breadalbane Park, Killin FK21 8UW Date & time: Wednesday 7th August 2024 Parade over the Dochart Bridge at 1pm.

The Killin International Highland Games is honoured and pleased that Scott Kyle, who played Ross in Outlander as well as appearing in Angels Share, Kajaki and is Winner of the Stage Award for Acting Excellence, will be in attendance.

Scott Kyle is touring with one of Scotland's biggest theatre successes, 'Singing I'm no a Billy, he's a Tim', an international sell out show that explores ethic identity (at the EICC- 1-15th August).

We are delighted that this year's games chief is Jamie Macnab, Chief of Clan MacNab. The games gate opens at 10am and there will be a parade by the Doune and Deanston pipe band, Games Chief and special guest over the Dochart Bridge at 1pm.

The Killin International Games is held on Wednesday 7th August. This is ideal for visitors as it's not 'change-over day' and has the most scenic backdrop of any games in Scotland, the spectacular Tarmachan Ridge.

This year's games committee chair, Clare Rudd says 'I'm really excited about this year's event and would like to thank our sponsors and everyone who support this volunteer-led event. Some highland games are dropping off the calendar, so we hope that people will come out in force to celebrate our heritage and have fun".

The Killin Highland Games will be introducing QR codes around the park, scanning these codes will take visitors to short explanatory videos, a first for these games.

The games will have the traditional piping and dancing competitions, Hammer throws, Shot putt, Tossing the Caber as well as a 3.5km race up the Stron a'Chlachain, Scotland's "wee tough race", proudly sponsored by the Real Food Café.

More information can be found at or on the Killin Highland Games Facebook page.

C. Mackenzie











Some pictures from last year's Highland Games

Killin New Year Fireworks and Festive Lights

Well, here we are in the middle of Killin's summer and already Ron and I are planning this year's fireworks and festive lights show. Together with the planning comes the inevitable fund raising that is needed to ensure both events take place. As you have in years gone by, we hope that you will help us and give generously. Below I have outlined a series of events which we hope you will feel able to support and for those taking part we hope you will enjoy.

First of all though, for those of you who weren't aware, Ron and Sheila have once again produced a lovely Killin Calendar for 2025. They are currently on sale at the Post Office, Shutters Café, Escape Gift Shop and the Bridge End Mill Gift Shop. Due to an increase in publishing costs over

recent years we have now had to increase the prices to $\pounds 7.50$ for the A4 and long calendars and $\pounds 10.95$ for the large A3 calendars. I hope you will agree that they are still great value and every calendar bought helps fund the fireworks.

On Saturday, 24th August, 2024 we are going to hold a sponsored walk. The options are, the West Highland Way between Tyndrum and the Bridge of Orchy or Glen Lyon between the Bridge of Balgie and Pubil near Loch Lyon. Both offer safe walking routes through awesome country. Please let us know which would be preferred as a decision will be made by the middle of August. Transport will be available for either walk – depending on numbers.

Then on Saturday 21st September we hope to hold a sponsored cycle ride from the Bridge of Balgie in Glen Lyon to Pubil and on to Kenknock in Glen Lochay returning to Killin. This promises to be a great ride through 2 beautiful glens. Again transport to the starting point can be arranged but the event will only take place if we have sufficient numbers participating. Further details will be posted nearer the date.

If you want to take part in one or both of the events sponsorship forms will be available from the Post Office. It is really important that we know the numbers taking part so transport can be arranged. So, book early! If you don't wish to take part in one or both of the

events we hope that you will support those who do. All funds raised will go towards the fireworks.

During October we shall once again hold a raffle in Killin and will be looking to kind benefactors to donate prizes for the lucky winners. Ron and I will apologise in advance for again stretching the generosity of local businesses to help us.

Finally, please remember that the New Year fireworks are yours but we need your support.

Hopefully the weather has improved by the time you read this article.

Mike Beresford and Ron Allner

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STOP SMOKING SERVICE

It's been a really busy year for our stop smoking service. It's great to see so many people looking to make positive healthy changes to their lifestyle. A massive well done to everyone who has taken on this challenge. Perhaps you're reading this and thinking it could be you too? We are here to help and studies show that you are more likely to quit for good by seeking this help! Please pop in or phone and we can tell you more about it.

CHARITY BOOK NOOK

This year we are fundraising for SAMH – Scottish Action for Mental Health. We've set up a book nook – please help yourself to a book and pop a small donation in our charity tin to help us raise funds. Many of the staff are avid readers so if you want recommendations just ask. Also feel free to hand in any old books to add to the collection.

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KILLIN FLORAL ASSOCIATION

Appeal For Help

We at Killin Floral Association would really appreciate some more volunteers. When I first joined the group there were about ten members. Over the years this number has dwindled to just four. For long periods that is sufficient, but of course this is the busy time of year, when we try to put on a great floral display for tourists and residents alike. This coincides with the time that some of the existing volunteers may be away. As a volunteer you can really do as much or as little as is convenient for you. The main jobs are planting up in spring, watering and deadheading during summer and getting the tubs sorted for the winter.

Having green fingers would be a bonus, but definitely not essential The displays we look after are the various tubs at Monemore, two hay racks at the Tin Tabernacle and two tubs at Killin Church. We are an informal group, no committees, meetings or minutes, as we prefer to spend our spare time on the plants. We just decide between us what needs doing and who will do it. If you would like to help, either on a regular basis, or mainly for back-up if numbers are down, please get in touch! We would love to hear from you!

Eagerly awaiting your reply. Anneke Mayo 01567 820068







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Local Planning Applications

National Park

07 May 2024

Proposal: Formation of track and engineering operations to form cattle feeding area Location: Bovain Farm Auchlyne Road Killin Applicant: Mr Stuart Ogston Application Type: Prior Notification Decision: Application Disposed Of

08 May 2024

Proposal: Construction of 300 metres of forestry track Location: Benmore Forest, Crianlarich Applicant: Fraser Pole Application Type: Prior Notification Decision: Prior approval not required

28 May 2024

Proposal: Erection of ancillary building Location: Capercaillie Chalet Main Street Killin Applicant: Mr Colin Mackenzie Application Type: Householder Planning Permission Decision: Current

Perth & Kinross Council

09 May 2024

Proposal: Peatland restoration Location: Land At Boreland Estate Lochan An Lairige Glenlyon

Applicant: Borland Estate Application Type: Prior Approval Agriculture Decision: Awaiting decision

Stirling Council

09 May 2024

Proposal: Peatland restoration Location: Land 1850M South West Of Murlaganmore Killin Applicant: Upper Boreland Trust Application Type: Notification -Peatland Decision: Approve

09 May 2024

Proposal: Peatland restoration Location: Land 1470M South Of Murlaganmore Killin Applicant: Boreland Estate Application Type: Notification -Peatland Decision: Approve

14 May 2024

Proposal: Formation of forest road Location: Land Some 1500 Metres South East Of Cuildochart Killin Applicant: Euroforest Ltd Application Type: Agricultural Notification Decision: Approve

29 May 2024

Proposal: Replacement single dwellinghouse Location: West Kenknock Kennock Lubchurran Road Killin Applicant: Pitcastle Estate Management Ltd Application Type: Full Decision: Awaiting decision

29 May 2024

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwellings and replacement with 2No new dwellinghouses Location: Kenknock Kennock Lubchurran Road Killin Applicant: Pitcastle Estate Management Ltd Application Type: Full Decision: Awaiting decision

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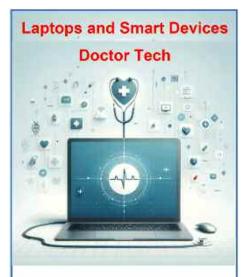


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McGregors Market Heroes Among Us: Local Volunteers Transforming Village Shop

What a fantastic turnout we had for the community discussion on the future of the Village Store and Post Office.

Thank you, Killin!

Nearly a hundred people contributed, both in person and online. A special thank you goes out to all our volunteers—new, old, and future—who have stepped up to help protect and revitalise this critical service. We have carefully considered all your feedback and will unveil our vision for a financially sustainable future for the shop at our Annual Members Meeting on August 6th.

In other exciting news, we have secured funding through successful grant applications this month! Thanks to support from the National Lottery and Stirling Council, we will: - Create new paid part-time positions for the village. - Purchase a new till system to enhance stock management, customer insights, profitability, and future investments.

- Replace the floor to improve the store's welcoming atmosphere and accessibility



Your feedback highlighted what's missing in the village - from hardware and pet supplies to

locally grown produce, bulk goods, specialty coffee, and craft supplies. To embrace this diversity without overwhelming customers, we're transforming into Scotland's Littlest Department Store. Over the coming months, we'll conduct a thorough stock review and organise

everything into new mini departments. Visit us regularly to see your favourites reorganised, new products added, and delightful surprises unveiled.

You can help! Volunteers are needed to help lay the new floor, and your hands-on support will be invaluable. Please contact us in shop or at mail@macgregors.org.uk to indicate your availability, and stay tuned for further details let's come together and create something beautiful for Killin!



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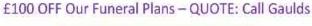
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Killin Youth Project

It's been a busy time at Killin Youth Project! Lots going on and of course the summer activities are now in full swing. We kicked off the summer with a trip to Hollywood Bowl in Stirling, everyone had a fantastic time.





Our summer activities this year are squeezed into 4 weeks, so jam packed with lots to do. First up was Zorb football and Nerf wars which is



During the summer we open the project up to our new intake of young people and so P5 children can attend. This gives them the opportunity to get to know us and the project before we start back up in August for our regular youth group sessions.

Next year we expect attendance of Killin Youth project to be at full capacity again with the new intake of young people coming up into youth group and no young people leaving from S4. This is an amazing place for the project to be and we are delighted that it has proven its need within the community. It does however leave us needing some volunteers to help run sessions. We have a team of 6 volunteers who are invaluable to the project and without whom it could not run. The more volunteers we have the better we can plan for sessions and the more shared the job is. If you can donate 2 hours of your time per month and feel you would like to be part of our team, then please get in touch.







always a great laugh and perfect for burning off energy. For the rest of the summer activities, we have, Canoeing, Adventure walks, Gorgewalking, an all-activities day and rounded off with a big party and

BBQ. The summer activities programme is always well subscribed but spaces remain available for some sessions.

For details of how to register your young person with Killin Youth Project and our summer activities contact carla@killincdt.co.uk





If you would like to find out more about the project, or volunteering with us please contact: carla@killincdt.co.uk Carla Finlay Project Manager Youth and Sport (KAT)







Strathfillan Community Garden

The wildflower turf laid by the primary school children is in full

bloom and the community garden is enjoying the wet but not cold weather! There are plenty of bees, butterflies and bugs about enjoying the pollen laden wildflower. The



dreich weather saves a lot of time watering! We have had Ophélie Lasne, Wild Strathfillan Ecology &



Monitoring Officer, onsite to map out where we could place a boardwalk into the woods beyond the community garden without damaging any

less common flora and discussing increasing biodiversity to attract a wider range of wildlife and birds. The boardwalk will have a couple of interpretation boards showcasing specific species in that woodland and will be completely accessible. Once we have a potential route and plan, we will be seeking planning permission. Sheona and Euan are currently writing funding applications for tall, raised beds for those who have difficulty bending and to replace the fence as you come into



Crianlarich that runs along the side of the community garden as its looking worse for wear now.

Strathfillan Community Rangers

We have had to move from 2 full time to one part time Ranger as funding pots have been severely limited this year. Gavin Macnab continues to talk to visitors across the Strathfillan area about our Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and the countryside code. Sadly, damage to our beautiful landscape continues and is more prominent now we have less Ranger time. The National Park Rangers rarely get up our way as they concentrate on the Camping Management Zone. We are working with the National Park to produce some flyers giving further information about the SSSI's and the flora and fauna these designations are designed to protect. We have also been in touch with SEPA and the Crown Estate about the damage that gold panners can do to our riverbanks affecting the spawning fish.

To support Gavin in maintaining and enhancing our beautiful natural environment, the Trust has launched a new initiative: *Keep Strathfillan Tidy*. We are asking for your help to report any environmental or social issues you feel our Community Ranger should be concerned with. The Community Ranger would like to know if you've seen:

- Litter Dumps
- Firepits
- Abandoned Campsites

• Invasive Species (Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed, Himalayan Balsam)

- Woodland Damage
- Illegal Gold Panning

• Dangerous Parking or Off-Roading

Please join our *Keep Strathfillan Tidy* WhatsApp group by scanning the QR code.



You can report or question any issues you see around the Strathfillan area. Alternatively, you can contact Gavin

Strathfillan Communi

directly at rangers@strathfillancdt.org.uk

Strathfillan Community Woodlands

The Trust are pleased to announce that we now have not one, but two Woodland Officers in place. Unfortunately, our recent recruitment drive did not find a suitable candidate who could meet the many requirements of the role. With multiple projects underway within the Wild Strathfillan Project, it was decided that the role would require the attention of current Trust employees. As a result, both Gavin (Community Ranger) and Euan (Project Development Officer) have divided up the role and are now in post.

Both Woodland Officers are now getting on with implementing the Wild Strathfillan Projects and the general management of our Community Woodlands. As this work develops, there will be multiple volunteering opportunities alongside woodland events and days-out, which the Woodland Officers will be organising. If you are interested in lending a hand to manage our woodlands, then please get in touch with either Gavin at

rangers@strathfillancdt.org.uk or Euan at euan@strathfillancdt.org.uk

Strathfillan Angling Association

Upgrades to the access routes to our popular fishing spots have been completed in recent weeks. Several new bridges across streams are to be installed by Ian McPherson with help from Gary Roberts. The bridge at Tigh na Struith is nearly complete at the time of writing. John Chisolm has been maintaining the access paths by strimming and cutting back this season's growth along the riverbanks. We would like to say a big thank you for their work in maintaining our popular fishing spots along the Fillan.

The new season's permits and maps are available from Crianlarich Stores, the Rod & Reel, the Crianlarich Hotel and the Green Welly Stop. Fishing can also be booked online via the Fishpal website

www.Fishpal.com/Scotland/Tay/Strat hfillanAA/?dom=tay Follow us on Facebook and share your photos of

your catch and our lovely area. www.facebook.com/Strathfillanfishing

ty Development Trust

Saplings Summer Sessions

The Trust would like to thank and congratulate all the participants and parents who attended any of the Saplings Sessions this summer. We had 5 great sessions involving pottery making, cycle skills development, a games day-out, rural estate management and a day-out on the canoes. Every session delivered a fun and enjoyable day of activity for the children who attended!

We would like to say a big thank you to the session leaders Nicola Lindsay (Pottery Instructor), Ramsay MacFarlane (Trailcoach), Lisa Beckett (Dalmally Youth Group Leader), Falcon Frost (Glenfalloch Head Gamekeeper) and Matt Brooks (Active Stirling). Furthermore, we also give a big thank you to all our session assistants - Charlotte Stirling, Lisa Beckett, Sheona MacLennan and Euan Plamer.

We would also like to say a big thank you to our funders the National Lottery, who kindly granted full funding for this, and next year's Saplings sessions. Having the finances secured for next year is a massive benefit to the Trust, so we are excited to begin planning next year's sessions already. Please keep an eye out on our FB page for any updates on this year's or next year's sessions. Furthermore, our Community Development Officer will be in touch with the participants and parents to get any feedback on this



year's sessions. This information is always valuable to us to help improve the Saplings programme.

Tyndrum Community Consultations

Following our community consultation held in May, the Trust organised a drop-in session with the Rural Stirling Housing Association. The director of housing and property services Craig Wood joined us at the Tyndrum Inn on 20th of June. We would like to say thank you to Craig on behalf of the community for hosting the drop-in session. The session was well attended by residents, and we hope that Craig will deliver on chasing up many of the issues which need addressing. If you have any further questions for Craig or would like the help of the Trust in addressing a problem, you can contact Euan at

euan @strath fill anc dt. or g. uk

We are very happy that Stirling Council have got round to installing the new playpark equipment. We now have a new climbing frame and a new roundabout. They've also improved the fencing around the playpark. We hope this will get much use by the community over the summer holidays! We are now pursuing the next phase of development which is installing outdoor adult exercise equipment. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.

Crianlarich Community Consultation

Thank you to everyone who took the time to come along to our Crianlarich Community Consultation event on the 6th of June in the village hall. We had a good turn out and we are now working through the various issues and ideas that were submitted. We will provide updates on the progress of these on our Facebook page. In the meantime, if you would like to contribute any ideas or thoughts, please get in touch with Sheona at sheona@strathfillancdt.org.uk

Wild Strathfillan Landscape Project

Work within the Wild Strathfillan Project is well underway with our partners at the Countryside Trust. Our Woodland Officers have been busy managing the felling of nonnative trees in the Tyndrum Community Woodland and organising volunteer days-out to tidy up and repair our Gruffalo Trail in the Tyndrum Community Shelterbelt.

We are also now in the process of gathering information for our new heritage website and pamphlet. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for details on how you can contribute towards the project. There will be volunteer sessions for collecting and cataloguing the associated information, and at some point, we will be hoping to train some moderators to help run the new online platform.

You will also have found a skills survey delivered with this edition of the Killin News. We would be very grateful to anyone who could



complete and return this survey. We hope the information we gather through the survey will help us identify any training or skills development courses which members of the community may be interested in.

Membership

We are always on the lookout for new members to join the Trust. There are two levels of membership, Ordinary and Associate. It is free to join, and further information can be found on our website

www.strathfillancdt.org.uk or by contacting us by email at office@strathfillancdt.org.uk

Keeping strong and balanced at home

This month we provide an exercise that can help improve co-ordination, balance and fitness – hand to opposite knee. Do this exercise with a wall behind you and some solid support to hold on to, should you need it. Start by standing between two chairs if you need to.

Raise one knee up to hip height and touch the knee with the opposite hand.

Put that foot down and lift the other knee up and touch that with the opposite hand. Keep yourself up tall. Build to a gentle rhythm lifting the knee and touching it with the opposite hand. Start with doing this 5 times on each side. If you do it with control you may not need support but have it there in case you lose your balance. You can build up speed and duration over time but 1 minute



of these a day will have a good effect over time on your stamina, balance and co-ordination.

If you want a conversation about a home exercise prescription to support your fitness and independence, contact dawn@strathfillancdt.org.uk



Message from the KPP

If you have passed the school recently, we hope you will have seen the fantastic changes to the front of the school. This has been a real community effort with help from SSE and families working for several hours on a warm Saturday in June! During the course of the next school year, you will continue to see more work and improvement to the front of school.

The annual Duck Race (see pictures on page 25) was held on Saturday 22nd June and we raised over £1000! Attendees enjoyed homemade cakes, tombola run by the NPP, face painting and the always popular throwing wet sponges at Mr Waugh! Thank you to the Fire Service and Steve Hay & family for helping with the duck swim! As the year ends, we need to say a huge thank you and goodbye to some long standing KPP members: Eilidh Campbell, Maryke Barker, Elinor Jayne, Krissie McNaughton and Sandra Taylor.

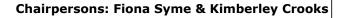
This does mean we are looking for more KPP members come the new school year in August - It would be wonderful to welcome some new members along so please come to our KPP AGM at 6pm on Wednesday 21st August. We are especially keen to get more Dads/Male carers involved.

We wish everyone a happy safe summer!



Mia from the SAMS Marine Lab came to visit us in Class 1 to teach us about protecting our marine creatures.

We would like to wish our Primary 7s all the very best as they move on to High School.



Our new House Captains for Session 2024-2025, with previous captains Leila and Declan

Dochart Captain – Georgia Rawlinson Vice-Captain – Alanna Higginson

Lochay Captain - Michaela Paul Vice-Captain – Lucy Hill



Killin Prim

Strider, the walk to school mascot, came to visit us in the playground!



On 31st May, Class 3 hosted a WW2 inspired Tea Party which was attended by almost 100 friends, families, locals and visitors. The children really enjoyed showcasing their learning about WW2 and we'd like to thank all those who

supported us. Thank you to all the magnificent bakers, Jayne for the vintage crockery, the Co-op who donated some of the baking ingredients and to Ron who captured the day. Over £300 was raised for school funds!





ary School



P4/5 enjoyed sailing sessions at Firbush in Term 4. Huge thanks again to Tom, Ian, Ellie, Chris and Owen for instructing the pupils over the last few weeks.

The sessions this year have been a fantastic introduction to watersports for P4-7 and something very unique that Killin pupils have experienced.



Thank You National Trust For Scotland

Congratulations to our prize winners this year! **Progress in Literacy** Class 1 Amber Campbell Class 2 Logan Barker Class 3 Michaela Paul **Progress in Numeracy** Class 1 Holden McCaia Class 2 Alexander Boath Class 3 Felix Godzik **School Values Award** Class 1Blair Crooks Class 2 Euan Bellas Class 3 Freddie Mathewson **Head Teacher Award** Annie Tavlor **House Sports Points Winner** Lochav **Overall House Points Winner** Dochart



KILLIN



All classes at the school have been working with the NTS this term. Class 1 went out to learn about the life cycle of salmon and how important it is to keep our rivers litter free. Class 2 and 3 went over to Lynedoch to see the native tree nursery and learn about the benefits of trees for our wildlife. Class 2 also had a fun day out learning how to identify different types of trees and how to make cool dens. On top of that, the children have had the chance to join Green Team – the next event is a trip to Ben Lawers on 25th July. All the staff and children would like to thank Helen and the excellent team at the National Trust for Scotland for all the exciting opportunities they have provided for us this year.

Summer Reading Recommendations

I'm enjoyed reading the Demon Head Master series by Gillian Cross. They are mystery books and there are a lot of them in the series. It's about 3 kids who face a Head Master who hypnotises people! I'd say 9 out of 10. **Blair, P3**

I really liked reading The Gorilla who wanted to grow up by Jill Tomlinson. It's about a little gorilla called Pongo. 9 out of 10. **Ryley, P3**

We have enjoyed reading Dork Diaries by Rachel Renee Russell. The series is about a girl called Nicky who is very clumsy and is a bit of a dork at school. The stories are pretty funny. We'd give the books an 8 or a 9 out of 10. **Alanna and Libby, P5**

I have just finished Demon Dentist by David Walliams. It was a really good read because it had a lot of drama and was very emotional at the end. I would give this book 10 out of 10. Michaela, P6.

I would recommend Athena and the Olive Tree by Tony Ross. It tells the Greek Myth of Athena and was very interesting. 9.5 out of 10. **Jamie, P6**

I have loved reading Heidi by Johanna Spyri. It's a classic! It's about a girl who lives in Switzerland in the mountains who is then sent away to live in the city. It's about her journey back home. I would give this 10 out of 10. **Georgia, P6**

A reminder to all children at KPS to visit our Killin Library to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge! Happy Reading Everyone!



Killin Community Council

AGM & Office Bearers

The Killin Community Council AGM was held on the 2nd of July, and the following office bearers were elected: Andy Aitken as Chair, Charlie Grant as Vice Chair, Pamela Farquharson as Treasurer and Susan McRobbie as Planning Officer. The other members of the Community Council are Frances Inglis, Teddy Inglis, Jillian Lawrence and Antonia Dowling.

Raising Concerns

All members of the Community Council are there to serve the community, and can be approached at any time with residents' concerns and queries. There are, however, a couple of qualifiers I would add to that statement. For many minor and some major issues, the most effective route is to raise the issue directly with the service provider, as well as the Community Council, as a volume of complaints is usually more effective than one coming from the Community Council alone. Road defects can be reported to Stirling Council, or Traffic Scotland for A-road issues. Litter and refuse can be reported directly to Stirling Council, or even to the National Park. This is an ongoing problem and while the Community Council is actively trying to resolve the issue of litter (and the lack of bins), direct complaints from residents help bolster our case. This also applies to sewage works smell and local drainage problems which can be reported to SEPA and Scottish Water. Traffic issues, including parking, speed limits and signage should also be raised directly with Stirling Council with the Community Council copied in. I apologise if this sounds like a cumbersome and overly bureaucratic process, but the standard of service we receive in Killin has declined markedly over the last decade, largely due to the financial pressures on local

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C60 Bus

We can, however, report a few small triumphs for Killin. The C60 bus service is up and running. There are opportunities for local people to be employed as bus drivers. And while the current service is not as comprehensive as we might have hoped, it is a pilot and its usage over the next two years will determine its future. So, use it or lose it!

Maragowan Trees

The campaign to lower the tree level on the boundary of Maragowan Caravan site, led by one of the members on behalf of the CC and local residents, is making progress, and we are confident that the `Godzilla' hedge will be somewhat tamed over the coming year.

Windfarm Development

There was a meeting of affected community councils about the windfarms proposed for Glen Lednock and Glen Tarkan, and there is a proposal to establish a 'management trust' to negotiate and distribute community benefits. Killin CC would be part of this plan. In addition, SSE has recently announced a £10M fund for communities hosting hydroelectric assets, and the first tranche of £2M will become available in September. The Community Council has notified SSE of our interest, and this has been well received. We now need to develop project ideas across the community, so if you have any suggestions for suitable projects, or want more information, please let us know. The criteria specified by SSE focuses on developing skills and

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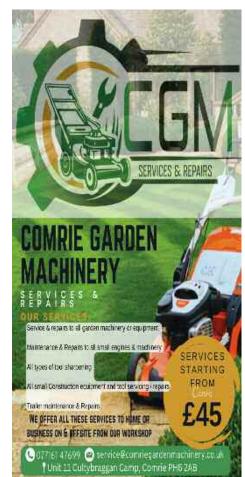
Tin Tabernacle Hostel

Our meeting was attended by Nick Cooke from the Scottish Pilgrim Routes Forum and Andrew Donaldson of Comrie Crofts to present their ideas for developing the 'Tin Tabernacle' as a hostel. This proposal has the support of the Episcopalian Church and envisages the transfer of the tin church to community ownership, while the dayto-day operation of the hostel would be undertaken by Comrie Crofts. A feasibility study is being undertaken to assess the merits and suitability of the building for this development, and a public meeting will be arranged before any final decisions are taken.

Next Meeting

Hayley Wiffen has kindly agreed to take over from Jane Calder as Minutes Secretary and she will be joining us for our next meeting, which will be held on September 3rd in the Lesser McLaren Hall at 7.00pm. Members of the public are always welcome. Email:

communitycouncilkillin@gmail.com Andy Aitken



Killin Fire Station Charity Car Wash



The crew at Killin fire station carried out a successful car wash for the charity **@firefighters999** at the McLaren Hall on Saturday 1st June, raising over £1100.







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Smile, it's Summertime! At least that's what the calendar says, but as I write it seems someone forgot to tell the sunshine gods. Perhaps by the time you read this, we'll be basking in bountiful balminess.

All this wet stuff means the Falls are even more spectacular and everything in the garden looks fresh, verdant and glorious, almost as though it's been on super-steroids.

Fassiefern

Talking of fresh looks, the Old Co-op has had a complete face-lift and thoroughly deserves its rejuvenated name.

As we approach opening the new property, it feels like a good time to stop calling it "the Old Co-op" and restore its original name of "Fassiefern". Does anyone know its meaning, if so, we'd love to hear it? The nearest I've got is "House among the alders".

Understandably it will take a while for us all to get used to calling it Fassiefern, but once the Re-use shop's in and open, it'll become second nature. The Re-use shop is currently in a state of limbo as we wait to move; but we're still accepting donations, particularly things like games, bric-a-brac, iewellerv and small electrical items or modest pieces of furniture. If you have other items you'd like to donate, could you please store them for the moment until we can get into Fassiefern. We'll post a message onto the Shop page as soon as we're able to take them, at which time we'll need all the help we can get to move, arrange and be ready to serve; so if you have any time to spare, please pop in a have a chat with Kirsty 07470 798 357, email Kirsty@Killincdt.co.uk



The work in Fassiefern is pretty much completed, with a just few small jobs still to be done. We've already moved the KAT office into the premises, but it will be a while before we can move the Reuse Shop, Tool Library and Community Fridge, or invite tenants for the fabulous shop unit. The reason for this is down to an ongoing dispute with Scottish Power regarding the meter. We are really hoping to have this all sorted out over the next month or so. We've had to open another new case with the Energy Ombudsman which we hope will resolve the issue soon. I know you're all very keen to see inside the new space, aside from pressing noses to the windows and peering in. It is huge inside, so much bigger than you'll remember from the

old Co-op. So just as a teaser, until we can properly invite you in, take a peek at some photos.

The Old Mill

At the other end of the village, the Old Mill is looking amazing! The shop is now also open on Sundays and has so many brilliant gifts and beautiful things to fill our homes as well as lending inspiration to the creatives among us

to get started on that next project. We recently held our first craft workshop this year, with local maker



Evelyn Walker, who also sells her work in our Makers' Market. The day was enjoyed by all, and some lovely work was produced. I hope you enjoy the photographs of the morning here! Thanks to Evelyn and everyone who came. If you have any ideas about the type of workshop you would like to attend, please let the team at the Old Mill know.

Heritage

On the heritage front, keep an eye out for our new guest exhibition opening Thursday evening 5th September at the Old Mill. It is being displayed as part of the Stirling Photography Festival and features work by photographer Tom Astbury. The black and white photos feature local landscapes and are inspired by the work of 18th century poet Duncan ban McIntyre who lived in and wrote about Glen Lochay and focuses on the clearances. There will also be a history and photography walk up Glen Lochay with Tom on 22nd September. Details will go out on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/oldmill.KAT soon.

Food Project

Sadly, the food project has hit a bit of a stumbling block; the site we had lined up is considered to be at risk under the climate change projection for flood risk by SEPA, therefore the



Planning Authority do not recommend we apply for permission for a garden and associated buildings (polytunnels, tool sheds, comfort hut) as it would likely be refused. We are therefore back to looking for a community food growing site. If you know of any potential land, please let us know

Raina@killincdt.co.uk

Youth Project

We are so very lucky to have all these amazing things happening in our small (but perfectly formed) village. We're also incredibly fortunate to have the super-duper Youth Project. With school holidays well underway, there's a plethora of fun-filled summer sessions to be had. If you'd like to know more, head over to Carla's (carla@killincdt.co.uk) page.

Further Information

As always, when you want to find out about each of the KAT projects and everyone who contributes tirelessly to support our community, take a peek at our website www.killincdt.co.uk

Remember, each of these projects is initiated by your ideas detailed in your Community Place Plan. And if you feel you can support your community by volunteering or joining us; please don't hesitate to get in touch with theresa@killincdt.co.uk We look forward to bringing you more updates over the coming weeks and thank you as always for your support and collaboration.

> Bridget Saddler chair@killincdt.co.uk

Killin and District Volunteer Car Scheme



We are delighted to be able to tell you that we have now reached the target we were looking for to enable us to purchase a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle. Having a vehicle which enables people to stay in their wheelchairs or be able to access it, without having to get in and out of their chair, is something that has not been available in Killin and the surrounding area for about four years now. Many of our passengers find getting in and out of cars a painful and very frustrating experience. For them this will make such a difference.

At the moment a couple of the car scheme trustees are out and about trying to find the most suitable vehicle for us. Hopefully it will not be too long now, until we find one that satisfies all of our requirements. We would also like to thank Killin Co-op for allowing us to park it in their car park. Thank you to all of those people who donated money towards this, too many of you to mention by name, along with the following grant funders, including the Basil Death

Good News

Fund, Robertson Trust, Robert Barr Charitable Trust, Tay Charitable Trust, Hugh Fraser Foundation and Forth Valley and Lomond CLLD, Community Development. Thanks also to the staff and volunteers in the post office who held a tombola there for us over several weeks, and the villager whose idea it was and who helped them get it going.

We have continued to be busy over recent months and I would like to say a big Thank You to our drivers who give up so much of their time, not only to drive, but also look out for our passengers. Passengers know that they can rely on our drivers and that they will make sure that they get to their destination and home safely. We are still looking for drivers in the Tyndrum and Crianlarich areas. If you live in these area and are thinking about joining us please give Don a call on 01567 820690.

If you need to use the car scheme please call 07988280743 Alicia Fraser e interna

AGM and Enrolment Day

The Annual

General Meeting of Callander and West Perthshire u3a will be held on Thursday 29th August, 2024 at 2pm in the McLaren Leisure Centre.

No longer working full time? Looking for new interests? Come and join us to find out more about what's on offer and meet the group leaders. You will have the opportunity to sign up to groups, pay subscriptions and catch up with friends.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Community meals at Killin Church

Community meals at Killin Church starts Sunday 27th October and then on the last Sunday of the month (Oct until Easter). 12-2pm. Free

meal and activities for children. All welcome.

Volunteers also welcome. Contact Vicky Burns vickyburns83@gmail.com

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Killin Sports & Recreation Hub

Multi-Sport Block

Killin Sports & Recreation Hub, in partnership with Trossachs & Teith Community Sport & Social Hub, have recently delivered a pilot multi-sport block. The Trossachs & Teith Hub was formed in 2022 with the aim of advancing public participation in sport through the provision of opportunities for people living in the community. Although based in Callander, one of their key goals is to create opportunities across six target communities, one of which is Killin. Working with Killin Youth Project & Primary School, the six-week block was led by the Trossach & Teith's Community Development Officer with the support of Active Stirling, offering 6 weeks of sport for Primary 6&7 as well as S1-3. The sessions took place on the newly renovated astro pitch at the pavilion and covered Cricket, Football, Dodgeball & Tennis. Despite some poor weather, all sessions were well attended and a great start for what we hope will be more sports sessions delivered through this partnership moving forward.

Hub Chair Recognised at Inaugural Active Stirling Awards

On Friday, June 7th, Active Stirling held their inaugural Volunteer Awards Ceremony at The PEAK. These awards were created to shine a light on the extraordinary work of volunteers and to celebrate those who help others lead an active lifestyle. With over 200 people in attendance and 15 awards up for grabs, it was a fantastic night of recognition.

Killin Sports & Recreation Hub Chairperson, David Fettes, was shortlisted in the category of 'Volunteer of the Year'. This was in recognition of his work with the hub since the start of 2023, seeing the group gain SCIO status, and transforming the pavilion into a venue that supports several community groups and bookings each week.

In an extraordinary tough category, David was to fall just short of the award on the night. However we are incredibly proud and thankful for his work.





Adapted Cycling Come & Try Sessions Recap

On May 9th, 16th & 30th, Active Stirling held three come and try sessions for Adapted Cycling at Breadalbane Park. As part of their pilot for mobile delivery of their popular 'Bikes Without Barriers' service, the sessions are for people who face barriers to participating in cycling to enjoy the sense of exhilaration and fun that can be experienced through cycling.

They brought along a trike, side-by-side cycle, hand cycle and recumbent cycle. Across the three weeks there was plenty of interest in the cycles and we were pleased to see that a few people who had not cycled in years were able to get this opportunity.

Further sessions are not planned yet, but if you would like to find out more about this service, please contact Christopher McKenna on: mckennac@activestirling.org.uk



Killin Tractor Run







Pictures from the annual Tractor Run organised by the Macaskill family around Killin and at the Lochan Breachlaich dam.



Killin Community Choir Concert







Pictures from the Killin Community Choir Concert held on 8th June at the McLaren Hall.





Like everybody else, we're still waiting for summer to arrive, and the same is the case for our veg. For the plants that survived the great Slugocalypse of 2024 growth has been, well, sluggish. We're finding that consistently poor weather can be just as bad, if not worse, than the occasional disaster. A hail storm can destroy leafy crops, a drought can cause plants to frazzle or bolt, strong winds can damage infrastructure, but there's not much you can do about minimal warmth and sunlight leaving plants half the size that they should be.

On the plus side we finally have enough variety of produce to start our veg boxes. Visit tombreckmarketgarden.co.uk to set up a weekly or fortnightly subscription or make a one-off order. Small boxes are £10 and we hope to offer medium and large as the season progresses, though bear with us if stocks are limited. Fruit and preserves will occasionally be available as an add-on. Friday deliveries to Killin, Thursday towards Kenmore & Aberfeldy.

Support your local producers and get healthy, nutrient-dense fresh veg that actually tastes of something - sounds like a good deal to me, though I may be a little biased!



The Community Hub is open on Thursdays between 12.30-2.30pm in the Killin Pavilion, Main street ,Killin, FK21 8TN.

Gail and her volunteers have a light lunch and a warm welcome for all every Thursday, an opportunity to catch up with friends old and new.

Citizen Advice advisors will also be on hand for any issues with housing, benefits, energy costs etc.

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For more information contact Gail on 07951 013470 *#workingtogether* #cuppaandchat



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Mixed Open Results 25th May 2024

Bill Mitchell from Grantown on Spey originally came down to work on the Hydro schemes after other work dried up.

He found Killin Golf Club and got invited to play. Eventually in around 1964 he turned pro. In 1977 he had a beautiful salver made and gave it to Killin Golf Club for the best local handicap score in the Mixed Open.

Bill and his wife Morven travelled down from Grantown to present his salver at this year's Mixed Open. He regaled us with some stories from the past and presented all the trophies for us.

Magic 2's :

Kay Dowling & Paul Melia x2 Lewis Miller & Milly Wade x2 John & Lesley Stone

Nearest Pin in 3 (9th & 18th) :

Sheila Aitken & Dickie Lewis

Longest Drives :

Ladies (14th) : Liz Stevens & Caroline Henderson Gents (11th) : Graeme Millar (Swanston Ltd)

Handicap

- 1. Daniel & Silvia Knecht (Killin) 61
- 2. John & Lesley Stone (Dalmally) 62
- 3. Lewis Miller (Killin) & Milly Wade (Open Play) 65

Scratch

- 1. Jim Ronald & Laura Aitken (Killin) 77
- 2. Paul Melia & Kay Dowling (Killin) 78
- 3. Gordon Aitken (Killin) & Caroline Henderson (Aberfeldy) 79

Bill Mitchell Salver (Best Killin): Daniel & Silvia Knecht 61 **McRobert Thistle Cup** (Best Overall Handicap): Daniel & Silvia Knecht 61 **Glen Ogle Trophy** (Best Overall Scratch) : Jim Ronald & Laura Aitken 77



Morven and Bill Mitchell with the salver



Scratch winners Jim Ronald and Laura Aitken and Handicap Winners Daniel and Silvia Knecht with Bill Mitchell



Daniel and Silvia Knecht with Bill Mitchell



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Breadalbane Heritage Society

Last month, as one of the regular summer excursions, members enjoyed a trip up Glen Lyon to look at a number of places of interest including an uphill trek to visit the strange upright stones known as The Praying Hands of Mary.

This month sees the eagerly anticipated annual four-day visit to an area further away from Breadalbane, which will be to the Kilmartin Glen near Oban, famous for its many archaeological remains spanning thousands of years.

In September the autumn and winter programme of talks will resume, held at the Breadalbane Community Centre in Aberfeldy. For details please email ian.stewart.bhs@gmail.com

The BHS's website https://breadalbane-heritage.org.uk/ features a video of local scenes of interest, and provides upto-date information about talks and activities, events and publications.

Ongoing Society projects include the maintenance of the Killiehassie private burial ground in Strathtay, and the recent publication, in association with the Aberfeldy Museum Group, of an illustrated leaflet, The Aberfeldy and Weem Heritage Trail, with a trail map and information on the many places of interest in the area. QR codes with information at each of these sites are currently being installed.

The BHS also provides a free service of assistance with family history research.

Recordings of all the recent talks are available on the website.

Book Launch 'Glen of the Dark Goddess' McLaren Hall (Free Entry) Sunday 25th August, 2-4pm

You are invited to take part in the above book launch. Come along have a cup of tea and find out what it was like living in upper Glen Lochay hundreds of years ago. Find out how neighbours got along with each other, their daily lives, hardships and disagreements. Take a look at the archaeology discovered over a 25 year period of field research by members of ACFA - Field Archaeology for All. Perhaps your ancestors lived in the glen. Families with names such as MacDiarmid, Campbell, MacGregor, Robertson, MacVean, MacNab and many more inhabited the glen over hundreds of years. This publication charts the history and archaeology of Upper Glen Lochay from the pre-historic rock art to modern times and the introduction of the hydroelectric scheme.

Research has uncovered the names of the many farms and their families who once inhabited the glen, documenting their every day lives in the ferm touns to the introduction of modern agriculture the amalgamation of farms and emigration. A section has also been dedicated to a thematic overview of the Gaelic place names by Dr. Peter MacNiven. This language was once widely spoken but has dwindled in modern times almost to just a memory remaining only in the names of mountains, rivers and lochs.

This is a fascinating story of a Scottish glen over the centuries, the battles, famines and outside influences impacting the lives of the ordinary people.



Duck Race

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Summer Programme 2024

Tuesday 6th August and Tuesday 20th of August: A kids-eye view of Ben Lawers

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A guided tour of a beautifully conserved cruck-frame byre dwelling giving unique insight into rural life in 19th-century Scotland Cost: adults £5, concessions £3.50 NTS members FREE 1 – 2pm, meet at Moirlanich Longhouse

Wednesday 14th August: Flora and fauna of the hillside

If you are a hill walker who would like to know more about the plants and wildlife around you or training to be a mountain leader, then this could be the walk for you. Familiarise yourself with some of the characteristic plants and wildlife on the lower slopes of these mountains.

Cost: adults £5, children £2.50

Bring: walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing. 1.30 - 4pm meet at the Ben Lawers NNR car park.

Wednesday 28th August: Hillside safari

Enjoy a walk beside the picturesque Edramucky Burn, experience the rich flora of the lower slopes of this famous nature reserve and the varied wildlife flourishing in restored native plant communities. Duration: 2½ hours.

Cost: adults £5, children £2.50, family £12.50 Bring: walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing. 1.30 - 4pm meet at the Ben Lawers NNR car park.

Wednesday 4th September: Hidden History (Scottish Archaeology Month).

Explore the rich archaeological landscape on the slopes below Ben Lawers NNR.

Duration: 4 hours

Cost: adults £10, children £5

Bring: Walking boots, warm, waterproof and windproof clothing, packed lunch and drink.

Meet: 10.30 – 14.30 meet at Kiltyrie Hidden History trail car park.

Numbers for all our events are limited, so booking is advisable. Book online at http://www.nts.org.uk/BenLawers

Moirlanich Longhouse is also open to the public on Wednesdays and Sundays, 2-5pm until the end of September.



TRANSMISSION

Lochay Transformer Replacement Newsletter

August 2024

The project has a dedicated website, please scan the above QR code to be taken to the project website or use the following URL: ssen-transmission.co.uk/lochay



The construction of a new substation compound, including building to house indoor equipment as part of SSEN Transmission's 132kV transformer replacement project adjacent to Lochay Power Station continues to make progress.

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.



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

Louise Anderson Lead Community Liaison Manager SSEN Transmission, 200 Dunkeld Road, Perth, PH1 3GH

Tel: 01738 341 975 Mobile: +44 (0) 7384 454 233 Email: louise.anderson@sse.com



Progress on site

We continue to make good progress on the site with the main earthworks and concrete installation now complete, with the exception of one generator base. A borehole has also recently been sourced to provide a private water supply (PWS) for the site and works have commenced on the installation of other services required. As can be seen in the image above, works have also commenced on the erection of the control building, which will be the main focus over the coming weeks.

Upcoming works

Completion of the control building, which will include the brick work and cladding are the main works in the next phase, along with installation of below ground cables and earthing. We will look to complete works on the PWS for site and carrying out work on landscaping, to help bring the area around the site up to the quality we have committed to.





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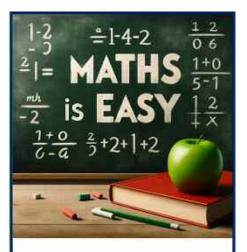
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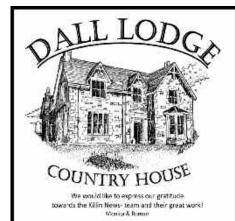
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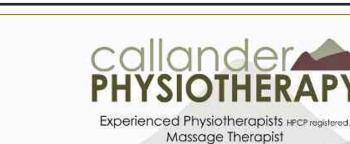
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It's been a busy term for our Beavers Scouts completing their gardening badge. We've been busy growing sunflowers and runner beans although it's not been as warm as they'd have liked!

Scouts

This spring has thrown lots of wet Tuesdays at us but we've made the most of it and tried to get outside whenever possible. We made bug hotels building them under the canopy at the sports pavilion before taking them home. The wet wood made for a challenge lighting our fire to melt marshmallows for s'mores! We finished our term with an evening of knots and games, and then had an extra wee last-minute trip down to visit Scouts from Edinburgh who were camping in Glen Lochay.

Beaver Scouts are aged 6&7, they meet 6-7pm in Killin on alternate Tuesdays. We have space so if you'd like your child to join us, please e-mail killinbeavers@yahoo.co.uk

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Over The Hill

When you get to my age you very often feel a bit "over the hill" and phrases like "The right side of the grass" begin to ring true. I am very fortunate that I still can go to the hill on occasion. Two of my sons are still "in the game" and give me the chance to get out.

Recently I did go over the hill, the one opposite us between Dall and Comrie. On a quad of course! I'm not that athletic! Needless to say the views were stunning. Acre upon acre of open hill ground, peatland and heather. Grouse, curlew, lapwing, skylark, ring ouzel and wheatear happily flying about their daily business. The only blot was the thought that some land on the Comrie side is likely to be planted with trees. Hopefully the rest will remain in the wings of the current locals and not have the disturbance of its peat being reclaimed in the near future.

Last year a record 10,360 hectares of peat was reclaimed. I still don't know what to make of it. The methods are; rewetting – isn't everywhere wet enough? Smoothing ridges (is this not disturbing it more?) and removing trees. (laugh emoji here please!) I wonder who planted them in the first place?

The peatlands which I saw seem to be doing ok being left alone with some sheep, deer and cattle keeping an eye on them. A recent study showed that cattle can actually be net zero and improve the land if moved from pasture to pasture regularly. I assume that the hill cattle kind of do that themselves. Numbers of farmers are moving back to more natural methods to be more carbon neutral.

But deer numbers in lowland areas are increasing but government directives for increased culling are not being met as there are insufficient larder facilities available. The process has not been thought through so meat is wasted while we import venison. A farming neighbour complained that the only venison for Christmas dinner was imported. At least some NHS trusts in London have introduced wild venison to their menus for staff and patients.

Maybe things will improve with Starmer since his played down family includes, father, grandfather, great grandfather and seven uncles who were all gamekeepers. He has said that they" will foster togetherness in the countryside." Watch this space!

On a lighter note, did you know that gorillas are the only other species than humans to suffer from haemorrhoids? It's because, like us, they spend most of their time upright. What I want to know is who went around examining Gorillas' bums?

Similarly, who recorded the fact that hippos can trot fast enough to become airborne for 3 seconds? There's probably a video on youtube.

We are daily watching our video clips from our security cameras. No would be burglars so far but a regular pine marten and evidence that our tawny owl is not waiting for mice to be put out for him/her but is



PROPRIETRIX: PAMELA FARQUHARSON

cutting out the middle man and hunting below the bird feeders where there will be mice feeding on spilled bird food. We haven't caught any of Mr. Fox's friends or relations yet but someone in Worcestershire had a clip fox and a hedgehog eating out of the same dish.

In The Cairngorm National Park, a study on protecting Capercaillie has said that putting out meat in Capper areas has improved survival rate by 83%. The idea is that predatory foxes, badgers and pine martens will get full on this freebie food and not raid nests. So, if in the Cairngorms this Summer beware of very large fat predators. I hear that Mr. Fox is going there for his holidays. He just loves an eat all you can buffet.

Tim Frost





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The Loch Lomond and The Trossachs Countryside Trust invite you to join their weekly walking & mobility-confidence building activities!

Join our weekly health Walks – every Wednesday @10.20am,

from the Sports and Pavilion Hub (occasionally the Capercaillie Restaurant, see schedule for details).

Research shows that walking can have huge benefits to our overall wellbeing and physical benefits like increased heart and cardiovascular fitness and keeping your muscles and bones strong. Meeting new people and being part of a community are also some of the social benefits by joining a walking group. Check out our August and September walking schedule.

We'll be at the Highland Games! – Pop along and see our stall!

Please note due to the Killin Highland Games there will be no health walk or Strength and Balance session on Wednesday 7th August, but you can pop along to our stall thre, where you can find out more about all our walking, strength and balance and In Step with Nature activities!

Here's what our walkers recently got up to since the last issue:

Killin walkers joined up with our Strength and Balance group for a sunny trip to Highland Safaris in Dull. We hired the community bus, kindly driven by Ricky, for the trip. There were several levels of walk for different abilities, and everyone enjoyed lunch in the cafe, a good look at the resident deer, and even a go on the swing for some intrepid walkers!

We received some great feedback regarding our recent nature and heritage evening walks. In June our evening walkers visited the National Trusts' Moirlanich House and 14 members of the group joined Scott Patterson from Kinross ecology, for a Bird Identification event. Pam, one of evening walkers who attended the Bird ID event, said 'It was a brilliant night and many thanks to Scott for his vast knowledge. I'm just getting into bird identification so found it fascinating and have already bought the books he suggested!'

Fortnightly Evening walks $12^{TH} \& 26^{th}$ August – With the lighter nights join us on our FREE evening walks fortnightly on Mondays meeting at 6.50pm for a 7pm start from the Sports and Recreation Hub (Pavilion on the 12^{th} and 26^{th} August, followed be tea and coffee afterwards!

Weekly Strength & Balance Session – Every Wednesday, 2-3pm, Killin & Ardeonaig Parish Church.

In between our health walks or just by themselves, join us for our weekly sessions held in the local parish church, an all accessible and safe environment for our members in the Killin community. Strength and balance exercises focus on building strength, improving balance and mobility, which may help build confidence - you only need to speak to our other participants to discover its benefits. We also like to end our sessions with tea and coffee, as the social element of our sessions is equally important. Our sessions are FREE with no need to book - just turn up! Walk Leaders' dementia friendly training – coming soon! All of our walking routes are assessed and supported by our trained volunteer walk leaders many of whom receive our dementia training to support those living with dementia. This training often provides a vital link for some who would normally not be able to enjoy and join health walks without this kind of support. We're inviting participants to join our upcoming Dementia Friendly leader training (look out for dates or ask one of our team) for anyone who would like to offer support for Walk in the Park and other walking groups in their community.

To find out more about all our activities above, or if you are unsure if this is for you, please get in touch with our Walk in the Park team: Call Fiona 07843 842323 or drop us an email to fiona@trustinthepark.org / Grace@trustinthepark.org with any questions.

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Connecting people and nature

Wild Strathfillan is a nature restoration initiative spanning the villages of Tyndrum, Crianlarich and Killin. Working with a wide range of partners, Wild Strathfillan is delivering work to support habitats and celebrate communities across 50,000 hectares of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park.

Landscape

Strathfillan and Killin are areas of biological and cultural importance. The diverse range of habitats from lochside to mountain peak include Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and the Breadalbane Important Plant Area. The cultural heritage includes shielings, cup and ring marked stones and an ancient chapel. All set within a patchwork of multiple land uses - including hill farming, sporting, tourism, and forestry – supporting the livelihoods of local community members and underpinning the area's cultural heritage.

Our Aim

Over time, many of the area's important habitats – including montane scrub, Atlantic rainforest and Caledonian pinewood - have become degraded and fragmented. Wild Strathfillan is working in partnership to restore these areas, to achieve a resilient, dynamic, and connected landscape where people and nature thrive together.

What we are doing

Wild Strathfillan aims to restore and expand habitats such as woodlands, wetlands and montane scrub. Alongside local land managers and community trusts, we are creating native plant and tree nurseries, collecting and propagating local seeds, removing invasive species and creating connected natural networks to support biodiversity throughout the area.

Community

Wild Strathfillan has people as well as nature at its heart. We want to stand alongside local communities as they seek to restore and protect the landscape and encourage others to join them. We hope to develop opportunities in the local



communities for skills development and for getting involved with restoration and preservation of nature and heritage. In this way we can all continue to work towards creating a

Strathfillan that benefits land and people and where both are resilient, connected and future ready. If you would like to know more about what we are doing and how you could be involved, please contact sharon@trustinthepark.org or scan the QR code.



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The Annual Ploughing Match was held on Sunday 19th May at Inneshewan Farm by kind permission of Emma Paterson and Family. A big thanks to Jimmy Ogston for organising the venue, Charlie Methven for judging, Shutters Restaurant for donating the filled rolls and everyone who participated and supported the event.

Results were as follows: **Small Plough Local** 1st Ian Noble 2nd Donald Hancock 3rd Findlay MacAskill

Large Plough Local

1st Stewart Christie 2nd Robert Grant

Open

1st	Davie Veitch
2nd	Jim Fleming
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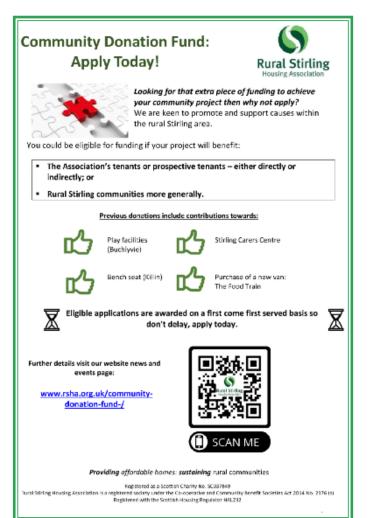
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D-Day Rememberance



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- Bridge, 7.15-9pm, Killin Hotel, contact Marion 829027
- Indoor Bowls, 7.30pm, Lesser Hall (winter months only)
- Walk in the Park evening walks (every fortnight) 6.50pm for 7pm Killin and Sports and Recreation Hub.

<u>Tuesday</u>

- Bee Creative, 10am-12pm, Community Rooms
- U3A Art, 2-4pm, currently being held in Lochearnhead Hall
- Beavers, 6-7pm, Lesser Hall (every other Tuesday)
- Tuesday Club, 2-4pm, Community Rooms
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Wednesday

- Walk in the Park, 10.20
- Strength & Balance, 2-3pm, Community Rooms fortnightly,various locations
- Highland Hustle, 6.30-7.15pm, McLaren Hall
- Youth Club, P6/7 5.45-7.15pm S1-3 7.30-9.00pm [Sign-Ups: alasdair@cyp.org.uk]
- Multi-Sports Session -Wednesdays (Fortnightly), P5-7 5-6pm, S1-3 6-7pm [sign-ups: mckennac@activestirling.org.uk]
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Thursday

Running Club, 6pm, Acharn Forest



Regular Activities carpark

- Killin Community Hub,12.30-2.30 Sports Pavilion
- CAB drop-in session 12.30 2.30, Killin Sports Pavilion
- Golf Club Junior Coaching Session, 6.30-8 pm. 8-16 years. May to September
- SWI, 7.30pm (1st Thursday of month, Community Rooms)

<u>Friday</u>

- Pilates, 9am, 10am and 11am Community Rooms. Booking essential on 07866 018629
- Yoga, 10.15 11.30 McLean Hall, Fearnan.

<u>Saturday</u>

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

<u>Sunday</u>

• Football in the Park, 8-11 years,

Church Services

Killin & Ardeonaig Parish Church

- 1st Sunday of the month 10:00am Sunday worship including Sunday School
- 2nd Sunday of the month 10:00 Sunday worship including communion
- 3rd Sunday of the month 10:00am Cafe Church including Sunday School
- 4th Śunday of the month 10:00am Sunday worship
- 5th Sunday of the month 10:00am Sunday worship
- Episcopal Church
 See www.strathearn-episcopalchurches.co.uk for details
- Roman Catholic Church

 Sunday Mass in Callander at 11:30am

Recycling Centres

Callander Booking Reference Required

Monday-Friday: 5pm-7.30pm Saturday: 10am-1.30pm Sunday: Closed Aberfeldy Tuesday and Thurday 9am-6-45pm Saturday and Sunday 10am-4-45pm

Crieff Broich Road, North Forr All Year Thursday-Monday 9am-4pm Closed Tues & Wed

Coming Soon !

- 6 NTS Walk, p27
 6 MacGregors AGM, p9
- 7 Killin Highland Games, p5
- 12 Walk in the Park evening walks p34
- 14 NTS Walk, p34
- 20 NTS Walk, p34
- 24 Killin 10k race
- 24 Sponsored Walk, p6
- 25 Book Launch, p24
- 26 Walk in the Park evening walks p34
- 28 NTS Walk, p34
- 29 U3A AGM & Enrolment, p19
 September
- 3 Community Council Meeting, p16
- 4 NTS Walk, p27
- 21 Sponsored Cycle, p6

Killin Library					
Books, DVDs, dog waste bags and hearing aid batteries.					
10-1pm	2-5pm				
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Mobile Libraries

Please see the council websites for any updates. Crianlarich/Tyndrum Fortnightly Fridays 2nd Aug, 16th Aug, 30th Aug,13th Sept, 27th Sept, Oct 11th.

Crianlarich School 10:45-11:30 Glenfalloch Rd 11:40-12:00 Willow Square 12:05-12:25 Tyndrum Green Welly 13:40-14:10 Mansefield 14:15-14:45

Perth and Kinross Three week stops, Tuesday 6th Aug,27th Aug, 17 Sept, 8 Oct Tombreck 16.10-16.30



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