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New War Memorial Seat
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C60 Killin to Callander Bus Timetable Revised Extra Return Journey Added On Weekdays

After many requests from users of the C60 and discussion at the C60 Promotion and Marketing Group meetings run by Stirling Council, an extra return journey during the day has been added to the timetable from Monday to Friday. This started running on 15th September.

The extra journey leaves Callander at 10:15, arrives Killin at 10:59, leaves Killin at 11:05 and arrives back at Callander at 11:53. The revised timetable is below.

Thanks to the Group and Stirling Council for getting this extra journey running.

It's now important that we make use of this extra service which we've been requesting.

The extra C60 bus from Killin will also connect with the 59 McGills bus to Stirling leaving Callander at 12:00.



Monday - Friday

Operator Service Codes	SC C60	SC C60	SC C60	SC C60	SC C60
Killin, Station Road	06:45	08:55	11:05	16:05	18:55
Locheearnhead, opp Cameron Court	07:00	09:10	11:20	16:20	19:10
Kingshouse, Bus Shelter	07:06	09:16	11:26	16:26	19:16
Strathyre, Ben Sheann Hotel	07:11	09:21	11:31	16:31	19:21
Kilmahog	07:26	09:36	11:46	16:46	19:36
Callander, Station Road	07:29	09:39	11:49	16:49	19:39
Callander, Health Centre	07:33	09:43	11:53	16:53	19:43

Monday - Friday

Operator Service Codes	SC C60	SC C60	SC C60	SC C60	SC C60
Callander, Health Centre	05:56	07:38	10:15	15:01	18:06
Callander, Station Road	06:00	07:42	10:19	15:05	18:10
Kilmahog	06:03	07:45	10:22	15:08	18:13
Strathyre, opp Ben Sheann Hotel	06:18	08:00	10:37	15:23	18:28
Kingshouse, bus shelter	06:22	08:04	10:41	15:27	18:32
Locheearnhead, Cameron Court	06:27	08:09	10:46	15:32	18:37
Killin, Station Road	06:40	08:22	10:59	15:45	18:50

Saturday

Operator Service Codes	SC C60	MB S60	SC C60	SC C60	MB S60	SC C60
Tyndrum, opp Pine Trees Leisure Park	—	10:00	—	—	18:05	—
Crianlarich, opp Police Station	—	10:11	—	—	18:16	—
Luib Hotel	—	10:22	—	—	18:27	—
Lix Toll	—	10:27	—	—	18:32	—
Killin, Station Road	10:00	10:37	12:00	17:00	18:42	18:55
Lix Toll	—	10:42	—	—	18:47	—
Locheearnhead, opp Cameron Court	10:15	10:52	12:15	17:15	18:57	19:10
Kingshouse, bus shelter	10:21	10:56	12:21	17:21	19:01	19:16
Strathyre, Ben Sheann Hotel	10:26	11:00	12:26	17:26	19:05	19:21
Kilmahog	10:41	—	12:41	17:41	—	19:36
Callander, Leny Road at Dreadnought Hotel	—	11:15	—	—	19:20	—
Callander, Station Road	10:44	—	12:44	17:44	—	19:39
Callander, Health Centre	10:48	—	12:48	17:48	—	19:43
Blairdrummond, Safari Park entrance	—	11:30	—	—	19:35	—
Stirling Bus Station	—	11:45	—	—	19:50	—
Springkerse Retail Park, Morrisons	—	11:52	—	—	—	—

Saturday

Operator Service Codes	MB S60	SC C60	SC C60	SC C60	MB S60	SC C60
Springkerse Retail Park, Morrisons	—	—	—	—	16:00	—
Stirling Bus Station	08:05	—	—	—	16:15	—
Blairdrummond, Safari Park entrance	08:20	—	—	—	16:30	—
Callander, Health Centre	—	08:50	11:00	16:11	—	18:06
Callander, Station Road	08:35	08:54	11:04	16:15	16:45	18:10
Kilmahog	—	08:57	11:07	16:18	—	18:13
Strathyre, opp Ben Sheann Hotel	08:50	09:12	11:22	16:33	17:00	18:28
Kingshouse, bus shelter	08:54	09:16	11:26	16:37	17:04	18:32
Locheearnhead, Cameron Court	08:58	09:21	11:31	16:42	17:08	18:37
Lix Toll	09:08	—	—	—	17:18	—
Killin, Station Road	09:13	09:34	11:44	16:55	17:23	18:50
Lix Toll	09:23	—	—	—	17:33	—
Luib Hotel	09:28	—	—	—	17:38	—
Crianlarich, Police Station	09:39	—	—	—	17:49	—
Tyndrum, public toilet	09:50	—	—	—	18:00	—

Operator Information:

SC - Stirling Council

MB - Midland Bluebird

For Ember and Scottish Citylink services contact Traveline (details on back page).

Scenes from Killin Agricultural Show 2025



Winner of the bonniest baby competition



Overall Winner, Glen Tarkin



Winner of best gun dog



Hall competitions



Pig racing



Winner of the cattle section



Parade



Tractor line up

New Path Opens at Dùn Coillich

It's time to make the most of the summer months before thoughts start turning to autumn, and there's no better time to relish the beautiful, golden light that this time of year can bring.

If you're looking for a short, relatively level walk that little ones or those less able can enjoy, the new 'easier access' path at Dùn Coillich Community Land could be what you're looking for.

Thanks to support from our trainees, modern apprentices, volunteers and multiple school parties we now have a new, low-level figure of eight path,

offering direct access from the main car park and opening up the beauty of Dùn Coillich to even more members of our local community.

The gentle gradient provides nearly a kilometre of firm, defined walking along the Glengoulandie Burn,

weaving between a variety of beautiful, maturing trees as it goes. On its way it passes our rare wild apple tree - and if you want to take a breather there is Hamish's bench to rest on and look out over the burn.

Visit our website www.duncoillich.org to find out where we are, what we do and how to support us, and follow our Facebook Group for regular updates!



SWT Callander Talks

Thursday 23 October, 7.30pm

'Scottish Badgers: Ecology and Threats' by Joe Connelly of Scottish Badgers.

St Andrew's Church Hall, FK17 8AL.

Suggested donation £3 includes tea/coffee and Biscuits.

Thursday 13 November, 7.30pm

'Recording Scotland's Plants' by Matt Harding, Scotland Officer BSBI.

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Callout Summary

Our relatively quiet spell of callouts was broken in good fashion with 3 callouts within 24 hours of each other.

The first callout was a full team callout at 3am to search for a missing person in the Crianlarich hills. A coastguard helicopter assisted in the search but whilst ferrying members higher up the hill, a team member spotted the casualty all in black. This keen eye spot saved hours of searching and ensured the casualty returned home safely.

The second callout was in the afternoon of the same day for Callander members to assist in a technical rescue of a person who had fallen at the Bracklinn falls. The members present worked with the Fire and Ambulance service to facilitate a technical rope system to haul the casualty on our stretcher to onward medical attention.

A third callout came in just before midnight for a walker lost in the Crianlarich hills. Using software called SARLOC, it was discovered the

Killin Mountain Rescue Team

casualty was in the same vicinity of the missing search earlier that day. With the assistance of Glen Falloch estates we were able to ferry two members up to the casualty and then brought down via Argocat.

Another highlight was for a female with a suspected broken ankle after descending the steep south slopes of Stob Binnean. Team members were already training at that time in Balquidder Glen so the rescue was

assisted with first aid cover at the Killin Agricultural show and it was a lovely day to be out greeting people. Our marshalling duties were also put to good use at the Killin 10K but it was also a delight to cheer on the 3 runners who undertook the run whilst fundraising for the Team. In total they raised over £1000 for their efforts and we are extremely grateful for their hard work.



Multiple other people have been raising funds for the team in the Summer months, which will enable us to continue in our procurement drive of replacing personal protective equipment for members such as helmets and ice axes.

completed in exceedingly quick time with our Trainee members also partaking in some extended training to assist with this rescue.

As ever, if you do have any questions or queries, do please contact the team via email at:

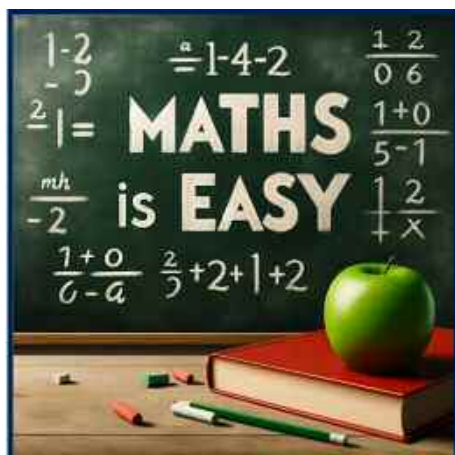
secretary@killinmountainrescue.scot

Stephen Rawlinson
Secretary

Events

The Summer events feel a distant memory now with the nights drawing in. Our new Gazebo has been put to good use visiting and supporting events over the last two months.

We were in attendance at the Lochearnhead Games with team members participating in the hill race too. We



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We were very fortunate this year to be funded by the SSE's Hydro Community Fund, which celebrates the achievements of Scottish Hydro, funding not-for-profit organisations "supporting residents in the community council areas which proudly host our hydro assets". The Big Shed is in the Glenlyon & Loch Tay Community Council area, which has the Lawers dam. The Finlarig Power Station means organisations in the Killin Community Council area are eligible too.

Our installation of an air source heat pump, solar panels and some battery storage is now complete and we've had one electricity bill since then. Great savings! However, so far we've only been able to compare electricity used in the cold, wet July 2024 with that used in the hot dry July of 2025, so it may be a bit too soon to crack open the champagne.

Also this summer, Fi Lumsden from Aberfeldy held a most relaxing and enjoyable yoga & outdoor meditation in the building and in the surrounding countryside. The Big Shed is a lovely space for wellness retreats of all kinds, as well as celebrations: a

bright, modern eco-building with excellent facilities, sitting in a beautiful spot adjacent to the Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve, with views over Loch Tay.

If you're interested in hosting something here or just want to find out a bit more about the Big Shed, have a look at the website, the Facebook page, chat to Raina at the Old Mill or email us at websitecontact@bigshed.org.uk

The Big Shed is at Tombreck on the north side of Loch Tay, about 6 miles beyond Killin. It's on the main road more or less directly across the loch from Ardeonaig. It's a volunteer-run building owned by Loch Tayside Community Interest Company, and run for local communities, though it is also available to people from elsewhere (at higher rates!), which helps cover the running costs.

www.bigshed.org.uk
www.facebook.com/theBigShedTombreck

text or phone 07508645453



SWI Killin season 2025/26

First Thursday of the month
October – April (except January)
7.30pm in the Lesser McLaren Hall Killin.

SWI Membership £40. Visitors £7 (per night).

02/10/25 - Precise Medical Aesthetics

06/11/25 - Karelia House

04/12/25 - Keltneyburn Smithy

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Killin Community Bus Needs You

We are delighted to announce we have successfully filled two of our previously vacant roles and would like to welcome Andrew Forster as our new chair and Lieke van de Coterlet as our social media editor.

We are still looking for help to fill our secretary role. This is a light and easy role.

Duties would involve:

1. Taking notes of discussion and action points at quarterly meetings and share by email with the group.
2. Booking the hall for meetings.

Please get in touch by email killinbus@gmail.com for more details or to express interest. Alternatively contact Andrew on 07876 174686

As a reminder, anyone in the community and local surrounding areas can hire the bus. It can be used for many different purposes such as club outings, social trips, family trips, concerts etc. Head to our online booking system to book online:

If you need help booking contact Rhowena on 07779 115551.

**Killin Community
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Morning Sunrise in the Park



**A lovely picture of sunrise in Breadalbane Park,
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Tombreck Market Garden

It's all about harvesting now and trying to keep on top of the weeds. We have had large harvests of garden peas and broad beans, so many peas we had to recruit extra volunteers! The potato crop looks promising, and we have started selling the maincrop varieties – Cara, Kerrs Pink and Arran Victory. (a red skinned type) The early salad potatoes of Charlotte and 'Jazzy' are now finished.

We should have plenty of winter vegetables come the autumn including winter salad leaves, squash, parsnips, beetroot, cabbages and kale, alongside potatoes of course. Our next task is to start preparing the garden for winter, tidying up, spreading



compost and covering the beds.

At the beginning of September, we were part of the Open Gate Festival organised by Aberfeldy Healthiest Town Initiative. Events at Tombreck included a very informative Compost Making Workshop run by local soil scientist Audrey Litterick, which was followed a few days later by a garden and farm tour. Meeting the pigs and

goats are always popular with visitors!

Because we grow organically without the use of pesticides and fertilisers, the work is labour intensive, and additional help from local volunteers is always very welcome. (You also get to take home some vegetables!)

Our produce is sold in the Tombreck Farm Shop (six miles out of Killin on the north Lochtayside road A827) and MacGregors Community Hub. Thank you for your continuing support.

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A roundup from 'Walk in the Park', one of the best health walk programmes in Scotland!

Come and join Loch Lomond and The Trossachs Countryside Trusts' Killin 'Walk in the Park' volunteer led health-walks every Wednesday at 10.20am.

Round up from the last issue!

The group have had an enjoyable and busy couple of months walking. At the end of July, the Killin walking group used the Killin Community Bus to travel to Balloch for our All-Group Walk - a chance to connect our community of walkers from all over the National Park together.



It turned out to be an amazing day and the sun shone as 93 walkers from all our groups including new participants enjoyed the nature on offer in Balloch Castle Country Park, including routes of varying levels on offer, with one for all abilities taking in the lovely flowers of the walled garden. It was great to hear the positive feedback from everyone who took part:

"Balloch Park was just beautiful in the sun" and "I really enjoyed the entire day, including resting my tired legs later in the day."

FREE - Weekly walks!

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. Walking, especially in nature, is shown to reduce stress and anxiety and improve mood. Meeting new people and being part of a community are also some of the social benefits to walking in a group.

With thanks to funding from: Heritage Lottery Fund, Walking Scotland, Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority, Peoples Postcode Lottery and Scottish Forestry our volunteer-led weekly walks are FREE to join.

Adapted to suit all abilities wherever you see 'DF' mentioned is suitable for those living with dementia and their carer's. 'CS' symbolises where we car share to the start of a walk – please get in touch to find out more. Walks end with optional refreshments.

Email: Fiona@trustinthepark.org for details.

Meet at the Sports Pavillion and Recreation hub (or Monemore) every: **Wednesday at 10.20am:**

October

- 08/10/2025 - Sports Pavillion - Morlanich (CS/DF)
- 15/10/2025 - Sports Pavillion - Bird Identification with Scott Patterson of Kinross Ecology
- 22/10/2025 - Monemore - Kinnell Estate (DF)
- 29/10/2025 - Sports Pavillion - Glen Ogle (CS/DF)

November

- 05/11/2025 - Sports Pavillion - Head of the Loch (DF)
- 12/11/2025 - Sports Pavillion - Tyndrum (CS/DF)
- 19/11/2025 - Monemore - Craignavie Road (DF)
- 26/11/2025 - Monemore - Acharn Railway

December

- 03/12/2025 - Sports Pavillion - Golf Club Walk (CS/DF)



Evening Walks - Join us for our final one on the 6th October!

Our evening walks continued fortnightly throughout the summer months with a mix of weather, but everyone has thoroughly enjoyed this time to connect with each other. The final evening walk for this year will be Monday 6th October, with the walk starting at 6.30pm and refreshments in the Pavillion after and an opportunity to look back over the year.

We would love for you to join us, Autumn is a great season for walking, watching the colours change around us, wildlife spotting, taking pictures and having chats over coffee and cake.

Weekly Strength & Balance Sessions



Photo: - Killin Strength and Balance enjoying Age Scotland Body Boosting Bingo

In between our health walks or by themselves, join us for our weekly sessions held in an all accessible and safe environment for our members in the 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 participants to discover its benefits.

There is a lovely social element to our group activities too and everyone is invited to stay for a cuppa and chat afterwards.

90% of those who attend our Strength & Balance activities said that they felt a benefit to their social wellbeing.

Body Boosting Bingo in Killin

Instead of our usual Killin Strength and Balance sessions, participants this month enjoyed a Body Boosting Bingo session with thanks to Age Scotland. Body Boosting Bingo is a fun and engaging game designed to promote Strength and Balance through exercise. One participant noted *'it was fun, a huge success and can't wait to do it again.'*

Whilst we do plan to do more Body Boosting Bingo in the future, for now you can come along to one of our normal weekly sessions:

Wednesday's, 2-3pm, Killin & Ardeonaig Parish Church - weekly

We also like to end our sessions with tea and coffee, as the social element of our sessions is equally important.

Thursday's 2-3pm, Crianlarich Village Hall - weekly

In partnership with the Strathfillan Community Development Trust our Crianlarich sessions are weekly with participants invited to stay for a cuppa afterwards.

With thanks to funding from: Heritage Lottery Fund, Walking Scotland (Paths for All), Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority, Stirling Voluntary Enterprise, Peoples Postcode Lottery and Scottish Forestry
our sessions are FREE (although donations are greatly accepted) with no need to book - just turn up!



Strathfillan Community Development Trust

Saplings

The Trust would like to thank and congratulate all the participants and parents who attended any of the Saplings Sessions this summer. We had 6 great sessions involving pottery making, cycle skills development, a woodlands activity day, canoeing, an outdoor day in Dalmally and even a trip to Auchingarroch Wildlife Park. 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), Sharon Cawston (Loch Lomond & Trossachs Countryside Trust), Matt Brooks (Active Stirling) and the staff at Auchingarroch Wildlife Park. Furthermore, we also give a big thank you to all our session assistants - Charlotte Stirling, Lisa Beckett, Sheona MacLennan and Diane Mailer.

We would also like to say a big thank you to our funders the National Lottery, who kindly granted full funding for this, and last year's Saplings sessions. 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.



Woodlands

Finally, the Trust has managed to submit a planning application & prior notification request for installing further forest road infrastructure in the Tyndrum Community Woodland. These works are needed to support the felling operations, which aim to remove the remaining stands of non-native conifers from the woodlands. The planning works were accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion Request, which has also been made to Scottish Forestry as part of the regulatory requirements to install the forest road infrastructure. We are hoping that all

permissions can be granted by the beginning of October, allowing us to get started with the forest road construction works later in the month. Due to the delay in securing these works, the felling of the conifer stands is now scheduled to take place next year. The work to further restructure the Tyndrum Community Woodland as an extensive area of native woodland are part of the Wild Strathfillan initiative.

On the ground, Jimmy has been busy keeping on top of the woodland maintenance, including clearing paths and carparks, extensive vegetation clearance across the woodland area, removing damaged windblown trees and being a helpful presence across all Trust owned and managed land. Jimmy has just recently removed the Forest Classroom in the Shelterbelt, after many requests from locals! He's also aiming to start dealing with the dangerous windblown trees, so if you hear the chainsaw running, you'll know what's going on! If you have any questions on anything going on in the woodlands, please drop an email to Euan@strathfillancdt.org.uk

Strathfillan Angling Association



Jimmy continues to monitor the pathways down to the river, allowing easier access to the meadows for people to go fishing, or walk their dogs. This recently included fixing a potentially dangerous hazard on the meadow banks, where a large hole had formed because of the river undermining the banking. Thanks to Jimmy for being on alert to

a potentially dangerous issue. If you see any similar issues which you think need attention, please get in touch through our Keep Strathfillan Tidy WhatsApp group.

Keep Strathfillan Tidy Whatsapp
Whatsapp group



Permits and maps are available from Crianlarich Stores, the Rod & Reel and the Green Welly Stop. Fishing can also be booked online through our website

www.strathfillancdt.org.uk/projects/fishing-in-strathfillan

The updated map for 2025 is also available on our website. Follow us on Facebook and share your photos of your catch and our lovely area. As always, thank you to Colin McGeoch for chairing and steering the Strathfillan Angling Association.

Community Land Festival

Over the last 25 years, the Trust has successfully purchased and leased several community assets on behalf of the Strathfillan Community, while other opportunities have passed by. We'd like an opportunity to celebrate these achievements, through exploring our community land journey with the people of Strathfillan.

Join us for a celebratory lunch at the Tyndrum Inn on the 18th of October (12pm-3pm), where we will discuss our community land journey so far and have a think about what may come next. The event will include a deli lunch for all who attend and provide an opportunity to reflect on the success and challenges of community land ownership in Strathfillan and beyond.

All members and friends of the Trust will receive a personal invite. Please RSVP to confirm your attendance. If you are not a member of the Trust, and would like to attend, please email Euan@strathfillancdt.org.uk

This event is part of the Community Land Festival, which is co-ordinated by Community Land Scotland and the



Scottish Government Community Land Team. The event will be funded through a generous donation from the Community Land Scotland team, helping to make this a special afternoon of celebration for the Strathfillan Community!

AGM

Our AGM will be held in Crianlarich this year, at the Crianlarich Best Western Hotel on Monday 17th of November 6-8pm. As usual, the AGM will include an annual review of the Trust's operation from our Chair and gives members and friends the chance to ask questions and raise any concerns – or even join the Board! Refreshments and light snacks will be available. All members and friends of the Trust will receive a personal invite; however, the meeting is open to all who wish to attend.

Membership

We are always on the lookout for new members to join the Trust, at any time of the year. There are two levels of membership, Ordinary and Associate, which allows anyone to become a member no matter where you live. It is free to join, and further information can be found on our website www.strathfillancdt.org.uk or by contacting us via email at ffice@strathfillancdt.org.uk

Strength and Balance Classes

Are you interested in getting active? Or are you looking for an opportunity to socialise within the community? Come and join us at our local Strength and Balance classes in Crianlarich Village Hall. We meet on Thursday afternoons between 2 – 3 pm, followed by tea and biscuits. Our sessions are FREE (although donations no matter how small kindly accepted) with no need to book! Everyone is welcome and if you need help to get here, please contact Sheona or Dawn at the Trust to arrange a lift. We look forward to seeing you! If you would like further information on the classes, you can contact Fiona@trustinthepark.org from Trust in the Park or Sheona@strathfillancdt.org.uk

Keeping strong and balanced at home

This issue we remind you of the importance of good movement around the hips and lengthening the muscles over the front of the hip. A flamingo swing has a double benefit of challenging (and therefore helping to improve!) your balance, as well as lengthening the muscles and tendons across the front of the hip and strengthening the ones across the back of the hip. Do these moves slowly and with control but specifically concentrate on taking the leg backwards.

Flamingo Swings:

- Stand tall and side on to your support
- Swing the leg furthest from the chair forwards and back slowly and with control
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Message from the Killin Parent Partnership

There are some exciting events coming up in the next few months, but first, it is with heavy heart but enormous thanks that we say goodbye to Fiona Syme and Kim Crooks as co-chairs of the KPP and Pauline McCaig as treasurer.

Thank you for your tireless service!

Attempting to fill their shoes, Leeanne Coyle makes a move to treasurer, Emma Kerr will take on the role of secretary and I, Jeremy Hannah, step in as chair. As a dad with a daughter in P1 and a son in P3, I understand how important the parent partnership is in securing the resources and extras that all the children really benefit from. I am looking forward to working with the school and all you other parents.

Please continue to get in touch with any of us if you have any ideas, comments or anything school related.

Looking forwards, it's the wonderful book fair, open to all in the school gym hall and running on Tuesday 30th September, Wednesday 1st October and Thursday 2nd. As usual, a brilliant selection of titles and other fun accessories (pencils, pencil cases etc.) that your children will love! Remember, the more books that are sold, the more funds are raised for the school.

On Thursday the 30th of October, we will be bringing back the much-loved Halloween Party. A chance for the children to show off their costumes and have a lot of fun.

Finally, thinking caps on. Our ever popular 'Pumpkin Patch Competition' in the front garden of the school will return this Halloween. More details will follow, but do your children have any ideas on making it even bigger, better or scarier? Let us know.

Class two have been learning about Ancient Egypt. We have been exploring different artefacts and have even had a chance to dress like a pharaoh.



Some of our pupils in Class 3 have been visiting the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home to learn new skills. This term we are focusing on knitting, with the help of residents, volunteers and staff. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated wool and needles.



Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge. It was another great turn out this year. Thank you to Kay for organising this great project.



PC Iona taught class 1 how to cross the road safely.



We would like to wish a HUGE welcome to our fantastic new Primary 1s. They are already busy learning new sounds and numbers.



Class One enjoyed a visit to Killin Fire station to help with their learning on their People Who Help Us Topic.



Art clubbers have been concentrating on COLOUR. We looked at the colour wheel, talked about primary colours and mixing, then used oil pastels and paint to make some beautiful autumn leaf paintings.



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Dochart House Captain: Annabella MacLachlan

Lochay Vice Captain: Euan Bellas

Dochart Vice Captain: Thomas Kennedy

RAF Memorial Service, Glen Ogle



A memorial service was conducted by the Commanding Officer of 13 Squadron, Wing Commander Stuart McAdam, in remembrance of the two RAF pilots who lost their lives when their Tornado crashed in Glen Ogle on the 1st. September 1994. The service was attended by the family of FLT: LT Patrick Harrison, RAF officers and local people.



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Touring Forgotten Fleece Tales exhibition stops at The Old Mill

The Forgotten Fleece Tales is on a tour of Scotland for the next two years and is currently homed at The Old Mill in Killin. It is a celebration of the space where art, craft, story and ecology come together. The exhibition features a curated collection of works made using waste or unwanted organic Scottish fleece, and byproducts of industrial fleece processing – including wearables, wall hangings, home textiles, sculptural pieces and interactive experiences.



The theme of “forgotten” fleece binds the pieces together in the form of a unique piece of short fiction written for each creation by folklorist and writer Alicia Anne Adams. These tales draw on aspects of Scottish folklore, history and landscapes, inviting readers to connect more closely with the story of wool - both in the pieces on display, and in their everyday lives.

The exhibition is on at the Old Mill until November 2, and is free to visit.

Catch up with more news and events from The Old Mill at www.facebook.com/OldMill.KAT

Potluck for have-a-go wheelers

Nicola and Iain from Tyndrum Pottery held a have-a-go potters’ wheel session at The Old Mill in August. A messy and fun time was had by all and participants got to take home their creations. Tyndrum Pottery is one of the many local craft businesses that sell at The Old Mill’s Makers’ Market.

Fassiefern – a hub of activity

We continue to have Start-up Stirling and Citizens’ Advice Bureau (CAB) coming in every Thursday 11am to midday, before the warm hub, so do pop by to see them.

The Business and Learning Hub is available for bookings for:

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Thinking of starting a new business?

There is a small unit to rent at Fassiefern, next door to The Reuse Shop. Viewings and an informal chat can be arranged through Theresa. And if you like the space, we can help to get you set up (although sadly not financially :-)).

St Fillan’s Church update

We are waiting on the outcome of the applications to the Scottish Land Fund and the Architectural Heritage Fund for funding to develop the project. If successful, we would contract consultants/architects to help us look at how feasible the project would be and to design and cost the refurbishment. This information will be used in the business plan.

New projects in the pipeline

We have a couple of new projects that are at the development stage.

We have partnered with the Loch Lomond & Trossachs Countryside Trust through its Wild Strathfillan Project to develop a community garden with the Youth Forum at the Sports Pavilion.

We are also developing a pilot to hold one-day courses for young people to gain practical knowledge in rural skills. Once we have more information on the courses available, we will get more information out to young people. If you are aged 16 to 25 and would be interested in these courses, please contact Theresa so she can keep you updated. The courses will be free and transport and support will be provided.

For more information about all of these – the hub, the retail unit, St Fillan’s Church and the new projects - contact Theresa on theresa@killincdt.co.uk or phone 01567 230040.

Getting crafty at The Reuse Shop

We are excited to announce a new programme of Saturday afternoon fun at The Reuse Shop - Blether, Cuppa, Crafts. Taking place on the second Saturdays of the month, they are a good chance for people to get together to try their hand at some simple upcycling crafts. Refreshments will be provided.

We welcomed people earlier this month for our tabletop games afternoon, which included some old favourites as well as ones new to many of our visitors, such as 7 Wonders, a fast-paced card game where you gather resources to build a wonder of the world, and the highly competitive Codenames, where two teams pit their spying and codebreaking abilities against each other. Thanks to all those who took part, and especially to Eleanor who organised and hosted it.

Coming up we have:

Saturday, October 11 – upcycling card making (bring any used cards you have with you and turn them into new greetings cards)

Saturday, November 8 - book folding (turn an old book into a decorative item)

Saturday, December 13 - Christmas cracker making (please bring two toilet roll inners with you, all other items provided)

These sessions are run by volunteers, and if you would like to see the programme extended into 2026, please email rachel@killincdt.co.uk with your ideas.

Stirling Rock Choir



At the end of August the Stirling Rock Choir performed a concert in Killin's McLaren Hall. The concert was organised by the Killin branch of Cancer Research UK.

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The Killin Highland Games - A Triumph

Killin's Breadalbane Park was alive with a vibrant energy on August 6th as the annual Killin Highland Games were hailed a resounding success. Against the stunning backdrop of the Scottish hills, the skirl of the



pipes and the roar of the crowd filled the air from the moment the gates opened. This year's spectacular event, led by Chief of the Games Jamie Macnab, drew an enthusiastic crowd and a truly



international field of competitors, cementing its place as a highlight on the Highland Games calendar.

Under the watchful eye of Chief Macnab, the games embodied a deep respect for tradition. "It fills me with immense pride to see the community come together like this, year after year," he said. "The games are more than just a competition; they are a celebration of our heritage and a testament to

the enduring spirit of the Highlands. This year's event has been a true joy to participate in."

The atmosphere was electric as athletes from all corners of the globe showcased their skills. The wide range of distances some competitors travelled was a testament to the games' growing international reputation. This year's chairman, Charlie Grant, reflected on the extraordinary turnout. "It's incredible to see

people travel from so far to compete," he said. "The passion these athletes, dancers and pipers



have for these traditional sports is a huge part of what makes our games



so special. It creates a unique, welcoming atmosphere that is truly second to none."

The heavy events and junior Heavies were, as always, a particular highlight. The crowd held its breath as competitors launched into the heavy events, and a collective cheer erupted with every successful caber toss. All the heavy athletes showed immense strength and skill, but a special mention was given to Lily Riley, a competitor who journeyed all the way from Australia to take part. Her performance,



h of Tradition and Community Spirit



a wide variety of visitors, with many entering the famously tough 'Hill Race' sponsored by The Real Food Cafe, to the top and back of the Sron a Clachain.

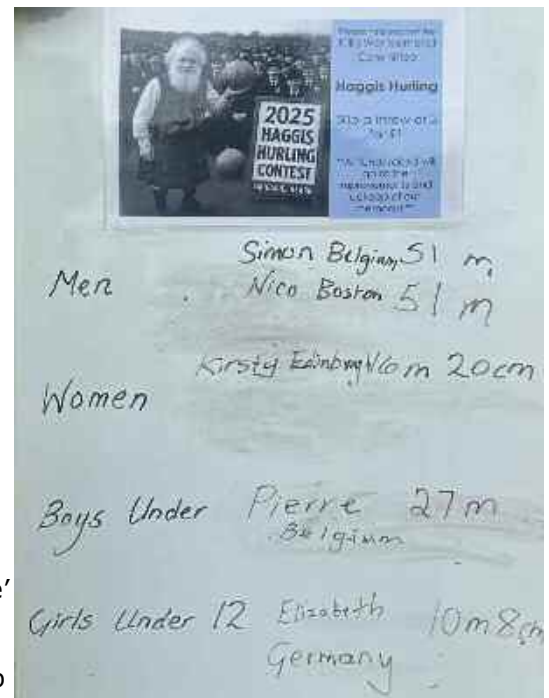
along with all the other heavy athletes, was met with great appreciation from the spectators, highlighting the global appeal of the Killin Highland Games.

There was a particularly good turnout for the solo piping competition with one of the judges, Barry Donaldson, saying "This is one of the top events in the solo piping world" and it took him all day to do the judging. There was also a plethora of talent for the highland dancing competition and, as usual, there were some excellent performances. As always there was



of thirty tourists to the games also said, 'Thank you for a great day out, we will bring back another group next year'.

The phenomenal success of the day was made possible by the dedicated support of many. A record number of attendees filled the field, bringing a bustling and celebratory atmosphere to the games, and for that, the organisers extend their heartfelt thanks. Thanks are also due to all the vendors who provided a wonderful array of local crafts, food, and drink for everyone to enjoy. The haggis hurling competition raised £160.00 towards the War Memorial upkeep fund. A huge debt of gratitude also goes



to the sponsors, and most importantly, the tireless volunteers who worked behind the scenes to make the games run so smoothly. To all the competitors and to all the people who attended, many of whom had travelled from all over the world, their presence and enthusiasm brought a vibrant, international flavour to this celebrated Scottish tradition. The next games will be on Wednesday August 5th 2026. Hope to see you all there.

Killin Medical Practice

Winter Vaccinations

Invites for winter vaccinations at Nurse's Clinic Killin are currently being sent out. As the colder months approach, residents are reminded that winter vaccinations, including flu and COVID-19 boosters, are now being administered at the Nurse's Clinic Killin.

Please be aware that the Killin Medical Practice IS NOT responsible for organising or booking these vaccination appointments. All winter vaccinations are being co-ordinated separately through the Immunisation Team.

The flu and coronavirus vaccines are being offered from September 2025. If you're eligible, you will receive a letter, email or text message with details of your appointment or information on how you can book one. Please wait to be contacted.

To re-arrange your appointment or for any vaccination queries please call 0800 130 3120 and speak to the Immunisation Team or have a look at the NHS Inform website

Good News

Stirling Advice Services will be available every 2 weeks on a Tuesday from 30th September 2025. Please call the surgery to book an appointment.

Cancellations

We have recently had an increase in the number of cancelled appointments at short notice and also non-attendance. We understand that circumstances change. Please ensure you notify us as soon as possible if you are unable to attend an appointment so we can allocate the appointment to someone else.

District and Community Nurses

They have had a change in operations. We are able to book treatment room appointments in Killin at the Nurses Clinic on a Tuesday and a Friday morning. For Home visits please contact them directly on 01786 434073 or 01786 434095.

Closure

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Killin Community Council Report

Recruitment

The Community Council is recruiting two further members, to be co-opted at the November meeting. Anyone interested in representing our local community should email the Community Council at the email address below. Nominations close on 13th October.

The meeting on September 2nd was well attended, and we were pleased to welcome our new Minutes Secretary, Lieke van de Coterlet, who is also a member of the Scottish Youth Parliament. Lieke will be with us until next summer, when we will be sadly losing her to university.

Railway Track

There have been several more donations to the 'old railway track' fund, and we are very grateful to The Stroyans, Infinity Blue, Bear Scotland, Davidsons Chemists, and others. We will continue to seek final funding from national and local resources, and hope to have the final funding in place to begin work in the spring.

Parking & Roads

There was a good and informative discussion about parking and road safety, and it was decided to ask Stirling Council to reinstate the Main Street parking restrictions, with the proviso that there should be a one hour maximum free parking with one hour no return. It was felt that this regime would best manage on-street parking for the benefit of local residents and businesses. We have also agreed to ask the Council to introduce a 30 mph zone from the Golf Course to the caravan park, with a 300 metre countdown at both ends of the village, as is common on the approach to other villages. This was felt particularly appropriate and necessary as there are a couple of

very sharp and unmarked corners on the approach from Aberfeldy, and the transition from 60 mph to 20 mph at the war memorial is very abrupt, and the existing 20 mph signs here are partially obscured by vegetation. These proposals were unanimously supported by all members of the public attending.

Buses

The 'pilot' C60 bus service has had a good summer, and appears to be cleaning its own boot, to murder a well-known aphorism. There will now be an additional return run in the late morning throughout the winter, which should be in operation when you read this. This will enable users to visit Callander more easily for appointments and shopping and vice versa to Killin. This is a welcome development, particularly as it demonstrates Stirling Council's growing confidence in the service. Additionally, Scottish Citylink and Ember are now stopping at Lix Toll, though this service must be booked in advance. Both go to Edinburgh via Doune, the Raploch on the edge of Stirling, and Edinburgh Airport. Timetables and other information are available online or from our local library.

Sewage

There are dismayed reports of sewage spilling out onto the junction between Station Road and Lyon Road. This has been a recurring problem for years and Scottish Water did make some improvements to the drainage system in this area a few years ago when the new Co-op was flooded on its opening week. Needless to say, this is an area of heavy footfall, both local and visitor, as it is the principal access to the Co-op and, I would hope, an embarrassment to Scottish Water, as

much as it is to the village. We will be meeting with Scottish water, along with affected residents, to see if this problem can be finally resolved.

Lix Toll Fuel

The situation at Lix Toll remains unclear. The damage caused in January which forced the closure of the fuel pumps, has still not been fixed. Our local Stirling Councillor, Martin Earl, has been pursuing this on our behalf with Certas, the operator, but there is not yet even a vague idea of when, if ever, this fairly vital service will be restored. We will however keep pressing on this issue.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held in the Lesser McLaren Hall on 4th November at 7.00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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Without the Car Scheme many people living in our community would struggle to get to appointments and for some it is the only time they get to leave their homes. The drivers make an enormous difference to people's lives and they also benefit from the social interaction between themselves and their passengers.

The current Chair and Secretary have decided that they will not stand for re-election, as Trustees, at the next Annual General Meeting in December 2025.

"We have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside the other trustees, volunteers and drivers since 2018, and have put in a lot of effort to keep the car scheme running smoothly. Some of our main duties have included raising funds, recruiting volunteers,

administration, policy development and day-to-day running of the organisation. We really feel proud of everything we have achieved together, during our time in these roles, and we are excited to see what the future holds!

We both recognise that it's now time to focus on making the most of our retirement together and following other less demanding interests."

For the Car Scheme to continue, in its current form, we need people to come forward who have the skills to cover the duties mentioned above. They will have the support of the people standing down, to ensure a smooth handover and any other support required.

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Killin Breadalbane Angling Club



History

The Killin and Breadalbane Angling Club (KBAC) was founded in 1881. It is one of the oldest

angling Clubs in Scotland. Our anglers fish on The River Tay System which is covered by the River Tay Protection Order. The club focuses on ensuring our ethos revolves around our environment, encouraging sustainable and responsible fishing.

We have memberships for Salmon, Trout, and Coarse which can be fished for at various periods throughout the year.

One of its founding members Peter Ross invented (in 1890) one of the most famous Wet Fly patterns to date (also our club's logo).

Warmer Weather

The Club would like to mention that due to the high temperatures this year coinciding with the severe lack of rainwater, the river temperature was rising. This is a concern, especially if anglers are fishing for Pike.

"Pike, despite their ferocious appearance, are surprisingly delicate creatures – especially in



summer, when water temperatures are high and oxygen levels are low. At this time of year pike require extra careful handling."

pacgb.com/pike-conservation is a fantastic website for anyone



wanting to know more about pike and fishing safely for them. The Club would ask all of its members to treat fish carefully and handle with respect. The Committee made the hard decision to cancel the Pike Outing on the

loch this year, and also made the decision to stop pike fishing in the rivers until the temperatures dropped. This was a learning curve for all the committee members and we had to learn about temperatures and oxygen levels within the river system, and the impact this has on all types of marine life.

Youth Fly Fishing

The angling club has been working in conjunction with the Killin Youth club, teaching the children how to fly fish, water safety and to enjoy the outdoors.

The club managed to get some anglers to go along to Orchil trout Fishery to help coach and mentor some children from the youth club after their fly fishing lesson. I have to admit that the conditions on the day were lovely, sunny and not a breeze about. Unfortunately for fly fishing, this is some of the worst conditions and as a result very few fish were caught. The kids still managed to have a good time and as a result the club had more under 18s on the next trip to the fishery than it has had in years.

Jetty

The biggest change for the Club this year has to be the replacement of the Jetty. The committee had agreed that the jetty needed to be brought up to regulation with new handrails



and to make it safe and asecure, and as a result a lot of other items that need to be worked on, have been put on hold. The club approached different Contractors with A&J Palmer taking on the build.

After a couple of weeks the jetty is finally finished and it looks brilliant. Not only is it safer to use, the handrails are up to the correct height, and no longer an eye sore.



Thank you to John Chisholm for all his work and time, moving boats and being a pivotal part of this work. Also thank you to A & J Palmer for doing such a wonderful job.

Thank you

The Committee have been working hard this year to try to bring the club on. It has been brilliant to see more children getting involved in fishing and enjoying being outdoors. On a personal level I would like to thank all the committee members for all their hard work this year. It has been great to see a lot of positive changes happening and more people from the village interested in Angling. The Angling Club is six years away from celebrating its 150th year and we would like to get more assistance in the committee to help to keep the momentum going.

If you are able to help the Angling Club, whether you like to fish or not, but would be able to donate a couple of hours a month, we would love to hear from you at:-

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The Pitlochry and Highland Perthshire branch of the Scottish Wildlife Trust is delighted to announce that bookings are complete for another fantastic season of autumn/winter season of monthly talks!

The talks - held at 7.30pm on Monday evenings at The Tryst in Pitlochry - are a chance to hear from experts in their field and meet people with a passion for nature and the environment.

The line up for this year's season is:

20th October: Beavers: Nature's Engineer with Jean Oudney

17th November: Conservation at Corrour with Sarah Watts

15th December: Experiences from the British Antarctic Survey with Brian Mills

19th January: Amphibians and reptiles with Rachael Cooper-Bohannon

16th February: Gardening for wildlife at Cluny House with John and Wendy Mattingley

16th March: Guardians of our Rivers project - next steps with Kerry Dodd

20th April: The Inverbroom Estate with Sarah Proctor

You don't have to be a member of the Trust to come along, and the suggested donation is £3 for non-members, £2 for members (pay in cash on the day).

Sign up to hear about more Scottish Wildlife Trust events and find out about other activities here:

scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/sign-up-to-our-mailing-list/

If you are already a member and want to hear about talks and events direct from the Trust, remember to sign up to the mailing list and click the 'Events and information from my local group' option.

Talks are subject to change, keep an eye on Facebook and local media for details.

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Crianlarich Primary School

Time Capsule

On the 21st August, former pupils, current pupils and families joined us for the opening of the Time Capsule from the year 2000. Mr Waugh pulled back the carpet and opened a surprise hatch to find the time capsule. We laid it out in class 1 and everyone wandered around looking at the things we found inside. There were pictures, drawings, what pupils wanted to be when they grew up and a newspaper from January 2000. The current pupils are going to make their own time capsule to bury alongside the 2000s one.

Hunter (P7)

Welcome P1s

In August we welcomed our new cohort of P1s, Reggie and Sara. Both pupils have settled in well to primary school life! Reggie says that his favourite thing about school so far is "going to the polytunnel", and he enjoyed "looking for potatoes and getting muddy!". Sara has enjoyed doing "lots of drawing with my friends". We look forward to the year to come with our new pupils.



Back to the Polytunnel

The whole school went for their first trip of the year to the Community Gardens with Alan. We picked potatoes and rhubarb and brought them back to school. Caroline made the potatoes into roast potatoes that we ate for lunch. It was really fun!

Evey (P7)



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Killin Firefighters Fundraising



This year we attended the Killin Show & the Killin Highland Games to raise money and engage with the local communities. The support from locals and tourists was as always fantastic.

This year we managed to raise over £1,000. We would like to thank the local communities for the continued support throughout the year. As always we will choose a selection of local groups to give money back to the local community, this will be decided in the next few months.

Regards
Killin's Firefighters



Killin Community Choir and Friends
invite you to join us for an evening of **REMEMBRANCE,**
HONOUR, AND PEACE

Date: 15th November 2025

McLaren Hall 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm)

Tickets: Available from Macgregor's or choir members

Adults £10

Children and Seniors £8

Family £25 (Max 5 people)

Bar will be available

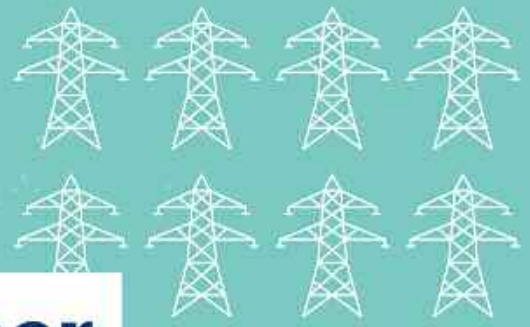


Christmas Fayre & Coffee Afternoon is a great chance to shop locally and support talented home crafters. With 20 tables showcasing a wide and varied selection of handcrafted gifts from local artisans and businesses, there's something for everyone.

The venue is wheelchair accessible and offers plenty of space to browse and chat with sellers. There's also a refreshment area hosted by Killin Youth Group.

Entry is FREE, with tea, coffee, and cake available for a small fee.

Follow this event on Facebook <https://fb.me/e/3q6jHzhEi>



Lochay Transformer Replacement Newsletter

October 2025

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.



Progress on site

The final cable ducts have been laid, which allowed Global our civils contractor to complete the new access road.

This was a critical part of the project to allow us to move from civils to electrical works.

We are now preparing for the next phase of the project.

Upcoming works

With the cable ducts and new road laid, we move our focus to the electrical phase of the project. By the end of September, we saw the completion of a section of overhead line being diverted underground around the substation also during September we continued assembling the structures and associated parts within the substation along with earthing within the control building and substation. Delivery of the substation standby generator is due in October.

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

Louise Anderson

Lead Community Liaison Manager
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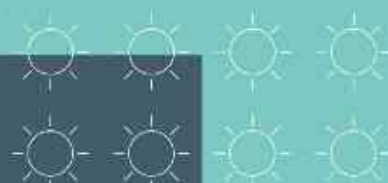
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Frost Report

The Next Generation

At this time of year we see all the new youngsters now leading their own lives. The large number of new animals are now going about their business, sometimes with great inquisitiveness like the young birds, especially the blue tits who randomly find themselves in the house having investigated an open window or even in the, thankfully unlit, log burner after investigating the chimney. One has been investigating the keyhole cover on a door but has, as yet not managed to get through the keyhole. This is the first generation of blue tits to take advantage of the sunflowers which have now gone to seed. The sparrows have been continually busy with repeated clutches of the next spuggy generation. They are said to be getting scarce so we must have half the population. Speaking to neighbours in Ardtalnaig they seem to have the other half. So there are flocks of them queueing up to have a go in the bird bath. If you remember they loved the warm water in the Winter for a hot tub but now they are going for cold water for a wild swimming vibe. We are drawing the line at installing a mini sauna. Just how the young squirrels find their way to the feeders on their own we are not sure but maybe they follow the scent of older and wiser relations. They certainly seem to follow the same paths. Nick (short for Nicholas the nippy nut nicker) has really taken to the box of monkey nuts in shells and is in, out, away and back again at lightning speed. I timed him the other day and he made a foray each minute, presumably till his tummy was comfortably full. The last few years

squirrels have shunned the boxes and their healthier assortment of nuts and seeds but this year they must have been watching Jamie Oliver on their tablets or something and going for the healthier option. After watching crows homing in on the sheep's supplement feed buckets I'm hoping that the next generation won't be big muscley super crows. The farmers have enough to cope with without that. Farming, especially cattle and sheep farming in the hills and uplands, is becoming more and more difficult and the next generation of farmers will have some hard decisions to make. There are record low profits so it's no wonder that the number of breeding sheep in Scotland is the lowest on record. Nor that there is a vast difference in numbers selling at Lairg compared to 20 years ago (from 35,000 to 15,000). When we lived in Sutherland in the early 70s Lairg was often bursting at the seams with buyers from all over Britain and the world. Now, for much of the year it's a bit like a ghost town in the wild west and just lacks the tumbleweed blowing along. Instead of feeding livestock our land is being dotted with wind turbines, being rewilded, sold for carbon offsets and 5 million more trees are being planted in Britain, 75% funded by The Woodland trust and Lloyds Banking Group. Not only does this impact on food production but provides fewer jobs so rural areas are becoming depopulated. Second clearances. Agriculture minister Jim Fairlie is trying to support farmers and says that he does recognise the difficulties. He is also recognising the

positive impact of field sports to the rural and agricultural economy. Also let vegetarians and vegans realise that they still need fields and farmers to grow food. Just how many oats does it take to make a pint of milk?

There will also soon be new vegetarians as research begun in America in 2020 has revealed that some tick bites can result in the victim becoming allergic to meat of all kinds. One type of meat that you may not fancy anyway is blue meat from some wild boars in California. They have been eating rodent poison dyed blue. The livers of condors, bobcats and black bears have also been found to contain the poison, but they haven't turned blue. It would probably be safe to eat meat from the estimated 2,500 wild boars in Dumfries and Galloway, an increase of nearly double in 50 years. Maybe the next generation will be seeing them sold at Lairg sales. The next generation of sea eagles is making waves as a new young female had killed, and taken over the nest from, the oldest introduced female – one featured on a past Springwatch no less! Maybe she is the one accused of taking Shetland foals. Mr Fox has been feeling the housing crisis as there are an estimated 10,000 feral foxes in London. He took up residence in a Sue Rider charity shop and had a nice rest on a sofa after causing a great deal of damage. So maybe KAT and the Reuse Shop need to be wary of the increase in badgers wandering around the cemetery field, Fingal Road and the Old Mart.

Tim Frost



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Breadalbane Heritage Society

The Society has now resumed its series of monthly autumn and winter illustrated talks, held in the auditorium at the Breadalbane Community Campus, Aberfeldy. Doors open at 7.00 pm and the talks begin at 7.30 pm. New members are welcome.

On Friday 17th October the speaker is Alan Fisher who will talk about Aberfeldy's Industrial Revolution. The transformation of Aberfeldy from a few hovels to the attractive little town we know today took place during the industrial revolution and was profoundly influenced by it. Alan, whose family has a history in the town spanning over 200 years, will discuss its development, with particular focus on the history of its wool, whisky and laundry industries.

The BHS's website <https://breadalbane-heritage.org.uk/> features a video of local scenes of interest, and provides up-to-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. An updated edition of the illustrated booklet *Around Aberfeldy, A Brief History* has just been published and is available in local outlets. The BHS also provides a free service of assistance with family history research. Recordings of all the recent talks are available on the website.



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Friday 17th October 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

'Aberfeldy's Industrial Revolution'

An illustrated talk by Alan Fisher



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Breadalbane Community Campus: Doors open 7.00 p.m.

Admission: No charge for Society Members; Visitors - £5.00

For any enquiries contact Ian at bhsaberfeldy@gmail.com

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Nearest the Pin handicap 19 and Under (8th/17th) : Colin Woods (Balfron)

Nearest the Pin handicap 20 and Above (5th / 14th): Allan McHenery (Killin)

Longest Drive :

Handicap 19 and Under (9th/18th) : Charles Petrie

Gents' Handicap 20 and above (7th /16th) : Christopher Biyle (Hamilton)

Ladies' Handicap 20 and above (6th/15th): Sheila Aitken (Killin)

Ladies

Handicap

1. Heather Cleland (Pumpherston) 68

2. Silvia Knecht (Killin) 69

Scratch

1. Debbie Wallace (Playsport) 80

Killin Cup (Best overall Handicap): Heather Cleland (Pumpherston) 68

Bridge of Lochay Salver (Best Local Handicap): Silvia Knecht 69

Dochart Trophy (Best overall Scratch): Debbie Wallace (Playsport) 80

Gents

Handicap

1. Tam Dewar (Killin) 63

2. Roy Smith (Killin) 66

3. Alan Birnie (Pumpherston) 67 BIH

Scratch

1. Colin Woods (Balfron) 74

2. Charles Petrie 76

3. Graeme MacKechnie (Dalmally) 78 BIH

The Melia Quaich (best overall handicap): Tam Dewar

The Davies Trophy (best overall scratch): Colin Woods

The Wee Claret Jug (best local handicap): Tam Dewar



Tam Dewar and Silvia Knecht
with their trophies

Killin Golf Club Senior Stableford Open

Magic 2's:

Dave Allan (Lochgelly), John Cleland (Pumpherston), Barry Vince (St Michaels), Gary McCrorie (St Fillans), Gordon Aitken (Killin)

Nearest the pin

Gents: Peter Nettleton (Killin)

Ladies: Sally Birnie (Pumpherston)

In TWO: Ian G Kerr (Kilmacolm)

Ladies:

1. Sheila Aitken (Killin) 29

2. Heather Cleland (Pumpherston) 25

3. Lesley Millar (Kenmore) 24

Gents:

1. Gary McCrorie (St Fillans) 38 BIH

2. Peter Nettleton (Killin) 38

3. Kenny Aitken (Killin) 37



Gordon and Sheila Aitken with Peter Nettleton

Overall: Gary McCrorie (St Fillans) 38

Letters

I am writing to you from NSW, Australia.
My name is Elayne Julian, nee McCallum, and I am the family Genealogist.
I am looking for information about the McCallum family in Killin from 1700-1800.
I have a large branch of the McCallums from the Killin area and would love to know more about their lives and any records that exist.

Phil Simpson from the church let me know that he only has the baptismal records back to 1932. So anything anyone before that has would be very interesting to me.
I'd love to know what sort of life Killin has/had. I imagine where I am on a Coastal Beach of NSW is a bit different. I have no idea if you get snow? or how cold it gets, what is summer like? what sort of work is in the area?

Anyway I would absolutely love it if you were to put a small piece in your paper in case there are McCallums in the area or anyone interested in contacting me about the McCallums or Killin History.

Elayne Julian
elayine1701@yahoo.com.au

As a member of Stirling Rock Choir I had the privilege to attend and sing with fellow members last night in your village hall.

We were warmly welcomed by the committee, enjoyed singing with encouraging audience participation. We were very well looked after with tea coffee and beautiful home baking. Just wonderful.
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This was my first visit to your beautiful village I will certainly be returning.
Keep up the good work.

Aileen Nicol

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National Park

07 Aug 2025

Proposal: Upgrade of existing
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public road (for temporary use 8
weeks)

Location: Land Near Newton And The
Tyndrum Mine West Highland Way
Ardormie Tyndrum

Applicant: Mr Euan Palmer

Application Type: Detailed Planning
Permission

Decision: Current

07 Aug 2025

Proposal: Construction of forestry
road to form turning area and timber
stacking area

Location: Land Near Newton And The
Tyndrum Mine West Highland Way
Ardormie Tyndrum

Applicant: Mr Euan Palmer

Application Type: Prior Notification

Decision: Prior approval is required

Perth & Kinross Council

21 Jul 2025

Proposal: Alterations to
dwellinghouse (proposed)

Location: Fletchers Croft Lawers

Applicant: Mr And Mrs Andy And
Vicky Kilpatrick

Application Type: Certificate of
Lawful Use (Proposed)

Decision: Approve the application

Stirling Council

01 Sep 2025

Proposal: Change of use of land,
erection of 1no. tourist

accommodation unit and decking

Location: Former Telephone

Exchange Killin

Applicant: Mrs Lilian Price

Application Type:

Decision: Awaiting decision

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Regular Activities

Monday

- Adult Badminton, 7-9pm, McLaren Hall
- Junior Badminton, 6pm, Crianlarich Hall
- Bridge, 7.15-9pm, Killin Hotel, contact Marion 07879 258229
- Indoor Bowls, 7.30pm, Lesser Hall (winter months only)

Tuesday

- 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
- Pilates 5.30pm and 6.30pm, Community Rooms, booking required on 07866 018629
- Aikido 7:30-9 Adults/Young people from 16 years.
- Aikido 6-6.45 aged 5 to 8, 6:45 - 7.30 aged 9 to 15.

Wednesday

- Walk in the Park, 10.20, refer to schedule for locations
- Strength & Balance, 2-3pm, Killin & Ardeonig Church Hall
- Highland Hustle, 6.30-7.15pm, McLaren Hall
- Youth Club, P6/7 5.45-7.15pm S1-3 7.30-9.00pm [Sign-Ups: aldasair@cyp.org.uk]
- Multi-Sports Session - Wednesdays (Fortnightly), P5-7 5-6pm, S1-3 6-7pm [sign-ups: mckennac@activestirling.org.uk]
- Killin Comm Choir, 7.30pm-9pm, Killin Church

Thursday

- Running Club, 6pm, Acharn Forest 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)

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

- Football in the Park, 8-11 years, Check for times with Andy.
- Killin Gun Club, 3rd Sun of month March-December. Contact Iain Lowther 07468245239 Henry Paterson 01567 820354

Coming Soon !

September

- 30 Sept (and every other Tues from now) Med Practice Advice Services p22
- 30-2 Oct Prim School Book Fair p14

October

- 2 SWI Killin p7
- 11 KAT card making p18
- 17 BHS talk p34
- 18 SCDT Lunch p12
- 20 SWT Pitlochry p2
- 23 SWT Callander p5

November

- 4 KCC meeting p23
- 6 SWI Killin p7
- 8 KAT book folding p18
- 13 SWT Callander p5
- 15 Community Choir Remembrance Day concert p31
- 22 Christmas Fayre p31

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 Sunday of the month**
10:00am Sunday worship
- **5th Sunday of the month**
10:00am Sunday worship
- **Episcopal Church**
- See www.strathearn-episcopal-churches.co.uk for details
- **Roman Catholic Church**
- Sunday Mass in Callander at 11:30am

Killin Library

Books, DVDs, 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

Which bin?

Tues/Wed

30 Sept	1 Oct	7 Oct	14 Oct
15 Oct	21 Oct	28 Oct	29 Oct
4 Nov	11 Nov	12 Nov	18 Nov
25 Nov	26 Nov	2 Dec	

Green=green bin
Blue=blue bin
Brown=brown bin
Grey=grey bin Red=glass

Recycling Centres

Callander

Booking Reference Required

Monday-Friday: 5pm-7.30pm

Saturday: 10am-1.30pm

Sunday: Closed

Aberfeldy

Tuesday and Thursday

9am-6-45pm

Saturday and Sunday

10am-4-45pm

Crieff

Broich Road, North Forr

All Year

Thursday-Monday 9am-4pm

Closed Tues & Wed

Mobile Libraries

Please see the council websites for any updates.

Crianlarich/Tyndrum

Fortnightly Friday

**3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Oct,
7, 14, 21, 28 Nov**

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

14 Oct, 4 & 25 Nov

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