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VE Day Remembrance Service
Photo Ron Allner



Killin's volunteer run festival is back, with a single main stage night at McLaren Hall on Saturday 20 June, after a two-year break.

Cammy Barnes will headline Killin Music Fest at the McLaren Hall on Saturday 20 June 2026. The Fife singer songwriter played the festival as a featured act in 2022, when his songwriting was already drawing notice on the Scottish circuit. In the four years since, his audience has grown to more than a million followers across social media, with national radio play and a run of sold-out tours.



Credit Fenja Hardel

The Saturday lineup

A six-act bill running across seven hours, mixing one of Scotland's fastest rising songwriters with some of the strongest trad and folk talent working today.

- **Cammy Barnes** (headliner). Fife singer songwriter, audience of over a million across social media, national radio play and a recent run of sold-out tours.
- **Copper Lungs**. National tours in 2026 and daytime radio play.
- **Project Smok**. Neo trad trio of Ali Levack, Ewan Baird and Pablo Lafuente. Levack was BBC Young Traditional Musician of the Year 2020.

- **Beth Malcolm**. Scots Singer of the Year 2022 and 2024, with five-star reviews in The Scotsman.
- **Ruairidh Gray**. Won both gold medals for Gaelic song at the 2022 Royal National Mod in Perth, only the second person ever to achieve this in the same year and named MG ALBA Gaelic Singer of the Year at the Scots Trad Music Awards.
- **Mad Ferret Band**. Folk duo from Perth drawing on The Corries, The Pogues and Capercaillie, with credits alongside Dougie MacLean, Mànrán and Julie Fowlis.

The festival itself has been on hiatus for two years for a reason familiar to anyone running a community event in a small village. Two couples on the volunteer organising committee welcomed new babies during the break, and the team did not have the capacity to put on a full festival weekend during those early months. The 2026 event is a one-night return at the team's current capacity, with a view to building back to a fuller programme in future years.

Festival Director Gregor MacKenzie said the lineup closes a circle for the festival, and reflects its wider approach of backing artists from grass roots through to headlining. *"This year is one packed night, not our usual full weekend, and that's our deliberate choice. A few of us on the team welcomed babies during the break, myself included, and we're not back to full capacity yet. We wanted to come back at a pace we can sustain and deliver on. Cammy is the right artist to do that with. He featured on our 2022 lineup when we recognised the quality of his songwriting and talents back then. The wider audience he's earned since hasn't changed his values at all, and it's warming that more people are discovering what we all felt in 2022. Welcoming him back as headliner is exactly how we want our festival to operate. We back artists when*

they're building, and they have a stage with us when they break through."

Sunday community day

Sunday 21 June is free and open to all. No ticket is needed for any Sunday activity. Capacities may be limited, so first come, first served.

- Pipe band parade through the village. Main Street, morning.
- The Col Charles Stewart Quaich, with local music, poetry and stories. The McLaren Hall, morning.
- Aberfeldy Gaelic Choir. The McLaren Hall, morning.
- Gaelic Singing Circle. Killin Hotel, afternoon.
- Shinty match. Breadalbane Park, afternoon.

Killin Music Fest has run since 2016 and won Best Scottish Annual Music Festival at the Media Innovator Awards 2020 and Annual Music Festival of the Year at the Corporate LiveWire Global Awards 2020. The 2023 event generated an estimated £194,000 of local economic impact for Killin and the surrounding area.

Past artists include Skerryvore, Dougie MacLean, Karen Matheson, Talisk, Elephant Sessions, Peatbog Faeries, Mànrán and Tide Lines.

Doors open at 4pm. The show runs to around 11pm. Times, lineup and activities subject to change.

Tickets

Standing, £45
Balcony seated (40 reserved seats), £45
Under 18s, £25
Last remaining tickets available at killinmusicfest.com



Credit Zak Dickson

The Killin Heritage Association

The Killin Heritage Association (or Society) has joined with the Heritage Group at The Old Mill and has transferred all its artefacts, records and financial balance to the parent company, Killin and Ardeonaig Community Development Trust.

The Old Mill team is sorting and arranging the long term conservation of the artefacts and photographs etc. and will be making them available for research and education when they have been catalogued. Many will be used in forthcoming exhibitions on the area's heritage in The Old Mill.

The assets will be in much safer and secure storage in an appropriate heritage building, making good use of the legacy left to the Association in 2015 by Dr Mairi MacColl.

The Killin Heritage Association is being wound up by the trustees in line with the requirements of the charity regulator.

Please watch for information on heritage events at the Old Mill later this year.

Friends of Killin Cemetery

Do you have some spare time and would like to help with a great cause?

We would love some more volunteers to join our group and help maintain the cemetery grounds during the summer period.

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Thanks
Friends of Killin Cemetery Group



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Tombreck Market Garden

Spring is slowly happening with the usual spread of hot sunny days and cold wet days. We had a great volunteer day at the end of April when seven volunteers from SSE 'Transmission' came and helped us to

plant over 50 kilos of seed potatoes. The varieties included Red Duke of York, Epicure, Casablanca, Kerrs Pink, Arran Victory, Valor, Senata and Cara. As can be seen in the photos, the weather was fantastic and all the

volunteers enjoyed their day.

Outside we have also sown the first batch of Broad Beans, several different types of peas, carrots, beetroot and parsnips. Seedling cabbages leeks and squash are growing ready for planting out when the weather gets a bit warmer. Meanwhile, today we are preparing the polytunnel for the young cucumber and tomato plants which are rapidly outgrowing their pots! Today the first of the spring radishes were harvested and are on sale.

We grow without the use of chemicals or artificial fertiliser, using mostly hand tools. Our produce is sold in the Tombreck Farm Shop (six miles out of Killin on the A827 north Lochayside road) and MacGregors Community Hub.



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Killin Mountain Rescue Team

Callouts Update

We have fortunately had a quiet period with no callouts over March and the Easter break.

Since then we have had 3 callouts within a two week period including an inexperienced father and daughter becoming lost and thus stuck in difficult ground on Stuc a'Chroin. Team members were able to safely lead them back into easier ground and descend safely by headtorch meaning a late night for the Team.

Two of our other callouts were joint taskings with Tayside MRT, one for a broken ankle on Ben Vorlich which required a stretcher recovery and another for a broken lower leg on Meall Garbh on Tarmachan Ridge.

Ben Vorlich Rescue

Both teams commented on how quickly the casualty was provided with medical care with the teams



reaching site within less than an hour from the initial call. A coastguard helicopter became available early on to assist in getting the casualty to hospital promptly given the nature of his injury. They were flown straight to Glasgow Queen Elizabeth Hospital in roughly 20 minutes. All in all, this gives a roughly 2 hour window from the injury occurring to being in A&E. This quick turn around is uncommon but shows how effective joint working can make a massive difference.

Coastguard Helicopters and the Team

We have mentioned that many of our callouts involve the use of the Coastguard Helicopter in the prompt evacuation of casualties.

Aeronautical Rescue has been the responsibility of HM Coastguard for nearly a decade now with the majority of the aircraft now being AW189. These are some of the most modern and technologically advanced Search & Rescue helicopters on the market.

The contract for operating these helicopters is undertaken by Bristows with an updated contract review highlighting how busy the aircraft have been, with the number of incidents only showing an upward trend. To take account of this in Scotland, a new seasonal base operating for 12 hours a day has become live in the last few months operating out of Oban Airport.



The new aircraft and its crew have been undertaking area familiarisation training including locally. Given the placing of a refuelling site in Killin, we have become accustomed to the sight of these important helicopters. Especially so as the most direct way back from Glasgow to Inverness is via Killin for the Inverness Helicopter.

Given how frequently we work with the Coastguard helicopter, it was great for our newer members to be able to undertake training and familiarisation with the aircraft at the Prestwick base this Spring. They are an amazing asset but do need to be treated with respect and understanding, with numerous hazards to be aware of and manage accordingly.

Killin 10K Sponsorship

We have been fortunate again to be offered 5 places in the Killin 10K for people to fundraise on behalf of the team. Last year 3 runners collectively raised over £1000. It made supporting the event even

more special. We are again asking for a minimum of £150 to be raised to gain one of these places. If you would be interested in fundraising for the team and gaining one of these places just contact myself via email below. In addition, we would always be happy for people to fundraise for the team at any event you would be completing. Every little bit helps and we would always love to offer our thanks and best wishes if you do.

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

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Secretary

Killin Mountain Rescue Team



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We've been working very hard to renew the shop over the past eighteen months, so if you've not been in for a while, give us another look?

For everything from phone chargers to nails and screws, washing-up liquid to speciality coffee, free-from, snacks on the go ... we try our best to provide for the community and visitors alike.

We have a pop-up market on a Friday, bringing in fresh sourdough bakery, rolls, fruit and vegetables as locally sourced as possible.

Please pop in and say hello, give us suggestions for what you would like to have available locally or just for a blether.

Follow us on Facebook for updates on what's new.



The Killin Community Hub continues to be a popular place to be on a Thursday.

Held in the Pavilion between 12:30 & 2:30 pm every Thursday, this is a chance to get together and enjoy a light lunch in good company.

It's open and free to everyone and Citizens Advice advisors attend every fortnight to help with any issues with benefits, housing or energy costs etc.

The community hub is a great place to be to catch up with friends old and new.

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Gail and her volunteer helpers look forward to welcoming you every Thursday.

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Dun Coillich is a community owned landscape regeneration and rural skills training project in Glen Goulandie. Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust owns and manages the land for wildlife and the local community.

Summer events

We have an exciting programme of summer events lined up (see www.duncoillich.org/whats-on/), including the following:

- Summer Moth Morning – on Saturday 27 June local moth recorder and enthusiast Susanna Wellock will lead a restful morning of moth marvelling. 9.30-10.30
- The Good, the Bad and the Ugly – On Saturday the 25 July our Forest Manager Willie McGhee will lead a walk to share information about the developing woodland at Dun Coillich. 9.30-11.30

Our events are free for HPCLT members, and we ask for a suggested donation of £5 from non-members. Booking is essential, please email projectofficer@hpclt.org.

Business Partnership Scheme

We are delighted to welcome Glen Lyon Coffee Roasters and Taiga Upland as the first business partners of Dùn Coillich. We hope to welcome more such partners soon, please

contact us for more details.

Jamie Grant, Director of Glen Lyon Coffee Roasters comments, *"The team here at Glen Lyon Coffee Roasters is delighted to come on board as official partners. We have had a long association with HPCLT and are huge fans of both the conservation and education work that the dedicated team of staff and volunteers deliver at Dùn Coillich. We enjoyed helping plant 250 oak saplings recently to mark the formal start of this partnership and look forward to supporting the important contribution that Dùn Coillich makes to the community for many years to come."*

Managing Director Rab Robertson and his Taiga Upland team have a long-standing relationship with HPCLT, in that many of our Trainees and other young people who have gained experience and skills with us have progressed to work with Taiga. Their experience gained at Dùn Coillich and with our Apprenticeship partners, FLS, NTS Ben Lawyers and the Kynachan and Dalchosnie Estate, stands them in good stead to take on the many and varied 'landscape' operations engaged in by Taiga Upland.

Get involved!

- There are many ways to get involved with our small charity's work:
- **Membership** - costs £20 a year; our members become part of our community. Further details at <https://www.duncoillich.org/support-us-2025>
- **Volunteering** - every Tuesday we enjoy time outdoors doing something practical.
- **Become a trustee** - to help steer the work of HPCLT among a friendly group of fellow board members.
- **Business partnership scheme** - a way for local businesses to give back to communities and the environment and support our work.

More Information

Visit our website www.duncoillich.org to find out more about where we are and what we do or follow our Facebook Group (Dun Coillich Community Land) for regular updates.

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Crannog Build

The crannog build is in full swing and the eight person team are working hard towards the grand opening. The final posts have been driven into the loch bed, and the hexagonal roof plate is installed. The crannog has suddenly emerged above its scaffolding frame, making it possible to imagine a roundhouse sitting on top of the 127 posts.

Alongside this, the wall plate which is completed with a cracking curved Oak lintel donated from the A9 motorway felling is in position, along with the radials which span from the mid to the inner concentric circle, bracing the posts. The builders are now lifting rafters to form the structure of the roof in time for the thatchers arriving at the beginning of May. Squirreling away in the background is work completing the outer ring of tangentials which will support more horizontal radial timbers from the outer to the mid ring and above which will rest the decking. The bridge is quickly heading towards being complete with vertical diagonal bracing under the walkway and handrails being fitted, creating a majestic avenue for visitors to walk out and view the remaining work on the crannog. The build is estimated to have taken over 20,000 human hours!

Volunteer With Us

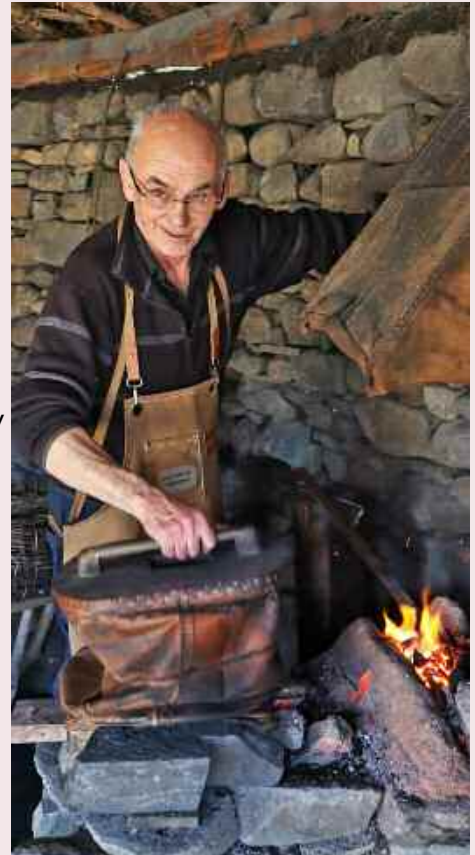
Looking for something meaningful, hands-on, and a little different?

Our wonderful volunteer Donald recently joined us once a week and has brought a real passion for blacksmithing, sharing his skills and knowledge with both visitors and staff.

Whether you already enjoy cooking, textiles, woodworking, or blacksmithing, or you're simply curious to try something new, like giving museum tours, welcoming visitors, helping with maintenance, or even gardening. We'd love to have you join us.

There's no one-size-fits-all commitment. Some volunteers join us regularly, while others drop in for a one-off experience. Whatever works for you, there's a place here. Come and give it a try, you might surprise yourself!

Interested? Get in touch with us at volunteers@crannog.co.uk



Head of Loch Tay Boardwalk Renovation

Many thanks to all those involved in the fantastic improvements to the very popular walk down by the head of Loch Tay.

The previous boardwalk over the worst of the boggy sections had fallen into disrepair and was no longer usable.

Funds for the materials required were raised :

- David and Ann Alexander organised a quiz night in the Killin Hotel which raised over £500 (with generous raffle prizes from local businesses and individuals)
- there was a sizeable donation from the Killin Agricultural Show.

Then Niall Laurence, along with David, built 2 new boardwalk sections, making it safe to once again complete the circuit.

In addition, you may have noticed that there's now a line of large flat stones over another boggy section right down near the loch - Niall and David were helped by Trevor Shaw and John Guild in doing this section - great effort guys !



DALL LODGE

COUNTRY HOUSE

We would like to express our gratitude towards the Killin News- team and their great work!
Morisa & Roman

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Brandon McPhee Fundraising Concert



On 3rd April, Killin enjoyed a fantastic night of music in The McLaren Hall organised by Marius and his team from The River Inn to raise funds for The McLaren Hall. Brandon McPhee, an accomplished singer, accordionist and guitarist, was accompanied by Manson Grant and they provided the audience with a toe tapping night to remember.





Strathfillan Community Development Trust

Woodlands

Many will have noticed the changes happening in the Tyndrum Community Woodland over the past few months. Working with RTS Forestry, we have now harvested approximately 5 ha of the remaining non-native conifers in the woodland, with much of the timber has now been transported to various sawmills. Due to the time of year, we have decided to pause operations to avoid any negative impacts to wildlife in the woodland.

The harvesting started before nesting season and has been progressing with ecological walk over surveys being completed on a weekly basis. Several coupes have not been felled due to the presence of nesting wildlife, and we've now felled as much as we can due to the presence of various nests. The harvesting will now be completed towards the end of the year, after nesting season.

The harvested coupes will be replanted with native species, beginning this winter, to continue the restructuring of the woodland area which began 20+ years ago when the woodland was purchased by the community. The end goal of the project is for the Tyndrum Community Woodland to be entirely native in composition and will be managed as such going forward. These works are supported through the Nature Restoration Fund, enabled through our participation in Wild Strathfillan initiative and the support of the Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park.

If you have any questions on anything going on in the woodlands, please drop an email to euan@strathfillancdt.org.uk

Tyndrum to Crianlarich Cycle Path

The Trust have been continuing to work with The Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (formerly SUSTRANS) to progress the development of a cycle path between Kirkton Farm and Crianlarich. In September 2025, Transport Planning & Engineering (TP&E) were commissioned to take forward the previous reports produced by Land Use Consultants & Ansons Consultants. TP&E have now completed a concept stage design, taking the previously identified Preferred Route Option through to a developed Concept Design. Following the approval of the Concept Design, the project will progress to Developed Design, refining the preferred alignment into a coordinated and deliverable scheme suitable for planning and construction.

The Trust are now seeking further funding to move forward to Developed Design. Before we proceed, we'll be holding a range of consultation events to update the community on progress made. Keep an eye out for any updates on the time and date of these events. If anyone has any questions in the meantime, please get in touch with euan@strathfillancdt.org.uk

Crianlarich Community Garden

Exciting things are happening at the community garden in Crianlarich! After a lengthy development phase

which required planning permission to be secured, construction has finally got under way to erect a brand-new gazebo seating area. Thanks to A&J Palmer, the gazebo is almost complete at the time of writing and will be ready in good time for the summer (and hopefully all the sunny days we'll get!). The gazebo was funded through the National Lottery Heritage Fund and was delivered as part of the Wild Strathfillan initiative. A big thanks to the National Lottery for helping us improve our much-loved community garden.

Almost all the new raised beds have been allocated, and lots of wonderful plants, foods and trees are now growing in the garden. Two spare raised beds remain unallocated, so if you'd like a space to grow, please get in touch with

Sheona@strathfillancdt.org.uk Otherwise, take a walk down to the garden to see the new gazebo, and look out for pictures of the grand opening in the next edition of the Killin News.



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Strathfillan Angling Association

A big thanks to Jimmy and Lynne Mackay for repairing the gate to meadows in Crianlarich! The gate and fence were due a repair, and the path was beginning to erode into the burn. After a hard day's graft, the results were fantastic as you can see below. The Trust are delighted to play their part in maintaining the popular paths and routes across the Strath.



The SAA have decided to keep permit prices level with the previous season. Permits and maps for 2026 will soon be available from the usual places, i.e. Crianlarich Stores, the Rod & Reel and the Green Welly Stop. Online permits and day passes will now be exclusively booked through our website <https://www.strathfillanctd.org.uk/projects/fishing-in-strathfillan>

The updated map for 2026 will also soon be 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.

Saplings 2026

The year is moving on, and it won't be long before we begin planning our Saplings summer activities sessions, so keep an eye on our social media posts for information on what will be happening. If you have any suggestions for a suitable activity or would like to be added to our mailing list, then please get in touch with Sheona via email sheona@strathfillanctd.org.uk

Strength & Balance Classes

Our Strength and Balance class meets every Thursday in the Committee Room at Crianlarich Village Hall at 2pm, and we follow every class with tea and biscuits, or sometimes homemade cakes! Our classes continue to be well attended, and we thank everyone for their enthusiasm and for coming along - no matter the weather! We are grateful to the Loch Lomond and Trossachs Countryside Trust for their continued support of the project and to Fiona and Diane for managing and supporting in the delivery of the classes. We have been fortunate to have been assisted by one of the volunteer instructors from the Killin class, Isobel, over the past few weeks, and we look forward to creating closer ties with them in the future.

Keeping strong and balanced at home

This issues exercise is to practice getting down and up from the floor. This vital skill allows you to play with grandchildren on the floor, sit on a beach, get in and out of the bath.

Practice makes perfect and if you have not been down to the floor for

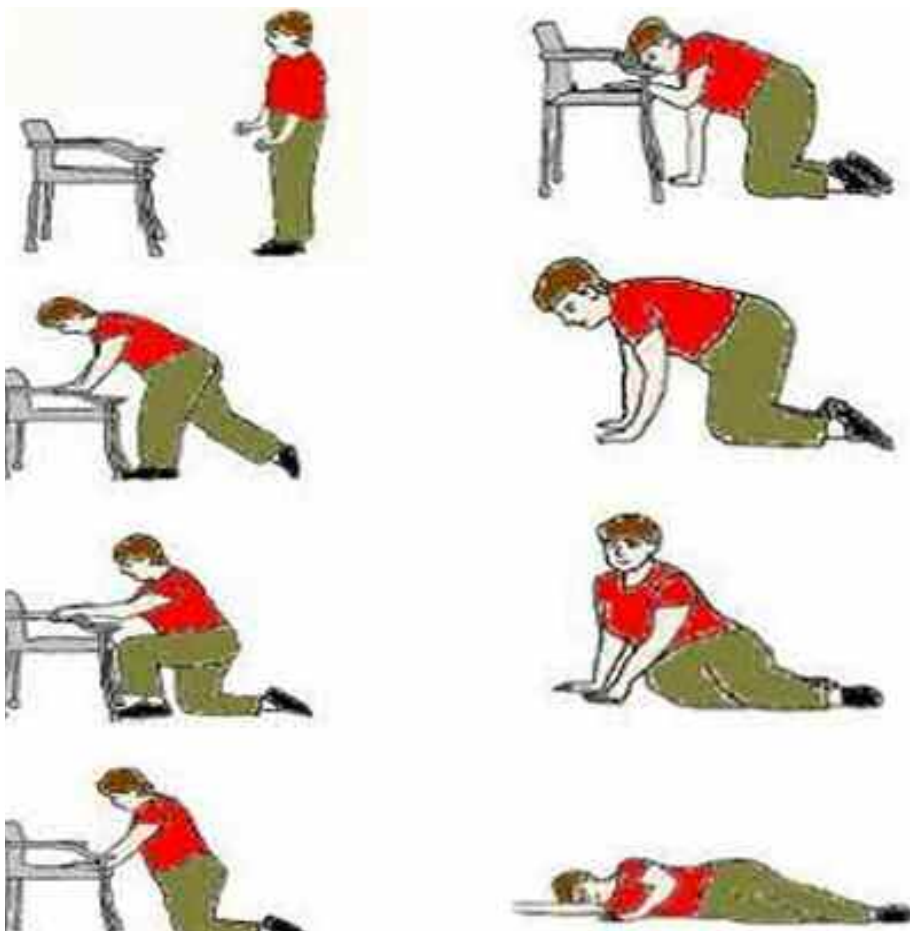
some time then do this when there is someone else at home just in case!

Even if you just practice getting down onto one knee and back up again, this will help should you have a fall or need to pick something up from under the sofa!

The following images are all 'links in a chain' so try each one and if you completed it easily, move on to the next, and so on. You could practice whatever stage you get to and you may find over time you can move on to a further stage. Work your way down the first column movements and then onto the second column if you want to progress past kneeling. If you have sore knees use a soft pillow to kneel down onto.

Let me know how you get on. If you want to talk to me about how you could adapt these (if you have very sore knees or a hip that won't bend for example) drop me a message and I can come and work it through with you.

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A Message from the Killin Parent Partnership

The Killin Parent Partnership is gearing up for its biggest fundraiser of the year – The Duck Race! This year it is on **Sunday 31st May**. With the help of local anglers and the fire brigade, over 600 ducks will race down the River Lochay towards the finish line at the Killin Hotel. First, second and third winners will receive cash prizes, and this year local businesses are taking part by sponsoring some of the ducks.



Hot drinks and home baking for the adults will be available from 11am, with fruit juice and crisps for the kids. **Ducks will be released at 11.30.**

In the meantime, if you see any human sized ducks fundraising around the village, please stop and buy a duck for **£2**. It is going towards a great cause – Killin Primary School.

Thank you.
The Killin Parent Partnership



Class 2 and 3 spent a morning looking at the different landscapes at the Head of Loch Tay. In mixed groups, they built picture frames then created their landscapes using natural materials. They were amazing. Be on the look out for more natural art during your walks!



Our new school kitchen is up and running! After 12 weeks of work, it is now fully operational and looks fantastic.



Congratulations to Euan and Thomas, who represented the school at the Scottish Schools Cross Country event in Kirkcaldy. A great experience for the boys, up against the best runners across Scotland!



Congratulations to our P6 children who completed Bikeability Scotland Level 2.



The whole school took part in inspiring workshops with author, Debra Murphy, listening to her adventures with Beatrix the border collie; and then sharing some wonderfully creative ideas for her next book - starring Florence the collie!

ary School



On Thursday 7th May, Killin and Crianlarich Primary Schools went on their annual sponsored walk. This year we went around the Acharn Loop. Although it was a bit drizzly, there were lots of laughs and encouragement. Thank you to everyone who sponsored us.



A great day was had at the Mini Stuc hill race. Well done to everyone who took part. You raced well and showed great sportsmanship. You should be proud of yourselves.



Science Week was a great success. We learned about Green Clean Energy with James and Cameron from SSE. We had a great time learning all about Engineering with Kirsty from Babcock Engineering. We had a fantastic morning learning about food and farming with Katie, Marion and Tom supported by the Royal Highland Education Trust. We learned lots about the whales and dolphins in Scotland's waters from Mia, a marine biologist from SAMS Dunstaffnage Marine Lab. Finally, Dr Anne Marie (an astronomer from St Andrews University) came to tell us about space.





It's been a busy start to the season at Ben Lawers, and we are pleased to share an update of the work that's been going on.

Volunteering Work

We were joined by 8 Trees for Life volunteers in mid-April. Tasks included

- 2 days of old fence removal near the Edramucky nature trail
- 1 day fixing up a rough vehicle track below the Tarmachan ridgeline
- 2 days of planting dwarf birch provided by Trees for Life in two target areas for montane scrub restoration, with 1750 trees planted over the 2 days.

Sightings over the week included Osprey, Merlin and many Willow Warblers, with lots of excitement over botanical finds such as purple saxifrage, butterworts and rare montane willows.

Great news with early morning Black Grouse surveys looking at a new and old lek site. 4 males were seen on the old site, along with 27 males on the new site with 4 female grey hens. This is a significant increase in numbers on the new site compared to last year.

Opening and Events

The Ben Lawers NNR Green Team is back for the season. This year, we will be running May-October on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 4:00-5:30pm in the National Trust for Scotland Killin Office. Local children aged 6-11 years old can come along, with each session costing £2 a head.

Email us at benlawers@nts.org.uk for more information or to let us know your child is coming along. Each session will involve getting out and about, adventuring in the local environment and learning about wildlife with lots of activities and games.

We'll also be running guided walks and volunteer events throughout the Spring and Summer season so make sure to keep an eye on the Ben Lawers Facebook page or on

Eventbrite for any upcoming opportunities to learn more or get involved with our work.

Meet the Team

Milly joins the Trust this season as the new seasonal ranger after working for the RSPB in the Far North and the Cairngorms National Park Authority. Milly is looking forward to exploring the area, running upcoming Green Team sessions, and spending lots of time up in the hills with the beautiful montane willows.

Polly is joining the team at Ben Lawers as the seasonal ecologist after working these past years for Butterfly Conservation and NatureScot on a range of lowland peatland sites. She is now very much looking forward to taking to the hills to discover the fascinating world of arctic alpine plants and helping contribute to the long-term monitoring of these and other rare species that make Ben Lawers their home.

Jenny joins us as Visitor Services Assistant so it will be her smiley face you see around the car park if you pop by. Jenny recently completed an MSc in Wildlife Biology and Conservation and has spent time volunteering at RSPB Loch Leven. She's excited to meet fellow outdoor lovers, spot some cool moths and jump in to all the surrounding wild waters.

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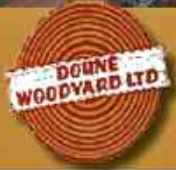
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What's Been Happeni



**Beltane and the Wolf Festival, 1st May, Balquhider.
Celebrating the ancient Gaelic start of summer.**



Willie Dunn presents a cheque on behalf of Lodge Breadalbane St Fillans no 815 to Killin Nursery School, to help with the purchase of equipment, books etc. for the children.



Multiple schools from Perthshire West travelled to Killin to take part in a 2k race around the village. The weather was kind and a great time was had by all.



ing in the Local Area



Well done to the "Killin Girls" for smashing the tough Hidden Glen 10k race held down at Monachyle Mhor, Balquhider.



You may well have spotted the new Community Garden raised beds, for community groups and locals to use, down by the Pavilion. NSB Farming came and built the structures, then a group of hardy local volunteers helped fill them up with over 20 tons of topsoil.



The new transformer for the refurbishment of the Glen Lochay power station passing over the Dochart Bridge





Ben Lawers conservation day – come and learn rural skills with KAT and the National Trust for Scotland

It has been lovely to see the Rural Skills Programme getting started over the past couple of months.

Our next session will be at Ben Lawers National Nature Reserve on 16 June, in partnership with the National Trust for Scotland. This will be another chance for young people aged 14 to 25 to get involved in practical conservation work and learn more about caring for one of our beautiful local landscapes. Young people have already taken part in practical outdoor sessions with RSPB Loch Lomond and at Tyndrum Community Woodlands, getting stuck into practical rural skills and learning more about the land, conservation work, and the jobs that happen behind the scenes in our local area. The sessions have been a chance to get outside, try something different, build confidence, and spend time with people who work in these places every day. A big thank you goes to everyone who has taken part so far, and to the organisations helping us make these sessions happen.

We are also working hard to arrange more sessions for the months ahead, with more opportunities to get involved as the programme develops. Anyone interested in taking part, or finding out more, can contact: skillsdevelopment@killincdt.co.uk

What's new at the Reuse Shop and RecyKillin

Thanks to everyone who filled out a survey for us about what they like or dislike about our community enterprise and what they would like to see us offer in

the future. The winner of the £25 Reuse Shop voucher was Pete Clark.

We were really pleased that the Reuse Shop was rated (average) 4.5 stars out of 5, the Tool Library 4.25, and the Community Fridge 4.5 – and the two main reasons people gave for their rating was the friendly, helpful volunteers and the space in the shop that allows us to offer a wide variety of items. It is great to know that people value what RecyKillin offers and, in particular, the volunteers who make it all happen.

Our manager Rachel is now going through the responses from the survey in more detail to work out a plan for RecyKillin to take shape over the next few months – so watch this space for developments such as record-player juke box, changing rooms, more events and furniture.

Extended Opening Hours

The main headline from the results was that people would like to see the Reuse Shop open for longer hours than we currently offer. As of June, we plan to open until 5.30pm on a Thursday and occasional Sunday afternoons.

The majority of our shop workers are volunteers and we would love to extend the hours even more, so if you have a few hours free a week and would like to get involved, please email rachel@killincdt.co.uk to arrange an informal chat. We are looking for people who want to help out in the stock room, serve on the shop floor, or who have merchandising or social media skills (or want to learn). Much of this work does not necessarily have to happen when the shop is open, so if you have mornings or evenings free then you can still help out behind the scenes.

Job Opportunity

Owing to the busyness of RecyKillin, KAT is planning to create a further paid position to help run it – we are looking for someone with retail experience, some project management skills, social media experience and ideas

for developing our project, or someone who would like to learn these skills on the job. Please email KAT@killincdt.co.uk to find out more.

The Tool Library - how it works

We have had quite a few people asking us recently how the Tool Library works so here's a low down on membership and how it all works.

For an annual payment of just £10, you can gain access to more than 200 tools – everything from carpets washers and food dehydrators, to drills, strimmers, dollies and ladders. You can join online at recykillin.myturn.com/ or pop into the shop on Main Street, Killin.

The full catalogue of equipment is online so you can browse or search and then reserve. User and safety instructions are also available online under each item, as well as YouTube videos if available.

Once a reservation has come through, the volunteers at the Tool Library will undertake safety checks and prepare items for pick up. You will receive an email letting you know when your item is ready. Please don't expect to reserve an item and pick it up an hour later – it usually takes a few days because the volunteers work Saturdays (12 noon to 1pm) and Tuesdays (1.30pm to 2.30pm). However, pick up and drop off can take place during shop opening hours (Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 12 noon to 4pm, Wednesdays 11am to 4pm, Thursdays 12 noon to 5.30pm).

Catch up with the news from RecyKillin and The Old Mill on Facebook
Look out for more information on our Facebook pages about events and news from RecyKillin (www.facebook.com/reuseshopkillin) and The Old Mill (www.facebook.com/OldMill.KAT)

Killin Nursery

Planter

Killin Nursery have been very lucky to have been given a planter at the pavilion community garden. We plan to grow some vegetables, plants and flowers. Together we are looking forward to getting started with growing and learning as we observe the changes and developments of this space.



Retirement Home Visit

The children visited the residents of the retirement home in their garden. The children were given the fantastic opportunity to listen to and watch a beautifully crafted animated story created by Anne.



Staff

We are excited to share that we have successfully appointed a new Principal E.C.E, Elaine Peddle. She will be joining us for two days per week. We are really looking forward to getting to know Elaine and having fun whilst playing and learning together. We have also recently welcomed Modern Apprentice Grace Harley to our team. We look forward to supporting Grace in learning the ropes of early years and in completing her course.

Rhyme Time

Rhyme Time continues to be a busy social experience for the babies, young children and families in our community. You are welcome to join us for some songs, rhymes and a story every Tuesday morning from 10:30am until around 11:00am in Killin Library. Visitors to the village with babies or young children are welcome. If you have joined a Rhyme Time session please complete the feedback form by scanning the QR code below.



Interactive Smart Board

With the support of the Killin Nursery Parent Partnership, the nursery has recently installed an interactive smart board for the children. This has been used by the children for drawing, writing and mark making, educational games such as Topmarks literacy and numeracy games, belly breathing, Cosmic Yoga and sticky kids.



Stay, Play & Blether Away

Stay, Play and Blether Away is open to all babies and young children within the local community.

These fun play sessions are run in the local primary school every second Thursday, please access by the rear door to the gym hall through the playground.
SPBA dates - 21.05.26, 04.06.26 and 18.06.26, times TBC

Outdoor Play

The children have enjoyed accessing their outdoor play space at nursery where they have recently got a new sand play area and have engaged in a variety of play and learning experiences. The children have also enjoyed accessing outdoor play space at the pavilion. They engage in physical exercise, running, throwing and kicking balls and role play games.





After the Diesel spill the Committee was worried about how the year would be going forward. So far this year has been a cracking year. All fish that have been caught have been in a fantastic condition.

of the best fishing of their lives, with Lewis Utley catching a 30lb salmon whilst trolling on the loch. A fish of a lifetime – it also won fish of the week in the competition run by Daiwa. Also Rob Jamieson caught a 30lb+ salmon and also got fish of the week.



Lewis Utley with 30lb salmon



Lockie Frost with his trout from Loch Tay

Outings

The club has been to Kilallan Fishery in Kilmacolm, unfortunately the weather was not the best for taking pictures.



Josh with largest trout of the day

was due to more under 16s wanting to try fly fishing, which is fantastic to see. We ended up having 14 anglers. 5 adults and 9 under 16s.

This was a fantastic day to be out. Again all the kids did us proud with the effort they put in. Josh Hay getting a 7lb trout on the fly, Reece Frost landing his first trout on the Fly, Lucy Hay catching 7lb carp, Largest weighing around 6lbs.

Salmon

This year has had the best start any one could have imagined. So far there have been over 30 salmon caught on the loch and all have been returned safely to continue their journey upstream. Another five have been caught and released from the KBAC waters on the River Dochart.

The Club had a great day out, leaving the village at 7am the bus was a good laugh. We had 11 anglers on the day. 5 under 16s which was great considering the weather. I have to admit they did the village proud as they continued to keep trying to catch trout. Only one was caught for the whole day. Very hard going.

It is great to see them in fantastic condition. The anglers that are lucky enough to catch them have had some

The next trip was supposed to be on Loch Tay, the Committee had decided to change this to Orchil Fishery. This



Lucy Hay with 7lb carp

Day	Date	Month	Location	Method	Cup	Numbers	Transport
Sunday	14	June	Loch Earn	Any Legal Methods		TBC	Car
Sunday	5	July	Orchil (Course)	Any Legal Methods		TBC	Bus
Wednesday	15	July	Mackerel (kids)	Feathers		9 Kids	Bus
Saturday	18	July	Mackerel (Adults)	Feathers		12	Bus
Sunday	2	August	Lawers	Fly Fishing		No limit	Car
Sunday	6	September	Breaclaich	Fly Fishing		No Limit	Car



Reece Frost with first trout on fly rod

It was hard going for Fly Fishing with the bright sunshine.

The club is still trying to organise the outings for the year, see the table on the previous page for the dates with locations.

These days out will be, in the first instance, open to members and then to non-members. If you are



Andrew McHendry catching a trout

interested please email kbacsecretary@gmail.com. If you would like the club to run some tester sessions then we can create some dates and get them shared to the village if you can let us know if interested please!

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 on kbacsecretary@gmail.com

Thank you
Stephen Hay
President of KBAC



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In the last edition we highlighted the groups anniversary but there have been more celebrations, as a few of our participants have celebrated big milestones, so there was lots of cake, laughter and memories shared. Happy birthday goes to Ricky, Dochy and Isobel. The opportunity to socialise and spend time together is an important part of our activities and is shown in our recent Walk participation survey with 90% advising they felt an improvement in their social wellbeing since joining Walk in the Park. You can join us too, meeting either at the Sports Pavilion and Recreation hub or Monemore - see box below, every **Wednesday at 10.20am**

We also have something special organised for July as our **Big Fit Walk** comes to Killin. Please save the date and it would be great to see lots of new faces come along for a social community walk.

Our **evening walks** have also been proving very popular this year, taking full advantage of the lighter nights. The walks are a great opportunity to enjoy a leisurely stroll and chat. Our fortnightly evening walk meets 6.50pm for 7pm start at Sports Pavilion with optional refreshments afterwards.

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. The good news is from our 2026 participation survey our walk participants agree with 80% advising they have felt an improvement in their physical wellbeing since joining Walk in the Park.

Thank you for your support
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Killin March and April walks – permission granted @Trust in the Park

support of our Walk in the Park activities in Killin. We are very grateful for your generous donation which helps us continue offering safe, supportive activities for participants to move together and connect with each other and nature. As a charity, we work hard to secure funding so that there is no direct cost to our participants. We are very grateful for all donations in support of our activities. If you'd like to contribute to our fundraising efforts, you can make a donation via JustGiving www.justgiving.com/charity/lochlomondtrossachscountrysidetrust or get in touch with us to discuss.



Volunteer walk leader Fiona Boath accepting cheque from Willie Dunn on behalf of Lodge Breadalbane St. Fillans No. 815

June and July Health Walks @ 10:20am

- 03 June – Meet Sports Pavilion – Balquidder (CS/DF)
- 10 June – Meet Sports Pavilion – Pier Road/Finlarig Castle (DF)
- 17 June – Meet Monemore – Kinnel Estate (DF)
- 24 June – Meet Sports Pavilion – Glen Ogle (CS/DF)
- 01 July – Meet Sports Pavilion – Head of the Loch (DF)
- 08 July – Sports Pavilion – Save the date for our Big Fit Walk – Killin – (DF)
- 15 July – Meet Monemore – Acharn Railway Line (DF) 22 July – Meet Sports Pavilion – Strathyre (CS/DF)
- 29 July – Meet Monemore – Craignavie Road from forestry (CS/DF)

DF - dementia friendly
CS symbolises a car share – contact Fiona@trustinthepark.org for details

WILD STRATHFILLAN COMMUNITY UPDATE

June 2026



Stories of the Land Invites Community Photographs

Stories of the Land is a community heritage project, working alongside Strathfillan Community Development Trust and Killin and Ardeonaig Trust, exploring the deep and evolving relationship between people and the landscapes around Strathfillan and Killin. The project is creating a digital archive of photographs, memories and stories that reflect how life, work and the land have changed across generations.

In summer, contractor Paul Saunders was appointed to work with both trusts on the project, which explores the past, present and future connections between local communities and their surroundings. To date, nearly 20 oral history interviews have been recorded, capturing rich and varied stories about railways, farming, forestry, community life and more. Contributors include multi-generation farming families, former railway workers, business owners, artists, estate managers and long-term residents.



Stories of the Land is now seeking photographs from Killin, Tyndrum, Crianlarich and the surrounding area. If you have images of the landscape or community life, past or present, and would like to share them, please **scan the QR code** or visit www.storiesoftheland.co.uk to upload your photographs and help grow the archive.

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Our Killin **Strength and Balance** participants were on the move in April as we partnered with **Falls of Dochart Retirement Home** for a lovely afternoon movement session in the retirement home. The fun, active movement session was very popular with both our Strength and Balance participants and residents who benefitted hugely from it and felt a sense of achievement, which is fantastic! We are pleased to announce that we will continue a pilot of the **Monthly Movement Sessions** at the retirement home on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

These gentle exercises are suitable for all abilities - come along and enjoy moving with others in your community! The sessions are always welcoming, fun and a great opportunity to socialise with others.

Join us for **free** (although donations are gratefully accepted) with no need to book - just turn up!

- **Wednesday's, 2-3pm, Killin & Ardeonaig Parish Church - weekly**
- **Thursday's 2-3pm, Crianlarich Village Hall - weekly**

In partnership with the Strathfillan Community Development Trust

The popular sessions support people's mobility, confidence and their physical, mental and social wellbeing. From our 2026 Strength and Balance participation survey 91% advised they felt an improvement in their physical wellbeing and 6 out of 10 said they were more confident moving around since attending a session.

Movement Together activities are supported with funding. With thanks to funding from: **The National Lottery Community Fund Awards for All, Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority, Walking Scotland and The National Lottery Heritage Fund.**

Thank you to everyone who supports our activities. Our 2026 participation survey shows that 100% of participants would recommend them. To find out more, we'd love to hear from you—just drop us an email at fiona@trustinthepark.org or call Fiona on 07843 842323 (Monday to Thursday).

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Further new build developments are being planned for Balmaha and Tyndrum. Please let us know if you want to live in a village that is not listed above. Information on local housing need and demand helps us to plan.

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26 Feb 2026

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Location: Land West Of A82 North Of Ben Doran Hotel Tyndrum

Applicant: Rural Stirling Housing Association

Application Type: Detailed Planning Permission

Decision: Current

09 Mar 2026

Proposal: Erection of boundary fence and gate (part retrospective)

Location: Muileann Sabh Main Street Killin

Applicant: Ms Jacquie Luke

Application Type: Householder

Planning Permission

Decision: Current

20 Mar 2026

Proposal: Installation of welfare facilities

Location: Crianlarich Water Treatment Works Crianlarich

Applicant: Scottish Water

Application Type: Detailed Planning

Permission

Decision: Approve

25 Feb 2026

Proposal: Use as a caravan site (existing)

Location: Cruachan Caravan And Camping Park Killin

Applicant: Cruachan Holiday Park LTD

Application Type: Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing)

Decision: Awaiting decision

Stirling Council

24 Mar 2026

Proposal: Lochay to Killin 132 kV

Overhead Line: Line Reconfiguration

Location: Lochay Power Station

Killin

Applicant: Scottish Hydro Electric

Transmission Plc

Application Type: Statutory

Notification

Decision: Approve



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We've been lucky enough to be allocated one of the new raised beds at the pavilion and have got cracking with it. This year to kick us off with something a bit easier we've planted potatoes and are looking forward to seeing what happens to them!

We're also embracing the summer of sport with the World Cup on and the Commonwealth Games back in Glasgow and will be completing our sports badge.

Beaver Scouts are aged 6&7 and they meet 6-7pm in Killin on alternate Tuesdays. We will have space if your child would like to join us after the summer holidays please get in touch at killinbeavers@yahoo.co.uk

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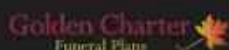
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Frost Report

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Spring is well on the way in the first week of May. The month has started with sunny days and pretty nippy nights. It is to be hoped that you all started it on May morning in the time-honoured way of washing your face in the morning dew at dawn. Just being up at dawn maybe a feat for some of us but the farmers have been up and about early for some time now for the lambing.

The lambs are fairly growing and playing together, one of the favourite games at the moment seems to be 'chase the pheasants and ducks'. Someone else harassing a poor pheasant was a crow. Both birds had found the same tiny morsel and were arguing over it. The crow repeatedly pulled the pheasant's tail until he won. I hope that it was all worth it.

The hares are also continuing to be entertaining nipping in and out of the rushes, probably attending to hidden leverets. Remaining invisible to us on every trip down the road is the beaver creating the artistic wood sculptures at the south road's Fiddler's Bay, maybe soon to be renamed Beaver's Bay?

Although there are young red squirrels coming to the feeders, there are fewer squirrel visitors altogether, but maybe this is linked to recorded nocturnal visits by the pine marten. On a recent holiday we were entertained by rabbits, not often seen around here now. We have been able to watch a very few swallows since mid-April but are yet to see martins.

I have been using a birdsong ID app

recently and it is surprising how many birds are around that I can't see; willow warblers and redpolls for instance and it's so easy even I can use it!

But all is not rosy in the garden. Apparently, some British honey is contaminated with a variety of drugs such as cancer treatments, anti-fungals, anti-depressants and pain killers caused by pollen gathered from sewerage treated crops. Could this be the bees trying to eliminate the drug gangs?

Then there is the increased incidence of hospital admissions in Britain due to bites by the false widow spider from 43 in 2021 to 90 in 2024. The first false widow spider in Britain was recorded in 1879 and had come from Madeira. So, watch those bananas as their bite can be very serious.

We are constantly warned of wildfires, maybe caused by global warming or maybe the invention of the disposable barbecue? There was a recent warning for the Cairngorms fearing damage to the wildlife and the environment and - oh! as an afterthought- the people who live there.

Global warming is also blamed for current floods and storms but it is conveniently forgotten that such weather events have always taken place. A recent TV programme about the river Dee records 'the muckle spate' of Aug 1829 when a storm over the north east of Scotland caused 27 feet high floods leaving 600 families homeless. Only one instance of many in history. If only we actually knew what we think we

know. Recently a migration of two to three times that of the Serengeti was discovered in a remote area of South Sudan. In an area half the size of Germany, 6 million tiang antelopes and white eared cobs migrate for water. How could that be missed?

It is claimed that natural disasters, disease spread, poachers and much more will be able to be tracked with two new satellites partly funded by National Geographic.

But also be warned of the danger of use of AI- apart from the obvious. The huge data centres consisting of rows of units are raising the local land temperatures between 2 and 9.1 degrees C. It is projected that these ugly power-hungry installations will soon be demanding more power than worldwide manufacturing. This is got away with when the farmers are blamed for environmental damage.

No wonder that the craic with friends often turns to putting the world to rights. Another member of the Sunday morning paper shop group and countryman has passed on. Willie Reid was another fount of country knowledge who will be missed.

Mr Fox appears to have got into gang culture in Bristol. Several culprits are stealing clothing (not sure if they are jumping up to take it from washing lines or if it has been discarded in the open air due to random undressing?) also shoes with a marked fetish for leather. It is so bad that one person has set up a website to try to return items found near to foxholes to their rightful owners.

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Killin Community Council Chairman's Report

Office Bearers

The Killin Community Council held its Annual General Meeting on May 5th. The following office bearers were duly elected:

- Chair - Andy Aitken
- Treasurer - Pamela Farquharson
- Vice Chair - Charlie Grant
- Planning Officer - Susan McRobbie
- The other members of your community council are Frances Inglis, Teddy Inglis, Wendy Simpson and Al Watson.

Planning

The Glen Lednock windfarm is proceeding through planning, but it will be quite a few years before it is fully operational. It is likely that our community will receive some financial benefit through the 'Community Benefit' scheme, but it will not be a lot. We are however due to host three or four major battery installations, which are mainly going to service these windfarms, but from which we will receive no 'Community Benefit', as the current scheme does not include them. We are working with one or two regional agencies to see if this might be amended.

C60 Bus

The C60 bus is now hitting its targets financially, and the recent introduction of the mid-day service is proving popular and will help to ensure the long term viability of the service. Stirling Council officers are

confident enough that they are now considering purchasing a brand new bus, as opposed to running a hired bus, which the one currently in service is.

Dochart Diesel Spill

The most recent update from SEPA on the effects of the diesel spill is very positive. Although the area of the original spill, the small water courses between Lix Toll and the River Dochart, is still adversely affected and is being monitored and treated, there appears to be no major concerns about water pollution further downstream, and there have been no reports of lasting environmental degradation or damaging impacts on wildlife. SEPA have said that it may take up to two years for the diesel to be fully eradicated, but that the amounts entering the Dochart are now so small as to be virtually negligible. On a less positive note, Certas, which was planning to reopen the filling station in the early summer, have now put this back to late autumn at the earliest.

Parking and Roads

Parking restrictions are coming to Main Street. Despite the community council asking for a "1 hour parking and 1 hour no return" regime to enable local shops and businesses to better serve their customers – and stay in business, Stirling Council has ordained that the regime will be "30 minutes parking and 1 hour no return". There has been a proposal to raise a speed bump on the approach to the level crossing at the primary school. The state of the roads and pavements in the area was raised. The A827 to Lix Toll was alleged, with some justification, to be dangerous. Several motorcyclists have been killed in pot-hole related incidents nationally, and many, many more injured. Our roads are a mess. Not only bikers, but cyclists and car drivers have been impacted. This is a national problem. Investment in our basic infrastructure has been badly neglected for years. If you suffer damage from a pot-hole incident, claim compensation from the relevant local authority. Only the growing weight of compensation claims is likely to remedy this appalling situation.

Flooding

There are ongoing flooding issues in periods of sustained heavy rain. Stirling Council has agreed to a major investigation of this problem, which has affected the Co-op, the community run post office and shop, and residents. This is an issue that needs concerted action from Stirling Council and Scottish Water, which we have been pressing for.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7th July in the lesser McLaren Hall at 7.00pm. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

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The Old Mill was transformed into an evening cafe on the 1st of May for a wonderful evening of Wolf-themed storytelling and clàrsach music performed by Amanda Edmiston, Botanica Fabula, and Céline Boisson on the harp, and funded by Stirling Council as part of Culture Night Stirling.

Amanda began with a compelling retelling of the legend of St Fillan and the Wolf, framing the wolf as the guardian of the boundaries of the mythic realm. A breach occurred,



something shifted, and things have never been the same since. Amanda introduced us to a woman, her child and their family, who walked in the wild, fecund footsteps of wolf, from the Clearances on the shores of Loch Tay to a secret cave, and on through the ages.



Céline created an atmospheric soundscape that brought the story to life, interlaced with wolf-themed tunes. She explored the scope of the sounds her instrument could make deepening our immersion in the story.

We enjoyed infusions of nettle from the wrap of seeds, and rosemary to remember, brought to us straight out of the story, alongside cheeses and snacks from Killin's MacGregor's Market and dark vegan chocolate from our near neighbours Tombreck Farmshop.

Here are some of the responses from the audience:

"A Faol Moon, Wow! Wow! Wow! Absolutely mesmerised from beginning to end. Fantastic storytelling from Amanda and Céline was so beautiful on the harp. Well done xx"

"Exceptional storytelling with magical music"



"A wonderful event. The story was transporting and gave me such relief from the strains of life; connecting me to the people of the past and my inner wolf! Thank you"

"transporting and magical time. I truly felt between the worlds in the journey of the story and music. Deep Gratitude"

The performance was filmed, and this will be given a matinee showing at Fassiefern on Friday 12th June 1-2.30pm

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At just 16, Willie left home to work on the land, where his lifelong love of dogs and sheep first took root and where his steady nature and strong work ethic shone through.

The Isle of Bute became Willie's sanctuary. It was there he met Cathie, the love of his life, and before long they were married in Rothesay in June 1959, beginning a devoted partnership that would last a lifetime.

After various jobs with tied houses, Willie and Cathie set their hearts on a place of their own. In 1969, with their family of three, Millar, Kate and Marion, they made that dream real when they bought Coire Buidhe in Strathyre, a home they built with care, determination and love.

Coire Buidhe was home for the next 31 years, filled with hard work, laughter and happy times, until they retired to Killin in 2000.

Strathyre was the setting for so many good times in Willie's life. His humour, kindness and strong work ethic brought him many friends, and those friendships meant a great deal to him.

Willie was an excellent sheep shearer, and his skill took him to Norway for 18 years, from September to November.

It was there he met Bob Wilson, who became a great friend and together they shared many happy days and plenty of laughs.

When that chapter came to an end, Willie found work in Glen Lyon, where the craic in the fank became the stuff of legend, and where his stories and banter were always warmly welcomed.

A keen skier, Willie and Cathie travelled to Austria for over 30 years, making wonderful memories on and off the slopes, especially at après-ski, always with Willie's familiar sparkle of humour and friendly charm.

After moving to Killin, Willie and Cathie embraced village life. They



loved the social side of the community. Safari Suppers, Burns Suppers, pantomimes by the Drama Club and so many other occasions that still make us smile when we think back.

When the days were short and the nights were long, you could often find Willie in his shed, happily pottering away, usually making a walking stick for someone. He was always on the lookout for horns he could shape and finish into one of his beautifully crafted pieces.

Willie also took up golf and really treasured the companionship and laughter it brought, especially with the group he cheerfully called the "coffin dodgers".

Willie loved a good story, and he always had one ready. He seemed to know a little bit about just about everything. People were drawn to him for his warmth and quick wit.

Time spent with Willie was always a joy.

Above all, Willie was a family man. He loved Millar, Kate and Marion with his whole heart and they shared so many happy times together. Those Sunday trips to Callander for a Lutis ice cream were a special tradition. Over the years, his many dogs became part of the family too, leaving behind countless happy memories.

Willie passed on the values he lived by: work hard, stay humble, and most of all, be kind.

He simply adored his grandchildren, Kathleen, John, Lauren and Victoria. They will always hold close their treasured memories of Grandpa Willie: the way he made time for them, his laughter, and his gentle, steady presence.

He loved his great-grandchildren just as deeply. Whenever Alex and Lily visited Killin, that walk through the park to see Grandpa Willie and to collect Grannie Cathie's shortbread felt like a cherished tradition, and one of life's simple, perfect joys.

Willie has laid down his working tools of life, but through his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, his love, values and example live on, leaving lasting footprints in the sand.

Willie will be missed more than words can say, yet he will be remembered with deep affection and love, for his laughter, his warmth, and his wholehearted enjoyment of life.

Colin McRae

William (Willie) Reid Thank You

On behalf of all the family, I wish to thank everyone for their lovely cards, messages, gifts and beautiful flowers, on the sad loss of Willie. He will be missed by us all, for a very long time.

The kindness we have been shown from everyone in the village and further afield has been greatly appreciated by us all.

The turnout for his funeral was amazing, particularly on such a horrible wet day.

Thank you to Rev. Jeff McCormick for conducting the service; Ross Anderson, Anderson's Funeral Directors, for his sensitive guidance prior to and on the day of Willie's funeral; Killin Hotel for providing refreshments on the day.

The sum of £1170, collected on the day, was split equally between Killin Mountain Rescue Team and Scottish Charity Air Ambulance. Further donations were made online to KMR.

Cathie Reid

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Regular Activities

Coming Soon !

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, Sports Pavillion (every other Tuesday)
- Tuesday Club, 2-4pm, Community Rooms
- Pilates 5.00pm 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.
- Rhyme Time 10.30am Killin Library

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: alasdair@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
- Pilates 6pm Lesser McLaren Hall booking required. 07866 018629

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)
- Stay Blay Blether away. Killin School Gym hall. 2pm fortnightly.
- NTS Ben Lawers Green Team Walks 1st & 3rd Thursdays of month p16

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

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- 1st Sunday of the month - 10am service with Sunday School
- 2nd Sunday of the month - 10am Cafe Church service
- 3rd Sunday of the month - 10am Communion service with Sunday School
- 4th & 5th Sundays of the month - 10am Service with Creche
- Tuesdays 8pm - Bible Study
- Last Monday of the month - 2pm service in the Falls of Dochart Home
- Third Thursday of the month - 2pm Guild

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