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Hello Readers

We 'live in interesting times'. We are just at the start of finding out the consequences of Brexit. It is clear that nothing is clear. A minor economic downturn is currently being forecast, but can we believe anything?

Amongst many impending negotiations will be our relationship to the current cheap flight regime. This is neither a headline issue, nor an academic point. The cheap flights we take to Europe, provide access for people coming here on the return journeys. Will our negotiators preserve these arrangements? Hopefully a cheap pound will not be our only selling point. Tourism in Callander is very important, hence the prominence given on another page to the National Park Authority's plea for data. It is perhaps surprising that this has not been sought before.

Callander needs visitors to enable the town to survive in a role that is not just being a dormitory town. We need appropriate visitor attractions, appropriately maintained and appropriately signposted. Sadly there remain significant problems. It seems that the many times postponed reopening of the ridge at the Craggs is happening now, although the notice still predicts August. The map board that used to be in the Craggs car park has not been replaced.

Visitors trying to find the Bracklinn falls on foot reach the Craggs car park but there are neither signposts nor that

map. Locals do their best to direct wandering visitors.

The main path from that car park is in poor shape, with large loose stones forming most of the surface. A layer of fine gravel was laid over only part of the path. There remains a large surplus drainage pipe that is definitely not biodegradable. The hillside looks abandoned.

The Meadows have been left un-mown again, with the reeds gradually taking over.

We all greatly welcome the improvements promised in a couple of years by the HLF Callander Landscape Partnership, and will do our utmost to make that a success.

However, we have to recognise that it is the current problems that are doubtless in the memories that visitors take home with them, and disseminate amongst their friends and relatives, perhaps to our future disadvantage.

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Distributors, please remember to confirm attendance at our annual get-together on August 26th.

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Help Shape Callander's Future

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the community survey in the last issue of the Ben Ledi View. We were looking for your views for the next five-year Community Action Plan (CAP) for 2017 to 2022 and had a great response to both the paper and online versions. We were also very impressed with the response from pupils at Callander Primary and McLaren High School who sent a large number of forms containing original and thoughtful responses.

At the time of writing we're just starting to compile the results and so far it looks like many of the things that you like and don't like so much about Callander are fairly similar to five years ago. You still love the beautiful surroundings, our friendly and active community with its pubs and local shops, but don't like the busy trunk road, parking problems and empty shops. Improvements you'd like to see include better play parks, more outdoor activities, better signage to the path network and improvements to the local paths.

Open Community and Business Meetings

The surveys contain a lot more detail than we can show here. The full results will be presented at two community meetings on Wednesday 7th September at Callander Hostel, Bridgend; one at 2-4pm and one at 7-9pm. We'll look in more detail at some of the priority areas to discuss and agree how to achieve what the community wants, who should be involved and how to fund the activity. There will also be displays from Callander Community Development Trust and partner organisations on projects they are planning in Callander for you to find out more, comment on or get involved in.

Please do try to come along to see what people have been saying and to influence the priorities for the next five years.

On Tuesday 6th September, Callander Enterprise will host a similar workshop 6.00-8.00pm at the Callander Hostel to focus on the priorities for our business community.

All the feedback from the surveys, September meetings and sessions with High School pupils in August will be presented on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd October, where we will check priorities again and firm up the key actions for the next Community Action Plan. We'll bring you more details of these sessions in the October-November *Ben Ledi View*.

What is the Community Action Plan?

The current Community Action Plan for 2012-17 was drawn up through consultation with local people and the 2011 Callander charrette and is an expression of the things that our community wanted to see improved or implemented by all the organisations and groups, public and voluntary, active in the town. It's a way of coordinating the activity and resources and focusing them on what we, the local community, see as important.

You will find the current plan at Callander Library and online at www.callandercdt.org.uk.

Who is behind the Action Plan?

The Callander Community Action Plan group are local people. They include representatives from Callander Community Council, Callander Community Development Trust, Callander Youth Project, McLaren High School and the Ben Ledi View and are supported by Callander Town Coordinator and the Community Partnership for Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park.

Further information from Sheila Winstone, Town Coordinator, coordinator@callandercdt.org.uk or call 07852 106605

Apology

Apologies to the British Legion for the impression given in the article on the action plan in the last issue of the BLV. There was no intention to claim credit for their work to restore and maintain the war memorial. The article was intended to illustrate achievements by our many different community groups and dedicated volunteers.

Sheila Winstone, Town Co-ordinator

Callander Community Policing

Over the weekend of Friday 18/6/16 to Sunday 20/6/16 two premises on the Main Street, Callander (The Whisky Shop and MacMillan Wine) had their windows smashed. Nothing was taken from the Whisky Shop as the premises are empty. A bottle of alcohol was removed from MacMillan Wine through the window. Enquiries are continuing in relation to these incidents: however, if you saw or heard anything, please contact Police Scotland on 101.

Police are also investigating a wilful fire-raising incident that occurred on Sunday 20/6/16 at the small shelter, opposite the Library at South Church Street, Callander. It is believed that the fire was started deliberately, causing damage to the shelter. If you saw or heard anything, please contact us. There have been a number of thefts in the Callander and Strathyre area over the last few weeks. We would like to remind people to secure

their property, in particular sheds and garages.



S u m m e r generally means an increase in the volume of traffic. Please be considerate in regard to where you park, as indiscriminate parking on double yellow lines can cause obstructions/congestion to other road users.

As described in the last edition, Police Scotland are conducting a public consultation which will continue until the end of March 2017. This is an opportunity for locals to tell Police Scotland what is important to them. The survey can be accessed at scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts

If anyone has any policing issues that they would like to discuss with Colin or I, please contact us at Callander Police Office on 101 or via email at TrossachsTeithCPT@scotland.pnn.police

PC 048 Deans and PC 237 McKerracher

Stirling Council

Stirling Council are currently looking for Stirling photos to feature in a publication, they can be photos of anything or anyone in the Stirling area, not just photos of the castle and monument. I am contacting various photography clubs, community magazines and photographers. If they would like to share an image, then please get in touch with me. Email: lewism@stirling.gov.uk

Phone: 01786 233037. Thank you,

Melanie Lewis

Digital Communications Officer

Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland

The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland has submitted to Scottish Ministers its Reports and Final Recommendations, for the number of councillors and the electoral ward boundaries in each of Scotland's 32 local authorities.

The Final Recommendations for Stirling Council area presents an electoral arrangement of 23 councillors representing five 3-member wards and two 4-member wards, increasing councillor numbers in the area by 1.

There are no changes to the Teith and Trossachs Ward.

Keep the Cycle Running

Summer Campaign

People's thoughts often turn to days out at the seaside and the outdoors over the summer months, so it's the perfect time for Scottish Water to launch a new phase of the Keep the Cycle Running campaign to remind customers about the potential impact of flushing inappropriate items like wipes and cotton buds down the toilet and what they can do to help keep the cycle running smoothly.



The NPA has identified that the National Park needs a better understanding of how tourism is performing and the trends affecting tourism. With this valuable information the NPA and businesses across the Park will be able to identify opportunities and threats that could affect the visitor economy.

We would like to establish a business barometer that would anonymously capture business performance and opinions every three months.

But to get this information requires your help. This is a call out for businesses to sign up to undertake

a 10-15 minute online business barometer survey. Rest assured that all entries are confidential. The survey collection, storage and analysis will be managed by VisitScotland and results will be shared with participating businesses. You will get a snapshot of how tourism is doing and its confidence going forward, as a whole and by sector.

The planned start of the survey is this summer, and then every three months thereafter. If you are willing to participate, please email [alex.mccoskrie@lochlomond-trossachs.org](mailto:mccoskrie@lochlomond-trossachs.org) to register your interest.

Historic Environment Scotland

Stirling Castle has beaten the competition to become the only Scottish attraction on the shortlist for this year's British Travel Awards. Members of the public now have until 30th September 2016 to vote for their favourite UK Heritage Attraction on the BTA website.

The British Travel Awards are the largest consumer voted awards programme in the UK. In 2015, over 254,000 members of the public voted for their favourite destinations, holiday providers and heritage attractions. Members of the public now have until 30th September 2016 to vote for their favourite UK Heritage Attraction on the BTA website.

The castle faces stiff competition from Beamish Living Museum in Durham, the Giant's Causeway, Longleat Safari Park in Wiltshire, Titanic Belfast and the Tower of London, so staff are appealing to locals and visitors alike to help put Stirling on the map.

Liz Grant, Executive Manager of Stirling Castle, said: 'It's wonderful that Stirling Castle has been recognised once again by the British Travel Awards. Just being shortlisted is

testament to the hard work of all our staff, but of course we'd love it if it was third time lucky with a win for the castle in 2016. It would be great if the people of Scotland could show support for the castle by voting online, and I'd encourage the many visitors we've welcomed through Stirling Castle's gates to show their support too.'

It has been a busy year at the castle, which launched a new website and a brand new fashion event, In Vogue, as well as beginning a programme of conservation works on the James IV arch, and hosting cultural events from the Scottish Chamber Orchestra to Dunblane High School's Shakespeare festival. Still to come this summer, Stirling Castle will host its popular outdoor theatrical performances, as well as running a range of activities for school children to enjoy over the holidays.

To vote for Stirling Castle to win the Best UK Heritage Attraction Award at the 2016 British Travel Awards, visit www.britishtravelawards.com

Winners will be announced in November 2016.

Greener Callander



I hope you are still enjoying the splendid floral displays along the street this summer which are making up for the lack of sunshine! The hanging baskets are looking particularly good this year, thanks in no small measure to the careful attention and feeding (with his secret formula!) given to them by John McIsaac, seen above, at John's Chicken Ranch out at Keltie Bridge for nearly a month after the Greener Callander volunteers made them up. The plants came from Mo-Lawn and the Benview Nursery and both suppliers were good enough to give us a 20% discount because we are a community group.

Our Plant Sale and Tombola on 22nd May in Ancaster Square was a great success, despite all that the weather threw at us, and thanks are due to so many helpers and to all those who donated plants and items for the raffle that to acknowledge them all would triple the size of this article. The grand total raised on the day, and at the following day's Open Garden event at Orchardlea, was £1199.10. Well done everyone! The fact that we do this sort of fund-raising regularly helps us when we come to apply for match-funding from bodies like the Hydro Fund, Stirling Council's Community Pride Fund, the National Park's 'Soon, Seen, Successful' fund and Airtricity (Community Council) – all of whom have been most generous to us this year.

Hilary Gunkel

Other news

Scouts



I am making you aware that on the 2nd- 4th September 2016, we will be holding a Scout activity weekend at Inverrossachs Scout Activity Centre. The weekend is designed to encourage Scouts (11 to 14 years old) to move up to Explorers (14 to 18 years old), so will revolve around them participating in various activities and events together.

Equipment will arrive on site on Thursday 1st September for the weekend. The Scouts will begin arriving on the 2nd September from 6.30pm. To mitigate the impact of vehicular traffic on the road from Callander to our campsite we are planning on ferrying the Scouts to the campsite via minibuses. There will be two minibuses plus a 4x4 to transport kit to the campsite. We will implement the same routine on the Sunday when we leave the campsite. Throughout the weekend there will be a few offsite excursions. These trips will all use the minibuses to cut down on vehicles using the road.

As I am sure you can understand we are striving to take every precaution to minimise disturbance to all residents. However, I would appreciate if you would take extra care on the road adjacent to the campsite due to the increased activity as Scouts, Explorers and leaders move between the campsite and the shoreline.

We are keen to ensure that we minimise any impact on yourselves and have also made the police and emergency services aware of the increased activity that weekend as well.

Benjamin Rowley

Camp Chief, Rowley 2016

Citizens Advice Bureau

The Stirling District CAB will be opening on Thursdays from 2.00pm to 7.00pm from 7th July. This change recognises the needs of employed people for advice. This development means that Stirling District CAB can now offer a more accessible advice service to the community. Bureau manager Craig Anderson says – 'Stirling District CAB has the highest rate of employment-related enquiries per head of population in Scotland and there are lots of working people seeking our help, often in times of desperate need'.

Over the last twelve months, the Stirling District Bureau has experienced a significant increase in enquiries from people who are working – discrimination, unauthorised deductions from wages, bullying, victimisation and harassment and unfair dismissal enquiries have all gone up. The Thursday evening advice clinic will also provide advice and support on any other topic.

Sue Duke, the Chairman, observed that Stirling District CAB invests heavily in training and accreditation of its volunteers to ensure high quality advice and that the CAB is looking for new volunteers to train as fundraisers, administrators and researchers. Craig Anderson added – 'Volunteering within CAB can be extremely rewarding and fun, it can help you develop your skills and assist you on a range of levels, whilst helping others.'

Julia Whytock

Session Supervisor

Stirling District Citizens' Advice Bureau Ltd.

The Norman MacEwan Centre

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Royal Bank Closure goes ahead

RBS Callander branch will close on 18th August 2016. RBS inform us that they have reached an agreement with the Callander Post Office so that customers can pay money in, take money out, check balances and business customers can get coinage.

The bank also confirms that they

will ensure the retention of the local ATM and the introduction of a mobile banking facility. Customers will be consulted on the choice of day and timing of the availability of the mobile bank. The nearest branch is 12 miles away in Dunblane.

From Hi-Fi to Wi-Fi

There's a new arrival in the residents' lounge of Trust Housing Callander, waiting patiently to be introduced to the gathering crowd. Some of the residents are nervous. Others are excited. A few are ambivalent, determined that 'at my age' this new house guest is not for them (though they are intrigued enough to be here). It's June 16th. The newbie is a shiny new Digital Kiosk, and today is launch day!

Today's launch is part of the Trust's Digital Participation Project (in partnership with Social Telecoms) which sees a Digital Kiosk installed in the communal area of a number of Trust premises along with iPads for resident use. Callander's Alexandra Russell, a self-confessed technophobe, has been persuaded to take on the role of 'Digital Champion', leading the charge and encouraging others to embrace this new technology. On the one hand Alexandra saw this as ironic given her technophobe status. On the other, she is the ideal candidate to show fellow residents that, with a little help, they too

can learn how to use and enjoy this new-fangled technology.

Alexandra is fortunate that she is still able to go out, meet up with friends and participate in the community, but recognises that some are more or less confined to their home. Access to the internet with tools such as email, Skype and social media not only make the outside world more accessible, but can now connect the residents almost instantly to friends, family and a million possibilities.

To those who said 'I'm too old to learn new things' Gail Gourlay of Trust Housing makes the point that it's not necessarily about learning new things, but rediscovering old things. Fancy visiting the foreign land where a dear friend once lived? Cue virtual maps,



Cartoons by Alexandra Russell



and within minutes residents can explore places throughout the world. Love jigsaw puzzles, reading, watching old movies or playing

games? Fancy seeing the grandchildren on a regular basis but they live too far away? Now residents of Trust Housing in Callander can do all this and more.

Suddenly even the reluctant few are eager to explore the vast possibilities that digital technology presents.

Digital Champion Alexandra describes this new technology as a 'pleasure boat that is going to exotic places' and thanks to the Digital Participation Project residents need not be 'stranded on the deserted shore, sadly waving [their] hankies.'

Fancy a cruise anyone?

Gael Provan

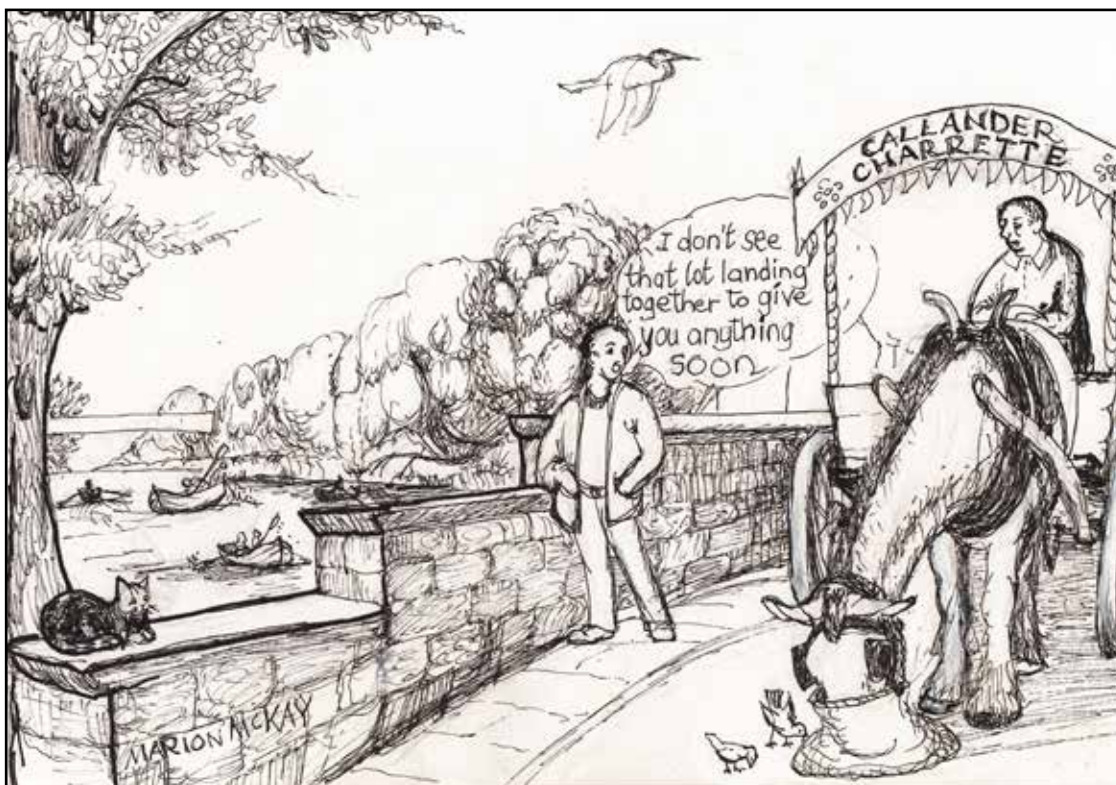
Trust Housing Association wins prestigious award

Trust Housing Association has been crowned winners of the Excellence in the Third Sector category (over 250

employees) at the annual Investors in People Awards 2016, the leading industry event recognising high

performance in people management.

The Awards, which received over 300 entries from organisations working in a variety of sectors and locations across the globe, celebrate the best people management practices amongst businesses. The Trust was also presented with an award recognising over 15 years continuous accreditation as an Investors in People organisation.



Thank you to Marion McKay for her drawing about the up-and-coming Charette/Town Planning exercise. Let's pull together and participate!



Summerfest Opening.
Photos by Keith Wilson.

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John's soapbox

Democracy is dead. I am not talking about big democracy, as the recent referendum showed, although even here I have my doubts at times. I am talking about the small democracy of living in a town like Callander. What brought this to mind? Wheely Bins!

Stirling Council, without any consultation that I heard of, go on correct me - but if it happened it bypassed me - decided that we should have four, yes 4, wheely bins, plus one box. I don't want four wheely bins. As I have a driveway on my house I do actually have room for four wheely bins, which is more than a lot of people have, but I don't want my drive to look like an annexe to the Lagrannoch Recycling Centre. Many households will find four wheely bins virtually impossible. I know special arrangements are going to be made for people living in flats etc. but the point is that this has again just been foisted on us. Stirling Council say consultation with Community councils took place, but according to the Stirling Observer of the 8th April a number of Community Councils dispute this, saying that at the time the outlines were so vague and they were told no details were available (I don't know Callander Community Council's views on this).

Now don't get me wrong, I am totally in favour of recycling. I recycle as much as I can and it always has surprised me that Stirling Council did not recycle other types of plastic. This will apparently be sorted with the new system. I am totally for recycling and would like to be recycled myself, when the time comes, by being put in a field with a nice fruit tree above me, Cox's or Victoria Plum would be nice.

What I am against is a total lack of consultation. And this is not just about wheely bins. It's all over. A town like Callander has different needs from a city like Stirling.

Stirling Council has 22 members of which 3 represent Callander, therefore if we need something done for Callander, not only do we have to

convince a majority of the other 19 but we run up against the bureaucratic attitude of - well if we do it for you then they may want the same - and we cannot afford that.

The reorganisation of local government in Scotland that took place in 1975 which abolished burgh councils saw the end of Callander Town Council and was the first step on a slow but relentless terminal illness for local democracy.

What we got in its place was an advisory group - Callander Community Council - with no real funds and no real power, with various trusts and partnerships doing their own thing.

I call for a return of Callander Town Council, with its powers and funds to help Callander to flourish again.

RBS are closing their branch in Callander. I don't bank with them, so doesn't affect me, however it does affect quite a few in the town. When RBS found themselves in difficulty a few years ago the UK government had to bail them out with our money, to the extent that we own 82% of it, yet when we would like something - like a branch to remain open - there is no empathy. Big business is all give and take - we give, they take.

On the shop front nothing has really changed, the empty are still empty and no sign of a change on the way. However, an interesting thing about the Charity Shops is that as you know they pay no rates. However, rates are collected by zones and each zone has to meet a target of income based on the average rent in that zone, a crazy scheme - but that is apparently how it works. If a Charity takes over a shop in a zone they don't pay rates, but the zone has to meet its figure - so where does it come from? From the other shops in the zone, so the other shops are subsidising the charity shops. At least that's how it was explained to me. I know - I couldn't believe it either, must be wrong - if you know differently let me know. The free rates are given as 80% laid down by the Scottish

Government and 20% at the discretion of the local council. I call on the Scottish government to review their policy and Stirling Council to charge the 20% and give it as relief to the shopkeepers who are struggling at the moment. As I have said before, the current rates system is unfit for purpose.

I understand that there is to be a meeting in the Callander Youth Project on the 7th September to talk about the Callander Action Plan and at which Stirling Council Officials will attend to talk about the City Deal. See page 3 for details. This should not be missed. There also will be a meeting sometime in October to discuss the outcome of the Charrette.

One Sunday recently, my wife wandered down town to find a very quiet town. She did the round of the charity shops as is her wont and was in one, which will remain nameless, and overheard a conversation between a customer and staff member in which the staff member was bemoaning the fact that the town was so quiet. They finished off with the statement that 'Callander is finished' - Let's hope they are wrong.

John Nelson

People Profile

It had been our intention that in this issue, we would begin a series of articles about people who can influence what is happening in Callander, so that you know who they are and what they do.

We had hoped to kick this off with an interview with Sheila Winstone, Town Co-Ordinator. Unfortunately despite a number of requests for a chat/interview, Sheila is extremely busy and we could not arrange a date to meet.

Therefore we apologise for this article being unavailable. However we will persist and interview someone for the next issue.

The changing face of Main Street...

A few years ago I was asked to write about the wartime exploits of that great local character Bobby Wardrope. During many visits to his home armed with notepad, pen and voice recorder, I looked forward to hearing his recollections, not only of his escapades during the war, but also of his days growing up as a young boy in Callander.

On one of these visits, the bones of an idea popped into my head. I thought it would make an interesting article to ask Bobby to compare the Callander Main Street of today with that of his time around the 1920s and 30s.

Our journey through Callander Main Street of that era begins in Station Road, where the newly opened Callander Physiotherapy was once a Fishing Tackle maker's shop. Around the corner, Menzies used to be the Office of the Inspector of the Poor and the office of the Inspector of Taxes. Part of Menzies was the Commercial Bank.

Next door, the Old Bank restaurant was MacDonald the Drapers and above



was Duncan's Temperance Hotel. The Crown Hotel at the height of Callander's popularity was said to have served 5,000 meals a day when the trains decanted their hordes of eager tourists and day trippers at the station. Heading further along there was a Linen Draper's and D&J MacEwen family grocers for whom Bobby worked as a youth.

MacEwen's, who originated in Stirling and expanded into many small towns in Stirlingshire and Perthshire, played a prominent part in the growth of Callander. On his retiral, Daniel MacEwen, who ran the Callander branch and lived in 'The Kraesult', was awarded a special commendation and inscribed silver plate by the Burgh of Callander at an award

ceremony. In the text of the official recognition document it was interesting to note the Burgh Council's description of Callander at that time – 'The rise and progress of Callander from a rural hamlet to one of the best known and most popular of Health Resorts'. Above MacEwen's was the Temperance Hotel and next door was the Post Office before it moved to Ancaster Square.

On the other corner of Cross Street was McGregor's Hotel, later changed to the Star Hotel. When I arrived in Callander in the mid 1980s this was the Ancaster Hotel. There was a Jeweller's



where Kokosnoot is and Farrens the Chemist was a Plumber's. Andrew Baird Opticians used to be a Grocer's, the Royal Bank a cottage and on the corner stood a Barber's and Tobacconist.

Across Ancaster Square, this section of Main Street included an Ironmonger's, Grocer's, Stationer's, a couple of cottages, an old house and a Draper's shop. Crossing Main Street and heading back down towards the Meadows, we discover that the Waverley Hotel was still there, followed by a Draper's later to become a Tea Room. Following this was a Baker's and a Fancy Goods shop. John Glen's shop lay empty for some time. Next door was Wm Glen Tailor's. PDSA was an Ironmonger's, Burgh Coffee House was a Butcher's and Trossachs Woollen Mill was a Dairy and then became Café Rex.

Heading back across the other half of the square, Main Street Bakers was a Fancy Goods shop, next was a Shoe shop, a Bookshop and the Bank of Scotland was still the same Bank. On the corner was the Eagle Temperance Hotel.

The last block before the Meadows consisted of a Saddler's business where Shanti lies empty, a Stationer's occupied

the empty Paeony Gift shop and a Baker's stood where Creative in Callander now is. Down the close next to Callander Meadows restaurant, there was a Plumber's workshop. After this were some cottages, a Fishmonger, a Cabinetmaker and some more houses. Amongst other notable businesses was Callander's own newspaper the Callander Advertiser incorporating the Killin Times, which had its office in Main Street. This was a sister paper to the Stirling Observer and other local titles owned by the Stirling business of Jamieson & Munro.

The Callander Hydropathic Hotel, now the site of Callander Holiday Park on the Invertrossachs Road was an imposing building that attracted wealthier tourists looking to sample the invigorating Trossachs waters and specialised health treatments on offer. The hotel burned down twice before re-emerging as the Palace Hotel. Bobby recalled an occasion which saw Callander's biggest ever fire when one evening the hotel was accidentally set alight. As with every major incident, local people rushed to the scene to offer their help and assistance. On this occasion, a handful of eager locals found their way into the cellar and the outcome resulted in Callander's very own version of 'Whisky Galore'. Bottles, even crates of whisky and any other drinks that came to hand were 'spirited away' in the dead of night and buried or



hidden in the surrounding woods, to be retrieved at a later date. Unfortunately, by the time they returned to the woods, one or two of the perpetrators could not remember where they had buried their ill-gotten gains. Bobby reckoned much of this liquid treasure still remained undiscovered in the woodland surrounding the caravan park, some perhaps being worth a small fortune to collectors of malt whisky.

Paul McGinlay

...and some good news in today's Main Street



Firstly congratulations to **Andrew Baird the Optometrist** on his fifth birthday supplying glasses and Contact Lenses to the people of Callander. He celebrated with a proper birthday party on 11th June with prizes, bubbly drinks and a warm welcome for local customers.

McQueen Gin is now just over a month old. They thank everyone for your support and encouragement - 'we love hearing from you and seeing your pictures of you enjoying our gin.'

Dale and Vicky were at the Scottish Edge awards in June picking up a wild card trophy and cash prize. This award will be used to employ a young person to learn the distilling process and work with them for at least a year.

Welcome to newcomers **Feeds & Stoves** owned by Dawn Haldane, of Tartan Timbers. Dawn Haldane and her family have lived in Callander for the last 30 year and started a small firewood business, Tartan Timber here in 1999. Tartan Timber has grown a lot since then and now, thanks to the investment in a purpose built kiln, they offer ready to burn firewood and kindling all year round. The business also diversified into offering chimney sweeping and stove installation under Tartan Stoves and even an animal feeds business, Ballachallan Feeds.

Dawn had always dreamed of having a shop and over the years became saddened and concerned about the number of empty shop units in Callander. This year Dawn decided to combine her dream and all existing businesses, and opened *Feeds & Stoves*; Callander's newest highstreet shop.

They now supply a wide range of stoves and these can be viewed in the showroom. You can also order replacement glass or spare parts for

We'd like to welcome some new businesses to Callander and congratulate others for birthdays and relocations. Apologies to those we have not mentioned - our list is not meant to be exhaustive, but illustrates that whilst there is a long way to go, some of our empty shops are being filled up. That's good news for everyone, and we wish them all a long and successful business life in Callander..

your stove/open fire and view a range of baskets and companion sets. The animal feeds businesses has been extended to cater for all animals, and a dog grooming and bathing service will be coming soon.

The Haldanes' business ethos is simple - support local. All the joinery and work to fit out the shop has been done by local tradesmen and they urge you to do the same, support local businesses and keep Callander's high street thriving.

Another newcomer to Callander shopping is **Watson Interiors & Flooring**, supplying carpets, linoleum and interior design accessories. We wish them every success.

Welcome to **Calzeat** who have taken over one of the empty shops on Main Street, selling designer textiles, throws, cushions, wraps and more.

Relocating to the corner of Ancaster Square, the new **Applejacks** has brightened up that corner of the square and is a big improvement on the old Pringle shop.

Callander Physiotherapy has also relocated and moved to new premises at 3 Station Road, Callander. They thank all the local tradesmen who helped particularly W D Harley for starting things off and the McGuires for joinery and coordinating the refit.

With the extra space, the practice can expand and welcomes Joanne McNaught, Physiotherapist who brings with her a wealth of experience. They also now offer a therapeutic massage service with a new Massage Therapist.

Early treatment makes all the difference. If you have joint pains, sciatica, muscle or tendon injuries or if you've had knee, hip or back surgery, they will make sure you know exactly what to do and guide you through your rehabilitation and treatment.

We also have a new owner for **Screw It** which still has all the old favourites in a new layout and we welcome the new owners to the town.

...but the bad and the ugly



The **Old Eagle Hotel/ Golf shop**, which sits on the corner of Main Street and Bridge Street has been an eyesore for a long time - made worse now that the shop is empty. It is highly visible and does not help Callander's image of a lively and vibrant town.

We contacted the National Park (as Planning Authority) on your behalf and asked them what was happening. The reply was, 'The National Park is aware and concerned at the continuing deterioration of the building. This category C listed building, located in the Callander Conservation Area is at the centre of on-going discussions between the National Park, Stirling Council and the owners with a view to resolving the situation and securing the repair and re-occupation of the property.'

'The National Park has powers to secure the repair of listed buildings through the serving of various statutory notices but it is always preferable to resolve building repair issues through negotiation with the owner wherever possible. Discussions are still on-going with the owners of The Eagle regarding the future of this property so we remain hopeful that it will not be necessary to go down the statutory notice route.

Stirling Council also has powers to secure the repair of the property through Housing, Environmental Health and Building Standards legislation.'

We hope they hurry up!

Landscape Partnership update



The Callander Landscape Partnership programme is made up of more than 20 projects that we plan to carry out in and around Callander with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). The projects are grouped into four themes: restore, research, engage and explore, each with a team of people working together to make sure that projects are fully thought through and ready to go back to the HLF for further approval next year.

One of our projects this summer will be surveying Little Leny Meadow, ahead of plans to reinstate a traditional meadow management regime, with help from Plant Life and Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority. We aim to put in place a regime of grass cutting and mowing that emulates the historic management of the meadow, thereby promoting growth of a wider variety of grasses and wild flowers.

Little Leny Meadow is one of the most northerly examples of a wet hay meadow and an important habitat for unusual plants, which in turn support a wide variety of invertebrates making this project important in terms of understanding biodiversity and the impact of wetter winters on species diversity.

We also hope to provide better access and interpretation to the meadow and beyond to the Buchanan Graveyard, although negotiating the wettest parts of the meadow will present some challenges!

Further information: contact email Emma.Martin@lochlomond-trossachs.org

Emma Martin

The Scourge

They gather mob-handed, in black sinister clouds,
To plague summer gatherings, where they feast on the crowds...
Wedding guests scatter and spill their champagne,
Arms flailing wildly, they are driven insane.
As the airborne platoon claims victims a-plenty,
The bride's parents dash off to sit in their Bentley
And guests run for cover, as they scratch and they prance
All performing the same flapping, frenetic dance.

At the racecourse, the enclosure - for the privileged few -
Empties in minutes, there's no orderly queue...
Hats costing thousands are flung to the ground,
Trampled by race-goers, all indoors bound,
Ignoring the tictac guys' gesturing antics
Which become ever wilder and ever more frantic...
Arms flailing, they jump and they hop and they screech,
Trying to escape from the enemies' reach.

Out in the mountains, in warm, sultry weather
Hikers tramp boldly amongst purple heather,
Extolling the joys of their time spent outdoors...
But alas, as the sweat from their hot bodies pours,
Their pleasure's short-lived and their peace is destroyed
By the scourge of the Highlands, which they cannot avoid.
They're attacked by a mean, hungry, hooligan bunch
Who regard human beings as their ready-meal lunch.

'But they're tiny', I hear you say - 'it can't be that bad!'
Believe me, their venom can drive a man mad...
When the weather is clammy, and there is no breeze
They emerge in their thousands from bushes and trees...
As innocent tourists take cover and run,
Scotsmen fall to their knees and pray for hot sun.
If you think these bugs are cute, cuddly and squidgy
Then you haven't encountered the Great Scottish Midgie!

Poem courtesy Jen Shearer

Out and about

Many thanks to John Kerr for this lovely photo of a new addition to Callander. Taken in early June the young cygnet is getting a lot of attention from Mum.



The beginning of the end? A tree surgeon starts work on the St Andrew's Church cedar, pruning the branches which were overhanging the pavement. *Photo: Keith Wilson*



Prize winner!

Callander builder Ally Baird enjoyed success at the Royal Highland Show in June, winning the Zwartbles Breed Championship. Ally is pictured with his winning sheep, Greystone Cranachan.



Photo: Grossick Photography

Cranachan is part of the Greystone flock owned by Ally and his wife Moyra, based at their home outside Doune. 2016 has been an excellent year for the flock, which has also enjoyed success at the Ayr, Drymen, Gargunnoch and Doune & Dunblane Shows.

Callander Crag path reopening

Since the extreme weather event of December 2013, Forestry Enterprise Scotland have been working through a programme of works to clear the resulting storm damaged trees at Callander Crag.

In 2015 a short section of approx 250m of the tree clearance works, located directly on top of the Crag was completed by specialist rope and winch access. Subsequently further machine works took place to clear the majority of the windblown trees on the east of the site. Essential path repairs were then carried out enabling this section of the main path to be re-opened.



Photo: FES

Due to the difficult site access it has not been possible to remove the remaining trees by machine, therefore the decision was taken to source a specialist Arboricultural contractor to cut and clear by hand the remaining windblown trees directly adjacent to the path on the west ridge of the Crag. After this work is completed we are aiming to re-open the full trail loop by the end of July 2016.

We would like to apologise for the time it has taken to re-open this section of the path; it has not been straight forward due to the complex nature of the storm damage and site access. At present it has been necessary to leave the timber in-situ as we look at the management options for site access.

Should you have any questions or comments please contact us: cowaltrossachs@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

Anne Gilchrist

Watch meteors over Callander on August 12/13

Hopefully we will still have warm weather in August, which is an excellent time for observing the night sky - warm nights and the sky gets darker much earlier than in recent months.

August is the month that the Perseid meteor shower arrives - it reaches its peak just a few days after you receive this issue - on the night of August 12th-13th

If the skies are clear then you are likely to see around 80-100, possibly even up to 150 meteors an hour. They leave trails which usually last a few seconds and this shower is also known for producing some very bright meteors.

Meteor showers are produced when the Earth crosses a stream of comet dust and the particles that rain down through our atmosphere are usually no bigger than 5mm across while the streak of light we see is the

tiny particle burning up 100km above our planet.

The Perseids are debris from Comet Swift-Tuttle, also known as the Great Comet of 1862.

So what do you need to do to see this summer meteor shower?

Firstly you need a dark sky to enjoy the show so keep away from house and street lights if you can. You should give yourself at least an hour to spot the meteors - the best time to see them is after midnight but some will show up much earlier too.

The meteors will tend to appear from one place in the sky but you don't need to worry where that is, as they can be seen anywhere above you. It's a good idea to observe the meteors from the comfort of a reclining chair or a sunbed.

Remember, all good things come to those who wait. Find a good spot and watch and wait - good luck!

Keith Wilson



The best time to see the Perseid meteors is between 11.00pm and 4.00am and they are well worth staying up late or getting up early for, especially if the weather is good. Photo: P.Martin

Red squirrels and pine martins

We may have passed the longest day but the good news is that it brings us closer to the new season of SWT Wildlife talks; the excellent programme is on the SWT website <http://scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/local-member-group/callander/>.

On 13th September we have Emma Sheehy, a Research Fellow at Aberdeen University talking on 'Interactions between Pine Martens and Squirrels' This includes setting up survey sites to record the number of visits to feeder boxes by squirrels and pine martens, using camera traps and sticky pads on feeder boxes. One of the tetrads is in Callander Woods where a very cute trio of young pine martens was filmed. The Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels Project also completed spring surveys in Callander and Coilhallan Woods, results available later in the year. Everyone can help by reporting sightings of any red or grey squirrels on <http://scottishsquirrels.org.uk/squirrel-sightings/>.

This year's first Balsam Bash on the River Teith was in July with another opportunity on 21 August, meet outside Callander Medical Centre at 10am. This is our fourth year and there is definitely much less than in the past but new patches still need attention. It is a pity to remove such an attractive flower, especially one enjoyed by bees and making good honey. However,

it seeds prolifically, crowds out our native plants and diverts the bees from pollinating them.



Giant hogweed - Don't touch!!

This is one of the easy ones to remove with no nasty side-effects but if you encounter giant hogweed do not handle it as the sap can lead to nasty burns in sunlight.

Also if you come across Japanese Knotweed do not chop it down as any small pieces root and spread it further: it is best tackled by spraying with herbicide. It is actually illegal to allow any invasive non-native flora and fauna to escape into the wild.

Please help to control them by reporting sightings of these and many other invasives on http://isweb.esdm.co.uk/ISWeb_RAFTS/MyPublic.aspx?OrgID=RAFTS (includes identification guides)

Lesley Hawkins

Flood protection update

Further to the 'Flood protection - Improvements on the horizon' report which appeared on page 13 of the BLV's April-May issue, Stirling Council have just agreed with their consultants to take forward a two stage brief for the Callander flood protection scheme looking at a preliminary design followed by a detailed design.

The council intend to undertake the ground investigation works in The Meadows towards the end of the summer/start of autumn 2016, although they have yet to put out a tender for the work.

A desk-based assessment will require to be undertaken first and then investigation on the ground will follow. The works will not be hugely disruptive but the council want to avoid the height of the tourist season.

The council's intention would be to discuss plans with the Callander Flood Advisory Group and the Community Council, followed up by a public meeting once more detail is available.

Following this stage, a preliminary design should be available which will give the Callander community a better idea about what the flood protection scheme in The Meadows will look like.

We will keep readers up to date with developments.

Keith Wilson

Show time!

Callander Horticultural Show

The annual show will be held on Saturday 27th August in the Kirk Hall.

Entry is by donation and the presentation of trophies is at 3.00pm. The Kirk Hall will be open for exhibitors on Friday evening 7.00pm-10.00pm and Saturday morning 8.00am-9.30am. For more information please contact Lucy Fraser-Gunn by email lucy@roslinecottage.co.uk, or call 01877 339787.

Gartmore Horticultural Show

The 100th show takes place on Saturday 27th August. Doors open 1.45pm and for exhibitors Friday 7.00-10.00pm and Saturday 8.00am- 9.30am.

Did you see the girl in the elephant mask?

I stop off in Callander on my way to Stirling but recently chose to sit on the pavement outside Callander's Tesco supermarket wearing an elephant mask and holding a placard stating 'Kerala Suffering Elephants Facebook page'. Just want to say thanks to locals and tourists who read the placard.

The Facebook page is an awareness page regarding the elephant cruelty in Kerala, India.

The elephant will be back!

Kay (the girl in the mask)



Around the world with the Ben Ledi View



Below: Two Canadian readers enjoy a read of the BLV in Victoria, British Columbia, in a garden which is a favourite with hummingbirds.

Photo: C. Bettison



Above: George Clooney was spotted on vacation in July at beautiful Lake Como in northern Italy but the Gold twins only have eyes for the latest issue of the BLV at the lake famous for its dramatic scenery.

Photo courtesy J. Gold

Right: Mike Hawkins reading the BLV on board the Ocean Nova while cruising around Spitzbergen, well above the Arctic Circle. The photo clearly shows how Spitzbergen got its name - it means Spiky Mountains! *Photo: L. Hawkins*



Far right: You will recognise the copy of the BLV on the chair but do you recognise the building in the background? It's Buckingham Palace and was taken at a Princes Trust event.

Photo courtesy M. Buckland



If you are visiting around the U.K. or abroad, pack a copy of the BLV, take a photo and send it to us at editor@benlediview.co.uk If you are too shy to appear then just include the BLV with the place of interest in the background or ask one of the locals to pose with Callander's favourite news magazine. We would love to publish your photos.

Time Out Quiz

Find a 4-letter word which can be placed after the first word and before the second word to make two new words or phrases

Example : GATE **POST** MAN

(Answers on page 38)

1. SHAM.....BAND
2. FOREST.....CRACKER
3. PEARL.....ROAD
4. QUICK.....LADDER
5. BORN.....WILL
6. JIG..... CONSUMING
7. STICKY.....WORM
8. WINNING.....HASTE
9. COMMON.....WEATHER
10. WATER..... STREET

Callander Medical Centre

Both practices

The surgeries and community nurses take part in various training programmes throughout the year. This is to meet the educational and training needs of all members of the practice and nursing team.

The next training afternoon will provisionally be on:

- Tuesday 13th September 2016
- Wednesday 26th October 2016

Both practices and community nurse clinic will close at 12.30pm. We hope that emergency cover will be provided by NHS24 for nursing and GPs, however, this will not be confirmed to the practices until nearer the time.

In the event of an emergency, please telephone 111. On that afternoon, please do not contact the surgeries for repeat prescriptions or for appointments.

Bracklinn Practice

We are pleased to inform you that our Practice Nurse hours have been extended. Susan is now working for us

4 days a week, providing appointments for disease management, smears etc Monday – Thursday 8.30am – 2.30pm Susan also has an extended clinic on Wednesdays until 4.30pm.

Our Health Care Assistant has also had her hours extended, and from the end of July Sandra will provide clinics for blood tests, blood pressure readings and weight etc every Tuesday 9.30am – 12.30pm and Thursday 9.00am – 12.00pm.

Further changes are to be made for the Practice Nurse and Health Care Assistant appointments later in the year. We will notify you as and when they occur. Thank you for your co-operation.

Leny Practice

Patient Access – just a reminder that we offer a 'Patient Access' system which allows you to book appointments and order repeat medications on-line. The system is available 24hrs a day, 7 days a week and saves you having to wait until we are open and our phone

line is free. We would like to encourage as many as possible to register for this service which is easy to use, although we are on hand to support any queries you may have when using this system. If required, the practice staff are happy to go over the registration with you in the Practice and show you how to use the system.

Some seasonal problems:

Sunburn Advice – as we submit this entry for the BLV it is pouring down with rain so here's hoping we have yet to have our summer! Should we be lucky and get a late summer please try to always use a sunscreen with a High UVA & UVB protection. This should be clearly stated on the label. Should you suffer from sunburn the advice is to cool the skin with a cold flannel or by bathing. Drinking fluids is essential but avoid alcohol as this will dehydrate you further. Aftersun cream and calamine lotion can relieve any itching or soreness. Paracetamol can be used to help any pain and control fever and Ibuprofen can reduce inflammation and lower a high temperature.

Holiday medication - please ensure

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you order your repeat medication the week before your holiday. We still receive requests marked urgent due to going on holiday the following day and this puts increased pressure on the staff, the doctors and the pharmacies to turn around the request in such short time scales.

Facebook – we continue to update and monitor our Facebook page and would encourage you all to go online and have a look. You can view our site on www.facebook.com/lenypractice and feel free to leave comments on health related topics you would like information on .

Practice Closure - in line with NHS Forth Valley public holidays, Leny Practice will be closed on Monday 10th October 2016. If you require emergency assistance out with these hours please contact NHS24 on 111.

District Nursing Team

A little over 18 months ago a brand new District Nursing Team was introduced to Callander.; myself, Majella Beattie the District Nurse, Evelyn Wilson and Michelle McEwan both Community Staff Nurses. With big boots to fill, we embarked on our journey of introducing ourselves, building new relations, developing services and introducing new staff and ways of working.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, most sincerely. Everyone here at Callander Medical Centre, the Callander Community, patients, carers, families, friends and the surrounding teams, have made us feel so welcome. Your kindness has been displayed in so many thoughtful ways, with cards, gifts and notices in the *Ben Ledi View*.

The role of the District Nursing services is predominantly for house bound patients: this can be short term due to recovery after short illness or longer term due to ongoing chronic conditions. We also provide a treatment room service for the Callander Community. As part of patients' recovery and recuperation, we encourage patients to attend the treatment room when able. This not only provides individuals with flexibility, but increases interaction, socialisation and increases physical activity. This assists patients with the opportunity

Walk in the park

We Walk to Feel Fitter



On Wednesday 6th July, the Walk in the Park groups from Callander, Aberfoyle, Balloch and Killin joined together for a joint walk with Callander Ramblers around the Glen Lochay Loop in Killin. Over 50 walkers walked either a short 45 minute health walk or the 4 mile loop visiting Moirlanich Longhouse on the way. Snacks and a well-earned rest were enjoyed at the Bridge of Lochay Hotel.

Thanks to all who participated or helped in any way to make this a very enjoyable day out.

Walk in the Park have recently introduced award badges for a target number of walks taken over the last 3 years. Bronze for 50 walks, silver for 100 walks and gold for 200 walks. Many of the walkers have been awarded bronze and silver badges. However, up until now the target of gold had not been reached. Tony Beaman was presented with the first gold award badge and certificate. Tony walks with the Callander, Aberfoyle, and Balloch groups and is also a member of the Callander Ramblers. It was therefore the perfect event to present Tony with his award. The photo shows Natalie



Tony Beaman Being presented with his award.

Stevenson, Manager of The Loch Lomond and Trossachs Countryside Trust, who presented the award to Tony and his wife outside the Bridge of Lochay Hotel in Killin. Congratulations and well done! Walks are held on Tuesday mornings in Callander at 10.20am - check schedule for details. Strength and Balance sessions are held on Tuesdays from 2.00-3.00pm in the Fire Station.

If you have any questions regarding joining any of our walks or exercise sessions please contact the Project Coordinator- Cathy Scott on **01877 330055** or email: cathy.scott@lochlomond-trossachs.org

to arrange appointments that are suitable for them and allows us to arrange appointments around our daily community commitments.

The District Nurses' role is forever developing and ever-changing. We work from 8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday; we provide a messaging service, which is monitored, throughout the day. Our contact number is 01877 330150. We also work out of hours Saturday and Sunday, which can be accessed via NHS 24, on 111.

Hospital Appointments

A new patient reminder service is being introduced to try to reduce the number of people who fail to turn up for their appointment.

The new system is being trialled

for outpatient appointments in gastroenterology, neurology and dermatology and patients will receive a telephone call approximately seven days beforehand. A recorded message will ask them to either: confirm they can attend, request a change of appointment (calls will be diverted to a member of staff who can arrange an alternative date) or speak to a member of staff (for any questions or to cancel an appointment)

A text message reminder will also be sent to mobile phone numbers a few days before the appointment date as an additional reminder, and a local telephone number will appear on caller display (01324 566249) to help avoid any potential confusion with unwanted sales or marketing calls.

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Callander Ramblers visit Hadrian's Wall



*Callander Ramblers at Hadrian's Wall.
Photos by Keith Wilson.*

Lanrick Challenge

Adventurers are being asked to do battle with a challenging wilderness assault course to help two of the country's leading life-saving charities. Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA) and the Sandpiper Trust will benefit from funds raised at this year's fun-filled challenge. Held

at the stunning Lanrick Estate near Doune on Saturday, 6th August, the 48 obstacle challenge is suitable for all fitness levels. So walk it, jog it or sprint it - you'll be helping to sustain two key charities that benefit everyone in Scotland.

Choose between the 6k and 12k wilderness routes and get thoroughly dirty and exhausted for a good cause.

Youngsters (aged 5-12 years) can get down and dirty as well by taking part in the Mini Mud Run - lots of muddy fun for junior obstacle-bagging participants.

To register for the Lanrick Challenge 2016 please visit www.lanrickchallenge.com. Cost to register is £35 for an adult entry and £20 for children aged 5-12 years.

Callander Golf Club



Team do Callander proud

On 6th July Callander Golf Club Junior Team competed in the Scottish Junior open at Fortrose and Rosemarkie. They finished 7th overall out of 12 teams. The competition was split first nine best 2 out of 3 and the 2nd nine foursomes and Callander were 2nd out of the 12 teams in the foursomes. A good result in itself but when you take into consideration Callander were playing against other young adults aged 16 and 17, they did a fantastic job. Our team were Alistair Cantlay 12, Blair Frail 13, Jack Steadman 14 and our adult Mike Cantlay is celebrating his 21st birthday for the 20th time later this year.

An excellent performance for our youngsters who were exemplary ambassadors for Callander Golf Club!

Callander Golf Club Juniors and Clubgolfers would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to The Crown Hotel for their most generous donation of £250.00. Bill and Ishbel's kind gesture will help to enable the Juniors and Clubgolfers to replace worn Practice Mats, Safety nets and also to purchase TRI-GOLF equipment so they can play and practise indoors during the winter period.

Skidaddle

Once again, Skidaddle has brought Callander alive with people coming into the area to take part in its outdoor events. On the 17th June entrants came from all over Scotland as well as south of the border to compete in the Loop of the Loch, a stunning 16 mile running or cycling event around Loch Venacher. We are now looking forward to the Ben Ledi Ascent event for runners and walkers on the 23rd July.

We are enormously pleased to have had the McLaren High School Pipe Band play at a number of our events, and their involvement has added greatly to everyone's enjoyment. Thank you!

The big summer event is the Callander River Festival, on Sunday 28th August. It is hoped to build on the outstanding success of last year's River Festival, and again there will be events for all ages including canoeing and kayaking training, river swimming competitions, an adventure scarecrow competition, and Duncan's Corner with a host of children's competitions. In particular, entries are now being sought for the Raft Race, which is one of the 'must-do' fun events in the Callander year.

Thousands of ducks are now being prepared for the Duck Race, and the giant duck Daisy is looking forward to her big day.

We continue to welcome volunteers of all ages and all fitness levels. Skidaddle runs an active events programme throughout the year and we are always looking for new volunteers. You do not have to be fit and athletic to join the team, there are

roles for everyone so if you are interested in working with new people, supporting a good cause and having fun at the same time, get in touch.

Info@skidaddle.org

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Top 3 pictures of runners and cyclists at this year's loop of the loch. Bottom pictures from last year's river festival.

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McLaren Leisure

End of summer

We have now entered the last month of our packed summer schedule at McLaren Leisure, and what a brilliant summer it has been so far. Still looking for things for the little ones to do? Don't panic, we still have plenty left to keep your kids on the go for the final two weeks of their holidays.

Our **Swim School** will be running from the 1st-5th August. This 30 minute intensive, week long school will help young swimmers improve their technique while also boosting their confidence in the water.

The following week, 8th-12th August, our busy **Soccer Camp** will run, which is suitable for all primary school ages. This week long, half day, sessions will teach young ballers essential skills in a fun environment.

Finally, our new **Rugby Camp** will be run from the 15th-19th August, and is perfect for all young players looking to develop their skills or just starting out.

Along with all these great sport specific camps, our jam-packed **Kids Camp** will also be running on all these weeks and concludes with our penultimate Kids Camp Party Day on the 19th August. So if your child has attended Kids Camp at any point this year, make sure they don't miss out!

For more information on any of our great Summer Activities contact us on: 01877 330000 or email reception@mclarenleisure.co.uk

As the summer draws to a close we also look forward to welcoming back our regular classes and activities for the kids including Soccer School, Climbing club, Multi-sports and Athletics.

We also have plenty on for the adults with the likes of Aqua Therapy, Spin classes and for the really enthusiastic there are our Bootcamp, Ab Blast and our brand new exercise to music class.

Callander Summerfest & Trossachs Summer Festival

This year was the first year that McLaren Leisure has been working with the Callander Summerfest team, to create an amazing two weeks in July for all of the community and visitors

to the area. We have been planning the Summerfest since the tail-end of last year, having regular meetings with Shelia Winstone, Anne Docherty, Tina Loots, Lynne Schroder, Lorraine Isgrove, David Moore and planned the fullest Summerfest programme to date.

The penultimate day was the Trossachs Summer Festival held on the 30th July and sponsored by the Riverside Inn. It was fantastic to see so many local businesses and organisations getting involved. With the support of groups such as Callander and West Perthshire Rotary club, Central Athletics, Callander Golf Club, Trossachs Tigers, Callander Thistle, Callander Taekwondo, Cycle Hub Stirling, Recycle-a-bike, Blazing Saddles, and Loch Venachar Sailing Club.

We put together a really exciting programme of activities including the Junior Highland Games, a Tug of War tournament, Obstacle Course, Family Fun Challenge plus a fantastic Superhero themed Parade and Fancy dress competition kindly Sponsored by Campbell's Shortbread. The entertainment line up included dance displays by both Liz Campbell's Highland Dancers, Callander Pipe Band and Clan Stunt Cycle Show and the Army were there to provide challenges and show off their vehicles. It was great to have the support of so many local businesses that provided stalls and of course delicious food and drink. Thank you for prizes donated by Blair Drummond Safari Park, Scissor Sisters, Sportful cycle clothing company, Deli Ecosse and to those



who donated after this article was submitted.

We would now like to turn our attention to future years by inviting local organisations and businesses who are interested in working with us to join our event committee. This committee will meet on a regular basis to help with planning and delivering certain parts of the event from the show ring programme to helping to find sponsorship and funding.

For more info contact:

ruth@mclarenleisure.co.uk

Rebranding

We are very pleased to announce that the rebranding of McLaren Leisure is now complete. By changing our name, creating a fresh new logo and a new colour palette, that will now be associated with the Centre, which we believe will increase catchment and enable us to improve our leisure facilities. We will also be working hard to please and provide everything in our power to make McLaren Leisure a sport and leisure facility the community can be proud of. Finally, please check out our amazing new website by visiting: www.mclarenleisure.co.uk

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Summerfest photo competition results

The winners of the Callander & Trossachs Summerfest photo competition were presented with their prizes by Liz Lochhead on Summerfest's opening night on 16th July. Organised by Callander Photo Club, the competition asked amateur photographers to send their pictures that showed why Callander & the Trossachs were special to them. Thank you to everyone who entered!

Adult winner: Just Be by Pauline Deas



12-18 category: Winner



Sunset on Leny Road - Alex Earl.

Runner up



Sunset on Loch Venacher - Andrew Murphy.

Under 12 category: Winner



Sunshine on River Teith-Ciana MacKenzie.

Runner up



The view from Ben Gullipen - Freddie Mills.

Adult category Runners up



Left: Monarch of the Glen - Mike Hawkins.

Below: A moment of reflection. Keith Wilson



BLV Book Club review

The Lubetkin Legacy

by Marina Lewycka (Penguin, 2016)



I was delighted to receive this month's book review copy of *The Lubetkin Legacy* by Marina Lewycka. Gleaming new, hot-off-the-press, with its aesthetically-pleasing cover (pinks, purples, pigeons) and a contemporary subject, Britain's housing crisis. Excuse the pun, but this sounded right up my street. I couldn't wait to get started.

BLV readers may be familiar with Lewycka's writings, most famously her first novel, *A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian*. This book could be described as the first of its type, giving a humorous account of life in Britain for first and second generation eastern Europeans immigrants. The characters were comedic caricatures surviving the cultural melting pot of south-east England. Lewycka's writing was clever and entertaining

The Lubetkin Legacy looked like it

would tick those same boxes. Set in north London in the 21st Century, the action focuses on a high rise block of flats built in post-war Britain by architect Berthold Lubetkin. Lubetkin was a reformer, an architect with a social conscience. He didn't simply design buildings but had a vision to design and build homes in spaces that would harbour communities and work towards creating cohesive societies where all classes felt valued and respected.

Fast forward 65 years and we live in very different times. Our main character, Bertie, is a between-jobs actor, who in his 40s, newly divorced and homeless, found himself living back with his mother in the council flat that was his childhood home. Now seven years later when his mother suddenly dies, with the onset of new government policy, he is now 'over-occupying' the flat and housing officers are sniffing around his door at the possibility of a 'spare' bedroom.

Unfortunately, after my initial excitement at receiving the book, as I read on, I found myself failing to see the funny side. The book superficially covers a myriad of real contemporary housing issues – over-crowding, buy-to-let, dodgy landlords and the bedroom tax. Unemployed Bertie is facing the real possibility of homelessness, and therefore makes

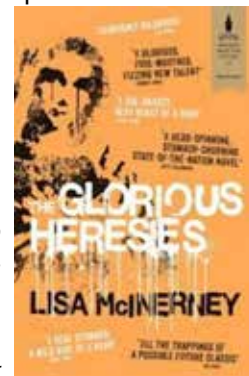
the desperate decision to conceal his mother's death from the prying local housing officers. Events escalate, quickly becoming near-farcical but, unfortunately, I struggled to crack a smile.

Maybe it's the timing of Lewycka's novel, but I expected a more considered account of a desperate situation with a sprinkling of her usual wry humour. Instead, the book read like a rejected *Fawlty Towers* script.

Sorry Marina, but this, in my view, was way off target.

The next BLV book club review will be *The Glorious Heresies* by Lisa McInerney.

Maggie Magor



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Monday	10am – 1pm	2–5pm
Tuesday	10am – 1pm	2–7pm
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Thursday	10am – 1pm	2–7pm
Friday	10am – 1pm	2–5pm
Saturday	10am – 12 noon	

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Callander Photo Club: New season

Callander Photo Club offers members opportunities to learn more about their cameras and photography and to share their progress in a relaxed setting. The programme below, while not complete, offers what we hope will be an exciting fifth season. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month, 7.30 pm in the back room of the Waverley Hotel on Callander Main Street and schedule extra field trip dates as weather permits.

Please join us or come along for an evening or two. Membership is £12.00

per year with dues of £1 per meeting for members and £3 per meeting for guests. For more information contact us at callanderphotoclub@gmail.com or call Susan O'Boyle at 01877 339 323.

See us at Callander Photo Club-Facebook

Programme of events

- 14th September: Workshop - Susan O'Boyle 'Purple Cow' processing with Lightroom *Theme: Summer*
- 12th October: Workshop/Speaker tba
- 9th November: Presentation - Keith Wilson. Night sky photography *Theme: Night sky*

- Field trip - Night sky (Keith), date tba
- 14th December: Presentation - Ross Hutton. Scotland, the land of light and water *Theme: landscape* (Mulled wine and mince pies)
- Field trip - The Kelpies at Night, date tba
- 8th February: Workshop/Speaker tba
- 8th March: Jo McIntyre. Wildlife photography *Theme: Wild*
- April: Presentation/Workshop tba
- Field trip-Stirling Auction Mart, date tba
- Field Trip-Flanders Moss (June), date tba
- 10th May: Workshop - June Waley. Macro Compositing *Theme: Texture*
- 14th June: Meal/Photo Celebration/AGM/Personal Projects

Callander Brass

Despite the dismal summer weather - so far - Callander Brass have managed to play two open-air concerts: one at Loch Katrine on 11th June, and the other in Ancaster Square on 7th July and, at the time of writing, are looking forward to playing on the opening day of this year's Summerfest and returning to Loch Katrine on 30th July.

We also have two further concerts scheduled in Ancaster Square in August: one on the evening of Thursday 11th, starting at 7.30pm, and the other on the afternoon of Saturday 20th, starting at 3.00pm.

Do come along and enjoy free music from Callander's own Brass Band.
Alma Cadzow

Callander Film Society

Another season of great movies!

Now's the time to sign up for Callander Film Society's next season. We have 11 contemporary movies, many award-winning and some you wouldn't get to see in most cinemas, shown in Clanranald Trust's theatre in St Kessog's on Saturdays. The classic programme has five screenings on Fridays at The Waverley Hotel. Membership for the contemporary programme is £22, the classic is £7 or join both for £27 – that's less than £2 per film!

The season kicks off on 8th October with the winner of 2016 best film Oscar. *Spotlight* is about the Boston Globe's investigative team delving into decades of child abuse claims against the Catholic Church. It's followed by *The Revenant* which won Leonardo di Caprio best actor BAFTA and Oscar for his performance as a man consumed by grief as he navigates a vicious winter to find redemption.

Room is a unique and touching exploration of the boundless love between a mother and her child when Jack discovers the outside world. *Bridge of Spies*, directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Tom Hanks, as a lawyer who finds himself thrust into the centre of the cold war when sent by the CIA to negotiate

the release of an American airman. A remarkable love story is told in *The Danish Girl*, inspired by the lives of Lili Elbe and Gerda Wegener, played by Eddie Redmayne and Alicia Vikander, as they navigate Lili's groundbreaking journey as a transgender pioneer. *Anomalisa* is an animated black comedy about a motivational speaker bored with his life. *The Big Short* with Christian Bale and Brad Pitt is a thriller set in the world of banking as a global collapse is imminent and *Eye in the Sky* features Helen Mirren as a UK-based officer in command of top secret drone operation to capture terrorists on Kenya.

The first of three foreign movies is *Son of Saul*, a harrowing story of a Hungarian Auschwitz-Birkenau prisoner forced to assist the Nazis when he finds what he takes to be the body of his own son in a camp crematorium. *Mustang* is about a group of schoolgirls in a small village in northern Turkey as summer begins and *The Brand New Testament* is a comic fantasy from Belgium.

Each classic screening includes a cartoon or short before the main film. We start in November with Bette Davis in *All About Eve* (1950) playing an aging theatre star who befriends an adoring fan and soon discovers the young woman is taking over her life. *Les Diaboliques* (1955) from France is full of suspense when the body of a cruel headmaster murdered by his wife and mistress disappears. The New Year starts with *The Scarlett Empress* (1934) with Marlene Dietrich starring in the story of Catherine the Great's rise to power in 18th Century Russia. *Intermezzo* (1939) is the love story between a famous violinist and his musical protégée and we'll also show *The Forth Road Bridge* documentary from the 1960s. Finally *Key Largo* (1948) is the star-studded thriller about a gangster holding a group of people captive in a Florida hotel during a tropical storm.

Pick up a form at the Library or send a cheque made payable to Callander Film Society to Eileen Dimmer, 7 Castle Grove, FK17 8AZ. Include the following details: name, address, telephone, email and the kind of membership you wish to join (contemporary, classic or both).

We plan to have the full programme online at www.incallander.co.uk/cfs and we also post details and news on Facebook and Twitter. Or please call Eammon O'Boyle 01877 339323 for details.

See you at the movies!

CALLANDER FILM SOCIETY

Contemporary Programme 2016-17 Clanranald Trust Theatre, St Kessog's 7.30pm

October 8	Spotlight
October 22	The Revenant
November 5	Room
November 19	Son of Saul Hungary
December 10	Bridge of Spies
January 7	The Danish Girl
January 21	Anomalisa
February 4	The Big Short
February 18	Mustang Turkey
March 4	Eye in the Sky
March 18	The Brand New Testament Belgium

Classic Programme 2016-17 The Waverley Hotel 7.30pm

November 11	All About Eve (1950)
December 16	Les Diaboliques (1955) France
January 13	The Scarlett Empress (1934)
February 10	Intermezzo (1939)
March 10	Key Largo (1948)
May 2017	AGM date & film tbc

Membership: Contemporary £22, Classic £10, Both £27

See separate article for details of how to join

What's on in August and September

REGULAR MEETINGS

Mondays

- Yoga (adults) 9.30-11.00am Kirk Hall
- Scrabble 2.00pm Waverley Hotel (1st and 3rd Mon)
- Highland Dancing 4.00pm Kirk Hall (re-starts 29th August)
- Cubs 6.15pm St Andrew's Church Hall
- Zumba fitness class 7.00pm Kirk Hall
- Callander Pipe Band practice/teaching 7.00pm Masonic Hall
- Yoga 7.00pm Waverley Hotel
- Poker 7.30pm Crags Hotel

Tuesdays

- Craigard Club 10.00am Kirk Hall (starts 23rd August)
- Walk in the Park 10.20 am (see meeting places below)
- Strength and Balance Session 2.00pm Fire Station
- Family Yoga 5.00-6.00pm Kirk Hall
- Kwik Cricket 5.00-6.00pm McLaren Rugby pitch
- Army Cadet Force training 7.00pm Kirk Hall
- Badminton Club 7.30pm McLaren Leisure Centre
- Dominoes 7.30pm Crags Hotel

Wednesdays

- Callander Kids 9.30am Kirk Hall
- Teapot Café 10.30am Kirk Hall
- ESOL classes (beginners) 2.00pm Burgh Chambers
- YES beginners 6.00pm intermediate/advanced 7.30pm McLaren Leisure Centre
- Bridge Club 6.50pm Waverley Hotel
- Guides 7.00pm St Andrew's Church Hall
- Song Squad 7.15-9.15pm Fire Station
- Darts 7.30pm Crags Hotel

Thursdays

- Scottish Country Dancing 7.00pm Masonic Hall
- Texas Hold 'Em Poker 7.30pm Waverley Hotel

- Kwik Cricket and Hardball 5.30-7.00pm McLaren Rugby pitch
- Callander Brass practice Training band 6.30pm, main band 7.30pm Primary School
- Yoga (adults) 8.00-9.30pm St Andrew's Church Hall

Fridays

- Craigard Club 10.30am Kirk Hall
- Quiz night 7.30pm Crags Hotel

Saturdays

- Trossachs Tigers Training 9.15-10.00am McLaren Leisure Centre

AUGUST

Friday 5th

- **Ben Ledi View published**

Saturday 6th

- Ramblers LDP: RRW (4) Ardeonaig to Glen Ogle 8.30am Contact 01877 330032

Tuesday 9th

- Ramblers Ramble: Corstorphine Hill & Cramond Island 9.30am Contact 01786 850209
- Walk in the Park to Keltie Bridge 10.20 am meet at Medical Centre

Wednesday 10th

- Walk in the Park Evening Town Walk 7.00pm Ancaster Square

Thursday 11th

- Callander Brass concert 7.30pm Ancaster Square

Monday 15th

- Community Council meet 7.30pm Burgh Chambers

Tuesday 16th

- Walk in the Park NCR 7 at Strathyre 10.20am Meadows car park (car share)

Wednesday 17th

- Walk in the Park Evening Town Walk 7.00pm Ancaster Square

Saturday 20th

- Ramblers Hill: Ben Cruachan 8.30am Contact 01877 339080
- Callander Brass concert 3.00pm Ancaster Square

Sunday 21st

- SWT Balsam bash on River Teith

meet 10.00am Medical Centre

Tuesday 23rd

- Walk in the Park Meadows and Tulipan 10.20 am Meadows car park
- Callander and W Perthshire U3A Enrolment session and AGM 3.00pm Kirk Hall

Wednesday 24th

- Ramblers Stroll: Banknock to the Wheel 9.30am Contact 01786 825249
- Walk in the Park Evening Town Walk 7.00pm Ancaster Square

Saturday 27th

- Ramblers LDP: RRW (5) Glen Ogle to Strathyre 8.30am Contact 01877 330032
- Horticultural Show Afternoon Kirk Hall

Sunday 28th

- Callander River Festival

Tuesday 30th

- Walk in the Park Ballachallan 10.20 am Meadows car park (car share)

Wednesday 31st

- Walk in the Park Evening Town Walk 7.00pm Ancaster Square

SEPTEMBER

Friday 2nd

- German-speaking group 6.30pm 'Ardest' 24 Bridgend

Monday 5th

- Heritage Society talk by Pam McNicol Stirling Council Archivist 7.00pm Fire Station

Tuesday 6th

- Walk in the Park NCR7 to Kilmahog 10.20am Meadows car park
- Callander Enterprise business workshop 6.00pm Callander Hostel

Wednesday 7th

- Open Community meetings 2.00-4.00pm & 7.00-9.00pm Callander Hostel
- Walk in the Park Evening Town Walk 7.00pm Ancaster Square

Monday 12th

- Community Council meet 7.30pm Burgh Chambers

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What's on in August and September (contd.)

Tuesday 13th

- **Ben Ledi View copy deadline 7.00pm**
- Medical Centre closed from 12.30pm
- Walk in the Park Loch Venachar 10.20am Meadows car park (car share)
- SWT talk 'Pine Marten Interactions with Squirrels' 7.30pm Kirk Hall

Wednesday 14th

- Ramblers Stroll: The Lots 9.30am Contact 01877 330446
- Walk in the Park Evening Town Walk 7.00pm Ancaster Square
- Photo Club meet 7.30pm Waverley Hotel

Thursday 15th

- Thursday Club 2.00pm Kirk Hall

Tuesday 20th

- Walk in the Park Loch Ruskie 10.20 am Meadows car park (car share)
- Arthritis Club Jane Baron on Yoga 7.30pm Kirk Hall

Wednesday 21st

- Ramblers Ramble: Coire Grogain, Arrochar 9.30am Contact 01877 339080
- Walk in the Park Evening Town Walk 7.00pm Ancaster Square

Saturday 24th

- Ramblers Hill: Ben Venue 8.30am Contact 01877 382924

Tuesday 27th

- Walk in the Park Keltie Bridge 10.20 am Medical Centre

Wednesday 28th

- Walk in the Park Evening Town Walk 7.00pm Ancaster Square

Thursday 29th

- Thursday Club 2.00pm Kirk Hall

Friday 30th

- Annual Jazz and Blues Festival starts (multiple venues)

OCTOBER

Saturday 1st

- Ramblers Stroll: Carron Glen, Denny 9.30am Contact 01786 825682
- Thursday Club Coffee Morning 10.00am-12.00 noon Kirk Hall

Sunday 2nd

- Jazz Sunday Church parade to Square 12 noon onwards

Thursday 6th

- Kirk Guild 2.00pm Kirk Hall

Friday 7th

- **Ben Ledi View published**



Friday 30th
September to
Sunday 2nd
October 2016

The eleventh annual Jazz and Blues Festival is almost upon us once again and will be staged in 20 venues around the town.

We have as always a superb festival cast of over 350 musicians from all parts of the UK and from Europe as well. Headlining this year will be five of the best Jump Jive, Swing bands in the country *The Jive Aces*, *Jazz Connection*, *Laura B and Her Band*, *The Revolutionaires*, *The Deke McGee Band* and the fantastic *Fat Suit*.

These top bands will be supported by *The Cosmopolitan Big Band*, *Penman's Jazzmen*, *Winston's Pennine Jazz*, *The Brian Rawson Band*, *Blues Incentive*, *Elephant Gerald*, *Viper Swing*, *Spinning Wheel*, *The Jazz Pack*, *Sound of Seventeen Big Band*, *Catfish Blues*, *Helias* and many more. Some 45 live performances on offer over the event Weekend.

There will also be jazz and blues cruising on the Steamship Sir Walter Scott plus the traditional Jazz Street Parade and several open Mic Sessions and the popular Jazz Church Service in Callander Kirk.

We are always looking for something

new and quirky to add to the programme each year and 2016 is no exception. Let's start with one of our headliners *Fat Suit* a Glasgow based 18 piece Jazz Fusion Big Band with so much young musical talent built in it's simply mind blowing: their special rendering of Michael Jackson's *Thriller* is just amazing. At the other end of the age scale we have leading *The Aubrey Gerber Dance Orchestra* probably the most senior musician we have ever had here in Callander. At 94 Dr Aubrey Gerber is still playing magnificently and leading an unusual and entertaining band.

For the first time we are staging an afternoon tea dance featuring the Dance Orchestra playing a wonderful selection

of rarely heard jazz tunes at sedate but pleasing tempos for the pleasure of our more mature festival goers. A touch of Parisienne Cafe and Jazz music is also on offer from *Les Trois Blondes* at a French themed evening at Poppies Hotel.

We now have a brand new website and Facebook page on line so please visit www.callanderjazz.com for full details on performers, programme, ticket purchase jazz and blues cruising and more

Tickets can be purchased directly from Poppies Hotel. Please telephone 01877-330329 (all major credit/debit cards accepted) or pop into the Callander or Stirling Visit Scotland Information Centres and purchase over the counter. We will also have our own Festival Ticket office open during the festival event in Ancaster Square. Please feel free to contact the Festival Office on 01877-339399 for information of any kind.

Graham Oliphant
Callander Jazz and Blues Festival



Callander & District Heritage Society

Callander and District Heritage Society are delighted to announce that a new season of talks based on the history of Callander, its people and the surrounding area, begins this September. The first is from Stirling Council Archivist Pam McNicol, and will tell the fascinating story of how the Poor Law affected a local Callander woman's life in the late 1800s.

The talk is titled; 'A person of good character who has seen better days' The riches of Scottish Poor Law records.' Where can you find out how tall your ancestor was, or what their nickname might have been? People applying for benefits in 19th century Scotland had their circumstances and relationships scrutinised just as minutely as anyone living in 21st century Britain. Pam will show how the most unusual information about people and their circumstances was gathered by the authorities and how you can find it to help bring riches to your family history research.

To hear more, join us in Callander Fire Station on Monday 5th Sept from 7.00 - 9.00pm. As it's the first night of the new season, memberships can be purchased at £10 for the year and this covers a minimum of six talks. New members are most welcome, as are guests on the night for a cost of £3.00, so please come along. The full list of speakers and dates for the coming year is still being finalised but we promise an interesting mixture of subjects.

The Society has formed a new committee over the summer and there are many interesting opportunities arising as part of the Heritage Society's involvement in the Landscape Partnership Scheme. This will include projects such as the digitisation of the heritage archive, the participation in a local archaeological survey/excavation and an oral history project. It is a perfect time for anyone interested in a modern approach to recording local history to come along and join us. If you would like to find out a bit more about any of these projects and possibly get involved, then please come to one of our meetings or get in touch. We

are looking forward to sharing these experiences with as wide an audience and age group as possible. For more details on upcoming talks, and to see some very interesting archive photographs, why not follow what's happening on our new Facebook and Twitter pages? Simply search for Callander Heritage Society. If you would like to contact us regarding anything at all, then you can also use the 'contact us' option on our web site/ www.callanderheritage.co.uk or e-mail us directly at callanderheritage@gmail.com

Ian Mitchell

Callander and West Perthshire Rotary Club



Mark Wallace and Brian MacKay

At the end of June a new President took over at Callander and West Perthshire Rotary Club. Outgoing President Mark Wallace handed over the chain of office to Brian MacKay for the year 2016/17. This is Brian's second stint as president having completed a successful year in 2012/13.

At the end of each Rotary year the club distributes money from its Charity Account to a number of local causes. This year the beneficiaries are:- Callander Cubs, Callander Girl Guides, Callander Brownies, Callander Brass, Young Explorers and Niamh King, towards her charity trip overseas next year.

By the time you read this the club will have had a busy July with the dancing in the square, the golf AmAm and the Junior Highland Games. Here's hoping the weather was good. Starting during Summerfest and continuing into August look out for competitions on the theme of Butterflies, *Bumble Bees and Bugs*. There will be prizes and details will be publicized around the town.

If any reader would like to find out

more about our events or Rotary in general, please look at our website, www.callander.rotary1010.org or on Facebook. If you would like to come along to a meeting, any Tuesday evening at the Waverley Hotel, 84 Main Street, please contact Jen Shearer on 01877 330446.

Derek House

Lodge Ben Ledi

On Sunday 29th May, Lodge Ben Ledi held a tombola stall in Ancaster Square to raise funds for Stanmore House, a residential care home operated by Capablity Scotland. £800 was collected on the day and was presented to Stanmore House by Malcolm McNaughton, a member of Ben Ledi who has worked tirelessly for many years to raise funds for this very worthy cause.

Sandy Campbell

German Speaking Group in Callander.

Das nächste Treffen der Gruppe ist das zurückgestellte Sommerfest, das jetzt am Freitag 2. September um 18.30 Uhr in 'Ardess', 24 Bridgend, Callander stattfindet. NB Wir treffen uns eine halbe Stunde früher als gewöhnlich, damit wir hoffentlich beim Sonnenschein essen können!

Das vorgeschlagene Thema für unsere Diskussion an jenem Abend ist, wie vorher angemeldet: Wenn du einen Haufen Geld hättest, wohin auf der ganzen Welt möchtest du am liebsten reisen, und warum? Welche berühmte Persönlichkeit würdest du einladen, als Reisebegleiter(in) mitzufahren? Sei bitte fertig, deine Antwort zu begründen!

Für diese Grillparty bitten wir alle Teilnehmer, irgendeinen Beitrag mitzubringen, z.B. Fleisch, Fisch oder Gemüse zum Grillen, oder Brot, Käse, Salat, Nachtisch oder Getränke. Bei schlechtem Wetter werden wir selbstverständlich im Hause kochen und essen, aber hoffentlich werden wir alle trotzdem Sommerkleidung und Sonnenhüte tragen! Sagt mir bitte bis Freitag 26. August, ob Ihr mitmachen, und was für Beitrag Ihr mitbringen, werdet.

Alle sind herzlich willkommen, die

sich für die Gelegenheit interessieren, mit unserer Gruppe auf deutsch zu unterhalten. Die Teilnehmer sind sowohl Schotten (und Engländer) als auch Muttersprachler, die hier in der Nähe wohnen. Falls du Fragen dazu stellen willst, ruf bitte Jen Shearer, 01877-330446 oder 07710-232908 (Handy) an, oder Email: jenshearer@gmail.com.

PS Zu Eurer Kenntnisnahme: Das übernächste Treffen findet am Freitag 14. Oktober 2016 statt. NB Bitte sag Jen für jenes Treffen bis Dienstag 11. Oktober Bescheid, wenn Du mitmachen wirst. Dafür wird das Diskussionsthema im Voraus in einer Email angemeldet werden.

Royal British Legion Scotland (Callander Branch) The Battle Of The Somme

On Thursday evening, 30th June, the Callander branch Royal British Legion Scotland and many townsfolk gathered at the War Memorial to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the battle of the Somme and to pay tribute to the fallen.

The short but moving ceremony commenced with Pipe major Robert Bryden playing the tune entitled 'The battle of the Somme'. The Legion chairman, George Greig, then placed a wreath, after which many people placed lighted candles and tea lights around the War Memorial. Legion president John Forrest then spoke the words of Laurence Binyon, 'they shall grow not old', and two minutes silence followed.

The piper then played 'The Flowers of the Forest' after which the Revd. Jim Brown gave a short address, a prayer and the final blessing.

Kenny Morrison

Callander and West Perthshire U3A

ENROLMENT DAY AND AGM – Tuesday 23rd August at 3.00pm in Callander Kirk Hall.

A warm welcome at the start of our 5th year to all our members and especially to anybody who would like to join our U3A! Come and meet the existing members and group leaders, have a look at our timetables and see what we have to offer. After the AGM



Above: Visit to Pitlochry theatre

Below: History Group at Flanders moss

Photos supplied by Marguerite Kobs.



there will be tea, coffee and homemade scones to enjoy while you mingle round the hall and afterwards visit the tables where you can see which groups are represented, sign up and have a chat about the courses.

Most of our groups meet in Callander but some take place in outlying villages – some in members' homes and some in rented halls, depending on space and equipment required. The membership fee for 2016-17 remains at £10 per head unless you are already a member of another U3A, in which case the fee is only £5.

We begin our courses in September and offer a large variety of subjects, some new to our U3A. Have a look at our website for other news and photos of our activities – just Google 'Callander and West Perthshire U3A'.

Marguerite Kobs

Callander and District Arthritis Club.

Callander and District Arthritis Club held their Bottle Stall in Ancaster Square on 9th July. We were lucky with the weather and didn't get rained off until the afternoon. I would like to thank all those who kindly donated bottles, those that manned the stall and also those who bought tickets. We made a tidy sum of £590.

The Club starts back after the summer holidays with a talk/demonstration by

Jane Baron on YOGA. The time is 7.30pm the place Callander Kirk Hall and the date is 20th September. Jane has taught Yoga for many many years and holds a class in Gartmore Village Hall on a Wednesday morning, starting back when the Schools return.

There will be refreshments and a raffle after the demonstration and members and non-members will be very welcome.

Fiona Snow, Secretary

CHAS

The Bluebell tea for CHAS in May raised £416. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Fiona House. 330103.

Forth Valley U3A

Would you like to make some new friends and become involved in a new hobby or interest at the same time, to brighten the autumn days? That's what U3A is all about! There are more than 50 groups which are very varied and include Current Affairs, Mandarin, Mahjong, Bridge, Spanish, Lunch club, Line Dancing, Scrabble and Poetry. We are holding our enrolment meetings on Friday 9th September, 10.00–11.30am in the Parish Church Halls, Bridge of Allan and 2.00–3.30pm in the Mayfield Centre, St Ninian's, Stirling. You are warmly invited to come along to either session and discover more about what we do whilst enjoying a cup of tea or coffee with tasty home baking and chatting with some of the members. For further information please contact the Membership Secretary on 01786 822062 or the Interest Groups' coordinators on 01786812416 or 01324629642 or visit www.forthvalleyu3a.org.uk

British Heart Foundation

The British Heart Foundation is currently funding over £100 million of research into fighting heart and circulatory disease, which takes the lives of over 15,700 people in Scotland each year. Research has shown that being physically inactive can increase your risk of heart disease and so we're calling on everyone in Scotland to put their best foot forward and sign up to 'Just Walk'.

23rd - 27th December 2016

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'Just Walk' invites family, friends and colleagues to organise a walk in a location, time and distance of their choice. It's a fantastic way of getting more active whilst raising money in the fight against heart disease.

Every stride taken and every pound raised will help fund even more vital research to support the 7 million people living with heart and circulatory disease in the UK.

Sign up to 'Just Walk' today and get a free kit, full of everything you need to show heart disease where to go, by visiting www.bhf.org.uk/JustWalk

STEP makes the Ripple



Retreat its charity of the year.

STEP, Sirling's business support group will support the charity as part of the 'Its Good 2 Give' programme, by volunteering and organising business events to help with the charity's long term aim of raising £1.5 million to complete the project to build a retreat for young cancer suffers and their families on the southern shore of Loch Venacher.

Lynne McNicoll started the charity in 2005 and has raised £2 million since then. David Ferguson and his family donated the land for the building which has been designed by Tony Kettle.

Lynne and Gordon Bell of STEP are both very excited about the future year for the charity and its profile nationally as well as locally.

Royal National Lifeboat Institution

This Summer, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) is launching year two of the charity's Beach Builder Challenge using the interactive video game, Minecraft, which allows children to create and build virtual worlds.

Available to play from 1st August, it

has been created by the RNLI to teach children about beach and water safety at a time when many young people will be visiting the coast during school summer holidays. This includes a Beach Island Adventure, of four levels based on the charity's Stay SAFE acronym:

- Spot the dangers
- Take Advice,
- Stay close to a Friend or family member,
- Learn what to do in an Emergency.



The Community Safety Product Manager, Bridie Appleby-Gunnill says: 'This is a fun and interactive game for 7-14 year olds. Last year's Beach Builder Challenge was a huge success with more than 8,000 children participating from all over the world.'

Feedback from 2015 suggests the game is an excellent education platform particularly as results found that 97% of participants, after playing the game, knew to go to a lifeguarded beach; and there was a 20% increase in the number of children who knew to dial 999 and ask for the coastguard if they saw someone in trouble at the beach.

This year, children will be able to talk to one another while taking part in the challenge, to register your child's involvement email gaming@rnli.org.uk.

The RNLI (in conjunction with ASA) runs an annual programme of outdoor swimming and water safety sessions for all 7-14 year olds at beaches and lakes across UK locations during the summer holidays. To book your free Swim Safe session visit www.swimsafe.rnli.org or for more information about the RNLI visit www.rnli.org.uk.

Helen Coatsworth

Letter from Chief Commissioner, Scouts Scotland

Thanks to our 8222 adult volunteers in Scotland we can offer life changing adventure to nearly 40,000 young people. Our membership has grown year on year for the last ten years and without our volunteers that would just not be possible.

Our volunteers fill many different roles; from Leaders working each week with young people to Committee members working quietly behind the scenes to parents helping out on an infrequent basis. In addition to making sure that Scouting delivers fun and adventurous programmes each week in a safe environment, these adults also organise and run camps and plan and run a whole range of different activities like abseiling, coding, zorbing and, much more.

Our volunteers are helping to prepare Scotland's young people to be active citizens, to make a positive impact in their communities, to embrace and contribute to social change.

To put it simply, Scouting could not take place without dedicated volunteers. I offer my thanks and the thanks of all our youth members to anyone who makes Scouting possible.

Graham Haddock Chief Commissioner

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McLaren High School

S6 Pupils Say Goodbye

Friday 29th April was the last day of school for S6 pupils and the now annual waterslide provided lots of fun and laughter, along with a barbeque provided by Head Boy Craig Fingland. Goodbye and good luck to all our S6 pupils in whatever path you take.

Sponsored Walk

Friday 6th May saw our annual sponsored walk take place in weather that was ideal for walking, some sun and a bit of a breeze. The walk followed the well-trodden route from the school through Coillhallan Wood toward the fish farm, returning along the Invertrossachs Road. There was an air of energy and enthusiasm amongst pupils as they enjoyed an afternoon away from their normal routine. Walking with friends, chatting, taking in the scenery, passing time with the teachers who were walking or stewarding the route all contributed to a fun afternoon.

Most classes completed the 5km route in just over an hour and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated. All of the money raised from the sponsored walk will stay in the school to the benefit of McLaren High pupils. Current total raised stands at £1,542.

Thank you to everyone who took part and were involved in making this such a successful day. This year we were also assisted by PC Tracy Diamond, School Based Officer, and supported by the Forestry Commission.



Activities Week



Activities week took place at the beginning of June and pupils from S1 – S3 took part in a wide variety of activities from 3 days getting active around Callander to exploring Edinburgh and some even went further afield to Barcelona, London and Disneyland Paris! A great time was had by all as you can see from some of the photographs taken during the week.



Sports Day

We held our Inter House Sports Day on Tuesday 21st June. After a couple of showers of rain we were lucky and the afternoon stayed dry allowing for a competitive few hours of sports. At the end of the day the points were

added up and Dochart were declared this year's winners with 376 points, followed by Bracklinn with 270 and Leny with 250. Well done Dochart



McLaren High School Production of 'Cats'



After months of rehearsals, costume making and dance practice, 21st-23rd June saw our pupils perform an amazing production of Cats. The standing ovation on the Thursday evening was a fitting end to 3 wonderful shows. Thanks to everyone involved both on stage and off who made this a memorable show for so many.



S6 Prom

On 14th June the S6 leavers put on their glad rags and smartened themselves up to attend their Prom at Airth Castle. Everyone had a great time and thanks must go to the Events Committee for all their hard work organising the event, in particular Hannah Michael and Skye Campbell, without whom the evening would not have been the success it was.

Yvonne King (article and photos)

Callander Nursery kids get on their bikes



Callander Nursery Children on donated bikes.

The children of Callander Nursery can get on their bikes and learn how to cycle thanks to a donation of four balance bikes by the CEMEX UK Foundation, a charitable trust.

Callander Nursery has 62 children aged 2 – 5 years on their role and is attached to Callander Primary School.

Marina Brunello, Senior Early Childhood Educator, Callander Nursery comments 'Thanks to this donation

we will be able to deliver the 'Play on Pedals' program which will help the children to develop cycle skills from a young age. Taking part in the program will give them the best chance of staying safe on the roads.

'Having such good resources e n s u r e s generations of

Callander Nursery children will benefit for years to come. A big thank you to CEMEX UK from the children, parents and staff', she concludes.

The CEMEX Foundation supports community and individual activities in areas where the company has operations. Within the area CEMEX UK operates a quarry and readymixed concrete plant.

Cook's Corner

by Audrey Corrieri

August/September

ROASTED ROOT
VEGETABLES with
RASPBERRY VINEGAR
GLAZE
Serves 4

Ingredients:

- 1.5kg mixed carrots, parsnips, beetroot and celery (in whatever proportions you like)
- 2 sprigs thyme
- 75ml olive oil
- 25g butter
- 2 red onions, peeled and cut into wedges
- 1 bulb garlic broken into cloves, skin on
- 3tbsp raspberry vinegar
- Seasoning

Method:

- Heat the oven to Gas no.5, 200c, fan 180c.
- Peel the root vegetables and cut into large chunks. Cut the celery sticks into large chunks.
- Put them into a roasting dish with the thyme, pour over the olive oil and mix well to coat the vegetables.
- Add the butter in small pieces over the top and season well.
- Roast for half an hour, then add the onions and garlic cloves.
- Turn the vegetables and baste them, ensuring that everything is well covered and browning evenly.
- Roast for another half hour, then splash in the raspberry vinegar, mixing well.
- Cook for a further 10 minutes, or until the vegetables are cooked through, coated with a shiny, caramelised glaze.



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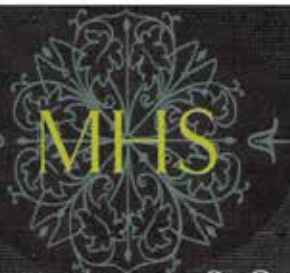
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Early diagnosis and treatment, which relies on you noticing the following signs in your dog:

- Getting unusually tired during their normal exercise or a reluctance to exercise.
- Getting unexpectedly "out of breath".
- Coughing.
- Prolonged bleeding from minor wounds.

- Any other sign associated with bleeding elsewhere in the body.

Preventing infection and spread of the worm by:

- Stopping your dog from eating slugs and snails (carriers of the immature worm). This includes removing dog toys from the garden that could hide small slugs and snails that your dog may accidentally eat when playing.
- Picking up your dog's faeces when on a walk or in your garden. This includes from the long grass as slugs and snails can still find dog

faeces there!

- Using certain worming products. These products are prescription only medications so you will need to be registered with a vet to get them.

Why am I telling you all this? Because unlike other worms that we normally see in this area this one, if left untreated, can result in the death of the dog. Before you panic, please remember we only have one confirmed case and there is a lot you can do to prevent this worm from spreading. If you need more advice, please contact your vet.

*Marslaidh Smith BVM&S MRCVS,
Riverside Veterinary Clinic.*

Quincy the cat

Sir, my postbag this month has been inundated with worries about the referendum on Europe. Fritz, a dachshund who lives in Fife, worries that his relatives would need visas to visit him. Should he return to his native Germany? As he now barks with a Scottish accent would he be spurned by the local German Shepherd? Winston, a British Bulldog, has different concerns. His human has recently taken in an Afghan Hound, one of the hundreds of Afghans found floating up the Clyde in a rubber dinghy. Winston is all for BREXIT, Bulldogs Require

EXIT, and has joined the local Dogs Army to patrol the coast and assures me that he will repel all boarders. Note to Border Terriers: not you.

Casper, my bête noire of Castle Grove, is also incensed by itinerant cats vying for the interest of his human, and writes that he will encourage them to move to my bailiwick, being sure of my hospitable nature. But are they beggars from a far off land, smuggled into the country by greedy cat smugglers and dumped on our streets to appeal to our instincts to feed and shelter the poor? Maybe the FBI, the Feline Border Investigation

team, who have deported the Burmese cat who scratched her human and the Abyssinian who propositioned the British Shorthair, leaving her with several kittens and then moving away; maybe they could come, check them out, and Casper can get on with being Top Cat in his own little world, Manse Lane being only for generous, endearing, forward thinking cats like ME.

To all animals reading this article please continue to send your problems and concerns to the BLV and I will carry on dispensing my pearls of wisdom as only I can do.

Yours, purringly, Quincy



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Bowling Club thank you

The club would like to thank Callander Community Hydro Scheme for their help with the funding of a new lawnmower for the club

W. Blain



Intimation Ann MacNaughton

The MacNaughton family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages and support on the passing of Ann. Many thanks to the doctors, nurses and carers who helped Ann through her short period of illness and to Ross Anderson and his colleagues for their professionalism throughout. A big thanks to all who attended at Falkirk Crematorium to say their goodbyes and for the sum of £450 raised for Marie Curie.

*The MacNaughton Family
Menteith Crescent Callander*

Neil MacArthur

Peacefully at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, on 15th June 2016 with his family present, Neil MacArthur, husband of Anne, father of Laura and grandfather of Milo, of Inverness and Callander. Cremated in a private ceremony in Inverness on 22nd June 2016.

Obituary of Thomas Swan Simpson, formerly of Callander and McLaren High School

Captain Thomas Swan Simpson (7th April 1920-26th May 2016) died peacefully in Strathmore Hospice, Forfar, aged 96. He was one of four children born to the late John George Simpson and Marion (Mysie) Steel Simpson (née Swan). Their father was the manager of the Bank of Scotland in Callander from 1926 until his retirement in 1950 and was Provost from 1954 until 1960. Tom and his brothers, Innes and Harold (both deceased) and sister Agnes (Nancy) Naesmith Simpson, now of Musselburgh, grew up in Callander and attended McLaren High School where Tom excelled in sports, art and academic studies and was Dux Ludorum in 1938.

After leaving school, Tom joined Renfrewshire police constabulary; then, in 1940, enlisted in the 9th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders. In 1942 he received his commission into the Indian army and was assigned to the 4th Battalion (Outram's) of the Rajputana Rifles, based in Delhi. He rose to the rank of Captain, served

in Egypt and in Italy where the battalion saw action in the devastating Battle of Monte Cassino.

Tom left the army in 1946 and then studied Design and Craft at Edinburgh College of Art, where he met the late Yvonne Margaret Walker, a student of glass engraving and stained glass, whom he married in 1949.

They had three children: Diana, Lindsay and Moira. Tom had a successful career teaching art in secondary schools in Scotland and Canada, and enjoyed amateur dramatics with Cupar Operatic Society and singing with Angus Choral Society. The family lived in Vancouver, Canada from 1957 until 1962, then returned to Scotland where Tom taught at Morebattle School near Kelso, Bell Baxter Senior High School in Cupar, Fife, and Alva Academy in Clackmannanshire from where he retired as Principal Teacher of Art.

He lovingly cared for Yvonne during a prolonged period of illness until her death in 1993. In 1998, he married Avril Wright (née Gibson), whom he leaves as a widow. He was the much-loved father of his three children, two grandchildren, Daniel and Nicola Palmer, and four great-grandchildren, Kai, Dane, Codie and Jake Palmer, all of whom, with the exception of Lindsay, live in South Australia.

The funeral service took place at Parkgrove Crematorium in Frickheim on Friday 3rd June. His ashes will be interred in the family plot in Callander.

Moira Simpson (daughter)





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11.15am Morning Service in Kirk
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8.00pm Songs of Praise in Kirk Hall

Sunday August 14th

10.00am Early Service in Kirk Hall
11.15am Morning Service in Kirk
8.00pm Songs of Praise in Kirk Hall

Sunday August 21st

10.00am Early Service in Kirk Hall
11.15am Morning Service in Kirk followed by Informal Communion
8.00pm Songs of Praise in Kirk Hall

Sunday August 28th

10.00am Early Service in Kirk Hall
11.15am All-Age Morning Service in Kirk followed by Pilgrimage to Trossachs Church
8.00pm Songs of Praise in Kirk Hall

Sunday September 4th

10.00am Early Service in Kirk Hall
11.15am Morning Service in Kirk
3.00pm Trossachs Monthly Service
8.00pm Time for Silence in the Kirk

Sunday September 11th

10.00am Early Service in Kirk Hall
11.15am Morning Service in Kirk
8.00pm Time for Silence in the Kirk

Sunday September 18th

10.00am Early Service in Kirk Hall
11.15am Morning Service in Kirk followed by Informal Communion
8.00pm Time for Silence in the Kirk

Sunday September 25th

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Sunday 11.30am, Callander

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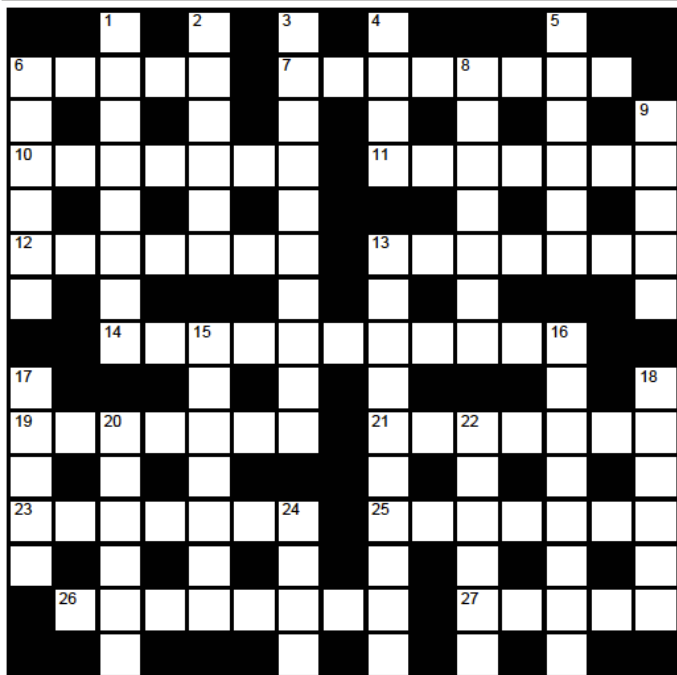
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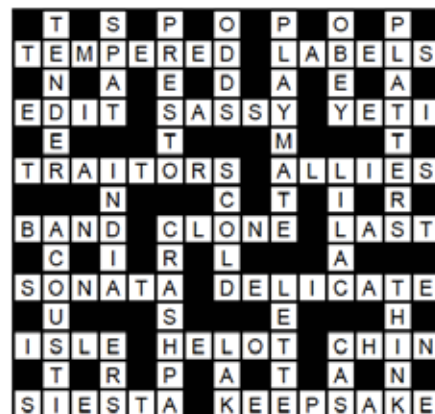


Across

- 6 Move against establishment spin covering Brexit leader (5)
 7 Italian possibly finds his currency attracts praise (8)
 10 Berth space when back on time (7)
 11 Dress to suit the elements (7)
 12 One asked to call in to take tea, say, around six (7)
 13 Prevented Ted and Vera marrying badly (7)
 14 On which children can take shots over a period? (11)
 19 Flowering hybrid on limb with zero involvement (2,5)
 21 A way of thinking the French later adapt (7)
 23 Most direct route taken by worker to place of employment (7)
 25 Soviet's last currency worry (7)
 26 Tom is no merrier burdened with unsuitable label (8)
 27 Not out to sanction opening (5)

Down

- 1 One pardoning a leading Brexiteer. You are one now! (8)
 2 Is pin-up in exercise class easily directed? (6)
 3 Whistleblower first to expose conclusion reached in very peculiar way to decide (10)
 4 Expand good initial line (4)
 5 Respect gained in court hiding pain (6)
 6 Continue to be concerning to one in Scotland after last referendum (6)
 8 Dish taken to French high table (7)
 9 Company holds revolutionary beliefs (5)
 13 'Mr Layabout' should shake himself and get moving! (10)
 15 Impossibly high standard for renovated OAP unit (7)
 16 Unruly crowd gives support to first scoring one hundred in game (8)
 17 Acronymous opposer (5)
 18 Able to speak well when hospital department faced with debilitating virus (6)
 20 Piece about resistance to former partner's call to go it alone (6)
 22 Sheltered, also with family support (4,2)
 24 Rising before midday to me is novel (4)



Solution to Crossword 127.
 Winner: Catriona Menzies

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1. Rock
2. Fire
3. Ring
4. Step
5. Free
6. Time
7. Tape
8. Post
9. Good
10. Main

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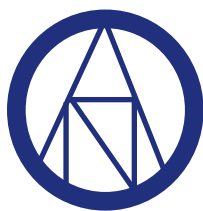
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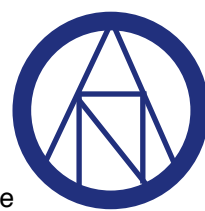
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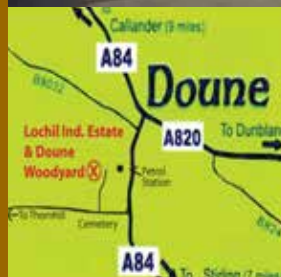
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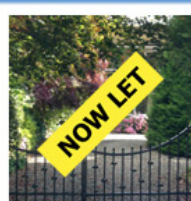
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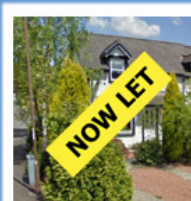
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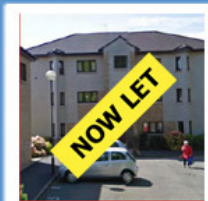
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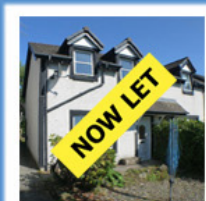
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