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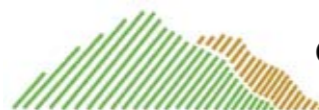
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Hello Readers

The festival season has arrived and all round the UK agricultural and garden shows, music and arts festivals are jostling for our attention. The bargain of the summer apparently is Glastonbury, which offers best value for money of all the main music festivals at a cost of £0.24 per performance (if you have the stamina to get to all of the 1000 acts!)

More sedately, and with a lot less travelling, Edinburgh has the fantastic Highland Show and a plethora of arts festivals, and so do we.

The Annual Horticultural Show is on Saturday 26th August, Art in the Kirk is back from 2nd (preview night) - 5th August, the Highland Games takes place on Sunday 30th July and most events at Summerfest run from 15th to 29th July - so no-one should be bored this summer.

In the meantime, we have had some good feedback about our special BLV issue celebrating 30 years and once again well done to Keith, Mary, John and Sarah for compiling it. We hope you enjoyed the read and it jogged a few memories.

Thanks to the generosity of Tesco, the kind volunteers who deliver the BLV to your doors, now have strong hessian bags in which to carry their BLV copies. Charlie and I went to Tesco in Dunblane to thank them and Jean Smith, our oldest volunteer (94



Jean, Michael Giannandrea and Charlie with a big red tomato!

years young in July) kindly agreed to come with us.

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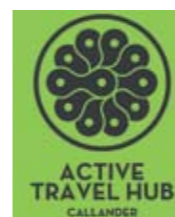

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Callander Active Travel Hub



Walking the Rob Roy Way.

A brand new addition to the Main Street this summer is Callander Active Travel Hub – a one stop shop for advice, encouragement and support to explore Callander and the surrounding area on foot or by bike.

Forth Environment Link is opening the active travel hub in Callander as a pilot for six months with funding support from Callander Community Hydro Fund. We are passionate about walking and cycling in all its forms and about the benefits it has both for the individual and for the community, and our aim is:

- To provide expert knowledge of cycle routes, walking trails and support networks in & around Callander.
- To encourage and support individuals and groups to regularly cycle as a healthy leisure activity.
- To encourage and support employers and employees to consider commuting by bike or on foot as an alternative to other forms of transport.
- To work in partnership with, and to signpost to, existing walking and cycling providers.



To work towards these aims both through running and maintaining a welcoming, professional space and by providing support and encouragement to communities and community groups.

Callander Active Travel Hub is sharing the newly renovated space at 30 Main Street (next door to Creative Callander) with Trossachs Mobility. We have a range of maps to help with route planning, and we are always keen to hear new suggestions, so if you have a favourite walk, or know where to spot wildlife on a local cycle track, then come in and let us know. We will also be running a range of events and activities in the community over the summer, so please pop in for updates, and keep an eye on local noticeboards and you can follow us on Twitter and Facebook @CallanderHub.

We are always keen to speak to anyone about events taking place and how we can work in partnership to increase cycling and walking, and if you can spare some time to volunteer and are keen to promote the fantastic



walking and cycling options in the area, then please get in touch with Jane Beaton, Project Co-ordinator by email to janeb@forthenvironmentlink.org, or just pop in to the Hub for a chat.

Callander Active Travel Hub is for everyone – yes, that includes you! – so pop in and say hello next time you are passing.

Jane Beaton

You know you want to!



Come and join a local community work party to help tidy up Callander Lower Woods and make the walks more attractive, pleasant and accessible for locals and visitors alike. Guided by Stirling Council Ranger Service, volunteers are needed to help with a variety of tasks including tidying lying deadwood, removing steps, shoring up path edges and generally improving path surfaces and drainage.

The work parties are planned for: Wednesday 21st June, Thursday 22nd June, Friday 23rd June and Saturday 24th June 10am - 4pm.

If you wish to volunteer for any/all of the days, there are sign up forms available at: Callander Library, McLaren Leisure Centre, Deli Ecosse, National Park Office (Callander), Callander Youth Project and Applejacks.

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Let Callander bloom!

Greener Callander volunteers made good use of the early summer sunshine in May to plant up this year's hanging baskets which will brighten up the town throughout the summer months.

Bridgend and Bridge Street

Bridgend and Bridge Street are a residential area, a major road, a river crossing and one of the most historic areas in Callander, designated as a conservation area. The varied style of the buildings, the mature trees, the bridge and the view of the river and Ben Ledi make it a very special part of Callander. But the traffic management is a problem and the existing “street furniture” is in poor condition. Callander Community Council has been working with the local residents and Stirling Council to plan improvements. This article is intended to summarise the problems and possible solutions.

Bridgend, Bridge Street, Castle Grove, Manse Lane, Oakbank and Grant Court are a residential area with some of the oldest houses in Callander and also some modern housing. The variety in types and styles gives the area a very distinctive character, including the two largest buildings, the Primary School and Teithside House. The main concerns for local residents are related to traffic with the existing speed bumps causing damage to their properties due to vibrations and excessive noise as vehicles bounce over the bumps. These speed bumps, which were originally installed as a temporary measure, have proved to be an ineffective means of controlling traffic. They have caused noise and damage to buildings and should be removed.

Safety for residents and school children is a priority so there have to be speed restrictions. The road has a 20mph speed restriction along it however there are insufficient signs alerting drivers of this restriction. Callander Community Council has asked for illuminated speed signs (“Smiley Faces”) on both sides of the school entrance plus markings on the road surface. There is a plan to raise the existing zebra crossing to form a broad raised platform with lights shining down onto the crossing. A similar raised platform should be installed towards the mini roundabout without a zebra crossing.



Callander Hostel at Bridgend.

Car parking is needed along the street for residents and, as long as there are no reductions in parking spaces, then this works reasonably well and does not need to be changed.

The bridge is the only river crossing for vehicles in the town and this has been an important crossing point for centuries. The current bridge is a historic structure built in 1908, replacing the previous Callander Bridge built in 1764. Now designated as a Category B listed building, it is built from local sandstone and has a traditional triple arch structure. Its design creates a low arch in the road surface and its width restricts the road and pavement. The structure does not cause an issue for vehicles or pedestrians if drivers slow down and pedestrians stay on the footpath. People enjoy looking over the wall to enjoy the view of the river and hills in the distance. The bridge could be a much improved feature if the stonework was cleaned and the lights replaced or restored. Professional stone cleaners would be needed to undertake the work to protect the stonework.

Callander Primary School and Callander Hostel both have a regular flow of people, cars and delivery vehicles but dropping off and collecting school children at the roadside causes blockages and reduces road safety, especially for children. The school front playground offers a much better,

and safer, solution if it could be used as the dropping off area. The area is currently used for school car parking but the Meadows car park is within easy walking distance, where school cars could park for no charge. The whole area needs resurfacing and the unsightly large bins and blue container should be moved to a less visible location.

As this is one of the main routes into the town it should represent the character of Callander highlighting the history, the river crossing and the rural community. Most of the buildings, including the Primary School and Teithside House, show the character. However, they are let down by the former Eagle Hotel on the corner of Bridge Street. The structure and fabric of this building are a major concern and are being addressed as a priority. The road was re-surfaced recently and apart from the speed bumps remains in good condition. The pavements are, however, of variable quality with damage along both sides of the street causing hazards and difficult access for wheelchairs and buggies. They need to be re-surfaced along both sides with the drainage sorted out to stop flooding.

The large mature trees, especially along the river, soften the visual appearance of the street and many residents have flower tubs and hanging baskets outside of their

houses which look superb. There could be more flower tubs strategically placed in the wider part of the pavement.

One of the most disappointing features along Bridgend and Bridge Street is the state of the sign poles and railings which are dilapidated and give the street a poor appearance. The sections of railing along the pavements and most of the sign poles are rusting, some signs are illegible and falling over and the street lamp poles are a drab brown colour. Re-placing or re-painting this street furniture is essential.

In summary, there are many things which are needed along the street to achieve the aim of making it both a better place to live and a safer environment for all road-users and pedestrians through better traffic management. The proposed changes, especially to speed bumps and street furniture, are not too costly and with careful planning the work can be done quickly and economically with proportionally high benefits to residents and visitors.

Richard Johnson,
Callander Community Council



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The National Park’s five year vision

The public are being invited to have their say on a five-year plan to widen the social, environmental, cultural and economic benefits of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park.

The draft National Park Partnership Plan 2018-2023 sets out a broad-ranging vision for how the Park Authority, along with its partners, proposes to tackle priorities. A 12-week consultation on the draft plan will run from Monday 10 April to Monday 3 July. The plan outlines a set of priorities covering conservation, visitor experience and rural development, including:

- Attracting and retaining more skilled working age and young people.
- Encouraging people of all abilities and backgrounds to enjoy the outdoors.
- Supporting a thriving visitor economy.
- Addressing the impact of climate change.
- Investing in towns and villages’ built and historic environment, public spaces and infrastructure.
- Getting more people to experience the health and wellbeing benefits of connecting with nature and the outdoors.
- Empowering communities.
- Protecting natural resources for future generations.
- Conserving and enhancing the area’s special landscape.
- Facilitating integrated management of land and water to provide wider benefits for people and nature.

To read the draft National Park Partnership Plan 2018-2023 and respond to the consultation go to www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/consultations

Best kept garden competition

Entry forms for the Community Council Best Kept Garden competition are now available at the Library, South Church Street. Judging takes place at the end of July/beginning of August, and the cup and prizes will be presented at the Annual Horticultural Show on Saturday 26th August in Callander Kirk Hall.



POLICE SCOTLAND

Theft

Overnight between 09/04 and 10/04/17 at Willoughby Place, Callander a portable generator was stolen from an insecure green house.

Antisocial Behaviour

Overnight between 07/04 and 08/04/17 in North Church Street two vehicles were vandalised whereby the registration plates and the wipers were broken off and the vehicles scratched. Also, in the afternoon of 28/04/17 at Victoria Court a vehicle was scratched.



Vandalised gravestone in Little Leny Burial Ground. Photo: Sue Mackay

Vandalism to Little Leny cemetery

We are appealing for witnesses following vandalism to a cemetery in Callander.

The incident happened sometime between the evening of Thursday 4th May and the morning of Sunday 5th May at the Little Leny Chapel and Burial Ground.

During this time one headstone was damaged and one pushed over. Inquiries are ongoing to trace whoever was responsible. Anyone with

information is asked to come forward.

Sergeant David McNally from Callander Police Station said: "This is a burial ground of historic importance to the local community, where members of the Buchanan family are interred and this has been a reckless and unnecessary act of destruction.

"Members of the public are rightly disgusted with this incident and I would urge anyone who believes they can assist with our inquiries to contact police immediately.

"The railway track, which runs alongside the cemetery is now a cycle path, meaning there may be potential witnesses and I would urge anyone who remembers seeing anything suspicious to get in touch."

If anyone has any information in relation to the above incidents, please contact Callander Community Police Officers on 101.

Road Safety

On the morning of 05/05/2017 in Mollands Road, Callander local Officers were carrying out speed detection duties when they had reason to stop a vehicle. The driver subsequently failed a breath test. He has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for Drink Driving.

Several drivers have been stopped for Speeding on the A84 Road, Callander.

Parking Decriminalisation

Decriminalised Parking Enforcement is now in force. Any vehicle found to be in breach of a parking restriction will be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice for £60. Should this be paid within 14 days, it will be reduced by 50% and if ignored, will increase to £90. Details are contained on the Stirling Council website under the link <http://my.stirling.gov.uk/services/transport-and-streets/parking-and-car-parks/parking-fines>



Full details of all events and how to book at www.incallander.co.uk/summerfest and in our brochure (call, text or email to request a copy).

Thursday 8 June

- Scottish Chamber Orchestra 7.30pm McLaren High School

Wednesday 20 - Friday 22 June

- Les Misérables McLaren High School

Every Day from 15 to 29 July

- Summerfest Box Office & exhibitions 11.00am-5.00pm St Kessog's
- Art Installations in the Square 11.00am-5.00pm Ancaster Square
- Featured artists 10.00-5.00pm Trossachs Mobility

Saturday 15 July

- Callander Meander Cycle ride 10.00am Ancaster Square
- Callander Brass 12noon Ancaster Square
- Loch Lomond Ukulele Orchestra 2.00pm and 3.00pm Ancaster Square
- Viper Swing Jazz 8.00pm Callander Hostel

Sunday 16 July

- Throw a Pot with James Mounter 12noon-5.00pm Ancaster Square
- Vintage Market 12noon-5.00pm Ancaster Square
- Matinee film: Sing! 2.00pm St Kessog's
- Italian Wine Tasting 1.00pm or 3.00pm Ciro's Italian Restaurant

Monday 17 July

- Come & Try Handbells 10.00am St Andrew's Church Hall
- Crochet for Beginners 2.00pm St

Andrew's Church Hall

Tuesday 18 July

- Walk in the Park 10.20am Ancaster Square
- Cool Upcycling 12noon Callander Hostel
- Cycling Towards Inclusion 10.00am Trossachs Tryst
- Gin Distillery Tour 3.45pm Ancaster Square
- Finding the Hoard 8.00pm St Kessog's

Wednesday 19 July

- Callander Ramble 9.30 am Ancaster Square
- Féis Fhoirt Ceilidh Trail 3.00pm and 8.00pm St Kessog's
- Town Stroll 7.00pm Ancaster Square
- Try Taekwondo 7.00pm McLaren Leisure

Thursday 20 July

- Bookbugs 11.00am Callander Library
- Scottish Country Dancing 2.00pm Callander Kirk Hall
- Photography Workshop for Young People 2.00pm Callander Hostel

Friday 21 July

- Fantabulous Creations 2.00pm Callander Library
- Creative Writing Workshop 2.00pm Callander Kirk Hall
- Meet the Author: Jennie Erdal 4.30pm Callander Kirk Hall
- Whisky Tasting 2.00pm and 5.00pm Spirit of Callander
- Film: Sully 8.00pm St Kessog's

Saturday 22 July

- Callander Meander cycle ride 10.00am Ancaster Square
- Vintage Market 12noon-5.00pm Ancaster Square

Callander & Trossachs Summerfest 2017 is organised by Callander Community Development Trust, Creative in Callander and Callander Youth Project Trust, with funding from Callander Community Hydro Fund, Friends of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs and private donations.

- Trossachs Festival 12noon-4.00pm McLaren Leisure
- Try Taekwondo 12noon McLaren Leisure
- Summerfest Ceilidh 8.00pm Callander Hostel

Sunday 23 July

- Model Railway 10.30-5.00pm Hamilton Toy Museum
- Get the Gig Open Day 12noon-4.00pm Trossachs Tryst
- Matinee Film: Way Out West 2.00pm St Kessog's

Monday 24 July

- Traditional Music Performance Workshop 11.00am St Kessog's
- Woodland Survival Skills 10.00am Callander Hostel
- Liz Campbell's Highland Dancers 4.00pm Ancaster Square

Tuesday 25 July

- Come & Try Yoga 10.00am and 11.30am Callander Hostel
- Walk in the Park 10.20am Ancaster Square
- Traditional Music Performance Workshop 11.00am St Kessog's
- Cycling Towards Inclusion 10.00am Trossachs Tryst
- Junior Bake-off 2.00pm Callander Hostel
- McQueen Gin Distillery Tour 3.45pm Ancaster Square
- Liz Campbell's Highland Dancers 4.00pm Ancaster Square
- Callander Chorale & Rusty Strings 8.00pm Callander Kirk Hall

Wednesday 26 July

- Knitting for Beginners 10.00am and 1.00pm St Andrew's Church Hall
- Traditional Music Performance Workshop 11.00am-1.00pm St Kessog's
- Liz Campbell's Highland Dancers 4.00pm Ancaster Square

- Town Stroll 7.00pm Ancaster Square
- Try Taekwondo 7.00pm McLaren Leisure

Thursday 27 July

- Bookbugs 11.00am Callander Library
- Traditional Music Performance Workshop 11.00am St Kessog's
- Thursday Threads 2.00pm St Andrew's Church Hall
- Liz Campbell's Highland Dancers 4.00pm Ancaster Square
- Jenne McClure Jazz 8.00pm Callander Hostel

Friday 28 July

- Traditional Music Performance Workshop 11.00am St Kessog's
- Olympics 12noon Callander Hostel
- Animal Agents 2.00pm Callander Library
- Liz Campbell's Highland Dancers 4.00pm Ancaster Square
- Film: Manchester by the Sea 8.00pm St Kessog's

Saturday 29 July

- Loch Katrine Family Fun Day 10.00-5.00pm Trossachs Pier
- Drawing Horses 10.00am St Andrew's Church Hall
- Model Railway 10.30-5.00pm Toy Museum
- Try Taekwondo 12noon McLaren Leisure
- Film: T2 Trainspotting 6.00pm and 8.00pm St Kessog's

Sunday 30 July

- Callander Highland Games 1.00-5.00pm Lagrannoch Park

Thursday 17 August

- Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham 8.00pm Callander Kirk Hall

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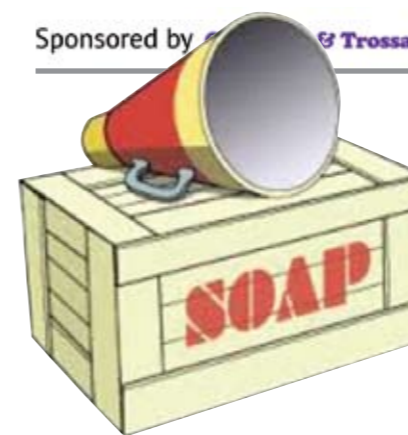
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John's Soapbox

As I write this I am looking out the window at yet another glorious day. Haven't we had a fantastic last couple of weeks (at time of writing) to get the summer going – and long may it last? Because of this you would think I would find it very difficult to have something to complain about, but believe me the world knows how to conspire against us so that even in the best of weather there is a dark cloud. I ordered some stuff on line, can't even remember what now, but what I can remember was that they wanted to charge me £14.95 excess delivery because I live in the FK17 postcode area. This has happened to me before but it was the first time when it made the delivery larger than the cost of the item. However, if I were to get it delivered to my sisters in Dunblane – no excess. Then there was that other time when I paid extra for next day delivery: it didn't arrive. I phoned the dealer who said 'our courier didn't do next day delivery to the Highlands and Islands' so we sent it on Royal Mail Signed for 1 day delivery – except when you read the Royal Mail small print this does not cover all postcodes – it arrived after 4 days. When you explain to the suppliers that you are only 16 miles from the centre of Stirling and less than 40 miles from Glasgow they sympathise, but it's their couriers that decide this. This is a case of couriers drawing arbitrary lines on a map and charging the poor people an excessive amount for doing so. Not all couriers appear to do this; I am therefore not sending any package by courier that does so.

Then there is the subject of the bins, you must be absolutely fed up with me going on about them – I am. I am not



The Dreadnought Hotel.

however going to rant on about collecting on a Saturday or the false promises that the bins would be collected early morning so the streets would be clear before the tourists arrive – no, I am not, despite the fact that on the Easter Weekend the second bin (blue I think it was) was not collected on the Saturday at all and that although since then the main bin (grey or brown) has had an early collection the second bin has not been lifted until late morning or early afternoon. I am going on about the food waste. We put it in these nice green bags to keep it separate from the garden waste, which we then put in the brown bin with our garden waste and by the time the brown bin is collected two weeks later the green backs have disintegrated and the garden and food waste are as one. What happens then? Is the compost treated to kill off the Ecoli's and such that are potentially now in the compost, or are we now being supplied with compost from the recycling yard that has the potential to carry some quite harmful bacteria? The council needs to relook at this to see if we need to revert to separate collection of food and garden waste or collect the brown bin more often. I for one would be happy to have my blue and green bins only collected every 5

or 6 weeks in exchange for a weekly collection of food waste. We did ask SCC for their comments on this but as yet have had no reply.

Have you noticed the Dreadnought Hotel has not opened for the season? The CCC have tried to contact the owners to find out what is happening but with no success. Remembering that only a couple of years ago an application was put in, and refused, to demolish it for housing, it is not surprising that some think it will never open again. I know the hotel was a bit run down and reviews on popular websites were quite damning about it, but it is the last of the large hotels of its type in the town and Callander needs a hotel of this type. It would need a lot of money to put it right and I hope that someone will do so. On the bright side, every cloud has a silver lining, it is good to see the Spirit of Callander shop opening in its fine-looking premises and I wish them the best of luck and it is very pleasing to see the Callander Woollen Mill shop getting a much needed makeover.

I wish you all a happy Summerfest and prosperous summer season.

John Nelson

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AROUND THE WORLD with the Ben Ledi View



Photo: Sue King

The Callander branch of the Royal British Legion undertook a sponsored walk up Ben Ledi on March 25th and here we can see Justin McCormick reading the BLV in glorious spring weather on the summit of our local hill.

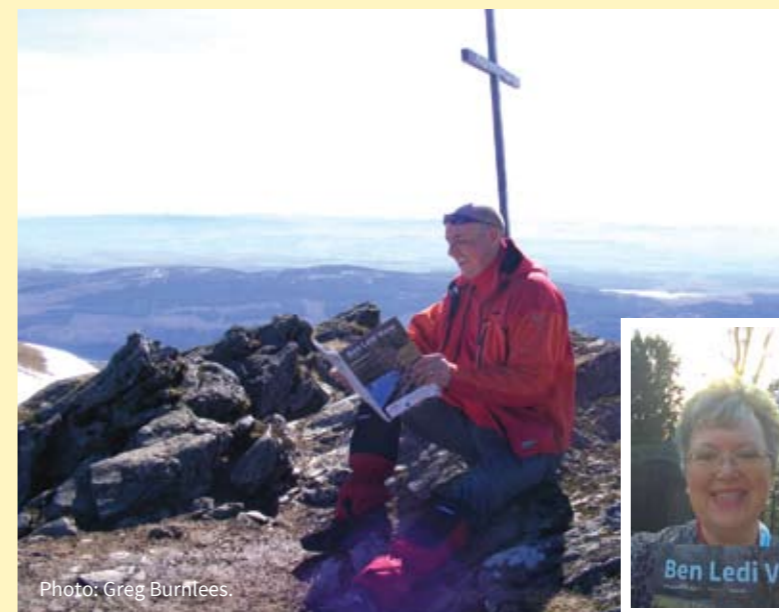


Photo: Greg Burntees



Photo: Celia McAteer (nee Mahoney)

Callander girl Celia McAteer now lives in East Anglia and she has kindly sent along these views of the BLV at the gates of the Queen's residence on the Sandringham estate in Norfolk. I wonder if Her Majesty got a chance to read all about Callander's news?

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.



Getting to know the Summer Triangle

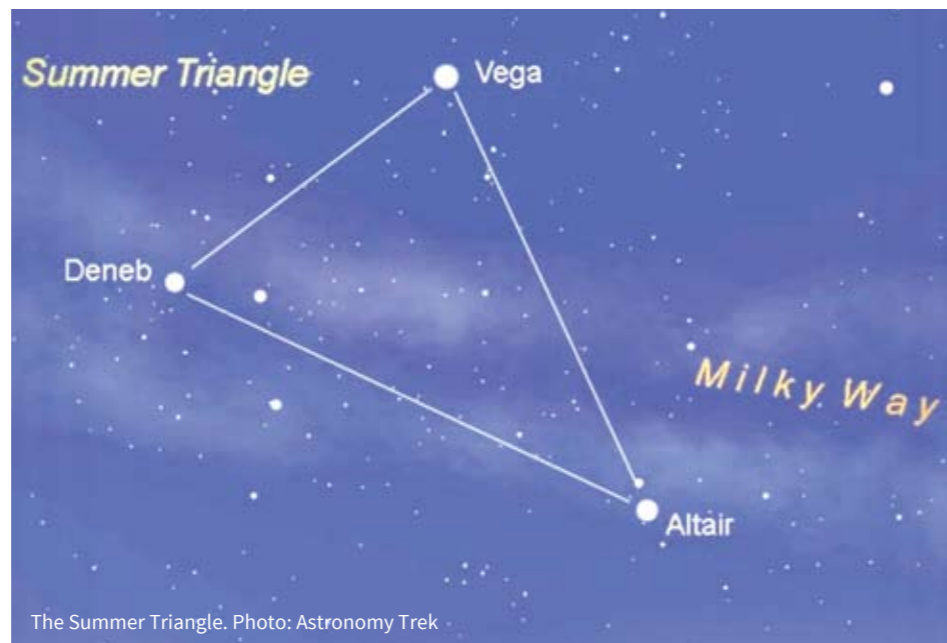
It's summer and the nights are warm so why not get out and have a look at our beautiful night sky. Here's some night sky objects to look out for during June and July.

- The planet Saturn can be found low down in the south. If you have difficulty finding it then use the Moon as a guide - on July 6 the Moon will appear close to the planet in the south.
- The planet Jupiter can be seen shining brilliantly in the south west. Binoculars may show up to four of its moons which will appear as faint stars close to the bright planet.
- If you are an early riser then that bright morning 'star' is actually the planet Venus.
- Can you find the star that is often mistaken for the planet Mars? Look to the south below Saturn and you will find the bright red star Antares in the constellation Scorpius. It is a supergiant star around 800 times the diameter of our own star, the Sun.

The dominant pattern in the night sky during June and July is what is known as the Summer Triangle. The triangle is formed by the three bright summer stars, Deneb in Cygnus, Vega in Lyra and Altair in Aquila. Vega will appear nearly overhead. Altair lies to the

south of Vega and can be identified by two fainter stars sitting either side of it. Deneb is to the east of Vega - look for the shape known as the Northern Cross - Deneb sits at the top of the cross.

Keith Wilson



Caught on camera

At the April meeting of the Scottish Wildlife Trust Callander Group three members gave illustrated talks. Mike Hawkins has been a volunteer with the Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels project for four years and shared some of the images captured on IR-triggered trail cameras. The annual surveys include setting up peanut feeder boxes in Coilhallan and



Pine marten at a nut feeder.

Callander Woods. Under the hinged lids are sticky pads that capture hair

samples for microscope analysis to differentiate between red & grey squirrels and pine martens. DNA analysis to identify individuals is expensive but cameras can give this information along with frequency and timing of visits. Photos show the very wide variety of squirrel colours from almost black to tan with tails from red to blond and even striped! Some reds, particularly in their thick winter coat, can appear quite grey, making identification difficult but real greys are so much larger and always have a white 'halo' of fur around their tail. Pine martens are also seen frequently, predominantly at night and dawn/dusk but sometimes during the day. Videos showed the antics of a female with a youngster that she refused to let in until she had finished feeding. Also seen at night have been tawny owls, interested in the visiting mice, a badger, foxes, red and roe deer. In daylight there is a variety of birds,

including the clever jay that worked out how to push up the perspex front of the box to reach the peanuts! Pine martens appear to deter the ingress of greys but these continue to threaten the red population and control is needed. If you have regular grey squirrels in your garden and would be willing to have a trap then please contact Mike on mlhawkins@tiscali.co.uk.

Lesley Hawkins



Fox approaches nut feeder.

Liwonde An African national park

Scottish Wildlife Trust member Mark Brownrigg spoke at the Callander group about an October trip to Liwonde National Park in Southern Malawi that lies alongside the Shire River fed by Lake Malombe. Like other African national parks, conservation and monitoring is ongoing to protect and halt the decline of protected species such as the elephant and black rhino. The punishing schedule of wildlife-watching, including boat trips pre-breakfast and afternoon with truck drives after dark for nocturnal species, certainly paid off with a huge number of birds and animals including; female elephants with 14 babies, impala, water buck that seek safety in water, hippos that kill more people in Africa than any other animal, vervet monkeys, yellow baboon and Nile crocodiles that grow to 20ft/1ton and can live for 100 years. Birds included the beautiful malachite kingfisher (1 of 9 species), fish eagles, grey heron, great white and cattle egrets, saddle-billed stork, spur-winged geese, African skimmer, sparrow weavers, Hadidas ibis and the eye-catching hoopoe. Night safaris added others such as spotted hyena, warthog, and cape porcupine.

Lesley Hawkins



Volunteer removing Knotweed. Photo: Forth Fisheries.

Invaders: Knotweed

Knotweed does grow in Callander near the River Teith and its tributaries. It grows through concrete and brick and has even been known to grow into houses. Estate agents and surveyors must inform potential buyers about knotweed growing near a property.

It has an underground stem that can grow up to 20cm a day when the plant is active with new leafy stems growing up from it. Small pieces of green stem with a leaf or its scar on the stem can grow into a new plant so cutting it down often spreads it. Digging it out does not work, there will always be a bit left behind.

Luckily the seeds produced by the white flowers almost never germinate or the problems would be even worse.

Very strong weedkiller is needed to kill the plant by spraying the leaves but the spray can damage other plants. The alternative is to inject very highly concentrated weedkiller into the stem, this is even more effective if the stem's top is cut off and destroyed; the chemical is then injected down the hollow in the centre of the stem.

It usually takes several years of poisoning to destroy the plant that can do so much damage.

Mary Buckland

Wild flowers at Braeleny

Roy Sexton of the Stirling Scottish Wildlife Trust group has been studying the impressive range of wild flowers that have been found in the meadows beside Braeleny Road beyond the Bracklinn Falls car park. An initial visit noted 8 species of orchids, including hundreds of greater butterfly orchids and trollius, melancholy thistle and Grass of Parnassus. Spring flowers included hundreds of early purple orchids, primroses, wood anemone, bluebells, marsh marigold, cuckoo flower, bugle, foxglove and harebells. This variety and so many orchid species rival many SSSI's but this area is not protected by any designation.

Surveys carried out every 2-3 years

since 2009 show a depressing decline eg greater butterfly orchids had reduced from 426 to 43 by 2016. This is attributed to the changed grazing regime from winter to summer grazing until mid-June under the Black Grouse Project, coinciding exactly with greater butterfly orchid flowering and so preventing seeding. Fencing is impractical but alternative approaches to distract cattle away to under-grazed areas are being discussed. Another concern is the planned re-routing of the eroded footpath from the top of the Craggs and discussions are ongoing to protect orchid sites.

Lesley Hawkins



Braeleny has an impressive range of orchids.

Out and About

Restoration is underway at the northern and north eastern end of Cambusmore quarry following several years of quarrying on the site. As you can see from the photos the gravel area has been smoothed and is now being covered with soil. Grass and trees have already been planted on the north bank of the flooded quarry and the huge boulder that was deposited during the ice age (the Gart erratic) now sits on an island in the middle of the new loch.



Photo: Keith Wilson

The ice age Gart erratic now sits on an island in the middle of the man-made loch.



Photo: Keith Wilson

One of the many 'pillars' on Ben Ledi with Callander in the background.

We are so used to seeing the smooth rounded contours of Ben Ledi as seen from Callander that it is easy to forget that our local hill has some spectacular rock features on its north-east slope. Members of Callander Ramblers recently explored these unusual features on one of their Saturday outings.

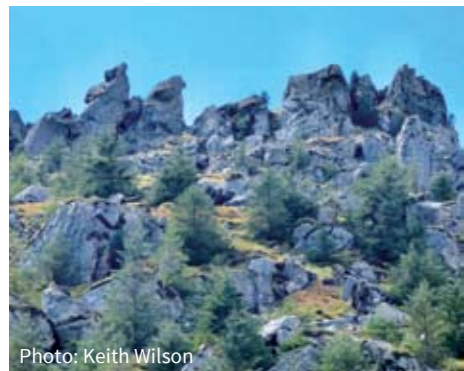


Photo: Keith Wilson

The Alps? No, this is our very own Ben Ledi.



Photo: Keith Wilson

Soil being spread over the gravel surface of part of Cambusmore quarry.

Glen Finglas Picnic & Pond Dipping

Sunday 25th June, 12:00pm-3:30pm

Meet at the Visitor Gateway (near Brig o' Turk) with your lunch for a picnic followed by a ranger-led walk to discover under-water creatures. Limited spaces so booking required!

Please bring your lunch, wear appropriate footwear and dress for the weather. For more information & booking visit the Woodland Trust website or contact centralevents@woodlandtrust.org.uk (phone: 0330 333 3300).

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On the Front Line



The BLV was curious to know how the new camping regime to combat antisocial behaviour and littering was working, so we asked the National Park and they agreed that someone could go out with a Ranger Team.

Our first stop the Coilhallan Wood car park: just a drive in to show that the Rangers knew the camper vans were there, despite the 'No Overnight Parking' signs. As the car park is outside a Camping Management Zone, it is for the landowner to enforce this, not the Rangers.

Next we drove to the end of the public road along the south side of Loch Venachar, in the management zone. Between two markers campers can book a permit, then it is their choice where they pitch their tent. By chance the landowner was around; there were some teething problems relating to parking in passing places, but so far so good.

On the north shore of the Loch the day before the rangers had found a large group of campers, who did not know they had to buy a permit. This breach of the bylaw means that the Rangers must take the personal details of each member of the party, but in this case one of the group quickly purchased a permit. They were warned that if they left their very obvious litter behind when they left in the morning they could be charged with littering. Ideally people use camping stoves, or raised fire pits, but these people had dry wood for a fire.

They were asked to put it on bare ground or better still on the stony beach. The message got through, we found almost nothing left.

Ignoring the sighting of a charge-free fishing shelter that could remain until 7.00pm, we headed to the west shore of Loch Achray, a no camping zone. The previous day, Rangers came across 2 illegal campers. They were not moved on but their details recorded, so if they camped illegally in the Park again there could be a penalty. As we walked to the shore, the damage done by previous, pre-bylaw campers was obvious. Instead of trees there were sprouting stumps and areas where there should have been grass was burned with a litter of fire debris. The shore was not completely clear but the debris had been left by an earlier group; last night's duo would not be charged with littering.

Loch Chon next, to the new camp site. As we were leaving, a car pulled up to the gate. The occupants were aggrieved by the new regulations but could see why the bad behaviour of the few had spoilt things for the many; they agreed that the £3 permit charge would not generate any profit. The Rangers pointed out various options to the men, but what they wanted was car camping, walking no more than a few minutes to a free space by a loch. They told the Rangers of a tent in a no camping area, further up the loch.

Now to the illegal tent. Here it was

obvious there was less good will. They said they had bought a permit in Aberfoyle tourist office, having been wrongly told this would allow them to camp anywhere; but could not produce the evidence. The mobile phone, camera and notebook were used to collect details as even the satellite phone did not work. As there was drink and a child in the equation: they were not moved on. The final find in a 'no-camp' place were 3 large tents in an odd, sloping spot right next to the road, tidy, but with stashed bottles of drink, a cold fire in the grass and nobody around, no vehicles to be seen; photography and notes again!

The next morning's Ranger shift would be asked to go to Loch Chon first on their patrol.



What do the Rangers think?

It is a complex situation: they will not get everything right this year and it's early days. People are taking away their rubbish - often clearing the sites beautifully - so when the Rangers do a litter check on a Monday, the sites look a lot better than last year. The attitude of campers is changing, so instead of inspection being a scary situation, people are generally welcoming.

The Rangers cannot be everywhere, so please could people let the Park know of problems on 01389 722001.

Going forward, we wonder if the National Park Volunteers could reseed the burnt, formerly grassy fire-damaged areas, donated grass seed welcome! Perhaps local pubs could see a business opportunity? Allow a space for a camper van in their car park and have a captive audience for a drink and a meal.

Mary Buckland

Callander Medical Centre

Both Practices

Please note that all training afternoons have been cancelled until September. This is because NHS24 are unable to provide cover. The medical centre will be open all day on Tuesday 20th June.

Bracklinn Practice

Holiday Vaccinations

With more and more of our patients going abroad on holiday, or as an aid for a charity, we find that the demands on our service have increased. Bracklinn Practice is not a travel clinic, therefore, more often than not, we cannot provide patients with all the vaccines they need. In future, you will be asked to collect a travel questionnaire and offered a 20 minute appointment with the practice nurse to discuss what you require. We can only give you appointments for the following vaccines – Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio, Typhoid, Hepatitis A, Cholera. If you are going away and we cannot offer you a suitable appointment within your timeframe, or you are advised you need vaccines other than the ones stated above, or anti-malarial medication, you will be advised to go to a private travel clinic.

Leny Practice

Medicines Wastage Campaign

Both practices continue to run the Medicines Wastage Campaign and have had a positive response so far. We are asking patients to return any unwanted prescription medications to the surgery reception and also requesting patients to ensure that they do not over-order. This is part of a Health Board- wide initiative.

Some seasonal problems:

Sunburn Advice – as summer is now upon us please remember that protecting your skin using sunscreen is better than treating it. 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 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. Please be aware that we may not be able to accommodate this request.

Facebook W

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.

Notes From The Pharmacy

Dry Skin Problems

Dry skin is experienced by millions of people in Scotland. Approximately, 1 in 5 people suffer from it and it can have bad effects on work, family relationships and self-esteem. Skin is the largest organ in the body and accounts for 16% of the body's weight. It is a protective barrier, regulates temperature and water loss, is an important sensory organ and helps produce Vitamin D. Skin is naturally acidic. If the acidity changes, the skin dries. This can be caused by many things. Most commonly by alkaline soaps, harsh detergents or alcohol-based cleansers. Causes also include family history, age, lifestyle, sun exposure, medical skin treatments, central heating or low humidity in winter. Dry skin becomes rough and red with tightness and itchiness. It will

look dull and be flaky. Most of the medical dry skin conditions include eczema, psoriasis, ichthyosis and dermatitis. Eczema is non-contagious which is recognised by dryness, itching, redness and tiny blisters. It mainly starts in childhood but can continue well into adult life. Psoriasis, is non-contagious, lifelong skin condition characterised by red scaly patches covered in silver scales. Ichthyosis is a genetic skin condition causing dry, thick and scaly skin resembling fish-scales. Dermatitis is an overall term for a number of inflammatory skin conditions. Most common are Irritant Contact Dermatitis (the skin is affected by an irritant substance) or Allergic Contact Dermatitis (the skin reacts to a particular substance and affects the immune system). The NHS would like sufferers to care for themselves to manage their problem effectively. The aim is to improve the skin's moisture content by using emollients. Emollients are moisturisers that either prevent moisture loss or draw moisture from under the skin, to the surface. Common ingredients, found in many products are petrolatum, Glycerin, Allantoin and Colloidal Oatmeal. When you first find dry skin, emollients are the treatment of choice. If the condition is more severe then medicated products will be prescribed by your doctor. Generally, there is no harm in over-moisturising but problems may arise if the hair follicles get blocked. Soaking in a soapy bath can make the condition worse, as the natural oils will be washed out. A shower can be better, but watch using some emollient products as they can make surfaces very slippery. Skin will be improved by a healthy diet, increasing water intake (but not too much), reducing stress, using sun protection on nice days and a good night's sleep. If you do need advice on dry skin, please visit your local pharmacy. There you should get good advice and be referred to your doctor if needed.

David J Hunter
Trossachs Pharmacy

Walk in the Park

This summer the Walk in the Park group have a new and exciting schedule of walks planned. Starting with a Wild Flower walk on Tuesday 6th June when we will take a stroll along the cycle track towards Kilmahog identifying trees, plants and wild flowers along the way. We will be joined by Steve Nunn who worked for Countryside Ranger Services for thirty eight years. Steve says 'the one thing that I did discover is that one never finds out everything there is to discover about wildlife - there is always more to find out. It is a kind of lifelong learning to pursue an interest in wildlife'. There are also a couple of new routes planned – a beautiful river walk at Cambusmore and a forest walk through the Black Park to stunning views over Callander.

Once a year all the walk in the Park groups (Callander, Killin, Aberfoyle, Balloch and Drymen) get together with the Callander Ramblers for a joint walk and this year we will be walking at Balloch. This event is planned for Wednesday 14th June and a 45 minute Health Walk or a longer 4 mile walk will be on offer on the day. Please book with Cathy if you would like to attend.

On 27th June we have our annual walk and picnic at Flanders Moss, one of Scotland's beautiful Natural Nature Reserves on our doorstep. Enjoy a walk around the reserve and finish off with a shared picnic and social time. We always like to welcome new members or visitors to the town so if you are here on holiday, or at a loose end because all the usual community groups have ended for the summer, then why not walk with us for the summer months. All our walks are



The photo taken by Ilze Murphy from the Aberfoyle group shows the walk leaders striding out along the side of Loch Katrine.

free, on good walking surfaces and last between 15 min and an hour allowing walkers to build up stamina and confidence gradually. We are a friendly bunch so it's a good way to make new friends while getting some gentle exercise in the glorious countryside. The walk usually ends with an optional cup of tea or coffee and a scone in a local cafe. We welcome children on the walks but ask they would be accompanied by an adult.

On 24th March 30 walk leaders from the Walk in the Park groups from Callander, Killin, Aberfoyle and Balloch enjoyed an Away Day walking and sailing at Loch Katrine. This was an opportunity for volunteer leaders from all groups to get together and for us to say a huge THANK YOU for all the work they do leading walks throughout the year. They are an amazing bunch of

people and we had a great time.

Callander Walk in the Park walks and session times are:

- **Tuesday Morning Walk**, 10.20am meeting at Ancaster Square (more details in the What's On pages)
- **Wednesday Evening Town Walk**, 7pm meeting at Ancaster Square. Strength and Balance sessions, Tuesday afternoon from 2-3pm in the Fire Station. Using very gentle exercises based on the Otago falls prevention program we take part in exercises designed to help us to walk more confidently.

If you have any questions about joining in any of our walks or exercise sessions please contact the Walk in the Park Coordinator - Cathy Scott 01877 330055 or send an email to: cathy.scott@lochlomond-trossachs.org

Cook's Corner June/July 2017 Blueberry Ripple Ice-Cream

by Audrey Corrieri

Ingredients:

400g fresh or frozen blueberries
Lemon juice
55g caster sugar
1 pint whipping cream
405g can condensed milk
1 tbsp vanilla extract

Method:

Measure out 2-3 tsp of lemon juice into a thick-bottom pan, add the blueberries and sugar, and heat until syrupy (5 - 10mins). Once cool, sieve the mixture to remove any berry bits.

Whip the cream until it peaks, and then add the condensed milk and the vanilla extract. Whip again until it peaks.

Pour the ice-cream into a freezeable container and add the berry sauce. Stir together lightly to give the ripples.

Leave in the freezer overnight. When it comes to serving, remove from the freezer and allow to soften for about 5 minutes.

Charities and Clubs



Royal British Legion Callander

and the Royal British Legion Callander Branch.

Tom Jones, Chairman RBLs

We organised the fundraising for the new pool hoist with great support from Lodge Ben Ledi 614 and the McLaren Leisure Centre. All the other organisations and businesses in Callander helped and turned this into a fantastic community effort!

The Great Ben Ledi walk on the 25th March 2017 went off as planned. We had over 60 people reach the top of Ben Ledi to complete the sponsored walk. To finish, the Waverley Hotel hosted a lovely buffet. Great thanks go to the mountain rescue for making this a safe, pleasant adventure.

We had a great finish to the day with a Quiz Night in Lodge Ben Ledi 614. The Community fund reached £24,000. The pool hoist cost £18,331.56. The rest of the Funds were divided between defibrillators, Mountain Rescue, Callander Thistle FC, McMillan Nurses

Strathcarron Hospice Befriending/Good Neighbour Volunteers required

Strathcarron Hospice recently introduced a new befriending service to expand the support we offer to patients and carers in their own homes, providing companionship and a listening ear.

This service provides practical and emotional support to people with a life-limiting illness in a responsive, flexible and coordinated way to complement the other services provided by the NHS and Social Work and other community organisations.

Befriender/good neighbour volunteers are needed to help expand this service

especially in rural Stirlingshire.

- Absolutely no nursing or personal care is required from you – we are looking for more of a good neighbour, friendly type person.

- Volunteers do not require experience as full training will be provided.

- All out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed.

If you would like more information on becoming a Befriender please visit the website at www.strathcarronhospice.net or contact Mandy Ross for an informal, no obligation chat on 01324 826222 or mandy.ross2@nhs.net.

Callander Bridge Club

Callander Bridge Club celebrated another successful year 2016 -2017. After a very enjoyable and competitive season, the trophy winners are:

Dorothy Petrie Quaich: Mr E & Mrs W Clark

The Bridgend Bells: Mrs E Nicolson & Mrs M O'Keefe

St Valentine's Trophy: Mrs L Sutherland & Mr D Hunter

Founder's Salver: Mr E & Mrs W Clark
Howell Shield: Mrs E Nicolson & Mrs M O'Keefe

President's Cup: (still to be played)

The historic trophies, originated from the founding members of Callander Bridge Club; being the winner of any trophy means something special. The Club always welcomes new members and has enjoyed a number of visiting players. If you play Bridge (or want to) and are interested in playing, please contact David Hunter, Secretary, on 01877 330016 (daytime).

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Help needed at Callander PDSA store

Staff and volunteers at Callander PDSA shop are urging local animal lovers to donate their unwanted items or time to help sick and injured pets.

We desperately need good quality donations. PDSA Shop Manager, Audrey Peel, said: "Perhaps your wardrobe is bulging with unworn clothes, or your shelves are full of books you never read? Why not have a clear-out and donate your unwanted items to PDSA? As well as de-cluttering your home, you'll be helping a very worthy cause at the same time.

By completing a gift aid form your donation becomes

25% more valuable.

Audrey is also asking local people to lend a hand and volunteer in the shop. No experience is necessary as full training is provided and by joining this friendly team you could develop skills to add to your CV, as well as helping sick and injured pets. For more details about volunteering for PDSA, please call freephone 0800 854194 or visit www.pdsa.org.uk/volunteering.

For more information about Callander PDSA shop, please contact Audrey Peel or Alice Regnier, on 01877 339039.



Callander Summer Holiday Club



Callander Kirk, St Andrew's and SBC@ Callander are teaming up to bring to you a Summer Holiday Club! Guardians of Ancora Holiday Club will be taking place in Callander Kirk Hall from 7th -11th August for ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL KIDS. Come along for lots of crafts, games, stories and songs!

We will also have more details of family events coming soon...

Booking is now open through EventBrite at <https://callanderholidayclub.eventbrite.com>.

Contact Matthew, Callander Kirk's Youth Worker on youth.callanderkirk@gmail.com for more details.



Callander & West Perthshire U3A

Congratulations to our 'Knit & Natter' group who presented a wide selection of their work at a recent craft fair organised by the Rotary Club of Callander. They sold many of their items and collected a grand total of £76.46. Our photo shows the group leader Liz Reece-Heal manning the stall with her grandson helper.



The Ancient History group, led by Peter Ireland, went to Naples for a week to visit Pompeii and Herculaneum. This is the second such tour as the subject proved so popular and next year Peter will be taking his group to Rome.

By the end of June almost all of our groups will have completed their courses but members, especially language students, feel they benefit from informal meetings over the Summer. These are easily arranged.

The next Enrolment Day will take place on Thursday 24 August from 2.00-4.00pm in conjunction with the AGM. We will meet in Callander Kirk Hall and refreshments will be served. We hope to see both new and returning members in good numbers on the day.

Meantime keep up to date with our news by visiting our website 'Callander and West Perthshire U3A'.

Marguerite Kobs

Craigard Club

The Club continues to meet every Tuesday and Friday from 10.30am until 1.00pm in Callander Kirk Hall during the school term. This is a Senior Citizens lunch and social club. If you are eligible we would be delighted to welcome you – just come along or, if you require transport, just phone me on 330236.

Our last meeting before the summer holidays is on Friday 30th June and we begin again on Tuesday 22nd August when we hope for a good turnout of present members together with new members.

Alena Watt Secretary



9th Callander Scout Group

Help is desperately needed!

We are reaching out to our Callander and Thornhill communities where we provide the opportunity for boys and girls to get involved in Scouting. Our group consists of both Cubs (age 8 – 10½) and Scouts (age 10½ – 14), meeting in both Callander and Thornhill. We also have established links with Explorer Scout sections in Dunblane and Stirling who offer Scouting for the older age range up to 18. We have a waiting list for those keen to join our groups in an international youth organisation that has grown enormously in recent years.

We desperately need to attract new adult leaders willing to take an active

role in the organisation and running of our sections on a regular and ongoing basis; including a new Scout leader (Joanna Bassett has to temporarily step down in August after 3 years) and at least 1 assistant leader. Liz Kliskey also urgently needs help to run and organise the Cubs.



Scouting is an amazing opportunity for everybody young and old. We adults have fun as we strive to offer a huge range of experiences, indoor, outdoor, and far beyond the boundaries of our local area. We also actively support our local community by regularly supporting local events. We believe Scouting is hugely important to the development of young people in our community. Without adults willing to volunteer their time to run Scouting there is a real possibility that we may not be able to continue: 2 -3 people are urgently needed.

As an adult wishing to get involved there are many ways in which you can support us. We appreciate that many people have little free time and we are always grateful for part-time/occasional help for which there are many roles that are suited.

If you are interested and able to support us or would simply like to find out more please do get in-touch. We will be delighted to hear from you.

Adam Bassett Group Scout Leader
email: adambassett@me.com / Tel 01786 850 707.



RNLI Trossachs Branch

Many thanks to townsfolk and visitors whose generosity enabled us to collect over £450 in the Square on 29th April. Earlier at our AGM we recorded just under £8000 raised for the Lifeboats in 2016-a great tribute to this amazing community. John Kennedy has taken over as Branch Chairman from Tony

Mouldsdale and Fiona Gibson has handed over the sales of cards, souvenirs etc to Liz Reece-Heal. Tribute was paid to Tony and Fiona for their efforts over many years. Thankfully both remain on the committee. We still need volunteers to help us with Collections etc, to enable us to raise ever more funds for this worthy cause.

Dudley Robertson Hon Sec

Callander Heritage Society

The Heritage Society have two not-to-be-missed, speakers in the next two months.

In June on Wednesday 14th at 7pm in the Masonic Hall, Gavin MacGregor and Kenny Brophy, from the University of Glasgow, will be talking about their excavations of the huge 6,000 year old timber building at Claish Farm, Callander. The site had been discovered from the air in 1977 when being photographed by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland. Guests are welcome on the night for £3.00 on entry.

In July Dr Fraser Hunter will be repeating his talk about the Finding of the Blair Drummond Hoard. So, if you missed this first time round, now is your chance to hear this enthusiastic speaker in St Kessogs on July 18th at 8.00pm. The Hoard was found in September 2009 by David Booth, an amateur metal detectorist, in a field near Stirling. He found four gold torcs which are of major European significance and show the wealth, power and connections of the people during the Iron Age.

The Heritage Society are also looking for volunteers to help clear weeds from the Little Leny Graveyard on Sundays June 4th and July 2nd 10-12 noon. Please contact 07958338687 or callanderheritage@gmail.com.

Pippa Wilson

Callander and West Perthshire Rotary Club

April was a busy and successful month for the club.

First the Easter bottle stall; the Easter weather was not ideal, but we all

enjoyed it including the Easter Bunny and Chicken who were kept busy handing out eggs. We raised just under £550 which will go to local causes.

Next we had Coffee, Lunch and Crafts at the Kirk Hall. This followed last year's successful new format and this year it raised over £600 which will go to Rotary International's Foundation Charity which supports causes in the UK and around the world. Thanks to everyone who came along and to the craft stallholders who helped make it a special day. The annual Rotary Charity Golf Day will be held this year on Friday 25th August, tee off at noon. The cost will be £140 per team and that includes coffee and a bacon roll on arrival and a two course meal after play. This year the beneficiaries will be Trossachs Mobility, (making the countryside accessible to people with disabilities) and The David Nott Foundation (delivering surgical training in disaster zones worldwide).



For more information 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

Deutschsprachige Gruppe – Sommerfest

Das nächste Treffen der Gruppe findet, um 6.30pm am Freitag 2. Juni statt. NB Wir treffen uns 30 Minuten früher als gewöhnlich, da wir vor haben, den Anfang der Sommerferien mit einem Buffet zu feiern. Sowohl alle Mitglieder

der Gruppe als auch andere, die gerne mit uns deutsch sprechen möchten, sind herzlich eingeladen, an jenem Abend mitzumachen. Hoffentlich wird das 'Sommerfest' draußen im Garten stattfinden, aber falls das Wetter unfreundlich ist, können wir immerhin im Hause essen. Alle Teilnehmer sind gebeten, zum Buffet irgendeinen Beitrag zu leisten. Bitte sag Jen im Voraus Bescheid, ob du mitmachen wirst oder nicht und wenn ja, was du vorhast, mitzubringen, z.B. Salat, Fleisch, Käse, Brot, Nachspeise, Getränke usw. Für die Vorplanung wäre es besonders hilfreich, diese Informationen spätestens bis Montag 29. May zu bekommen.

Das vorgeschlagene Diskussionsthema ist: Was würdest du gern besser können und warum? Lass bitte deine Phantasie freien Lauf!

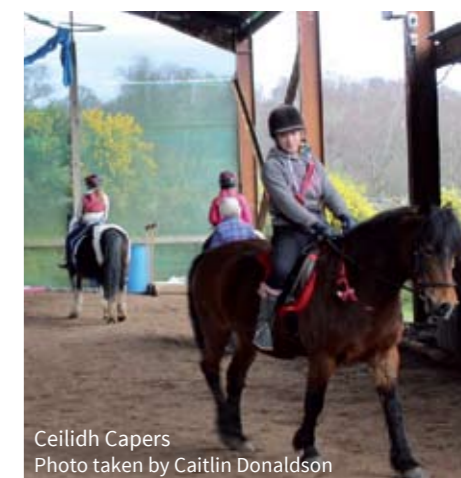
Falls Ihr Fragen dazu stellen wollt, ruft bitte Jen Shearer, 01877-330446 oder 07710-232908(Handy) an. Adresse: 'Ardess' Bridgend, Callander, FK17 8AG; Email: jenshearer@gmail.com. Wir freuen uns darauf, Euch alle am 2. Juni bei uns begrüßen zu dürfen. NB: uAww.

Jen Shearer

Comic Relief

In April this year Janet and the young riders from Castle Rednock Trekking Centre raised £140 for Comic Relief by having a Ceilidh Capers day. Throughout the day the riders put on a number of displays and Ana and Fiona performed an aerial routine. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by family and friends.

Caitlin Donaldson, junior reporter.



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Jacobite Callander

During the Jacobite uprisings, many clansmen from Callander and the Trossachs came out in support of the Jacobite movement, sometimes in direct opposition to their clan's stance. The McLarens often teamed up with the Stewarts of Appin and the MacGregors on occasion joined with the Clan Drummond. The Grahams remained neutral and although the Buchanans did not unite as a clan during these wars, many of their warriors joined the fight often on opposing sides. A similar story covers the Clan Fergusson whose Balquhider branch was staunchly Jacobite, but other regional septs fought for the Government. Even some Campbells fought as Jacobites but most had no option but to follow their Chieftains, who often held high positions in Government.

Alas, being on the losing side had severe consequences. Not only did great numbers lose their lives, but as Government forces purged the Highlands many homes were burned to the ground, crops destroyed, livestock slaughtered and women and children forced to flee into the wilds. Those Jacobite supporters who owned property and land had everything confiscated by the Commissioners for the Forfeited Estates which were sometimes sold on to those who were loyal to the Government at knock down prices.

The Drummond Dukes of Perth, who had designed the new town of Callander and owned much of the local land, were one such family. The Haldanes of Lanrick were much luckier. A minor branch of the Haldanes of Gleneagles, they had come out in support of the Jacobites against the wishes of some who had opted for the other side. Luckily one of the Gleneagles family had worked for the Commissioners and passed on legal advice to Lanrick to prevent them losing their estate.

There are a number of interesting tales of Jacobites captured during the 1745 rising. Alexander Buchanan, a son of the Laird of Auchleshie in Callander had followed his heart and joined the Duke of Perth's regiment with a

position of Captain. He spent two months imprisoned at Perth before being sent to the Canongate Prison in Edinburgh in August 1746. The following day he was moved on to Carlisle before being shipped to London where he was tried on 15th November. He was acquitted on the grounds of being only 19 years old but later was mistakenly transported to Maryland in America.



Major David Stewart of Ballahallan, Callander and six others, were surrounded in a hut on the Braes of Leny. It is said that he put up a brave fight but died of his wounds in Stirling.

Donald McLaren of Invernenty, managed to escape from Culloden but was hunted down and captured on the Braes of Leny. Having been imprisoned in both Stirling and Edinburgh he was sent under escort to Carlisle where he would be tried. As the Redcoat troop passed alongside the 500ft deep gully known as the "Devil's Beeftub" to the north of Moffat, McLaren requested a stop to relieve himself. It was a miserable dreich day with dense low lying mist enshrouding the hills. The guards pulled McLaren from his horse and untied his hands. He took a couple of steps to the edge of the road and hurled himself down the steep hillside disappearing immediately from sight. The soldiers fired blindly into the

dense mist as the Highlander tumbled at great speed down to the floor of the gully where he landed in a bog. He immersed himself up to his neck and placed a sod of turf on his head for camouflage. He remained there all night until he was certain the Redcoats had moved on.

The next morning he headed north and spent the first night at the Crook Inn, where he managed to conceal himself from a party of Dragoons who were also encamped there for the night. He headed home to Balquhider in the disguise of a woman and remained like that for two years until all rebels were pardoned. (The Devil's Beeftub is also known as 'McLaren's Leap or Loup').

Francis Buchanan of Leny House, Callander had used his house as an arms store for the Jacobite rising in 1745. Just before the Battle of Culloden, he was arrested on a charge of Suspicion. An earlier unexplained murder at Leny House was said to be behind his arrest although no actual charge was brought against him during his trial. He was taken to Carlisle Prison where he was treated badly under the orders of the Solicitor General who stated 'I have particular orders about him, for he must suffer'. He was executed in Carlisle in October 1746. Just before he was executed he proudly proclaimed that he regretted not having been more open about his involvement with the Jacobite movement and wished he had drawn his sword in action. In a letter to an official from the Lord Justice Clerk a month earlier he wrote 'It would be of more consequence to His Majesty's service to get rid of such a person rather than convict 99 of the lowest rank.'

Paul McGinlay



The Devil's Beeftub

Memories of a girl in war time

In September 1939 I moved from a class of 10 in Primary 6 to a class of 129 in the first year of High School. Callander was a 'reception area' for families from the South side of Glasgow. Our family of 4 increased to 9; three children from Glasgow and my Mother's parents who had been bombed out of their home in Manchester. Two of the children, brother and sister, returned fairly soon to Glasgow, but Isa aged 6 stayed for much longer; her outspoken comments were a source of amusement! In Glasgow Isa had only seen 'top' hats worn by men attending weddings; in those days our church elders would wear top hats when going to Communion services, so my Father's was Mr Michael's 'married hat'!

Our headmaster Mr James Leckie must have been a magnificent organiser; extra accommodation for classes had to be found outwith the school building for extra students and staff. Soon every hall in Callander - Teithside Hostel and part of Robertson House, next to the school, the home of our boys' technical and gym teacher, Mr Edward Moore, the Town Hall (now the Chinese Restaurant), the 3 church halls, St Kessog's St Bride's and St Andrew's - were all temporary classrooms. The Winter of 39-40 was particularly wet and my memory is of trudging round Callander from class to class in boots and a very, very wet raincoat!

Like every town, large and small in Britain everyone seemed to make some contribution to the 'war effort'.

Lawns were dug up to grow vegetables, A.R.P. wardens were appointed and a Home Guard -equivalent to T.V.'s Dads' Army was formed. Scouts and Guides did a weekly collection of waste paper for salvage.

One of the practices that would seem strange to today's pupils was that in some classes girls were allowed to carry on knitting for the troops in classes where we were just listening. Our History teacher, Miss Margaret Henly, had always knitted unceasingly as she taught. She was an excellent teacher with some quaint expressions. I always remembered that when talking of some of the most famous characters in History she would say 'They were neither black nor white - mostly just a dingy grey'. She also produced excellent plays and operas every year. I remember her soft clear voice insisting that we spoke clearly at the correct speed.

Many of the Glasgow teachers left quite soon though some remained throughout the war. Teachers helped run Scouts and Guides, they became our friends as well as our mentors: the result was a very happy school. We formed close friendships as we could not travel from Callander during the war. We were not aware one of the headmaster's sons became a prisoner of war in Japanese hands, whilst our Science master's elder son, a fighter pilot, died in action. These men hid their personal grief.

Puzzles from the past



Old smiddy anvil

The Old Smiddy

The Old Smiddy was situated in what is now a small empty building behind the Coop. The anvil below is a reminder. We would be very pleased to hear tales of work that went on there? What were the circular holes used for? Callander Heritage will be starting an Oral History project next year so any information would be greatly appreciated.

Rumours corner

Will the MacMichael monument highlighted by Jessica move from the car park back into the square?

Will the Victorian lamps beside what is now a derelict building site move to beside St Kessogs?

Ancient Graveyards in a sorry state

As you travel west of Callander these burial grounds are all beside the river Teith. First is the Leny Graveyard that belongs to Clan Buchanan, next is Kilmahog and finally, close to a winding stretch of road, is St Bride's. Fallen branches, ivy, grass, nettles and moss obscure tombstones. Eventually the Heritage Society would like to get permission to carry out some investigations, but for the moment they are allowed to tidy by removing fallen branches and ivy, whilst taking care not to disturb wildlife.



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9th July - Elsa Jean McTaggart (Transceltic Folk & Multi-instrumentalist)

16th July - Alan Brown (Scottish, Folk Music) • **23rd July - Jock the Box** (Accordionist Performance) • **30th July - Doug MacQ** (Rock, Pop & much more!)

6th August - Iain Barrie • **13th August - Doug MacQ**

20th August - Jock the Box • **27th August - Shaky**

29th July - Family Fun Day – A great Pirate themed event for all the family to enjoy.

Please note the events cruises are very popular so booking ahead is recommended.
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What's on in April and May

What's on in April and May (contd.)

REGULAR MEETINGS

Mondays

- Full Days/Full Week: £79.80
- Yoga (adults) 9.30-11.00am Kirk Hall
- Chair Yoga 11.15-12.15 Kirk Hall
- Scrabble 2.00pm Waverley Hotel (1st and 3rd Mon)
- Highland Dancing 4.00pm Kirk Hall (not 26th June or in July)
- 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 7.00 -8.30pm Waverley Hotel
- Poker 7.30pm Crags Hotel

Tuesdays

- Craigard Club 10.30am to 1.00pm Kirk Hall
- Walk in the Park 10.20 am (see schedule by date below)
- 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 Library
- ESOL classes (beginners) 3.00pm 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
- Family Yoga 5.00-6.00pm Kirk Hall (term time only)
- Yoga (adults) 8.00-9.30pm St Andrew's Church Hall

Fridays

- Craigard Club 10.30am – 1.00pm Kirk Hall
- Quiz night 7.30pm Crags Hotel

Saturdays

- Trossachs Tigers Training 9.15-10.00am McLaren Leisure Centre

Sundays

- Sundays @ Six Stirling Baptists in Callander 6.00pm St Andrew's Church Hall

JUNE

Friday 2nd

- **Ben Ledi View published**
- German-speaking group summer buffet 6.30pm 'Ardess', Bridgend

Saturday 3rd

- Ramblers Hill: Mystery Hill 8.30 am (Contact 01877 382924)

Sunday 4th

- Heritage Society Little Leny clear-up 10.00am (Contact Sue 01877 331213)

Monday 5th

- IT & Me Pop Up 2.00-4.00pm Library

Tuesday 6th

- Walk in the Park wildflower walk NCR7 towards Kilmahog 10.20 am Ancaster Square

Wednesday 7th

- Ramblers Stroll: Bandeath old munitions depot 9.30am (Contact 01786 825682)
- Walk in the Park evening town walk 7.00pm Ancaster Square

Thursday 8th

- Scottish Chamber Orchestra Summer Concert 7.30pm McLaren High School. Tickets from Brambles.

Saturday 10th

- Ramblers Hill: Beinn an t-Sithein, Strathyre 8.30am (contact 01877 384227)
- CAOS Bottle stall 10.00am-4.00pm Ancaster Square
- Biketastic and Summer Fair from 11.00am Primary School
- Skidaddle: Loop of the Loch

Monday 12th

- Community Council meet 7.30pm Callander Hostel

Tuesday 13th

- Walk in the Park River Teith walk – new route (car share) 10.20am Ancaster Square

Wednesday 14th

- Ramblers and Walk in the Park Stroll at Balloch (please book 07747038008) 9.15 am Ancaster Square
- Walk in the Park evening town walk 7.00pm Ancaster Square
- Heritage Society talk 'Claish Neolithic Site' 7.00pm Masonic Hall
- Photo Club Meal/Photo Celebration/ AGM 7.30pm Waverley Hotel

Thursday 15th

- Bookbug session 10.45-11.15 am Library

Saturday 17th

- Ramblers LDP: RB3 – St Fillan's to Balquhider 8.30am (contact 01877 330032)

Sunday 18th

Monday 19th

Tuesday 20th

- Walk in the Park Keltie Bridge 10.20 am Ancaster Square
- 'Les Miserables' 8.00pm McLaren High School (also on 21st and 22nd)

Wednesday 21st

- Ramblers Ramble: Gylen Castle Circuit, Isle of Kerrara 8.30am (contact 01877 331834)
- Walk in the Park evening town walk 7.00pm Ancaster Square

Friday 23rd

- Book Group 9.00-10.00am Library

Tuesday 27th

- Walk in the Park Flanders Moss and picnic (car share) 10.20 am Ancaster Square

Wednesday 28th

- Walk in the Park evening town walk 7.00pm Ancaster Square

Thursday 29th

- Bookbug session 10.45-11.15 am Library

Friday 30th

- Craigard Club stops for summer. Restarts August 22nd.

JULY

Saturday 1st

- Ramblers Ramble: Comrie to Callander 8.30 am (contact 01877 330059)

Sunday 2nd

- Heritage Society Little Leny clear-up 10.00am (Contact Sue 01877 331213)
- SWT Himalayan Balsam Bash 10.00am-1.00pm meet Callander Medical Centre, Geisher Rd

Monday 3rd

- Clubgolf Annual Summer Camp 1.00am to 3.00pm each day until 7th July Callander Golf Club

Tuesday 4th

- Walk in the Park Golf Club walk 10.20am Ancaster Square

Wednesday 5th

- Ramblers Stroll: Glenlednock, Comrie 9.30am (contact 01877 330662)
- Walk in the Park evening town walk 7.00pm Ancaster Square

Saturday 8th

- Ramblers LDP: RB4 – Balquhider to Killin 8.30am (contact 01877 330032)

Monday 10th

- Community Council meet 7.30pm Callander Hostel

Tuesday 11th

- Walk in the Park Black Park Forest Walk – new route (car share) 10.20am Ancaster Square

- **Ben Ledi View copy deadline**

Wednesday 12th

- Walk in the Park evening town walk 7.00pm Ancaster Square

Saturday 15th

- Ramblers Hill: Ben Cruachan 8.30am (contact 01877 339080)
- Start of Summerfest – full programme available from St Kessog's booking office
- Callander Meander cycle ride starts 10.00am Ancaster Square

Sunday 16th

- Summerfest vintage market 12noon -5.00pm Ancaster Square

Tuesday 18th

- Walk in the Park NCR7 towards Kilmahog (Summerfest programme) 10.20am Ancaster Square
- Heritage Society Dr Fraser Hunter 'Finding the Hoard' 8.00pm St Kessog's

Wednesday 19th

- Ramblers Ramble: Ben Gullipen (Summerfest programme) 9.30am (contact 01877 330032)
- Walk in the Park evening town walk 7.00pm Ancaster Square

Friday 21st

- Film 'Sully'8.00pm St Kessog's

Saturday 22nd

- Callander Meander cycle ride starts| 10.00am Ancaster Square

- Arthritis Club Bottle Stall 10.00am onwards Ancaster Square
- Trossachs Festival 12noon to 4.00pm McLaren Leisure
- Summerfest Ceilidh 8.00pm onwards Callander Hostel

Sunday 23rd

- FABB Get the Gig Open Day 12noon-4.00pm Trossachs Tryst
- Film matinee 'Way Out West' 2.00pm St Kessog's

Tuesday 25th

- Walk in the Park Bridgend and Meadows (Summerfest programme) 10.20 Ancaster Square

Wednesday 26th

- Walk in the Park evening town walk 7.00pm Ancaster Square

Thursday 27th

Friday 28th

- Film 'Manchester By the Sea' 8.00pm St Kessog's

Saturday 29th

- Ramblers LDP: RB5 – Killin to Loch Earn 8.30am (contact 01877 330032)
- SWT fund-raising stalls 10.00am-4.00pm Ancaster Square
- Film 'T2 Trainspotting' 6.00pm and 8.00pm St Kessog's

Sunday 30th

- Callander Highland Games 1.00-5.00pm Lagrannoch Park

AUGUST

Wednesday 2nd

- Ramblers Stroll: A Culross Circuit 9.30am (contact 01786 825249)
- Art in the Kirk Preview Evening 7.30-9.30pm Kirk Hall

Thursday 3rd

- Art in the Kirk exhibition 10.30 am to 7.00pm Kirk Hall (until Saturday 4.00pm)

Friday 4th

- **Ben Ledi View published**

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Summerfest is Here!



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Summerfest’s Grand Opening Concert
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Prices are: Full price £16; 65+/ disabled £14 (accompanying carers go free); Under 16/ student/ unemployed £6 ; under 18 go free if accompanied by paying adult.



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Summer Quiz
(Answers on page 38)
1. Where did Billy Butlin open his first holiday camp, in 1936?
2. Which year in the sixties was named “The Summer of Love”?
3. What is used as the filling of a summer pudding?
4. Mungo Jerry’s “In The Summer-time” was No1 for 7 weeks during the summer of what year?
5. At 1.34 miles, where is the longest pleasure pier in the UK?

6. Who won the FIFA World Cup in the following summers: 1990? 1994? 1998?
7. In the Cliff Richard film Summer Holiday, the bus driven in the film starts from Piccadilly. Which capital city is the destination?
8. Where were the Summer Olympics held in the following years: 1960? 1976? 1992?
9. Which television series is set in Summer Bay?
10. In which year was British Summer Time first introduced?

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Callander Summerfest
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BLV book club review

Dadland: A Journey into Uncharted Territory by Keggie Carew (Chatto & Windus, 2016)



We’re moving away from fiction for this month’s BLV book club review with the recently published Dadland by Keggie Carew. This critically acclaimed book is a biography of the life of Tom Carew (TC) written by his eldest daughter. TC served in the Jedburgh unit of the Special Operations Executive during the Second World War. The Jedburghs were carefully selected men who were essentially mavericks and non-compromising saboteurs. Such men could be troublesome amongst conventional military divisions. However, their role in the war - to raise guerrilla resistance behind enemy lines - was fundamental and dangerous. Dadland recounts TC’s role in the war operations, first in France and latterly in Burma. But the book is much more than a military account - it is a daughter’s attempt to piece together the story of her father’s life. This has added poignancy, as her father is now suffering from dementia and his own recollections of an extraordinary life are diminishing day-by-day. Despite the enthusiastic reviews, I found Dadland to be a slow-burner. This frustrated me because I wanted immediately to love it. There were

occasional family anecdotes peppered between accounts of complex wartime events. And for me, reading about these clandestine war operations required considerable perseverance (even our author admitted her head was spinning with ‘generals, battalions, armies, corps, divisions, troops, platoons...’). Eventually Dadland moved beyond war to home, recounting TC’s often failed attempts to fit back into society. In my view, this was the more compelling part of the book. His relationships with family; his wives (he had three), his children (two sons, two daughters), parents, parents-in-law, grandparents, siblings, half-siblings. Life was complex, marriages cut across the class divide, and family members could be hopelessly cruel to one another. There was an honesty to Dadland that, I think, can sometimes be missing in the biography genre. His daughter clearly idolised her ‘impossible, irresistible, unstoppable’ father and it would’ve been easy to dust over his flaws. Instead, she achieves an emotional book that, whilst putting her father’s achievements centre-stage, also considers his failures - questioning the impact of his actions on the route the family took. The result was touching, honest and life-affirming. I didn’t quite love it, but I liked it a lot. The next BLV book club review will be *The Sellout*, Paul Beatty (Oneworld Publications: 2016)

Maggie Magor

Callander Amateur Operatic Society

Following the success of Guys and Dolls, the CAOS committee are already looking at possible shows for 2018. It can be quite tricky finding a show that is available, affordable and suits our cast and audience! A decision will be made at our annual general meeting to be held in early June at the Fire Station. We are also hoping to put on several fund raising events over the summer and will be in the Square in Callander on 10th June with a bottle stall – check our web

pages for details of other dates. Rehearsals for the new show will begin in earnest in early September, new members are always welcome and we would love to see you then. Details of the show and rehearsals will be published in the August edition of BLV and on the web page. Once again a big thank you to all who have supported us over the last 12 months, especially the Callander Community Hydro Fund and Rotary for their generous grants.



Art in the Kirk 2017

Calling upon all local artists, this year’s ‘Art in the Kirk’ is back! Entry to the event is now open and we encourage everyone interested to get involved. To apply, simply email artinthekirk@gmail.com indicating your interest. Following the success of last year’s exhibition, we hope to celebrate another week of art at the start of August. There will be a preview evening on 2nd August from 7:30pm to 9:30pm where you can gain exclusive viewings of the works and an opportunity to purchase your favourite piece before the show opens to the public. The main exhibition will run from Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th August (open 10.30am – 7.00pm) and Saturday 5th (open 10.30am – 4.00pm). For more information or to reserve preview tickets, please get in touch.

Lachie Finland



McLaren High School



McLaren High School Pipe Band at the Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships

On Sunday 12th March 2017 McLaren High School Pipe Band competed at the annual Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships, held at James Gillespie's High School in Edinburgh. This year's competition was the biggest Championships ever, with over 60 pipe bands competing in the different categories.

Our band were competing in two categories – the Freestyle and the Debut B category. First up for the day was the Freestyle competition, where 4 pipers joined forces with pupils from the Trad band to play to a packed hall, adjudicated by, amongst others, Craig Munro from the Red Hot Chilli Pipers and Phil Cunningham! Performing pupils were Finn Manders, Max Menzies, Euan Lang and Callum Hall (all S6); Ailish Duthie, Hazel Imrie, Rebecca More and Drew Galloway (all S5); Greg McLachlan (S4); Catriona Norman and Eoin Brennan (S1). The band played MacCrimmon's Lament and Dr MacPhail's Reel, and put in a great performance to open the Freestyle contest.

The band's second event, the Debut B category, was performed by the whole band and was played to a busy hall and two distinguished judges. The pipers in the band were Callum Hall (S6); Rebecca More and Drew Galloway (S5); Cameron McLay (S4); James Douglas, Robin Turnbull and Cameron Dinwoodie (S2); Catriona Norman, Andrew McLay and Eoin Brennan (S1); and drum corps was made up of Jason Derrick and Jamie McAlpine (S6), and Jamie McNaught (S1). The band marched on looking very well disciplined and played their

2/4 March, Donald McLean's Farewell to Oban, immaculately. We were all delighted with our performance, it was the best we had ever played it!

After hearing the National Youth Pipe Band of Scotland playing, the prizes were announced and were presented by Ruth Davidson. It was with huge excitement that McLaren High School was announced as taking 2nd place in the Debut B Category, collecting the prize of a shield and £300 from Ms Davidson.

The final award of the day was the inaugural Endeavour Award, presented to a band that has developed in a vibrant and inclusive way, with enthusiasm and camaraderie, regardless of circumstances. McLaren High School were joint winners of this with Davidsons Mains School Pipe Band, a brilliant accolade. As our prize we won £500 and have the pleasure of keeping the biggest and heaviest shield ever for 6 months!

Overall, this year's Scottish Schools Pipe Band Championships was a huge success and an amazing experience for everyone involved. On a personal note, I am immensely proud of the achievements of McLaren High School Pipe Band and every member of it, especially the junior pupils who have improved hugely in recent months. We are currently working hard to ensure that the band is able to continue to flourish in the coming years and, having raised over £12,000 ourselves and with almost £20,000 coming in from the Scottish Schools Pipes and Drums Trust over the next three years, the band has very strong foundations on which to build and progress. The band has many exciting playing opportunities over the coming months, with the Killin Music Festival among the highlights.

Pipe Major, Callum Hall S6

Music Festival Competition

This took place over Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th March and was adjudicated this year by John Digney. John was Principal Oboist with the SNO for some years and his son, Robert, was a former pupil who left McLaren in 2010. John and his wife, Gail, have

been enthusiastic supporters of the musical life of the school for many years, and we were delighted that he could adjudicate the competitions for us. After a closely fought competition the results were as follows:

Junior Competition:

1st-Liam Rennie
2nd-James Douglas
3rd-Robbie Watson

Senior Competition:

1st-Max Menzies
2nd-Callum Hall
3rd-Ailish Duthie

Intermediate Competition:

1st-Megan Milligan
2nd-Natalie Klaes
3rd-Joe Smith

Ensemble Competition:

1st-Eve Scott and Hazel Imrie
2nd-S2 Guitar Ensemble-Rohan Watson, Harris Milne, Thomas Woods, Jamie Warburton and Ryan McGuire
3rd-Vocal Trio-Finn Newton, India Newton and Maria Whyte

Well done to everyone who took part and then entertained the audience at the concert in the evening.

Senior Ski Course 2017

On Friday 10 February a group of 36 pupils and 4 members of staff set off on a 30 hour coach journey to Stumm in Austria. Throughout the week the weather and snow conditions remained excellent. Every morning by 9am the whole group were at the top of the mountain, in their groups and ready to ski. I was particularly pleased with the progression of the beginners. By the third day it was great to see them tackle some of the slopes on the other side of the mountain range.

The week was a great success and I am sure that both the pupils and staff will have many memories from the week spent in the Ziller Valley.

Mr R Carrol, Ski Leader

Public Speaking

Well done to Harris Clark and Sandy Blair for winning the Forth Valley final of The Procurator Fiscal's Public Speaking Competition. This is a great achievement as this is an extremely prestigious competition. Mrs Moir (coach and mentor) was delighted with their commitment and their performance.

Callander Primary School

Last term was a very busy term with many sports competitions like swimming and cross country. We did lots of other work across the curriculum like STEM week and Terrific Scientific. Primary 7 have done Bikeability Level 1 and Primary 6 completed their buddy training. Primary 7 had Dalguise and everyone really enjoyed their time away! The netball team got new bibs and two netball hoops to improve their skills.

This term, like every year is a very busy term with Primary 7 leaving at the end. Primary 6 have now got their buddies and Primary 5 are now Peer Mediating at break and lunch. The running club have tried doing orienteering. Primary 7 are trying level 2 of Bikeability. We have health and wellbeing week coming up this term and there are many exciting activities planned. Primary 7 have also got their joint assembly and two induction days at the end of May. We also have sports day at the end of our health and wellbeing week.

Topics this term

P1- The lighthouse keeper's lunch
P2- Calamity in Callander
P2- Castles
P3- The Sea
P4- Project Runway
P4/5- Endangered animals
P5- Enterprise
P6- Food Glorious Food
P7B- John Muir
P7S- Antarctica
ASD Provision – Healthy Bodies
Nursery – Growing and Transition
By Aidan Cronin and Isabel Cameron (P7S)

Callander Youth Project



Callander Youth Project has joined with Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park to highlight the importance of youth training and employment opportunities within the National Park.

Local teenager Ben Anderson and CYP Youth Worker Jamie Proudfoot took part in the launch of the consultation for the draft National Park Partnership Plan.

The draft plan sets out a broad-ranging vision for how the Park Authority along with its partners propose to tackle priorities including youth employment, climate change, outdoor recreation, health and wellbeing and investment in towns and villages.

One of the key issues within the National Park is the ageing and declining population, particularly the loss of population of working age. Callander Youth Project is just one example of a local project working to tackle this issue by providing training and employment opportunities locally.

Jamie Proudfoot, from CYP, said: "A big challenge for young people here is the sense of rural isolation. For example, the lack of access to transport, employment and training opportunities and the public spaces

that young people growing up in urban areas take for granted."

Ben Anderson, 18, from Callander, is one of six modern apprentices working with Callander Youth Project (CYP) or local businesses with support and training provided by the Project.

He said: "I'm really enjoying being able to work whilst I'm learning. I'm gaining new skills, learning how to deal with problems and earning money too. Being a local person I love the area. If I could plan it, I would rather stay and continue working in this area."

Gordon Watson, Chief Executive of Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park, said: 'The National Park Authority and its partners will continue to work together to support more opportunities for younger people and those of working age to stay within or move to the area by providing training and skills development. There will also be continued investment and support for the development of affordable housing within the National Park.'

The consultation on the draft Partnership Plan runs until Monday 3rd July; to read more and respond to the consultation go to <https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/NPPP>

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Skidaddle

Skidaddle is now bouncing back from the computer virus which hit last July and is continuing to promote Callander and surroundings as a superb venue for outdoor sport.

This year alone participants have come from places as far away as Orkney, Kent, Canada, France and Hungary to participate in Skidaddle events in our stunning landscape and the feedback we are receiving suggests that there is still a growing demand for the Skidaddle service.

2017 Events to date Aberfoyle Trail Race

200 participants and 50 canine competitors flocked to the hills of Aberfoyle on 18th February for this stunning trail race. Consisting of a 2k, 5k and 7k route, the event catered for all the family and the canicross section even included the dog.

Ben Gullipen Hill Race

The beginning of March saw runners, old and young, gathering at Coilhallan car park for this epic race up to the iconic pylons at the top of Ben Gullipen. With a separate canicross route this was our last event of the season that is open to dogs running in canicross.



The Great Tartan Skidaddle

This 31 mile ultra-marathon started 3 years ago as part of the opening of The Great Trossachs Path which runs off- road from Inversnaid to Callander.

The event attracts ultra-runners from all corners of Britain and abroad.

Breathing Space Callander 10k, 5k and 1k..

This year was the hottest weather which this event has ever experienced. Once again a great day was had by all.

Next Events

10th June - Loop O' The Loch
This is a 16 mile loop around Loch Venacher, starting and finishing in Callander Meadows. There are three options in this event...
The Loopy Run (16m run,) The Loopy

Cycle (16m cycle) The Loopy Duathlon (9m cycle +7m run)

1st July - Ben Ledi Ascent

A challenge walk or race up our local mountain - Ben Ledi.

Skidaddle Volunteers

Skidaddle would like to say an enormous thank you to all members of the volunteer team who make these events possible.

There are a number of people involved in setting up and marshalling each event and the events quite simply could not go ahead without their support and hard work.

We are always looking for new team members, so if you are interested in joining the Skidaddle team please do get in touch on 01877 331 495 or maz@skidaddle.org.

Callander Thistle

Callander travelled to Twechar on Saturday 4th February to face Barhill in a league match. Always a hard match but Callander grabbed a crucial three points after they ran out 4-3 winners with Callum Smith grabbing two goals, McPherson and McLean scoring the others.

Saturday 18th February saw Callander dismantled in the Mathieson Trophy Last 16 as Tullibody won by 5-2. On the day, Callum Smith and David McLean scored.

Polmont Community came to Callander on Saturday 11th March in a must- win Premier Division fixture for the Jags. On the day, Chris Stevenson scored twice with David Gillespie also getting in on the scoring to win 3-2.

Callander met Bo'ness Cadora, away on Saturday 1st April. Callander started well after Alisdair Smith made it 1-0. Bo'ness levelled through a penalty before Jamie Stirling restored a 2-1 Callander lead. Again Bo'ness levelled and then took a 3-2 lead. Four players came on the park and changed the game, most notably Craig Sharp. Sharp was a menace and won Callander a penalty, which he scored to make it 3-3. Sharp then had a hand in McPherson's goal to make it 4-3 to Callander before getting carried off.

Callander lost 4-2 on penalties to Beechwood Albion on 19th April, sending them out of the JF Colley Cup.

Callander played their last home League game of the season on 22nd April against Linlithgow Rose, the last team to beat Callander in the League. A win for Callander would see them undefeated at home in the Premier

Division for a full season. It would also see them extend their undefeated run at home in the League to 17 months. It was a nervy start for the Jags and a couple of half chances early on, but a penalty from Dave McLean put Callander 1-0 ahead. Just before half time Callander added another, after a free kick from thirty five yards hit by Grant Craig dipped into the top corner of the net made it 2-0. Linlithgow scored again, piling the pressure on right until the final whistle but the 2-1 win puts Callander 2 points ahead at the top of the table with three games remaining.

The club are delighted to announce that from next season they will be playing their football in the Caledonian League after being accepted back in February. Also, this year's Player of the Year Awards will be held on Saturday 17th June at the Waverley Hotel.

Callander Golf Club

This year the sun cooperated, and Callander Golf Club's Family Barbecue was a huge success with lots of games and fun for all ages!

Apart from the excellent staging of all of the activities, the glorious weather and the beautiful surroundings of the course made it a day to remember.

The club's long term aim is to make the game and the clubhouse more accessible to families and other clubs and societies. Indeed, the club would like to hear from any local groups of any type who would like to make use of the clubhouse. Please contact Barclay on 07785 901 227

Annual Summer Camp

At Callander Golf Club we will be running our 4th Annual Summer Camp which runs from Monday 3rd July until Friday 7th of July. The week consists of a lesson, lunch and then we will go on to the Course and play as many holes as we can. Mon-Thurs the times are 11.00am until 3.00pm and the lessons will be different each day Putting, Chipping, Bunkers and Full swing. On the Friday we are having a medal

Round played from our Clubgolf tees at 3.00 pm. The cost will be £45.00 for the week. Please remember to bring your own packed lunch.

Golfers live 5 years longer

If you need a reason to get into golf (and even if you don't), you might be interested to know that there are now several scientific studies revealing that golfers live up to 5 years longer than non-golfers. Not only that, according to a study from the Karolinska Institute in Sweden, but regular walking, such as the 3-4 hours it typically takes to play a round of golf, can also help ward off dementia and a long list of over 40 major chronic diseases such as heart disease and Type 2 Diabetes!

The benefits are not just physical but also psychological. Research highlights that golf can help individuals improve their confidence, self-esteem and anxiety levels. Callander Golf Club will be running its "Get Into Golf" programme twice this year. One of the most scenic golf clubs in Scotland is here on your doorstep, and might be your key to a longer, healthier and more successful life!

Callander Bowling Club

The opening of Callander Bowling Club took place on Saturday the 15th. April. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who participated in making the day a huge success. President Marion Allan thanked all for their support.

Jock Bowes threw the first jack of the season to open the green, following which a very pleasant afternoon was had by all. The Club would like to thank everyone who donated raffle prizes and to the ladies for the catering.

Rink nights are on Mondays at 7pm. Please come along and have a go.

Drew Edwards

Summer Time at McLaren Leisure

With the Summer Holidays fast approaching, we have loads of brilliant activities going on to keep the kids active and entertained. As well as our usual Kids' Camp, which will run for all seven weeks of the summer holidays, we will also have on offer Football Camp and Rugby Camp. There will be plenty of fun activities and games, to increase your child's love for their preferred sport.

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Trossachs Academy Summer Swim School

As well as our Summer Camps, we will also be running our excellent Swim School. Our Swim School is a week long, and comprises of one 30-minute class per day. The levels that will be taught at this year's Swim School are Pre-school and Beginner.

- Price for full week: £ 26.00

Summer Swimming Lessons

This summer, for the first time ever, McLaren Leisure will be running weekly swimming lessons. These lessons will be available for Babies, Toddlers, Beginners and, if there is demand, Improvers. These lessons are designed to keep up the momentum and confidence that your child is getting through our current weekly lessons. As we realise many people will be away over the summer, these lessons will be paid for using our Osprey Card system (pay for 5 and get a 6th lesson free). This will then allow you to choose which six lessons, out of the seven weeks, your child attends.

For more information on this, please email Emma Stewart at emma@mclarenleisure.co.uk

McLaren Leisure Golf Day

On Friday 23rd June, McLaren Leisure will again be holding our annual Golf Day at Callander Golf Club. We are still looking for teams of four, of all golfing abilities, to join us for this great day. It will be an AM-AM competition, which works by your team using the best two

scores from all four players. It is £140 per team (£35 per head) for which you will receive a breakfast roll on arrival with a coffee, the round of golf, followed by a 2 course meal and prize giving. All money raised on the day will go towards new sensory equipment, which will add an amazing and engaging aspect of fun and inclusive activities for all children.

For more information on the day, please contact David Gordon at davidg@mclarenleisure.co.uk

McLaren Leisure Successful in Climate Challenge Project Bid

Funding granted for "Trossachs Energy Savings Team" project to help tackle energy efficiency in the rural Trossachs and Teith area.

McLaren Leisure will be making improvements to the energy efficiency of its community facility and households across the area through a new Climate Challenge Fund project, delivered through a partnership with Rural Stirling Housing Association.

The project will fund a heat recovery system for McLaren Leisure in Callander and work to develop a network of volunteers based in communities across the area, who will provide home energy advice to householders.

McLaren Leisure has hired David Payne as Project Officer, a position that is funded by the Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund to play a key role in the delivery of the project.

Trossachs Summer Festival

This year's TSF will be held on Saturday 22nd July from 12:00 -15:00



at McLaren Leisure. There will be loads of great activities on offer for all ages, including Laser Tag, Bouncy Castle, Climbing Experience, Spike Island Pool Inflatable, plus much more!

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The season of itching and parasites

Well, things are truly hotting up here, so we are already seeing lots of itchy cats and dogs and we know it is only the start.

Why, I hear you say? Well, environmental allergens increase at this time of year in response to the warmer temperatures, plants are growing and parasites are multiplying. Cats are out more, hunting and going further afield. We are spending more time outside with our dogs. As the season progresses and these skin conditions get worse and affect others, cats and dogs get itchier, breaking their skin, becoming secondarily infected, spots, scabs, sores, hairless and more miserable. The key is to act early. Get them to the vet, find out what is causing it, treat it early and it will cost you less money and your pet less suffering. Then, once you know, prevent it from happening again by using the right parasite control, the right products, the right way and at the right time.

What do I mean by parasites? There are many different organisms that infect and use other living things but I am talking in particular about the

ones that cause disease in our pets and in humans. We are here mainly concerned with the worms that need to get inside animals or humans and the 6- and 8- legged wee beasts that need to get on or inside an animal or a human in order to feed off blood or tissues, to reproduce the next generation and in the process cause disease. Some of these parasites also carry other diseases that can infect our pets and ourselves.

Yuck! I hear you say. Yuck indeed. You should see them in all their glory under a microscope! Their life cycles are fascinating but repulsive, all at the same time. At Riverside Veterinary Clinic, we are keen to give you the knowledge to prevent disease. Over the next few weeks we will be putting information up on our practice noticeboards and on our face book page about itchy pets and parasites. If you need more information, please just come in and ask. We would rather prevent disease than treat it. Wishing you and your pets a happy, healthy, itch and parasite free summer!

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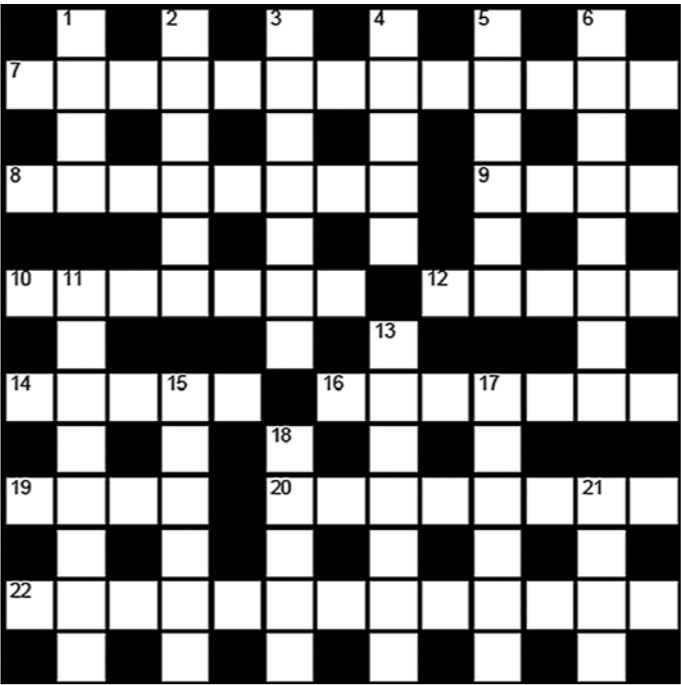
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Across

- 7 Rearranging a party line with the involvement of all returning members initially makes for a style of democratic governance (13)
- 8 Peter Pan, say, facing proverbial enemy? Kids love it! (8)
- 9 Vote in a way to reject proposal? (4)
- 10 Teacher I shall, in part, value highly (7)
- 12 Acting together when child taken into A&E unit (2,3)
- 14 Opt for the Spanish shock treatment (5)
- 16 Demonstrate, possibly, in favour of trial (7)
- 19 Frightener in 8 (4)
- 20 Open University in record bid reduction (8)
- 22 My pro-Catholic interpretation is multi-hued (13)

Down

- 1 Face with a promotion in Irish legislative chamber (4)
- 2 Old song covered by each one on pitch (6)
- 3 Spicy condiment Sarah is preparing? (7)
- 4 Cut made in first round led by famous golfer (5)
- 5 Preserves over time lines useful for a composer (6)
- 6 First publicity concerning conclusions over a little time gives a false impression (8)
- 11 Sounds completely offensive in speech in parliament (8)
- 13 Continue working with leading papers (5,2)
- 15 Bone of contention initially over two hundred and two variables (6)
- 17 I'm sorry, I don't care a bit! (3,3)
- 18 State I'd a home in? Not me! (5)
- 21 Capital raised to support new movie genre (4)

Solution to Crossword 132

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In Loving Memory of Simon Robinson

(Formerly of Nature’s Corner, Brig o’Turk and Invertrossachs House) Iain Aitchison, and all members of Simon’s family, would like to say a very warm thank you to all who travelled such a long distance to Dundee for Simon’s funeral on 13th April.

In addition, all your tender words of comfort, kind and thoughtful cards, and especially such amazing flowers, were very much appreciated.

Thank you all so much!

Iain Aitchison

Apology

In the last issue Sheila Winstone, town co-ordinator, wrote a brief update on the Community Action Plan 2017-22, giving numbers of participants of the survey and weblinks to the old plan. To save space this was amalgamated with a longer article, written by Sue King, about the town meeting held on 9th March, which was billed as an update on progress on the Community Action Plan. The combined article was then mistakenly accredited to both.

Sheila has made it clear that she does not want to be associated with the article and also points out that the Community Action Plan is not a town plan (as the page was headed). The BLV apologises to the town co-ordinator for our mistake. We will pass on an update on the progress of the Community Action Plan, when we receive one.

Bandstand

A bandstand and re-instating the steps and fountain is a brilliant idea. It will be in-keeping with St Kessog’s and be a great place for events in future.

Callander resident (name withheld)

We’ve just received our copy of Ben Ledi view and have read the proposals for the square. What a great idea to have the steps to St.Kessog’s go back to the original and a bandstand built.

We think this would be a great focal point in the Town Centre.

Linda & Gordon McKenzie

Bins

Thanks for the article about the new bin system in the April/May edition. Please can you clarify one question about the new bin system reported on in the last BLV. Your article says that bins should be placed with the handles facing away from the street while the Stirling council leaflet says to present the bins with back handles facing the road. My bins have one set of handles next to the lid hinge so I don’t really understand the term ‘back handle’. So what is the correct method?

The handles should be towards your house not the road. The new lorries lift the bins up so the lids flap open when lifted high. The old side loading lorries had to turn the bins to flip the lids.

The change over may have happened since the leaflet was produced. (Mary Buckland)

As a rural resident the harder question is how to stop the dreaded wild campers (aka urban louts on drinking sprees) dumping their mixed rubbish randomly into the first bin they find. Big signs on the bins? Lockable bins? Any suggestions?

Andrew Poulter

Rhododendron Invaders

I read with a little concern, Mary Buckland’s article, ‘Invaders: the noxious Rhododendron’ (April/May issue of the BLV). The Rhododendrons in all their beautiful colours including red, yellow, purple and white are the harbingers of summer.

If the National Park is spending public money fighting the ‘invaders’ when Callander is still subject to periodic flooding, people are living in fuel poverty and forced to use food banks, then perhaps a review of priorities is required.

As to the comment about ‘Mad honey disease’. I was an amateur bee keeper for over thirty years and my bees foraged in the Fintry area where there are lots of Rhododendrons and yet, to the best of my knowledge, I never harvested any ‘Mad Honey’!

Thomas L Inglis, Fintry

Wildlife advice from CCC

It can be dangerous to enter field with cattle with calves, especially if you have a dog with you, and if you come across a young deer alone on the moors, it should be left alone and not touched as its mother will almost certainly be back for it.



It wasnae me

Hello, my name’s Priseil Morrison, that’s pronounced Pre-shall and it means precious in Gaelic. My dad, Kenny, named me ‘cos he speaks Gaelic. Well, some folks have asked if it was me in the photo chasing a lamb last month. I can categorically, even DOGmatically, say that it wasnae.

As you will see I don’t have my eyes any more. No, don’t say ahhh ‘cos I enjoy life and go for long walkies and I even swim down the meadows when the weather’s good. If someone would invent a ball that keeps bleeping I could play ‘fetch’ again, but ‘til then I’ll just chase the neighbour’s cats when I get whiff of them. See you about the town, love Priseil.

Summer Quiz answers (page 28)

- 1. Skegness
- 2. 1967
- 3. Soft fruit (summer berries)
- 4. 1970
- 5. Southend
- 6. West Germany (1990)
- 7. Athens
- 8. Rome (1960) Montreal (1976)
- 9. Barcelona (1992)
- 10. Home and Away
- 10. 1916 (by The Summer Time Act 1916)

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Location of defibrillators

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