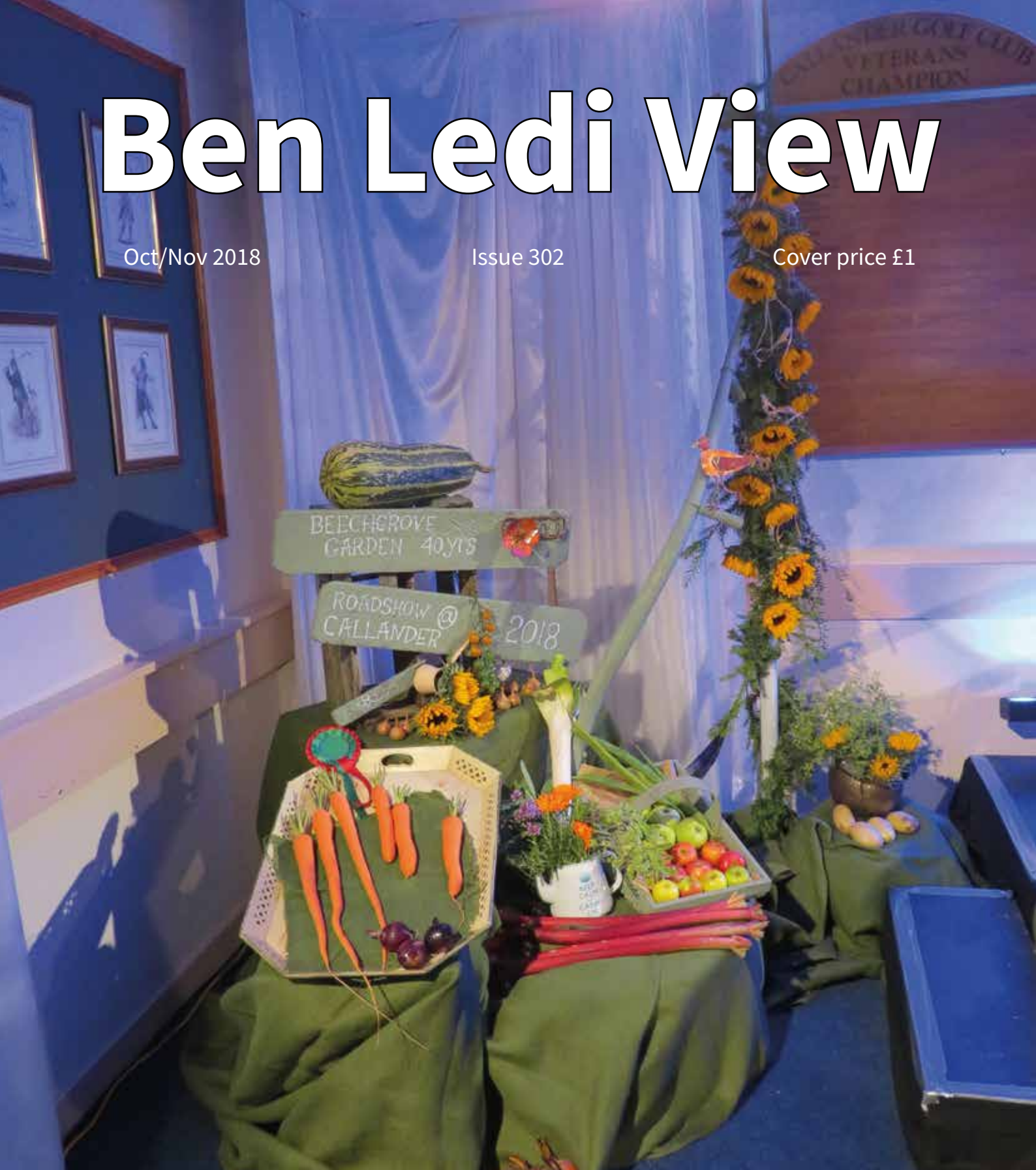


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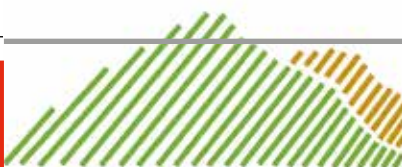
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Hello Readers

What a lot has been going on in Callander, and what a lot of challenges lie ahead for us as a community! We have seen the 20th birthday celebrations of the McLaren Leisure Centre, which goes from strength to strength, and enjoyed the annual Horticultural Society Show, well supported this year by exhibitors old and young. Callander was put on the map for green-fingered enthusiasts when the BBC's *The Beechgrove Garden* brought its Roadshow to the town in early September, invited by Greener Callander. Nostalgic memories and clips of the original series of *Dr Finlay's Casebook* (the one set in Callander) introduced the broadcast.

Callander's various social enterprises were showcased to a World Forum when a delegation from Taiwan visited the town at the instigation of Chris Martin of CYP Trust for a programme of visits to Callander's Hydro scheme, the Sir Walter Scott on Loch Katrine, Doune Castle for an *Outlander* experience and our own Bracklinn Bridge. Unfortunately, neither Martin (my mistake!) nor Michael Sheen could attend.

The BLV team celebrated the sterling work of our faithful band of distributors with an enjoyable buffet supper, organised by Johnny and Alan, paying tribute to retiring

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distribution supremo Charlie Donald. All these events and activities demonstrate that we can and do work together in a positive way through our different groups and organisations. We still need to continue to address the problem of empty shops on our Main Street, the closure next spring of the tourist information office, the potential development of two iconic buildings – the Dreadnought Hotel and the former Eagle Hotel – which have stood vacant for far too long – and the question mark that has been placed against the even more iconic St Kessog's Church, now that Clanranald has departed. At least, after much too lengthy a delay for its former residents, displaced by that disastrous fire, the Victoria Court building is now being rebuilt. Perhaps we can dare to hope that the popular *Ciro's* restaurant may soon come back to Callander from its exile on the banks of Loch Tay?

Finally, it is important this November to prepare for a very special commemoration of Armistice Day, 100 years after the end of the Great War, at our local war memorial and to remember with gratitude those who died for us in that and subsequent wars.

See you there?

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Summerfest

Thank you from the Summerfest 2018 team.

What a great time we had this year!

A huge thank you to all the people who put their time into making Summerfest happen. At least 15 local businesses, more than 40 community groups and at least 50 individual volunteers organised or hosted events and exhibitions, performances, workshops, led walks or cycle rides, sold tickets, sponsored and advertised, staffed doors, greeted visitors, made art installations, constructed and deconstructed displays and gazebos.

Thanks to all the performers, local, national and international, who provided professional, quality interest and entertainment. Over 6000 local people and visitors attended some part of the fortnight's programme. As it all took place in the most glorious summer weather, we scrapped Plan B!

Plans are already being made for Summerfest 2019...save the date...13th-28th July 2019

But before that, we are getting ready for *Winterfest*



Anne Docherty

Winterfest 2018:

Friday 30th November to Sunday 2nd December will be a whole weekend of entertainment for all ages. It starts on Friday with a concert by CAOS and the Junior Choir in McLaren High, and then Saturday brings more music in the Square to welcome the arrival of Santa's Parade and the switch- on of the lights at 4pm. This will be followed by a Family Disco in Callander Hostel and later, at 7.30pm, Rusty Strings will give a concert in Callander Kirk with their very special guest Jamie MacDougall.

McLaren Leisure will have craft workshops on Sunday where you can make lots of Christmas gifts and decorations, and in the evening at 6pm the Annual Youth Carol Service will be held in Callander Kirk. The weekend is pretty full but more may yet be added.

Now is the time to get the fancy dress ready for the parade, the gift list ready for the gaps you'll fill in at the craft workshops, and your voice in good shape for singing carols all weekend. More details will appear on posters around Callander and on Facebook giving performance times, ticket prices and where to book.



Anne Docherty

The Stirling and Clackmannanshire City Region Deal

The City Deal was formally agreed at the end of May 2018 with the signing of the Heads of Terms Agreement (HoT). It is an agreement between the Scottish and UK Governments, to develop major projects which will support long-term economic growth in the region. Callander is specifically mentioned in the HoT so there is a commitment to link the growth in Stirling with growth in Callander.

Included is an overview of how funds will be distributed. For Callander there will be an initial £2.5 million commitment from the Scottish Government for new infrastructure and a share of £2 million from both Governments for a digital hub in Callander. This will support the development of the 'Leisure Resort' of Callander. Surveys have been carried out over the past few weeks of traffic and pedestrian movement along Stirling Road and Main Street. The major piece of infrastructure being considered is a new bridge over the river connecting Stirling Road to the Mollands Straight. Ground investigation works will be carried out and outline designs produced. This would open up development land south of the river and reduce the pressure on Bridgend and Bridge Street.

The digital hub is being developed as a facility available for local businesses and public bodies to use. It is likely to have general office facilities with good internet connections. It will also be a place where Stirling Council and the National Park can be available for wider community consultations. Business needs and the possible venues are being investigated.

There is a public meeting to discuss the latest situation with the City Region Deal from 7.00pm to 9.00pm on **Thursday 11th October 2018** in the Callander Youth Project, Bridgend to which everyone is welcome.

Richard Johnson- Callander Community Council

Callander Community Hydro Fund

2018

The Community Hydro Fund is now in its third full year of operation and is facing increasing competition for its financial support. The one basic condition for funding is that projects must demonstrate how they will benefit Callander (defined by the Callander Community Council boundary). The committee is especially keen on things that will help with the priorities in our Community Action Plan (CAP)

Unfortunately, the fund does not have enough money to support all the applications it receives, even for projects or groups included in the CAP. Choices must be made, based on factors such as how many people would benefit, how well the project will be managed, how much of the group's own resources are being used and how much match funding will be brought in as a result of hydro funding. For the same reasons, it's becoming less likely that repeat funding can be offered to the same projects each year.

The fund's money comes from the Callander Community Hydro Scheme, which was built and is run by a limited company owned by Callander Community Development Trust. Its volunteers inspect and maintain the small scheme and its turbine near Loch Lubnaig. In its early years, much of the income will go to paying back the loans that were required to build it and it is currently donating £60,000 a year to the Development Trust, although this could be reduced by prolonged dry weather. A sub-group of trust directors meets to scrutinise applications and agree how to allocate the funds.

In 2018, the following grants have been made:

• Callander Amateur Operatic Society	£500
• McLaren High School Book Club	£1,260
• Orla Stevens Artist	£500
• Summerfest marketing	£4,000
• Callander Youth Project Youth Club	£4,532
• Greener Callander floral displays	£2,460
• Start-up Stirling Callander outreach	£3,339
• Citizens' Advice Bureau Callander outreach	£5,000
• Town Coordinator	£12,840

In addition, £50,000 is being set aside to match fund Callander Landscape Partnership's restoration of the Victorian walkway and bridge installation at Leny Falls.

How to Apply

If you are looking for funding for a project, you will find all the information you need, including revised guidelines, application forms and the Callander Community Action Plan 2017-22 at

www.incallander.co.uk/ccdt_hydrofundgrants.

Or contact the fund coordinator, Sheila Winstone, on 07852 106605 or coordinator@callandercdt.org.uk. The next deadline is 31st December 2018.

Best Kept Garden 2018

The winners for the Callander Community Cup for Best Kept Garden 2018 are as follows:

First: Mrs Isobel MacLeod
30A Pearl Street

Second: Mr Martin Trainor
Flat 5/15 North Church Street on
behalf of Trust Housing

Third: Mrs Margaret Rae
28 Pearl Street

Others entering this year were all commended for different aspects of their gardens.

The Callander Community Cup was presented at the Annual Horticultural Show on 25th August at the Kirk Hall along with certificates for the 2nd and 3rd prize winners.

Lucy Frazer-Gunn



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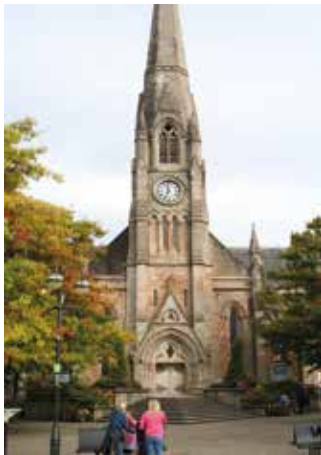
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Empty Buildings



The St Kessog's Church saga lurches on. Have Clan Ranald bought it or not? Now we know. The Clan have decided not to buy it and are moving to Duncarron, their replica medieval fortified village in the Carron Valley. This has been going on for over three years now and we are back at the beginning with the only real change being that Stirling Council have had a very large bill to repair the damage caused by the burst pipe earlier this year. What happens now?

The Community Council, (CCC) have contacted Stirling Council to make sure there are plans to preserve the building. Discussions are happening but at the moment they need to be kept confidential.

There are many questions about how the St Kessog's affair has been managed over the past few years and this does not leave one with much optimism on the outcome of these discussions. Do we have the need for another Community Buy Out?

What are your thoughts on the future of the church and its place in Callander?

For some years this magazine has gone on about the state of the Old Eagle Hotel (38 Main St) and how much of an eyesore it is. It appears at last as if something may be going to be done about it. A planning application has been lodged with The National Park which shows the plan is to convert the property into a smaller shop (trading as a florist) on the ground floor. The basement would be converted into two 1 bed flats for holiday lets. The ground floor in addition to the shop would be 2 Bedroom flat for sale. First floor is for a 1 bed flat and a studio flat for sale, whilst the second floor would have 2 more 1 bed flats for sale. The outside of the building to be repaired and redecorated. By the time this is published the period to enter any comments will have passed, but I understand there may be a delay in a decision due to an ongoing additional plan connected with it. If this does come to fruition it will be a welcome improvement to the appearance of Main Street. It is, however, our understanding that currently the developer concerned has not actually bought the property – so it is still 'wait and see'.



The poor old Dreadnought Hotel has now been closed for some time and is starting to look a sorry sight at the bottom of Station Road. It has now been put on the market at offers in region of £595,000.

The loss of this hotel since its closure has not been good for Callander, as the town does need a large hotel of this type. If it were to be lost as a hotel it would be bad for tourism. The hotel would need a good deal of money spent on it to make it a high-quality facility, and this would be the preferred option of the CCC. They understand that with the amount of

money that this would require it may not be easy to find someone willing to take it on. If this does not materialise, then the CCC are considering whether a community buy-out would be feasible. This would be to purchase the premises to restore and run it, possibly as a multi-function facility such as a smaller hotel with flats for key workers, child care and nursery facilities, visitor centre or a home for the new proposed digital hub. The CCC are on an information-gathering exercise regarding this at the moment but suggest that a social enterprise company could be established with a commercial objective to maximize the benefits to the Callander community and environment. This type of company could be either newly formed or linked to an existing organisation but, to progress the plan, there would need to be a comprehensive business plan which was convincing, showed financial sense and was fully supported by the community. A recent Facebook survey indicated overall support for community involvement with a preference for it to continue as a hotel. The CCC are carrying out an online survey to gauge support for a community buyout. To give your views go to

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KXFK7TS .

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- Phishing - Pretending to be banks/companies and sending emails to get you to reveal your details.
- Diversion - Diverting your billing statements to another location or person.

For more information about 'phishing', how to protect your identity and avoid scams whilst online visit

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- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Contact local trading standards – they may be able to use approved 'call blocking' technology.

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A New Academic Year

Callander Primary School

It has been a busy start to term for all at Callander Primary. We have



been busy with our Love Literacy focus. Everyone has been reading lots of different books, visiting the local library and decorating their classroom doors to share their love for reading

The local Horticultural Show is a highlight at the beginning of the school year. Every class had to choose a theme for their plant tub. The tubs were all very different. **P5/6** were the winners with their **Plastic Pollution Awareness theme**, chosen as a result of their work on the Global Goals and their visit to Deep Sea World. We also won a few prizes for our vegetables. Three of our pupils represented the school when the Beechgrove Garden was filming in Callander.



Our school playground improvements have begun and the children are enjoying the new equipment.



Two teams from our school took part in the first **Mc Laren STEM Festival** for the Primary Robotics Competition. There was a tense atmosphere and it all came down to a tie break and one of our Callander teams did a fantastic job coming second. There was a surprise team challenge and the other Callander team came first, due to their great team work and determination.



Our **Primary 7s** have been working on their social enterprise ideas in preparation for a Dragon's Den event. They have been thinking about what social issue is important to them and what they can do to raise awareness of this within the community.



While our **Primary 6s** have been learning about red squirrels with Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. They had a fantastic visit and now have a feedbox in the school grounds to see if we have any red squirrels visiting.



Mc Laren High School

STEM FESTIVAL 2018

The first festival took place on Saturday 8th of September. It was very enjoyable and the level of scientific and technical expertise was amazing. We saw displays of over 50 projects, a special Crime Scene Investigation Room, Retro Gaming, a Primary School Robotics Competition and poster design. There were interactive activities and a quest for all ages including a rocket launch, drone flying and an escape room



Many exciting projects were on display and the room buzzed with excitement and enthusiasm.

A Microbial Fuel Cell



This exhibited that a bacterial interaction within the cell could be used to produce electricity

A Ski Lift

This was to understand exactly how a cable car worked. A full technical description of the model was given. It was a project that not only utilised engineering but linked to his love of sport.



A Fairground



looking at fairground safety by measuring the speed at which model carriages went down the 'scream' slope from the top of the ride using light

beams at the top and bottom of the slope

Water Purification

Turning river water into drinking water was also investigated by using a pump



to draw unpurified water from a large container, passing it through a filter and treating it with ultra violet light to kill micro-organisms.

Mc Laren High was a hive of activity and had a festive atmosphere with bunting and many posters on display. There were many excellent and innovative projects and it must have been incredibly hard to judge. The pupils had to talk about their projects and show an understanding of their chosen topic. Judges came from various organisations including the military. Prizes were awarded both by the school and outside experts.

Results of the STEM Festival Event

Big Bang Winners:

Engineering:

3rd: Euan Murphy used Minecraft to introduce younger pupils to coding

2nd: Niamh King built an optical illusion using programmable LEDs

1st: Niamh Gillespie built an array of micro wind turbines

Science

3rd: Adam Martin has carried out an investigation into antibiotic resistance

2nd: Heather Jackson carried out an investigation into the water quality at the Swanswater fishery

1st: Ellie Ridgewell compared the growth of plants in different growing mediums

McLaren STEM Festival Winners:

Commended:

Katie Bell for her solar powered water purification system

Florence Dimeo for her work with electric paint

Beth Dunlop for her study into bioluminescent algae

Niamh Gillespie who built an array of micro wind turbines

Matthew Johnston who built a rocket launcher

Natalie Klaes who studied the accuracy of eyewitness testimony

Michael Limonci created a playable games controller

Hannah MacCallum carried out a study into Maths and Origami

Ross Ronald built a working model ski lift

WINNER

Eve Abernethy who built a model artificial pancreas and tested it in different solutions

My Unforgettable Gold Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Experience to Orkney

On Wednesday 15th of August, myself, along with the rest of my Gold DofE Group that consisted of Holly McNaught, Niamh King, Zoe Maher, Katy McGowan and Euan Murphy headed off to the wilds of Orkney for the next four days. We had a rather long six-hour journey to the ferry port of Scrabster and then an hour-and-a-half ferry journey, in which we enjoyed the food and the views or just caught up on sleep. We arrived at the campsite and since this was our travel day, we could still enjoy some of our "home comforts", such as fleecy blankets, and we had a peaceful night's sleep.



The next day was the start of the official expedition and we visited the Stones of Stennes, the Ring of Brodgar and the architectural dig at Ness of Brodgar along the way and during our walking we passed a lovely loch and several highland cows.

Friday was another enjoyable day and we visited Kirbuster Farm and Barony Mills, which we all really enjoyed. Saturday was certainly the most exciting day, as we walked round the cliffs in some of the strongest and most hair-raising wind any of us had ever experienced. We visited the Kitchener Memorial and Skara Brae, both of which were incredibly fascinating!



Sunday was our final day and we made the most of it, by visiting the Yesnaby cliffs, which were absolutely spectacular and visiting some old, abandoned caves. Mid-afternoon, we arrived at Stromness Pier, which was where we were setting off from, meaning we had officially finished! After a brief with our assessor Walter, we were on the ferry back home. We all enjoyed a delicious dinner and a relax, before getting back on the bus. We all arrived back in Callander at around 12am feeling rather exhausted.

We all had a fabulous trip, got so



much out of it and did something totally different, which I'm sure will be incredibly memorable for all of us! On behalf of the rest of my group, we want to say a massive thank you to our amazing leaders, Bob Bawden and Matt Bending and our assessor Walter Gorman, who helped make this trip so special! Hopefully this will inspire some of you reading to go out and do DofE. It is a once-in-a-lifetime experience and I would 100% recommend it, as it is so worthwhile and incredible fun!

Bethan Jones S6



Health News

From October 2018 all schools in Stirling district will provide free sanitary products to all girls. This means every pupil will have access to sanitary products whenever they need them, including weekends and holidays.

Water Vole Project Celebrates Tenth Birthday!

This summer sees the tenth anniversary of one of Scotland's most successful conservation projects - The Trossachs Water Vole Project. Having become extinct in the



Elspeth Mulholland, David McCulloch, Rosanna Hignett

Trossachs sometime in the 1990s through loss of habitat, watercourse pollution and the spread of the non-native American mink, water voles have seen a resurgence across the area thanks to this conservation project. Kick started after a chance conversation between a Forestry Enterprise Scotland (FES) employee and a wildlife vet, the reintroduction programme coincided with an FES drive to improve existing wetlands and waterways in Loch Ard Forest.

Project officer, Stephen Willis, said "FES's work at that time had created the sort of habitat that was ideal for water voles but there were none around. "However, an industrial development on the edge of Glasgow threatened to destroy a known water vole colony, so it was decided that those animals would be caught and translocated to the Trossachs."

The translocation, which included a period of captive breeding in Devon, resulted in three releases of animals (2008, 2009 and 2010) that saw over 1,000 water voles reintroduced at sites across the area. Mink control in advance of the reintroduction helped the water voles establish themselves and now they are thriving at all the release sites and well beyond. As the water vole population has expanded so too has the effort to control mink.

Stephen added; "Today water voles can be found from upland settings high above Loch Lomond to the lowlands of the River Forth, almost within sight of Stirling Castle. We know the current range thanks to the efforts of a team of trained and experienced volunteers from Loch Lomond and The Trossachs

National Park, which carries out surveys from May to September. Our project, which is ongoing, has been so successful that water voles from the Trossachs have even been trapped and translocated to Northumberland to help

boost the numbers being reintroduced in Kielder. That is a resounding accolade for our project."

Alison Baker, Director of the Forth Rivers Trust said; "It's been a pleasure working with the other partners to conserve this ever-expanding population of water voles in the Trossachs. Linda Winskill, Wild Park Officer at Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority agrees that it is a great example of partnership working. "It is fantastic to see water voles in areas of the National Park where they have not been recorded for many years. People may now be lucky enough to see these elusive mammals, or hear the distinctive 'plop' as they jump into the water! National Park volunteers have been essential in monitoring the water voles' distribution, and have contributed hundreds of hours carrying out surveys."

David McCulloch, Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park volunteer, added; "I started volunteering for the project five years ago and it's great to know our survey results help to map the spread of water voles in the National Park."



The Trossachs Water Vole Project is a partnership of Forestry Commission Scotland, Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park, and Forth Rivers Trust.

Callander Community Woodland Update

Our previous article in the magazine produced a good response, mostly positive but some less favourable or raising further questions, which will be addressed. A number of people are looking for more information and we fully accept this needs to happen. Once that has happened, we hope everyone will realise we plan to achieve a wide range of positive outcomes for the community.

We have now made an initial application to Forest Enterprise Scotland to transfer Coilhallan Wood to Callander Community Development Trust. There has since been a site visit to look at the woodland and examine our plans. They were concerned about the lack of signage and poor condition of some footpaths (some had even disappeared in foliage!) and were generally complimentary about our proposals but requested further information. The application was submitted on 10th July and the additional information is being worked on. The panel will review our application in December with a decision within 6 months. To make it possible for any purchase to proceed, we are applying to The Scottish Land Fund for money to buy the woods, if our application is successful and community consultation supports it.

In order to widen the team's expertise, we will be holding the inaugural meeting of Callander Community Woodland on 26th September with a public meeting jointly arranged by CCDT and Callander Community Council in late October/November. If you are interested in the Woodland and what it could offer the community, we look forward to seeing you there! Details of date and venue will be posted on the InCallander/CCDT webpage and on Facebook when known.

Mark Griffiths

Funding announced to tackle top forestry pest

Rural Economy Secretary Fergus Ewing has announced the launch of a new project to tackle the most serious pest of newly planted young trees in Scotland, the large pine weevil *Hylobius abietis*. It is found across the UK and is capable of damaging and killing all conifer species in Scotland, as well as many species of broadleaved trees. Current methods of controlling weevil damage are heavily reliant on a small number of chemical pesticides.

The project will fund the research and development of potential solutions that can achieve cost effective establishment of young forest trees by reducing losses from *Hylobius abietis* damage. One aspect of this fund will seek opportunities

to find alternative methods of weevil control, which reduce the use of chemicals.

Backed with up to £550,000 of funding from the CAN DO Innovation Challenge Fund initiative, the project will be led by Forest Enterprise Scotland (FES) partnered by Scottish Enterprise, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Scottish Government and the Scottish Funding Council.

Jo Ellis, FES Acting Head of Land Management, said; "This is a very welcome initiative that we hope will uncover some new, effective approaches to tackling a common and damaging forestry

pest."

Prospective innovators will have 8 weeks to submit proposals. The 5 most innovative ideas selected will be awarded up to £30,000 to

develop their idea further. If, after five months of development, the idea is subsequently proven, further funding of up to £200,000 can be awarded to test prototypes.



Hylobius abietis

Further information and details of how to apply can be found on

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/show/Search_View.aspx?ID=AUG327902

Paul Munro, Forestry Commission Scotland

Cleaner Callander

Many thanks to all who have been in touch to help in picking up litter around Callander. We now have 20 names on the list which is brilliant and gives us a good chance of making an impact.

Quite a few people already pick up litter regularly, either when out walking or on specific trips, and we are supplying litter pickers and gloves if wanted. Several areas are being covered that we didn't have on the radar; now we know it is because they are already being looked after! We currently have 15 litter pickers but have also applied for funding to buy more, along with gloves, vests, stencils and spray paint to add signage in problem areas. Others have said they prefer to join in group sessions that will target litter hot spots or more general clearing around town. Our first group pick was on 10th September at Bracklinn Falls and car park ahead of the visit to Callander by delegates to a Social Enterprise Conference in Edinburgh. The next is likely to be after the mid-October half term and will be announced to the team and on posters.

We have been talking to Stirling Council, the National Park and both schools who are all keen to support our campaign as resources allow. Stirling Council will lend us litter pickers, vests and bags for group events. They have moved a set of large bins in the Meadows Car Park to be more obvious as overflows for the smaller bins by the river and will add signs. New signs, asking for dog waste to be collected and put into bins, have been put up in the Meadows and logos sprayed onto regular dog walking tracks. They have also promised more patrols by the wardens who are empowered to impose on the spot fines on anyone refusing to pick up litter they have been seen to drop. Members of the public are asked to take care if speaking to litter louts, as some may not be over-friendly. The old litter bins will be replaced over the next couple of years, starting from the High School. Unfortunately, the design is virtually the same so won't prevent birds emptying the ones by the river.

The National Park policy is not to put bins in their car parks but to

encourage people to take litter home. The majority of people do take litter away and emptying bins is considered expensive. Also bins have been set on fire by hot BBQ ashes. NP Rangers do go out to clear litter but have a huge area to cover. We are starting to record the litter we are removing to help them build up a picture of the problem. Signs will be added at Bracklinn Falls car park to remind people to take litter away and the addition of a dog bin hasn't been ruled out. Both the Primary School and McLaren High are keen to get involved and we will meet soon to agree their preferred roles.

If you want to be added to our list of volunteers, or have suggestions of where or how we should be targeting our efforts, then please get in touch, either by email to Keith Wilson kw02uk@gmail.com or Lesley Hawkins mlhawkins@tiscali.co.uk or leave a note in the library addressed to Cleaner Callander.

Lesley Hawkins

Autumn in Glen Finglas

After a very dry and warm summer, it suddenly turned autumnal quite quickly. The mornings are feeling cooler and colours are starting to change. Nature is slowing down and getting ready for another season.

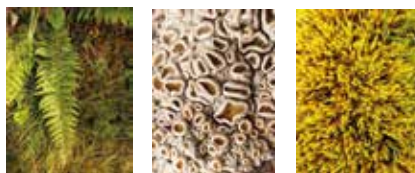
This change has been visible whilst being out in the glen. I've been struck by the detail of our natural environment, its shapes, texture, colours, etc. Have you taken the time lately to stand still, listen to the silence around you, whilst looking at what is beneath your feet? It's a whole micro world, unknown to me but equally fascinating. Seeing crusty lichens looking like jam tarts in brown-creamy colours, or the long dark glossy green fern with an almost leathery texture. Species belonging to higher altitudes such as the Holly fern (*Polystichum lonchitis*) with its long bristle-like teeth or the delicate and small Alpine meadow-rue (*Thalictrum alpinum*) with its

proportionately large yellow anthers dangling from the florets. As you can guess, I've been hanging out with botanists and bryophytists who invigorated my botanical interest.

Associated with the botanical knowledge expansion, several Woodland Trust volunteers participated in tree regeneration monitoring on the estate. This long-standing project investigates tree regeneration on the open hillside and how we can adjust our management accordingly.

Get outside! Enjoy autumn's colourful landscape but don't forget the hidden micro countryside too. You needn't travel far to see a great deal.

Gwen Raes



Photos Gwen Raes; Hard Shield Fern, *Ochrolechia*, *Philonotis*

Loch Katrine visitors support mountain path repairs

£1,000 raised by the Steamship Sir Walter Scott Company from visitors has been given to support mountain path repairs at Ben Venue and Ben A'an. The path work has been undertaken as part of the 5-year "Mountains and the People" programme. The Friends of Loch Lomond and The Trossachs recently accepted the cheque for £1,000 as part of the "Friends of OUR Park" visitor giving scheme, which was set up by the Friends to keep Scotland's first National Park beautiful and assist worthy causes.

Friends' Eco Tourism Project Manager, Jared Bowers said:

"We express sincere thanks to staff and customers at the Steamship Company for their continued support, and we look forward to extending this mutually beneficial relationship for many years to come."

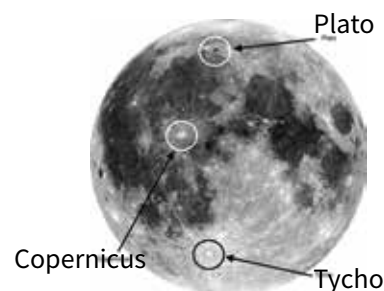
Commenting on the Friends' project, Gordon Allan, Managing Director of the Steamship Company, said: "We have worked closely with the Friends over the years and they have done a great job supporting many worthwhile projects through the Friends of OUR Park visitor giving scheme which we have been pleased to support."

Over 100 diverse heritage and access projects with a project value of around £1 million have been supported over the years as part of the visitor giving scheme and the seedcorn funding provided has helped lever additional funds from other funding sources.

For more information on the Friends, call 01389 727761, email info@lochlomondtrossachs.org.uk or visit www.lochlomondtrossachs.org.uk

Jared Bowers

Take one small step.....



Our moon has been shining down on Earth long before humans ever appeared on the planet. During dinosaurs' time it was slightly closer to Earth and hence appeared bigger and clearer in the night sky. This means tides were higher during dinosaurian times.

The Moon is the easiest object to observe in the night sky and even a modest pair of binoculars will allow you to view its craters. In 1651 Giovanni Riccioli was the first to give names to the craters, naming them after great scientists and philosophers including himself! Scientists believed as recently as the 1950's that craters were extinct volcanoes but visiting spacecraft soon proved that they were caused by asteroids and meteoroids impacting on its surface during its early history. The best time to see craters on the Moon is when it appears half-lit. Look along the line between the illuminated and dark parts of the Moon where craters and mountains stand out because of the low sun angle.

See if you can locate the bright crater Copernicus in the Ocean of Storms on the left side of the Moon or the bright highland crater Tycho near the bottom of the Moon's disk. A darker crater which is easy to spot is Plato, a big crater, spanning some 100 km but, unlike many large lunar craters, it lacks a rough floor and jagged central peak. That's because the crater is ancient, nearly 4 billion years old, and was long ago filled in by a flood of lava from volcanic activity or an impact event in the early days of the Moon. You can find the Plato crater near the top of the Moon's disk.

Keith Wilson

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WHAT IS ON IN CALLANDER KIRK FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES?

Messy Church
Saturday morning once a month in the Kirk Hall

10:30am to 12:30pm

Dates for 2018:
September 22nd
October 27th
November 17th
St Andrew's Church Hall
December 15th

Each month we choose a Bible-based theme to explore. We base our games, crafts, activities, worship and story-telling on that theme.

Messy church is for families of all ages.

We finish each session by sharing lunch together.

Sunday Morning Services
10am: Informal service in the Kirk Hall
11:15am: Traditional service in the Kirk.
Last Sunday of each month: All Age Service in the Kirk at 11.15am

FLU DAY

It is that time of year again! We are continuing to run our regular yearly flu immunisation day at Callander Medical Centre.

This year it is on **Friday 26th of October 2018**. Those eligible will be able to come along between 8.30 am and 5.30 pm.

Both practices will be fundraising on the day for charity.

Messages from Bracklinn & Leny Practices

Who is eligible for the seasonal vaccines at the practice?

- Anyone over the age of 65 can have the influenza vaccine. Those over 75 will receive a different vaccine this year.
- Adults between the age of 18 & 64 with a chronic disease diagnosis ie Asthma, diabetes, IHD, COPD etc.
- Unpaid carers
- Children aged between 2-5 pre-school can receive the nasal flu vaccine
- ★ Please note - children of primary school age need to get their vaccine at school

Public Holidays & Staff Training Day

Bracklinn Practice will be closed in the afternoon on Monday 15th of October 2018 and Leny Practice will be closed for the full day. This is in line with Forth Valley Health Board Public Holidays. Both practices will also close from 12.30 pm on Wednesday 24th October 2018 for staff training and development. Should you require urgent medication attention on either of these days please dial 111. In the event of a medical emergency please dial 999.

Leny Practice Staff

Sadly, Susan Anderson, Practice Nurse at Leny is retiring from her role from 20th October 2018. Susan joined the practice in 2016 and brought with her a great deal of knowledge and experience which will be greatly missed. We have a new nurse ready to replace Susan and she will take up post at the end of September. We wish Susan a happy and healthy retirement.

Both practices are in the process of employing a new GP. The new doctor will work with both practices but working days have yet to be agreed. The doctor will not be able to start until early 2019. I am sure you will all welcome our new team member but we ask that you will be understanding that until this time both practices will be short staffed. Due to the serious shortage of GPs available in Scotland (which has been well publicised), we have worked very hard and are lucky to have secured a new doctor. The majority of GP practices now have unfilled positions and there is no short term resolution of this problem. Both practices also work hard to recruit locum doctors, but again this is challenging due to the national shortage and we are not always able to back fill for holiday leave etc.

Patient Focus Group

We are holding another Patient Focus Group Meeting on Tuesday 6th of November 2018 from 1pm to 3pm. Only one person attended the last meeting and we are trying hard to get this group

established. Our aim is for this group to eventually be patient-led but with practice representation. This is a chance for you to be involved and have a say in future changes and challenges in General Practice under the new GP contract.

Pharmacy First

Appointments are at a premium and there are many things your local pharmacist can deal with under the Government funded Pharmacy First Scheme. Minor ailments such as eye infections, urine infections, rashes, stings, tick removal etc can all be dealt with easily by the local pharmacy teams. Please contact them in the first instance. This is a Government initiative and part of the new GP contract.



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The Callander Walk in the Park group



Have had a busy summer enjoying a variety of walks and activities in the stunning surroundings of the local countryside. Helped greatly by the unusually warm and sunny weather, walkers enjoyed taking part in the Callander Summerfest programme and held 4 town walks during the 2 weeks of the festival. The photo shows the group stopping to pose for the camera along the cycle track towards Kilmahog during

Tuesday afternoon from 2-3pm in the Fire Station followed by a short 10min walk for those who want it. Please see the BLV 'What's On' page for more information or pick up a flier from the Medical Centre or Visit Scotland.

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 07852 334272 or send an email to: cathy.scott@lochlomond-trossachs.org

For more information about the Walk in the Park programme visit



www.trustinthepark.org/walk-in-the-park

a very pleasant morning stroll.

It was certainly a summer for having a picnic and the group took full advantage of the dry weather, enjoying a picnic after a walk around Flanders Moss, the largest lowland raised bog in the UK. A whole host of specialist plants and animals make their home in this fascinating place, including a large number of colourful dragon flies enjoying this wetland environment. As we strolled along the all-abilities boardwalk, several lizards were seen basking in the sunshine. Climbing up the viewing tower gave us a fantastic overview across the reserve.

We love to welcome new members, so if you would like to join us the walks and session times are:

Tuesday Morning Walk, 10.20am
see schedule for meeting point
Strength and Balance sessions,

Callander Cycle Meanders

Are you a cyclist? Or looking to return to cycling? Do you want some company on your bike and to discover new local routes? Every Tuesday morning, a small group of cyclists meet in The Square at 10am for a weekly meander out on their bikes. As the name suggests, this is a leisurely ride, usually between 8-12miles. The meanders are led by qualified Cycle Ride Leaders and it's a safe and supportive environment so nobody gets left behind! Come and join us. There'll be weekly meanders every Tuesday until the end of November (restarting February 2019). Contact Colin Walsh (07963 736044) or Maggie Magor (339074) for more information.

COOK'S CORNER

by Audrey Corrieri

PARSNIP and STILTON SOUP

Serves 6

Ingredients:

1 medium onion, peeled and roughly chopped
1 stick of celery, chopped
9 parsnips, peeled and roughly chopped
2 Tbsp of olive oil
1.5 litres of vegetable stock
Croûtons: 100g bread cut into 1 cm cubes
1tbsp of olive oil
Stilton cheese

Method: Place the onion, celery and parsnips into a food processor and whizz until finely chopped. Heat 2tbsp olive oil in a large pan, then fry the chopped vegetables for 2-3 minutes until they begin to soften. Season. Pour in the vegetable stock and simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile, heat the 1tbsp olive oil in a frying pan over a high heat, then fry the cubes of bread until golden. Drain on some kitchen roll and set aside. Blend the soup in a few batches until smooth. Divide the soup between six bowls. Crumble some Stilton into each bowl, then add the croûtons and serve immediately.

A New Season of Films to Enjoy at The Callander Cinema.

At 7:30pm on Sunday November 11th we open the 42nd season of community cinema in Callander with a screening of Dunkirk. We will screen a varied selection of 15 Award Winning movies with Oscar Winners, Comedy, Drama, Western, Horror, and Foreign films, and a Christmas Movie for the family. The season will run from November 2018 to June 2019 for the bargain price of £26, which works out at less than £2 per movie.

Due to flooding, remodelling and uncertainty about the sale of St Kessogs we will be moving our screenings to 7:30pm on Sunday nights to the Callander Youth Project at 6 Bridgend, Callander FK17 8AH.

We have received sponsorship from local companies: Julie Carmichael at Deli Ecosse, Gordon Esson at Man Cave Barber Shop, Dave McAlpine Construction, Callander Youth Project, Gordon Halliday at Spirit of Callander and the Texas Hold'Em Poker players at The Waverley. Visitors and locals are always welcome. It's £5 at the door for non-members.

We are online at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Movie/Callander-Film-Society-146407232119375/>

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See you at the movies.

Eammon O'Boyle (01877-339323)

CALLANDER and DISTRICT ARTHRITIS CLUB

Welcome back to our Autumn meetings. I hope you have all had a good summer. On Tuesday, 16th October, we have Rock 'n' Reel - fun fitness for the over 50s, always in a chair. It starts at 7.30pm in Callander Kirk Hall, and there will be a raffle and refreshments.

Also in October, we have our Quiz Night - same time, same place - but on Tuesday, 23rd.

On Tuesday, 20th November, we are having a talk about our local graveyards by Sue McKay - usual time and place.

Fiona Snow Secretary

Lodge Ben Ledi



It has been rather quiet over the summer. But on Saturday 28th July we held a tombola in Ancaster Square to raise funds for Scottish Action For Children, who provide care for children with special needs. We raised £355 for them that was very gratefully received.

We would like to Mr Tom Jones and members of the Royal British Legion who worked with the brethren of Lodge Ben Ledi to donate and collect the prizes as well as being part of the team on the stall. An especial thank you to Mrs Lynne Schroder for the use of her marque and all the help she gave us.

GERMAN-SPEAKING GROUP IN CALLANDER

Das nächste Treffen der Gruppe wird am FREITAG 5. OKTOBER 2018 um 19.00 in "Ardess", 24 Bridgend, Callander stattfinden.

Das Thema für unsere Diskussion ist folgendes: Soll das iPad oder ähnliches als neues Unterrichtsmedium an allen Schulen eingeführt werden?

Wir freuen uns darauf, Eure Meinungen über die potentielle Vorteile/Nachteile zu erfahren.

Wir werden uns auch wahrscheinlich, wie gewöhnlich, mit einigen Wortspielen beschäftigen. Alle Vorschläge für zukünftige Diskussionsthemen wären auch gerne empfangen.

Alle sind herzlich willkommen, die sich für die Gelegenheit interessieren, mit unserer Gruppe auf deutsch zu unterhalten. Die Teilnehmer sind sowohl Schotten (und Engländer) als auch Muttersprachler, die hier in Schottland wohnen.

Falls Ihr Fragen dazu stellen wollt, ruft bitte Jen Shearer, 01877-330446 oder 07710-232908 (Handy) an.

Email: jenshearer@gmail.com. Wir freuen uns darauf, Euch alle am 5. Oktober wieder bei uns begrüßen zu dürfen. NB Alle Teilnehmer sind gebeten, sich im Voraus bis Dienstag 2 Oktober bei Jen anzumelden, damit es genügend Kuchen gibt!

JEN u PETER

Callander & West Perthshire U3A



What a pleasure it was on 21st August to meet again leaders and members of C&WP U3A who enjoyed group meetings held in Killin and were now enrolling for the 2018/19 year. Recruiting for a new group, in addition to the existing four, was gaining a lot of interest. This was Geology, a new subject to join the Painting, Bridge, French and Current Affairs groups which had been meeting for the last two years in the Killin Hotel - an excellent venue for all group activities.

Barbara Legg

Two days later, on 23rd August, the main membership of C&WP met for the AGM and registration for groups held in and around Callander. It was a very busy and friendly afternoon with 128 people in attendance who

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voted on a small change in the C&WP Constitution and also elected the new Committee. The Chairman, Ray Watkins, announced the successful application for a substantial grant to be used for equipment to enhance the Astronomy Group's activities. Teas and home baking were enjoyed while circulating to sign up for the 33 different interest groups on offer and the hall buzzed with conversation as members met up again after the summer recess. 31 new members have also enrolled which is very encouraging and proves that the message of the U3A is spreading – we meet together to Learn, Laugh and Live. The full timetable is on our website 'Callander and West Perthshire U3A' along with more details of what we do and how to join (for only £10 per annum).

Marguerite Kobs

British Heart Foundation



Thank you to everyone who has recently donated goods to us - you are enabling BHF to fund ground breaking research and also pay for specialist nurses to support people with heart problems.

As we head towards winter, we would really appreciate gifts of winter clothing and shoes - you'd be surprised how many people visit Callander wearing the wrong clothes (or as they say, we have the wrong weather) and then come to us to help them out, which is a great boost for our sales. We also need more volunteers, so if you have any free time to help in the shop, then we will be delighted to meet you - just pop in and see if you think it's something you'd like to do through the winter months. Thank you.

Sue King

Rotary Club of Callander & West



Perthshire

Callander's Rotarians have enjoyed a busy summer, firstly during Summerfest, with a day of Fun and Games in the Square when lots of children (and their parents) enjoyed joining in games such as Splat the Rat and Hook a Duck!

Then, at the end of July, we were pleased to have the support of Liz Campbell and her Highland Dancers once again, who delighted tourists and local residents with some fine displays of dancing in Ancaster Square. We were only thwarted by the weather on one afternoon during the week! Thanks to the generosity of local people and visitors, and to the amazing energy and efforts of Liz, her kilted youngsters, and the pipers and compères, these daily performances enabled us to collect over £400, which will be used to support local organisations and good causes in the coming year.

Our Annual Charity Golf Competition on August 17th saw 14 teams braving the rather inclement weather to play on a somewhat damp course. We very much appreciated their determination, and their generosity in supporting this fundraising event. Thanks are also due to a wide range of local businesses and individuals who, as always, provided sponsorship and prizes. At the end of a day of good cheer and competitive spirit, the foursome from GT Roofing were declared the worthy winners and we realised a net total of £2500, which will be distributed to a wide range of local good causes, including this year's two main beneficiaries: Start Up Stirling (who now operate a weekly foodbank, food delivery and advice service in Callander) and Citizens Advice Bureau (who also offer advisory sessions on a weekly basis in our town).

We count ourselves fortunate indeed to receive such staunch support from the people of

Callander for all our fundraising ventures; and we look forward to welcoming lots of people to our Bottle Stall in Ancaster Square on Sat 29th September, during the Jazz Festival

Jen Shearer

Alzheimer Scotland

Charity BBQ

Saturday 14th July

On a sunny Saturday in July (nothing unusual this year apart from the fact that the Friday and the Sunday that week were both wet) a group of friends gathered in an oasis of peace and tranquillity, in the centre of Callander: the garden of number 80 Main Street.



The assembled company enjoyed freshly grilled burgers and bratwurst accompanied by a selection of salads all washed down by liberal amounts of well chilled lagers, white wine and rosé. Tea and coffee were available for drivers, or those so disposed. Beautiful cup cakes were enjoyed by twenty-four lucky people who were in the right place at the right time. These were kindly supplied by a lady from Aberfoyle.

The day was judged to be an unqualified success, with many enjoying conversations with old and new friends; in fact some made multiple visits over the course of the day 2pm–10pm

A testimony to the success was the generosity of those who attended, and also many unable to attend, who made unsolicited donations, benefitting the charity to the tune of £550.

A big thank you to all who contributed and special thanks to the indefatigable souls who helped me set things up, you know who you are! Take a bow.

These events rarely run smoothly without a dedicated back room staff.

Ronnie Forbes



Rain stops play.

Back in November 2017, over a get-together in Deli Ecosse, the Greener Callander team decided to apply for the Beechgrove Garden to record one of their roadshows in Callander. Looking back to the December deadline, the 9 month gestation has been an interesting time. At month 3 we got confirmation that the event could happen, subject to final confirmation by the producer. Early in month 8 we got the good news that it would come to term in early September. It arrived, was fussed over by close family and friends, and shown to the wider population on 27th September.

In early August the producers from Tern TV came to recce our proposed sites. How could they fail to be impressed on a beautiful sunny day by Loch Venachar, Ben Ledi towering over the town and our

glorious planters and gardens at their peak?

On 4th September the lighting, sound and camera crews set up in the Golf Club's main room. Next day they went out to film general views of Callander and to record the presenters' introduction/scene setting in the Friendship and Frerichs gardens, standing in the beds we had done least to manicure!!

Seated 'love-seat' style on a metal



*Hilary & Jim
in the Square.*



Presenters doing the introduction.

bench in Ancaster Square, Hilary and Jim chatted about Greener Callander's history and activities, admirably ignoring the background noise of buses, cars, passing forestry lorries, a motor bike and, unbelievably, a skip lorry driving round the square! Passers-by stopped to watch, take selfies, get autographs and make a note of when it would be broadcast. Cameramen roamed around taking photos, Brian did a piece around the War Memorial and got the plum job of talking about the flowery bollard covers (courtesy of the Meet & Make and U3A Knit & Natter groups)

The highlight of the visit was the Gardeners' Q&A session at the Golf Club on the evening of the 5th when a panel of Jim McColl, Carole Baxter, George Anderson and Brian Cunningham tried to answer questions submitted by the audience. Mark Stephen was the entertaining MC for the evening,



Brian giving sowing advice.

keeping everything on track. This 1hr 40 minutes session (apparently longer than usual) will be edited down to 15 minutes, unfortunately losing much of the panel's banter. Feedback from the producers was that it had been a very good event, with 20 questions and a full, happy audience (due to free wine?). Lucy and Lynne, with help from other Horticultural Society members, organised excellent floral decorations within a very limited



Lesley chatting to Carole.

space; sunflower garland and wall displays continued the autumnal theme of the veg boxes and Primary School wonky veg from the recent CDHS annual show. The land girl in the corner was pretty quiet but obviously taking in all the advice. It was really good to have a mixed audience, including teenage and Primary School budding gardeners.

Thursday 6th was filming of 3 gardens, each taking about 2 hours for a bare 3 minutes in the TV programme. Georgie Rhymer was filmed chatting to George in her beautiful cottage garden by the river, despite showers and a couple



Georgie chats to George.

of passing aircraft..

The crew of 6 plus Carole (my new best friend) arrived at my exposed garden in torrential rain but it did clear for long enough to film me forgetting a lot of what I intended to say. Still, I did get some free gardening advice before I let Carole go home! Incredibly, as a cameraman filmed cows clustered by the fence with Ben Ledi beautifully lit in the background, a Sikorski helicopter flew above the field at about 500 ft – probably won't be in the final cut!



Raised beds at Trossachs Tryst.

The presenters said Goodbye at Trossachs Tryst, where children from Dunblane High harvested fruit and veg from the very productive and attractive raised beds.

Overall, it was an exhausting experience but well worth the effort. There was great feedback from the audience and the producers about the Q&A session and hopefully it will be a good advertisement for Callander. What shall we do next year?

Lesley Hawkins

PS If you would like to join the Greener Callander team just get in touch with me:

mlhawkins@tiscali.co.uk or Hilary: mail@hilarygunkel.co.uk

Beechgrove Q&A



I had the pleasure of attending BBC's Beechgrove Garden Q&A at Callander Golf Course on Wednesday 5th September. The event was part of their roadshow to celebrate being on air for 40 years.

Our incredible MC for the night was Mark Stephen, making us all laugh. He was joined by the panel of experts, Carole Baxter, Brian Cunningham, George Anderson and of course Jim McColl, who regularly present the show.

There were 20 questions picked out of roughly 70-80 questions, ranging from willow, mystery plants and apples. I was

particularly interested in a question raised by a young boy, around a similar age to me, from Dunblane High. He asked, "What advice do you give to aspiring young gardeners?". This of course peaked my interest and was very intrigued to hear the panel's responses.

Jim responded by saying he wants young people, certainly older teens, to "...eat, sleep, drink and work it". He then followed on with his fascinating story of his education, which was as an apprentice and living in a bothy in the garden. Jim also said that practical work, outside of school, is very important in getting your foot in the door.

Jim was followed by Carole. She agreed with Jim and said to get your own patch of land, whether at home or in an allotment, she said it's great for "experimenting" and the more experience, the better.

Brian agreed with both Jim's and Carole's points and is a firm believer in having a school garden and said if you don't "Badger your teachers to get one!" He, being head gardener at Scone Palace, wants aspiring young gardeners to get in contact with head gardeners across Scotland asking if they could get some work experience or a morning of volunteering at their sites.

George wanted to stress that it's important to "...move around..." and also to get a good range of environments and differing challenges. Lastly George stated, "It's a fantastic business: get stuck into it lad!"

I caught up with the presenters at the end and George wanted to reinforce a previous point "Not to let anyone at school put you off gardening."

It was overall a very interesting, enjoyable, funny, eye opening night and has given me ideas and motivation.

Aidan Cronin

What's on in October and November

REGULAR MEETINGS

• Mondays:

- Yoga (adults) 9.30-11.00am Callander Golf Club
- Weekly drop in WORK I.T. 10.00-11.00am Callander Library
- Chair Yoga 11.15am -12.15pm Callander Golf Club
- Gentle Yoga 3.00-4.00pm Callander Golf Club
- Scrabble 2.00pm Waverley Hotel (1st and 3rd Mon)
- Highland Dancing 4.00pm Kirk Hall (not 15th, 22nd or 29th October)
- Cubs 6.15pm Primary School
- Guides 7.00pm 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 Callander Golf Club
- CAOS rehearsals 7.30pm McLaren High School (not 15th October)

• Tuesdays:

- Craigard Club 10.30am to 1.00pm Kirk Hall
- Walk in the Park 10.20 am (see schedule by date below)
- Callander Cycle Meander meet 10.00am Ancaster Square (contact 01877 339074)
- Kwik Cricket 5.00-6.00pm McLaren Rugby pitch
- Army Cadet Force training 7.00pm Kirk Hall
- Badminton Club 7.30pm McLaren Leisure Centre

• Wednesdays:

- Callander Kids 9.30am Kirk Hall
- Citizens Advice Bureau 10.00am-12.30pm Callander Library
- Teapot Café 10.30am Kirk Hall Library

- Yoga 11.00-12.30pm Callander Golf Club
- ESOL classes (beginners) 3.00pm Burgh Chambers
- YES beginners 6.00pm intermediate/advanced 7.30pm McLaren Leisure Centre
- Bridge Club 6.50pm Old Bank
- Song Squad 7.15-9.15pm Fire Station

• Thursdays:

- Weekly drop in I.T. & ME 2.00-4.00pm Callander Library
- 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 for age 8+ 4.30-5.30pm Callander Golf Club
- Family Yoga for age 5+ 5.30-6.30pm Callander Golf Club
- Yoga (adults) 8.00-9.30pm Callander Golf Club

• Fridays:

- Craigard Club 10.30am to 1.00pm Kirk Hall

• 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

• OCTOBER

Friday 5th

• *Ben Ledi View published*

- German-speaking group meet 7.00pm 'Ardess', 24 Bridgend

• Tuesday 9th

- Walk in the Park Bridgend and Meadows meet 10.20am Ancaster Square
- SWT talk Susan Davies '50 for the Future' 7.30pm Kirk Hall Library

• Thursday 11th

- Thursday Club meeting 2.00pm Kirk Hall Library
- Community Council Public Meeting re City Deal 7.00pm Callander Hostel

• Saturday 13th

- Walk in the Park Aberfoyle Walking Festival Health Walk 3.00pm Woollen Mill Car Park (book with Cathy on 01877 330055 for car share/high tea etc)
- Golf Junior Section Dance Evening with Shaky 9.00pm-1.00am Golf Club (Booking essential on 01877 330090)

• Monday 15th

- Bracklinn Practice closed from 12.30pm and Leny Practice closed all day
- Community Council meet 7.30pm Callander Hostel
- Tuesday 16th
- Walk in the Park Bracklinn Falls (car share) meet 10.20am Ancaster Square
- Arthritis Club Rock 'n' Reel: Fun Fitness for over 50s 7.30pm Kirk Hall

• Wednesday 17th

- Ramblers Ramble: Seven Missing Links (8 miles) 9.30am (contact 01877 330032)

• Thursday 18th

- Callander Kirk Guild meeting 2.00pm Kirk Hall

• Tuesday 23rd

- Walk in the Park Golf Club walk meet 10.20am Ancaster Square
- Arthritis Club Quiz Night 7.30pm Kirk Hall

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What's on in October and November (contd.)

• Wednesday 24th

- Both Medical Practices closed from 12.30pm for staff training
- Callander Heritage Society talk Gary Lawrie on 'Police during WWI' 7.00pm for 7.30pm Masonic Hall

• Thursday 25th

- Thursday Club meeting 2.00pm Kirk Hall Library

• Friday 26th

- **Flu Day vaccinations both practices 8.30am to 5.30pm Medical Centre**

• Saturday 27th

- Ramblers Hill: Beinn an t-Sithein, Strathyre (572m) 8.30 am (contact 01877 384227)
- Callander's Got Talent Contest 7.00pm Kirk Hall
- Celtic Worship folk concert 7.00pm Killin Parish Church

• Sunday 28th

- Callander Target Sports Club Clay Pigeon Shoot 10.00am Callander contact Bob Farquhar on 07721 744229 to book)
- Spooktacular - Halloween Party 11.00am - 1.00pm McLaren Leisure

• Monday 29th

- **Blood Donating Session 4.00-7.30pm Kirk Hall**

• Tuesday 30th

- Walk in the Park NCR7 towards Kilmahog meet 10.20am Medical Centre

• NOVEMBER

• Thursday 1st

- Callander Kirk Guild meeting 2.00pm Kirk Hall

• Tuesday 6th

- Walk in the Park NCR7 towards Leny Falls (car share) meet 10.20am Ancaster Square

• Wednesday 7th

- Ramblers Ramble: Pools of Muckhart Circular (8.5 miles) (contact 07737682426) 9.30am

• Thursday 8th

- Thursday Club meeting 2.00pm Kirk Hall Library

• Saturday 10th

- St Andrew's Christmas Fayre from 10.00am to 2.00pm Kirk Hall

• Sunday 11th

• **Ben Ledi View copy deadline**

- Remembrance Sunday service at Callander Kirk and then to War Memorial Ancaster Square

- Film Society 'Dunkirk' 7.30pm Callander Hostel

• Monday 12th

- Community Council meet 7.30pm Callander Hostel

• Tuesday 13th

- Walk in the Park Loch Venachar (car share) meet 10.20am Ancaster Square
- SWT Talk Irene Tomankova 'Curlew Conservation' 7.30pm Kirk Hall Library

• Wednesday 14th

- Heritage Society Paul Bishop on 'Water Wheels and Mills' 7.00pm for 7.30pm Masonic Hall

• Thursday 15th

- Callander Kirk Guild meeting 2.00pm Kirk Hall

• Saturday 17th

- Ramblers Hill: Doughnot Hill (374m, 6 miles) (contact 01877 339080) 8.30am

• Tuesday 20th

- Walk in the Park Strathyre (car share) meet 10.20am Ancaster Square
- Arthritis Club talk Sue MacKay 'Local Graveyards' 7.30pm Kirk Hall

• Thursday 22nd

- Thursday Club meeting 2.00pm Kirk Hall Library

• Saturday 24th

- Kirk Christmas Fayre 10.30am -12.30pm Kirk Hall

• Sunday 25th

- Callander Target Sports Club Clay Pigeon Shoot 10.00am Callander (contact Bob Farquhar on 07721 744229)
- Film Society 'The Post' 7.30pm Callander Hostel

• Tuesday 27th

- Walk in the Park Tulipan and Meadows meet 10.20am Ancaster Square

• Wednesday 28th

- Ramblers Stroll: Denovan and Dales Wood (4 miles) (contact 01786 825682) 9.30am

• Thursday 29th

- Callander Kirk Guild meeting 2.00pm Kirk Hall

• Friday 30th

- Winterfest Concert by CAOS and the Junior Choir 7.30pm McLaren High

• DECEMBER

• Saturday 1st

- Rotary Club, Christmas Coffee, Lunch & Crafts 10.30am to 3.00pm Kirk hall
- Santa's Parade and Switch On of Christmas Lights 4.00pm Ancaster Square

- Family Disco 5.30pm Callander Hostel

- Rusty Strings concert with Jamie MacDougall 7.30pm Callander Kirk

• Sunday 2nd

- Craft workshops from 9.00am Elves Workshop McLaren Leisure
- Youth Carol Service 6.30pm Callander Kirk

• Wednesday 5th

- Ramblers Hill: Craigmore, Aberfoyle (387m) (contact 01877 331834) 9.30am

• Thursday 6th

- Thursday Club meeting 2.00pm Kirk Hall Library

• Friday 7th

- **Ben Ledi View published**

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Callander was visited by a number of groups from various Social Enterprises on the 10th/11th September. A Scottish delegate from Royal British Legion Industries was joined by representatives from Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan and Japan to share their Social Enterprises with us and view ours.

A successful visit to the town's Hydro Scheme was followed by a sail on the Sir Walter Scott



where they were entertained by Marsha Luti and Sue Campbell

The highlight of the evening was a Folk Evening in the Old Rectory where they were entertained by Pure Malt and other 'happy' performers

On Tuesday morning the delegates arrived bright eyed and bushy tailed for a networking event



where they had the opportunity to meet a number of the local social enterprise organisations.

The afternoon started at 1.30 at the CYP where we set off for Doune Castle for an 'Outlander' experience. The two Taiwanese guests who travelled with us were very curious about the history of Callander and

its surroundings.

The visit to the castle included a demonstration by some members of Clanranald on traditional Highland dress and behaviour,

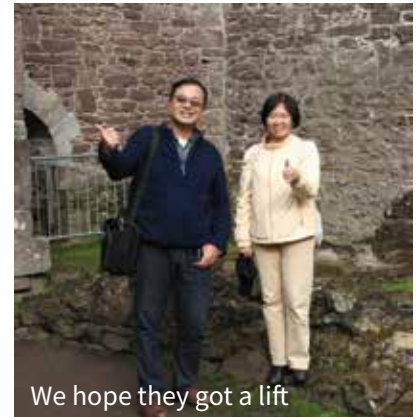


as can be seen from the above photograph showing Clayton Neil from Australia and Ching-Chi Wang from Taiwan. Clayton is a leader in Australian Centre for Rural Entrepreneurs (ACRE) which is a social enterprise tackling rural unemployment. It has recently

purchased an old jail where Ned Kelly spent many years, with the plan to open part of it as a tourist attraction and the rest as offices and workshops.

The other guest, Ching-Chi Wang, is a senior member of the Taiwanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is one of the figures running the Taiwanese delegation

Escaping from the Castle were Chi-Wu Tien, the manager for the Taiwanese Social and Family Affairs Association which supports social Enterprises for the disadvantaged,



We hope they got a lift

whilst Cathy Chang runs the Agriculture Multi-discipline Association of Taiwan, which is responsible for social enterprises that produce certifiable vegetables for direct sale to restaurants and which also support social enterprises that help development for the Taiwanese indigenous aboriginal community.

Lu-HSin Liu (Nancy) runs the Taiwan People's Food Bank programme, collecting donated food from individuals and businesses. It is then sent to 'not for profit' organisations e.g. day centres.



Che-Yang Chen (Paul) encourages environmentally friendly efficient vegetable production for farmers



with recognised provenance, so that restaurants know they are buying the best.



With Clayton and Peter Sacco from ACRE is fellow Australian Sandra Carey from Recycleability, a social enterprise with many corporate sponsors which provides community living and respite care for disabled people and their families.

The other with them is Angie Paskevicius whose Social Enterprises support individuals and families with drug and alcohol problems. Her newest venture is Drumbeat which helps with problems caused by the digital age - now used internationally.

Also with them from New Zealand are Louise Aitkin who founded Akina which supports the growth of social enterprises, sometimes with money, and provides a platform for them to buy and sell nationally and internationally.

A visit to Deanston Distillery followed, which due to the very helpful staff, was an experience.



Seen waiting in the cafe are the Children are Us Foundation delegates. The founders Kho-Jen Su and his wife Sue-Chen Hsiao had a disabled daughter and found little help for her. They started the Foundation with the help of other

parents to give interest and work for intellectually disabled youngsters.

They now run a chain of bakeries with restaurants to provide training and employment. They have many large corporate sponsors and Professor Yu-Yuan Kuan, who is a director of the Foundation also advises the Taiwanese Government on Social Policy. Amongst the team was Cynthia who was an excellent manager and English speaker.



Cung-Kuei Peng is the founder of GWG Social Charity Foundation which works with students 10 - 15 whose family or educational lives are very difficult. They live in the Foundation's hotel while they turn their lives around.

Liang Sun is a Japanese Professor who is here to study the use of Social Enterprises in Community Development in other countries.



Social Enterprise Award



Award-winning director and comedian Chris Addison visited Callander as it was named Scotland's first Social Enterprise Place.

Addison visited the Scottish town as it received the accreditation recognising it as a hotspot of social enterprise activity.

The Social Enterprise Places Programme is run by the membership body for the sector, Social Enterprise UK. A Social Enterprise UK patron, Chris Addison, said: 'Callander is a beautiful little town with beautiful big ideas, showing us what's possible when communities come together to take on local issues and make change happen. Scotland is bristling with brilliant social enterprises so it's quite the achievement for this fantastic town to have been named the country's first Social Enterprise Place.

Social enterprises are the business hope for the future - sustainable, profitable but driven by the desire to be good for people and the planet alike. Right now we're facing some pretty steep challenges, from rising inequality to climate change, and if we're going to tackle them we're going to need to learn from this growing, dynamic, innovative and passionate movement of social entrepreneurs. Callander's leading the way - here's hoping many more areas follow.'

A quiet interlude to admire the Ben

Thornhill Players



If you are interested in drama, whether acting, reading, dancing or singing, performance direction, helping backstage with costumes, painting scenery, stage management or lighting and sound, Thornhill Players will welcome you warmly. If you are experienced we can use you; if you are inexperienced we can coach you! People of all ages (18 upwards) from anywhere in the Trossachs and Stirling area are welcome. Performances, consisting of anything from full-length plays to quirky revues and one-act comedies, usually take place two or three times a year.

Our next performance is 'Gartmore Gambols' at Gartmore Village Hall - an evening of entertainment with the very successful one-act comedy 'Curses, Foiled Again', followed by an updated Variety Revue at 7.30pm on Saturday 20th October. Doors open 7.00 pm and there is a Licensed bar and raffle. Tickets, priced at £8.00, can be reserved via The Thornhill Players e-mail at thornhillplayersdrama@gmail.com or from Charlotte Johnston on 01786 850288.

CAOS and Callander Kirk Junior Choir

Rehearsals are already underway for *Annie*, which we are hoping will be as successful as *Oliver!* Once again Linda Cantlay and Iain Fraser will be "gently" putting CAOS and Callander Kirk Junior Choir through their paces, singing and dancing after a long summer break - it should be a great show. We have a few new faces which is encouraging for the old stalwarts (!), but there is always room for more. Annie isn't just for the youngsters and there are some great parts, even for men. Come along to rehearsals and be ready for auditions on 8th

November. You don't need to be on X Factor to get your 15 minutes of fame.

Please note: we are now back rehearsing in McLaren High, which is great as it gives us access to the stage for practising movement and dance in earnest.

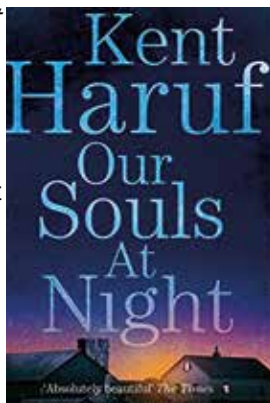
Our next event is the joint concert with the Junior Choir on Friday 30th November at 7.30pm in McLaren High which will be part of Winterfest. Hope to see you there

Steve Murphy

Book Club Review

Our Souls At Night by Kent Haruf (Picador, 2015)

This month's review is of *Our Souls At Night*, the final novel written by the late author Kent Haruf. Our main characters are Addie Moore and Louis



Waters, both in their 70s, and widowed. The book opens with Addie visiting Louis in his home. They are acquaintances who've lived in the same smalltown American neighbourhood for many years and knew each others' deceased partners. Addie asks Louis if he'd be interested to sleep with her - a somewhat bold proposition! However, she insists this is merely for companionship, to help them both get through the lonely nights.

What starts is a relationship of sorts. Addie and Louis lie side-by-side in the dark every night and talk to each other about their lives, their spouses and significant life-changing events. Slowly, news of their friendship and Louis' night-time visits become known around the town, but the couple are defiant in the face of cruel gossip.

However, when Addie's 6-year old grandson arrives to stay, things start to change.

Haruf tackles the big themes of loneliness and isolation, particularly for elderly people, and his narrative is compelling. He achieves a gentle minimalistic prose around the interactions between Addie and Louis. The actions and words of this determined couple really did make me smile and *Our Souls At Night* has a warm depth to it.

The book is short but very readable in one sitting. Haruf illustrates perfectly how to craft a short novel which is memorable and encourages self-reflection on our own everyday lives and the expectations we place on those around us. One of the more affecting lines from the book is when Addie says she has made the decision to be free. Does she achieve this? I won't give you any spoilers. I'd just encourage you to read this book.

The next BLV book club review will be *Your Second Life Begins When You Realize You Only Have One* by Raphaele Giordano (Bantam Press: 2018).

Maggie Magor



Rusty Strings with Jamie MacDougall



Jamie MacDougall

This year Rusty Strings are thrilled to have tenor, Jamie MacDougall, as their guest Artiste. Jamie is a widely experienced and sought-after singer. He is also a well-known broadcaster, presenting such programmes as 'Proms in the Park' and 'Classics Unwrapped' for BBC Scotland. He has sung with a variety of orchestras including The BBC Scottish, The Scottish Chamber Orchestra, The Halle and The St. Louis and Houston Symphony Orchestra. He is also a 'Man of the Trossachs' and we are honoured that he has agreed to sing with us.

The charity this year is The Cancer Unit at Larbert Hospital. As this charity is close to Jamie's heart, we would really like to see a full house. Our concert this year will be in Callander Kirk, on Saturday 1st December and will be part of Callander's *Winterfest*. Refreshments and raffle tickets will be available in the Hall.

Jamie is an extremely busy musician, singing, broadcasting and coaching, and we are lucky to have him for this one-off special event. Tickets, priced £10, will be available soon from 'Brambles', Rusty Strings members, at the door, or by phoning Jean or Ron on [01877 331759](tel:01877331759).

Jean Thewlis

Callander Library

During *Summerfest*, the library ran two craft events for little mischief makers to come along and get up to no good. We made lollies (brussels sprouts made to look like lovely sweet confections) to prank mums and dads and we made magic tubes from which we could, amazingly, make ribbons appear. We also made lots of messy slime.



Awards Ceremony

'The Tesco Bank Summer Reading Challenge' went very well here in Callander and this year's theme was Mischief Makers, to celebrate 80 years of the *Beano*. Lots of children took part in the reading challenge and, shortly after they had returned to school, we held an Awards Ceremony for those who had succeeded in reading at least six books during the holidays, for which they received certificates and medals. Not everyone could come along, but those who did had a lot of fun making catapults. A huge well done to all!

Fiona Frize

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Saturday	10am – 12 noon	

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'Callander's Got Talent' Contest

Can you sing, dance, play a musical instrument or do comedy? If you can, then Callander Kirk would love you to enter our FREE talent contest which takes place on Saturday 27th October at 7.00pm in the Kirk Hall, where you will have a chance to win £50.00, along with the coveted title of 'Best Talent in Callander'!

All you have to do is read the terms and conditions below and register your act.

- The competition is open to all ages, amateurs and semi-professional.

- Contestants must be from Callander, Aberfoyle, Balquhiddier, Blair Drummond, Brig O Turk, Doune, Dunblane, Killin, Kippen, Lochearnhead, Port of Monteith, Strathyre or Thornhill.

- The content of your act must be suitable for family entertainment.

Ten acts will be chosen from the applications received and these will be the ones to perform on the night. To register, please email the Church office:

callanderkirk@btconnect.com.

The closing date to register your act is **12noon on Monday 15th October**

Tickets will be available from the Kirk Office every Wednesday and Thursday from 10th -24th October between 10.00am -12noon or from various local businesses in Callander. Audience tickets priced: Adult £5.00, Child £3.00, Family £15.00 (2 adults + 2 children). Remember - your votes will decide the winner! Please give your support and enjoy an evening of family entertainment.

The Fun(D)Raising & Fellowship Team, Callander Kirk

'The Stirling Crisis' Concert highlights a 'Callander Crisis'

When I arrived at the Callander Hostel for 'The Stirling Crisis' concert, I firstly noticed how quiet it was, with no anticipatory buzz from the audience. I also noticed that the band was trying to adjust to their own 'Callander Crisis' – the venue. They knew the acoustics in the venue were poor but had not anticipated that they would only be able to face four audience members, with the other seven seated around the corner.

The group of six talented local musicians, who all work within the medical profession (hence the name!), performed an interesting and varied programme of standard jazz classics as well as their own arrangements of more unusual pieces. They performed pieces featuring their singer Jenne McClure as well as instrumental numbers. It was wonderful to hear performances from people who play because they love music. Music played in an intimate setting will usually promote a response from the audience as they play, however, the band was playing to a white wall, two doors and an advertising blackboard. The audience also had the distraction of a staff member who had to cross back and forth to do his job.

Was the audience so small because of the poor venue and the knowledge that it could not do justice to the performance? Why doesn't Callander have a community centre in the heart of the town? Those in power should look at the facilities in Gartmore and help to provide a much needed heart to the Callander community.

Name Withheld

'Celtic Worship Concert', Killin



Celtic Worship is a new and exciting collaboration with some of Scotland's most talented folk musicians. It blends traditional and contemporary worship music, infused with a Scottish Celtic sound. Celtic Worship have performed in Adelaide, Scotland, Norway and Sweden.



They are recording their debut album in Autumn, planned for release in 2019. Musicians Steph Macleod, Mhairi Marwick, Scott Wood, Naomi Stirrat, Chris Amer, Gus Stirrat and Neil Paton will be giving a concert at Killin Parish Church on Saturday 27th October. Doors open at 7pm. Entry is free, with a donations box to cover costs. All profits will go to the Falls of Dochart Retirement Home. Please come along and support this event.

Kate Allen

Summerfest - Pop Up Scottish Opera'

As part of the Summerfest I attended "A little bit of HMS Pinafore" in July. I was very lucky to grab the last ticket as seating was limited! There were only two shows in what can best be described as an opera in your living

room. The idea of pop-up Opera is so clever, as its size did not detract from the atmosphere.

The truck, in which the opera took place, was decorated in the style of the Kings' Theatre in Glasgow, including a chandelier and luxurious carpeting. We were welcomed in by the usherette and taken to our seats, akin to a conventional theatre visit. And of course, everyone had a great seat as the truck was so compact!

HMS Pinafore was wholly performed by two singers and a narrator. With some clever artwork and an orchestra of just guitar and violin, the Gilbert and Sullivan production was brought to life. Such a great performance by two very talented singers who had to play several parts! It was very enjoyable and definitely suitable for all the family. Let's hope we get more such productions visiting us in Callander.

Finally, when I was doing some research on the singers from the show, I was interested to learn that the baritone is an impressive individual called Oscar Castellino, a former physics graduate turned opera singer, composer of "Mars Anthem" and guest singer at the Queen's Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant. We were truly honoured!

Susmita Skelsey

Callander Writing Group

From a Child to an Adult

From backyards to green fields
From cobbled streets to woodland walk
From rooftops to tree-tops
From factory stalks to majestic mountains
From pithead to church steeple
From pawnshops to coffee shops
From sooty clouds to starry skies
From Tyne to Teith.

Angela Tustin

Meet Your new National Park Representative



I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the locally elected National Park board member for the Callander ward. Callander was one of the highest turnouts at these elections and I would like to thank everyone that took part. That there were four candidates is also very encouraging and I would like to thank the other candidates for their positive contributions to the election. I would be very happy to meet with them or anyone else to discuss any National Park related matters. This is also an opportunity to thank the retiring representative, David Warnock, for his work during the two terms served.

Every locally elected member is appointed to the National Parks Planning panel. As such I cannot discuss any specific applications; however, I would be very interested to hear of any concerns or issues that people have relating to the current planning policies and procedures operated by the Park. This will be very useful to ensure I have a clear understanding of where there are perceived problems that may need addressing. With the agreed development in the Claish Farm area of Callander, the ongoing issues faced by our high street as well as balancing any further need for affordable homes with appropriate development, it is imperative that the National Park as our Planning Authority is delivering the policies that are relevant and pragmatic. There will also be a consultation on the Core Paths network between October and December this year that you may want to be involved in.

Over recent years we have seen an exponential growth in the use of motorhomes and I am very aware that they require appropriately sited and serviced locations. I am keen to progress constructive discussions with National Park officers about this issue. I know the Community Council are focussing on this issue and will be supporting their efforts.

I will do my best to represent the interests of the community and support the National Park to deliver for the area. To that end, it is always really useful to hear people's views on any Park related matter. Please use the following contact information and I will respond as quickly as possible.

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Martin Earl

Callander and District Horticultural Society Show Award Winners 2018

Marshall Rose Bowl Most Meritorious Exhibit	Charlotte Wood	Bob Pywell Quaich Most meritorious exhibit in Confined section	Janet Greenfield / Mike Luti
Callander Cottage Cup Most points in Confined section	Fiona Murphy	Bob McDougall Cup Best Tomato in show	I H Berry
Society's Challenge Shield Most points Confined Flowers	Janet Greenfield/ Jennifer Morris	Inga Cummins Salver Best Rose in confined section	Fiona Murphy
Tom Beith Cup Most points in Confined Vegetables	Sarah Hatton / Mike Luti	Children's Cup Most points in Children's section	Christina Wood
Roman Camp Challenge Most points in cut flowers in Open section	Norman McBean	Roslin Cottage Cup Best plant entry in Children's Section	Christina Wood
Esher Cup Most points in Open Vegetables	I H Berry		
Cambusmore Rose Bowl Vase of 5 roses	Janet Greenfield		
Abertay Cup Most points in Floral Art	Charlotte Wood		
Paterson Cup Most Meritorious in the Industrial section	Olga Watkins		
Stainton Cup Most points in Industrial section	Olga Watkins		
Campbell's Shortbread Cup	Olga Watkins		
Teith Cup biggest onion by weight	Norman McBean		
Jean Ailie Quaich Most points in sweet peas	Marilyn Willett		
		Special Prizes	
		1. Confined Flowers	Janet Greenfield
		2. Confined Vegetables	Mike Luti
		3. Floral Art	Charlotte Wood
		4. Industrial	Olga Watkins
		5. Open Flowers	Norman Bean
		6. Open Vegetables	I H Berry

Kilmahog

People might think Kilmahog was the site of an ancient slaughterhouse. They are wrong:



Kilmahog was a place of religious importance as indicated by its name. Place names beginning with 'Kil' (church) are typically associated with the early Celtic Saints and their missionary work. Cille-ma-huig in Gaelic, so the name comes from 'Cell of St Chug' or 'church dedicated to Saint Chug'. Information about the elusive Saint Chug is hard to find, so can anyone help? The graveyard in Kilmahog is where the church used to be. The church has long since disappeared: it is last mentioned in 1723

The village was at one time bigger than Callander. Around the turn of the 19th Century, forty-eight families are recorded as living in Kilmahog. Many of the families worked on their small crofts, on the Leny estate or in one of the four mills that were situated



in Kilmahog. The meal mill was used by farmers to grind their corn but they became redundant when the farmers were no longer required to use a specific mill. All the mills ran on water diverted from the river Leny. The presence and decline of so many mills highlights the change from agriculture to industry as the

industrial revolution took hold in Scotland. The meal mill was taken down when the road was widened and diverted around Kilmahog.

One mill remains that is possibly 18th Century in origin. There is a lade with sluice gates, water wheel and gearings. The weaving shed, which extends over the lade, has been altered and is no longer used for weaving. Even the entrance to the mill has been altered.

Kilmahog was at the junction of several roads and the tenants had long leases, so they built the good quality houses we see today rather than the more temporary buildings seen in other communities. The tollhouse from earlier days is at the side of the road; not an easy house to live in as, drivers have collided with it.



The Dreadnought Hotel

Was built around 1802 and was the last possession in this country of the chieftain of the McNabs. The hotel derives its name from the ancient clan motto "Dread Nought."

Displayed above the doorway on Leny road, is the decapitated head of the chieftain of the Clan McNeish, from a small fortified island on Loch Earn at Lochearnhead. A brutal savage midnight killing spree of the Clan McNeish in retribution for stealing. The head above the door is a warning to all should you cross a McNab.

The hotel was altered in 1891 when turrets were added and the front door moved to Station Road. A new wing was added to the west side and the high wall was lowered and railings added, improving the square building. When the west wing was still incomplete it was found that the bay window encroached on the street below. A shrubbery was made narrower and the pavement in Station Road wider.

Callander Heritage Group

As part of the *Summerfest* programme, Pam McNicol, the Stirling Council archivist, came to talk to us about Ethel Moorhead and Wallace's Sword.

Ethel Moorhead was one of the most militant Suffragettes. She joined the Scottish Suffragette movement in 1911 and quickly gained notoriety for her militant actions. At a political meeting in Dundee she threw an egg at Winston Churchill, who was the local MP and opposed to giving women the vote. Specialised in arson and wrecking property, she was arrested and imprisoned many times. She was the first woman in Scotland to be force-fed.

On 29th of August, 1912, Ethel and Jessie MacKenzie were involved in what the local press called 'The Wallace Monument Outrage!'

The custodian of the Monument heard the crash of breaking glass. Rushing upstairs, he passed Jessie on her way down and found Ethel standing beside the case containing Wallace's sword. The glass was smashed. Inside lay a stone. Beside the stone was a message which read 'Your liberties were won by the sword. Release the women who are fighting for their liberties. Stop the forced feeding!'

Ethel was arrested and imprisoned in the cells at County Buildings. Next day she was put on trial and pled not guilty. Because there was no evidence ready she was bailed and told to come back 3 days later. She refused and went home to Edinburgh. On 3rd September she was arrested, tried and fined 40 shillings. Her main aim being to get publicity for The Cause, she refused to pay and was sentenced to 7 days in Perth Jail.

After her release Ethel appeared at Suffragette meetings and spoke about her trial and time in jail.

K. Millar



Snippets --A child of the Fifties

I am one of that rare breed, Callander born and bred. I have the further distinction, of having been born at home and delivered by my father who had cut the cord before the doctor and nurse arrived. My mother's flat is now part of the Waverley Hotel, perhaps this is why I feel quite at home there. The fifties were a time of great austerity, more severe than anything I have witnessed since. People had very little, but then neither had any of their neighbours. Cars were a luxury working people could not aspire to.

Few houses had fridges, washing machines, or TVs. Entertainment was conversation, card or board games or the radio. I seem to remember my older brother's favourite pastime was beating me up, trying out moves he had read in the latest commando comic. My older sister would dress me up in girl's clothes because she really

wanted a little sister. No wonder I rebelled!

There were still food shortages, although rationing had officially ended, or perhaps it was just my mother being thrifty. People would talk on a daily basis of the deprivations of wartime. It seemed to dominate conversations. My first memories of the outside world were shopping with my mother, this was a daily chore as there was no fridge in the house, and bread seemed to have a shorter shelf life. I think my mother enjoyed the chance to meet neighbours and exchange gossip. My mother could be quite formidable and pity help any shopkeeper who came up short of her expectations. I found these expeditions, all the way to the square and back, a bit tedious and used the opportunity for mischief. One day in the butcher's shop she panicked when I disappeared. The sharp eyed butcher saved the day when he spotted my legs protruding

from a pig's carcass, which was hanging on the customer side of the counter. You can safely say I 'got a doing' that day.

Other recollections: most tradesmen in the town had no van. and could be seen carrying their toolbox to jobs. The one which fascinated me was Jackie Bruce, plumber with Ian Henderson, who would go to jobs with lengths of copper pipe tied to the bar of his bike, I remember wondering how he managed to turn corners.

No one seemed to be in any hurry, workmen whistled on their way to jobs, and always had time to stop, and catch up with the news. Thankfully stress and pressure had not entered the local psyche. I have said people had very little in the way of luxuries, but they did have love, perhaps this is why big families were the norm? Eight or nine children was not uncommon. I was one of five children, but then my father worked away a lot.

Name Withheld

Fun Facts –

An Unlikely Football Match

As you know, the Football World Cup took place in Russia this year and was won by France in an entertaining final. One thing that many fans know is that, on 30th June 2002, Brazil defeated Germany 2-0 to win the World Cup in Yokohama, Japan. What many don't know is the story of another football match that took place that day, between the world's two bottom-ranked sides – Bhutan and Montserrat. It is a story I had vaguely read about before and, out of interest, have done more research on.

The background to this is that two Dutch ad-agency partners, after their team failed to qualify for the World Cup, decided to set themselves a challenge of finding the two bottom-ranked teams in the world and getting them to play a friendly game on the same day as the final. Getting

the two teams to play this game wasn't easy. Above all, they had to get it recognised by FIFA.

Finding a ground to play the game also wasn't easy – Bhutan, a small



Himalayan kingdom, had only joined FIFA in 2000, and had competed since 1982, with their sole previous victory coming against Tibet. They were only allowed to join FIFA very late because of a lack of grounds considered suitable for international matches. Meanwhile, the Caribbean island of Montserrat, a British overseas territory, had problems of its own. The Soufriere Hills volcano on the island had erupted in 1995 and, as a result, football on the island came to a halt – above all because the island's only suitable football ground had fallen victim to volcanic ash, which had caused the southern portion of the

island to be out-of-bounds, even to this day.

Eventually, the two teams agreed to play the match in Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan, at an altitude of 2,250 metres, and with an English referee, Steve Bennett. In the end, Bhutan ran out 4-0 winners, with a hat-trick by Wangay Dorji and a fourth goal by Dinesh Chhetri. However, winning wasn't the most important thing about it in the end – friendships between the players of the two teams were made and they all sat down together to watch the sport's big showpiece event, thousands of miles away in Japan, on television.

A documentary film about the game was later made, entitled *The Other Final*.

Mario Crèvecoeur



Fireworks And Noise Phobia-Help Is At Hand!

Halloween and Bonfire Night are just around the corner, and for many pets and pet owners it can be a stressful period. Around 40-45% of pet owners in the UK report that their pet is noise phobic and shows anxiety in response to fireworks. There are a few things that you can do at home to try to help your pet feel more comfortable during fireworks. Being prepared is key and we hope that you find our advice below helpful!

It is possible to desensitise our pets to loud and unusual sounds in advance, to try to reduce how reactive they are when these noises come out of the blue. There are a number of programmes and CDs that you can find online which are useful in preparing new pets or very sensitive pets for firework season, for example Scary Sounds, Feliway and Adaptil. They need to be started well in advance of the actual event, but many owners have found this an effective way of preparing their pet for the fireworks.

It is important to keep our pets indoors so that they are not caught unawares outside or away from home when

fireworks start. We do recommend that if your pet has noise phobia they are not left at home alone during fireworks displays. As owners, our behaviour can be a massive influence on our pets. It is important for us to remain calm and keep our tone of voice and behaviour normal. If our pet feels reassured that we are not stressed by the situation, it can ease their anxiety.

Another way to comfort your pet is to build them a den or safe place. This can be achieved by using blankets, boxes and any other bedding/objects that your pet likes or usually sleeps on. A crate, table, chair or dark place can be used to help build the den, as long as it is big enough for your pet to fit in and be comfortable. They need to be introduced to this den well in advance, to feel safe and comfortable. It is important to make this space a positive experience. Toys, treats and play can encourage pets to develop positive association with this space. During fireworks, allow your dog or cat to seek out and hide in their 'safe place'. If they are comfortable there allow them to stay until they feel secure enough to come out again.

If you would like to discuss noise phobia and how we can help in more detail, please make an appointment with one of our vets. We can help formulate a plan to make your pet more comfortable at home, or discuss use of herbal remedies or medication that may be of benefit to your anxious pet.

PS. Don't forget the pets that are housed outside. Small pets like rabbits and guinea pigs won't cry out to let you know they are afraid. Bring them inside and have the radio or television on to try to block out the noise.



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Please keep a look out for workshops and training sessions coming up or get in touch if you are having any specific struggles. K9 have a game for it.

Leah Rendall (Qualified Pro Dog Trainer & BCCSDip.AvdCanBhv)
Callander K9



Has your pet beaten death by a whisker?

PDSA launches Pet Survivor competition

Vet charity PDSA is looking for Scottish entries into its Pet Survivor Awards, which celebrate pets who have survived serious injury or illness against all the odds. If your pet has beaten death by a whisker and survived to tell the 'tail', then they want to hear from you.

The previous winner was miracle dog Darcy, from Dundee, who sustained horrific injuries after a terrifying 60ft fall, but made an astonishing recovery.

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Porthos meets the Ocean!



A significant milestone in any guide dog puppy's life is his first family holiday. Here we are on the Ross of Mull, such a beautiful place and full of delights for a nearly seven month old puppy.

He took the ferry experience in his stride and managed to endear himself to several American visitors along the way (this is not unusual!) We avoided him causing a human avalanche on the very steep internal stairs as we had been doing a lot of practice when descending and ascending. It is important that a working guide dog is very measured when on steps and responds instantly to the command 'Wait' for a blind owner. He also needs to learn to put his two front paws on the first step and then pause for a command when approaching a flight upwards. A hard thing for an exuberant puppy, but he did well.

We were very interested in how he would react to an open beach and the sea and we knew he was already quite fond of paddling. Guide Dogs are not encouraged to love water as this could result in much uncalled for and impromptu swimming by their owner! For Porthos, in the company of his best friend, a beach was a little bit of heaven and they just ran and played, dug holes in the sand, ate an enormous quantity of seaweed, found pebbles and sticks and jellyfish and all kinds of interesting debris, then.... noticed the sea! Ian, of course, knew what to do with moving water, but Porthos spent time trying hard to catch the white horses and being surprised that he was unsuccessful! Quite a comical sight.

So the week progressed. A round of complete joy for a puppy – more amazing beaches, another ferry, this time to Iona, an adventure over an extremely boggy route to a lovely isolated bay, when he discovered that he couldn't leap as far as Ian and therefore ended up wallowing in a mud bath, a close up encounter with a Highland cow, and the list goes on! He learned the hard way that far too much seaweed eating leads to a sore tummy and that salt water isn't good to drink.

Porthos has two great loves .. sticks and cloths! He sleeps with two orange dishcloths in his bed and spends most of every free run with a stick in his mouth (a habit not to be encouraged). So can you imagine his delight when he found that a beach supplied him with both in one go, a long stipe attached to the fronds of the Laminaria seaweed!

We also took him to a small performance of a musical play in the village hall, which was wonderful. Unfortunately, it contained some quite eerie sound effects of whales singing and he was really unsettled and agitated by them. This surprised us, as he has most successfully negotiated some really loud and busy events before, for instance the brilliant performance of the Canadian wind band in Callander Kirk. A squirmy little puppy is one thing, but a squirmy, HUGE puppy joining in with whale song is quite a challenge!

So time marches on and we are halfway through our time with him now. We think he has great potential and are proud of his achievements. Well done, handsome lad! Hopefully you are on course to become a 'life changer'. *Marilyn and Steve Willett.*



McLaren Leisure 20th Anniversary Celebrations at the Trossachs Summer Festival

McLaren Leisure was opened to the public on 28th July 1998 by HRH Princess Anne and for 20 years has provided the local community with sport and leisure facilities and services



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- Laser Tag

After weeks of dry weather, it was not entirely unexpected that the weather forecast was for heavy showers - this is the Trossachs after all. As many events as possible were moved inside the building, which could fortunately accommodate nearly everything, apart from the Fire Service, the Big Bike Revival, 'try outdoor sports', such as hockey, athletics and football, the Brownies' tombola and the Callander Pipe Band, all of whom did have to run for cover a couple of times when the predicted showers arrived.



Indoors, spirits were not dampened, however, and the building was a hive of activity, with everything from Highland dancers to aerial acrobatics, yoga to bouncy castles, live music to the climbing wall - all full of children with painted faces. Families tried their luck at welly wanging and haggis hurling at the mini Highland Games downstairs whilst, upstairs, Taekwondo had quite a few enthusiastic young people moving their arms and legs in almost the right style. The Ninja Trials were also popular with youngsters giving the obstacle course a go. In the Sports Hall Adventure Circus from Perth provided juggling and circus skills, where children were invited to sample these activities. There was also a performance by the Highland Dancers and this was where the very popular inflatables including a bouncy castle



and Lazer Tag were found.



David Moore, McLaren Leisure's chairperson, cut the celebratory cake. He is obviously a skilled cake cutter - pieces of cake travelled all around the building. At this time the fancy dress winner was announced.

McLaren Leisure is taking its 20th birthday as an opportunity to think about how it is going to support the wider community in the future. There was not only an opportunity to see the potential development plans, but also for individuals



Fancy dress winner

to contribute ideas for the next 20 years.

Callander Brownies held a tombola stall on the day and raised £236.00 whilst Callander Youth Project held a teddy tombola and raised £120.



Not defeated by the weather

We also hosted a family Ceilidh which was enjoyed by all. A raffle and tombola took place at the event with funds going into supporting the centre and its activities. Music was provided by the Fraser McKinnon Ceilidh band. Coming from Stirling, they assert themselves as "Scotland's premier Ceilidh band." Playing for nearly four hours they kept the sizeable audience on their feet till late. Even when people were flagging due to too many doseys, the motivational caller, Aly, soon had them back on their feet again for another Dashing White Sergeant.

We would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to discuss our future plans



Callander Target Sports Club



Due to a progressive deterioration in our club roof with damage being caused to the internal ceilings, the club has now been forced to carry out major repairs and totally replace the affected areas. We have been very lucky in receiving several contributions, both in monies and equipment, which has allowed us to replace the metal roof sheeting that covers the club area. Much further work still needs to be done. Our thanks to all the companies who have donated and to our club members who have carried out much of the labouring duties.

Phase 2 which includes replacing the external guttering is now in hand and should be completed very soon. Phase 3 which includes replacing the felt on the roof of the main range has been costed and hopefully will be completed once monies are available. Once this is completed we should then be wind and waterproof again. The last Phase is to replace the damaged ceilings and light fittings, ideally before the start of our busy winter season.

In the meantime, the club continues with our numerous “summer” disciplines at our ranges – results of which will be published in the next edition of the Ben Ledi View.

On behalf of the Club, we would like to pass on our Congratulations to Seonaid McIntosh who became the World Champion at the 2018 ISSF World Shooting Championships in South Korea in the 50m Prone Rifle event. She also won a bronze medal in the team event, as well as earning a Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games quota place. Seonaid’s family were members of our club, her mum is four-times Commonwealth Games medalist Shirley McIntosh and she is the younger sister of British Olympic Shooter Jennifer McIntosh.

For further details, contact our secretary Bob Farquhar [07721-744229](tel:07721-744229).

Pedal power!

On Sunday 19th August I took part in Pedal for Parkinson’s, Stirling. My mum was diagnosed with Parkinson’s in March 2015, so it felt right that I should do this. There were 3 route options – 25-mile blast, 36-mile blaze or 62-mile burn. Obviously, I had to choose the 62-mile burn route! All done! Feeling good this morning, just a wee bit of stiffness in the legs.

Despite all my nerves beforehand, getting ready and making sure I hadn’t forgotten anything, it all went fine. It was raining in the morning so I made the decision to do the ride on my hybrid bike (that’s not electric by the way!!) as I didn’t feel comfortable riding slick tyres in the wet. Standing at the start line with all the other people doing the “Burn” route I realised that almost every single person had a drop bar road bike with slicks. I was beginning to panic as I thought I, and my trusty 10-year-old commuting/touring bike, would be completely humiliated by all these lightweight carbon-fibre race bikes! How wrong I was! I was zooming past a lot of them and I was managing to stay level with a group of guys from Glasgow with their super-fast machines for a section. One guy said to me at about mile 45 “you’re putting all us guys on our carbon frames to shame!!” It just proves the point that a fast bike doesn’t make you fast on its own, it’s all about the power through the pedals! After the Duke’s Pass at about mile 35 I felt the tell-tale signs of energy levels dropping. I caught it in time though, and stuffed my face with fruit and nut flapjack. I only stopped twice on the ride, once to take my waterproof off at mile 20 and the second at the halfway point for a quick loo break. My husband, Steven, was able to track my progress on his phone, therefore crucially he met me and re-stocked my flapjack supply at mile 30!

It was great to cross the line at the end and I took advantage of the complimentary post-ride leg massage!!



The all-important stats:
Bike: Ridgeback Supernova 2008
Total Distance: 62.4miles
Average Speed: 15.2mph
Max Speed: 35.7mph
Elevation: 3019 ft climbed
Finish Time: 4 hours 11 minutes
(4minutes 25 secs of stoppage time)

Thanks so much to those who sponsored me and encouraged me on this journey. It’s been well worth it as I have raised an amazing £1072.90 for Parkinsons UK.

Isla Routledge



McLaren Leisure Kids' Holiday Activities

Our ever popular Kids' Camp is back for October and November! We have lots of fun activities lined up suitable for children of primary school age. Each day will include swimming, climbing, sports, team games and much more!

15th – 19th October
Step Back in Time

Hold on tight as we take a step back in time and set off on an exciting mission. Get ready to explore all from Dungeons, Dragons, Dinosaurs, Vikings and much more. Plus the week will end with a Halloween twist.

22nd & 23rd November
Ninja Training

Join our ninja training academy and find out if you have what it takes to complete our ninja obstacle course. Learn your ninja name and complete the course faster than your fellow ninjas in training then celebrate in ninja style as you graduate from our training academy. Full day and half day bookings are available. Plus discount on full week bookings (October break) Hot or cold lunch options available or bring a packed lunch. Please note that for all our holiday activities our spaces are limited. For more information on our holiday activities, please check out our website or Facebook page. To book, call us on [01877 330000](tel:01877330000) or drop into our Reception.

Halloween Party

Our spooktacular party returns this year to our soft play on Sunday 28th October 2018, 11:00-13:00 Join us for a spooky soft play session, fancy dress competition, games, prizes, arts and crafts and much more. Tickets are now on sale on [01877 330000](tel:01877330000)

Woodland Kingdom – Soft Play

Our Woodland Kingdom soft play area is fun for all up to 8 years of age. Explore our woodland-themed frame, tube slide, ball pit, rope nets and much more that will keep your children entertained for hours while you enjoy some home baking from our café with a cuppa.

Our Woodland Kingdom memberships start at just £16.50 offering you unlimited access at a great price! For more great savings we even offer additional discounts on multiple child memberships. Sign up now!

New Membership Offer

We are now offering savings on our Fitness Suite and Gym & Swim memberships to employees and volunteers of all Emergency and Health services.

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Sport Club – Before & After School

Little ones attending Callander Primary? Looking for before and after school childcare? Offering you before and after school sessions that include breakfast or afternoon snack, sports and games plus sport and swimming activities? We've got you covered! No minimum booking requirements, however daily spaces are limited so book now to avoid disappointment.

Autumn / Winter Workshops

Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram - as well as checking our website - for further details of workshops and events taking place at the centre. This will include #SocialSaturday on 13th October and we have some other exciting events in the pipeline!

Winter at McLaren Leisure

We are getting the decorations ready, Santa is checking his list and McLaren Leisure is ready to spread some festive cheer. We have lots planned for all ages to kick start your festive period from family days out to gift vouchers and much more, look out for more details to come!

Sunday 2nd December
Elves Workshop

Come along and be Santa's helper for the afternoon. Take part in fun festive games, create lots of Christmassy creations to take home and start your festive period with a Christmas cracker bang!

Christmas Crafts

We will be holding a workshop suitable for older children and adults to make festive wreaths and decorations using natural materials.

Easy Fundraising

Started your Christmas shopping yet? Complete a weekly online food shop? Or just shop online? You can help us raise some funds for sensory equipment for our soft play with no additional cost to you! With thousands of online stores taking part, all you need to do is shop. It's that easy!

Sign up with easy fundraising using the link below.
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The Potting Shed Cafe Bistro at Roman Camp Hotel

A little bit of history...



This is an original building previously used as a Summer House and Potting Shed for seeding and growing plants. Now transformed into a fabulous little coffee shop and bistro.

Once inside you will see the most beautiful views of Roman Camp Hotel. For returning Roman Camp customers, previously a view overlooked. The Latin inscription above the doorway of the building refers to this.....and the pinkness of both buildings meant a safe house back in the days of the Jacobites.

The original part of the building is well over 100 years old but it has been said, one of the features dates back 500 years. A little bit of history I hope you will enjoy over an Espresso or Linger Latte.



Brunch may just 'hit the spot' after a long journey.... or possibly a 100% beef burger on one of our tasty pretzel brioche buns.... sirloin steak with double cooked hand cut chips a firm favourite. Plenty of other choices available. Then of course something sweet to finish, maybe a homemade raspberry meringue with cream & berries.



This is a great little place to meet with plenty of parking whether it's a girlie afternoon get together, or an evening with family sampling some of our Scottish Gins making new memories, this is an atmospheric little bistro. Please come see us.



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Cappuccino	Regular	£2.20	Large	£2.50
Latte	(Espresso, milk & micro foam)			£2.50
Mocha	Regular	£2.50	Large	£3.00
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Eggs (2 free range)	
Scrambled with Smoked Salmon	£9.00
Poached or Fried on toast	£5.00
French Toast	£4.00
Rarebit, Sourdough with Scottish Cheddar, Worcester Sauce	£7.50
<u>Extras</u>	
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Tattie Scone	£1.50
Mushrooms	£1.50
Maple Syrup	£1.00
Black Pudding	£1.50
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Tuna Mayonnaise	£5.50
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Smoked Salmon, Cream Cheese and Cucumber	£6.50

(all dishes served with dressed salad and crisps)

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Chicken Liver Parfait, Sourdough	£8.00
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Yer Mains

Fresh Beer Battered Fish & Chips	£12.50
Sirloin Steak & Chips	£21.00
Burger	£11.50
100% Beef with Cheese, Bacon Pretzel Bun & Chips	
Chicken Breast, Crushed Potatoes, Rosemary Jus	£12.50
Char Grilled Lamb Rump, Dauphinoise Potatoes	£16.00

Extras

Coleslaw	£2.00	Chips	£2.50	Bread	£2.00
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Yer Puddins

Sticky Toffee	£5.95
Meringue Berry Compote Cream	£5.95
Waffle Ice Cream & Cream	£5.00
Ice Cream	£4.50

This is a small taster menu which will be subject to change.

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Sunday services

10.00am Early Service in Kirk Hall (Not last Sunday and 11th November)

11.15am Morning Service in Kirk
 8.00pm Time for Silence

11th November

10.45 All Age Remembrance Service

Third Sunday in Month

11.15 Informal Communion follows Morning Service

Last Sunday of month

11.15am All-age Morning Service

First Sunday in month

Trossachs monthly service

Details at www.callanderkirk.org.uk

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Grey/Blue bins Sat 6th, 20th
Brown bin/Blue box Sat. 13th
Brown/Green bins Sat. 27th

NOVEMBER

Grey/Blue bins Sat. 3rd, 17th
Brown bin/Blue box Sat. 10th
Brown/Green bins Sat. 24th

DECEMBER

Grey/Blue bins Sat. 1st, 15th, 29th
Brown bin/Blue box Sat. 8th
Brown/ Green bins Sat. 22nd
www.stirling.gov.uk/waste

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- Monday - Friday 5.00pm to 8.00pm
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- Sunday closed
- Lagrannoch depot 01877 330492
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- Stirling Council Main number 08452 777000 (Functions as emergency number from 5.00pm to 9.00am and over weekends. Also use for non collection of wheelie bins.)



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- McLaren Leisure Centre
- The Post Office
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- Mobile unit based in Callander with Scottish Ambulance Service

BLV Deadlines

The next issue of the *Ben Ledi View* will be published on **Friday 7th December 2018.**

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All editorial contributions for the October/November issue should be emailed to editor@benlediview.co.uk or handed in to the Callander Library by **Sunday 11th November 2018.**

Items received after the deadline may be held over to the February/ March 2018 edition



It all started when I was lured into a darkened cellar by two of the lovely young dolly birds from the BLV. There I was beaten ruthlessly with very wet lettuce leaves, trussed like a turkey, chained to a radiator and left to survive on a meagre diet of scotch pies, cloodie dumplings and Deanston 12 year old. They told me they needed me to perform for their satisfaction, but I was disheartened to learn that they only required my opinions on a soap box! It seems that there are just not enough people in Callander prepared to speak their mind on the ills, travails and nonsenses that beset our ordinary daily lives.

This has come as a great surprise to me because, in all my many years in Callander, I have never encountered any shortage of people willing to put me right on any matter under the sun. So, I can only suppose that all those fine educated and erudite people have now said all there is to say and, now, here am I - the dregs of the list - only able to buy my freedom by writing a column for them. So here goes:

Firstly, what's all this about a soap box? I understand the concept - a portable device for an orator to stand on to be better heard. When did anyone last see one? I don't just mean orators, although real orators are few and far between these days, I mean soap boxes. Do they exist or have they become extinct? I'm not talking about tiny, over-priced presentation sandalwood boxes of strangely scented hand soap. I mean, any decent orator would not create much of an impression trying to balance on one of those, would

they? Nor do I mean industrial sized pallets with hundreds of bars of soap then shrink wrapped in enough plastic to kill several generations of sea turtles. No - I mean an honest to goodness soap box (or should it be soap crate?) that would be a useful device for every home to have. Just think of the benefits:

- It would encourage the art of public oration and enable speakers to learn the art of responding to hecklers.
- For family arguments the soap box would be used by each member in turn to be able to put their point of view in a uninterrupted, reasonable way.
- Stood on end it could make a portable wicket for scratch cricket in the garden.
- Could be used as a pet carrier for emergency visits to the vet.
- It could become a useful storage vessel for the many bars of soap that people will need to hoard to keep themselves clean post-Brexit.

So, I beg you all to join this campaign to bring back our traditional, plastic free soap boxes that have always given us the ability to air our views in public.

I'm not sure that I have written enough yet for those BLV harridens, sorry, lovelies, to let me yet see the light of day, so I'll move onto a subject that I know is close to everyone's heart - waste bins. Don't we all just love them? I think it is the mental stimulus of deciding what goes where that I like the best. Is this a Good Girl plastic that can go in the Blue Bin or is it a Bad Boy plastic that needs to be consigned to the landfill via the Grey Bin? But the trouble is, all bins are grey in the dark and winter is coming on. I think we need a new generation of wind-up dustbins - a simple ratchet mechanism attached to the lid could power up a small LED light every time it is opened. Then we could all see what we are doing, different colour lights could aid bin identity in the dark. There would, of course

have to be some new bin colours in use - I mean, brown or grey lights would be pretty useless. But the new colours could greatly enhance our street scene.

Thinking about it, the new low energy wind-up technology in the bins could enable Nanny Stirling to give us helpful encouraging recorded messages on waste management to enable us to be better citizens. I feel the strains of 'My Old Nan Has A Dustbin' coming on I can see daylight now - they decided to release me back into the community, as long as I tackle a real issue next time.

Thank you - I'll never speak ill of the BLV again.

The Old Grey Whistle Protester

Congratulations

Callander Nursery received 'Very Good' ratings for both its 'Quality of care and support, and its 'Quality of management and leadership' The inspectors reported: "The children were seen to be confident, happy and comfortable in the company of the team and their friends.

"In the questionnaires, all parents either 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' that overall they were happy with the care and support their child received in this service.

"Throughout our visit the children remained engaged in their play and exploration of the resources.

"Staff supported them really well, often waiting to be invited into play or knowing when to offer support, suggestions or even company to children.

Head of Nursery Tanya Starkey said: "We are delighted to receive such positive feedback from the Care Inspectorate.

'Support for children with additional support needs, as well as the transition from home to nursery and nursery to school, were identified as key strengths'.

38 Announcements & letters

If you wish to put a personal message in the BLV, please note we need your name, address and phone number (we will only print your name) with your message. There is a small charge (£5) which must be paid in advance, so please leave a cheque with your message at the Library or McLaren Leisure Centre (cheque payable to the Ben Ledi View Community Newspaper SCIO). There is no charge for letters. Thank you.



This summer has seen vans and campervans of all shapes and sizes overnighing in the car park, some park up for days.

There are no facilities! Where do they "do it"? We have also seen people coming out of the bushes with toilet rolls.

This has to stop - Should they be charged or moved on? A heavy fine might do the trick?

Brenda Kennedy

Editor's Note

They do not appear to be contravening the parking requirements. There is no mention of Overnight parking or Camper Vans



Maybe this is an issue for the Community Council or the National Park??



Having been a member of the local branch of the British Legion for many years and serving with a committee who worked so well together to gather funds for service charities, it was a sad day when our local branch voted to close when there were no new members coming forward to run the branch.

In response to Dennis Jones commenting on members who decided not to join the newly formed "local branch", for myself it was because on the night we gathered to vote on closure, or not, Mr Jones who had said he would take on the chair had sent a letter in saying he was no longer available and at that stage we had no other option but to vote on closing, which was a very sad decision for us all.

When some months later we found that the branch had been resurrected with Mr Jones as chairman we were taken by surprise and when I saw the amount of money that had been raised locally by the branch and the enormous amount given to the local leisure centre I could not believe it. Service charities have always taken priority and I personally think that this should still be the primary reason for fund raising.

Some people may be interested to know that I wrote to headquarters in Edinburgh and they say this is ok for the Legion to give money collected in their name to any cause it thinks fit. What is the point then of collecting in the British Legion name?

I have also written to "whom it may concern" at Callander Kirk to ask who made the decision on Remembrance Sunday of all days to deprive Erskine of all the money that is collected on that day? Our local branch always sent about £1000 to Erskine. So far I have not had a reply.

- Doris Clark

Helen and John Cummins would like to thank all who attended their Garden Party on 21st July.

Many of the presents were left with no indication as to who brought them so we issue a general big thank you to all of you. The biggest thank you goes to Anna who organised the whole thing. We hope you all enjoyed the party as much as we did.

Thank you in anticipation.

Arra best

John Cummins

St Andrew's Church Christmas Fayre

Our annual fundraiser, the popular Christmas Fayre, will take place this year on Saturday 10th November in Callander Kirk Hall from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

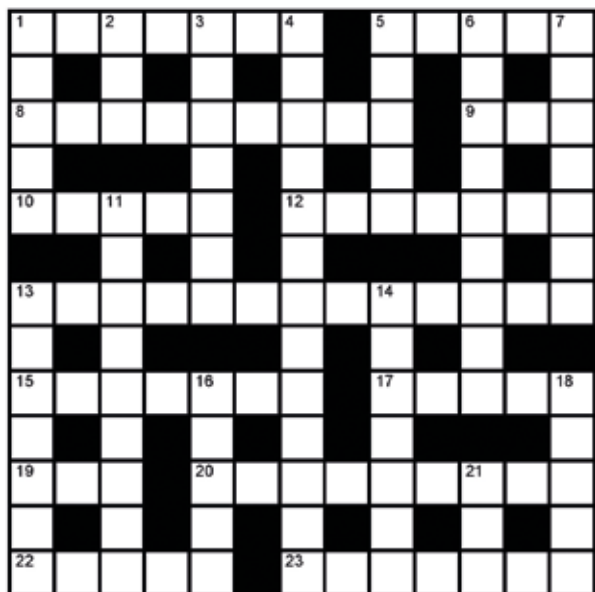
The entrance donation includes coffee and home-baking and as usual we shall be providing home-made soup and toasties over lunchtime for a small extra charge. There will be a range of stalls: home baking and preserves, seasonal gifts, bric a brac and books, a range of craft stalls, including those run by the Scouts and the Guides, a tombola, a raffle and even more!

Do come along and support us!

Callander Kirk Christmas Fayre

Will be held from 10.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday 24th November in Callander Kirk Hall. There will be mince pies, waffles and home baking as well as a gift stall. Admission (including tea/coffee, mince pie & a scone): Adults £3-00, Family ticket (2 adults & up to 2 children 5-16) £7-00.

We look forward to seeing you there. The Fun(D)Raising & Fellowship Team, Callander Kirk

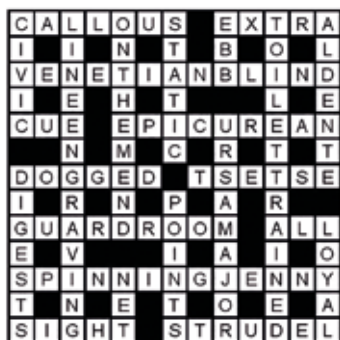
**Across**

- 1 Rap is no solution for these divas (7)
 5 Good natured banter very loud after tea (5)
 8 Corniest leading policeman's rank? Clouseau perhaps fits the bill! (9)
 9 Tire, losing leader, fall behind (3)
 10 Business newspaper contains first class feature (5)
 12 Dire new plonk? (3,4)
 13 Unable to see chap's polish in game (9,4)
 15 A member of this family? If so am I criminal? (7)
 17 Live in good health following first diagnosis (5)
 19 Minor tease (3)
 20 Spry lady taking Tory position? (9)
 22 Leading economics editor in American city requiring help (5)
 23 Carousing young woman involved in tale Ted concocted (7)

Down

- 1 Formal body (5)
 2 Parliamentary assistant appended second thoughts (3))
 3 Wild rave Ted avoided (7)
 4 Trainee at one with loan arrangement for important match (13)
 5 Jack, possibly having ingested banned substance, worried (5)
 6 See ritual out in your own good time (2,7)
 7 Unevenly fling on sheet providing minimal cover (7)
 11 European departures drop-off point? (5,4)
 13 Unsophisticated country cousin has family support after minor driving mishap (7)
 14 Calmed down when seated, after swallowing initial dose (7)
 16 Red flower favoured by this Baroness? (5)
 18 Belgian city's loyal subject (5)
 21 Clear catch (3)

**Solution to
Crossword 138
Winner
Lesley Edmonds**



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