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Welcome to issue 40 of **The Wee Vine**

We reach Autumn after a wonderful sunny summer.

Flowers and fruit have grown in abundance as shown on page 24-Community Orchard.

The special feature is from Kippen Heritage with good news regarding the Old Kirkyard.

Tennis and Bowling news on page 5 and our Flower Show is covered on pages 16/19.

The new Kippen Bloom Team is in page 24. Community Council on pages 22/23 and an interesting article about Sir David Cameron on page 28. Reading room news on page 14. Val Brand keeps you up to date on page 29.

We have tried to squeeze everything in this issue but a few pictures have had to be left out.

Our next issue is scheduled for the second half of January and contributions are required by 31st December.

Cover photograph by Denis Bradley.

Your feedback about the Wee Vine is important to us so please get in touch with your comments/ ideas for this year.

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KIPPEN HERITAGE

Important news from us

By the time you receive your copy of the Wee Vine through your door you will be able to access the Old Kirkyard at the Cross, as the gates have been unlocked!

Kippen Heritage is proud to have played a key role in the project to make safe the ruined part of the Old Kirk building which was built in1691. That work was generously funded mainly by Kippen Community Trust and its predecessors, by the Maclean Trust and by others. By the involvement of many volunteers the plan to return the Kirkyard to all of Kippen village has been realised. It is now possible to explore, sticking to the mown paths, and discover names and families whose descendants are represented in the Kippen population of today. The atmosphere of our Kirkyard, its peace and history can now be enjoyed by all. Stirling Council cemeteries have been most supportive and will once again keep the main areas in tidy repair. It requires volunteers of all ages and abilities to help from time to time with grass path mowing, weeding and wildflower maintenance. If you would like to join us in that work, please contact Irene Chapman or Ian Donald. We have plans for continuing improvement and we need your help.

Talks programme

We hope you were able to attend the Reading Room a few days ago to hear Dr Murray Cook talk about Stirling. Our next talks, also in the Reading Room, are on: -

27th October at 2.30pm

"Scottish Family History - Where to start" Join Outreach and Learning Archivist Jessica Evershed who will give an introductory talk on researching your Scottish family history. This talk will provide a brief introduction to National Records of Scotland archives before delving into how to start your family tree. Jessica will cover the basics: the key records used for genealogical research; what these records can tell you; and how to search and view family history records from home via *Scotland's People.* Tickets at the door include tea and coffee. Doors open at 2.00pm.

17th November at 2.30pm

"The Pearl Lady"

Widely known as an expert on her subject, Frances Carlaw will share her knowledge and some of her collection with a talk on natural pearls, about which she knows more than you can imagine; their place in history, their variety and their fascinating natural history. Perhaps you heard Frances talk about the pearls worn by Mary Queen of Scots? She will explore new areas of interest with us. Tickets at the door include tea and coffee. Doors open at 2.00pm.

9th February 2027 - *save the date*

It is some time until our next talk, and we will be putting together a series for the spring. We will give plenty of advance notice of the details. However, do you have ideas of your own for us? We would love to have you suggest a topic or a speaker. We are about heritage and history of course, but we are also open to other ideas which will be of interest to our supporters.

Sample the archive at our Annual General Meeting

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Kippen Heritage will hold its AGM in Kippen Reading Rooms at 7.00pm for 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th November. We welcome anyone who has an interest in the work we do, or in Kippen's heritage. There is no admission charge, and we want to celebrate the achievements of 2026 with you. It is an "open to all" meeting, so just come along to find out more. We want to hear your views about what Kippen Heritage does or could do. We will have open on the table a small sample from the village archive, and we invite anyone who is interested to take a look.

Join us please

We also hope to find new members, to make new connections and to offer opportunities to volunteer in the life of our wonderful village. It's a familiar story, but it is also important that we can plan ahead with new ideas and new projects, whilst celebrating what we have done to preserve the heritage of Kippen. Do you like researching archives for example? Or could you take our minutes? Or could you be our treasurer? Or could you simply reassure us that what we do is important to you, and join our committee? We really want your help; in whatever way you feel able. No previous experience is required, just an interest in Kippen and our surroundings. If you wish to find out a bit more then drop us an email or leave us a message on 01786 870123. If you think you can contribute, then you are just who we are looking for.

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KIPPEN TENNIS CLUB

Ladies Championship



A total of 12 ladies competed in the Ladies Championship on Sunday 23rd August. Judging from the photos lunch was the highlight of the day with nary a Co-op wrapper in sight. Clearly a great deal of planning had gone into the various quiches, tarts and salads. The high standards displayed on the table were carried onto the courts with some very competitive matches played. The results were:

Winner Singles - Helen Robb beat Val Houston
Winner Doubles - Val Houston & Fiona MacDonald beat Helen Robb & Ilona Dewar

Men's Championship



Fourteen men turned out for the Men's Championship on 6th September. Once the usual braggadocio and testosterone had subsided the men with an age range of 19 to 62 played some very good tennis in front of a crowd of feral 6-year-olds whose abuse of the players made the US Open seem tame in comparison. In contrast, the Ladies lunch was awful! The usual array of boring sandwiches, shop bought cocktail sausages and caramel wafers. The results were as follows: -

Winner Singles - Calum Warwick beat Richard Boyd
Winner Doubles - James Warwick & Craig Duff beat Charlie Saunders & Stewart Warwick
Winner Doubles Plate - Euan Callus & Edward Boyd beat William Boyd & Paddy Day

In other Tennis news

Ladies Over 45 doubles Tennis Central Scotland

Kippen came 2nd and runners up to Dunblane in what is becoming a league of a very high standard

Summer Camp

The popular annual Summer Camp was very well attended with over 30 kids taking part through the week. A big thanks to all the coaches, organisers and particularly Richard Knapman our Head Coach for all their wrangling.

Social Tennis, Wednesday 2:00pm

Another quick shout out for anyone interested in playing social tennis e.g. not coached and not competitive. The numbers for this are building nicely and this is becoming a popular feature of KTC. Simply turn up if you would like to participate.

Kippen Bowling Club

Another successful season has finished with all competitions completed despite a mixed summer weatherwise. Some members have continued to play in the indoor leagues at Fintry Sports Centre whereas for others it is a rest until the new outdoor season commences in April 2027.

Before then however we will have our annual fun bowls afternoon followed by this season's prizegiving and dinner at Fintry Sports Centre on Sunday 22 November to which members are also invited to bring guests.

As always, we are keen to attract new members to the Club. If you are at all interested, please contact myself or any other member of the club. No experience is required and you will be made very welcome.

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KIPPEN VILLAGE HALL

Hillhouse paves the way for a more accessible Kippen Village Hall.

Family-owned business steps in with practical support for the community.

Kippen Village Hall is celebrating another major milestone in its refurbishment – and this time it is literally paving the way for better access.

Family-owned Hillhouse Group has stepped in to provide its skills and services free of charge to improve the area immediately outside the Hall.







The company will lay new asphalt to create two accessible parking bays close to the Hall entrance and improve the adjoining pedestrian access, addressing uneven surfaces on the approach to the building.

For people with mobility difficulties, the improvements will make a significant difference, providing easier access to one of Kippen's most important community facilities.

The work is being provided as a Gift in Kind, representing a significant contribution to the Hall's major refurbishment project.

Frances Carlaw, Chair of Kippen Village Hall's volunteer committee, said:

"We are absolutely thrilled that Hillhouse has offered to carry out this work. It is a wonderful finishing touch to our major refurbishment appeal and will make an enormous difference to people who find access difficult.

"Our initial contact with Hillhouse came through Stirling Council, and we are delighted that this connection has resulted in such a generous offer of practical help.

"Our Hall is used by people of all ages and abilities, and we want everyone to feel that it is a place they can access comfortably. This work will help us achieve exactly that.

"We are hugely grateful to Hillhouse Group for its generosity and to everyone who has helped make this possible."

A business with community at its heart.

Hillhouse Group is a family-owned business with three generations of roots in Ayrshire. It has a long history of supporting communities through charitable work and fundraising.

As the company has expanded beyond Ayrshire, it has developed strong links with communities in across the country and launched similar charitable initiatives throughout the areas now served.

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Katie Peters, Head of Charitable Donations, Grants and Sponsorships

"We are delighted to be able to support Kippen Village Hall with this practical contribution. Community buildings are at the heart of so many local activities, and we know that improving accessibility can make a genuine difference to the people who use them.

"We are pleased to be able to use our skills and resources to support a project that will provide a lasting benefit to the Kippen community."

The finishing touch

The improvements come as Kippen Village Hall completes the finishing touches to an ambitious around £250,000 refurbishment programme designed to secure the future of the much-loved community building.

The new accessible parking bays and improved approach will provide better access for visitors before they even reach the Hall door.

For the volunteer committee, it is a fitting conclusion to a major community effort involving fundraising, refurbishment and support from organisations and businesses working together to improve the Hall for future generations.

Kippen Village Hall would like to thank Hillhouse Group for its exceptional generosity and Stirling Council for helping to bring the two organisations together.

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Kippen Village Hall Exceeds the Grand Total of £250,000!!

The transformation of your Kippen Village Hall continues at an impressive pace. Following the successful refurbishment of the building, the committee is now focused on equipping your hall with modern facilities that will benefit the whole community.

The latest boost comes with the welcome news of another major grant, enabling the purchase of state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment. This exciting investment will allow meetings and events to be live streamed, while making it easier for people to join remotely using Zoom and Microsoft Teams.

The committee would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the Community Led Local Development Fund for Lomond and Forth Valley for its generous grant of **£18,531**, and to the Garfield Weston Foundation for providing **£5,000** in match funding that helped make the project possible. Once installed in the week commencing October 12th, the new technology will transform what your hall can offer. Business meetings, conferences and community events will all benefit, while family celebrations, weddings and parties will have access to improved

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sound systems and facilities for showing films and presentations. The fundraising for specialist audio equipment has also brought a further grant from Stirling Council of **£3,200** for an induction hearing loop and an aura cast amplifier for the most recent types of hearing aids, making your hall even more accessible for people with hearing loss.

We will have to close your hall for the week commencing October 12th – 16th for the audio-visual refit, so we do apologise to hall users, but in the end you will all benefit!

Thanks to the remarkable generosity of supporters, the Hall refurbishment appeal has now raised an outstanding **£250,144**, including some remarkable and valuable gifts and services in kind.

Visitors may already have noticed a host of recent improvements. New storage cupboards, notice boards and coat hooks have been installed, creating a more organised and welcoming space for hall users. Much of the credit goes to caretaker Sara Prince, whose dedication over recent months has helped make the hall more practical and attractive for everyone who uses it.

Table tennis has also proved so popular that additional tables have been supplied to support the growing indoor sports club. Details of all regular activities can be found on your hall's website. **www.kippenvillagehall.co.uk**

There was further cause for celebration when committee chair and fundraising lead Frances Carlaw was shortlisted for Scottish Fundraiser of the Year by the Chartered Institute of Fundraising Scotland. The annual Scottish Fundraising Awards recognise individuals who demonstrate exceptional achievement in helping charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises thrive.

The committee said:

"We are incredibly proud that Frances has been shortlisted for this prestigious national award. Her commitment, determination and enthusiasm have been instrumental in helping transform Kippen Village Hall into the thriving community asset it is becoming."

Frances made it to the last two nominees and attended the Award ceremony where she was given her certificate, as the runner up for the Award. An extraordinary achievement for a local village hall appeal and certainly the smallest charity in the room at the Awards Dinner, which was brimming with famous national charitable organisations.

With the major refurbishment now complete, the committee is looking firmly to the future and would love to welcome new committee members and volunteers. The biggest challenges have been overcome, and now is the perfect opportunity for people with fresh ideas and enthusiasm to help shape your hall's next exciting chapter.

Anyone interested in becoming involved is warmly invited to get in touch. Call or text Frances Carlaw on **07711 031567** to find out more about the committee's future plans and how you could help make Kippen Village Hall one of the finest community hubs in the area.

Chartered Institute of Fundraising Scotland

Proud members of the Chartered Institute of Fundraising

Kippen Village Hall is committed to ethical, transparent and effective fundraising for our community.

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Playgroup



Our local playgroup has enjoyed a wonderful few months exploring the great outdoors and embracing all that nature has to offer. The children have been making the most of our woodland surroundings, taking part in nature play, discovering wildlife, collecting seasonal treasures and observing the changing landscape as we move into autumn.

Spending time outdoors continues to be a favourite part of our sessions, encouraging curiosity, creativity and confidence while helping little ones develop a love for the natural world. From long walks and splashing in muddy puddles to spotting plants and animals, every visit brings a new adventure.

As we reflected on a fantastic summer, we said a fond farewell to several of our older children as they moved on to their next exciting chapter. While they will be greatly missed, we wish them every success and happiness for the future.

At the same time, it has been lovely to welcome some new faces to our playgroup community. It has been wonderful to see new friendships forming and families settling in.

Our playgroup sessions take place every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 9:30am until 12:00noon. We have places remaining on Tuesday and Fridays, with Playgroup acting as a childcare service for 2-5 year olds.

We look forward to seeing what adventures autumn will bring!

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Primary P1/2: Percy the Park Keeper

Inspired by the *Percy the Park Keeper* **stories, P**rimary 1/2 learners have been discovering how to care for our school grounds by stepping into the boots of this hardworking park keeper. Through Percy's exciting adventures, we have explored the many important jobs required to look after our outdoor environment, from sweeping leaves, planting seeds, building cosy shelters for wildlife and feeding the birds.



We have spent many of our learning sessions outdoors, exploring wildlife in our poly tunnel, identifying insects, leaves and plants and building with natural resources ...great teamwork P1/2!



Indoors, we have adapted our role-play area to include Percy's shed, plants, animal friends and tools - we even have a real hosepipe and tap! Thinking carefully about Percy's kind, helpful nature, we are taking pride in keeping our school environment clean, green, and welcoming for both people and wildlife.

Primary 2/3: Around the World

Inspired by all the tales of their summer holidays, and the travels of Flat Stanley, Primary 2/3 have been taking a quick trip around the world and stopping at lots of exciting places along the way.

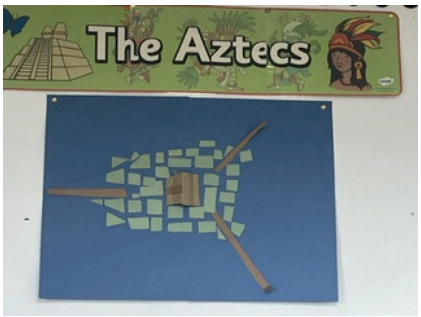


We have looked at some of the famous landmarks in Italy, and created amazing tourist information brochures for the colosseum in Rome. Some wonderful masquerade masks were created for the Venetian Masquerade Ball using different patterns we have been working on in maths. We have visited the Great Barrier Reef and learned about all the ways that we need to protect our oceans. We have also learned about animals in different climates and countries, including Marsupials.

The class are currently visiting the Amazon Rainforest and have been using their understanding of the different levels of the rainforest to create their own rainforests using natural materials. We are becoming a very well-travelled class and our passports are quickly filling up!

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Primary 3/4: Aztecs



It's been a busy start to the school year in Primary 3 /4. Our context for learning in term 1 has been the Aztecs. This interesting ancient civilisation has created lots of learning opportunities, not only for learning about the history of the Aztec people but also many opportunities for cross curricular learning.

The topic began with the children learning where the Aztec people lived in the world through exploring maps. Following this we investigated how the Aztec people dressed, what their jobs were and how they lived. The children had to compare their own lives to the lives of Aztec people. It was lots of fun creating Aztec headdresses.

Next we explored artefacts and monuments including the Aztec sunstone and pyramids. The class learned about their purpose and importance in Aztec culture. Our learning was demonstrated through creating sunstone art work and building our own pyramid models. We also learned about the Aztec capital city, Tenochtitlan, and the features of this unique capital. Working in groups the class created models of Tenochtitlan. Following this, we created our own 'chinampas' or floating gardens.

Primary 4/5: The Continents

Primary 4/5 have been exceptionally busy throughout our first term together! We kicked off our class topic by exploring the continents, beginning our journey in Africa. From sprawling grasslands to vast deserts, the children investigated diverse landscapes, discovered native wildlife, and gained insight into daily life on the African savannah.

Our travels then took us to Asia, where we immersed ourselves in Japanese traditions. The class learned about the cultural importance of Geishas and marvelled at the impressive engineering behind Japan's "earthquake-proof" temples.

Next, we set sail for Australia! The class delved into rich Aboriginal culture, exploring the ancient art of Dreamtime storytelling and learning about the deep connection indigenous peoples have with the land. We also surveyed Australia's iconic wildlife, discovering how unique creatures adapt to their specific habitats across the outback and coastal regions.



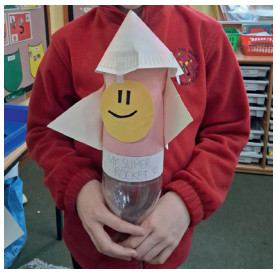


We continued on our exploration into Antarctica. Here we explored the harsh conditions that animals have to adapt to in order to survive.

What a journey this has been!

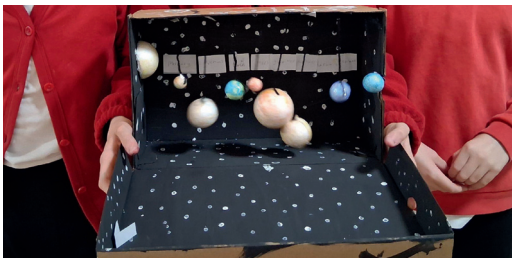
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Primary 5/6: Space



Primary 5/6 have started Term 1 as Space Explorers! The class has been very busy with the class topic on Space, beginning with making models of the solar system and descriptive writing on their favourite planet. They have also researched the Apollo Moon landing, using this to support their work on writing a diary as either Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin or Michael Collins.

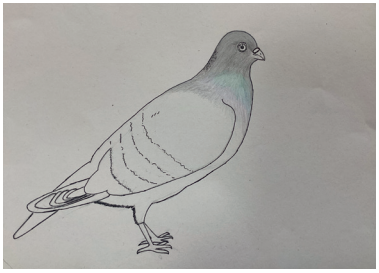
The class then applied their engineering skills to designing and making water powered rockets - some of which actually went quite high! Engineering continued to be the focus when studying the International Space Station, for which the class designed their ideal space station, built it using Lego and then simulated re-entry through Earth's atmosphere with the Egg-parachute challenge (messy end for a couple).



As this term's Health and Wellbeing focus is Healthy Eating they have had fun making fruit rocket shaped kebabs and, as no crumbly bread is allowed on the ISS, they planned and made healthy wraps instead. To finish the Topic, we will be having a class debate on the importance of space travel.

Primary 7: World War Two





This term, primary seven have been learning about World War Two. They have learned about how the war began, as well as major events and participants during the war. Through focusing on how the war affected the lives of people both in Germany and in Britain, primary seven have made links between the impact of WWII on people in history and the impact of modern war on people now.

Whilst learning about air raids, learners worked in small groups to create shelters out of their choice of materials, demonstrating great team work and problem solving when doing so. They have created topic related pictures of the Blitz, as well as doing line drawings of pigeons whilst talking about how animals were used in the war. Primary seven have learned about rationing and are looking forward to cooking a wartime recipe to develop an understanding of how people had to be imaginative in their cooking due to shortages.

They have also linked their topic work to their writing focus, writing imaginative recounts of air raids as well as letters and diary entries. It has been an interesting topic which the learners have approached with curiosity and respect and we look forward to finishing it over the coming weeks.

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‘Playing our part’

I remember about a decade ago at one of the local flower shows, a well accomplished gardener commented to me when I was admiring his gladioli and bemoaning my own gardening attempts, ‘You have to be in it to have any chance of winning.’ I am nowhere near being remotely in the same league as that gardener or many others who have been exhibiting flowers and produce around the area, but I do take part and give my best as I learn and most importantly enjoy growing flowers and produce as and when I am able.

In the last few years, I have appreciated the enjoyment and time spent in the garden even though my garden is nothing to write home about. I know many others in our villages are taking it upon themselves to learn from the well-known names the tricks and tactics of gardening and keeping flower shows and gardening alive and well in our area when so much of our food and even flowers come from afar. We are far removed from the produce we enjoy. We often do not toil and fret over where our food will come from or how fiercely the weather can dramatically impact what grows and how it grows, but this may change in coming years as our climate and world change.

Each of us is given a chance to be a part of something bigger than ourselves even if the flower show or gardening is not our thing. In life we have a part within the wider whole of community. In the church we often talk about the ‘Body of Christ’ and everyone from eyes and arms having a role, a vital role, to play for the whole to work together. Paul even wrote to a gathering in Corinth: ‘I planted the seed, Apollos watered the plants, but God made you grow. It’s not the one who plants or the one who waters who is at the centre of this process but God, who makes things grow.’ (1 Cor 3:6, MSG)

As we give thanks for all the good gifts of flowers and food from the earth, for the labour of farmers and producers, for the gift of community and learning together, I hope we remember how precious the earth is we share and the gift of love that comes through how we help others, encourage others, and support each other whatever the future holds. Without others in my own life, I wouldn’t be where I am today and with a few prize-winning blooms (luck more than great skill) to my name. May you appreciate the part you play and the connectedness of community as we endeavour to make our village a wonderful place to share life.

God bless, Ellen

Kippen and Norrieston Church of Scotland (www.kippennorriestonkirks.org.uk) worship on Sundays with the pattern of service at Norrieston Church, Thornhill at 10.00 am and at Kippen Church, Fore Road at 11.15 am. The last Sunday of the month is a joint service with our neighbouring congregations and rotates.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8th November meet at The Cross, Main Street & Fore Road, Kippen for Act of Remembrance and Wreath Laying at 10.45 am, with service at Kirk following from 11.15 am (Rev. Iain Armstrong will be leading this Remembrance Sunday)

Sunday 25th October Joint Service at Port of Menteith Kirk at 10.30 am

Sunday 29th November Joint Service at Gargunnock Kirk at 10.30 am (First Sunday of Advent)

Sunday 27th December Joint Service at Norrieston Church, Thornhill at 10.30 am

Christmas Eve All-Age Service at 6 pm at Norrieston Church, Thornhill

Christmas Eve Watchnight Service with carolling from 11.15 pm, service starts at 11.30 pm

Christmas Day Service with carols from 10.30 am (25th December)

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Kippen Reading Room

A number of years ago, a visitor to Kippen commented at a Reading Room jumble sale that "Kippen is a real village 'cos it does things". The continued use of the Reading Room is a wonderful illustration of just how many of those "things" take place within the building.

As expected, the summer holiday months were a little quieter, but many regular activities continued, including Kippen Cuppa every Thursday, various society sessions, organisation meetings and the occasional private party. The quieter summer period also gives the Reading Room Committee an opportunity to look ahead and make plans for the future.

Work is currently underway to establish a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation), which it is hoped will take over the activities currently managed by the Reading Room Management Committee. Most, if not all, of the existing committee members are expected to become trustees or members of the new SCIO. Subject to the agreement of the Mitchell Trustees, the SCIO will be granted a long-term lease of the building.

One of the key benefits of becoming a SCIO is that the trustees will be able to apply to a much wider range of charitable organisations for funding. These opportunities are not currently available to the Reading Room. It is also understood that the SCIO will qualify for 100% relief from water rates and charges, which currently cost more than £750 a year.

While there are, of course, no guarantees that funding will be secured, a number of improvements are being considered. These include upgrading the Reading Room garden so that it can be used for private parties and barbecues, with everything wrapped up by 10.00pm! Other possible projects include internal and external painting, improvements to the heating system and additional soft furnishings to make the main room even more welcoming and attractive.

Reading Room Reels began in January 2026 and has proved a popular addition to the Reading Room calendar. The winter 2026 - 27 season opened on 17th September and will continue monthly until March 2027. The following films will be shown;

15th October - 9 to 5 (1980) starring Dolly Parton

19th November - Glenrothan (2025) includes scenes filmed in Kippen

17th December - The Shawshank Redemption (1994)

14th January 2027 - Swear (2025)

18th February - The Banshees of Inisherin (2022)

18th March - Amadeus (1984)

The Reading Room will be open from 7.00pm with the films starting at 7.30pm.

The autumn Jumble Sale will take place between **10.00am and 1.00pm on Saturday 7th November in the Village Hall.** It is hoped that tea and coffee will be available.

The Committee is very grateful that the Hall will also be open on **Friday 6th November between 13.00hrs and 18.00hrs** for the receipt of items. If help is required with larger or special items, please contact any member of the Committee or: -

Ricky Muir-Simpson

Dave Little

Shonah Escombe

Campbell Ferrier

While the outlook for the Reading Room is encouraging, none of it will be possible without the existing remarkable enthusiasm and commitment of all the Committee members.

The Committee would also like to thank everyone in Kippen who continues to support the Reading Room and all the activities that take place there. It really is a building at the heart of village life and, as our visitor observed, Kippen is a village that does things!

Ricky Muir-Simpson, Chairman.

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Kippen and Norrieston Guild

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday in the month at 2.00 p.m. All are welcome to attend any or all meetings (men and women).

"Let Us Build a House" - "Beyond the Walls"

2026

14th October Norrieston Church Hall

Margo Wills

"Royal Scottish Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RSABI)"

11th November Kippen Church

Rev Ellen Larson Davidson

"Beyond the Walls"

9th December ChristmasLunch

The Lion and Unicorn, Thornhill

2027

13th January Norrieston Church Hall

Michael Kay – "Silver and Jewellery"

Prayer for Peace

God of stillness and light, shine upon a world where some children have never known peace – no more than some know the hush of falling snow. We pray not only for peace, but for courage to build it. Through your light, guide our leaders with wisdom, stir our hearts to mercy and remind us: though war begins in human hands, peace too may blossom there nourished by Your love. Amen

Further information is available from Joanna M. McPhail - **joanna.mcphail@btinternet.com** or 01786 870681

Kippen Community Woodland Group

In the last edition of the Wee Vine, a visit by those involved in local community-managed biodiversity spaces was mentioned. We were pleased to welcome representatives of Thornhill North Common, Buchlyvie Wildflower Meadow & Pond and Gargunnock Glebe Park to Burnside Wood on 4th July. The visitors were very envious of the pond and our rustic benches crafted by Weir Forestry. All of the community-managed areas have different models of ownership and management, so there was lots of interesting discussion as well as ideas for community projects.

As we head into Autumn and our Annual General Meeting, it is useful to reflect on the last 12 months. It has been a quieter year for the Group, providing some breathing space after lots of activity improving paths over the last couple of years. We have noticed a drop in numbers attending our woodland work mornings, which are generally held on the first Sunday most months and would encourage anyone who's interested in getting involved to come along and find out what we do.

The approach of another AGM is a reminder that I have held the post of Secretary for 13 years and Karen has been involved since the inception of the Group. Whilst we are happy to remain involved in the Group, it would be great to have someone new on board with fresh ideas to help with things like funding applications. If you think that could be you, please do get in contact!

Paula Watson, Secretary
kippenwoodlandgroup@gmail.com

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Kippen Flower Show

On Saturday 15th August we celebrated our 123rd Kippen Flower Show, which was opened by Joanna McPhail. With lovely weather, superb entries and attendance on a par with last year's show, the committee was delighted with the quality and quantity of entries in all sections.

Cut flowers, pot plants, fruit, vegetables, floral art, handicraft, photography, domestic produce and children's classes were all on display in a very busy hall.

In the children's classes, the following children won for best in their class:

Pre school

Best Artwork – Noa

5-7 years

Home Baking – Lenny Becks-Phelps

Any Artwork – Fearn McDonald

Plant made from Lego – Lenny Becks-Philps

8-11 years

Plant in a Recycled Container – Hannah McMillan

Home Baking – Isla Rose Bisset

Any Artwork – Bella Wartig

Plant made from Lego – Elsie Dymmott

The William Dougal Memorial cup for most points in the children's section was won by Lenny Becks-Philps.

The Kerr Cup for best overall in show was won by Angie MacEachern for a delicious Rhubarb and Ginger Gin.







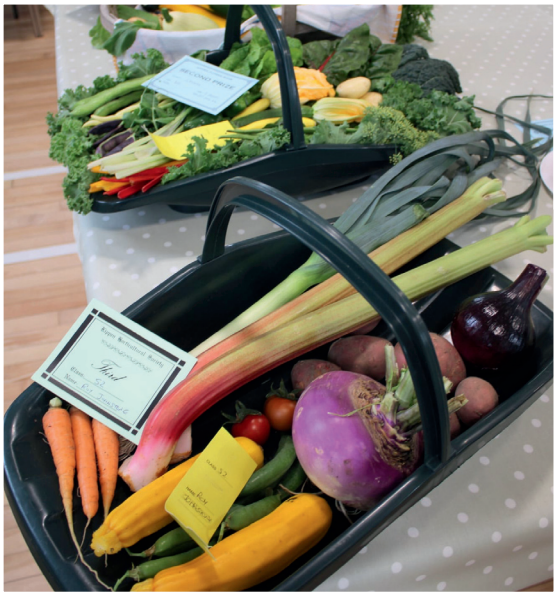
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The full list of trophy winners is:

Trophy	Class	Winner
Aileen Smith Memorial	Best in herbaceous flowers	David Muirhead
Fraser Cup	Most points in cut flowers	David Muirhead
Will Johnstone Memorial Quaich	Best gladioli	Ellen Larson-Davidson
Willie Low Memorial Cup	Best in rose(s)	Dionne Shaw
Glentirran Cup	Sweet peas	David Muirhead
Pankhurst Salver	Most points in vegetables	Roy Johnstone
Spowart Cup	Best collection of potatoes	David Muirhead
Colville Trophy	Most points in domestic produce class	Angie MacEachern
Scotch Over Trophy	Most points in baking classes	Hannah Becks-Phelps
Muriel Maitland Memorial	Floral Art	Margaret Stirling
Billy Davidson Memorial Cup	Best double begonia (pot)	Sheila McIntyre
A Buchanan Memorial Trowel	Best begonias	Sheila McIntyre
Archy Grey Cup	Best in chrysanthemums	Sheila McIntyre
Boquhan Perpetual Challenge Trophy (Ross-Anderson Challenge Trophy)	Most points in pot plants/cut flowers	Sheila McIntyre
W. Low Cup	Best collection of potatoes	Graham Gourlay
Kippen Environment Centre Cup	Best in organic gardening classes	Roy Johnstone
Ogilvie Cup	Judge's choice in floral art	Dawn Wartig
William Dougall Memorial Cup	Most points in children's section	Lenny Becks-Phelps
Christine Robinson Trophy	Best garden	Dawn Wartig
Margaret Muirhead Memorial Trophy	Best dahlias	Sheila McIntyre
A Kerr Cup	Best overall in show	Angie MacEachern
Cowan Trophy	Tallest sunflower	Charlotte Mitchell

Tea, coffee, juices and a very impressive selection of cakes were served with many complimenting the quality and choice of baking on offer.

Our very small committee was helped by many volunteers who baked, set up the hall, served refreshments, scribed for judges, sold raffle tickets, and cleared up. Without these volunteers our flower show would simply not be possible. For your help, we thank you. If you would like to be part of the Flower Show Committee, our AGM is on the 3rd November.

Lastly, the committee would like to thank the Kippen Community Windfarm Funding Panel. Their grant made it possible to replace damaged and missing equipment, procure new table covers, printing, and much more. It also enabled the committee to have their new, easily recognisable 'uniforms' of sunflower aprons. All this has helped ensure the show ran smoothly again this year. We hope to continue to build on these improvements in the future.

Next year's Kippen Flower Show will be held on Saturday 21st August, we look forward to welcoming you then.

Kippen Flower Show Committee.

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Risk and Resilience

We continue to follow Government guidelines, who are preparing the country for war.

It is almost a year since we began to watch closely the development of Western politics, to try to judge whether or not this village should be taking immediate action by preparing ourselves against the effects of warlike activity.

It may have sounded ridiculous to many at that time that such a subject could be even contemplated.

The fact is that Britain is now surrounded by Russian submarines and that the Royal Navy has been called out to one hundred and sixty incidents during 2026.

Risk and resilience is about being prepared for the unexpected.

We interpret this as preparing our homes for loss of power, water and communications. Apart from radiation risk, all other events occurred during the Second World War.

Proper preparation, which is generally within our capabilities, goes far to protect us from trouble, so we repeat the advice which we have received in the past, and gained by experience.

As for immediate action, this country is no further forward than three months ago, as we have watched the Ukraine responding brilliantly to aggression from Russia. In the Middle East, we have watched Iran defy the USA, while we become very concerned at the effects of blockage of shipping in the Straits of Hormuz.

Shortages of fuel are now hitting the UK, and we expect the introduction of speed limits to reduce our fuel consumption.

Generally, however, we are not overcome by the need for short term measures, giving us time to prepare our homes, and make necessary changes for the future. If you wish to start preparations, please examine the lists which we published in the Spring edition of the Wee Vine.

When emergencies develop, Risk and Resilience teams will be activated in the village, and all residents will be contacted.

In the meantime, let us all keep cheerful and hope that world politics take a turn for the better, and that tyrants step back from their currently disastrous tactics.

Jeremy Gaywood

The Inn at Kippen



The Inn has recently changed management, and is now being run by Dave and Moira. They have a target of the Inn becoming a "community pub", and have identified a number of things which need to be done to achieve that aim. Many areas of the Inn, both outside and inside, will be refreshed – starting with the ground in the rear, where work has already started. This will be followed by refreshing the front of the building, and then the various areas of the interior.

Also, "pub facilities" such as dominoes, darts and quizzes are under consideration and may become available soon, to supplement the recent significant changes to draught beers and cider.

Stuart Thomson

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Wee Vine Certificate of Appreciation

As mentioned in previous editions, the **Wee Vine** is currently in its 10th year of publication, with this being the final edition of that tenth year, and we would like to show our appreciation for the financial support provided by businesses (and personal donors) in the community over that period.

Accordingly, we have created a number of "certificates of appreciation". The first group was shown in issue 38, the second in issue 39 and the recipients of the third set of presentations can be seen in this issue. This group covers David Kirkwood (fishmonger van), Cross Keys, Central Auto Repairs and the Windfarm (represented by the Community Council).

Two of these (Cross Keys and Central Auto) have supported the Wee Vine since its inception in 2016.

One further group, covering all other supporters, will appear in issue 41.

Stuart Thomson









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KIPPEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
YOUR LOCAL VOICE

Community Council Annual General Meeting

There will be no meeting of Kippen Community Council (KCC) this December as it has been decided that it is better to have a meeting in January rather than December when people tend to have more commitments. Meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month in the Reading Rooms at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting schedule for the rest of 2026 and for 2027 are as follows:

Wednesday 14th October 2026	Wednesday 11th November 2026	Wednesday 13th January 2027	Wednesday 10th February 2027
Wednesday 10th March 2027	Wednesday 14thApril 2027	Wednesday 12th May AGM 7pm and General meeting 7.30pm	Wednesday 9th June 2027
July and August 2027 no scheduled meetings	Wednesday 8th September 2027	Wednesday 13th October 2027	Wednesday 10th November 2027

Current committee members are as follows:

Barbara Ross (Chair)
Scott Crawford (Vice Chair)
Jackie Graham (Joint Secretary)
Pippa Maclean (Joint Secretary)
Robert Clubb (Treasurer)
Ann Milligan (Planning)
Christine Stewart
Neil Beaton

Kippen in Bloom Team



Kippen in Bloom

As part of gathering feedback for the Local Place Plan **https://kippencc.org.uk/local-place-plan/** many residents spoke about the green areas of Kippen and keeping them beautiful. There is already a small team of volunteers who work hard to keep the area around the war memorial looking its best. More areas like this have been identified but the more there is to do the more volunteers are needed. That's where you come in!

If you would like to help shape what needs doing or can spare some time to plant bulbs and pull weeds, please get in contact through the Kippen Community Council **kippencommunitycouncil@gmail.com**

Community Action Plan

Do you sit on the committee of one of the groups in the village?

We believe that there are somewhere in the region of 33 groups in the village already working away on bringing people together and making Kippen the best it can be.



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Following up from the work done to engage with the community in the creation of the Local Place Plan **https://kippencc.org.uk/local-place-plan/**. We would now like to bring together representatives from these groups to help review what the community has said, determine priorities, and then develop the actions that need to be taken to realise these ideas and make Kippen a better place to for all.

So, if you have contact details for any of the groups around the village, please let us know **kippencommunitycouncil@gmail.com** so that we can share our thoughts so far, provide more information and schedule a meeting.



Do 20mph limits make our roads safer?

There has been considerable discussion about the introduction of 20mph speed limits, particularly in rural villages. Evidence from elsewhere in Scotland suggests that, where they are introduced on appropriate roads, they can improve safety.

Research into Edinburgh's city-wide scheme found that casualties fell by around 17% more than would have been expected from the previous trend. Compared with similar areas, casualties fell by approximately 20% and collisions by 22%.

Perhaps more relevant to rural communities is the Scottish Borders trial, which covered almost 100 towns and villages. Average traffic speeds fell by approximately 3mph, with reductions of up to 6mph in some locations. The greatest reductions were generally recorded on roads where vehicles had previously been travelling fastest.

Although a reduction of 3mph may not sound significant, even a small reduction gives drivers more time to react and can reduce the severity of a collision. A pedestrian struck at 20mph has an estimated 5–7% risk of being killed. At 30mph, this rises to approximately 20–25%, and at 40mph it may be as high as 60–70%. The outcome will, of course, also depend on the pedestrian's age, the type of vehicle and the circumstances of the collision.

Simply putting up 20mph signs will not ensure that every driver slows down. Clear road markings, suitable road design, publicity and, where necessary, traffic-calming measures or enforcement may also be required.

While there has not yet been a complete nationwide assessment, the available Scottish evidence indicates that well-chosen 20mph limits can reduce traffic speeds, collisions and injuries. For drivers, the difference in journey time through a village is usually very small, but for pedestrians and cyclists the safety benefit could be considerable.

Contacting Kippen Community Council

If you wish to contact KCC about any issue, please either come along to a meeting or email your concern to **kippencommunitycouncil@gmail.com. KCC does not meet in January, July and August but our email account will be monitored although not on a daily basis.**

We welcome any questions, comments and suggestions from residents and it's easy to get in touch.

You can read about what we do and pick up the latest news on our website at **https://kippencc.org.uk**

You can contact us via the website at **https://kippencc.org.uk/contact-us**

You can email us at **kippencommunitycouncil@gmail.com**

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Update on the Sustainability Kippen "Library of Things"

Further to healthy support from the people of Kippen, we are proceeding with developing and will be soon implementing a Library of Things / Tool Library for Kippen and surrounding areas.

We have received some very welcome grant funding from FEL Scotland which will help fund things such as essential equipment (PAT Tester etc) and some of the content for the library. We are finalising the plans around the technology we will use and the storage location(s) – look out for further news on notice boards and the village Facebook pages etc in the coming weeks.

Angus Warren

Kippen Community Orchard



The Community Orchard, situated in the Church grounds, has bourn an abundance of fruit this year. There are some established trees which have been laden with eating apples and Bramley cookers. In addition, in 2022, various groups sponsored the planting of a selection of trees including apples, a cherry, a damson and a pear tree. These younger trees have also have been very productive. On Sunday 4th October at Harvest Festival, the apples were available in the Church for people to take away.

The orchard is a community endeavour and the residents of Kippen are welcome to pick some fruit if they would like. Sadly for this year, they may well have been harvested by the time you receive your next edition of the Wee Vine. Look out for next year's crop!

Naomi Hirst

Kippen Bloom Team



This is a group recently formed by some residents who would like to improve the look of the village, initially to make an impact as you enter the village. There are plans afoot to take on other areas around the village which need a bit of TLC. An application to the Windfarm is being submitted for approval to help with this task. The first project was to tidy up the area opposite the Cross Keys.

As we worked a couple of residents offered help with a rotating moss remover and a young couple offered to clear away fallen leaves. If you would like to become involved in helping to tidy up the village and make it an even lovelier place to live, please come and join us. Any help will be very much appreciated. Please call Pippa on 07769 943781 or Naomi on 07811 812241 if you would like to find out more.

Naomi Hirst

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Bridge to Where?

It wasn't at all obvious, when I first ventured into playing bridge with the Kippen Bridge group some five years ago, quite where it might lead. My motivations were fairly straightforward: to improve my memory and, of course, because I thought it might be fun! The Kippen Bridge Club was wonderfully welcoming and endlessly patient, and five years on, I think I may just about have got the hang of it.

As lockdown was drawing to a close, and in an attempt to counterbalance the football obsession in our household, I encouraged my son, Johnnie, to take a bridge class organised by the Scottish Bridge Union. It was an international course led by Canadian bridge guru Jane Lamont, who introduced the students to a system called Five Card Majors. Although this wasn't the system we played in Kippen, Johnnie seemed to grasp the fundamentals and, more importantly, thoroughly enjoyed the competitive element.

Perhaps more motivated by the prospect of accompanying me to the pub than by any burning desire to play bridge, he soon asked whether, instead of signing up for another round of lessons, he could come and play with me at Kippen. I did briefly question whether encouraging pub-going at the age of nine constituted responsible parenting, but reasoned that the many benefits of bridge might just balance things out!

The Kippen Bridge Club was fantastic, adjusting its starting times to accommodate a nine-year-old, while Stuart Thomson, who seems equally at home playing any system, took Johnnie under his wing. The patience, encouragement and expertise of the Kippen players have undoubtedly played a huge part in his progress.

Keen to develop his game further, we signed up for a youth bridge weekend at Stirling University, where we met other young people who shared his interest. Johnnie quickly caught the tutors' attention with his card play and understanding of the game, a testament not only to his natural aptitude but also to the excellent tuition and encouragement he had received from the Kippen club.

Fast forward to today, and Johnnie has been invited to train with the Scottish Under-21 Bridge Team, making him its youngest player. The Scottish Youth Team competed in Riga, Latvia, last year, and the prospect of Johnnie potentially following in their footsteps is an exciting one.

While he dreams of far-flung destinations, preferably with a decent golf course thrown in (his other passion), opportunities to test his skills closer to home have also been coming his way. Most recently, he was invited to play in a competition at the Carlton Club in Edinburgh, partnering Neil Tennent (under-31s), where they emerged victorious.

So, where has this bridge journey taken me? Well, for now, to the hostelries of Kippen on a Monday and Thursday evening — the Inn and the Keys respectively — where I continue to enjoy the game, the company and the occasional success.

As for Johnnie, the journey may be taking him rather further afield. I suspect my own bridge career may yet evolve into something of a support role, possibly involving carrying his bags as he globe-trots in pursuit of bridge and golf.

Not quite the destination I envisaged when I first sat down at a bridge table five years ago, but certainly a rather wonderful one!

Lynn Hood

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Lara Club

My daughter, Millie Cormack - age 6 recently held a bake and keychain sale at Kippen Primary School to raise funds for the Lary Club which is a patient support group ran by the Head & Neck Cancer service at Forth Valley Royal Hospital. It a club to help support patients and families affected by laryngeal cancer.





Millie held her sale just before term finished and managed to raise £227.00.

She donated the money to the club and was invited along on an outing at the weekend funded by the money she raised. This took the club on boats from the boathouse to the Falkirk Wheel and back along with lunch and coffees and teas. Millie was thrilled to attend along with her sister Fiadh Cormack who helped her with her sale. I wondered if it could be included in the next issue of the wee vine at all along with a note of thanks to all the residents of Kippen who kindly donated! I have asked Miss Atkinson at the school to send a note of thanks to parents and carers but Millie sold leftovers after school in our street (35 The Meadows) and we had many neighbours and people walking by who kindly donated also! So, this way my thanks can reach them too please.

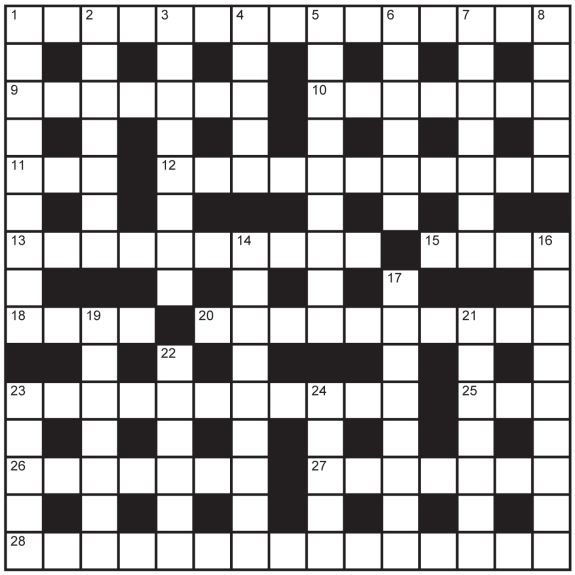
I've been sent some photos from Cara Craig who is the Advanced Clinical Nurse Specialist at FVRH who runs the Lary Club. The patients photographed have all given their permission and happy for the images to be published if so.

Thanks again for your assistance,

Hannah Cormack

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Crossword



Across

1 Smart youngsters grasp definition somehow (6,9)

9 Imagine two thirds of red birds coming back after the third of September (7)

10 Attack put nose out of joint (3,4)

11 They deliver the positives (3)

12 Knowing everything leads to old men not investigating chemistry perhaps (11)

13 Lure doctor with fashionable fixture (7,3)

15 Ok about southern network (4)

18 See daughter worried (4)

20 Female member of parliament goes after old bread for African bird (10)

23 Ideal footwear for the fight against drug dealers? (6,5)

25 Song about American university mostly (3)

26 Admire what the groom might say before key development (7)

27 Police arrested men with old souvenir (7)

28 Ghostlike act can degenerate pretty quickly (7,3,5)

Down

1 Seized five hundred supporting criminal opium den (9)

2 Easier if I leave newly-formed flower (7)

3 Uses iron to treat disorder (8)

4 Writer eats on deck (5)

5 Fixation with ex-pupil's time in the pub maybe (9)

6 Get northerner's grasp of time (6)

7 Influence current politician in empty garage (7)

8 Notice part of eagles nest sticking up (5)

14 Most unwashed big brutes go to the dogs (9)

16 Sacred bottles left with white flower (9)

17 Returning sailor claims ingredients for dressing maybe (8)

19 Draw cat and snake carrying laptop (7)

21 Men catch duck somewhere in Florida (7)

22 A little animal ignored abuse (6)

23 Find friend in church in Africa (5)

24 Static energy? (5)

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Who was D.Y. Cameron?

Sir David Cameron (1865-1945) was Scotland's premier landscape painter – and for 46 years he lived in Kippen.

He sponsored a major reconstruction of Kippen Kirk in 1927, and many of the works of art and features of interest in the kirk are there through his generosity.



Commemoration

To mark the centenary of the restoration of the kirk, and to celebrate the life and work of D.Y. Cameron, the *Friends of Kippen Kirk Trust* are organising a Commemoration for June 2027. The Friends will exhibit a collection of Cameron's work and that of his sister Kate – herself a renowned artist – together with archival material about the restoration of the kirk, and more.

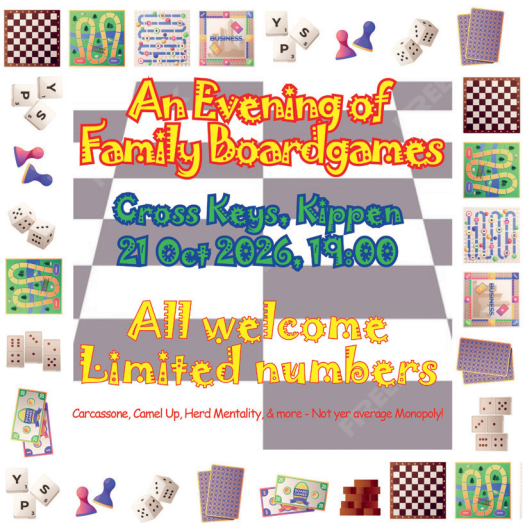
Do you have any Cameroniana?

Stories? Art works? Documents? Artefacts? Contributions are most welcome. Please get in touch: dermotturing@gmail.com

Save the date

Save the date: **Saturday, 5th June 2027** – and Watch This Space for more information!

Dermot Turing





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On The Buses

On 30th August McGill's closed Bannockburn Depot and apart from X10/X10A now run all their services from Larbert which they've renamed "Forth Valley Hub". A new timetable was issued - copies are available at McNicolls Country Store.

There is little change to the X10 Monday to Friday timetable with only the removal of the first two very early buses and the late bus from Glasgow. These buses were initially added to the route to get vehicles and drivers back to Bannockburn. These services are now starting the run at Balfron-Glasgow. Please check the Saturday times, minor changes mean some buses are a few minutes earlier or later. No changes on a Sunday.

Balfron Depot was to be upgraded with most X10 services running from there. Staff numbers at Balfron have dwindled since McGill's took over, which has led to drivers from Bannockburn supplementing this area. Many of the workforce at Bannockburn were very unhappy at the closure and as a result a number have now left McGill's. This has led to an overall driver shortage.

When asked about the X10 breakdown situation following the closure, management advised there would be spare vehicles at Balfron depot and school buses could also be utilised. Plus, an engineering van based at Stirling bus station could be deployed as required. This didn't seem plausible when you consider the size of Balfron depot and one engineering van seemed a stretch if a breakdown occurred simultaneously in Killearn, Thornhill or Callander!

These concerns were justified when breakdowns subsequently happened leading to cancellations as no spare buses were available with passengers left sitting onboard until the next bus arrived over an hour later. Running better quality vehicles could be the solution!

Cancellations increased dramatically across Stirling affecting all routes including the last Balfron-Stirling and Stirling-Balfron X10 leaving users stranded. This came to a head one weekend when dozens of buses across the region were cancelled causing fury among passengers. After numerous complaints to McGill's and elected members, the Courier picked up the story and wrote a piece on 24th September stating how this was affecting Stirling's residents. This article included a number of comments from several X10 passengers including Kippen and I'd like to thank all those for their contribution. McGill's stated there was a UK driver shortage and they had drafted in reinforcements from other areas including Xplore Dundee - presumably that means these areas will now be short of drivers?! They describe this as a short-term measure.

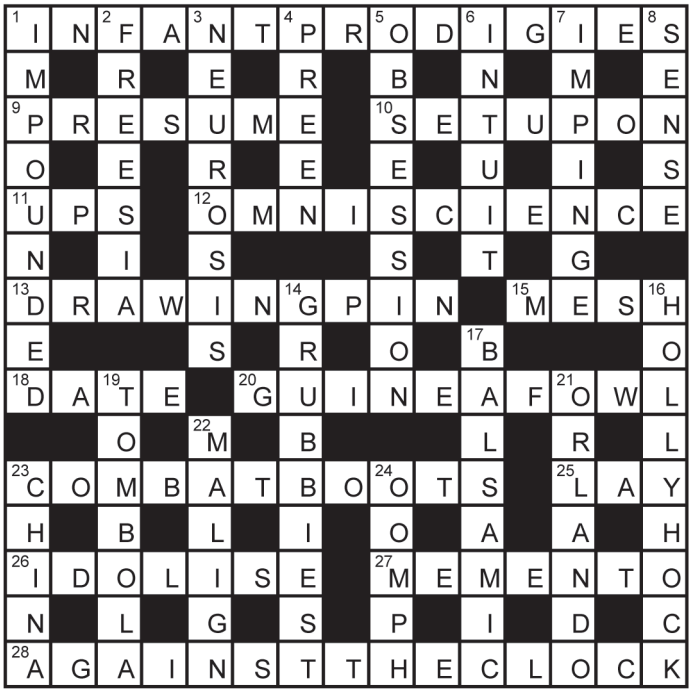
The C62 minibus has been going through Kippen since March. It is a 2yr pilot run by Stirling council to connect villages like Fintry and Drymen who had little or no access to bus services. It is based on the success of the Killin C60 with 4 buses a day from Kippen to Fintry, Balfron, Drymen, Croftamie and back. The bus stop is currently situated next to the doctors on Castlehill Loan. We have been in discussions for months with Stirling Council to have it moved to a better location.

Castlehill Loan is a busy road with the doctor's surgery, parked vehicles and lots of traffic going through, often the C62 can't access the stop at this location. As with other things in the world of buses, common sense can be lacking, and this is still a work in progress! But if you fancy a spot of lunch or a coffee at Fintry Sports Centre - which I can recommend ... or in one of the other villages on the route it's worth a trip and the banter from the local drivers is always good. Timetables are available in McNicolls Country Store.

Val Brand

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Crossword Answers



Across: 1 Infant.prodigies, **9** Presume, **10** Set upon, **11** Ups, **12** Omniscience, **13** Drawing pin, **15** Mesh, **18** Date, **20** Guineafowl, **23** Combat boots, **25** Lay, **26** Idolise, **27** Memento, **28** Against the clock.

Down: 1 Impounded, **2** Freesia, **3** Neurosis, **4** Preen, **5** Obsession, **6** Intuit, **7** Impinge, **8** Sense, **14** Grubbiest, **16** Hollyhock, **17** Balsamic, **19** Tombola, **21** Orlando, **22** Malign, **23** China, **24** Oomph.

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The Wee Vine Supporters

As we progress through our tenth year, grateful thanks to our supporters, without whom there would be no Wee Vine. They offer support in a variety of ways. All essential.

Firstly, our financial supporters. Printing and other costs are totally met through the support of a number of local organisations. These have all been affected to a greater or lesser extent by the extended financial problems, but continue to provide support, which is greatly appreciated. A number of these have provided support to every issue from issue 1. These are indicated by an "*" below. Currently, supporters are (in alphabetical order):

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McNicolls Country Store (87023) *
Sheree Hairdressing Salon (07706 612660)
Stephen Paul Associates (870906) *
The Cross Keys (870293) *
The Inn at Kippen (870500) *
The Woodhouse (870156)

For those not familiar with the name "Nadara" this is now the parent company of the community facility known as "The Windfarm," to whom our grateful thanks are due for the significant support provided.

Each of our financial supporters is entitled to use the magazine to publicise forthcoming events, or significant awards obtained. Anyone who would like to offer support in this way, can do so by contacting us at **enquiries@theweevine.org**.

Secondly, many thanks to those who have supported this issue by contributing articles. The Wee Vine is for Kippen, about Kippen and by Kippen. We would like to know about events as they happen, and also those which are planned. Also, organisations, clubs and their programmes and activities. Plus, comments, queries, photos, and anything else that takes your fancy.

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