



# Kinlochleven Community Trust Newsletter April 2011

## Pre 65 Centenary Motorcycle Trial

### Planning Application for erection of temporary anemometer mast

A planning application was previously made to Highland Council for the erection of a temporary anemometer mast on the land north west of Rose Cottage, Kinlochleven. Planning permission has now been approved.

### Greymares Path Kinlochleven

The West Highland College Conservation Team has started repair work to the Greymares Path Kinlochleven from Rose Cottage to the waterfall viewpoint. Every effort will be made to minimise disruption to the public. Thank you to Dave John and Team from the college.

A funding application for materials has been made by KCT and subsequently approved and accepted by Highland Council's Planning and Development Committee

After a century, the Aluminium Smelter may have disappeared from the village of Kinlochleven but one thing still remains—the annual visit of the Pre 65 Motorcycle Trial. This year they celebrate the centenary of the world renowned event, as villagers once more welcome them to their small rural community. Many communities might balk at the arrival of hundreds of motorcycles descending upon them, along with support crews and spectators. Yet, year after year, Kinlochleven residents look forward to the sudden influx as a boost to the tourist trade and the fundraising efforts of numerous village organisations. The local Churches, School, Community Centre and Charity Shop all benefit and open their doors to provide breakfasts, coffee mornings, home-baking and lunches for all the visitors and at the same time raising much needed funds for community activities.

The Pre 65 Committee are great to work with and go out of their way to minimise any disruption. They put a tremendous effort in keeping the village tidy and we wish them all the best for their 2011 Centenary Trial.

## Kinlochleven Community Litter Pick Saturday 16th April 2011

On behalf of Kinlochleven and District Angling Club and KCT we would like to thank everyone who took part in the recent village clean up on Saturday 16th April 2011. The clean up which targeted the Loch Leven shoreline, River Leven and community areas proved a huge success with approximately one tonne of rubbish being uplifted. Volunteers ranged from nursery, primary, secondary pupils to all ages and everyone worked very hard to achieve great results.

Thanks are due to Highland Council for providing a skip, gloves and black bags; John Groundwater Kinlochleven Co-op Manager for providing a small hamper of refreshments and Hugh Dailly Highland Getaway for very tasty bacon rolls and lovely warm soup. Thanks are also due to Kinlochleven Primary School Pupils who arranged their own litter pick earlier in the month.

## Pier Circular Walk

Thank you to everyone concerned regarding the approval of repairs to the path surface on the pier circular walk. One area in particular needed much attention as the path was unsafe for all users. Following numerous complaints KCT asked Rio Tinto Alcan to make the path safe again as the pier circular walk is still under Rio Tinto Alcan ownership. The repair work has now been completed.

## **Loch Leven Photo Calendar**

The Loch Leven photo calendar competition 2012 is still open for entries. Photographs should be on the theme "Around Loch Leven" and the closing date for entries is Friday 6th May 2011. We are looking for photographs for the calendar and in addition a winning photograph for the 2011 Community Christmas Card. The Trust has secured sponsorship for the calendar competition from Glencoe Photography.

Entry forms and competition rules are available from jayne@kinlochleven.co.uk or telephone 01855 831 779.

## **Two House Sites East of St Paul's Church, Kinlochleven**

The Trust will soon have the two house sites advertised after receiving planning consent. Please note that the Trust will not be building the two houses but actually selling the two house sites with outline planning permission. The planning application for a house site on land east of Mamore House in Kinlochleven was refused as the development would compromise nearby ancient woodlands. KCT have now taken professional advice and following discussions have decided not to progress with an appeal to Highland Council for the single site beside Mamore House.

## **Removal of Highland Council Skip**

The Trust has written to the Highland Council following confirmation that the skip service will cease from 1st April 2011. Following the decision and subsequent press coverage, by the Highland Council to terminate the weekly skip collection in Kinlochleven, the Trust organised a local petition against the ending of this vital village service.

A total of over 300 people signed the petition expressing their concerns that the decision will seriously disadvantage many residents who are unable to access the alternative Council facilities in Fort William. The Trust are concerned that fly-tipping will inevitably increase around the village and the edge of Loch Leven. The Trust urged the Council to review their decision. Unfortunately to date the Trust has received no response to our letter of 26th March along with the petition.

## **New Community Notice Board**

Following a number of complaints from local residents about the rather old and damaged notice board located at the seating area outside the Co-op the Trust asked Highland Council if they would consider supplying and erecting a new board for the 2011 season. Although this area is out with KCT ownership the Trust felt that a replacement board would compliment the new village centre, visitor information point and in general offer a better welcome for local residents and visitors alike.

For anyone wishing to have a poster displayed please drop them off at the Aluminium Story Visitor Information Point and they will be displayed as soon as possible thereafter. Between staff at the Aluminium Story and KCT we will do our very best to keep the display as up to date as possible. We respectfully ask that everyone appreciates that this is achieved as a goodwill gesture and often in people's own time and we just simply cannot do this on a daily basis. This new board is a great asset already and everyone will do their best to manage the high level of community posters which are being received almost on a daily basis. Also a polite reminder that any posters stuck to the outside of the board will be removed.

**Thank You** A special note of thanks to Spike and Craig for raising the flag in the village square earlier this week. Thank you to Ria for all her assistance as well!

## **Kinlochleven Bike Park Steering Committee**

KCT were previously looking for some adult volunteers to lead the small sub group formed to take forward the provision of our community bike park project. Currently in place KCT already have been Kinlochleven High School and Primary School pupils who have a great interest in developing the original bike park idea within the centre of the village. We are delighted to announce that both Gary MacDonald and Peter Davidson have agreed to lead this project and have initial discussions with KCT to progress this project. To provide a brief summary of timescales.

KCT have had discussions with Ennstone Thistle who are about to start a contract at Wades Road Kinlochleven and the old surface material from Wades Road will be beneficial to the bike park and will provide an ideal hard standing surface for the park. KCT have ordered 120 tonne of material and this is expected to be delivered week commencing 9th May 2011. This will provide an ideal starting point for the sub group and you should start to see progress shortly.

## **Lochleven Minibus Association**

Lochleven Minibus Association would like to welcome Allison Sweeney as their new Administrator. Allison is based in the Community Centre and can be contacted on 01855 831191, or by email: [lochleven2@btinternet.com](mailto:lochleven2@btinternet.com) should you wish to discuss any matters regarding the minibus.

Did you know that the minibus is available for group bookings at a rate of £1 per mile if the journey is 10 miles or under or 50p per mile for journeys 10 miles or more. This includes fuel and a driver. Should this be something that may interest you, please contact Allison who can take bookings or help with any enquiries.

## **Village Square Grass Cutting**

KCT would like to thank Stuart Symmers and Jamie Scott who have cut the grass on numerous occasions free of charge within the new village square. If anyone is interested in volunteering or providing some assistance in maintaining the grass or herb/flower beds please do get in touch. Even if you can just help out every so often we would be delighted to hear from you. Just get in touch if you would like to help in any way by calling 01855 831 779 or email [moira@kinlochleven.co.uk](mailto:moira@kinlochleven.co.uk). Thank you.

## **A paragraph from Kinlochleven School Magazine Easter 1925 Price 6d**

Continuation Class News: The Continuation Classes ceased on 3rd March 1925. We had a most successful session and the attendance was well maintained to the end. Mr Gardiner, H.M.I visited the classes on 3rd December. We are presenting several students for the Certificate Examinations of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Commercial College to which our classes are affiliated. We wish them every success. It is a great advantage to our students that they can gain these certificates by attending our Commercial Classes and by sitting the examinations in our own school. We hope some day to see our Technical Classes affiliated to the Glasgow Technical College so that the certificates of that Institution may also be available to our students.

The Annual Dance of students and friends was held in the public hall on Friday 27th March. The following guests were invited but unfortunately all were not able to be present: Mr & Mrs Jameson, Mr & Mrs Morrison, Rev & Mrs Christie, Mr & Mrs Macgregor, Mr & Mrs W Robertson. For a most successful and enjoyable evening our thanks are due to the ladies responsible for the buffet, to the ladies and gentlemen who provided our music, to the members of committee and to the joint secretaries, Messrs T Gillespie and A Brindley. We are indebted to the British Aluminium Co Ltd and to class teachers for their generosity in providing us with prizes. We tender them with our grateful thanks. The following prizes were presented:-

Electricity—A McKenzie, D Robertson, G Groundwater; Electricity (2) - T Gillespie, A MacEwan; English—T MacEwan, W Campbell; Shorthand—S McDonald, B Cairns, T MacEwan; Typewriting—D McDougall, W Cairns, B Cairns; Book-keeping (1) T MacEwan, T Gillespie, A MacDougall; Book-keeping (2) S McDonald, W Cairns, D McDougall; Machine Coins—J McKenzie, A McKenzie; Mathematics—A McKenzie, G Graham, W Campbell; Arithmetic—G Graham, G Groundwater, W Cairns; Com. Do.—T Gillespie, T MacEwan, G Graham; Mensuration—G Graham, G Groundwater, A McDougal; French—A MacEwan; Sewing—May MacEwan, J Groundwater

The names are in order of merit—first, second and third

Miss C Groundwater received the following certificates (Course 1) of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Commercial College—English, Shorthand and Typing.



# Kinlochleven Community Trust Hanging Basket Sponsorship 2011

For the 2011 season the Trust will be continuing with our Hanging Basket Sponsorship Scheme. This will offer a fantastic opportunity to enhance the look of our community with beautiful hanging baskets which will be installed and maintained by Kinlochleven Community Trust. This sponsorship scheme is open to individuals or businesses and will help make Kinlochleven a more attractive place to live, work and visit. We are extending the number of baskets displayed each year and now display 78 baskets in total. If you feel that you are able to sponsor a basket or make a small donation we would very much appreciate any financial assistance. The cost to provide professional baskets, Primary School baskets and watering services costs approximately £4000 per year!

The cost of sponsorship per basket is £25.00.

If you are interested in sponsoring a hanging basket, please complete the form below and return to the Trust. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Moira at the KCT office, by email [moira@kinlochleven.co.uk](mailto:moira@kinlochleven.co.uk) or by telephone 01855 831 779. Thank you for any support you can give.

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I would like to contribute to the 2011 Hanging Basket Sponsorship Scheme. All cheques made payable to Kinlochleven Community Trust please.

Number of baskets \_\_\_\_\_ @ £25 per display Total:

Please let us know your preferred location for your basket/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return forms to the address below. Thank you for supporting this project.

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