



Kinlochleven Community Trust

Newsletter August 2010

On the move—it's the last post for the old office!

After nearly two-and-a-half years, since it was first mooted, the Post Office is set to operate from its new premises on Wednesday 18th August. The doors will open for the first day of trading at 9am. Along the way there have been several delays, including obtaining agreement from the Scottish Ministers for transfer of the building to the community trust and then negotiations with the Bank of Ireland to secure transfer of the cash machine to the new premises.

However, all the work is nearly completed with workmen fitting new security equipment and the open plan Post Office counter as we speak. The new cash machine will be installed on Tuesday 17th August and should be fully operational by that evening. This will mean that there will be no cash withdrawal facility available in the village from around 6pm on Monday 16th August. Fortunately, this means that this vital service will be unavailable for only a short period, previously it looked as though it would be out of action for nearly a week.

The new open plan counter will make it easier for older and disabled customers to use the full range of Post Office services and being located in a more modern building makes access easier. There is ample off-road parking available in the car park immediately behind the Aluminium Storey.

Post Office arrangements during the transfer

Monday 16th - Old Post Office open usual hours until 5.30pm.

Tuesday 17th - Post Office closed. No cash machine available. Royal Mail will deliver post as usual.

Wednesday 18th - New Post Office open usual hours 9am to 1pm.

NEW TELEPHONE NO: 01855 831021

Hanging Basket 2010

We may not have had the gloriously warm and sunny summer we all had hoped for, but the hanging baskets have yet again provided a good burst of colour around the village.

Special thanks go to John Groundwater, Kinlochleven Co-op Manager, for the donation of materials; Andrew Spence, Oban Homebase Manager, for the discount on plants and donations; Steven Campbell, Oban Express, for transporting all the materials; Arches Hardware Shop Ballachulish, for the discount on plants.

Finally, and most importantly, to the Children of Kinlochleven Primary and Nursery School, Lindsay Buchanan; Countryside Ranger with Highland Council and local volunteer Eileen McGarrity.

Organising hanging baskets for even a small village costs a lot of money and the community trust would not be able to do this without funding and support from The Scottish Community Foundation, Highland Council, Action Earth, The Co-operative Membership Community Fund. In addition many local businesses and residents provided sponsorship or donations to proceed at no cost to the Trust.

Events at the Salvation Army Hall

The Salvation Army would warmly welcome you to join us in any of our meetings or activities in our hall (up the road from the old Post Office).

Sunday: Our weekly meeting at 11am
Every 3rd Sunday of the month at 6.30pm in Heatherlee.

Monday: Home League (Women's meeting) 2.30pm

Tuesday: Friendship Club at 2pm
(Scrabble, Snakes & Ladders, Dominoes, etc)

Wednesday: Music Club (Guitars & Keyboards) 4pm
Kinlochleven Community Choir meet on selected dates.
Next practice—18th August at 7pm)

Thursday: Exercise Class at 7pm.

For more information contact Janet McIntyre on 831271 or 07909 565142.

Atlas Brewery

Unfortunately KCT were informed by Sinclair Breweries on the 10th June that Atlas Brewery was moving to join their production plant in Orkney.

Although expected, this news has come as a shock for many. Quick work was undertaken to clear the Brewery and by Wednesday 16th June the Brewery was back to its original shell with many watching the brewery equipment leave Kinlochleven for the last time.

The current lease on the brewery building expires on 30th November 2010. For all enquiries regarding Atlas Beers please email info@sinclairbreweries.co.uk or telephone 01667 404 555. For all enquiries about the empty building please contact moira@kinlochleven.co.uk or telephone 01855831779.

Marie Curie Field of Hope

Following a site meeting with Highland Council representatives, the large pot holes adjacent to the Field of Hope have now been filled. The dead trees have been removed and the large dip where the Highland Council's contractors grass cutting machine sunk and destroyed the daffodil bulbs has now been built up with soil and grass seeded.

Some local residents have suggested erecting a small fence round the field. This area is still under Highland Council ownership and a small fence could only be put up at no cost to Highland Council or KCT. We will keep you updated with further details on this over the next few months.

The trust will be arranging a further daffodil bulb planting day later in the year where anyone can take part and plant bulbs. Any financial donations or of bulbs to help get the Marie Curie Field back to normal will gratefully received.

Caledonian Challenge

Special thanks to all 36 volunteers who assisted at the recent Caledonian Challenge on 12th June 2010. KCT will receive a financial contribution from the Scottish Community Foundation in respect of marshaling duties by the volunteers and this will be allocated towards the Hanging Baskets and Watering Project 2010. A full total will be given in the next newsletter.

New community minibus for Loch Leven

Lochleven Minibus has after an exhaustive interview and application process secured a new minibus for the community. This will arrive in mid November and has been donated by Highland Cross who helps charities throughout Scotland.

In June members of the committee, joined by local community volunteers, attended the Highland Cross event held in Moidart as stewards helping the many hundreds of runners who take part in this prestigious cross country race. The funds raised from sponsorship at this event will be used to help our charity and three other groups in Scotland.

The acquisition of this new minibus will we hope secure this vital service for the local community. At this time the minibus is underused but with our new pricing structure we hope to encourage more community groups to consider using us.

If anybody out there would like to help us provide this service to the community, perhaps by joining the committee and injecting some fresh ideas or by volunteering their time as drivers their help would be welcomed. If you require information about prices please contact Bob Burns on 831191 we have small office within the community centre and Bob can be found there most weekday mornings before 11am.

Will Ferguson (Chairman)

Work at Canteen Pool

It is proposed that two of the three picnic tables donated by Kinlochleven High School will be sited by the canteen pool for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Some trees have been felled and land cleared by local volunteers on behalf of the Trust in order to implement an area for access for all to enjoy the riverbank.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who have worked so hard in clearing this area. The third bench will be placed beside the Bowling Club.

Commemorative plaques available for the village garden

Now that the garden is near completion we can offer aluminium memorial plaques for sale to be placed on the curved wall within the village square.

These durable plaques are suitable for outdoor use and are available for £50 each including border and letter engraving and installation. Contact the office for full details.

Can we really be thinking about 2011 already?

All twelve months of the 2011 Trust calendar have now been allocated sponsorship by local businesses and will shortly be sent off to the printers.

We would like to thank the following businesses who have supported the 2011 calendar; without this support the calendar would not be so successful.

January—New Start Highland
 February—Loch Leven Holidays
 March—McIntyre & Company
 April—The Pre-65 Motorbike Committee
 May—Highland Getaway
 June—Kinlochleven Post Office
 July—George Stubbs Insurance Services
 August—MacDonald Hotel
 September—The Leven Centre
 October—Agrimony
 November—The Scottish Executive
 December—Co-operative Food Kinlochleven