



KINLOCHLEVEN
COMMUNITY TRUST

Kinlochleven Community Trust Newsletter September 2011

A sunny late September morning on the Village Square

On 28th September the concrete plinth for the Pelton Wheel was prepared by Rio Tinto Alcan's Contractors Global Engineering Ltd. The temporary rockery area was lifted and the area prepared for the concrete base. The wheel will be lifted into place later this week and then the final concrete will be poured to secure the wheel. A single spotlight will illuminate the centrepiece and then the area will be tidied up.

KCT would like to thank Rio Tinto Alcan for all assistance given in ensuring our new village square has a beautiful centrepiece that we can all be proud of.

On the same day it was lovely to see all the S1 pupils of Kinlochleven High School use their village centre to their advantage while out and about on a joint History/Geography lesson.

The area was developed for all to enjoy we received a number of lovely comments on how nice it was to see them all on the garden. The children kindly allowed a few photographs to be taken for the newsletter.

Thanks to all the S1 pupils, Mrs Lathe, Miss Petty and Mrs Taylor.



Memorial Bench in Memory of Tony Schwalbe

The Memorial Bench which has recently appeared between the Kinlochleven Powerhouse and the River Leven has been donated to the Kinlochleven Community and the West Highland Way by the Schwalbe family as a tribute to their son Tony Schwalbe.

The family approached KCT and Rio Tinto Alcan for permission to locate a memorial bench near the West Highland Way as they knew how much their son's experience of completing the West Highland Way meant to him. Tony Schwalbe spoke highly of his enjoyment of the scenery and of Kinlochleven to his friends and family and due to this poignant life experience the Schwalbe family chose Kinlochleven as the area to leave something in memory of their son. The Schwalbe family thanked Moira Hartley, Rio Tinto Alcan, Stuart Symmers and Lyndsay Sharp for their assistance in locating the bench in Kinlochleven.



Pictured above Andre and Kirsten Schwalbe

Cheers and all the best to River Leven Ales!

KCT welcomes River Leven Ales as our new Tenant in the former carbon smelter. Local resident Harry Heskey has worked tirelessly in transforming the empty building back to a functioning brewery. Harry has brewed many styles of beer both as an amateur and professional and offers three distinctive tastes; River Leven Blonde, River Leven IPA and River Leven Dark.

It has been a great pleasure working with Harry and we all wish him the best of luck with his new business venture. For all enquiries please contact River Leven Ales on 01855 831 519 or mobile 07901 873 273, visit www.riverlevenales.co.uk or email info@riverlevenales.co.uk.

Additional bins at last!

Some may have noticed several new green bins placed around the village. This was the outcome of several discussions with Highland Council. However due to budget cuts within Highland Council the bins will not be replaced again should they go missing. A lot of time has been spent on trying to secure new bins for the village by KCT and it is frustrating when they are continually removed. With the withdrawal of the community skip and the reduced refuse collection it is vital that we can save what bins we have.

Full property portfolio for KCT

For the first time in a number of years all KCT's properties are now full. We were delighted to welcome Nether Lochaber Amateur Boxing Club to Unit 2 on 1st May 2011; River Leven Ales on the 1st August 2011 and Dramafish Studios to Unit 3 on 1st September 2011. We wish them all the best of luck and delighted at the feedback already received. Please note advert on page 4 for the official opening of Dramafish Studios this weekend, Saturday 1st October 2011. All welcome!

In addition KCT have now accepted an offer in principle on the former Post office building. Please note that this offer is subject to planning permission. Hopefully more to report on this very soon. KCT have registered an interest in the former toilet block in Kinlochleven to take into community ownership. The register of interest was made on the 10th August 2011.

Two building plots, each with Outline Planning Consent for a detached dwellinghouse are for sale at Greymares Car Park, off Wades Road, Kinlochleven. Offers in the region of £60,000 per plot. All enquiries to property@solicitors-scotland.com or visit www.solicitors-scotland.com.

Temporary Anemometer

A planning application was previously approved for the erection of a temporary anemometer mast on the land north west of Rose Cottage, Kinlochleven. KCT has now purchased a second hand anemometer. We have also received an SD Memory Card courtesy of Better Generation. The anemometer is now ready to be put in place and this will happen over the next couple of weeks.

Kinlochleven Bowling Club KCT Triples 2011

Pictured from left to right

Winners:

Jude Robinson - Agnes Thain - Alan Robinson

Andrew Baxter – Chairman KCT presenting the
KCT shield

Runners up:

Robert Hunter - Liz Kennedy - Bill Clark



Caledonian Challenge

Thank you to all the volunteers who provided excellent assistance at the 2011 Caledonian Challenge on Saturday 11th June. The Trust has now received a cheque for £800 and this amount has been allocated to the community hanging baskets project. Thank you once again to all volunteers who helped on the day.

Advance notification - November Lochaber Ward Forums—Highland Council

The South Ward 22 Forum meeting scheduled for the 14th November 2011, (6.30pm Nevis Centre, Fort William) will be dedicated to young people. This is following on from the very successful 'young people speak out' forum held in September 2009.

Following the same format as before youth workers in collaboration with High School staff will be working with young people over the coming weeks to gather their thoughts and views on issues that are important to them. In September 2009 questions were raised regarding policing, access to community facilities, further education, employment, transport, the environment, economic development and health care.

We are anticipating that we will have a wide range of questions again. We are asking for these questions to be submitted 3 weeks in advance of the meeting in order that appropriate partners can prepare answers for the night. If specific questions are raised which your organisation/service is in a position to answer, we would ask that a representative of your organisation/service attends the forum(s) to give direct feedback to the young people.

In addition to the Ward 22 forum, Councillors in Ward 12 will also be offering young people the chance to raise questions at their forum the following day - 15th November (7.30pm at Kilmallie Hall, Corpach).

NHS Smoking Cessation Services

**QUIT SMOKING DROP-IN
TUESDAYS AT 11.30a.m.
Leven Centre
Kinlochleven**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
Tel: 01397 709 864 Text: 07786 190 815**

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Saturday 1st October

Fun Day

Grand Opening



Midday to 4pm

**At Dramafish Studios and Kinlochleven Business Park
(behind the Ice Factor)**

**Theatre, Music, Dance, Kids Activities, Studio Tours,
Crafts, Stalls, Car Boot Sale, Tea & Cake, Chill Out Tent,
Sconefest, Mrs Pierce, Fancy Dress Competition...**

Bab's and Berenice's Big Bottle Bash

Tombola but not as you know it!

For more info or to book a stall/pitch

Call Ilona On 01855 831 454

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