



## Update 10 – March 2007

### Taking stock of progress

#### **Museum building and environmental improvements.**

Following the land purchase, two exhibitions of the plans relating to the purchase have been held, and hopefully most who wanted to look at the details have now done so. Any member who has not yet seen them and wishes to do so should contact the Secretary.

In the exhibition was a letter received in early February from Nadair to say that, on the advice of the architect, there was now insufficient time to use the building grant to complete a museum before the time limit for use of the grant in 2008. A major factor has been ever-lengthening delays in obtaining planning approval – it would seem that the standard waiting time is now 8 months from submission of plans before decision! The directors have now received a letter, dated 12<sup>th</sup> March, giving formal notification of the grant withdrawal, but encouraging the Trust to re-bid for a grant based on an updated scheme.

The environmental improvements will need a separate grant, and the Trust is investigating new sources of funding for this purpose.

**Heritage interpretation project.** This project is now well on its way to the final stages. The panels are almost ready to go from Steve Pardue to the manufacturer, and the walk leaflets are nearing final drafts. The Trust now owns the slate resources for building the plinths for the panels, and work is starting on sorting the slate needed. As the weather improves, the time for volunteer plinth-building teams will have arrived!

#### **More Luing Heritage!**

Mrs Natalie McDonald recently visited Luing with her husband. They have left in the care of the Trust a display collection of a medals and documents awarded to her father by the Latvian consul in 1936 after the sinking of the Helena Faulbaums, to be exhibited in the museum in due course.

### **Annual General Meeting is provisionally set for Tuesday 8th May 2007**

**Details of location, time and agenda will be given in due course, with nominations required for the director post vacancies which need to be filled each year.**