

Update 6 – April 2006

Welcome to the March edition of the Luing Community Trust Update and thanks to all the members who have contributed.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all members and friends to supply me with news or letters to be published in future editions. Happy Easter!

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Happy 1st Birthday!



The **Luing Community Trust** has been officially operating for one year; the first AGM will be held on Monday, the 17th of April 2006, 19.30 at Toberonochy Hall. See page 5 for further details.

Annual subscription renewals are due and the membership secretary Joan Morgan (01852 314121) would be delighted to renew your membership at or shortly after the AGM. Please also inform her of any changes in address, phone number or E-mail.

Interpretative Panels

The Trust is planning to place 13 interpretative panels and panoramas at various places of interest around the Isle of Luing, giving information on all aspects of the island. Three bids were submitted and the three bidders invited to give a presentation on 29th March in Toberonochy Hall. The preferred contractor for the interpretative panels is Steve Pardue, of **Differentia Design** based in Newcastle-on-Tyne. One of his strengths is his artistic skill in drawing wildlife, and the heritage working group look forward to providing him with the themes and source material for each panel. The Trust still has to secure full funding for the project, but should hear by the end of May whether the project can go ahead. If it does, the hope is for completion by 1st May 2007.

To install the weather-proof panels volunteers will be needed so anyone who can put in a few hours of labour is more than welcome. Please contact Alastair Fleming fleming.a.z@btinternet.com if you've got some time and muscle to spare.



Luing History Group

Three representatives of the Group attended the Argyll & Bute Museums and Heritage Forum in Oban. This was a whole day event which was a chance to meet other groups' representatives, share experiences and benefit from presentations from the Scottish Museums Council, Heritage North and the Council for Scottish Archaeology. The Forum is particularly important now that Argyll & Bute Council no longer has a Museums Officer to offer advice.

On March 10th Luing History Group held their A.G.M, and a talk on The Lighthouses of Lorn was given by Jane MacLachlan. More than fifty people enjoyed Jane's presentation and the display which accompanied it.



A group of members have been meeting regularly and researching local facts for the Community Trust's production of a Luing leaflet. The same group is also carrying out research for the proposed interpretative panels on Luing.

March 19th was a training day – 'Caring for your Collections: an introduction'. This was a very interesting day and most useful. 2005/6 training is now coming to an end but there are 2 more day courses in Oban, both free of charge:

Friday 28th April – Research your Local Archaeology.

Saturday 29th April – Objects of Admiration (this is about interpretation).



The same evening, the History Group's publication 'Memories of 1945' went on sale.

This 42 page booklet is available priced £5 in the Luing Stores. Luing History Group members are entitled to a discount and can buy their copies from Julia Galbraith or Zoe Fleming.

Places on these courses have to be booked and are subject to availability but if any Luing History Group members would like to attend, please contact Julia Galbraith, Ann MacQueen or Zoe Fleming for a booking form. Further courses will be arranged for 2006/7 and 2007/8.

Café

A Café working group has been set up to look at ways of running a café/restaurant, serving teas and coffees in the afternoon and cooked meals in the evenings. Issues such as how it could be incorporated into the museum building, how to make it profitable and who could actually run it are being looked into at the moment. The group is now looking for comments from everybody on what the café should offer, who would use it, and when and who could help to run it. So if you have any suggestions or ideas please contact John Robertson, arobertson70@tiscali.co.uk



Groups and Committees

The 'Luig Adventure Playpark and John McCowan Memorial Park Group' is set to become a sub group of the Luig Community Trust. If any other group would like to do the same and operate 'under the Trust's wing' please contact Alastair Fleming.

The Trust can offer help with grant applications, information on insurance etc. Once there is a centre it can be utilized for a variety of activities such as courses, talks, seminars or exhibitions which will not only attract local people but also visitors and tourists.

Biodiversity Project

It looks like spring is here at last; primroses are emerging through the dead bracken and the geese are flying north again, with only a few small flocks of mainly **Canada geese** staying for the whole summer.



There have been two sightings of a **common lizard**, one in the wild and the other one in a living room in Cullipool!



Thanks to all contributors of wildlife observations – keep them coming in – preferably written rather than by word of mouth as it was a while before we realised that a rare sighting of a wheatear in the winter was actually a 'wee deer'.

Contact Us

Until such time as the Community Trust has its own business premises the Trust's postal address will be:

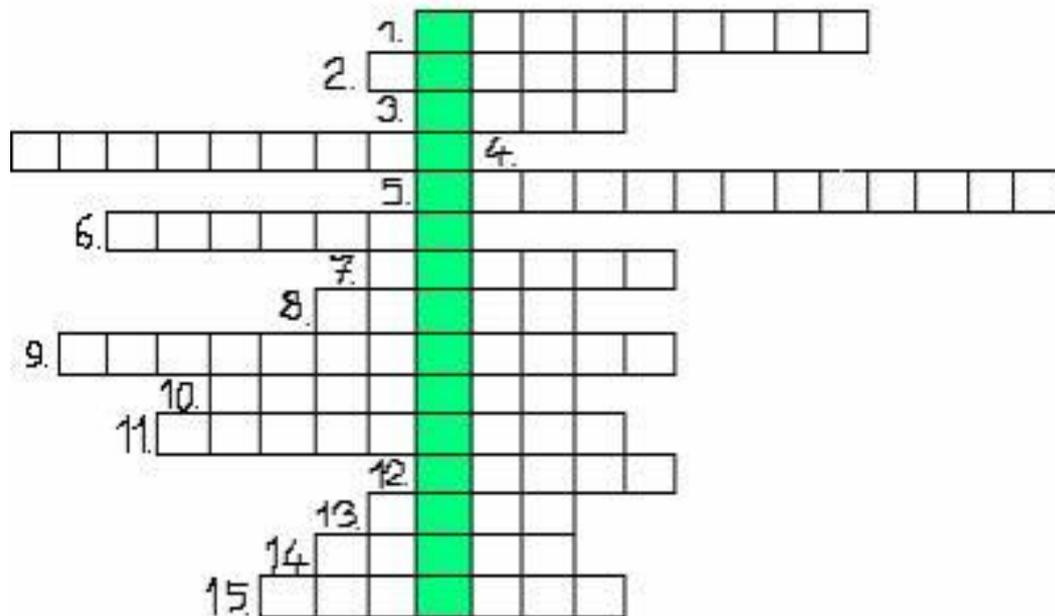
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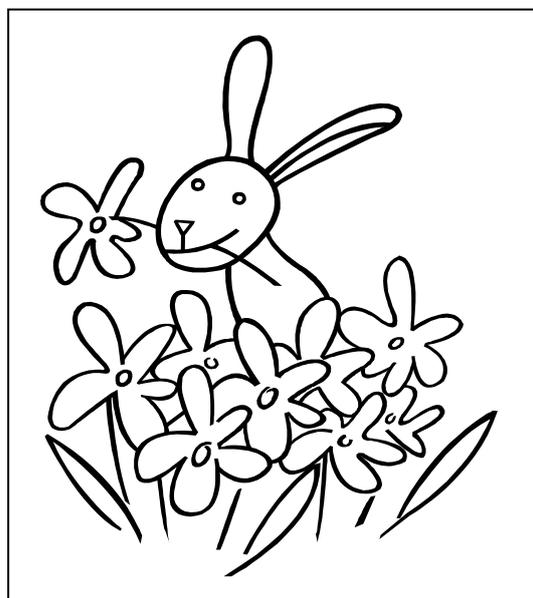
Fill in the crossword, the letters in the green squares will give you a small animal often seen this time of year on the island

1. black seabird, likes diving,
2. grey animal with long ears,
3. it is light, flies and can eat your clothes,
4. long animal that lives in the soil and can be used for fishing,
5. black and white seabird with a long red beak,
6. sea mammal that can jump,
7. what is Earth, what is Mars, what is Venus?,
8. small animal that likes cheese,
9. it eats cabbage before it becomes a butterfly,
10. white winter vegetable that grows underground,
11. other name for pyrite,
12. island off Luing,
13. it affects the tides,
14. it is black and there is a lot of it on Luing,
15. fish that you can eat



1. tnamrooc, 2. yeknod, 3. htom, 4. mrowhtrae, 5. rehctacretsyo, 6. nihplod, 7. tenalp, 8. suom, 9. rallipretac, 10. pinsrap, 11. dlogsoof, 12. asrot, 13. noom, 14. etals, 15. kcoddah

colour me in, Happy Easter



Annual General Meeting

Monday 17 April, 2006, Toberonochy Hall, 7.30 pm

**All Members and Friends of the Trust are invited to their first AGM.
The formal notice with agenda has already been published.**

First birthday celebration!

Come and celebrate the successes of the first year with appropriate refreshments and a Members' Forum. The Trust Management Committee will be available to discuss the work of the Trust.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Chairman's annual report
3. Treasurer:
 - (a) Accounts for past year
 - (b) Membership subscription for 2006/7
 - (c) Account reference date
 - (d) Auditor appointment
4. Election of
 - (a) Directors
 - (b) Membership Secretary
 - (c) Public Relations Officer
 - (d) Ordinary Members of Management Committee
5. Any other relevant business

From the Trust Rules:
11 (b) Any resolutions of which due notice has been given and brought to the meeting by the Directors.
No such resolutions have been proposed by the Directors for this AGM.

11(c) Any other business brought to the meeting and notified to the Chairman in writing before the start of the meeting, at the discretion of the Chairman.

Members' Forum

After the AGM a discussion forum is planned to enable Trust members to discuss Trust matters with directors and committee members.

Further nominations should be made in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder, to the Secretary, Peter Hooper, at Swallows, South Cuan, by Friday 14 April 2006.

Both proposer and seconder must be current Members of the Trust.

Membership subscriptions (£10 Members/ £5 Friends)

are due for renewal from 1st April each year – [Rule 3(e)].

All renewing their subscriptions to the Membership Secretary, Joan Morgan, at or even before the AGM will be entered into a

**SPECIAL PRIZE DRAW
at the meeting!**

Nominations

In accordance with the Rules of the Trust, nominations are invited from Members for election to the following posts:

Directors of the Trust

up to 3 posts to be held for 1 year

up to 3 posts to be held for 2 years

up to 3 posts to be held for 3 years

Membership Secretary

Public Relations Officer

3 Ordinary Committee Members

Present directors and management committee members are eligible for re-election. This year, for the one and only time, director posts will be equally divided into 1-year, 2-year and 3-year posts to set up a rotation that results in 3 director posts coming up for election each year.

The following have indicated their willingness to stand for election or re-election:

Directors

1-year tenure: Simon Breasley, Richard Demery, Jane MacLachlan

2-year tenure: Alastair Fleming, John Robertson

3-year tenure: Mike Barlow, Pete Hooper, Dawn MacKenzie

Membership secretary: Joan Morgan

Public Relations Officer: Barry Wilson

Ordinary Members: Phil Robertson, Fumiko Miller, Martin Whitmore (presently co-opted)

The post of Collections Officer is a nomination from the Luig History Group.