

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2009

Just a little update to keep you informed on how we are getting on. The year has passed so quickly we can't believe it is June already!

Improvements Made

Since our last newsletter at the end of last year we have continued to work on the improvements to the chalets.

In January we got all the chalets fitted with 270mm of insulation, which has improved warmth within the chalets significantly – although with the hot summer they have forecast we won't have to worry about heating?

We have fitted double glazing to The Badger chalet which has also improved the warmth and comfort in the chalet.

We have removed the rhododendrons from the front of the Red Squirrel and Pine Martin which has enhanced the views from them.

The site for the new chalet, the "Stag & Hind" has been cleared and we are awaiting its arrival, unfortunately a little later than expected however we will have it available in the near future.

We have just completed the new BBQ hut – it will be available for use during your stay from June. This will enable us to have BBQ's all year round come sun, rain and even snow – we have even insulated it! We have fitted it out with a karaoke machine and a playstation.

Future Plans

We have just taken delivery of the new showers for us to start the modernisation of the bathrooms.

We are going to modernise the bathrooms by replacing the baths with a shower enclosure complete with a shower tower. The bathrooms will also have underfloor heating fitted, with us finishing the floor and walls with tiles.

As previously noted we are hoping for a good summer however we would also like the following to be completed before the winter comes:

1. Fit double glazing to Red Squirrel & Pine Martin.
2. Fit wood burning stoves in the living/dining rooms.

Claim to Fame!

We were lucky enough to be asked by a film production company if they could use our chalets as a base while they filmed a scene for the new film *Centurion* which is to be screened early 2010. They did most of the filming in the Aviemore area however they wanted to use the falls as the backdrop for one of the scenes where the Picts chased the Romans of the 9th Legion over the edge of the gorge. The film is in general based on fact. Unfortunately the chalets are not featured in the film!

General

We are in the process of updating the website with some photos which will allow you to see the improvements we have made.

If you have any suggestions or comments that you would like us to consider please email us and let us know.

2009 Events

Highland Games

Glengarry	Saturday	4 th July
Loch Carron	Saturday	18 th July
Inverness	Saturday & Sunday	18 th /19 th July
Durness	Friday	24 th July
Abriachan	Sunday	26 th July
Skye	Wednesday	5 th August
Dornoch	Friday	7 th August
Strathpeffer	Saturday	8 th August
Tain	Thursday	13 th August
Assynt	Friday	14 th August
Nairn	Saturday	15 th August
Helmsdale	Saturday	15 th August
Caithness	Sunday	16 th August
Invergordon	Saturday	22 nd August
Glen Urquhart	Saturday	29 th August
Invercarron	Saturday	19 th September

Other Events

Nairn Book & Arts Festival	5 th & 6 th June
Nissan Mountain Bike World Cup – Nevis Range	6 th & 7 th June
Jacobite Queen – 3hr Loch Ness cruise with storyteller	5 th , 12 th , 19 th & 26 th June
Rockness Music Festival	12 th , 13 th & 14 th June
The Crossing – Caledonian Canal Celebrations	16 th – 20 th June
Wick Pipe Band 90 th Anniversary Festival	19 th – 21 st June
Wick Market Square, Riverside & Dunrobin Castle	
The Outsider Festival – Rothiemurcas Estate	20 th & 21 st June
Hebridean Celtic Festival – Stornaway	15 th – 18 th July
Blas na Fasaich – Taste of the Wilderness, Dornoch Links	18 th July
Inverness Highland Tattoo	late July/early August
Black Isle Show	6 th August
Belladrum Tartan Heart Music Festival	7 th & 8 th August
Cancer Research Relay for Life	23 rd & 24 th August
“Connect” Music Festival	28 th – 30 th August
First Monster – 120km Loch Ness team challenge	September
Blas Festival Pipers Gala Concert – Eden Court	5 th September
Blas Festival Club Ceilidh Dance – Eden Court	5 th September
Dougie Maclean & Band in concert – Eden Court	10 th September
Duncan Chi hold & Friends	11 th September
Ceilidh & gourmet cuisine on Jacobite Cruise	
Blas Festival Grand Finale – Eden Court	12 th September
Scotland v Ireland – shinty/hurling international	1 st – 30 th October
Loch Ness Marathon & Festival of Running	4 th October
World Porridge Making Championship – Carrbridge	11 th October
Inverness Film Festival	November