

KLHS CHAIRPERSONS REPORT 2017 – 18

Once again I would like to report that we had a successful programme of talks which were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Speakers included Liz Shaw, Murdo Beaton, Gordon Brown, George Hendry, Angus Peter Campbell and Cailean MacLean.

It was very sad to see in February that the iconic Castle Moil had been damaged by a lightning strike. The castle which is currently owned by Highland Council is being stabilized and lightning conductors fitted. This is being financed by the H C and Historic Environment Scotland, the future upkeep of the Castle has still to be decided as HC are keen to pass this on to other groups if there are any interested. This of course would be a huge commitment. The Clan Mackinnon Society USA have shown an interest in supporting any group willing to take over the ownership.

The Atlas banners were displayed on the railings for the season creating lots of interest from tourists.

The website gallery is gradually expanding and Stuart has set up a Facebook page.

A second laptop has been purchased for the secretary's uses and the newsletter will come out soon.

The membership remains healthy although collecting fees has proved more difficult this year.

The Kyleakin tartan has not yet been produced but should be available in Spring 2019 when we would hope to have a launch evening.

The volunteers rota at the BWC worked well this year thanks to the support of non committee members Ruth, Mary and Eve and members Anna Belle, Margaret, Roddy and Caroline. Thanks are also extended to the Eilean Ban Trust for accommodating our display corner.

Personally I would like to thank all committee members for their input throughout the year without your support we could not continue. Thanks are also extended to Kyleakin Connections for use of the building and the Church of Scotland for use of the carpark