



GLENELG & ARNISDALE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

# The Trusty

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'The rain in May that makes the hay', is a common saying among agricultural folk and with the driest May on record this year it looks like being a scarce commodity. There is no shortage of it in this excellent photograph taken at Immergradden around 1920. It shows no less than eight people working at a hay stack, three of them women. This was heavy,



work, but the burden of work would be lifted by the fact that with so many people working together it would also be like a social occasion with all genders and ages enjoying banter, fun and discourse together.

Speaking about fun, I neglected, in the last Trusty to acknowledge the contribution made to the ceilidh for the army by secondary pupils, Seamus Lane, Fraser MacLeod, Stephanie Harvey, Poppy Main and Mairi Hawthorne. Sorry about that, you were all excellent, and many thanks.

As for social occasions, the Trust Family Day is to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> June, the start of the school holidays. Proceedings kick off at one thirty at the football field. There will be a bouncy castle, a bungee run, sumo wrestling, boxing and an It's a Knockout competition. The Trust has acquired a new marquee. As well as being a refuge for midges, it will be handy if it rains and tea, coffee, and home baking will be served there all day. Contributions of baking will be very gratefully received as will donations of raffle prizes. A barbecue will be held at four. The event is due to end at seven, with an informal ceilidh following on in the marquee. This is very much a whole community event with everyone welcome to attend. Hopefully there will be a large turnout and good weather.

The renewables project is at the stage of the Trust seeking tenders to install a fifty metre tall mast to record wind speed over a twelve month minimum period. An application for planning permission for this installation will be lodged following ongoing consultation with planners. Permission has also been sought from the Forestry Commission to install flow metering equipment in Allt na Dallach. This will be in place for at least six months.



While 'squads' to work the land, as in hay making, are a part of our past history, group effort is still retained in certain sectors. Integral to our community cohesion is having our own support and rescue services. With this we are very fortunate.

This photograph is of members of the Mountain Rescue Team taken some twenty five years ago.

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