

THE FURNACE PRESS



Lochfyneside community newsletter

MERRY CHRISTMAS FURNACE

A lovely Christmas meal and a tuneful evening full of good cheer and high spirits was had by all at the Furnace Seniors Christmas Party. Many thanks to all involved in the organisation for their hard work.

More photos inside



**AND A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL 2017
STARTING WITH.....**

**THE WORLD FAMOUS FURNACE HOGMANAY DISCO
HOGMANAY FROM 8 TILL LATE IN THE FURNACE HALL
BAR TILL MIDNIGHT THEN BRING YOUR OWN**



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*WISH ALL OUR
CUSTOMERS & FRIENDS
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR*



Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year
To
All my friends
From
Margaret Sinclair
(Quarry Park)



With all Best
Wishes
for Christmas
and the New Year

From
Robbie and
Brody



*Happy Christmas to all
friends and neighbours and a
big thankyou for your
sympathy and kindness to me
and family.*

*Donations to the Dementia
Unit at Carrickstone Home is
now £815.*

*Love,
Edith,
Ashgrove*



Church News

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

Sunday 18th December: Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am.
Annual Carol Service in Lochgair Church at 6.30 pm. Carols chosen by members of the congregation.

Sunday 25th December : Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am.

Sunday 1st January 2017 : Morning Service in Lochgair Church at 10 am.

Sunday 8th January : Morning Service in Cumlodden Church at 10 am.

Monthly Gaelic Service in Lochgair Church at 3 pm. *Learners of Gaelic always welcome.*

ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE

On Friday 16th at 7 pm there was a special Ecumenical Carol Service in Inveraray Parish Church. Clergy from three congregations took part. The service also featured our own church choir and Inveraray school Gaelic choir.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICES

The **Christmas Eve Watchnight Service** will be held in **Cumlodden Church** at **7 pm**. There will also be a Watchnight Service in **Inveraray Church** at **11. 30 pm**. **(Check times.)**

GUILD MEETINGS

The **Cumlodden and Lochfyneside Guild** December meeting took the form of a Bring and Buy Sale followed by carol singing and readings. It was a most enjoyable well-attended meeting. The January meeting on the **second Wednesday** in the New Year will include the usual quiz.

St Andrew' Day Pupils v Grown-Ups Furnace Community Quiz

On St Andrew's Day evening, the pupils at Furnace Primary School took on the "grown-ups" in the first ever " Pupils v Fogeys Furnace Community Quiz" organised by Mike Masters and Furnace Primary Head Teacher Robyn McIlroy.

With questions ranging from Picasso to flags of Europe, the pupils quickly took the lead. To be fair the Fogeys faced ever so slightly harder questions, including identifying flags of Azerbaijan and global politics. The Fogeys had recovered slightly by the last round of charades but nonetheless the pupils were the clear victors with a score of 44 to 27. And even the Audience scored 4!

The St Andrew's theme included shortbread (made by school cook Miss Rhona) and irn-bru. A raffle raised over £100 for school funds. A fun night was had by all, and as Mike confirmed in his vote of thanks at the end of the evening, the quiz was a fantastic example of school and community integration.

FURNACE TABLE QUIZ

**FRIDAY 6 JANUARY
FURNACE VILLAGE HALL**

7.30PM

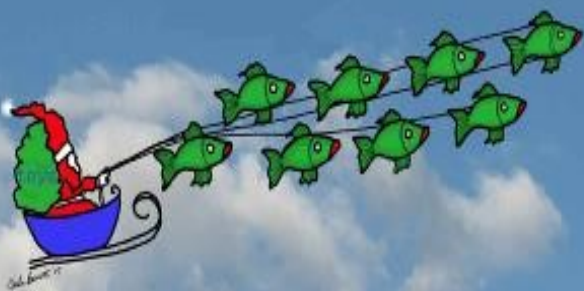
TEAMS OF UP TO FOUR

**£3 PER PERSON
RAFFLE AND HALF TIME REFRESHMENTS**

A CHANCE TO SHARPEN YOUR WITS FOR THE NEW



Christmas greetings from all at
Cooke Aquaculture, Furnace.



Seasons Greetings
to all our friends
and neighbours

Adele, David,
Donald & John



Happy Christmas
& A Great New Year



Lynn & Iain
XXX

Alma and Douglas



wish all their friends a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy,
Healthy and Prosperous New Year



FESTIVE OPENING HOURS

CHRISTMAS EVE

SATURDAY 24-Dec 8.30 - 1.00pm (As usual)

CHRISTMAS DAY

SUNDAY 25-Dec 10.00 - 12.00pm

(Pop in and join us for a mince pie, a glass
of mulled wine or a "wee dram" - NO PAPERS)

BOXING DAY

MONDAY 26-Dec 10.00 - 12.00pm

TUESDAY 27-Dec 8.30 - 1.00pm

WEDNESDAY 28-Dec 8.30 - 5.30pm

THURSDAY 29-Dec 8.30 - 5.30pm

FRIDAY 30-Dec 8.30 - 5.30pm

HOGMANAY

SATURDAY 31-Dec 8.30 - 1.00pm (As usual)

NEW YEARS DAY

SUNDAY 1-Jan 10.00 - 12.00pm

MONDAY 2-Jan 10.00 - 12.00pm

TUESDAY 3-Jan 8.30 - 1.00pm

WEDNESDAY 4-Jan 8.30 - 5.30pm

THURSDAY 5-Jan 8.30 - 5.30pm

FRIDAY 6-Jan 8.30 - 5.30pm

SATURDAY 7-Jan 8.30 - 1.00pm (As usual)

THEN BACK TO NORMAL

PAPERS EVERY DAY EXCEPT CHRISTMAS DAY

FURNACE STORES

Mike and Syb would like to
wish all our customers and
friends a very happy
Christmas and
our best wishes for 2017



Furnace & Minard Primary School Christmas Fair

The Christmas spirit was in the air on Saturday 3rd December at the joint Furnace and Minard Primary School Christmas fair at Minard Village Hall.

The pupils from both schools had formed enterprise companies to make Christmas crafts which they were hoping to sell for a profit.

The stalls looked fantastic and 'Santa' was even in the corner dispensing Christmas cheer, sweets and balloons to younger visitors. The morning was very well supported by residents from both Furnace and Minard.

Thanks to the pupils' hard work and the generosity of the communities we made a total of £374 between both schools, which sums will go into our school funds.





*Christmas time wishes
For warmth & good cheer
Happiness now and in the
New Year.*

*Best wishes to all
Margaret,
William & Katie*



To all our
friends in
Furnace and
beyond

*God Jul och
Gott Nytt År*



**Merry Christmas
Love and
Best Wishes
From
Donald, Naline
& Girls**

Wishing all our Friends
and neighbours a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy and Healthy
New Year.

Amy, Gill and Donald



*Wishing all the very best, A Merry Christmas
And A Happy New Year*

Love,

Angie Lorek-Gordon



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*Wishing a very
Merry
Christmas
and a Happy
New Year to
all my friends,
neighbours and residents of
Furnace and nearby villages*

*Love from
Margaret Macintyre*



*Richard and Elaine would
like to wish all our Furnace
Friends Peace & Joy at
Christmas*



**NOLLAIG CHRIDHEIL AGUS
BLIADHNA MHATH UR**

**Roddy and Jean MacLeod
send warmest greetings
for Christmas and the New Year
to all readers of the Furnace Press.**

*Mungo, Catherine,
Emma, Isabella
and Andrew*

*Would like to wish
friends and neighbours*

*A very
Merry Christmas
And a
Happy New Year*

**A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
to all members of the Furnace Social Club.**

*If you haven't joined the club yet, it's open to all residents and regular
visitors to the Furnace and Minard area, so why not pop in and give it a try?*

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES

Saturday Dec 24th Christmas Eve: 3.00 pm - Midnight (as usual)

Sunday Dec 25th Christmas Day: 12.00 - 2.00 pm

Monday Dec 26th Boxing Day: 4.00 - 8.00 pm

Saturday Dec 31st Hogmanay: 3.00 pm - Midnight (as usual)

Bar closes at Midnight - bring your own after that

Sunday Jan 1st New Year's Day: 3.00 - 8.00 pm (as usual)