

THE FURNACE PRESS

Lochfyneside community newsletter



The Furnace Press is a collection of news, views and announcements submitted by members of the community and is published by Furnace Amenity Assoc which also owns and runs Furnace Village Hall as well as staging community events throughout the year.



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GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK!

On Wednesday August 3rd, we waved a fond farewell to Robert & Marilyn Dunn who left the village after 13 years. Robert & Marilyn both took an active part in village life, Robert was a former editor of the Furnace Press and Marilyn did a great job as Secretary of the Community Council some years back. They always supported any village events and could be relied on to dress up for the occasion. They are away to pastures new in Kelso and we wish them well and hope they will come back and visit us from time to time.

Gala Weekend is
nearly here!
AUGUST 19th - 21st
See the special back page for
your programme of events!



Evening Sale, Cake and Coffee

Furnace Hall

Friday 12 August, 7 pm

Teas, cakes, usual stalls, raffle, bottle
stall, books, bric-a-brac, home baking

Donations gratefully accepted

Adults - £3.00

Children with an Adult – free

All welcome

Money raised will go to the local Church of Scotland – Cumloddan,
Lochfyneside and Lochgair Churches, Charity No SC016097
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CHURCH NEWS

Services in August

Sunday 7th August The morning service at **10 am** will take place in **Lochgair Church**.

Sunday 14th August The service at **10 am** will be in **Cumlodden Church** at **10 am**.

The monthly **Gaelic Service** will be held in **Lochgair Church** at **3 pm**. Tea to follow in the Church Hall. Learners of Gaelic welcome.

Sunday 21st August The morning service will again be in **Cumlodden Church** at **10 am**. As this is the third Sunday in the month, there will be tea and fellowship in the Church Hall.

Sunday 28th August The service will take place in **Cumlodden Church** at **10 am**.

Guild Sale

The Cumlodden and Lochfyneside Guild Annual Sale will be held in **Furnace Village Hall** on **Friday 12th August** at **7 pm**. Entry is £3. Tea, coffee, cakes, raffle, bottle stall, bric-a-brac, etc. Articles may be brought to the Hall on Friday afternoon, or contact Elizabeth Hay, Linda Biggar or any Guild member. It is hoped that the Guild's main fund-raising event will be well supported.

Church Choir

The Choir meets in Cumlodden Church on Tuesdays from **6.30** to **7.30**. New members are always welcome.

End of an Era for Lochfyneside Church

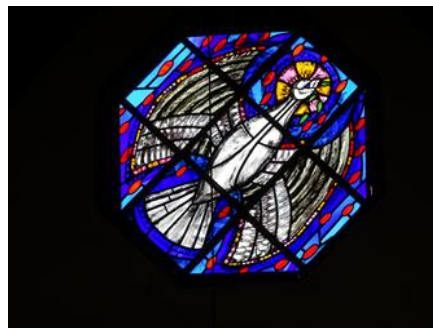
A special service was held in Lochfyneside Church in Minard to mark its closure as a place of worship. The church was built for the United Free Church in 1910 and became part of the Church of Scotland following the union of 1929. The church was erected by Messrs. Speirs of Glasgow who built about 75 similar corrugated-iron places of worship for the United Free Church.

At the service there was a large congregation of people who had had connections with the church over the years, including Roddy and Elma Munro, who had got married there forty eight years ago, and David and Rosemary Fife-Jackson, now living in Australia, who had served as elder and Sunday School teacher.

The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell and the sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Roddy MacLeod, who had conducted services in Lochfyneside Church between 1985 and 2011. The church choir also took part in the service.

Following the service, there was tea and an opportunity for reminiscing and fellowship in Minard Village Hall.

Some of the furnishings from Minard church continue to be used. The communion table and baptismal font are located in Lochgair church. It is hoped that the pulpit, made from an ash tree from Crarae, and the stained glass window by Sax Shaw, will also be relocated.



The Commonwealth War Graves Commission have erected a headstone on the grave of Private Hugh McArthur Munro. Hugh, whose name is on the Furnace War Memorial, died in January 1919 and was buried in the family plot in Kileven Cemetery. He was 32 years of age. The Inveraray Royal British Legion hope to have a service at the graveside.

Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum

The Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum is a group open to all.

Its aim is to ensure that the views of the public on matters to do with Health and Social Care (including Children and Families and Criminal Justice) are heard and used to inform the future shape of services in Mid Argyll.

There have been two meetings to date and both allowed for lively discussions on a wide range of subjects ranging from community pharmacy to mental health and self-directed support.

If you would like to take part, make your voice heard and your views count, or just hear what others have to say and catch up with the latest developments then come along to the next meeting

Date: Tuesday 30th August

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Venue: Rooms J03 – J07 Mid Argyll Community Hospital & Integrated Care Centre Lochgilphead.

LEACAINN WALK

Huge thanks to Richard Joynson who has just finished strimming the entire length of the Leacainn Walk. Apart from making the path easier to walk on, the freshly cut grass makes the path more obvious to those new to the route. This was a massive undertaking for one person and will be greatly appreciated by all who use the Walk.



JAPANESE KNOTWEED

Over the past few years, you may have noticed that **Japanese Knotweed** seems to be taking over Argyll. Lack of early measures by landowners to control its growth coupled with climate change, which is creating even more favourable conditions has seen it spread to an alarming rate.

Worryingly for property owners, many mortgage companies are now refusing mortgages on properties with knotweed growing within 30 feet, devaluing houses and making them difficult to sell. I recently wrote to the Chief Executive of Argyll and Bute Council about Knotweed on nearby Council land around the football pitch, and was gratified when, not only was there a positive response, but Council workers have already been around spraying the area affected.

However, the Council is not responsible for Knotweed generally. It is bylaw up to the landowner to control it. And this could mean you. If you have Knotweed on or near your property, it is important to learn how to treat it. Cutting it down and leaving it on the ground or to compost is helping to spread its growth. If cut (and that is not necessarily the best way to deal with it) it should be sealed in plastic bags and taken to the landfill site where you need to tell the guys working there what it is so that they can dispose of it safely.

Find out more at: http://www.sepa.org.uk/media/154142/onsite_mangaement_of_japanese_knotweed_associated_soils.pdf

FURNACE - ALLT NA CEARDAICH SPEED LIMIT

At long last, we are told that the 40 mph trial speed limit is due to begin on 8th August. It's been a long battle with Transport Scotland and we should remember that this is only a 12 month trial so we will need to keep up the pressure. We will be keen to hear how people feel about the new limit, both as drivers and users of the footpath, so do let the Community Council know what you think.

ROAD CLOSURE

The A816 Oban – Lochgilphead road will be **closed overnight** 7pm to 6am from Monday 29th August to Friday 2nd September for essential maintenance works. The works will be taking place between Kintraw Farm and Salachary, and will involve planing and resurfacing of the existing road. The diversion route will be via Inveraray and will be adequately signed. Access will be maintained for emergency vehicles, with occasional convoys for other vehicles.

If you have any new items for future editions of the Furnace Press, please contact Mike, Lynda or Karen, or email them directly to furnacepress@tiscali.co.uk

FURNACE GALA WEEKEND 2016

FRIDAY-SUNDAY 19-21ST AUGUST

This year we have a busy programme of events with something for everyone, kicking off on **FRIDAY NIGHT** with Robbie's **FUN PUB QUIZ** for teams of 4 in the bar at 8.00 pm.

SATURDAY

Find a team mate and meet at the football field at 10.00 am for a series of fun competitions for teams of 2 with a super trophy going to the team with the highest number of points after all events. Events include: -

Archery - Fly fishing - Bowls - 3 legged Egg & Spoon Race
And a fantastic, 100 ft long inflatable assault course!

1.00 pm BBQ at the hall

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm **TABLE TOP SALE IN THE HALL**

(£5 per table to be reserved in advance at the shop or Tel 01499 500668)

Plus **SPLAT A RAT - FACE PAINTING - BOTTLE STALL**

WHISKY SAFE - RALLY CAR DISPLAY - FIRE ENGINE

6.00 pm **BEETLE DRIVE** with Tea & Sandwiches

7.00 pm **PRIZEGIVING & 200 CLUB DRAW**

7.30 pm **MR & MRS COMPETITION**

Back by popular demand after the success of last year's event

With Chilli and Hot Pies at the interval - Bar 'til midnight

SUNDAY

2.00 pm **WALKING FOOTBALL** Join a team for a gentle stroll on the football field and maybe even score a goal!

3.00 pm **DUCK DERBY** (Get you ducks in the shop soon)

3.30 pm BBQ at the hall

4.00 pm **FAMILY BINGO** - Bar 'til 8.00 pm