

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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2.4 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE HITS MID-ARGYLL ON 24th JANUARY

Residents of Furnace might be forgiven for thinking that 4.30 pm on a Tuesday afternoon was a funny time for a quarry blast - and that's certainly what it felt like.

It turned out to be an earth tremor centred on nearby Lephinmore but, according to the British Geological Survey, happened at a depth of 11 km (6.8 miles) below the surface.

Whilst these tremors are not uncommon in this part of the country, this one was quite powerful compared to most that are usually around a magnitude of 1.0 or less.

The tremor was felt from as far away as Dunoon, Tarbert and Ardfarn.

Don't miss this "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" style quiz show - back by popular request!!

Teams of 2 will answer 10 questions, starting off very easy and just a tad harder as they go on.

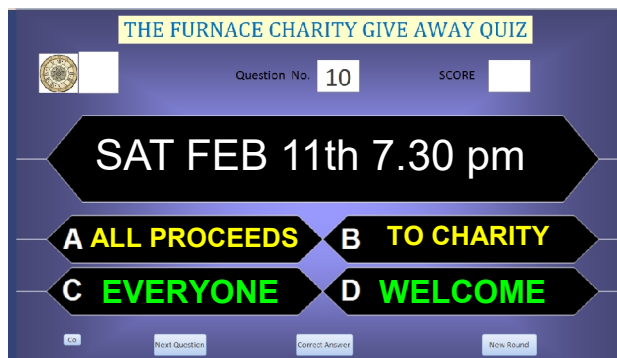
Points are awarded for correct answers, the harder the question, the higher the points!

The team with the highest points at the end of the night win a trophy and get to choose which charity will receive the entire proceeds of the evening.

Entry is £5 per person
(whether taking part or not)

INCLUDES
HOME-MADE STOVIES
AT THE INTERVAL

FREE entry for
accompanied children



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*So pick a partner and have a go or just come along and watch the fun - **licensed bar as usual***

Furnace Primary News January 2017



We've hit the ground running at Furnace Primary with a fantastic start to the term. 'Furnace Under Fives', parent and child "play and stay" sessions started on Thursday 12th January and we were delighted that four local wee ones came along. The play sessions are open to anyone in the village/local area and run on Thursday afternoons from 1.15pm to 3pm.

Also in the first week we started planning our Burns' Supper with the boys and girls writing their "Toast to the Lassies" and "Reply to the Lads" and all pupils practising reciting of some Scots poems

(complete with broad Scots accents). P6 and P7 pupils will be taking part in the Burns' Poetry competition at Inveraray Primary at the end of the month.

One of the very many benefits of being a small school is that our pupils get opportunities for exciting educational trips. This week we had an amazing and very inspiring day at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. We had planned the visit as part of our mini Scotland topic but the pupils loved everything from the ancient weaponry to the dinosaurs and Egyptian artefacts. The teachers came back armed with a list of topics that pupils want to study next!

We have plenty more fun education planned for the rest of the term as will be reported in our pupil led school newsletter "Furnace Fizz". As ever we are really keen to work closely with our community and we welcome any input or suggestions for ways to keep on making our school a great place to learn and play.

Robyn McIlroy
Head Teacher



FURNACE HOGMANAY PARTY

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CHURCH NEWS

Sunday Services in February

Sunday 5th February Morning service in Lochgair church at 10 am

Sunday 12th February Morning service in Cumloddan church at 10 am.

SEIRBHEIS GHAIHLIG Monthly Gaelic service in Lochgair church at 3 pm.

Tea in Church Hall.

Sunday 19th February Morning service in Cumloddan church at 10 am. Tea to follow in Church Hall

Sunday 26th February Morning service in Cumloddan church at 10 am.

GUILD MEETING

Cumloddan and Lochfyneside Guild meets on the first Wednesday of the month in Cumloddan Church Hall at 2.30 pm.

On Wednesday 1st February the theme is *Go in Joy and Return Exhausted* Kenneth Hay presents an illustrated talk on a three-week journey through India, Australia and New Zealand.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's World Day of Prayer Service will be held on Friday 3rd March. Look out for details nearer the time. Last year's service was a joint event in Cumloddan church. It is expected that this year's joint service will be in Inveraray church.

CHURCH CHOIR

The Church Choir meets on most Tuesdays in Cumloddan church from 6.30 pm to 7.30. The Choir has entered for the Mid Argyll Music Festival in March.

SIR ILAY CAMPBELL

The funeral service for Sir Ilay Campbell, who gave many of loyal service to the congregation, took place in Cumloddan church on Wednesday 11th January. Sir Ilay served as Convener of the Church of Scotland's Artistic Questions Committee.

ALEX KEITH

There was a large gathering in Cumloddan church again on 23rd January to say their farewells to Alex Keith who while he lived in Furnace had been a member of the congregation,



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PRIORITY SERVICES



We all rely on electricity day to day for various things, but for some, a power cut can be particularly distressing and difficult. That's why we offer extra help and support during a power cut. Registering for our Priority Services helps us to help you when you need it most. All our priority services are free.

We can't promise your electricity will never go off, but if it does, we will do what we can to make sure you have the support you need, when you need it.

Our service offers:

Dedicated 24 hour priority services phone number - Priority updates during a power cut.

Nominate someone for us to contact on your behalf - Security password to keep you safe.

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