

THE FURNACE PRESS

Lochfynside 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 Association, which also owns and runs Furnace Village Hall as well as staging community events throughout the year.



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DUKE OF ARGYLL LAUNCHES CELEBRATION OF SCOTTISH MOTORSPORT: ARGYLL FESTIVAL OF PERFORMANCE

His Grace, The Duke of Argyll was joined by car clubs and trade guests from across Scotland at his ancestral home of Inveraray Castle on 26th October to launch a brand new motorsport festival.

Designed to celebrate Scotland's rich heritage in motorsport, over the next three years, the Argyll Festival of Performance will bring together significant cars and drivers from F1, Le Mans, Indy Cars, Touring Cars and International Stage Rallying, plus a whole host of unique vehicles never before seen in Scotland.



The event will take place in the grounds of Inveraray Castle from 2-3 June 2018.

The theme for the inaugural festival is Formula 1, and there will be no shortage of drivers and cars to celebrate as Scotland is the fifth most successful nation in the world for producing Formula One World Champions.

To add to the spectacle a World War 2 Supermarine Spitfire will perform an aerial display over the castle on both days of the event. This much-loved British design classic reflects the vintage feel of the festival and will provide a fantastic addition to the exhibits on show.

Look out for more details in the New Year.

FURNACE OLD FOLKS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday Dec 9th

5.00 pm

Open to all Furnace residents
over 60 and their partners

SANTA WILL BE THERE!!

PLUS

STUART COLQUHOUN
Vocalist & Guitarist
From 7.00 pm

PLACES LIMITED SO BOOK YOUR
PLACE IN THE SHOP NOW

Everyone is invited to join us at
7.00 pm to come and see Stuart
Colquhoun and enjoy the
concert from this talented,
professional entertainer.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS IN THE FURNACE PRESS

Don't miss your chance to send greetings
to everyone in the village in the **NEXT**
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a note with your message in the shop or
email to furnacepress@tiscali.co.uk

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Furnace Community Council & Amenity Association meeting
Thursday November 23rd 7.30 pm in Furnace Hall.
All are welcome to attend and take part in the meeting.

QUIZ
Friday 1st December - 7.30 pm
Furnace Hall



**THE
FURNACE
WILD WEST
NIGHT**



Thanks to Emma Irons for these great photos





SCHOOL NEWS

Latest update on the Head Teacher situation: As you know, we were expecting Gill Mackenzie from Kilchattan School, Colonsay to be in place as our Acting Head Teacher by now. This is no longer happening. Mrs Baird and Mrs Goodwin will continue acting up until the end of November, by which time there should a more permanent solution in place.



We had a wonderful Hallowe'en celebration in school, with a spooky lunch menu and staff and children all dressed up. We spent our afternoon making spooky biscuits and moving eyes and dooking for apples.

If you are going to the bonfire night event in Lochgilphead look out for our lantern. We have made one of the Auchindrain houses and it has a wee red door.

Couple of dates for your diary: Saturday 9 December, Craft Fair in the school hall and on Thursday 14 December we will be taking part in the Carols at Crrae with the church choir.

Church News

Sunday Services

Sunday 5th November. As this is the first Sunday in the month, the morning service at **10 am** is in **Lochgair Church**.

Sunday 12th November Morning service at **10 am** in **Cumlodden Church**.

Monthly Gaelic service at **3 pm** in **Lochgair Church**.

Sunday 19th November Morning service at **10 am** in **Cumlodden Church**.

Sunday 26th November Morning service at **10 am** in **Cumlodden Church**.

Remembrance Day Services 12th November

10. 45 am at Lochgair War Memorial.

11.30 am at Minard War Memorial.

1. 30 pm at Furnace War Memorial.

2.30 pm at Inveraray Caravan Park.

Cumlodden & Lochfyneside Guild

At the November meeting of the Guild Barbara and Wilf Stout presented a most enjoyable and well received musical afternoon. The December meeting will take the form of a bring and buy sale.

Quarry Liaison Meeting

There has been no meeting for several years, partly due to changes in Breedon staff and also there has been no major issues arising from the community. However, with some planned new investment in the quarry, Breedon felt we should be kept informed and a meeting took place on 24th October. The meeting was attended by Gavin Mennie, Director of Estates, Planning and Geology and James Deans, Furnace Quarry Manager.

The planned investment involves replacing the old tar plant with a more modern, quieter one, moving it further away from the nearby houses. Once plans have been drawn up we will have an opportunity to comment.

Breedon no longer sub-let the quarry from Tarmac but now lease it directly from Argyll Estates. A new tenant for the fabrication shed is actively being sought in the hope that this will reduce recent vandalism. We have suggested that subsequent meetings take place within a community council meeting to give more people a chance to take part.

FROM OUR MINARD CORRESPONDENT

As some of you might know, I've done some pretty scary things in my life. But recently, walking my dog along the front at Minard, I was flabbergasted to see one log lorry overtaking another log lorry! I dread to think what speed he must have been doing to overtake such a long vehicle, but it will have been well over the 40 mph limit. It came thundering past us just inches away on the pavement and my poor wee dog took fright and ran off on to the shore "taking me with her". 40 tons of artic moving that close at speed is quite scary for anyone!

I don't know what the stopping distance is for a lorry of that size but I doubt that he could have stopped in time if another vehicle had come around the bend from Crarae.

Then of course, there is the white van man to contend with. The other day, one was overtaking not one car but three! He even had the cheek to give me a wave as he passed us. I think the phrase "an accident waiting to happen" springs to mind. Let's hope not.

So, if anyone's got an old hairdrier or something else that looks like a speed gun, I'm going to set myself up with a hi-vis jacket and hat, a clipboard and see what reaction I can get. I'll let you know the outcome.