

THE FURNACE PRESS

Lochfyneside community newsletter



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VIP VISITOR TO PRIMARY SCHOOL



On Wednesday 5th October we had a visit from Mrs Anne Paterson, Acting Head of Education. When she was here it was PE time and Mrs Paterson was able to see us using the outdoors area for an exciting games time, which one of our pupils explained to her. Mrs Paterson also took the opportunity to have a look around our school at all the wonderful work the children have been doing.

At the time of writing we are on holiday, having had a very exciting term learning about the world of work, which involved many exciting visitors and a couple of visits out too. We would like to thank everyone who gave of their time so generously.

We also achieved our fourth Green Flag in recognition of our work on sustainability and our local environment. You may have noticed that the flag is not flying any more. Don't worry, it's just been taken in over the winter months. Unfortunately, we also had some vandalism in our grounds recently and, as a result, our totem pole and our two older picnic benches have had to be removed for safety reasons.

We have some important **dates for your diary**:

St Andrew's Night Quiz, Furnace Village Hall – Wednesday 30 November, 7-8 pm – Watch as a team from the school battle against a team of adults to show who knows the most, or maybe even volunteer to be on the adult team.

Christmas Fair, Minard Village Hall – Saturday 3rd December 10.30 - 12.30. Come and buy your Christmas decorations and listen to the children sing carols. More details next time.

CHURCH NEWS

SUNDAY SERVICES IN WEST LOCHFYNESIDE

6th November Morning service at 10 am in **Lochgair Church**.

13th November (Remembrance Sunday) Morning service at 10 am in **Cumlodden Church**.

Services at War Memorials: It is expected services will be held at 11.30 am at Minard Memorial and at 2 pm at Furnace Memorial.

Monthly Gaelic Service in **Lochgair Church** at 3 pm. Learners of Gaelic always welcome. Tea to follow in Church hall.

20th November Morning service in **Cumlodden Church** at 10 am. Tea to follow.

27th November Morning service in **Cumlodden Church** at 10 am.

In October, we were glad to welcome Duncan Macdonald from Taynuilt as preacher at our morning service. As well as conducting Church services, Duncan is also a former Mod gold medallist. We look forward to hearing him again in November.

CUMLODDEN & LOCHFYNESIDE GUILD

The Guild usually meets on the first Wednesday of the month in Cumlodden Church Hall at 2.30 pm. We are looking forward to the November meeting, on Wednesday 2nd November when Barbara and Wilf Stout will be presenting a musical afternoon. This should be an interesting and entertaining meeting.

CHURCH CHOIR

The Church choir continues to meet for practice in Cumlodden Church on Tuesday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30 pm. The choir is already preparing pieces suitable for Christmas services. New members are always welcome.

HARVEST SUPPER

A most enjoyable Harvest Supper was held in Furnace Village Hall in which we were joined by friends from Inveraray congregation. Much preparation was done beforehand, ensuring that the good number of people who gathered had a choice of four varieties of soup as well as a wide variety of sandwiches.



IAN AND NOREEN GOW

There was a large gathering of family and friends on the shore of Loch Fyne for the scattering of the ashes of Ian and Noreen Gow. There was a short moving ceremony conducted by Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell and then an invitation to join the family at Tigh Beag which the Gows had renovated so well over the years.



ALASTAIR MACKELLAR

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Alastair MacKellar, who had not been well for some time, and who since retiring to his native village had made a valuable contribution to the life of the Church and the community. He and Edith were keen members of the Church choir. As a congregation, we extend our sympathy to Edith and all the family members.

SONGS OF LOVE

A musical evening presented by Wilf and Barbara Stout



On Saturday 1st October, there was a marvellous turnout at the Hall to enjoy an evening of music celebrating love, taken from operas and musical

To celebrate their 70th birthdays, Wilf and Barbara decided to share their celebrations and their love of music with everyone. Their 'guest artistes' were their very talented family members, sons David and Mick and their partners Emily and Susannah, who accompanied the singing beautifully on the piano.

The audience were treated to pieces ranging from Handel and Mozart to John Denver and Rodgers & Hammerstein. Many pieces were unfamiliar to the audience but others were well known from shows such as Les Miserables and Showboat.

A lovely buffet was laid on for the interval and a raffle was held in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support, which raised the grand total of £660. A most enjoyable time was had by all who attended.

FANCY A TRIP TO STIRLING?

The Mid Argyll Community Lunch Bunch are organising a day trip to Stirling on **TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER**, leaving from Furnace at around 09.30 and returning at approximately 6.30.

Cost of bus and Afternoon Tea at Dobbie's, only £15 per person.

See Lynda Syed at the next Furnace Coffee Morning or phone her on 01546 606808 to book your place.

DOG ATTACKS ON LIVESTOCK

This letter is to bring to your attention a rise in the number of reports received in your area where sheep and other livestock have been attacked by domestic dogs that are not under the proper control of a responsible person or owner. In the majority of cases reported to police, the offending dog has come from the surrounding area having escaped from a garden or allowed to roam the area.

If a dog worries livestock on any agricultural land then the owner and, if different, the person in charge is guilty of an offence. The legislation relating to this is contained in the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 and "worrying" is defined as:

Attacking livestock

Chasing livestock in such a way as may reasonably be expected to cause injury or suffering to the livestock or abortion or diminution in produce.

Being at large, not otherwise under close control or on a lead, in a field or enclosure where there are sheep

Such incidents obviously cause distress to the animals and in the majority of cases lead to animals being injured and/or killed. To protect the livestock, the farmer has the right to kill the offending dog and I am sure this is a situation no livestock or dog owner would want to find themselves in.

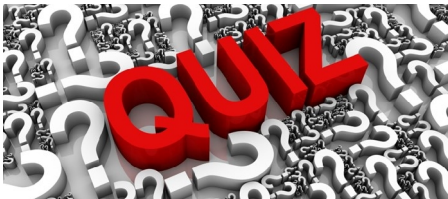
Additionally, under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953, the owner and the person in charge of a dog can be charged with an offence and if convicted be fined up to £1000.

The Local Authority can also impose a Dog Control Order which means certain conditions have to be complied with which will restrict the dog's freedom but means the dog will not have to be destroyed. However, in some cases the Local Authority will have to apply for an order to have the dog destroyed to ensure the safety of surrounding livestock.

However, attacks on livestock by dogs can be prevented and if you are a dog owner I ask that you consider the following guidelines;

1. Ensure your dog is under proper control at all times when in the countryside. All dogs have a natural instinct to chase and this is often enough for livestock to become distressed and be injured.
2. Do not let your dog roam free and if kept outdoors ensure the area is properly secure.
If you see a field with livestock, you should avoid taking your dog into that field. Instead, look for different routes where possible and pay attention to local signage.

Marlene Baillie
Police Scotland
Area Commander
Mid Argyll, Kintyre, Oban, Lorn and the Islands



We all love a good quiz and, in November, we have 2 quizzes in Furnace Hall to look forward to.

Friday 11th November 7.30 pm MONTHLY QUIZ
(Note this a week later than usual)

Wednesday November 30th 7.00 pm
FURNACE PRIMARY CHILDREN
VERSUS
FURNACE ADULTS

Everyone welcome to come along and watch this fun quiz - who do you think will be the victors?

WANT TO TALK ABOUT..... HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE?

Come and join the Mid Argyll Health and Care Forum.

Find out more about future plans and put forward YOUR ideas for change.

Meetings will take place on:

TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 6.30PM TO 8.30PM and

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 6.30PM TO 8.30PM

in the Mid Argyll Hospital Meeting Rooms.

ALL WELCOME