

THE FURNACE PRESS

Lochfyneside Community Newsletter
April 2017

PIPPED AT THE POST

The fifteen strong Cumlodden Church Choir was pipped at the post at the Mid Argyll Music Festival, when it lost out to the Dalriada Choir by one point.

The Cumlodden Choir performed set piece – Be Still My Soul, to the tune of Finlandia by Sibelius and a second piece – Cantate Domino by Pitoni - to the delight of the audience, who clearly enjoyed the performance.

One slightly disgruntled member of the audience declared “We should have won”, but then added more quietly “but then I am biased as I live in Furnace.”

There was, however, some consolation in the form of a medal for Furnace soloist, Barbara Stout.
Congratulations to Barbara and well done to the Choir.

If you would like the opportunity to hear the Cumlodden Church Choir performing, then come along and support the Musical Evening in **Minard Hall** on **Saturday 22 April** starting at **19.00**.

There will be music from Gilbert and Sullivan, Show Songs, Verse and Pipes, as well as the Choir. The £4 entrance fee will also get you tea and cake, all of which adds up to a very pleasant evening. Proceeds to the local Church of Scotland Churches of Cumlodden and Lochgair.



SWISH GUILD

Cumlodden and Lochfyneside Guild held a most enjoyable SwiSH (Swap instead of Shop) fundraising event on 5th April.



DON'T MISS THE FINAL QUIZ OF THE YEAR

FRIDAY 5 MAY 2017 19.30
Furnace Village Hall
teams of up to four
£3.00 per person

RAFFLE AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

Furnace Community Council and Furnace Amenity Association

Joint meeting
Thursday 27 April
19.30

ALL WELCOME

EASTER SERVICES

Easter events were well supported. On Maundy Thursday there was a joint meal in Furnace Hall attended by worshippers from both ends of the parish. Dr. Roderick Campbell thanked all who had made the preparations.

On Good Friday there was an afternoon service in Cumloddan Church in which the church choir sang *Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

On Easter Sunday there were services in Cumloddan and Inveraray.

SUNDAY SERVICES

As there are five Sundays in April the service on **30 April** will be in **Lochgair Church** at **10 am**.

On the first Sunday in May, the **7th**, the service will again be in **Lochgair Church** at **10 am**.

On **Sunday 14th May** the service will be in **Cumloddan Church** at **10 am**.

At **3 pm** the monthly **Gaelic Service** takes place in **Lochgair Church** at **3 pm**.

On **Sunday 21st** the morning service is in **Cumloddan Church** at **10 am**.

On **Sunday 28th May** the service will be in **Cumloddan Church** at **10 am**.



QUARRY VIEW

Garden Centre, Coffee Shop and
Gift Shop
is now open 7 days
10.00 till 17.00

Furnace Murder Mystery Night

On Saturday April 29th at 7.00 pm, 24 distinctly dodgy characters will meet in the Furnace Bar.

At 8.00pm, 3 groups will adjourn to 3 different houses, where they find..... "There's been a murrderrr"

Over the next hour or so, as the game is played out, one of the 8 will be proved to be the perpetrator of the dastardly deed.

Each of the characters will be making generous donations to

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

You can join in the fun and help raise money by guessing who the murderer was. £1 a guess to win a lovely bottle of bubbly!!! The winner will be drawn from all those who guessed correctly.

Why not come to bar on the night and meet all the characters in costume?

MORE DETAILS IN THE SHOP

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE IN YOUR LOCAL ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON THURSDAY 4 MAY

You can vote for up to three people to represent you on Argyll and Bute Council.

Your candidates this year are:

Jane Kelly (Scottish Labour Party)
Donnie MacMillan (Ind),
Jane McCurdie (Ind),
Alec McNeilly (Scottish Conservatives)
Elaine Morrison (Scottish Greens)
Douglas Philand (Ind)
Sandy Taylor (SNP)

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www.furnace-argyll.org

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FURNACE"

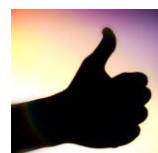
FURNACE KEEPING WELL

If Zumba doesn't ding your strings, and running doesn't ring your bell, then take a lead from this lively lot, who plan to keep well whilst ditching the old mantra of "no gain without pain".

Gentle exercise, challenging talks from interesting guests, some self indulgent treats and a cup of tea and a blether are all on the menu for the new Keep Well Furnace Group which launches the first session in a six week programme on 24 April.

Plans to date include a belly dancing demonstration (join in if you feel like it), a conversation cafe on the changing face of health and social care with top Locality Health Manager for Mid Argyll, Kate MacAulay 8 May), and preserving old photographs.

A treat for mind body and spirit.



**MONDAYS FROM 24 APRIL
11 TILL 12, FURNACE VILLAGE HALL
wear something casual and comfortable
and don't forget your "theraband" if you
already have one - supplied free to
newcomers
ALL WELCOME**

ABOUT THE FURNACE PRESS

The Furnace Press is your very own local newssheet - and the envy of many other villages. It has been produced once a month for nearly ten years now, missing only a couple of issues along the way.

The Furnace Press aims to bring you information and stories about what's on in Furnace and to better connect you with your neighbours and friends. It is read far and wide by people with a Furnace connection and who might now be living in Canada, America or Australia.

It is edited by local people - currently Mike Masters, Karen Baird and Lynda Syed - who take it in turns to produce an issue each month.

You will find it on the counter in the Furnace and Minard shops. It has no set price, but donations are welcome and any surplus goes to the Furnace Amenity Association. It is currently printed at Kilmory Print Room (thank you) at a cost of £30 for 100 copies.

There have been a lot of changes in the Village recently and we have produced this special free edition to deliver straight your home.

We hope that you enjoy reading your copy and that you will look out for it in the future. If you would like to get involved, we would be very happy to welcome your assistance in writing pieces, submitting photos or taking on an editing role. You could wish folk a happy birthday or congratulations. Do get in touch with us through the shop or directly with one of the editors.

FURNACE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

We had a very busy end of term, with a new pupil, a parents' open evening, the local music festival and a sponsored walk to name but a few.

We were very pleased to welcome Alfie and his family two weeks before the end of term. They have come all the way from London and Alfie is settling in really well with the rest of our school.

We had three entrants to the Mid Argyll Music Festival poetry recitation competition. All the girls received good marks and merit certificates. Well done Marie, Chloe and Nicola. Marie also competed with the Mid Argyll Youth Chorus, who won their competition.

Many of you will know about our sponsored walk as you were kind enough to sponsor one of our children or staff members for this. We all walked the Brainport Trail at Minard (Mrs B and Mrs R in wellies and onesies!) and raised the grand total of £616 for school funds. Thank you for your support.

Our topic last term was Europe which we learnt about through becoming rock bands going on tour. The children learnt about the different capital cities, how to find flights to travel from one place to another, about compass directions and co-ordinates; they also wrote imaginative 'tour diaries' and fact files about places in Europe. We rounded up our topic with an open evening for parents, where each child gave a presentation on one of the capital cities we had studied, showed their parents the other work we had done and then ended the night with a short musical presentation. The evening was very well attended by families and the children had a great time showing off all the things they had learnt.

Our topic for the summer term is The Sea. We are looking forward to learning about all sorts of different aspects of this including weather, animals, tides and fishing.



Next Furnace Bingo Night
Friday 28 April
7pm Furnace Village Hall
Cash Prizes

WANT A SAY ON HOW THE COUNCIL CAN STRENGTHEN AND GROW GAELIC?

In a pilot project, Argyll and Bute Council is asking the public to help decide how to allocate a £15,000 Government Grant aimed at supporting Community Projects to strengthen and grow Gaelic.

Auchindrain Township is the only local project, alongside some A&B wide Education projects and one from Craignish. There are 14 projects in total.

Go on line and have your say

VOTE AT: www.abpb.co.uk

(Argyll and Bute Participatory Budgeting)

The Furnace Press is a collection of news, views and announcements submitted by members of the community.

If you have any items you would like included please speak to Lynda, Mike or Karen or e-mail:
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