



THE FURNACE PRESS

Lochfyneside Community Newsletter
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WARM WELCOME FOR NEW MINISTER



A warm welcome to Dr Roderick Campbell, the new Minister of the linked parishes of Cumlodden, Lochfyneside and Lochgair, linked with Glenaray and Inveraray.

The induction service was held in Cumlodden Church on 12 December, when there was an almost capacity congregation. It was followed by a reception in Inveraray Church Hall.

The new Minister was “preached in” by Margaret Sinclair and Roddy MacLeod, who had conducted most of the services during the vacancy.

Dr Kenneth Ross, Moderator of Argyll Presbytery, Rev. Dr Roddy MacLeod, Rev. Dr Roderick Campbell, Mrs Sue Campbell, Rev. Robert Brookes and Dr Chris Brett, Presbytery Clerk



Billy looks happy to welcome in the new year – more photos back page

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Douglas and Alma Smylie would like to thank their family, neighbours and friends for their support and offers of help during Douglas's illness. We feel very lucky to live in such a caring village.

They would also like to thank the District Nurses who have attended Douglas. They have been brilliant.



SCOTTISH HARP CLASSES

I am hoping to start clarsach lessons both for adults and children here in the village. Daytime and evening sessions available. Harps provided.

For further information please contact Alicia on:
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Church Services

Sunday 31st January Morning service in **Lochgair Church** at **10 am**. When there are five Sundays in the month, the service on the fifth Sunday in the month will take place in Lochgair Church. During 2016 there will be five Sundays in May, July and October as well as January.

Sunday 7th February Morning service in **Lochgair Church** at **10 am**.

Sunday 14th February Morning service in **Cumlodden Church** at **10 am**.

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

The Gaelic service in January was almost disrupted as a tanker which had gone off the road beyond Achnaba was being retrieved and the A83 was closed for a number of hours. The road was reopened just in time for worshippers to get to the church in time. Two-thirds of those who regularly attend the Gaelic service come from Tarbert, Ardrishaig, Lochgilphead and Cairnbaan.

Sunday 21st February Morning service in **Cumlodden Church** at **10 am**. The church choir will be taking part in the service and there will be tea to follow.

Sunday 28th February Morning service in **Cumlodden Church** at **10 am**.

Guild Meetings

Cumlodden and Lochfyneside Guild meets in **Cumlodden Church Hall** on the first Tuesday of each month.

The January meeting of the Guild took the form of a Quiz about events from 2015. Two teams took part and the Quiz was keenly contested as usual – the winning team getting only one question wrong.

The February meeting, on **Tuesday 4th February**, has the title ***Music for Peace***, and will be led by Charles Walker from Minard.

On Wednesday 13th January members of the Guild, with guests from Inveraray, enjoyed lunch together in the Lochfyne Hotel in Inveraray.

Church Choir

The Church Choir meets for practice as required in Cumlodden Church. The Choir participates in worship in Cumlodden on the third Sunday of each month. The choir has been strengthened recently by the addition of new members. Further new members, especially tenors and basses, will be warmly welcomed.

Our new minister, Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell and his wife, Sue, are gradually settling in to the life of the parish. There was a busy programme of services over the Christmas period which enabled them to get to know more of their new parishioners.

JOIN THE FURNACE MOONLIGHT BRA WALK



In aid of the Beatson

Saturday 27 February

Leaving 5.30 pm from the caravan park, along the shore road to Furnace Hall for soup and sandwiches.

Prizes for the best decorated ladies bra AND men's bra.

Entry £3 (children and dogs free. Please pay and register in advance at the shop or pick up a sponsorship form to boost the fund. Also donate through Just Giving.

Followed by live music from TJ Mac, licensed bar and raffle. Non walkers welcome.

Donations on the night

Furnace Primary School News



In December our two schools enjoyed **a trip to Oban Phoenix Cinema** to see "The Good Dinosaur", followed by lunch in Wetherspoons. We all thoroughly enjoyed the film and our lunch date.



We currently have **a quiz sheet** based on children's books available (pick up a copy in the shop or from the school). The money raised from this will be supporting our Joint Pupil Council's efforts to design a new character similar to BookBug, but for older children. We hope to be able to have the winning characters made for each school in the area. BookBug is a character designed to encourage parents and children to share books and is aimed at pre-school to primary 1 pupils.

We are holding a **fundraising bingo night** in Furnace Village Hall on Friday 26th February. The money raised on the evening will allow us to replace our picnic benches and buy the remaining bits of wood for our bottle greenhouse. Thank you once again to all the people who have donated wood or bottles for this project, which we hope to get underway once the weather improves a bit.

FURNACE HALL QUIZ

The Next Quiz Night is on:

Friday

5 February

7.30 in Furnace Village Hall

Teams of up to four, £3.00 per person

Light refreshments

Bar open before, after and in the interval

FURNACE COMMUNITY COUNCIL and AMENITY ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday

28 February

7.30 in Furnace Village Hall

All Welcome

FRANCES McLACHLAN (1929-2016)

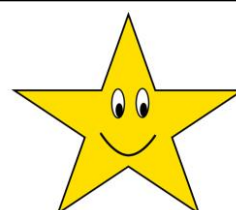


Frances McLachlan, who passed away in Dunoon on 2nd January, will be greatly missed by those in Furnace and Inveraray who knew her. At one time, before she moved to Inveraray, Frances and her late husband, Archie, lived in Furnace and

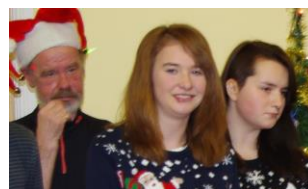
ran the village shop.

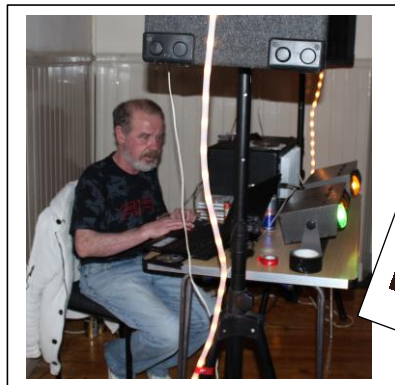
While she lived in Furnace she played a full part in the life of the church and the community. The service of thanksgiving and celebration took place in Inveraray parish church on 22nd January and was conducted by Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell. Interment took place at Kilevin cemetery. A number of friends from Furnace who had known Frances in the past attended the services at the church and at the graveside.

We extend our sympathy to the members of Frances' family.



A big Furnace Gold Star for Chloe and Siobhan who gave up their Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to work with the Mid Argyll Community Gathering. Along with Lynda and Robbie from Furnace and other volunteers from Lochgilphead, they served up festive meals for over 40 people who might otherwise have spent Christmas alone.





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