

THE FURNACE PRESS

Lochfyneside Community Newsletter
June 2016



FURNACE ROCKS!

After a full four years of campaigning, residents of the shoreside houses on Queen Elizabeth finally saw the work to reinstate the shore completed.

Residents are delighted and wish to thank all their supporters and those who worked hard to get this sorted, especially our three Argyll and Bute Councillors - Sandy Taylor, Dougie Philand and Donnie MacMillan, and MSP Mike Russell.

CAR LEAVES THE ROAD AND LANDS BY PLAYPARK

Earlier this month, villagers were startled to find a car lying on it's side just a couple of feet from the playground without apparently leaving a mark on the crash barrier!

However, the three "Miss Marples" (pictured with their doggy detective) found oil on the end of the barrier and concluded that the car had left the road and literally flown over a garden shed to land where it did. We understand that no-one had been hurt in the crash.

Police had the car removed later the same day



Auchindrain Open Day

Saturday 18 June

**Free entry, extended tours,
cooking over the kitchen fire,
Gaelic work songs and singing**

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A new head teacher has been appointed to Furnace Primary School.

Ms Robyn McIlroy will join us in August from her current post as Principal Teacher at Kirn Primary, Dunoon. We look forward to welcoming her to our community.

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SUNDAY SERVICES IN JUNE

Sunday 19 June Morning service in **Cumlodden church** at **10 am**. Tea to follow.

Sunday 26 June Morning service in **Cumlodden church** at **10 am**.

VISITORS FROM AMERICA

On Sunday 22 May, while Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell was at the Church of Scotland General Assembly in Edinburgh, the services in Cumlodden and in Inveraray were conducted by a group from Jackson Springs Presbyterian church in North Carolina. By American standards the Jackson Springs congregations is relatively small, with 84 members. We welcomed over twenty visitors at the service. Leading the service was the minister of Jackson Springs, and the Americans provided their own organist. Some of the visitors formed a choir which sang at the service.

INTER-VILLAGE QUIZ

Since 1986 an annual inter-village quiz has taken place, with teams from Lochgair, Minard, Furnace and Inveraray. This year's Quiz will be held in **Furnace Village Hall** on **Thursday 30th June** at **7.30 pm**.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

On the evening of **Friday 1st July** there will be an **Act of Remembrance** at the **Inveraray War Memorial** to mark the centenary of the Battle of the Somme in which many soldiers from Argyll took part.

SCHOOL SERVICE

An **End of Session Assembly** will be held in **Cumlodden Church** on **Thursday 30th June** at **11 am**. A warm welcome is extended to all.

CLOSING SERVICE FOR LOCHFYNESIDE CHURCH

At a congregational meeting it was unanimously decided that Lochfyneside church in Minard should be closed for worship. No services have been held in Minard church for some time. It does not have toilet facilities and access is difficult. In addition, the building is in need of repair. In the evening of **Sunday 10th July** a **Closing Service** will be held in **Lochfyneside church**. Look out for details nearer the time.

Top Hats and Tiaras

are the theme for this year's

VINTAGE TEA PARTY

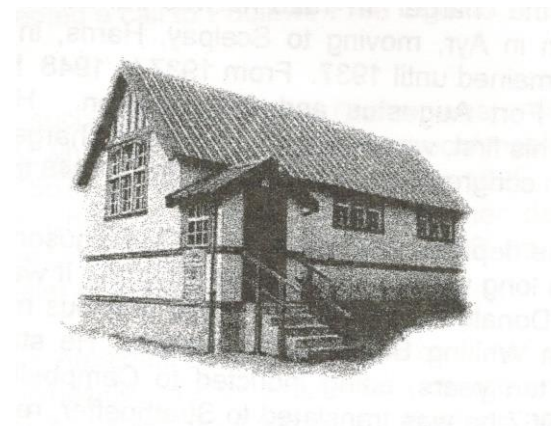
When: Saturday 25 June

Where: Furnace Village Hall

Time: 15.00 - 17.00

Celebrating every decade since the 1920s

Adults: £4.50 Children: £1



FURNACE COMMUNITY COUNCIL and FURNACE AMENITY ASSOCIATION

The June meetings are cancelled, due to the Referendum taking place in the Hall.

The next Community Council meeting is on Thursday 28 July and this will be the AGM

FURNACE RACE NIGHT



Many thanks to Lochgilphead Round Table who gave us a great night's entertainment and helped us to raise a fantastic £1,157 for the Special Olympics GB Boccia Team Lochgilphead.

There were 10 pre-recorded horse races, each with 8 horses to bet on, and the crowd in Furnace Hall were all in good voice to cheer on their chosen horse. Pie and beans were sold during the interval, courtesy of Robbie Bell & Iain Brogan and the grand finale pig race, complete with toy jockeys on their backs, had everyone in stitches.

A fun night and a marvellous total raised for such a deserving local cause.



Special Olympics GB 2017

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your warm welcome and wonderful support at the Race Night in Furnace to raise funds for our participation in the Special Olympics GB 2017. We really enjoyed the night, both Colins from the Round Table and everyone involved made it a great night for us.

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone, the sponsors, all the helpers and everyone who came to the night and contributed to the magnificent total of £1,177.71, made up from race sponsors, spending on the night, the delicious pies and beans and £20 handed in several days after the event.

As members of the Lochgilphead Resource Centre team we are delighted to have been selected to represent Scotland West as part of the Boccia team at the Special Olympics which take place in Sheffield in August 2017.

The team organising the Special Olympics GB 2017 have asked each athlete and coach to raise at least £500 through sponsor money, fundraising and personal contribution. This is to cover the cost of travel, accommodation and team kits.

Your very special help has taken us a very long way in raising the money needed.

Thank you

Scotland West Boccia Team
John Gillies – Head Coach
Flora Currie
Iain Mac Dougall
Campbell Ferguson

HEALTH CARE FORUM MEETING

The next meeting of the Mid Argyll Health Care Forum is on
Tuesday 28 June
18.30

Mid Argyll Hospital Meeting Rooms

This is a public meeting to discuss Health and Social Care Services in Mid Argyll come along and have your say about what concerns YOU

Furnace Gala Weekend

Plans are well underway for this year's Gala Weekend 19-21st August. Proposed events include a sports competition on the football field to include archery, boules, 3 legged race, and an amazing 100 ft long inflatable assault course!

Last year's highly successful Mr & Mrs competition looks set to make a comeback on Saturday evening and Sunday will feature the annual Duck Derby and walking football.

The next meeting of the Gala committee is planned for Monday July 11th at 7.30 pm in the hall. All are welcome to bring their ideas or to help with the activities.

Look out for more details and a full programme nearer the date.

FURNACE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

End of Year Farewells

This year we say goodbye to Eilidh Hannah and Samantha Knight as they move on to the next stage of their school career at Lochgilphead Joint Campus. We will miss them in August, but we know they are ready for new adventures. Good luck girls.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Munro, our Head Teacher, who is retiring at the end of term. Mrs Munro has been with us for 3½ years and we will be sorry to see her go. If any members of the community would like to come and say goodbye to Mrs Munro we would be happy to see you at our end of term service in the church. We hope to have a new Head Teacher in place by August.

Art Exhibition

We held a very successful art exhibition on the 18th of May. The art work was produced by the children in both Furnace and Minard, with the help of retired Head Teacher Mrs Cindy MacDonald and our visiting art teacher, Ms Alison McAlpine. Local firms, including Londis, Tesco and the Co-op, kindly donated items for a small buffet and we greatly appreciated this help.

We held a silent auction for our Scottish watercolours and some Japanese cherry blossom pictures and sold many other items, framed and unframed. We raised £550 to be split between the two schools.

Links with Lochgilphead Joint Campus

In preparation for our P7s going to High School, we had a visit from art teacher Mr Cinnamond in school and also visited LJC for a science lesson with Mr Lemmon. This was very enjoyable for all the children and working in a real science lab was very exciting. At the time of writing Eilidh and Samantha are attending their 4 induction days in Lochgilphead to get to know the school and staff in preparation for next year. We hear they are having a great time.

End of Term Service

Our end of term service will be on Thursday 30th June at 11 am in Cumlodden Church. Parents and members of the community are warmly invited to join us as we end our year and say our goodbyes to Primary 7 and Mrs Munro.

NEW BENCH DEDICATION

You may have noticed a new bench has been sited in amongst the trees by the football pitch. The bench is in memory of Andy Gardner, late resident of Furnace, erected by his daughter, Flora. The bench looks out over the field where Andy used to play shinty.

Andy worked at the Quarry and, for many years, lived at Bridge Terrace, before moving to Powder Mills Cottages.

Pictured below are Alex Campbell, Edith MacKellar and Peter MacInnes friends and neighbours of the family



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: furnacepress@tiscali.co.uk