

THE FURNACE PRESS

Lochfyneside 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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March 2017

Look what we've got!

The lovely, new bus shelter at the village hall is being admired by everyone. The old one was such an eyesore and gave a very poor impression of our community, especially to travellers on the bus passing through the village. Let's hope that the village children show this one a bit more respect and we can keep it in pristine condition for everyone to enjoy.



TEASE YOUR BRAIN!

Next Hall Quiz

Friday 7 April 19.30

Teams of four

£3 per person

Raffle and refreshments

FURNACE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY APRIL 27 19.30

FURNACE VILLAGE HALL

ALL WELCOME



CHURCH NEWS

March 2017

Sunday Services

Morning service on Sunday 5th March was in **Lochgair Church** at **10 am**. The first and fifth services in the month are held in Lochgair Church. The Sacrament of Baptism was dispensed at this service.

Morning service on Sunday 12th March was in Cumloddan Church at **10 am** and included the Sacrament of Communion.

Monthly Gaelic service in **Lochgair Church** at **3 pm**. Tea to follow in Church Hall.

Morning service on Sunday 19th March in **Cumloddan Church** at **10 am**. Tea in Church Hall.

Morning service on Sunday 26th March in **Cumloddan Church** at **10 am**.

Coffee Morning

The first fund-raising event of the year took place in Furnace Village Hall on Saturday 25th February. The Coffee Morning was well supported, and raised an excellent total of £250. A special thank-you to all who helped in any way.

World Day of Prayer

This year's World Day of Prayer service took place in Inveraray Church on **Friday 3rd March** at **7 pm**. People from different parts of the linked parish took part in this service. This year's service, led by Ethel MacCallum, was prepared by ladies from the Philippines and had the theme *Am I being unfair to you?*

The offering at the service amounted to over £117.

Anne D. C. Middleton

(1939-2017)

Friends and family gathered in Cumloddan Church on 16th February to share memories of Anne Middleton, Sunvale. We extend our sympathy to husband Jimmy and the family.

Knit for Peace (and Alzheimer's)

Many people who are experiencing dementia derive pleasure from having something to occupy their hands and the Knit for Peace website has come up with a great pattern which provides the perfect way to keep hands busy - the Twiddlemuff.

If you fancy having a go at making one, whether singly or as part of a group, we plan to distribute some locally to individuals and groups such as Alzheimers and Dementia Support Groups.

See: <http://www.knitforpeace.org.uk/.../2015/07/TwiddlemuffPatter...>

Contact: Lynda Syed for local information or a printed copy

Furnace Primary news



March has proved to be another very busy month at Furnace Primary. We started the month by celebrating reading with World Book Day on 2nd March. Pupils came to school in their onesies and Margaret Renton from “Once upon a Time” in Inveraray kindly volunteered to come along to read stories with our children. We sold some second hand and new books, had a raffle and served teas, coffees and cakes. The toddlers from our ‘play and stay’ group ‘Furnace Under Fives’ also joined in the fun.

Learning skills for life is an important part of our curriculum and we were fortunate this month to be able to book the very busy local specialist Andy Craven to work with our pupils over four sessions. In the first session with Andy every pupil earned a ‘Junior Heart Start’ certificate by learning basic resuscitation skills and CPR. Andy will continue to work with us on team building skills this month and as a special end of term treat Andy will be teaching our pupils archery skills.

On Saturday 11th March we held our sponsored walk for Parent Council funds. The weather was kind to us as a group of twenty adults and children (including one of our toddlers!) walked the loop from Minard Shore to Brainport. Mrs Baird and Mrs Robertson were almost unrecognisable in their onesies. We were astonished to have raised over £500 for Parent Council funds. A huge thank you to all parents, carers, families and friends of the school for being so generous with sponsorship. Thanks also to Mike and Syb in the shop and all of their customers who supported the school with sponsors. We know how fortunate we are to have such a supportive community helping our school.

Mid month we were absolutely delighted to welcome a new pupil, Alfie, into P3. Come all the way from London, Alfie and his family received a very warm welcome from all of our school community.

Last week Furnace pupils were invited along to a workshop organised by Minard Primary on pandas. Minard are learning about China for their interdisciplinary topic this term and they invited a specialist from Edinburgh Zoo to talk to our children about giant pandas and other endangered species.

Before the month is out we will have had an open evening for parents on 28th March at 6.30pm for pupils to show off their learning on their European topic. Our Easter Service will be held on Thursday 30th March at 2.30pm in Cumladden Church, hot cross buns after the service – all welcome.

Keep Well Furnace

Fancy joining a new activity group that combines all aspects of Keeping Well, physical mental and social?

Come and join us for light refreshments and a blether around ideas for activities

When: Monday 27 March
11.00–12.00

Where: Furnace Village Hall



Ideas to date range through skills swaps, talks and demonstrations, films, tai chi and other non challenging exercises and much more. All welcome.

CHAMPIONS

The start of Spring was heralded in Furnace by the Bowling Club Finals Night.

And on the night the Doubles competition was won by team Alma Smylie and John Burns.

The Singles Trophy went to Mike Masters.

An exciting opportunity to explore recovery and self-management from mental health problems
Wellness Recovery Action Planning

Course is free and lunch and refreshments provided

On the 27th and 28th March
9.30 till 4pm

At Lochgilhead Community
Education Centre
Manse Brae
PA31 8XQ.

If you would like to book a place contact
John.Moody@scottishrecovery.net
(0141 240 7790)

CURRY AND QUIZ RESULT

The recent Curry and Quiz night raised £270 for the Furnace Bowling Club funds.

Many thanks to Ian and Robbie for the delicious curries to George for the challenging and fun quiz questions and to all the others who helped with the scoring, raffle and washing up.

