

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 Assoc which also owns and runs Furnace Village Hall as well as staging community events throughout the year.



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WHAT'S ON

Thursday 22nd Sept 7.30 pm

Furnace Hall

Community Council & Amenity Association Meetings

Friday 23rd Sept 7.30 pm

Lochgair Church Hall

Magic Show

Saturday 1st October

5.00 - 6.30 pm

Songs of Love

Opera, musicals and lots more

Friday 7th October 7.30 pm

Furnace Hall

QUIZ

200 CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE. NEW MEMBERS NEEDED. PAY £6 FOR 6 MONTHS. MONTHLY DRAW FOR £50, £25 & £10 PRIZES

FURNACE GALA WEEKEND ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS



This year's gala was voted one of the best yet with a great variety of events and attractions topped by the amazing 100ft long inflatable assault course.

The weekend kicked off in the hall with Robbie's fun pub quiz on Friday evening. Saturday morning saw teams of two competing in a range of activities including archery, fly fishing, boules, pitch and put, a three-legged egg and spoon race and, of course, that fantastic assault course. Points were amassed along the way and the winning team, James & Friends, collected a superb trophy at the prize giving later that evening.

The afternoon saw a table top sale with various stalls and attractions, as well as a display of rally cars outside for the motor enthusiasts. Marie and Jessica had a special stall in aid of the SSPCC and raised a fantastic £102. Sharon's whisky safe did a roaring trade with £621 raised for Ocean Youth Trust plus another £50 to make a total of £100 for Andy Craven's chosen charity RNLI. Charlie and Wilf gave us a great BBQ and Karen's frantic beetle drive rounded off the afternoon. Saturday evening's Mr & Mrs competition hosted by Elaine was loads of fun with Eileen & Robert proving to be the couple who knew each other best.

Sunday afternoon kicked off with a fun walking football match (harder than you'd think!) with Robbie the Ref getting some well earned abuse from the players. The annual Duck Derby, aided and abetted by a few million midges, added to the fun, followed by more of Charlie & Wilf's burgers and a very popular bingo session.

It was great to see so many people turn out to all the events, which made everything worthwhile for those who worked so hard to make the weekend such a success. Lots more photos inside from Lynda Syed, who was on hand to capture all those magic moments.

Hello from Furnace Primary's new HT

Robyn McIlroy the new Head Teacher at Furnace who started at the beginning of this session is thoroughly enjoying her new role. She told us: "I've had a fantastic welcome from parents, pupils and staff and am really enjoying working in Furnace. My priorities since the beginning of term have been to get to know pupils well and to meet with all parents individually to discuss how best we can support and nurture our wonderful pupils. As I've discussed with Mike, I'm really keen for the school to become involved with community projects and over the next few months I'm hoping we can organise events with the community...so watch this space for more school news and some dates for your diaries."



Robyn (right) with Mrs Baird and the pupils



FURNACE BOWLING CLUB
 Are looking for new players. We meet every Monday night and play in a small local league. It's easy going and good fun for all ages (over 18s) No experience necessary!

Charity Fundraising Concert



Songs of Love

Opera, Musicals and much more!

Saturday 1st October

5:00pm - 6:30pm

Furnace Village Hall

Join

Barbara Stout & Wilf Stout

as we celebrate

our 'big' birthdays by entertaining you in song with

David Stout & Mick Stout

and

Susannah Wapshott accompanist

(Assistant Conductor & Répétiteur – Scottish Opera)

Wine and soft drinks provided during the interval

Retiring collection at the door for Macmillan





MAGIC SHOW

**Lochgair Church Hall
Friday September 23rd
7.30 pm
£3 adults - £1 children
Tea - Coffee - Raffle
In aid of Church Funds**

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday Services

25th September Morning service in **Cumlodden Church** at **10 am**.

2nd October Morning service in **Lochgair Church** at **10 am**.

9th October Morning service in **Cumlodden Church** at **10 am**.

Monthly Gaelic service in **Lochgair Church** at **3 pm**. Tea to follow in church hall. Learners of Gaelic always welcome. At the September service there was a baptism, with a congregation of about seventy present.

16th October Morning service in **Cumlodden Church** at **10 am**.

23rd October Morning service in **Cumlodden Church** at **10 am**.

30th October As there are five Sundays in October, today's service is in **Lochgair Church** at **10 am**.

Cumlodden and Lochfyneside Guild

The Guild, which is open to women and men, meets in **Cumlodden Church Hall** on the first Wednesday of the month. The Guild theme for the session is "Joy", and at the opening meeting, on 7th September, which was well attended, Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell spoke on the subject "Go in Joy".

On Wednesday 5th October, the Guild will visit the Dochas Centre in Lochgilphead. Members will meet in the church car park at 2 pm to arrange transport.

Guild Sale of Work

The Guild held a most successful Sale of Work in Furnace Village Hall on 12th August. This fund-raising event raised a total of £702. The Guild are most grateful to all who supported what is their main fund-raising event on the night and all involved in the preparatory work beforehand.

Fund-raiser

There will be an event for church funds in **Lochgair Hall** on **Friday 23rd September** at **7.30 pm**. This will take the form of a **Magic Show** and there will also be a raffle.

NOREEN GOW (1929-2016)

With the passing of Noreen Gow the congregation and the community have lost someone who was involved in many local activities. She and her late husband, Ian, came to live at Tigh Beag over thirty years ago. They both did fine work in renovating the cottage. Noreen and Ian sang in the church choir and she was a loyal member of Cumlodden and Lochfyneside Guild. The service of remembrance and thanksgiving was held in Cumlodden church, which Noreen attended until the last few weeks of her life. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Roderick Campbell and was the service later that afternoon at Cardross Crematorium. We extend our sympathy to Fiona, who cared so faithfully for her mother over a long period, and to all the members of the family.