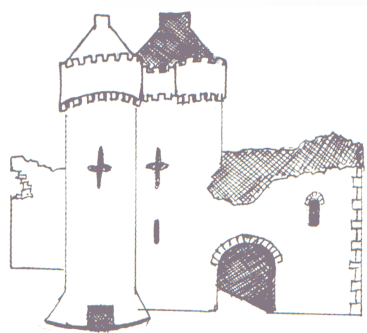


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# Skipness News



## Christmas Extravaganza



Friday 18th December

1:30pm



Skipness Village Hall



Animal Nativity, Christmas  
Carols, Craft Fayre,



Teas, Coffee and Cakes



Guess the weight of the cake



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### Special points of interest

- Invitation to Christmas Crafts (p3)
- Useful Drones (p5)

### Two Minute Silence

On Wednesday 11th of November Skipness pupils held a two minute silence at 11 o'clock. Zac set the timer on his iPad to let us know when the two minutes were over. There were people joining us, Mrs Henderson came and Mrs Abernethy was there too. The two minutes was to remember everyone who went out to fight and lost their lives.



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*Armistice Day is commemorated every year on November 11th to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiegne, France.*

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### Skeleton Drive

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of October Skipness pupils had a Hallowe'en skeleton drive in Skipness school. Fancy dress was Optional. Joseph went as the grim reaper, Zac went as wolf boy, Heleana went as a zombie and Ann came as a witch. There were games such as skeleton drive, feely bowls, find the skeleton under the square, guess how many sweets in a jar and guess the birthday of the soft toy. On our gruesome menu were liquorice and Oreo spiders, witch fingers, Draculas blood etc. Lots of people came to the spooky event such as Ann, Mrs McAllister, Mrs Abernethy and Anna, Gordon Hunter and more. Mrs Blount won 1st prize, Mrs McAllister won 2nd, Mrs Hutchison won last prize and Anna won a microwave monkey. It was all for school funds.



## Local News



## Farming News

This month, the sheep off Claonaig Estate have been sold at Stirling.

On Zac's farm he has been moving sheep into different fields because the sheep have not got enough grass to eat in the fields they were in. They will be moved to different fields throughout the winter to keep them healthy.

On Monday 17th November, the vet came to check that the cows are in calf.

Also it was time to 'gather the hills' and put the tups out with the ewes.



## Halloween Party & Dance

On the 30th October we had a Halloween Party. There were dook-ing for apples, corners, pass the parcel, musical chairs and a piñata. They were all so fun. Thanks to the people that put the party and dance on!! The amount that we made was £262 from the door and £123 from the stall. Total £385 raised for RNLI.





## The Busy Farmer



Busy busy every day

Busy farmers making hay

Busy busy with the hens

Collecting eggs for our friends

Busy busy with the bales

Getting ready for the sales

Busy busy with the tups

Also looking after pups

Busy busy with the tractor

Hope there's time to see X-Factor!

Busy busy with the cows

Time to gather up the ewes



Zac P5

## Poems and Recipes

### Cookery

## Cullen Skink Soup

### Ingredients

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1 tablespoon butter

1 medium onion

2 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into 1cm cubes

300ml water

250g smoked haddock

250ml milk

salt and pepper to taste

2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley or chives

### Method

Melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat, then add onion and fry gently until transparent. Cook for about 5 minutes but do not allow to brown.

Add potatoes and water and bring to boil. Simmer for 10-15 minutes.

Meanwhile in another pan, cover the haddock with the milk and cook gently for about five minutes until just tender. Remove from the milk and, when cool enough to touch, flake gently into large pieces, removing bones.

Add milk and flaked fish to saucepan containing potatoes and other ingredients and cook for a further 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper and sprinkle with chopped parsley.

Serve with crusty bread and butter.

Thank you to Mrs MacDonald for providing this delicious recipe.



In Australia the government has sent drones (robotic flying machines) to monitor shark positions in the sea so fewer shark attacks happen. There have been more shark attacks lately because more people are doing water sports. This is bad for tourism. The drone takes pictures of the shark's location and sends them to a control centre.



*A drone, also known as an unmanned aerial vehicle, (UAV) is an aircraft without a pilot on board.*

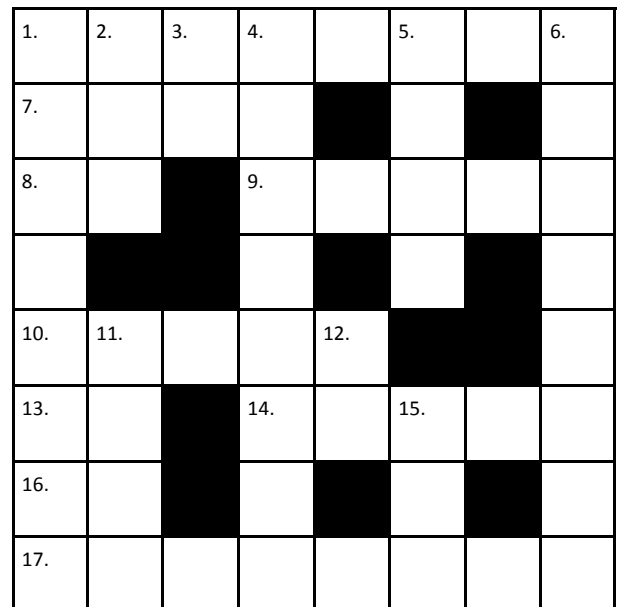
### Crossword

#### Across

1. A type of Christian (8)
7. Someone who does a great thing (4)
8. A common two letter word (2)
9. This system uses radio waves to detect objects (5)
10. You listen to this (5)
13. 2 consecutive letters (2)
14. A religious book (5)
16. A changes to this before most vowel sounds (2)
17. No name (8)

#### Down

1. Manager of meeting (8)
2. A mixed up drink (3)
3. Beginning of farm vehicle (2)
4. Not nice! (8)
5. A deposit of valuable ore (4)
6. Doesn't care (8)
12. It's a sound made with 2 letters (2)
15. A busy insect (3)



#### Last months answers

##### Across

1. Barbecue
6. Oe
7. Somerled
9. Tit
10. Mousse
12. ER
14. Is
15. Tapas

##### Down

1. Basement
2. Rom
3. Beets
4. Culter
5. Endrigns
8. Rise
11. Us
13. BA
14. ie

## From Our Log Books

In 1915 which is 100 years ago Mr Johnston the teacher was very concerned that the attendance was poor for the whole year either because of illness, the weather or because of the “required at home “ nuisance. In those days all teaching would be done at the blackboard, as there would be no pupil text books and pupils would only have a slate on their desk. There would be no jotters (exercise books). If a pupil were absent from a class, then Mr Johnston would not be able to do any new work. He would do revision. It must have been very frustrating for him. On two days in February the attendance was down to under 10. Also Mr Johnston was ill for two days and the school was closed. The senior and supplementary classes sat the 6 weekly exam papers. The papers were well done. In April there was an epidemic of influenza with a lot of children off school. Mr Wilson an HMI visited the school. In May and November there were Parish Fast days when the children got a holiday. At the end of the year Mr Johnston said that, “progress is slow but sure”. He talks about “systematic hammering “and the “long fight” as he describes teaching. He wasn’t really hammering the children and this is called a figure of speech. A hammer is not used to teach children, but Mr Johnston says it is and this is called a metaphor.

