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Fireworks Code

If you intend holding a bonfire party this year please remember to follow the fireworks code. In this way you will ensure that not only will your guests enjoy themselves but also that everyone will be safe. Please show a little consideration as well for neighbours with pets. Many pets are terrified by fireworks and, while owners are aware that fireworks are likely to be let off on Bonfire Night and can sedate their animals if necessary, all too often fireworks are let off for several nights before and after November 5th. If you intend letting off fireworks on a different night please have the courtesy to let pet owners nearby know in order that they can make appropriate arrangements for their animals.

- **Only** buy fireworks that meet BS7114 from a shop you know, and keep them in a closed box.
- **Always** follow the specific instructions for each firework carefully.
- **Always** light fireworks at arm's length using a taper. **Never** use a naked flame.
- **Always** stand well back and **never** go back to a firework once it's been lit.
- **Never** put fireworks in a pocket.
- **Never** throw fireworks.
- **Always** light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves to hold them.
- **Never** gives sparklers to a child under five and have a bucket of water handy to cool down sparklers once they have burnt out.
- **Always** keep pets indoors.
- **Never, never leave children unsupervised when there are fireworks around.**

Clampdown on Fireworks

Anti-social behaviour laws, brought in earlier this year, will mean anyone setting off a firework between 11pm and 7am could be liable to pay a fine. The only exceptions to the rule are November 5th, when fireworks will be allowed until midnight, New Year's Eve, Chinese New Year, and Diwali - when the curfew will be lifted until 1am. The new laws also make it more difficult for under 18s to buy fireworks, or get an adult to buy them for them - a loophole in the past meant that if an over 18 bought the explosives, it was fine for anyone to use them. All shops selling fireworks now have to display a notice, stating that "Fireworks can be sold to over 18s only", and staff are being advised to ask for ID if in doubt.

Christmas Lights

This year the Christmas light switch on will take place in Wemyss Bay on Friday 3rd December. The Community Association would like to invite you to come along to the school at 7.00pm where there will be carols around the tree prior to the lights being switched on. Afterwards you are very welcome to join us in the Community Centre for some mulled wine and mince pies, or tea & coffee if you are being good! There will be juice and crisps for the children.

This year Kirsty has been in touch with Santa and he has promised us that he will try and spend some time in the centre meeting all the children and finding out what they would like him to bring them. Obviously this is very good of him, as he is very busy just now supervising the elves and making sure that all the toys and presents are ready for Christmas. Unfortunately Rudolph will not be able to come along as he is at a secret training camp with the rest of the reindeer, preparing to take Santa to visit children all around the world on Christmas Eve. If everyone is very good, Santa may even have a small gift for pre-5s and primary age children.

If previous years are anything to go by, the evening will be a real community affair, giving everyone a chance to meet, mingle and get into the spirit of Christmas (and I don't just mean the mulled wine!!).

Inverkip Church Badminton Club

The senior badminton club (15 years and over) meets on Monday and Saturday evenings from 7.30pm in the church hall, Langhouse Road, Inverkip. The junior badminton club for youngsters aged 10 – 14 years meets from 1.30 – 4.30pm every Saturday. New members are always welcome so if you fancy taking up, or returning to, the sport then why not have a go.

Remembrance Sunday – 14th November

The Annual Remembrance Sunday Service will be held in Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church on 14th November at 10.45am, and will be followed by an Act of Remembrance at the Wemyss Bay War Memorial at the pier at noon.

Traditionally the service has been held to remember those who died in the World Wars of the last century, but many wars since, and the continuing conflict in Iraq, make this service more immediate to the generations who have never known conflict on the scale of the First and Second World Wars.

This year was the sixtieth anniversary of the D-Day Landings and the news coverage showed many veterans, some of whom had been seriously injured, travelling back to the beaches, where so many of their fellow servicemen died, to take part in services of remembrance. Regardless of your feelings about the current war in Iraq, British soldiers continue to serve and die, both there and elsewhere around the world. Take time on Remembrance Sunday to pause and give thought on the bravery and sacrifice of both our current servicemen and women and those who have gone before.

Polling Station

The Community Association was approached recently regarding the possibility of using the Community Centre as Wemyss Bay's Polling Station and discussions have taken place between representatives of the Association and Inverclyde Council. Although nothing has yet been finalised there is a strong possibility that in future you will be casting your votes in the centre. This obviously means that there would be no requirement to close the primary school every time there is an election of some sort. Good news for parents but it is not likely to be as popular with the kids!

What's On at Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church?

Every SUNDAY, 11.00am : **Morning Worship, Sunday School and Crèche**

Every MONDAY (from 11 October), 7.30pm : **Christianity Explored**

Every WEDNESDAY, 7.30pm : **Scottish Country Dancing**

Every THURSDAY, 1.30-2.45 : **Noah's Ark** is a group for all children (aged 0-5) and their parents/carers.

THURSDAY, fortnightly, 7.30pm : The **Men's Fellowship**

Every FRIDAY, 12.15-1.30pm : Delicious, home-made soup and sandwiches are on offer at our **Friday Lunches**, all for a suggested donation of £2.00.

Every SATURDAY, 1.30-4.30 : **Junior Badminton** in Skelmorlie Community Centre

Country People's Club

The November meetings of the Country People's Club will be held at 2.30pm in the Chartroom at Kip Marina. All members, old and new, and visitors will be made most welcome. The subscription per annum is £9 and £1 for visitors. Further details may be obtained from the Secretary, Ann Haig, on 522316.

Wed 10th Nov: Mr David Hendry on the subject "The History of HMS Gleaner" **

Wed 24th Nov: Mr David McKelvie on the subject "Photographic Journeys – With Music"

** Please note that this is a change to the previously advertised programme as Mr John Steele is ill. It is hoped that he will be able to address the club in the future.

Campbell Martin MSP

Campbell Martin will be holding a surgery for constituents on Monday 8th November from 9 – 10 am in the Community Centre.

What Would You Like To See In The Village News?

Since taking over editing the Village News in September last year we have listened to a number of suggestions and tried to include them where possible. We are very aware however that many people may be sitting at home with great ideas about how to improve things. If you have any suggestions please contact me and I will do my best to implement them. Perhaps you would like to contribute to the newsletter on a regular basis – if so get in touch and we can chat about how you can contribute. Contact Eila Tel: **529375** E-mail: eilaroberts@care4free.net or leave your suggestions in the Village News folder behind the counter in Spar.

Community Association

Last month the Community Association held its first meeting since the formation of the new committee. The meeting was extremely well attended and very positive with plenty of new ideas. The next meeting of the Community Association will take place on Wednesday 3rd November at 7.30pm in the Inverkip Hotel, with the December meeting taking place on Wednesday 1st. If you are interested in becoming more involved in your local community you are very welcome to come along to the meetings. After the meeting we stay on for a drink and this is an ideal opportunity to get to know people.

Thank You

Hi! My name is Ryan. It was my birthday recently and I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came to my party and for all the brilliant gifts that I received. I hope that everyone enjoyed the football, basketball and volleyball....I certainly did. Thanks a lot. Ryan

Christmas Cracker

Wemyss Bay Primary PTA is once again this year holding their popular Christmas Cracker Fete. It will take place at the school on Saturday 20th November and will include a variety of stalls, a tea-room with home-baking and a raffle. All money raised will go to the school and this is a great opportunity to get in some early Christmas shopping while supporting our local children.

Bulb Appeal

Work on rhododendron clearance and path construction has started and the Woodland Association will shortly be planting more spring flowering bulbs and wildflowers. Over the last two years we have planted approximately 4500 bulbs (daffodils, snowdrops, bluebells, wood anemones, winter aconites, star of Bethlehem and alliums) but we still need more. Last year many of you bought an extra pack when purchasing your bulbs and donated them or handed in unwanted bulbs from your garden. Again this year we are looking for your help. We are working in an area of almost 18 acres so we need a lot of bulbs and wildflowers. If you are buying bulbs for your garden why not add an extra pack or two for the woods? We are specifically looking for native British bulbs which can be difficult to obtain from garden centres or DIY stores as many are hybridised in order to achieve showier blooms. In addition we are looking for a variety of native wildflowers. As it is against the law to dig up wildflowers these will all have to be purchased from specialist suppliers. We can buy these in bulk to reduce costs (we can also buy bulbs in this way). As an example 50 Wood Anemones will cost us £14 while 50 primroses will cost £28.50 and the same number of snowdrops £8.00.

If you would like to make a donation to be spent on bulbs and wildflowers please make a cheque payable to Wemyss Bay Community Woodland Association and leave it in a sealed envelope, with your name and address in the Village News folder in Spar, or send it to **Eila Roberts, 14 Brueacre Drive, Wemyss Bay**. You will be very welcome to come along and help plant the bulbs.

If you have bulbs to donate please contact Eila Tel: **529375** to arrange uplift. Again, if you would like to, you can help with the planting.

Help us to make sure that we have a very broad selection of native wildflowers in the Woods – in this way we can encourage a large variety of insects, birds and animals, so that they too can enjoy our local greenspace.

PTA Calendar

This year, to boost their fundraising, the PTA is producing a calendar, which will feature a selection of artwork by the children and also recipes provided by parents and teachers. Whenever people provide recipes for this sort of venture you are assured that they are tried and tested and can be relied upon not to fail. This is certainly worth looking out for!

Top Award for Local Butcher

If you like black pudding then local butcher Mearns T McCaskie is the place to go. As winners of the West of Scotland championship for their original recipe black pudding they made it through to the final of the Scottish Federation of Independent Meat Retailers contest which was held recently in Edinburgh where they secured the Scottish title. So it is official, the best black pudding in Scotland is made here in Wemyss Bay. In addition they also secured Gold Awards for their Caribbean Blackened Lamb and their Mexican Surprise, a combination of tender marinated beef wrapped around minced beef flavoured with peppers and chillies.

Orders are being taken now for Christmas. If you need any steak pies the order deadline for Christmas is 12th December with the final date for New Year on 24th December. If you intend having turkey on Christmas Day place your order soon because there will be a limited supply and when they're gone they're gone!!

Lewis Harkins Charity Night

Many people in the village know of little Lewis Harkins, aged 7, who lives with mum, Helen, step-dad, Brian and new baby brother, Blair in Wemyss Bay. Lewis has learning difficulties which mean that he requires 24-hour care. Two years ago the family took Lewis to America for Dolphin Human Therapy, a remarkable new treatment involving daily swimming with dolphins and a rigorous programme of exercise and activity. The benefits were amazing – Lewis's muscle tone improved, he became much more aware of his surroundings and the general environment and he started to communicate through touch-cards. At that time the treatment cost around £8000 with the costs of flights, food and accommodation on top.

Two years on, and efforts are underway to raise the funds necessary to send Lewis back for another intensive course of Dolphin Therapy. On Saturday 20th November there will be a Charity Night at the Community Centre beginning at 7.30pm. Ticket, priced £3.00, include a disco and light buffet are available by contacting **Alison** after 6.00pm on **529954**. There will be a licensed bar and entrance is strictly for over-18s. In addition to a raffle, the evening promises a few more novel means of fundraising with Lewis's step-dad, Brian, and friend Paul McGregor being sponsored to be waxed – it makes your eyes water at the thought! There will also be an auction with prizes including 2 weeks holiday, gift vouchers and both Celtic and Rangers merchandise. The most unusual item in the auction is Sean Freel, who, for the right amount, will be your slave for the day!! This promises to be a great fun evening with the added benefit that you are helping this local youngster. Tickets are selling very quickly so, in order to be sure of getting one, phone **Alison 529954** today. If you are unable to go along but would like to help then Alison will be able to tell you how you can make a donation to the Lewis J Harkins Trust Fund.

Unsung Hero

Helen Harkins, mum of Lewis and baby Blair, recently won a Radio Clyde Unsung Hero Award. As we mentioned in the previous article, little Lewis (aged 7) has learning difficulties and requires 24-hour care. Helen splits her time between looking after Lewis and Blair, working as a nurse for the elderly in Moorburn Manor Nursing Home in Largs, and still finds time to fit in charity work. In particular the award recognised the work that Helen has done for Capability Scotland. Helen has been instrumental in pushing for improved services for all children with disabilities in Inverclyde and through the efforts of her and a few other parents there is now an established out of hours school care project and summer playscheme for disabled children. Helen, who was nominated by husband Brian, had a lovely day out at the awards meeting a variety of celebrities including Westlife, and received a selection of beauty products as part of her prize.

Car Parking on Lomond Road

Now that the school is back, all the problems with parking have resumed. Virtually every day residents of Lomond Road find themselves blocked in as ignorant, inconsiderate parents and grand-parents park across people's drives as they drop their little darlings off and collect them at school. The problem has reached the point where it has been referred to the police who have assured that it will be dealt with. One resident recently politely pointed out to someone that they had parked across his drive blocking him in, only to be told "I'll park where I like". Hopefully the police will be able to resolve this quickly. In the meantime park at the Community Centre or get off your backsides and walk to school!

Having a Party?

If you are thinking of having a party, why not consider holding it at the community centre? Although it is pretty busy, party bookings are still available out with the regular lets. Even better, why not theme your party? When placing your booking just say if you would like a Bouncy Castle Party or would like local DJs, Disco Divas, to provide your entertainment. A 2-hour Bouncy Castle Party costs £52, while a 2-hour Disco booking only costs £50. To make a booking, or for more information, contact **Kirsty Donnelly** on **520738**. Remember that, if you are having food at your party, the centre's kitchen was completely refurbished last year and is available for your use

And Now For The Small Print.....

Please note that we do our best to ensure that adverts are neither misleading or offensive, however the appearance of an advertisement in the Village News does not imply that either the editors or the Community Association endorse the advertiser or their products / services.

Bible Club

The Bible Club meets on Monday evenings from 6:15 – 7:30pm in the Community Centre. The club is open to all primary age children and any newcomers will be made very welcome. Activities include games, competitions, songs and Bible stories. Contact **Stephen Renton** on **01505 355994** for further details.

Toch

This year's Toch calendar will go on sale from the middle of November and will be available from Wemyss Bay Pharmacy, the Station Bar and from the newsagent at the pier, now run by Mr McConnachie. There is no fixed price and instead you are asked to make a donation towards this worthwhile organisation. It costs over 50p just to produce the calendar so bear this in mind and dig a bit deeper into your pockets

Councillor Eric Forbes

Christmas Lights Switch On- Friday 3 December 2004: The lights will be switched on and we will have the usual festivities at the school and in the Community Centre afterwards. I believe that the Community Association are going to add an extra dimension this year. Let's look forward to a nice evening.

Planning Application to erect Mobile Phone Mast - Forbes Place, Wemyss Bay: A fresh application has been registered and Neighbour Notification should have been carried out. The difference from the previous application is that it has been reduced in height from 15m to 13.5m and it will be of a timber type pole design to possibly resemble a telegraph pole. I will need to await the application coming before the Planning Committee before I can comment on what will be the final decision. I have to remind residents that the decision can only be based on visuality and design and they cannot take into account the perceived issues surrounding health.

Woodlands: Work is now progressing in the main wood and we can start to look forward to it taking shape over the next few months.

Puffin Crossing at Wemyss Bay Pierhead: I have been assured by Amey Highways that the crossing will be in working order no later than the 5 November 2004. We are awaiting final connection by Scottish Power, re-instatement work and final commissioning and then it should light up. I would encourage people to use the crossing.

Reminder: I would like to remind everyone that, if you have a problem or query which you think I may be able to help with, I can be contacted at the Municipal Buildings **Tel: 717171 Fax: 01475 712976 or e-mail: Eric.Forbes@inverclyde.gov.uk** Out with office hours I can be contacted at **home: 520012 or on my mobile: 07747 006725.**

I believe that rather than waiting several weeks for a surgery, it is better for my constituents if I am available at the end of a telephone at any time. Thereafter, if necessary, I can arrange a suitable follow-up meeting.

David Cairns MP : Lottery funding for voluntary groups

Since becoming the MP for Greenock and Inverclyde over three years ago, I've met many dedicated people who spend their time supporting local voluntary groups. I never cease to be amazed by the number of organisations active in Inverclyde and the wide range of interests they cover. But whether you're running a local playgroup, a football team or a film club - the one thing you need to keep your group going is money. And that's where the National Lottery comes in.

Last year Greenock and Inverclyde received over £8 million in Lottery funding. That sounds a lot, but 400 of the other 659 constituencies in the UK benefited more than us. I'm not sure if that's because people don't realise their group is eligible, don't put enough detail in their applications or just think that the whole process is too difficult.

No need to despair: help is at hand. If you think your organisation could benefit from a Lottery grant just call 0845 275 0000 and one of the National Lottery customer service operators will send you an application pack and guide you through the process. Alternatively, find out more by logging on to www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk and find out more.

Perhaps an organisation that you or your family are involved in is eligible. Relatively modest grants of just a few hundred pounds can make all the difference and mean the difference between survival and closure. If your playgroup needs new toys, your sports club wants updated equipment or your community group is short of funds, just make that call and find out if you qualify. Let's see if we can move up the Lottery league and make it to £10 million next year.

Murder in Skelmorlie

Police revealed today that a body will be found dead on the stage in Skelmorlie Community Centre. It is believed that a lady of advancing years could be the victim of a fatal gunshot wound. Investigating officer Inspector Pratt (by name & nature) said that this would take place towards the end of November and was confident that he would be clueless and completely incompetent when it comes to solving this mystery. He has appealed for members of the public to come forward and witness this crime. Inspector Pratt also revealed there will be several suspects including the drunken butler, art fraudsters and a benefactor of the victim's sizeable estate. The murder takes place in a mansion house and all of the suspects are immaculately dressed in 1930's costume. He added "the perpetrators of this crime are a very well rehearsed bunch of amateurs who are becoming increasingly difficult to catch in the act." If you can help witness this crime and solve the mystery please contact the incident room on 522366.

Tickets, which are priced £6.00, include a complimentary glass of wine or soft drink and are available from Spence the Chemist in Wemyss Bay and Skelmorlie (Medical Hall), by telephone at 522366 or email your requirements to tickets@attic-players.co.uk

Scottish Parliament Report – Duncan McNeil MSP

The way the criminal justice system treats (as if that's any way to describe it) victims and witnesses has long been somewhere between contempt and suspicion.

But, with victim statements and new rights to information about your assailant's proposed release and to make representations to the Parole Board, last year's Criminal Justice Act put a good few kilos on the victims' side of the justice scales.

But the job is nothing like done. There is no point working harder to catch and convict criminals if, at the end of their sentence, they're simply going to be let back onto the streets to commit more crime.

The First Minister was right when he recently branded Scotland's re-offending rate "appalling" – on current figures, some 60% of prisoners will re-offend within two years of release.

Not only does this cycle waste valuable time and money, it creates a whole new set of victims.

As the Justice Minister knows from her recent visit here, communities like ours expect tough action on this to be outlined in the forthcoming Criminal Justice Plan.

Duncan can be contacted at the Parliamentary Office, 20 Union Street, Greenock PA15 8JL, by E-mail:

duncan.mcneil.msp@scottish.parliament.uk or via his website: www.duncanmcneil.com

Recycling

This month Greenlight will be carrying out their doorstep collections on Mondays 1st, 15th and 29th November. Recycling couldn't be easier – come on and do your bit for the environment.

Caravan Park to Change Hands

A report on liesureopportunities.co.uk has revealed that Bourne Liesure have entered a conditional agreement with Parkdean Holidays, a Newcastle based holiday park operator, to sell the Wemyss Bay Holiday Caravan Park.

The deal, which includes 5 sites in total, is worth £41.75 million. The four other parks are Cherry Tree Holiday Park near Great Yarmouth, Warmwell Holiday Park near Dorchester, Torquay Holiday Park and Pendine Sands holiday Park in Carmarthenshire, South Wales.

Bourne have decided to sell these sites as they are their smallest parks and do not fit their core business focus of large, branded sites. Parkdean's chief executive, John Waterworth, says however that they are perfect for their company's portfolio.

The article also revealed that planning permission has been granted for a 9 hole golf course at the Wemyss Bay park.

Woodland Association

You may have noticed that all the piles of rhododendron which had been cut and stacked by volunteers from the Woodland Association have now been chipped. As the volunteers will be continuing to rhodie-bash over the next few months, there will be more chipping to do as they progress but, for now, it is great to see the additional light getting in to the wood giving young saplings, which previously stood no chance against the rhodies, the opportunity to flourish.

Work has also started on the path construction, essential tree surgery and other works. Please bear with us. The work will be concluded within a few weeks but, in the meantime from a health and safety point of view, please stay well away from areas where the contractors are working – they will be displaying warning signs to this effect and we would strongly advise that you take heed. The area in the middle of the wood, previously the sight of the old castle midden, where there is a serious problem with erosion will be filled in and grassed. Benches will provide a seating area and the school intend to use this area as an open air classroom to tie in with various nature and environmental lessons. Soil tests have been carried out to check that no toxic substances have been dumped here previously and they have shown that the area is safe.

The Association is already planning the second phase of the work which will include a short family cycle path suitable for all abilities and the possibility of some play/adventure and fitness activities located at discreet intervals throughout the site. Our initial consultation process identified a clear desire for this sort of sympathetic development using natural materials to blend with the environment. If you have any questions or comments about this we intend holding meetings to discuss this when we have a clearer idea of what can be incorporated but at the moment you are welcome to contact Eila Roberts on 529375. Alternatively, come along to our committee meetings which will be held on Wednesday 17th November and 15th December at 7.30pm in the Inverkip Hotel.

Volunteers are still required on a regular basis to help with rhodie-bashing and other work within the wood. The next working weekends will take place on Sat 13th & Sun 14th, Sat 27th & Sun 28th November and Sat 11th & Sun 12th December. We meet at the Ardgowan Road end of Cliff Terrace Road at 10.00am and work through to about 3.00pm, taking breaks as required for coffee and lunch. If you are available to come along, even for a short period you will be very welcome – follow the sign from the end of Cliff terrace Road to find where we are working. Gloves, tools and refreshments are provided and children are welcome to come and help, provided that they are accompanied by a responsible adult.

Newsagent Changes Hands

Mr McConnachie has bought over the newsagent at the pier, previously owned by Mr McLeod. We welcome him to the village and wish him every success in this new business venture. He is already supporting local good causes by agreeing to sell the ToCH calendar and it is great to see a new business going out of their way so quickly to get involved with the community.

Finally

That's all for this month. **The closing date for any articles or adverts for the December edition of the Village News is the 20th November.** This is an absolute deadline and cannot be extended under any circumstances! If you would like a reminder let us know and we will add you to the e-mail list. If you have anything which you would like included please send it to **Eila Roberts, 14 Brueacre Drive, Wemyss Bay PA18 6HA Tel: 529375 e-mail: eilaroberts@care4free.net** or place it in the Village News folder, which is kept behind the counter in Spar.

Kids' Stuff

Almost 400 years ago a man called Guy Fawkes and some of his friends tried to blow up Parliament because they didn't like King James, who was the King at that time. They had hidden 36 barrels of gunpowder and lots of firewood in a cellar underneath the building. Their idea was to set light to the gunpowder and cause an explosion during the ceremony to open the Parliament on 5th November 1605 and kill the king and the entire Parliament. Before they were able to carry out their plan they were caught, tortured and then killed. Every year since, people have remembered Guy Fawkes by having bonfires, burning a "Guy" and letting off fireworks on 5th November.

We also celebrate St. Andrews Day this month on 30th November. St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland. The wordsearch this month is all about Guy Fawkes Night and St. Andrew. How many words can you find?

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PATRON
ROCKET
SAINT
SCOTLAND
SPARKLERS
KATHERINE
WHEEL

WORDFINDER

Try and find as many words as possible using the letters below. Each letter can only be used once and every word must contain the letter in the middle square. No plurals, names or hyphenated words are allowed. There is at least one 9-letter word.

S	R	E
A	T	C
D	T	E

20 words – at least you're trying!

40 words – shows promise

30 words – good

50+ words – brain-box!!

Remember, Remember

Remember, Remember
The fifth of November,
Gunpowder, treason and plot.
We know no reason
Why gunpowder treason
Should ever be forgot.