

# Wemyss Bay Village News

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## Back to School

For some, first day at school can be a traumatic time with tears and tantrums, while others have been looking forward to it for months (and that is just the parents!). Didn't all the new primary 1s look great as they headed off to school in their uniforms? The Community Association hopes, that by now, everyone is settled in and enjoying this new experience.

At this time of year, with all the little ones starting out, it is appropriate to remind everyone of the potential dangers of parking around the school. Did you know that it is now recognised by experts that a child's road sense is not fully developed until the age of 11 – most of the time they are perfectly safe but occasionally, when distracted, or if they see someone they wish to speak to on the other side of the road, they just run out.

During both of the last two school years, a child has been knocked down around the school. Let's all work together to try and prevent a tragedy happening this year. Do not park on the zigzags – not only is it dangerous but it is also illegal. Use the car-park at the Community Association which is just a two-minute walk from the school with no roads to cross. The car-park at the shops is always particularly busy during drop-off and pick-up times. Please take particular care here and watch out for children running across the car-park, especially when reversing as many of the P1s and 2s are too little to be seen through your rear-view mirror. Do not park in the surgery car-park. It is reserved for patients and staff and it is essential that patients can get parked here quickly in the event of an emergency and similarly that the doctors can get out quickly if necessary. People often park right up to the corners of Lomond Road, Brueacre Road and the roads leading out on to them. This restricts the view of drivers trying to turn and is both dangerous and contrary to the Highway Code, which could result in the police taking action. Finally, please show consideration for those living in the immediate surrounding of the school and do not park across their driveways – how would you feel if they came along to your home and blocked you in?

If we all show some common sense we can ensure the safety of all the children on the roads around the school.

## Wemyss Bay PTA

Wemyss Bay Primary PTA is once again holding their very popular Car Boot Sale in the grounds of the school on Saturday 17th September from 11am until 1pm. Why not take this opportunity for a clear out before the winter! Pitches cost £5 and will be available from 10am, to set-up only. To book a pitch, call **Gillian (521509)** or **Susan (522121)**.

There are bound to be plenty of great bargains so make sure you get along early to get the pick of the bunch. To keep your energy levels up for all the bargain hunting, tea, coffee and hot-dogs will be on sale.

## Community Association

The Community Association meets on the first Sunday of every month at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. The next meeting will take place on Sunday 2nd October.

The Association is responsible for the management, letting and upkeep of the Community Centre and also organises the Gala Day, the Christmas lights switch-on and other community events. You are very welcome to come along to any of the meetings, whether you are interested in becoming involved or if you simply want to observe what goes on.

## Community Council

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council meet on the first Thursday of every month at 7.30pm in the Rogues Room at the Inverkip Hotel. If there is anything which you would like raised or, if you simply want to find out a bit more about the goings on locally then why not go along to the next meeting.

## Community Association Annual General Meeting

The Community Association AGM will be held on Sunday 6th November at 7.00pm in the Community Association. At this meeting, elections will take place to fill the posts of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and 4 Committee spaces. In addition the committee includes one representative from each community group. In order to ensure that the Association represents the interests of the whole community a good turnout is required. Please make every effort to come attend the meeting. We promise that you will not be roped into taking on anything unless you want to!

## WEA

The Autumn session will start on Wednesday 21st September at 9.45 a.m. in the Reading Room at Skelmorlie Community Centre. The opening talk will be by Margaret Anderson on "Scottish Women's Experience in History". When Margaret last visited us she told us of her many interesting and very amusing experiences as a Scottish Tour Guide taking foreign groups around the country. I'm sure this next talk will be of a similar high standard and well worth listening to.

Programmes will be ready for distribution soon in local shops, the library and community centres. For any help with transport or further information please phone **Jenny McGee**, on **521090**

## Girlguiding Wemyss Bay

Well we've started back and I think everyone had a wonderful summer.

The Brownies and Guides are having a Candle Party at the Community Centre. The candles are really lovely and their Christmas stock will be in by then so come and buy early presents. Tickets cost £2, and that includes a glass of wine. Tea/coffee and cakes will also be available to purchase. The candles must be paid for that evening and they will accept cash, cheque or cards.

We are still desperately looking for some more full/part time leaders, you don't have to commit to being available every week. The Guides are now full with a waiting list, and the Brownies have had to introduce a parents' rota. If you think you can help e-mail [girlguidingwemyssbay@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:girlguidingwemyssbay@yahoo.co.uk)

## What's On In the Community Centre?

Interested in what's going on in Wemyss Bay? Here is a run-down of many of the activities that happens regularly in the Community Centre. For more information on any of these groups you need to get in touch directly with the relevant organisation.

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| Monday    | 6.15 – 7.30pm   | Bible Club (P1 – P7)          |
| Tuesday   | 9.30 – 11.30am  | Tiny Tots                     |
|           | 4.15 – 6.15pm   | Drama                         |
| Wednesday | 7.30 – 9.00pm   | Judo                          |
| Thursday  | 9.30 – 11.30am  | Tiny Tots                     |
|           | 7.00 – 9.00pm   | Youth Club (P4 – P7)          |
| Friday    | 6.30 – 8.00pm   | Judo                          |
| Saturday  | 12.15 – 1.45pm  | Art4Kids                      |
|           | 2.00 – 3.00pm   | Karate                        |
| Sunday    | 10.30 – 11.30am | Sunday School                 |
|           | 12.00 – 4.00pm  | Ardgowan Football Development |

In addition to these activities the centre is used by the Nursery on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and every weekday afternoon. Although all the children are now based in the school, they are taken to the centre for their gym and music sessions and any other activities which require space to run around.

Saturday and Sunday afternoons after the Karate and Football are largely reserved for parties – sorry we are unable to fit them in between lets mid-week due to the time required at the end to tidy up or take the bouncy castle down. It is possible however to shoe-horn a few more lets into the calendar in the spaces between or after the current regular lets. If you are interested in booking the centre for a one-off or regular let contact **Kirsty** on **520738**.

## Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church

Like every other community organisation, the Church takes a summer break from the regular routine of the winter months. When September arrives, Church people return to a pattern of life in which we share in different ways according to our interests. An outline of the programme we will follow in the months ahead is given below. Though we will be following a well-established pattern, there is always room for innovation and change.

We believe that the Spirit of God inspires us to a more effective way of personal and community life and we are keen and hopeful that others may join us in the search for fulfilment in life. You will be made welcome.

### SUNDAY

Morning Worship, 11.00am

Sunday School and Crèche, 11.00am (September-June)

### MONDAY (October-March)

Bible Study, 7.30pm

### WEDNESDAY (September-March)

Scottish Country Dancing, 7.30pm

### THURSDAY (except school holidays)

Noah's Ark, 1.30-2.45

*A group for all children (aged 0-5) and their parents/carers.*

### THURSDAY (October-March)

Men's Fellowship, 7.30pm (fortnightly)

*Organised by members of our Church and Inverkip Church.*

*Speakers are invited to address the Club on topics of general interest.*

### FRIDAY (September-April)

Friday Lunches, 12.15-1.30pm

*Come along and enjoy delicious soup and sandwiches.*

*All proceeds go to Church Funds.*

### SATURDAY (September- March)

JUNIOR BADMINTON, 1.30-4.30pm

*in Skelmorlie Community Centre*

## Duncan McNeil MSP

I hope you had a good summer and, even if you didn't manage to get away, you at least had a chance to relax.

Some people, though, choose not to devote their leisure time to putting their feet up in the garden with a long drink and a Danielle Steel. Rather, they fill their spare moments helping others.

The army of volunteers in Wemyss Bay - and indeed throughout Inverclyde - do immensely valuable work in our community. I see it firsthand as an MSP, but also in everyday life. I can think of a number of excellent local organisations to whom my family and I are indebted.

These volunteers don't seek material reward or public plaudits, but it's important that we let them know that their good work doesn't go unnoticed.

That's why I am encouraging you to nominate what you think is the outstanding local voluntary organisation for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This prestigious award is bestowed by HM The Queen for outstanding achievement by voluntary groups who regularly devote time to helping others and improving their quality of life.

So, if there's one particular volunteer-run service which has made a real difference to you or your family, why not help get them the recognition they deserve by nominating them for a Queen's Award?

Nominations close on 30th September 2005 and copies of the official nomination form are available from my constituency office (791820) or online at: [www.queensawardvoluntary.gov.uk](http://www.queensawardvoluntary.gov.uk)

*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***

## **Congratulations!**

Craig Hoey of Ardgowan Football Development (AFD) has become one of the youngest qualified Scottish Football Association (SFA) coaches in Scotland after completing the first three SFA courses. Craig is just 16 and has been helping at AFD for more than 3 years. Congratulations Craig!

## **Woodland Association**

During the summer holidays, the Woodland Association organised three very popular children's activity mornings. We hope to turn this into a regular event to encourage children to use the woods in a constructive way during their breaks.

Over the next two months two further events are planned which we hope will appeal to all ages and anyone is welcome to come along. There will be a 50p charge for both adults and children, to cover the costs of the events and also to help with the general running costs of the Association. As we require to bring in experts to lead these walks, dates have still to be finalised. Look out for more details in the next Village News and on posters around the village.

We will be holding a **Fungi Forage** during which we will identify and learn a bit more about some of the many species which grow in the wood. Some will be safe, some poisonous and some ugly!

We also intend holding a Bat Night, when we will be watching, identifying and finding out more about some of the different bats which live in Wemyss Bay. We will be walking through the woods and down towards the beach. Please remember and bring a torch.

We would like to thank everyone who contacted Inverclyde Council, and the Association, to report recent fly-tipping in the wood. The matter is in the hands of the council, who are aware of the perpetrators, and they will be taking appropriate action. If you see any instances of fly-tipping please contact Inverclyde Council on 717171 or the National Fly-Tipping Helpline on 08452 30 40 90. When caught, serious offenders will be dealt with by the courts. And, under the Antisocial Behaviour Bill, local authorities, the police and SEPA have the power to issue fixed penalty fines for less severe offences.

Littering is also a problem. The Woodland Association regularly organises clean-up sessions and last month removed 13 sacks of rubbish along with several buckets of broken glass. Some of the litter is wind-blown however the majority is dropped by people using the wood. During recent clear-ups we have removed several pairs of knickers and boxer shorts, tops, trousers, car batteries, kitchen units, a toilet, condoms and sanitary protection. There is a bin at the main entrance to the wood and another at the Morar Road entrance. Please use the bins or take your rubbish home with you.

The Woodland Association comprises many members of the community with a common interest in conserving Wemyss Bay Wood for the use and enjoyment by all the community. We have a small number of committed volunteers who turn out regularly for work sessions. We do not own the wood – it is owned by Inverclyde Council. None of us live in the woods 24 hours a day (although it seems like it sometimes). It is therefore the responsibility of all of us, whether we live near the wood, are walking through it, playing in it or working in it, to report any anti-social behaviour to the police and council.

## **Stolen!!!**

Very early on the morning of Sunday 24th July (after 3am) a pink "Molly Mermaid" bicycle with a white seat and the word Molly printed repeatedly along the frame was stolen from the garden of a house in Mountstuart Drive. 5-year-old owner, Sophie, played constantly on her bike and desperately misses it. If you know the whereabouts of the bike or anything which could lead to its return please telephone **522803** or contact the police.

## **Country People's Club**

Are you aged 50+ with some time to spare on Wednesday afternoons? If so, we would be pleased to welcome you to the Country People's Club which meets in, "**The Chart Room**" at **Kip Marina** commencing on **Wednesday 5th October at 2.30pm** and fortnightly thereafter.

A varied programme of speakers has been drawn up for this year and details will appear in future editions of the Village News. Our first speaker on Wednesday 5th October is Mr Alan Robertson who will be discussing "Clydebank Waterfront Regeneration".

The annual subscription is £9.00 with visitors paying £1.00 per meeting. Further details may be obtained from the secretary, **Mrs Ann Haig**, on **522316**.

## **Waste collection**

Still confused about which bins to put out each week? For the next couple of months we will continue to print reminders which we hope will be of assistance. Your blue and brown recycling bins will be collected, on your normal collection day, during the weeks beginning 12th & 26th September and 10th & 24th October. This means that your residual black bin will be emptied, on your normal collection day, during the weeks beginning 5th & 19th September and 3rd & 17th October.

## **Bible Club**

The new session for Wemyss Bay Bible Club starts on Monday, 12th September in Wemyss Bay Community Centre. The club is from 6.15pm to 7.30pm each Monday and all children in Primary School are welcome, from P1 to P7. Activities include games, songs, competitions, Bible stories and other activities. Contact **Stephen Renton** for more information on **01505 355994**.

## **Councillor Eric Forbes**

**WEMYSS BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL:** The plans for the new school extension are almost nearing completion and it is hoped that they will be brought before the October (2005) Education Committee, with work planned to commence in June 2006. The work will take around 12 months to complete and by starting it during the school holidays it will allow the contractor to carry out necessary demolition and minimise disruption. It will be necessary to erect temporary accommodation and this will be done during the school holidays. I will keep the School Board regularly updated with the necessary information for parents. Mrs. Ritchie will also be fully aware of the work planned and will be working with the Education Department to make sure the day to day school programme goes on in as normal a fashion as possible.

**ANTE- SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:** I have had some complaints of ante-social behaviour in the area of Cliff Terrace Road, Wallace Road and the beach area and this is rightly causing concern to the residents. I have had discussions with the police and extra attention is being given in the area. We also had some graffiti/damage caused to Wemyss Bay railway station and the police are also dealing with this.

On the question of graffiti: We are now seeing it appear on some walls and buildings and this affects the area and brings unwanted comments. To the artists I would say "please stop it" and to everyone else "please report it and the identity of anyone participating in this type of behaviour." Thanks for your help here.

COMMUNITY CENTRE: After a few hiccups we will see new flooring in parts of the hall and this has to be welcomed.

**Contact Me:** 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.

## **New Art Class for Kids**

A new art class for children aged 5 – 11years is starting up in the Community Centre on Saturday 10th September between 12.15 and 1.45pm. Art4Kids is an arts and crafts class covering a broad range of activities including drawing, painting, model making, printing, collage, plaster casting and lots more. It is run as a 6 week course and costs £25 per child. For more information or to book a space, contact **Bobbie McCabe** on **529512**. Spaces are limited however, if you are unsuccessful this time, the course will be running throughout the year so you there may be spaces in the next 6-week session.

## **Burglaries**

During August there were a number of break-ins around the village. How often have you nipped out to the shop, collected the kids from school or taken the dog for a walk and forgotten to lock your door? Or perhaps you get up in the morning to find that the garage door has been left wide open all night. Make it difficult for thieves by ensuring you lock your door every time you leave, check that garages, sheds and other outbuildings are secure and if you have a gate fit a lock.

One of the most concerning aspects of most of the burglaries was that they were carried out at night while the householders were asleep. You can help make your home more secure at night by fitting security lights around your home, paying particular attention to areas which cannot be seen by your neighbours. Best of all; arrange to have a burglar alarm fitted.

If you do spot anyone acting suspiciously around your home or those of your neighbours please phone the police immediately.

## **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 and / or their products / services.

## **What's On at the Arts Guild Theatre**

**Lena Martell – Friday 9th September at 7.30pm. Tickets £12.00 (£10.00)**

Lena Martell has recorded over thirty albums and had her own BBC network TV on a Saturday night. Lena was British TV personality for four consecutive years, has silver, gold and platinum discs and has played on Broadway and London's West End. Lena has also played Las Vegas and has performed at most of the concert halls around the world. Come and hear the voice that is Lena Martell.

**Greenock Players presents "Children of the Sea" – Thurs 15th – Sat 17th September at 7.30pm £5.00**

This is the world premiere of Mike Gibb's new Scottish play. Previous works include "A Land Fit For Heroes" (2003). Based on the days before and during the Great storm of 1881 in the east coast village of Eyemouth, this new production has humour, sadness, poignancy and history wrapped up in an entertaining 90 minutes.

**Soul Night – Friday 16th September at 7.30pm. Tickets £4.00**

DJ Joe Nellis takes you on a journey through Northern Soul, Indie, Motown and the greats of Soul. DJ set plus dance-floor equals a great night out.

**Enemy – Wed 21st – Sat 24th September at 7.30pm. Tickets £8.00 (£6.00)**

Written by Robert Maugham, this thought provoking play is set in the North African Desert during World War II. Ken, a British soldier meets Paul, a German soldier at a blown out tank. Their need to survive this hostile environment and their longing to return to their home countries forges a tentative bond and an unlikely friendship is developed.

Directed by Jackie Folley, this is the first in-house production from the Arts Guild theatre. Funded by Home Front Recall, Enemy is sure to bring back powerful memories for those who remember the war and will give the younger generation an idea of what it was actually like for those men and women.

**Basement theatre presents "The Bevellers" – Thurs 22nd & Fri 23rd September at 7.00pm £6.00 (£4.00)**

Its Norrie's first day at work. Here he is taught to bevel, bully and brag, but is this what his dearly departed mother would have wanted for him? Basement Theatre Company gives you a glimpse of the old Glasgow factory life. So "get your apron and get stuck in".

**Pool Theatre presents "September in the Studio" – Thurs 29th & Fri 30th Sept at 7.30pm. Tickets £8.00**

Pool Theatre returns to the Wallace Bennett Studio Theatre with some comedy, a little drama and one or two surprises. It promises to be a most enjoyable and popular evening so book your tickets early. Ticket price includes wine and savouries.

**The Swingcats – Friday 30th September at 7.30pm. Tickets £9.00 (£7.00)**

The Swingcats are back with a brand new show to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the end of World War II. Featuring great songs made famous by the Andrews Sisters, Vera Lynn and other 40's greats including "We'll Meet Again", "Wish Me Luck", "Don't Sit Under The Apple Tree" and of course "I'll Be Seeing You".

**Borderline Theatre presents "Accidental Death of an Anarchist" – Sat 1st Oct at 7.30pm. £9.00 (£7.00)**

Fast, furious and funny this outrageous comedy is a sharp and hilarious social satire that has a go at everyone from the police to the press to the law and back again.

Written by Nobel Prize winning playwright, Dario Fo, This great farce is set against the true story of an anarchist who mysteriously threw himself to his death from a police HQ window whilst being interrogated.

**Isla Grant – Thursday 6th October at 7.30pm. Ticket price to be confirmed.**

Singer/songwriter Isla Grant wins the heart of audiences all over the world. With a new album of original songs, "When The Day is Done" on release in early September, she promises to feature many of these in her brand new show. There will also be a new DVD for release at the end of the year, which was filmed on location in Scotland and Ireland.

**GAG! – The Ultimate Comedy Club – Friday 7th October at 8.30pm. Tickets £6.00**

David Heffron is the compere for the Arts Guild theatre's successful Comedy Club. Check the website:

[www.artsguildtheatre.co.uk](http://www.artsguildtheatre.co.uk) for details of this month's guest performers.

### **The Singing Kettle – Blast Off! – Sat 8th & Sun 9th October at 12noon and 3pm. £9 or £30 (Family ticket)**

Join space adventurers, Cilla, Artie, Gary and Kevin as they launch their 2005 show BLAST OFF!

Searching the star speckled sky, Princess Cilla navigates the adventurers through the universe on a voyage for undiscovered kettles.

With lots of fun and audience participation, our starry-eyed crew are on a musical dash round the Milky Way!

Dress up as a Cosmic Princess, Alien or Space Cadet and enter into the fun of things.

### **Things You May Have Missed.....**

A New York skateboarder who crashed and fell on a hot manhole cover is suing its maker, Consolidated Edison. Elizabeth Wallenberg claims she ended up with the letters O and N permanently branded into her forehead.

MPs at Westminster are living by their rhetoric and are refusing to let their lives be changed by threats of terrorism. All but 30 of the 646 MPs resolutely failed to attend an anti-terrorism drill on 19 July.

A German has responded to nostalgia for the days of the DDR. Thorsten Jahn has been collecting exhaust fumes from the iconic East German Trabant in cotton wool and selling it in cans over the internet.

Organisers of a campaign to help flood victims in Romania have been urging benefactors to give more appropriate donations.

They have questioned whether victims are in urgent need of lipstick or high heels and have said that 10% of donations are "completely useless".

A memorial to the late James "Scotty" Doohan, chief engineer on the Starship Enterprise, is to be created in his fictional home town of Linlithgow. The decision overlooks the fact that the galaxy's most famous "Scot" was in fact Canadian.

### **Having a Party?**

If you are thinking of having a party, why not hold it at the Community Centre? Although it is pretty busy, party bookings are still available outwith 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 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 your booking or for more information contact **Kirsty** on **520738**.

Remember that if you are having food at your party, the centre's kitchen was refurbished last year and is available for your use

### **Greenlight**

Greenlight will continue their regular kerbside collections for residents of flats, with uplifts on Mondays 5th & 19th September and 3rd & 17th October. They collect newspapers & magazines, plastic bottles & milk cartons, food & drinks cans, rags and carrier bags. Recycling couldn't be easier - do your bit for the environment

### **Village News**

The success of the Village News relies heavily on the army of volunteer distributors who deliver each edition to every home in Wemyss Bay. Many of the distributors have been helping for years. We would like to thank them all for their efforts every month. We currently require a few new distributors - if you have an hour to spare once a month and would like to help with deliveries please contact **Ann Marie** on **522998**. The more distributors we have, the smaller each area requires to be and the less time it takes for distribution, so you could really make a difference. Children love helping out – perhaps you could turn delivering the Village News into the opportunity for a family walk.

Very occasionally we hear of problems with someone not receiving their copy. If you experience any difficulties please let Ann Marie know.

### **Calling All Plumbers**

We have no adverts in the Village News for plumbers. We have had several calls recently to ask whether we know of anyone so if there are any plumbers out there why not start advertising?

### **Finally**

That's all for this month. There will be no Village News next month as many of our distributors are on holiday so the next edition will appear in September. **The closing date for any articles or adverts for the September edition of the Village News is the 20th August.** 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 place it in the Village News folder, which is kept behind the counter in Spar or send it to **Eila Roberts, 14 Brueacre Drive, Wemyss Bay PA18 6HA** **Tel: 529375 e-mail: eila@wemyssbay.plus.com** *(This is a new e-mail address so, if you have been using my old one please change it.)*

## Kid's Stuff

Were you away somewhere nice on holiday while the school was off for the summer? Perhaps you stayed in Britain, or maybe you went abroad somewhere. There are so many countries all over the world that you can visit on holiday. Can you find all the countries in this month's wordsearch?

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## 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.

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20 words – at least you're trying!  
35 words – well done

25 words – good  
45+ words – brain-box!!

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| 7 |   | 2 |   | 6 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 1 |
|   |   |   |   | 5 |   |   |   |   |
| 3 |   |   | 6 |   | 9 |   |   | 8 |
|   |   |   |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |
| 6 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 4 |   | 8 |   | 3 |
| 2 |   | 3 | 5 |   |   | 1 | 6 |   |
| 5 | 8 | 1 | 3 |   |   |   | 4 |   |

We have a new puzzle for you this month. Sudoku is straightforward once you get the hang of it and relies on logic to solve it. Place a number from 1-9 in each empty square so that each row, each column and each 3x3 block contains the numbers 1-9. (This means that no number can appear twice in any row, column or 3x3 block.) Good Luck