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Woodland Association

During the first three weeks of March a consultation, commissioned by Inverclyde Council, will take place on the future of the woods. This will culminate in a public meeting in the school on Tuesday 21st March. Further on in the Village News there is an article from Alistair Hackston, one of the consultants, explaining what will happen. There is also a questionnaire enclosed with this edition. (If you have not received a questionnaire please phone Eila on 529375.)

Wemyss Bay Wood is designated in Inverclyde Council's Local Plan for the next ten years as a greenspace, however local plans have been changed before now and, even if it is not, there is no guarantee what will happen then. How many parks and woodland do you know that have been sold off for housing or other uses? Do you care whether this happens here? Do you want your children to have somewhere to play in the future?

The Woodland Association would like to see Wemyss Bay Woods and the Terraced Garden area protected as a community greenspace for the future; however this lies completely in your hands. It is for you to decide what, if anything, should happen now. The Association urges you to complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it, by the closing date, to the Village News folder in Spar.

Even if you do not want anything more to be done in the woods but to have them maintained as they are, please fill in the questionnaire and make your opinion count. The Woodland Association has already had suggestions that include a cycle track, a fitness/activity circuit and play equipment for youngsters but it is up to you whether any of this will come to pass.

In relation to the Terraced Gardens, the Association's AGM suggested that a programme of conservation and limited restoration would be the most appropriate course of action, with repairs to the base of the Victorian fernery and cliff walls, continued clearance of rhododendron, a limited planting of low-maintenance and woodland plants, and the siting of benches at appropriate view-points. Again, it is up to you whether any of this should happen.

If you have not yet visited the gardens and would like to do so, prior to giving an opinion on their future, the Woodland Association is working in the area on Sat 4th & Sun 5th March when representatives of the Association will be happy to give a guided tour along with some of the historical information.

The Association will be conducting Guided Walks of the Wood and the Terraced Garden area during the consultation process on Friday 10th March at 2pm, Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th March at 11am and 2pm. Prior to making your decision on the future of the wood why not come along on a walk and find out more about some of the areas' wildlife and history.

Unless there is a good response to the questionnaire, the council at some point will take the view that there is little interest in retaining the wood for the community. In order to ensure the future of the wood as a greenspace it is vital that as many forms as possible are returned. Another way of showing support for Wemyss Bay Wood is to join the Woodland Association, whose primary aim is to protect the wood as a community resource.

You will see that on Tuesday 21st March, from 7 – 9 pm, at the school, there will be a "Woodland Future" workshop. Unless there is a good turnout at the meeting and through the questionnaires we will be asking, "Does the woodland have a future?" Please, please complete the questionnaire. Please, please attend the meeting. The future of Wemyss Bay Wood is in your hands.....

Changes to Advert Billing

From April it will be necessary to pay for Village News adverts in advance. Most advertisers continue with regular adverts and therefore, to save work all round, will be billed on a three monthly basis in advance. It will still be possible to place adverts on a one-off basis, however they will require to be paid for when they are placed. If anyone has difficulty with this, they should contact the community Association Treasurer, **Stephen McFeeley** on 07782 323501 to make suitable arrangements. Please contact Stephen and not the editor.

2006 Gala Weekend (Friday 15th – Saturday 18th June)

As you can see, this year's Gala Weekend will be held from Friday 15th – Sunday 18th June. As usual the success of the Gala depends entirely on having enough volunteers to help out with the preparations and to ensure that everything runs smoothly over the weekend and this year is no exception. With Ann Marie having retired as Gala co-ordinator and no-one willing to fill her shoes, it is even more vital that this year we have more volunteers. We require bar staff, face-painters, people to run the Association's stall, helpers at the bouncy castle, people to sell tokens for rides, staff for the soup kitchen, raffle ticket and balloon race sellers, furniture removers, tent erectors, cleaners, dish-washers, litter-collectors. There is something that everyone could do, so if you want to be involved in helping your community enjoy a great Gala weekend and are available over the course of the event, even for an hour or two, then please phone Kirsty on 520738. Believe it or not, it is fun!

Ardgowan Football Development

AFD Race Night: The annual AFD Race Night took place on Saturday 25th February. Due to the incredible response for tickets, we were unable to accommodate everyone so we will be holding another Race Night in October (First option will be given to those who did not get tickets for the February Race Night). Please speak to one of the Coaches if you wish tickets.

Sponsorship: Any local businesses who would be interested in sponsoring AFD or ATFC should contact John Reid on 522431.
AFD Website: www.ardgowanfd.co.uk

Ardgowan Hospice Lottery

Did you know that in an average week at Ardgowan Hospice 8 patients, their relatives and carers receive care in the In-Patient Unit; 50 patients attend the Day Hospice; Community Macmillan Nurses visit 30 patients in their own homes; Volunteer Drivers transport up to 80 patients and 10 patients receive special Lymph oedema treatment. The hospice also provides a non-denominational chaplaincy service for patients, relatives and staff; education for professionals caring for those living with cancer; an equipment loan service and bereavement support for relatives.

Such was the demand for services that the original building at 12 Nelson Street became overcrowded, requiring the construction of a new building at 2 Ardgowan Street, Greenock.

The Ardgowan Hospice lottery is one way in which the local community can help raise funds necessary to continue the work of the hospice.

There are a few ways in which you can join the lottery:

1. By Direct Debit for £4 every four weeks.
2. By cheque or postal order every 3 months, six months or yearly.
3. By an Ardgowan Hospice Collector coming to your home every 4 weeks to collect £4
4. By posting an envelope containing £4 through your collector's door prior to the collection date.

Every week there is a draw for a top prize of £1000. 50 prize winners receive £5.

During the next few weeks, Margaret Beattie, your local Ardgowan Hospice Collection Agent will be visiting homes in Wemyss Bay to encourage you to participate in the lottery. Alternatively you can phone Margaret on 521180 and join the scheme in that way. Please consider joining the lottery – a small amount from you can make such a big difference to someone else.

W.E.A. Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Branch – Spring Programme

The WEA meets in the Reading Room of Skelmorlie Community Centre on Wednesdays at 9.45 a.m. until 11.30 approx. There is no membership fee, you simply pay as you go - £1.80 per meeting or £1.50 (concessions) everyone welcome. For further information or help with transport please phone Jenny on 521090. The programme for March is as follows:

- MARCH
- 1st. "THE SCOTTISH HIGHLAND BOUNDARY FAULT" – Julian Hill.
 - 8th. "OVER MY SHOULDER" - A tale of escape and service during the 2nd. World War. - Bob Kutner.
 - 15th. "HOW WELCOME IS THE STRANGER" - refugees and immigrants in Scotland. – Bernard Aspinwall.
 - 22nd. "A DAY ON THE CLYDE" - Iain Quinn.
 - 29th. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING plus a SURPRISE item!

Attic Players

On the 7th and 8th April, the Attic Players will be performing "It Runs in the Family". Tickets, priced £6 (£4.50 for concessions) are available by enclosing a cheque (made payable to "The Attic Players" and an SAE to Richard Laing, 10 Skelmorlie Castle Road, Skelmorlie. Alternatively you can phone 01475 522366 or e-mail tickets@attic-players.co.uk with your requirements. Ray Cooney's farce "It Runs in the Family" is set in the doctor's common room of St. Andrew's Hospital. It's 10.45 a.m., three days before Christmas. Dr David Mortimore sits polishing the most important speech of his life – a speech he will deliver at noon before 200 distinguished colleagues, a speech which will surely earn him prestige and promotion and probably a Knighthood. What could possibly go wrong? Well everything imaginable. An old flame, an illegitimate son, suspicious wife, determined policeman, amorous Matron and a very confused patient all try and unravel the desperate web of lies that Dr Mortimore has concocted to explain each new complication in trying to protect his reputation. Don't miss out and book your ticket today.

Hire of Furniture

At Christmas the Community Association was approached by someone, who was having a family gathering, to see if they could hire a table and chairs. It has been decided to offer this facility to anyone requiring it. If you need to hire furniture, a table and eight chairs cost £10. In addition, it is necessary to leave a £50 deposit which is returnable when the furniture is returned to the centre in good condition. If you are interested in this service, please contact **Kirsty** on **520738**.

David Cairns MP: Inverclyde's Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade is all about ensuring that workers and farmers in the developing world are paid a decent price for what they produce, and making certain that they have equal access to the world's markets. Once a year there is a national Fairtrade Fortnight, aimed at showing people how just a small change in their shopping habits can make a real difference to poverty in the developing world.

Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 6th-19th March this year and there are lots of things happening throughout Inverclyde.

Members of Inverclyde's Fairtrade Steering Group have been hard at work arranging a number of events in the area, and many local schools and churches will be selling Fairtrade produce during the two week period. There will also be a **stall in the Oak Mall on 9th-10th March** and another at the **Farmers' Market in Greenock on 18th March**. Why not go along and show your support for farmers and producers in the developing world and buy at least one Fairtrade item during Fairtrade fortnight?

There are an increasing number of Fairtrade products available in the larger stores in Greenock such as Tesco, Marks and Spencer and Morrison's. You can buy everything from fruit to tea to chocolate and there are even Fairtrade wines and footballs available locally. Greenock now has its own Fairtrade shop called 'Fayre' at 7 Newton Street and they stock a wide range of products at very reasonable prices. You can make a real difference to farmers and workers in the developing world by including just one or two Fairtrade items in your weekly shop. Watch out for goods with the distinctive blue and green Fairtrade logo that guarantees fair play for people in the developing world.

And while we can all do our bit for Fairtrade locally by changing our shopping habits, at an international level we need to make sure that poorer countries are not discriminated against by global rules on trade. Our Government is constantly arguing the case for developing countries at worldwide trade meetings but, sadly, there are still some nations for whom this is not a priority. **David Cairns holds surgeries on the first and third Friday of the month from 10am – 12noon at his Parliamentary Office, 20 Union Street, Greenock Tel: 791820, Fax: 791821, or alternatively you can phone the office for details of his next surgery in Wemyss Bay. These details, along with other information, appear on his website: www.davidcairns.com**

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council

The Community Council meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Inverkip Hotel.

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.

Your View To Help "See The Wood For The Trees"

You may know that right on your doorstep is a large area of mature woodland, owned by Inverclyde Council. Over the last 4 years, the team from Lower Clyde Greenspace has supported local volunteers from the Wemyss Bay Community Woodland Association who have been clearing the ground cover in the woodland of "alien" species of plants. In the main wood, site work has opened up the woodland floor to native species, has made it more pleasant and safe to use by building new paths. What else do you think we might do in this main woodland area? Improve for wildlife? Encourage more active use?

In a separate part of the site, the project has uncovered the remains of garden terraces and structures built between 1860 and 1888. We would like your view on how much more we should do on this site, which would be sympathetic to its "garden history".

Through Lower Clyde Greenspace, Inverclyde Council is looking to explore a wide cross-section of the local opinion about how much more to do in these two areas. The survey is being coordinated by Alistair Hackston of Projectsplus Consultants and a questionnaire is attached to this newsletter. Please look at this and fill it in.

What we ask you to do is:

- **Come and have a look around the woods and the terraced gardens.** The Woodland Association will provide guided walks of the area on Friday 10th March at 2pm; and on both Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th, at 11am and again at 2pm. Meet for all of these at the main entrance to the wood off Ardgowan Road.
- **Fill in and return the questionnaire** to the village news folder at the Spar shop by Friday 17th March. There will also be some consultancy researchers (with usual pen and clipboard) in various places around the village and close to the wood on 11th and 12th March to speak to those who prefer to respond directly.
- **Encourage your children's imagination.** We want some younger opinions in the form of drawings. We would like to ask the 5-11 year olds to imagine what they would like to see or to do in these areas and draw a picture on a theme of "What would be good in the wood". Two particularly good drawings will receive a prize of art materials to help extend young artistic talent further.
- **Come and talk to us.** The consultants will hold a "Woodland Future" workshop in Wemyss Bay Primary School on Tuesday 21st March between 7.00 pm and 9.00 pm. We will present survey results and would like to discuss your views on the types of work you would like to see being undertaken in these areas.
- **Let us thank you.** At the meeting, by way of a "thank you", we will have a draw (from the returned questionnaires) for 3 separate prizes of vouchers for the Spar shop (£15; £10; and £5) AND, will present a prize of art materials for the most interesting production by two junior artists as mentioned above. (approx £10 – 15 each)

Tell us your aspirations for Wemyss Bay Wood and your thoughts on how to improve or manage it! If you wish to pass on any information directly, you can contact the consultant for the Wemyss Bay Woodland Study by email on

wbws@projectsplus.org.uk

Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church

CHURCH DIARY for March 2006

Every SUNDAY at 11.00am
Morning Worship, Sunday School and Crèche
Every MONDAY at 3.15-4.45pm
Out of the Ark – for Parents and early years school children
in Skelmorlie Community Centre
Every MONDAY at 7.30pm
Bible Study with a guest speaker once a month
Every WEDNESDAY at 7.30pm
Scottish Country Dancing
Every THURSDAY at 1.15-2.45pm
Noah's Ark – for Parents and Toddlers
THURSDAYS (fortnightly) at 7.30pm
Men's Fellowship
Thursday 9 March: Paisley Monuments
Every FRIDAY at 12.15-1.30pm
Friday Lunches
Every SATURDAY at 1.30-4.30pm
Junior Badminton in Skelmorlie Community Centre

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday 3 March, 7.00pm

We look forward to welcoming friends from St Joseph's, Wemyss Bay and Inverkip Parish Church to this annual Service of Praise and Prayer which this year will reflect particularly on the situation in South Africa. Beth Wills, chaplain at Strathclyde House, will be the guest speaker.

COUNTDOWN TO CELEBRATION

The congregation will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its formation on Sunday 4 June – that's only 3 months away.

What Would You Like To See In The Village News?

Since taking over editing the Village News two and a half years ago 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: eila@wemyssbay.plus.com or leave your suggestions in the Village News folder behind the counter in Spar.

Wemyss Bay web site

If you run a group in Wemyss Bay or the surrounding area, you can now add details of your group to the web site and keep those details up to date through an online control panel. Go to the following address to add or update details of your group: <http://wemyssbay.net/todo/>

There are also various new polls on the web site, issues include wind-farms, celebrating Britishness, skateboarding and speed cameras. Vote here: <http://wemyssbay.net/news/polls.asp>

Finally, a new message forum, with a lot more features and functionality than the old message board, has been added to the site: <http://wemyssbay.net/wbayforum/>

Interested in Advertising?

1500 copies of the Village News are produced each month. Over 1200 homes in the village receive a hand-delivered copy and the remainder are placed in the doctor's surgery and local shops. In addition copies of the adverts are displayed in the Community Centre for one month.

Advert Size	Dimensions	Price
1/8th page (standard)	64mm x 45mm	£12/issue
1/4 page	128mm x 45mm or 64mm x 90mm	£24/issue
1/2 page	128mm x 90mm	£45/issue
Full page	180mm x 128mm	£90/issue

(Dimensions are approximate, width x height)

If you would like to discuss taking out an advert in the Village News, either as a one-off or on a regular basis, why not contact **Ken** at eila@wemyssbay.plus.com or phone: **529375**. Ken can advise and help with the lay out of your advert and any artwork.

Let Changes

The cost of hiring the Community Centre has remained the same for a number of years. It has become necessary to review these costs and, with effect from April, the cost of hiring the centre will be £5 per hour for community groups and £10 per hour for commercial lets.

Waste collection

Your blue and brown recycling bins should be collected on the 14th & 28th March and the 11th & 25th April. This means that your residual black bin should be emptied on Tuesday 7th & 21st March and the 4th & 18th April.

Is This Your Child?

I had some visitors on Thursday 9th February. They come and visit me often; in fact they must like me a lot because some evenings they can visit me up to 4 times.

Who are they? A group of young boys aged around 10-12 years, who like to hang around in Wemyss Bay wood.

When I was wee, we used to play ring, bang, scoosh, when we rang someone's doorbell and then ran away. They don't do that, they smash against my front door so that it sounds as if they are going to smash it in, and then they run off into the woods laughing hysterically.

As you can imagine, it makes me rather cross. I know why all the work was done in the woods, however it has made the lives of some of us who live at the edge of the woods quite miserable as the children can get up to nonsense and escape into the woods much more easily than they could before.

However that Thursday (the school holiday) was a bit different. On the Monday I was rather dramatically rushed to hospital in an ambulance. Home again but still very unwell and with balance problems due to medication I was resting in the house, when my visitors arrived, smashed at my front door, and as you can imagine gave me a terrible fright. I automatically tried to jump out of my chair but lost my balance and fell over. While I was lying on the floor they were probably running into the woods laughing. These children obviously have no thought to what the consequences of their actions could be. Maybe you should ask your son what he was doing the Thursday night of the school holidays, because I **will** get the names of the boys involved, and when I do I **will** be speaking to the police as this has now become a public nuisance, and if its your son I **will** be calling round at your door, not to smash it, but to knock it and try to explain to you how miserable your son has been making my life. No-one should have to sit in their own home worrying about young thugs trying to break their door.

A local resident

Councillor Eric Forbes

Over the next few months a feasibility study will take place into the parking situation at Wemyss Bay pierhead with the report being completed by 30 June 2005. The study will take into account the possibility of infilling the foreshore area between the present Cal-Mac parking and Beech House. It will be a thorough report and will consider all the conditions prevailing at Wemyss Bay pier area at the moment.

In a recent article in the "Largs and Millport Weekly News" that referred to a new traffic management for Largs town centre reference was made to residents' parking permits. I made enquiries with the Transportation Manager for North Ayrshire Council and learned that the areas being considered for such permits did not include the A78 (Trunk Road) through Largs. He was quite adamant that even if the road was a Council road it would not be part of any parking permit scheme as it not only serves house but also businesses. This is a similar situation to Wemyss Bay.

By the time the Newsletter will be produced I will have carried out an inspection of the A78 Trunk Road from Port Glasgow to Wemyss Bay with senior officials of Amey Highways. This inspection will allow me to highlight with them the several issues raised with me regarding the trunk road as it makes its way through Wemyss Bay.

Decisions regarding the refurbishment of the Primary school are still being formulated and will be relayed for discussion at a later time to all interested parties.

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.

Country People's Club

The March / April meetings of the Country People's Club to be held at 2.30pm in The Chart Room, Kip Marina, Inverkip are as follows:

Wed 8th Mar: Mr Tom Dunn on the subject of "Amazon Hope – The Mission of Hope"

Wed 21st Mar: Mr Archie MacCallan on the subject of "Clyde Steamers Remembered"

Wed 5th April: Mrs Jennie Jack on the subject of "Breakfast with the President"

All members, old and new, and visitors will be made most welcome. The subscription is £9 per annum and £1 for visitors.

Further details may be obtained from the Secretary Ann Haig on 522316.

GirlGuiding Wemyss Bay

This is our special time of year as the 22nd of February (the birthday of both Lord and Lady Baden Powell) is World Thinking Day.

We started with a service in Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church attended by many of the girls and their parents. It was a lovely service and our thanks go to Rev Armstrong for letting us invade and take over his church that day.

We all went to a District get-together on 21st and each unit represented a different country and a great time was had by all.

The Brownies had their own celebration on the 22nd, when they took a plane flight around the world in only 1 1/2 hours!

Sunday 26th saw the Guides off to paint ceramics, have a big Mac and then join the Rainbows and Brownies at Greenock Town Hall for our Division Celebration.

What a busy month we've had, all this as well as working for badges, having fun and all the rest we do.

Fancy joining us? We are all still really needing adult help. How about volunteering 12 hours in 2006 to help us? Go on, surprise yourself!

Find out more by contacting: girlguidingwemyssbay@lycos.co.uk

Duncan McNeil MSP

It's been much discussed and argued over. But now it's finally about to happen.

From the 26th of this month, the ban on smoking in public places will come into effect. What this means is that, from 6am that morning, smoking in any "wholly or substantially enclosed" public place will be prohibited. This, as you'll doubtless be aware from the media coverage, includes pubs and restaurants. But it also applies to offices and factories – including designated smoking rooms – shops, clubs and more. The lawyers have had a field day drafting the precise legal definition, but, as a rough rule, any room not in someone's home (or a *de facto* home, such as an adult hospice) will be non-smoking.

The biggest winners under the ban will be the bar and waiting staff who will no longer need to work their shifts in a polluted environment. Having campaigned for employees' rights all of my working life, it's a step forward that we no longer regard staff in the hospitality industry as somehow exempt from the protection everyone else takes for granted.

And, if the ban helps change our behaviour, we can all look forward to reaping the benefits of a healthier Scotland.

The smoking ban on its own, however, cannot achieve this. It must go hand-in-hand with good quality, accessible smoking cessation services which work hard to engage with those who are not normally reached by health promotion campaigns. We can't fall into the trap of sweeping the problem under the carpet – simply moving smokers from the lounge bar to their lounge at home, surrounded by their children.

Also, we must stop the next generation picking up the suicidal habit in the first place. And my bid to raise the minimum purchasing age for tobacco from 16 to 18 can, as evidence from elsewhere shows, help towards this. I am continuing to press the case for this and Ministers will, before long, need to decide whether they will use their new powers to make the move.

For more information on the ban and how it will affect you, log on to: <http://www.clearingtheairsotland.com>

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Community Association

The next meeting of the Community Association will take place on Sunday 5th March in the Community Centre.

Calling Potential Bowlers

Why not give bowling a try? Skelmorlie Bowling Club welcome people of all ages, from 8 years – late years. Coaching is available to any newcomers. If you would be interested in getting involved [gettinginvolved.co.uk](http://www.gettinginvolved.co.uk) contact Club President for 2006, Ian Broadfoot on 01475 520495 or email: ibroadfoot@tiscali.co.uk

Bulb and Wildflower Appeal

The Woodland Association has planted over 5000 bulbs throughout Wemyss Bay Wood but, in order to help reintroduce native species this is a drop in the ocean. 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 Bluebells, Snowdrops and Wood Anemones. We have already had several hundred daffodil bulbs donated and at present do not need anymore of these.

In addition we are looking for a variety of wildflowers including Bugle, Primroses, Ragged Robin, Devil's Bit Scabious and Kidney Vetch. 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 scabious £37.

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the 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.

SBM Bible Club and Youth Group

The Bible Club and Youth Group, run by Strathclyde Bible Ministries (SBM), meet on a Monday evening at the community centre. The Bible Club is from 6.15pm to 7.30pm and all children in Primary School are welcome, from P1 to P7. Activities include games, songs, competitions, Bible stories and other activities. The Youth Group is from 8.00pm to 9.30pm and is for young people in P6, P7 and high school, with activities suitable for that age, including games and a tuck shop. This is a new club that started in September. Contact Stephen Renton for more information on 01505 355994.

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.

Finally

The closing date for submission of articles and adverts for the March edition of the Village News is the 20th March at 6.00 pm. Send your information to **Eila Roberts, 14 Brueacre Drive, Wemyss Bay** Tel: **529375** E-mail: **eila@wemyssbay.plus.com** or drop it into the Village News folder in Spar. Adverts should be sent to Ken at the same address. If you wish to discuss an article for inclusion or if you have any questions about advertising please feel free to phone us on **529375**.

Wordsearch

How well do you know your country? This month's wordsearch contains the names of some of the cities, town and villages to be found in Scotland. See if you can find your way around the country.

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G	W	C	H	O	M	R	D	G	A	I	Y	N	C	B	H	O
I	E	I	T	P	I	K	R	E	V	N	I	R	U	N	Q	R
N	T	W	E	M	Y	S	S	B	A	Y	K	I	A	I	C	U
L	E	I	E	F	O	B	A	N	S	J	E	A	O	D	P	O
N	M	L	O	C	A	M	L	I	K	C	O	N	E	E	R	G

ABERDEEN	DUNFERMLINE	INVERKIP	NAIRN	STEWARTON
ABERFELDY	EDINBURGH	IRVINE	OBAN	THURSO
AUCHTERARDER	ELGIN	JEDBURGH	PAISLEY	ULVA
AYR	GLASGOW	KILMACOLM	PERTH	WEMYSS BAY
BANFF	GOUROCK	MOFFAT	PORT GLASGLOW	WICK
BARRHEAD	GREENOCK	MOSCOW	RHU	
DUNDEE	HAWICK	NEWTON STEWART	ROTHESAY	

WORDFINDER

P	R	A
S	E	I
T	U	S

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 are over 160 possible words and at least one 9-letter word. As a clue: They do this to milk.

30 words – at least you're trying! 40 words – good
60 words – shows promise 100+ words – brain-box!!

SUDOKU

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

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