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? 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 and the community centre, particularly this year with the buses coming and going to decant the children up to King's Glen. 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 recent years, several children have 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, even though the school is not being used at present. 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, in addition to along both sides of Ardgowan Road. 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 surroundings of the school and community centre 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.

Last Village News?

After 6 years on the Community Association Committee, and 4 years as editor of the Village News, I have decided to resign and this is my last edition. So far, no-one has come forward to take over and therefore this could be the last edition. The Village News started in September 1987 and since then has grown from a single A4 sheet to its current size.

The new editor will require around 5 full days a month to compile, layout and write each edition prior to sending for printing. They must also be prepared for the numerous phone calls and emails. From simple enquiries to the bizarre – if anyone has a question or complaint then, it seems, if they can't think of who else to contact, they contact the Village News! In addition, as both Liz Canning and I have decided to give up the distribution of the Village News, they will need the best part of a day to deliver each edition round all the distributors in the village and beyond. If you are interested in taking on the role of editor please contact Kirsty on 520738.

Although Ken is also resigning from the Committee, he is willing, if the Community Association wish, to continue with the adverts in the meantime and anyone taking on the editor's role will have to work closely with him – the number of adverts each month determines the size of each edition and the amount the editor has to fill as the idea is to balance the number of pages of adverts with those of text.

I hope that a new editor can be found quickly and I wish them luck! *Eila*

Life Begins…

A belated Happy Birthday to Rhona Martin who celebrated her 40th birthday last month. Rhona, who owns and runs Tiro Ltd does all the printing for the Village News and assists the Community Association with posters, tickets etc for the annual gala and other events. We congratulate her and wish her all the best.

Woodland Walks / Activity Sessions

Wemyss Bay Woodland Association is running a number of Activity Sessions and Walks over the next couple of months. There is a £1 charge per head for each event. The meeting point for all events is the Car Park at the Community Centre, Ardgowan Road, Wemyss Bay. For more information call Eila on 529375 or email eila@wemyssbay.plus.com

It would be useful if you could let us know in advance if you intend joining us and, for the Bat Walks, spaces are strictly limited and booking is essential.

At all events children must be accompanied and supervised at all times by a responsible adult.

Sat 8th September 8.00pm - Bat Walk:
Come for an evening walk and find out about our local night-time wildlife. Learn how to use a bat-detector. Bring a torch. (Booking essential)

Sat 22nd September 8.00pm – Bat Walk:
Come for an evening walk and find out about our local night-time wildlife. Learn how to use a bat-detector. Bring a torch. (Booking essential)

Wednesday 17th October 10.30am – Bird Feeders (In the Community Centre):
Join us to spend a morning making a variety of tasty snacks for our feathered friends and then take a walk into the woods to place the variety of feeders ready for the cold winter months.

Bouncy Castle Parties

Not sure what to do for your child's birthday party? Think of the mess which a dozen or more small people can produce in your home. Looking for a solution? Then look no further than Wemyss Bay Community Centre. You can hire the centre, complete with Bouncy Castle for a 2-hour party for only £52. Community Association volunteers open and lock up after your party and set up the bouncy castle and put it away again. All you have to do is come along with your guests and have fun. You are asked to return the centre to the state you found it but a quick brush over is enough to tidy up. The centre's kitchen is available if you wish to provide hot food and there are plenty of tables and chairs.

For more information, or to make your booking, contact **Kirsty 520738.**

Adult Association Programme – Autumn / Winter 2007/2008

Our **Enrolment Evening** will be held on **Tuesday 4th September** in **Wemyss Bay Nursery** (portacabins in the car-park), next to Community Centre from 7-9pm.

The following classes will be on offer:-

Salsa Dancing
Sketching, Watercolours and Acrylic Painting
Card Making
Guitar Group
Jogging Club
Book Discussion Group
Yoga
Cross-stitch and Knitting
Pilates

For further information, please contact Morag Wilson on 521626.

The Country Club

Advance notice is given that the opening meeting of the above club (previously known as the Country People's Club) will be held on Wednesday 3rd October at 2.30pm when the speaker will be Mrs Jane Cox on the subject of "A Presentation On Erskine Hospital".

This is a non political and non denominational club which was founded over 20 years ago for all in Wemyss Bay and district aged 50 years and over and is held on alternative Wednesday afternoons in the attractive setting of the Function Room at The Chart Room, Kip Marina, Inverkip.

Speakers have been arranged covering many varied subjects and the afternoons are always rounded off with a welcome "cuppa" and time for a chat! Two social events are also held during the session along with a summer outing.

The annual subscription is £10.00, with visitors paying £1.00 per meeting.

We are keen to increase our membership and extend an invitation to all who have some time to spare to come along and join us. You will be made most welcome.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs Ann Haig on 522316.

Ardgowan Football Development – John Reid

Gala Weekend: There was no AFD Pie Stall on the Saturday of the Gala Day as we decided to have an AFD Soccer Circus instead. Over 120 kids and adults visited the Soccer Circus to test their skills of Beat the Goalie; Cross Bar Challenge, Keepy Up and Penalty Kicks.

Earlier in the day, the AFD Coaches team won a Football Mini-Tournament involving two teams of Parents, a 'teenage' Team and of course the AFD Coaches Team. The first semi-final, between the AFD Coaches and the Parents 'A' Team, ended in a 1 – 1 Draw but the Coaches won through on penalties with Jackson and Reid as reliable as ever from the spot. Iain 'the Cat' Buchan then saved a penalty from Brian Cairns who for second year in a row failed from the spot. The Parents B Team won their semi-final against the Youth Team to secure a place in the final. The final was a close encounter but the Coaches ran out winners thanks to a goal from John Rush. All of the matches were played in a sporting manner and the Coaches look forward to another challenge next year!

AFD Gala Day: AFD held its Annual Gala Day on a sunny (at last) Sunday when over 150 kids and over 250 parents & friends turned up for the Gala Day Parade; Coaching Sessions & the Presentation of Trophies & Certificates.

Iain Brines, one of only 7 FIFA Referees in Scotland, who has handled International & Premier League matches, was joined by Des Roach, one of Scotland's top up & coming referees, and together they presented the trophies & certificates to all of the AFD kids. Beth Baxter, who has been with the club since the start, was presented with the Annual AFD Award.

A presentation was also made to Jim Snoddy, who leaves the Club after 5 years as a Coach, and everyone at the club wishes Jim and his family well in the future.

The Gala Day marked the end of an era for our Primary 7 kids as they left the club. Many of these boys are already playing a big part in the success of other local football clubs. We hope they enjoyed their years with AFD and everyone at the club would like to wish them all well for the future.

We would like to thank all the Parents & Friends who donated food for the buffet, Mr Perducci for those fantastic sausages and our wives for ensuring everything in the marquee ran smoothly.

The Gala Day was followed by a skilful & competitive 7 'A' Side match, played in a very sporting manner, between AFD and Dunoon. The game, watched by a large crowd, finished in an 8 – 6 victory for Dunoon.

Fair Sporting Masters Project: AFD are delighted to announce that the club is the first Football Development Club in the UK to become a member of the Fair Sporting Masters Project. This exciting & innovative project has already attracted interest & support from the Scottish Referees Association; Manchester United, the English FA and FIFA. AFD was approached by the organisers as an exemplar football development club.

William McQuilter & Mike Cannon, founders of Fair Sporting Masters, and Iain Brines, one of only 7 FIFA Referees in Scotland, who has handled International & Premier League matches, helped launch Fair Sporting Masters at the Gala Day.

Every referee, coach and parent can probably tell stories of incidents of verbal or physical abuse at football matches, both on and off the park, and the Fair Sporting Masters aims to over time reduce and eradicate such incidents and bring sportsmanship and fun back into football without the loss of competition.

Membership of Fair Sporting Masters puts a responsibility on all AFD players, coaches and parents and commits them to the principles of good behaviour, respect and sportsmanship. This is nothing new to the club as we have always asked parents to come along to encourage the kids, let the Coaches do the coaching, and that all coaches, players and parents respect match officials & opposition coaches.

Trip to Kevin Keegan's Soccer Circus: Over two Sundays in May we took all the kids from our P4 – 7 & Girls Sessions to the Kevin Keegan Soccer Circus at Braehead. The kids, who were a credit to the club, and the coaches, loved taking part in the skills exercises and during the first week we were joined by Mr Keegan himself.

Inverkip & Wemyss Bay Community Council

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council meet on the first Thursday of each month in the Rogues Room at the Inverkip Hotel at 7.30pm. You are welcome to attend any of the meetings or alternatively find out what is going on by logging on to: **www.inverkip-wemyssbaycc.co.uk**

Thank You

Stephen, Elaine, Ryan & Ben would like to thank family, friends, neighbours, local Spar, doctor's surgery, Brian & staff in the chemist and everyone who has given us gifts and cards as we leave Wemyss Bay. We would like to wish everyone well and hope that Wemyss Bay continues to be a nice, safe, friendly place to live.

Elaine & Stephen McFeeley

Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church – Rev Bill Armstrong

B2CS: We have reached that point in the year when our thoughts begin to turn toward our winter (perish the thought!) programmes. The free time of summer holidays is a fading memory, and now we look forward to sharing in the various Christian and community activities our Church has to offer.

This month is more significant than usual in that the last Sunday of the month has been designated *Back to Church Sunday*. Churches throughout the UK will participate in this attempt to bring people back to Church, particularly those who have been involved in the Church in the past and who need a little encouragement to come back.

The invitation is extended to all within our community, including those from other congregations who have come to live in this very attractive part of the world; those who have no connection with the Church, but would appreciate the opportunity to belong to our congregation, will be made equally welcome.

Those who come regularly to Church are urged to extend a welcome to neighbours and friends. But there is no need to wait to be asked – you will be made welcome.

W Armstrong

We meet for WORSHIP every Sunday at 11.00am
There is a SUNDAY CLUB and CRECHE for youngsters every Sunday at 11.00am.
Our Church organisations get going again this month.
Every Monday, from 3.45pm – OUT OF THE ARK in Skelmorlie Community Centre
Contact: Fiona Neilson (529158)
Every Monday at 7.30pm – BIBLE STUDY
Contact: The Minister (520703)
Every Tuesday at 7.30pm – BALLROOM DANCING
Contact: Andrew Adair (520411)
Every Wednesday at 7.30pm – SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING
Contact: Helen Howie (522842)
Fortnightly, on Thursdays at 7.30pm – MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Contact: The Minister (520703)

Our first social event of the new session is a CEILIDH on Friday 14 September in Skelmorlie Community Centre.

Woodland Association

Wemyss Bay Woodland Association is continuing with its rhodi-bashing sessions in order to complete the clearance of the terraced gardens and surrounding area. The next couple of sessions should form the final push to clearing the remaining rhododendron and we would welcome as much help as possible in order to finish the task as soon as we can. If you have not been along before, or have not been recently, please, please consider coming along and joining us. The half dozen or so regular volunteers are rapidly running out of steam, although, considering the amount achieved so far by a very few committed individuals, it is amazing that we have reached this stage already. It would mean a lot if you could show your support by joining us, if even for an hour or two.

We provide all the necessary tools, gloves, safety glasses etc and also provide refreshments and lunch. We do have gloves etc for small people so children are welcome to come along, provided they are accompanied and supervised at all times by a responsible adult.

We are aware that the area looks a bit desolate at the moment but take a look at the difference in the top wood where 2 years has seen the return of the native undergrowth and resulted in a significant increase in bird and animal life. Please be patient, the bottom wood will look great in a couple of years.

If you would like to be added to our email circulation list for early notification of what's on, please contact **Eila** on **529375** or email: **eila@wemyssbay.plus.com**

Community Association

Wemyss Bay Community Association meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Inverkip Hotel. The Association is responsible for running the Community Centre, the Annual Gala and Christmas Lights switch-on evening. If you are interested in becoming involved in the work of the Association, or even if you simply would like to find out a bit more about what is going on, you will be most welcome to come along to any of the meetings.

Thank You

As I stand down as editor of the Village News, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed over the past 4 years, especially those who have provided regular articles.

Thank you to our printer Rhona Martin of Tiro Ltd. Rhona has proved invaluable, particularly when I first started, in providing help and advice. For all your patience with last minute changes and by rushing through each edition - thanks.

Finally, a very special thank you to the army of distributors who deliver the Village News to every house in Wemyss Bay each month. There are too many of you to mention by name but you know who you are. Without your efforts each month, there would be little point in producing each edition as no-one would get to read them. I hope that, if a new editor is found, you will continue to support them as you have done me. Thank you.

I wish everyone well and hope that a new editor can be found quickly.

Eila

Dog Poo

We have had an increasing number of phone calls from people wishing to contact the local authority enforcement officers to report instances of owners failing to clean up after their pets. **If you want to report an irresponsible dog owner call 01475 714200.**

Duncan McNeil MSP: Raise the Bar to Justice

Apart from the fact that they are expensive and slow, the only thing you can guarantee about court proceedings is that there are no guarantees.

But what if someone owes you money, or has sold you faulty goods, or has damaged your property and they refuse to honour their obligations? Is the only solution to embark on a full blown court case?

Not necessarily. The Sheriff Court has special procedures designed for handling smaller claims like these. Known as a Small Claims Court, the idea is that the system is quick, cheap and does not require you to engage a solicitor.

The problem, though, is that, in defining what qualifies as a "small claim" which can be dealt with under these stripped-down procedures, an upper limit on the value of the claim has to be set. Sadly, this upper limit is only £750 in Scotland. In England and Wales, it's £5000.

So, if you want to pursue a loss in excess of £750, you have no choice but to go down the expensive, lengthy and uncertain road of hiring a lawyer. And the inability to do so, for financial or other reasons, is denying justice to many individuals with perfectly valid claims.

£750 is an unrealistically low limit today. It's a cowboys' charter, allowing the fly-by-night merchants to dodge their responsibilities. Claims for, say, damage to a vehicle done by a negligent motor mechanic could easily run into thousands of pounds. This is exactly the sort of case the Small Claims Court was designed to handle, but, as things stand, it couldn't.

Accordingly, I made representations to the Justice Minister, calling for the limit in Scotland to be brought into line with the ceiling south of the border. And, thankfully, the Minister has accepted that there is a need for the limit to be "updated to a sensible level which serves the needs of users of the court system".

I am glad that the Minister acknowledges that this limit needs to be re-visited. It is far too low to allow the Small Claims Court do the job for which it was intended and it is denying justice to decent people who have been wronged.

Duncan can be contacted at the Parliamentary Office, 20 Union Street, Greenock PA15 8JL, Tel: 01475 791820, Fax: 01475 791821, by Textphone for the hearing impaired: 01475 791824, by E-mail: duncan.mcneil.msp@scottish.parliament.uk or via his website: www.duncanmcneil.com

Waste collection

Your black bin will be collected on Tuesdays 4th & 18th September and 2nd, 16th & 30th October. Your blue and brown bins will be emptied on Tuesdays 11th & 25th September and 9th & 23rd October.

Youth Club

The p4 – p7 youth club meets every Thursday during term time from 7.00 – 8.30pm in the Community Centre and will start the new session after the September weekend.

There are a variety of activities on offer including football, rounders, basketball, table-tennis, board games, music, computer games and arts & craft activities.

There is a 50p entrance charge and a tuck shop is available during the course of the evening selling a range of drinks, crisps and sweets.

Leaders are vetted through the Disclosure Scotland scheme and first aid cover is also provided. If your child is interested in joining or for more information contact Liz on 520205 or Eila on 529375.

71st Ayrshire Scout Group & THE BAY Explorer Unit - Iain Carmichael

The summer session, in this the Scouting centenary year, was certainly a busy one! Our cub packs completed a very enjoyable week long camp at Hesley Wood Scout Activitiy Centre, Sheffield, this was their 21st consecutive Summer Camp, well done!!

One of the Explorer unit members helped at the 77th Glasgow Disabled Scout summer camp and was then asked if he could help at the Network summer camp, along with hosting two Danish Explorer Scouts. The girls were part of the Danish contingent to the 21st World Jamboree.

Our own representatives at the 21st World Jamboree, Gordon and Robin, have reported back that they had "a great time" along with the other 40,000 people. They made a number of new friends from around the world, mainly it seems from having their picture taken with them while wearing their kilt's, I also hear that the boys (wisely) turned down a number of offers to swap their kilt's for many assorted part's of Scout uniforms. Now the boys, as part of their Jamboree Unit, plan a reunion camp early in the new year in Denmark

The Group themselves organised a Sunset BBQ and Sunrise event to celebrate the 100th birthday of Scouting. This event reunited many people who have been involved with the 71st Ayrshire Scout group over it's long history, on display where a number of pictures showing the different sections over the years, among the many guests was "Skipper Jackson" who regaled us all with his many tales of his years with the group.

The sunrise celebration, though dampened, by the weather saw a large group of past and present members of the 71st gather to renew their Scouting promise in the theme of the world wide scouting celebration "One World One Promise". It is now estimated that there are over 28 million Scouts world wide.

September will see the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers all getting restarted. Each section will be detailing their plans for this session, the Explorer unit is going to Lochgoil Activity Centre in September along with completing the hike sections of both the Bronze and Silver awards of the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme

At a time when Scouting is receiving a large amount of media coverage, it is reported that Scouting UK has 10,000 people wishing information about joining, as leaders this is both encouraging and daunting, we only hope that a large proportion of these 10K are adults!! If you are one of them, please feel free to come along and join us.

If you wish any further information about the group or any particular section please contact Iain Carmichael on 01475 520697, Email The71stAyrshireScoutGroup@Yahoo.co.uk or one of the section leaders.

Hire of Furniture

The Community Association can rent out furniture from the community Centre at a very reasonable cost.

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**.

Wemyss Bay web site

Do you run a group in Wemyss Bay or the surrounding area? Do you know that 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/

Loony Laws

Continuing from last month, we have some more daft laws, but this time they are all from the United States.
In Alabama, it is illegal to wear a fake moustache that causes laughter in church.
In Alaska, looking at a moose from the windows of an aeroplane is illegal.
In Alaska, feeding alcohol to a moose is illegal.
In Arkansas, you may not keep an alligator in your bathtub.
In Riverside California, it is illegal to kiss unless both people have wiped their lips with rose water.
In San Francisco, if walking an elephant down Market Street it must be kept on a leash.
In Gunnison Colorado, it is illegal for a man to either hide or throw away his wife's lipstick.
In Florida, it is illegal to get a fish drunk.
In Hawaii, it is illegal to own a mongoose without a permit.
In Idaho, you can't buy onions after dark without a special permit from the Sheriff.
In Chicago, it is forbidden to eat in a place that is on fire.
In Chicago, it is illegal to take a French poodle to the opera.
In Kansas, a law bans anyone on the city streets of Lawrence from carrying bees in their hats.
In Kentucky, the law requires every citizen to take a bath at least once a year.
In Louisiana, gargling is prohibited.
In Maryland, it is illegal to mistreat an oyster.
In Massachusetts, it is illegal for mourners to eat more than three sandwiches at a wake after attending a funeral.
In Detroit, it is illegal to loiter in the city morgue.
In Minnesota, teasing skunks is illegal.
In Missouri, a man must have a permit to shave.
In Nebraska, spitting into the wind is illegal.
In Nevada, it is illegal to drive a camel on the highway.
In New Jersey, slurping soup in a public place is illegal.
In New Mexico, females are prohibited from appearing in public unshaven.
In New York, there is a law which says that it is unlawful for any person to do anything which is against the law. (!)
In Oklahoma, it is illegal to make ugly faces at a dog.
In Oklahoma, it is a felony to take a bite out of someone else's hamburger.
In Oregon, wearing "puke green" coloured socks on a Sunday is prohibited under the State Constitution.
In Rhode Island, it is illegal to sell toothbrushes on a Sunday.
In Tennessee, frogs are banned from croaking after 11pm in Memphis.
In Texas, the law requires criminals to give their victims 24 hours notice, either orally or in writing, explaining the nature of the crime to be committed, before committing the crime.
In Texas, men over the age of 50 and one-eyed men are exempt from peeping tom charges.
In Salt Lake City, Utah, it is unlawful to carry an unwrapped ukulele in the street.
In Vermont, whistling under water is illegal.
In Virginia, the Code of 1930 has a statute that bans corrupt practises or bribery by anyone other than political candidates.
In Washington, you are allowed to transport an aquarium on public buses so long as the fish remain still.
In West Virginia, you can be imprisoned for cooking cabbage or sauerkraut due to the awful smell.

What's On In the Community Centre?

Interested in what's going on in Wemyss Bay? Here is a run-down of everything 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.

Monday	6.15 – 7.30pm	Bible Club (P1 – P7) run by Strathclyde Bible Ministries
	7.45 – 9.30pm	Youth Group (P7–S6) run by Strathclyde Bible Ministries
Tuesday	9.30 – 11.30am	Tiny Tots
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	10.00 – 12.00pm	Graffiti Dance
	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 portacabin, 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.**

Anonymous Articles

While we are happy to print articles and withhold the sender's name, if requested, we must have a note of the person's name and contact details before we can print anything. This is to protect us, should someone later complain about an article. You will find that any publication will take the same position.

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.
With respect to articles, we reserve the right to edit as we see fit to prevent offence and / or inaccuracies. We also reserve the right to ask local groups / individuals to respond to any articles received.

Thank You

Thank you to friends and neighbours who sent me cards and flowers during my stay in hospital and recovery at home. I really appreciate the kind thoughts and best wishes from you all. I'm feeling a whole lot better and will be out and about again soon and looking forward to seeing you all.
Once again, a very big thank you from Isa Archibald.

Interested in Advertising?

Provided that a new editor can be found for the Village News, why not consider advertising your business in future editions? 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 45mm	£12/issue
¼ page	128mm x 45mm or 64mm x 90mm	£24/issue
½ 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 **ken@wemyssbay.plus.com** or phone: **529375**. Ken can advise and help with the lay out of your advert and any artwork.

Disco Parties

Is your child a bit too old for Funworld or a Bouncy Castle Party? Think of the expense of taking 8 or more youngsters to the cinema for the afternoon followed by a McDonald's. Why not consider holding a Disco Party in Wemyss Bay Community Centre. You can hire the centre, complete with disco unit and Tiffany and Amy, the resident DJ Bay-B's, for only £50 for a two hour party. Community Association volunteers open and lock up after your party and the DJ Bay-B's set up and run the disco. All you have to do is come along with your guests and have fun. You are asked to return the centre to the state you found it but a quick brush over is enough to tidy up. The centre's kitchen is available if you wish to provide hot food and there are plenty of tables and chairs.
For more information, or to make your booking, contact **Kirsty 520738.**

Bible Club and Youth Group (SBM)

The Bible Club and Youth Group start again on Monday 10th September, 2007 in 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 7.45pm to 9.30pm and is for young people in P7 and high school, with similar activities suitable for that age, including games and a tuck shop. Come along and bring a friend! The clubs are run by Strathclyde Bible Ministries (SBM) and there are no fees for either club. This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Bible Club starting and we are thankful to everyone who has supported us throughout that time. Contact Stephen Renton for more information on 01505 355994.

Finally

At present there is no-one to take over as editor of the Village News and therefore it is uncertain whether there will be any future editions. Hopefully someone will volunteer to take over shortly.
In the meantime, any articles, information or queries should be directed to **Kirsty Donnelly** on **520738** or email: **kirsty2@talktalk.net** Working on the assumption that a new editor will be found, the closing date for the October edition will be 6pm on Thursday 20th September. Send your information to Kirsty at the above address or place it in the Village News folder in Spar.

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 is you can find your way around the country.

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U	V	L	R	S	T	H	U	R	S	O	S	F	F	N	A	B
N	R	H	J	A	P	A	I	S	L	E	Y	C	B	R	R	E
F	U	X	F	W	Y	E	D	F	A	Z	W	S	R	K	R	R
E	M	F	I	O	E	R	R	V	T	L	C	T	E	C	H	D
R	O	S	J	G	R	G	L	T	M	E	R	E	D	I	E	E
M	S	D	E	S	L	U	T	H	H	A	O	W	R	W	A	E
L	C	F	D	A	C	A	W	M	W	N	R	A	A	A	D	N
I	O	T	B	L	S	S	S	E	L	E	H	R	R	H	O	P
N	W	B	U	G	C	A	T	G	N	A	E	T	E	G	D	R
E	O	B	R	T	Z	S	C	I	O	E	S	O	T	R	F	K
L	V	K	G	R	N	X	V	U	N	W	A	N	H	U	Y	C
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
ABERFELDY
AUCHTERARDER
AYR
BANFF
BARRHEAD
DUNDEE
DUNFERMLINE
EDINBURGH
ELGIN
GLASGOW
GOUROCK
GREENOCK
HAWICK
INVERKIP
IRVINE
JEDBURGH
KILMACOLM
MOFFAT
MOSCOW
NEWTON STEWART
NAIRN
OBAN
PAISLEY
PERTH
PORT GLASGLOW
RHU
ROTHESAY
STEWARTON
THURSO
ULVA
WEMYSS BAY
W ICK

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

P	R	A
S	E	I
T	U	S

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