Wemyss Bay Village News

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Wemyss Bay Community Association

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Inverkip Hotel. If you are interested in finding out what is going on in the village or the up coming events we are organising please come along. We are a friendly group who make all our visitors most welcome.

The Community Centre is having a makeover!!!

We have recently had a complete Deep Clean of the centre and the whole place is to be painted and new flooring to be laid in a few of the rooms. We are also hoping to have the main hall floor resealed and varnished. Hopefully most of this work will have been done by the night of the Christmas Light Switch on for you all to see.

Christmas Light Switch on-Friday 4th December 7pm (carol singing from 6.45pm)

Please come along to celebrate the switching on of our Christmas tree lights in the Community Centre Car Park and join us inside for Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, tea coffee and shortbread. There will be entertainment for the children and also a chance to visit Santa in his Fabulous Grotto.

We all look forward to seeing you there.

Any articles, information or queries should be directed to villagenews@wemyssbay.net or placed in the village news folder in the Spar. The closing date for the December edition will be Friday 20th November at 6.00pm.

What's on in the Community Centre

Monday	9.30 – 10.45 am	Creche for fitness class (held in the school)
	11.00 – 12.00 pm	Tiny Talk (Baby Language Sign Class)
	6.15 – 7.30 pm	Bible Club (P1-P6) Run by Strathclyde Bible Ministries
	7.45 – 9.30 pm	Youth Group (P9-S6) Run by Strathclyde Bible Ministries
Tuesday	9.30 – 11.30 am	Tiny Tots
Wednesday	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Judo
Thursday	9.30 - 11.30 am	Tiny Tots
	4.45 – 5.45 pm	Tae Kwon- Do
	7.00 – 8.15 pm	Youth Club (P4-P7)
Friday	6.30 – 8.00 pm	Judo
Saturday	10.00 – 1.00 pm	Graffiti Dance
	2.00 – 3.00 pm	Karate
Sunday	10.30 – 11.30 am	Sunday school
	12.00 – 4.00 pm	Ardgowan Football Development
	7.30 – 9.30 pm	Bingo Night

For information regarding Brownies, Guides and Rainbows please contact there website.

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 Pauline on 522523

Hello - From Wemyss Bay Primary!

It has been a busy first term at Wemyss Bay Primary and we are all looking forward to our holiday here are some reports about events that have been happening in school. They have been written by Katrina Gregory and Saskia Mulholland, and Zoe McCallum.

McMillan Coffee Morning

On the Friday 25th September, Wemyss Bay Primary School had a fundraiser to help make money for the McMillan Cancer. To entertain our guests and to raise money we had classes singing lovely songs. Primary 6 and 7 sang a song from Kenya, called See See See, Primary 4 and 5 sang a medley of four songs, Primary 3 and 2 sang My Dog is a Good Dog and Primary 1 sang The Penguin Song, and last but not least the Nursery sang and played instruments. Some of the Primary 7 pupils had started the whole afternoon off by dancing to a song that is repeated in different languages.

The hall was full of people and we think they enjoyed every moment of our entertaining afternoon. We would also like to thank Mrs McEwan for coming along and making the tea and coffee. We had a great time performing in front of all the guests and it was a very successful afternoon raising £200 for McMillan Cancer.

Primary 7 Did Well!!!

On Saturday 3rd October Zoe McCallum and Dario Zavaroni went to the Phoenix Car Club cycling competition at St Columba's High School. First of all they went inside to a classroom and had a written test. After that they went outside and walked round the course and were told what to do. When that was finished they got on their bikes, went round the course and then they took the test for real. After that was finished they went inside for juice and crisps while they waited for the scores to be added up. The results were announced from 3rd to 1st, girls first. Zoe came first in the girls' competition and Dario came first in the boys', both with perfect scores. When the results were announced they discovered that they had won the team cup. Zoe and Dario received two shields, the cup and a £50 gift voucher each.

A Primary 7 pupil also had success in a swimming gala at H.M.S. Caledonia. Katrina Gregory won two bronze medals in breaststroke and freestyle. Katrina won her medal against stiff competition from teams from Scotland, England and Ireland. Katrina also won an art competition for the best poster design for Mental Health week. As well as being the best in Wemyss Bay Primary, Katrina won the prize for the best poster in West Inverclyde and received a £25 voucher.

Wemyss Bay PTA

We had a very successful Family Bingo Night on 25th September and raised £420. Thanks to all who attended.

Our next big date for your diary is Thursday 12th November the Christmas Shopping Night. We have PartyLight, Avon, Ulla, to name but a few and of course the usual reindeer dust and your first opportunity to purchase your 50/50 ball for the school garden funds.

Next PTA meeting is Monday 2nd November, please come along.
Jill Pearson, Secretary

St Josephs and St Patrick's Church

Mass times:
Mass is offered daily, including Sunday at 10am.
Saturday vigil Mass is at 6pm.
Mass on Sunday evening at 6pm.
Fr. John Morrison

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Wemyss Bay Primary School Garden

Congratulations to Jim Glass (our now retired janitor) who still takes tender loving care of the beautiful school garden that we all pass on a daily basis. Thanks to him and his team from The Gardening Club (pupils in the school) Wemyss Bay Primary won Florafest 2009 (for best tub) and Best Kept Garden Competition 2009 (Winner of the Cathie Allan Trophy for best school).

The garden is funded by the PTA 50/50 Club, to become a member costs £12 per year! (£6 a year goes to the upkeep of the garden and £6 enters you into a monthly prize draw). You pick a number from a list of available ones and each month a draw is carried out at the PTA meeting. If your number is chosen then you win the cash prize (if there are a 100 names, then the cash prize that month is £50). Its a great way to help support your local school garden with the added benefit of maybe winning every month.

To join this club, come along to The School Christmas Cracker on Saturday 21st November 10-12, or contact the school or a PTA member.

Well done Wemyss Bay Primary.

David Cairns MP

TOUGHER LAWS NEEDED AFTER FLYING PHANTOM TRAGEDY

When a tragedy happens there is usually an official enquiry and its recommendations have the force of law. But that doesn't happen with investigations into accidents at sea. The Marine Accident Investigation Branch can't compel ship owners or port authorities to follow its advice.

This was brought home to me when the tug, the Flying Phantom, sank in thick fog in the Clyde just before Christmas 2007. Three local women were widowed. And now, more than a year after the Marine Accident Investigation Branch reported, it's still not clear if their suggestions have been implemented.

This just isn't good enough and it's why I decided to introduce a Ten Minute Rule Bill to try and make Marine Accident Investigations Branch recommendations mandatory. Many people in Inverclyde go to sea and it's vital that the river is as safe as possible.

There mustn't be any dubiety about whether recommendations have been implemented or not. It's absurd that key safety advice from a statutory body like the Marine Accident Investigation Branch is not legally binding.

My proposal would give their recommendations the force of law and companies would have to comply with them. Obviously, it won't bring back the deceased crew members, but it is the least we can do for their widows who have campaigned with great dignity and courage.

For their sake and in memory of the men who died, we need to ensure that Marine Accident Investigation Branch recommendations are implemented, so that no other family is put through this appalling misery.

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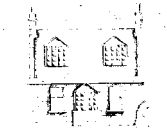

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Wemyss Bay Bible Club and Youth Group

Youth Group, along with the older ones from Bible Club, enjoyed a great day out at Xscape at the end of the October holidays. We started out at Paradise Island Adventure Golf and followed this with a game of 10 pin bowling, before we went off to find food! Well done to Greig and Mark on being the top scorers.

Both clubs resume on Monday 2nd November at the Community Centre. Bible Club (P1 to P6) is from 6.15pm-7.30pm and Youth Group (P7 and high school) is from 7.45pm-9.30pm. The clubs are run by Strathclyde Bible Ministries and there are no fees for either club. If you would like further information, please contact Stephen Renton on 01505 355994.

Ross Finnie MSP

Just before the summer, the Chair of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde deferred the decision to close the League of Hospital Friends tea bar at the IRH. It looked like common sense had prevailed, but since then there has been an ominous silence from the Health Board.
Ross Finnie
I understand the League of Friends met with the Chair of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde but were given no indication of the Health board's plans for the tea bar. If the Health Board are to confirm there previous plans to close the League of Friends tea bar then Inverclyde would be facing the following scenario.
The Board are currently telling us that more services at the Hospital will have to be cut, like the Community Maternity Unit, or closed altogether and transferred to Paisley. Even though the Board is proposing to spend vast sums of money ripping out all the furnishing and fittings on the ground floor of the IRH, including the £30,000 recent refit of the tea bar, to build a new Aroma Style Coffee bar selling vastly over priced teas and coffees and telling the League of Friends and its army of volunteers to get lost!

The League of Friends and this community deserve better than this. Inverclyde deserves a first class health service at Inverclyde Royal Hospital with the League of Friends tea bar, not the third class service with an Aroma Café the Health Board is proposing.

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Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council

THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2009

Business Meeting to be held in Wemyss Bay Primary School at 7.30pm

AGENDA
1. A/Chairman's welcome and opening remarks
2. Apologies for absence
3. Police Matters
4. Presentation - Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2011-2016
5. Minutes of Business Meeting held on Thursday 1st October 2009. Matters arising
6. Secretary's Report and Correspondence
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Planning Matters
9. Inverkip – land swap deal
10. Date and time of next meeting (Thursday 3rd December 2009 at Inverkip Primary School)
11. Any other business

WEMYSS BAY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Friday 4th December 2009

at 7.00pm

(Carols from 6.45pm)

at the

Community Centre Car Park

Come and join us for
mulled wine and mince pies
in the Community Centre afterwards.

Visit Santa in his grotto.

Children's Entertainment.

Christmas Market.

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P4 – P7 Youth Club

The P4 – P7 Youth Club meets in the Community Centre during term time from 7.00 - 8.15pm on Thursday evenings. Entrance costs 75p and is open to any child in primaries 4 - 7. There are a variety of activities on offer including football, dodge-ball, rounders, basketball, table-tennis, pool, badminton, board games, and music. We have two Nintendo Wii consoles and assorted games. In addition, fairly regularly, we do a variety of arts and crafts including ceramic painting, scratch art, mug painting and glass art. A tuck shop is available during the course of the evening selling a range of drinks, crisps and sweets.

Until such time as we recruit additional leaders, parents will be required to take part in a rota to help out.

Help Needed

With over 70 children now enrolled at the youth club, and with a weekly turnout of around 55, we desperately need new leaders. The club meets on Thursday evenings from 7 – 8.15pm during term time. Leaders are volunteers and receive no pay and will have to agree to be vetted through the Disclosure Scotland Scheme (any costs involved will be covered).

Until such time as additional permanent leaders are found a parents' rota will be in place to provide the additional help required on a weekly basis. Unfortunately, so far, parents of only 15 of over 70 children have agreed to take part. If there is not a significant increase in this number prior to Christmas, numbers at the club will be severely curtailed from January onwards, with children whose parents are on the rota getting priority for places.

Anyone interested in getting involved should contact Eila on 529375.

Thanks Liz

After over 10 years, Liz Canning has decided to retire as a Youth Club Leader. During this time she has been the mainstay in keeping youth clubs going in Wemyss Bay and will be sadly missed. We all wish her well.

Community Association

The Community Association would also like to take this opportunity to thank Liz for all her hard work and commitment to the Youth Club over many, many years. Thanks to Eila in keeping the club up and running with the help of Tiffanny and the parent helpers who have come along on a rota basis.
Thank You.

S1 – S2 Youth Club a Non-Starter

Despite repeated requests for a youth club for first and second years, when an appeal was made for helpers, no-one came forward. Sadly therefore, it is impossible to start up a club for this age group. If anyone does have an interest in getting involved, get in touch with Eila on 529375 and it may be possible in the future.

Country Club

Club Meetings to be held in November at 2.30 pm in The Chart Room, Kip Marina, Inverkip are as follows:

Wednesday 4th – Mrs Elizabeth Murdoch on the subject of "Gourock Walking Backwards"
Wednesday 18th – Mrs Elizabeth Edwards on the subject of "The Garden Festivals of Britain 1984-92"

No open Meetings will be held in December and The Club will resume on 13th January 2010 when the Speaker will be Mr Kevin Hughes on the subject of "Home Fire Safety"

All members, old and new, and visitors will be made welcome. The subscription is £10 per Annum and £1 for visitors. Further details may be obtained from the Secretary Ann Haig on tel. 522316.

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Stuart McMillan MSP

A78

As Village News readers are aware I have been campaigning for road safety on the A78 for sometime. Those constituents in Wemyss Bay who responded to my consultation will now be aware that Amey have reported back after their three month review of Inverkip junction. I have made copies available to constituents but if you have not received a copy of the document and would like one then please do not hesitate to contact my office.

While I am pleased that Amey have undertaken a review of the Inverkip junction, after the weight of feeling shown in the local consultation I undertook with residents, I am disappointed that they are recommending the cheap option of addressing the line and road markings, rather than taking drastic action which is required. Since receiving the document I have, again, written to Transport Scotland to ask for a further meeting to discuss Amey's proposals of upgrading the line and road markings.

Inverkip Power Station

I recently visited Inverkip Power Station site see first hand the scale and size of the site and what Scottish Power are proposing in their outline application to Inverclyde Council. I felt the visit was very helpful and gave me more of an understanding as to what Scottish Power is proposing to Inverclyde Council. Many constituents believe the development of some 780 properties on the site will only exacerbate the traffic issues on the nearby A78 road infrastructure and that any development of the site should include adequate leisure and recreational facilities. I will be highlighting the concerns of Inverkip and Wemyss Bay residents when I make a submission to Inverclyde Council on the outline application submitted by Scottish Power.

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Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church

Skelmorlie, Wemyss Bay and Inverkip Men's Fellowship

November 12 Tom Macdougall: The Special Relationship – how special?
November 26 Calum Carroll Australian Trip
December 10 Christmas Quiz – the Name Game

Meetings are held in the Upper Church Hall in Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church on Thursday evening's beginning at 7.30pm Come along - a warm welcome awaits you.

November Services

November 8 10.45am Remembrance Sunday: Incorporating the Uniformed Youth Organisations: Retiral Offering in aid of the Scottish Poppy Appeal (the Earl Haig Fund Scotland) Thereafter at 12 noon War Memorial Service at the Pierhead, Wemyss Bay

November 15	11.00am	The Minister: Thereafter Short Communion
November 22	11.00am	The Minister
November 29	11.00am	First in Advent: The Minister

Weekday Events

Ballroom Dancing: The Not So Strictly Come Dancing Group in the Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay Church Hall on Tuesday 6th October at 7p.m. until 9p.m. under the guidance of Andy Adair. Even if you've never danced before you will soon learn the basics to get round the dance floor in confidence. Come along and enjoy a pleasant social evening with gentle exercise; it's never too late! The cost is £1.50 per person for Church Fund for further information contact Norrie Hollywood on 01475 529035.

Country Dancing - Every Wednesday evening in the Church Hall at 7.30pm.

Friday Soups - Every Friday from 12.15 -1.15pm serving delicious home made soup and filled rolls, tea and coffee in the Church Hall. Come and enjoy the company and good food.

Duncan McNeil

Dangerous dogs

As someone who has been on the campaign trail many times, I have had my fair share of run-ins with large dogs. While I wouldn't expect any sympathy for politicians out delivering leaflets, there can be times though when out of control dogs present a real danger.

Whether it be a postman getting a nip in the hand from while he does his rounds or a small child being attacked by an out-of-control dog, these situations are just not acceptable. Some would say you don't get dangerous dogs, just dangerous owners. So in principle, I am in favour of new legislation aimed at making owners face up to their responsibilities.

I believe current laws don't go far enough to protect the public. For example, owners are only required to keep their dog under control in public places. Given that most serious dog attacks of recent years have happened on private premises, it would seem only right that this loophole is closed. A forthcoming bill seeks to close this gap by making it an offence to allow a dog to be dangerously out of control anywhere in Scotland. So I am looking forward to scrutinising this bill as part in the Scottish Parliament during the coming term.

There is no doubt that dogs can make great pets and are a source of great joy to many people and families. But keeping a dog brings with it great responsibility and its only right that those people who puts others in danger but not facing up to that pay the penalty.

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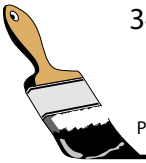

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