

Wemyss Bay Village News

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Wemyss Bay Community Association – Annual General Meeting which was held on Sunday 21st February at 7.00pm

The annual AGM was held on Sunday 21 February. The outcome of this meeting was to replace our long standing Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, Kirsty Donnelly and Iain Buchan.

We successfully voted in a new Vice-Chairperson, Donald Sutherland. Unfortunately we were unable to vote in a new Chairperson. To stop control going to Inverclyde Council Eric Forbes has stepped in as interim Chairperson. This is a temporary position which will give us a further 2 to 4 weeks to find a permanent replacement for Kirsty.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd March in the Inverkip Hotel at 7.00pm. We hope at this time someone will come forward to take the position.

Waste collection

Your black bin will be collected on Tuesdays the 2nd & 16th & 30th March. Your blue and brown bins will be emptied on Tuesdays 9th & 23rd March.

Wemyss Bay Nursery and Primary School PTA

A big thank you to all who support all our events, we were able to purchase 5 Digital Cameras, memory cards, memory sticks and 3 Pocket Video Cameras for the school, I am sure they will put these to great use.

Our next event will be our Easter Egg-stravaganza on Saturday 27th March from 10-12. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt, Face Painting/Tattoos/Stalls/Home Baking/Raffles/Bottle Stall, Easter Bonnet competition Please support this event as Mrs Irvine has asked that all money raised will go to subsidising the Children's summer school trip. Any donations will be most welcome please hand them into the school.

Dates of our meetings are 26th April, 24th May, and 7th June.

Everyone is welcome. The PTA meets at 6.30 for a cuppa and the meeting starts at 7pm.

Inverclyde Academy

1. The school is holding a quiz night for all pupils, staff and parents in the school on Thursday 11/3/10. Information regarding quiz will be coming home via pupils soon.
2. S2 Parents Evening on Wednesday 17/3/10 from 3.15 - 5.15.
3. S2 Parent/Pupil interviews on subject choices on 18th and 19th March - letters of invitation will be sent out shortly.

Ross Finnie MSP

FINNIE DISMAYED BY IBM SITUATION

West of Scotland Liberal Democrat MSP Ross Finnie is dismayed by the speculation over possible job cuts in the Greenock branch of IBM.

Reports in the Sunday newspapers announced IBM in Greenock is embarking on a "process of consultation" with its staff in Britain. Last year IBM also announced the scrapping of its final salary scheme for long serving employees who take early retirement.

Commenting Mr Finnie said:

"I was dismayed by IBM's treatment of its workers last year when it decided to abandon its final salary scheme for long serving employees, but the latest announcement that it is to begin a process of consultation on job cuts is unbelievable.

"With IBM posting Billion Dollar profits for the year, I find any justification for job cuts hard to believe.

"The reputation IBM has built up in Greenock is very important and IBM must work to maintain this by retaining as many local jobs as possible."

FINNIE QUESTIONS RASHNESS OF BUS ROUTE DECISION

West of Scotland Liberal Democrat MSP Ross Finnie has questioned the rashness of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde in announcing a consultation to axe the bus service linking Greenock with the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde have said the RAH bus route is costing them £80,000 a year and is not busy enough to continue and have launched a consultation to withdraw it.

Commenting Mr Finnie said:

"Although I can appreciate the RAH bus service has not achieved the passenger numbers originally expected, I feel NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde have been some what rash announcing its planned withdrawal.

"The people who have been using this service on a regular basis will be left with no way to travel to see friends and family members who are patients at the RAH if this service is cancelled.

"NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde must provide alternative public transport routes to the RAH from Greenock if it plans to remove the current service."

David Cairns MP

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: 22nd FEB - 7TH March

I know many people in Wemyss Bay are keen supporters of Fairtrade and want to see farmers and producers in the developing world paid a fair price for what they do. It's a cause I have always supported and I am proud that, this year, the UK Government is quadrupling its Fairtrade funding to £12 million.

Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 22nd February to 7th March and local schools, churches and shops will all be holding their own Fairtrade events. I am disappointed that, despite campaigning for Fairtrade status for Inverclyde, we still do not have enough shops selling items with the distinctive green and blue Fairtrade logo to qualify.

The only way to change this is for people to ask retailers to stock Fairtrade items. Shops are commercial organisations and they respond to pressure from consumers. If enough of us ask for Fairtrade goods often enough, the retail bosses will get the message and start carrying Fairtrade stock.

No country can reduce poverty without increasing its trade. This is why our Government has pledged to spend £1 billion in each of the next three years helping poor countries to develop their trade and making sure that international trade rules don't hamper their development.

Here in Inverclyde we can do our bit too. This year's Fairtrade Fortnight theme is The Big Swap, which aims to encourage people to swap more products to Fairtrade. The target is one million swaps be the end of Fairtrade Fortnight. For more information about this and other Fairtrade campaigns, see www.fairtrade.org.uk.

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Hello from Wemyss Bay Primary!

As usual January has been a busy month with rehearsals and competing in the Festival. The Nursery and Primary 1 made a return visit for the finals of their competitions and did really well. Primary 3 were very good too and Primary 2 won their class and their report of the morning is below. Several of our pupils took part in a dance festival in Glasgow with their dance school. Madeleine Coxshott and Saskia Mulholland, Primary 7, Sophie McDougall, Primary 6, and Ayley Pyper, Primary 5, have written the report of their day.

A Fantastic Day for Primary 2

We came back from the music festival with The Brisbane Trophy. Our singing game was The Wheels on the Bus and we even made up a verse of our own. All the actions were our ideas ending up with a bus shape. Campbell and Christopher were the drivers and they did a really good job. Rehearsing was fun and we had lots of giggles, especially when we practised our wiggles. Performing on the stage at the Town Hall was exciting and we loved taking part in the competition. Mr Coombes, the adjudicator, thought our performance was spectacular. The audience clapped and cheered when he announced that Wemyss Bay Primary were the winners. Congratulations to us. Hip, hip, Hurrah!

Theatre Royal

On the 26th January we travelled to the Theatre Royal in Glasgow with our dance teachers Lynne Cameron and Julie Brown. We were one of eight dance schools to take part in Go Dance 10. After an introductory talk we went onto the stage to practise. After we had practised we tried on our costumes.

We had lunch and then we practised our steps for our dances. We were called at different times to get our hair and make-up done. Next we got changed, and then suddenly we got called to go and perform our dance on stage.

When we had finished dancing we went up to the balconies to watch the second half. Pupils from Greenock Academy, including former pupils Jonathan Benjamin and Tiffany Broadfoot, performed a dramatic dance based on Romeo and Juliet. There were other types of dances performed, including Scottish and Hip Hop. At the end we all went on stage for our curtain call.

Overall we found the day very enjoyable and a very good experience. We all returned home tired and happy. Hopefully we can go back again next year.

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Council

The next Community Council meeting is due to be held on Thursday 4th March 7.30pm in Inverkip Primary School.

Brownies

Our Brownies once again won the Rob Roy Trophy for country dancing at the Inverclyde Music Festival. With thanks to Alison Carmichael for the hours that she spent training them. We're very proud of them all.

They joined the Rainbows and the Guides for our annual Guide Ceilidh to celebrate Burns Night and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

By the time this newsletter comes out we will have celebrated World Thinking Day. As this is our centenary year it is to be extra special with a parade of several hundred girls, with all the flags and two pipe bands, and we are parading from Greenock Esplanade to the Town Hall where we will have our celebration. Eve Lynch is carrying the Brownie flag.

Also to celebrate our centenary there will be a Girlguiding exhibition in the McLean Museum from the 27th March till the 8th May. It may be of interest to you if you are or ever have been involved in Guides. Some of the photos go back to the 1920s.



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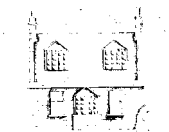
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Sunday Club for all our children: we join the Church Service for 15 minutes then head up to Sunday Club for activities, stories, songs and much more! We then finish off with juice and a snack. Do come along!

Country Dancing: Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Please pay us a visit and see if it is for you. You can contact Janet Hope on 520316 or just turn up on the night!

Ballroom Dancing: Tuesday nights from 7.00pm till 9.00pm under the guidance of Andy Adair. The cost is £1.50 per session. For further information contact Norman Hollywood on 529035.

DIARY OF SERVICES

All services conducted by the Minister

March 7	11.00am Incorporates Renewal of Marriage Vows of Barry & Sandi Streets
March 14	11.00am Holy Communion (Mothering Sunday) 3.00pm Health and Healing Service
March 21	11.00am Holy Week Services
March 28	11.00am Palm Sunday Incorporates Cradle Roll Service with participation by the Sunday Club
Thurs 1st April	7.30pm Maundy Thursday: Joint Service with Inverkip congregation in Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay Church Hall Incorporates Holy Communion & short dramatic re-enactment
Fri 2nd April	7.30pm Good Friday: Joint Service with Inverkip congregation in Inverkip Church
Sun 4th April	7.00am Easter Dawn Service at Meigle Beach (Followed by tea & bacon rolls in church hall) Thereafter Short Communion in side aisle of church 11.00am Easter Day Service

Alpha – New Course begins Wednesday 28th April at 7pm

The Alpha course gives everyone the opportunity to explore the Christian Faith – all in an atmosphere of fun, food and fellowship. It runs for 9 weeks and takes place in the Manse.

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Ask anything - no question is too simple or too hostile.

For more information or for a registration form for the course contact:

The Minister: Morris Coull

Tel: 01475 520703 Email: MorrisCoull@mac.com or Jane Macdougall – Alpha Administrator Tel: 01475 522596 Email: Jintie@aol.com.

Country Club

Club Meetings to be held in March/April at 2:30pm in The Chart Room, Kip Marina, Inverkip are as follows:

Wednesday 10th: Mr ALEX HUNTER on the subject of "ISLANDS OF SCOTLAND"

Wednesday 24th: Mrs ELEANOR EASTON on the subject of "STREET CHILDREN OF PERU"

Wednesday 7th: Mr DAVID O'REILLY on the subject of "THE WORK OF THE HESSILHEAD WILDLIFE RESCUE TRUST"

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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.

SUDOKU

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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 April edition will be Friday 19th March at 6pm.

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