

Wemyss Bay Village News

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Grand 21st Birthday Raffle

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As it is the 21st birthday of the Community Centre we have decided to celebrate in a big way. In partnership with Pearsons Garage of Wemyss Bay, we are having a Grand Raffle for a brand new Suzuki car.

Tickets for this amazing offer are priced at £5 per ticket and are available from committee members or can be purchased at the following locations:

Pearson Garage, Seaview Café, Remix Hairdressing Gourrock, JB Spence pharmacy and at the Gala box office which will open Friday 21st May from 6pm till 8pm and Saturday 22nd from 10am till 12.00.

They will also be available on Saturday the 12th of June which is the day of the Gala and when the draw will take place.

Gala Meeting – Community Centre Wednesday 19th May at 7.30pm

If you can help in anyway please come along to this meeting.

Box office hours – Selling Friday Night Tickets and Raffle Tickets

Friday 21st May – 6pm till 8pm.

Saturday 22nd May – 10am – 12.00.

Friday Evening Family Disco – 11th June 7.30pm

The Community Centre is celebrating its 21st birthday this year. For this reason we have decided to celebrate this and have an 80's themed disco.

We will sell the tickets from the box office or from any Committee Member

Wemyss Bay's Got Talent – Back by popular demand!

After last year's success, Wemyss Bay's Got Talent returns to this year's Gala. We are looking for Wemyss Bay's greatest talent, so whatever your age, whatever your talent, this is the contest worth entering.

Application forms are available at Spar, just pop it into the box and our Association member will be in touch.

Craft Stalls – Handmade soaps, jewellery, cards, personalised gifts, and many more

This year we are introducing craft stalls which we hope you will enjoy browsing or treating yourself. We also have a chocolate stall and a cake stall...yum yum!

Waste collection

Your black bin will be collected on Tuesdays the 12th & 26th May. Your blue and brown bins will be emptied on Tuesday 19th May.

Inverclyde Academy – Dates for your Diary

May

Wed 19th May - School Athletics Championships at Ravenscraig Stadium - all day
Fri 21st Inverclyde District Athletics Championships - Ravenscraig Stadium - all day
Tues 25th, Wed 26th, Thurs 27th May - Choice Activities days
Fri 28th, Mon 31st May - School Holidays

June

Tues 1st, Wed 2nd June - In Service Days
Thurs 3rd - S5 Induction Conference - all day
Thurs 3rd June - S3 Parents Evening 3.15 - 5.15
Fri 4th June - S6 Induction Conference - morning
Fri 4th June - S5 Options choice interviews with parents - morning
Fri 4th June - S6 Options choice interviews with parents - afternoon
Mon 7th June - S5/6 return to classes
Thurs 10th, Fri 11th June - P7 Induction Days
Thurs 10th June - P7 Parent Information Evening 7pm

Fri 11th June S6 Prom - Brisbane Hotel, Largs

Tues 15th, Wed 16th, Thurs 17th - School Show "Calamity Jane"
Thurs 24th June - Junior Awards Ceremony - 1.30pm
Mon 28th June - School Walk - Cornalees round Cut

Tues 29th June - School closes

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council

As the date for Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council's monthly Business Meeting in May coincides with the date of the General Election, the meeting will now take place a week later on Thursday 13th May at Wemyss Bay Primary School at 7.30pm

BIO-BLITZ at Wemyss Bay Woodland

Wemyss Bay Woodland will shortly be approved as a new Local Nature Reserve. To help celebrate this, staff from Lower Clyde Greenspace, the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, the Local Area Officer from Scottish Natural Heritage, the local Biodiversity Officer and an ecologist will be joining Wemyss Bay Woodland Association in running a Biodiversity Gala on Saturday 22nd May from 10am – 3pm. The emphasis is to provide a special, fun-filled day with lots of hands on activities.

BTCV will be leading a small clearing and planting programme. The Woodland Association will be organising a Treasure/Scavenger Hunt and will also be leading a mini-beast safari, while Cathy, the ecologist who ran last year's biodiversity monitoring event will be focussing on the 6 most common types of bees and looking to see which we have in the woodland. Staff from Lower Clyde Greenspace along with the local Biodiversity Officer will be leading a range of practical activities including making bee hotels, wildlife masks and simple jewellery among others. We are still waiting to confirm whether Forestry Commission staff will be available to run Forest School Activities.

Although some of the activities are aimed specifically at children, there are plenty others which will appeal more to adults. Even if you don't want to get your hands dirty, there are loads of displays, information leaflets and staff available to answer any question you may have.

This is an opportunity to enjoy the woodland and some of the activities it can offer. We hope you make every effort to pop along at some point between 10 – 3 and find out what is available on your doorstep.

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Having the right information on your CV is vital. These days, employers are looking for more than just academic qualifications. Increasingly they look for applicants who are involved in voluntary work. In many cases, voluntary work can give you valuable skills which transfer over to the workplace. Working with others, patience, tolerance, problem solving, mediation, leadership skills – you will utilise all these every week at the p4 – p7 Youth Club. We meet in the Community Centre during term time from 7.00 - 8.15pm on Thursday evenings. With an average of 50 children each week, we desperately need new helpers and, in return, you add to your CV. If you are interested in getting involved call Eila on 529375.

Remember, if you are not available on Thursday evenings, there are plenty other local voluntary organisations crying out for help so get in touch with them directly.

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, rounders, basketball, table-tennis, pool, badminton, board games, and music. We have two Nintendo Wii consoles and assorted games. In addition, 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 are required to take part in a rota to help out. Dates are arranged to suit the parents and at most you will be called on to help twice per year (in most cases only once).

Wemyss Bay - Beyond the End of the Line

On Saturday 1st May a new exhibition of photographs about Wemyss Bay will be opened by local councillor Innes Nelson at the Station Gallery at 1.00 p.m.

To mark the occasion, Brass Sounds Inverclyde will be playing between 12 and 2.00 p.m., so come and listen to the band. The photos are part of a larger study of the effects of the arrival of railways on a town. Taken between 1996 - 1998 they show how soon the recent past becomes history - things that once were so familiar are now gone and lost forever, houses have been demolished and new ones built, and the freedom to wander on the pier to watch the arrival and departure of the ferries now a thing of the past.

The exhibition will continue until Saturday, 12 June. The gallery is open Mondays - Saturdays, 9.30 - 4.30

Any articles, information or queries should be directed to meesh_barrett@hotmail.com. The closing date for the June edition will be Friday 22nd May.



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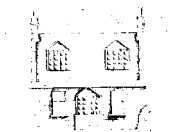
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A very big thankyou to everyone who attended our Easter Eggstravaganza, it was a Fab morning and we raised a whopping £750 which will go towards the school summer trips. Thanks also to all who donated raffle/bottle stall prizes and home baking it was very much appreciated.

Our next event will be a Shorts and Shades Disco on Friday 4th June in the school. P1-P3 6pm-7pm and P4-P7 7.15-8.30. Cost is £2 and there will be a tuck-shop selling £1 party bags and juice is free. Help is always welcome, if you can help please just come along.

Thursday 24th is our P7 leavers dance from 7pm-9pm in the school. I am sure it will be a very emotional night but we have a fabulous night planned.

David Cairns MP

It's a tremendous honour to be re-elected as the MP for Inverclyde. And I want villagers to know that I am the MP for everyone, regardless of how you cast your vote.

My priorities for Inverclyde are regeneration, protecting front-line services and helping to bring new jobs to the area. Much of the funding for regeneration is locked in so we will continue to see new schools, new offices and new facilities springing up around Inverclyde.

A hung parliament is not the outcome I would have wanted, but I won't let that get in the way of representing you at Westminster.

Stuart McMillan MSP

This month I had the pleasure of visiting the Wemyss Bay Beyond the End of the Line exhibition. The exhibition places the town firmly on the map and shows Wemyss Bay with its station and pier at the close of the 20th century. I would encourage Village News readers to visit the exhibition which runs from Saturday 1st May to Saturday 12th June.

At last the Health Board have seen sense over the suggestion to close the IRH 'Tea Bar'. This change of mind from the health board is a victory for common sense. The 'Aroma Café' concept may well be successful in some hospitals but the general roll out for every hospital was neither practical nor wanted. I am now expecting the excellent fundraising activities of everyone at the 'Tea Bar' to continue for many years to come and wish them well in their endeavours.

Upcoming Surgery; Friday 11th June 15:15 – 16:00 at Wemyss Bay Station.

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G.K. Chesterton the writer and committed Christian replied in a letter to the Editor: 'Sir, in answer to your articles entitled 'What's Wrong With the World? ... I am!'

Many of us are living with that reality! There was a forgiving word that needed to be spoken, we meant to, but... There was a wrong that needed to be righted, and we intended to get around to it, but... There was a promise that we made that was never fulfilled, and we really meant to keep the promise, but...it just broke under the weight of our inertia and procrastination. Yet some things need to be said now, done now... the opportunity is today, not tomorrow.

What about our relationship to the world? Is it enough simply to criticise its deteriorating standards... the violence, dishonesty, immorality, disregard for human life and materialistic greed? If we say 'The world is going down the drain?' - then whose fault is that? Who is to blame? Some things need to be acted upon and acted upon now.

That's what impresses me about the work of Christian Aid; it is always ready to respond immediately to emergencies such as the food crisis in Zimbabwe and the disasters that hit the Asia-Pacific last autumn. More recently, writes the Director, it has helped those in desperate need following the catastrophic earthquake in Haiti meeting the immediate needs of survivors as well as helping them to begin rebuilding their lives. Christian Aid is the official relief and development agency of 41 Churches in Britain and Ireland. Its mandate is to challenge and enable us to fulfil our responsibilities to the poor of the world regardless of race or faith. Christian Aid Week this year runs from the 9th to the 15th May and I hope that we can give generously to this most worthy charity.

Morris Coull

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.

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Where will 2 go in the top row?

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.

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