

Wemyss Bay Village News

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Gala Weekend Ladies Pamper Evening

The evening was a sell out and was a huge success. We had our very own cocktail waiter who made the most delicious cocktails. We also did table service which the ladies really enjoyed. The Body Shop did a display and gave out free samples they also had lots of goodies for sale.

We had two Beauty Therapists doing 15 minute massages, which was choc -a-block from 7.30 till 10.00pm.

We finished off with a little dancing and nonsense which was really enjoyable. All in all it was a great night and we hope next year to do it even bigger and better although hopefully minus the midges.

Many thanks to Gordon our cocktail waiter for not only making fantastic cocktails but putting up with over 100 merry ladies!

Friday Night 80's Family Disco

As the Community Centre was 21 years old we decided an 80's theme disco would be good fun. We sold close to 200 tickets and the night was DJ'd by John Scott. We got down to dancing to Duran Duran, Wham and Queen to name a few. Most people made a huge effort with there costumes and the winner for the best dressed adult went to Gary McEleny and the winner of the best dressed kid went to Victoria Jackson.

Congratulations Guys.

Gala Saturday

Our Gala Weekend started at 12 noon when the open top double decker bus pulled into the car park. Our Gala Queen Katie Sutherland and her attendant Madeline Coxshott with Gala King Scott McIntosh and his attendant Adam Noble waved to the waiting crowd. Down below were their Mums, Dads, Grans, Granpa's and friends all enjoying a little bubbly. We then had the crowning of the Gala Queen and lots of time to take pictures.

Again our DJ for the day was John Scott.

Our photographer on the day was Sheila Galvin and her pictures are on her website sheilagalvinphotography.co.uk. Pictures were taken throughout the whole day so it really is worth taking a browse as there are fantastic pictures. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Sheila for giving up her day to join us.

This year we were lucky enough to have actor Martin Compston open the Gala. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Martin for his time and hope he enjoyed the day.

We had lots of stalls this year again and new rides which I think kids really enjoyed. The Coastguard and Fire Service also came along.

Most people took advantage of the glorious weather and as a result the beer garden was jam-packed.

Gala Craft Market

As many of you will have seen there was a craft element to the Gala this year and it was certainly very popular and will be expanded for next year to take in a larger area. The selection of stalls covered a variety of designer and hand made goods from jewellery to cakes and chocolate amongst others. Some were local and others from as far away as Glasgow and Rothesay and all commented on what a lovely village community we have here. They have also booked to come back at Christmas for the Wemyss Bay Winterfest. Anyone interested in having a stall for future events should call Bobbie on 529512.

Wemyss Bay's Got Talent Winners

We had another fantastic year with Wemyss Bay's Got Talent. The marquee was full to bursting and full of lots of claps and shouts.

1st Prize went to The Hula Hooping Kings Kyle (age 3) and Allen White (age 5) who amazed the crowd by hula hooping through a whole song.

2nd Prize went to Lucia Maria Coggins (age 6) who displayed a fantastic dance routine.

3rd Prize went to Marco Zavaroni (10) who entertained us with his break dancing.

Well done to all who entered and made it a fun afternoon in the marquee and to all who came along and supported the acts.

21st Grand Raffle Prize – Suzuki Alto 1.0

The Suzuki car was one by Brenda Roberston of Sinclair Street Stevenson. The family are delighted and wish to say a massive thank you to The Community Association and also everyone who took the time to thank them on the day.

On the Saturday alone we sold 600 tickets from our stall. Overall we sold 1171 tickets which was a huge relief to us as we were able to cover most of the cost of the car. Thanks to Pearson's Motors for help and assistance with this Prize.

The second Prize of a bike was won by Jennifer Canning.

Other prizes drawn and now distributed to the winners are:

Ticket No 1069 – Won by Mr Spence McCaskies Voucher

Ticket No 2316 – Won by Donna Galvin Parkdean Food Voucher

Ticket No 0634 – Won by Mr A McKenzie Bonjio Voucher

Ticket No 2114 – Won by Robin Chapman AFD Membership Voucher

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A Huge Thank you

The gala weekend could not take place without the support of lots of people. From the set up team, to the people who give us a couple of hours of their time on the day This helps the weekend gel together and without this help we could not run the weekend.

To our local business's we are forever grateful for your generosity in helping us with outfits, electrics, vouchers, money and other vital support over the duration of the weekend.

Thank you to everyone who helped in the sale of the Raffle Tickets.

This year it was a brand new Committee on board and we tried our hardest to give you guys a great weekend. We hope we did succeed.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Wemyss Bay Brownies

Well here's to a super end of the Brownie year, we've had some good fun so far celebrating the Guide centenary.

We started with a pyjama party with Skelmorlie Brownies, some of us went to Netherurd for an outdoors activity weekend, we planted daffodils for Marie Curie, we took part in the Adventure 100 badge, some of us took part in the amazing centenary Thinking Parade through Greenock ending in a lovely service in the Town Hall, some went skating, our Country Dancing team once again won the Rob Roy trophy at the Inverclyde Music Festival, we joined in with a Ceilidh with the Rainbows and Guides, we had a 6 week display at the McLean Museum, some of us went to camp, we had 2 stalls at the Gala day (the Teddy stall was a success and we intend to repeat that, so if anyone has any Teddy donations we will take them from now) and the Country Dancing team danced, we had a night out at Fun World, we had a pyjama party/bouncy castle party and ended with a bonfire at the beach, and it's all going to continue.....

So what's happening next session?

Brown Owl is at the Royal Garden Party in July.

We start back on August 25th.

In September we are hoping to have our postponed Sleepover (I have never come across something so misnamed – they never sleep) in the Church – which will also be part of the Great Brownie Takeover. That will also finish our Adventure 100 badge.

We are going to Kick Back Against Leukaemia with a sponsored Tae Kwondo Session taught by a famous Black Belt (my granddaughter).

We are hoping to have a Pack Holiday in October at Kilmacolm.

We will be doing another Marie Curie daffodil planting, and our Centenary grand finale will be on 20th Oct 2010. We're not quite sure what will happen – it's still a surprise, however Rainbows/Brownies/Guides/Adults all over the UK and in other parts of the world will all be remaking their Promise at that same moment. One of our Guiders died this year from cancer and left money in her will that every girl in the Greenock Division (i.e. Skelmorlie, Wemyss Bay, Inverkip, Greenock, Gourrock and Port Glasgow) who takes part in this ceremony will be given a special Centenary Promise Badge. Such a sweet thought!

Hopefully a Carol Service at Christmas and in 2011 we can start to breath again.

If you know of any girls wishing to join us please leave a message on the phone. If any of you out there are willing to come and give us a hand on a more permanent basis please speak to us – you do not have to commit to every Wednesday – job sharing is the way we are going in Guiding, and we will show you how to add value to your CV.

Have a lovely, safe summer.

Thank you

The Brownies

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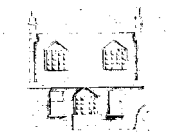
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The school re opens for pupils on Wednesday 18/8/10 at 8.50 am.

Bible Club and Youth Group

We enjoyed an exciting and busy month in June. At the start of the month Youth Group went to M&Ds, and while the weather was a bit wet in the morning, it didn't spoil a great day out. Then at the end of the month Bible Club enjoyed their annual trip to Funworld. We also had our summer parties and prizegivings (well done to all the prizewinners), and at the Gala Day we ran the Beat the Keeper stall. Thank you to everyone who visited us on the day and to all those who helped out. The clubs are now finished for summer but will start back in September. The clubs meet on Monday evenings and are run by Strathclyde Bible Ministries (SBM). If you would like further information, please contact Stephen Renton on 01505 355994. Have a great summer!

David Cairns MP

BENEFIT SYSTEM MUST HELP PEOPLE WITH AUTISM

Autism is a lifelong condition which makes it difficult to communicate and relate to others, and it affects more than 700 people in Inverclyde. Over half the adults have been left without either work or benefits at one time or another and, even more shockingly, only 15% are in full-time employment.

This isn't good enough. Jobcentre staff need more training so they can recognise people with autism and be better equipped to help them. Many autistic people have real talent and they shouldn't be written off.

Nobody should be condemned to a life of benefits and unemployment just because they were born different.

Stuart McMillan MSP

Village News readers will be pleased to know there is a follow up meeting at the end of June, with all interested stakeholders, to discuss the A78 - Inverkip Junction. This is a campaign which will not rest until real action is taken to address the safety concerns of the many constituents who have contacted my office through the two consultations I undertook with the Inverkip and Wemyss Bay villages.

Recently, the Scottish Parliament debated the Alcohol etc (Scotland) Bill. The Bill is bringing forward radical legislation to tackle Scotland's troubled relationship with alcohol. To put the issue into perspective, last week, the Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police said that that since 1st April there have been 14 drink-related murders in Strathclyde. Therefore, I believe, it's vital that all Members of the Scottish Parliament support the tough measures being brought forward in-order to tackle Scotland's alcohol problem.

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council

At the June 2010 Business Meeting of the Community Council, there was a review of the trial period of holding monthly Business Meetings in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Primary schools on an alternating monthly basis. It was felt because of low attendances in Wemyss Bay that meetings would now be held on a 3:1 ratio - three in Inverkip to one in Wemyss Bay unless it was shown there was a need for more meetings in Wemyss Bay.

There will be no Business Meeting held in July 2010.

There is an updated list of Community Councillors - three new Councillors have recently been co-opted to the Council - on the Community Council's website: inverkip-wemyssbaycc.co.uk

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Any articles, information or queries should be directed to meesh_barrett@hotmail.com. The closing date for the September edition will be Friday 20th August.

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Why not test your brain and try this!

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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.

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