

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 upcoming events we are organising please come along. We are a friendly group who make all our visitors most welcome.

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 October edition will be Friday 24th September at 6.00pm.

WEA - Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Branch

Our autumn programme resumes on Wednesday, 29th September in the Reading Room of Skelmorlie Community Centre 9.45am until 11.30am approx. The official business will be relatively short - a report on last year's highlights and our financial situation - to be followed by a film showing the completion of the Eden Project. The usual teas and coffees will be available and a warm welcome awaits any newcomers.

The WEA (Workers Education Association) is a national charity and branches vary in their particular interpretation of the association's aims. We started in the 1980's as a local history project run mainly by young mums, who did their research whilst their children were in the toddler group downstairs. It has developed into a series of weekly talks/presentations on a whole variety of themes - music, art, history, travel, geology - anything in fact which stimulates and inspires those who wish to keep their minds active and meet up with like-minded folk during the autumn and Spring each year on a weekly basis.

Each talk costs £2.50 or £2.00(Conc.) and a small annual membership fee is purely voluntary. We also try to go on two annual outings to places of interest, usually in October and May and these have proved to be very popular.

The Autumn programme is again on a whole variety of topics and will include "Richard Rogers with and without Hart and Hammerstein", "The Highland Clearances", "The Scottish Film Archive" and "The Aluminium Industry in the Highlands". More detailed information about these and others will be available soon.

If you would like further information or help with transport, please phone Jenny on 521090.

Wemyss Bay Bible Club and Youth Group

Bible Club and Youth Group will be starting again on Monday, 13th September, 2010. If your child or young person would like to come, we meet on Monday evenings in Wemyss Bay Community Centre. Bible Club is from 6.15pm to 7.30pm and is for children in P1 to P6. Activities include competitions, songs, games, Bible stories and other activities. 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, along with various outings throughout the year. 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.

Waste collection

Your black bin will be collected on Tuesdays the 14th & 28th September. Your blue and brown bins will be emptied on Tuesday 21st September.

Stuart McMillan MSP

Village News readers will be aware Arney have published their A78 Main Street, Inverkip – Conflict Study. This study came on the back of the hundreds of responses I received from my resident's surveys in both Inverkip and Wemyss Bay arguing for action to be taken to improve road safety on the A78. The report states, any further development work, such as at the power station site, will obviously have an impact upon the A78, therefore the wider implications of development must be taken into consideration.

Naturally, I am disappointed that Transport Scotland have decided to progress with Option 1 - the re-painting of the road markings, as compared to one of the other options. However, I fully appreciate that a detailed study has been undertaken, and based on the evidence to date; Option 1 is considered to be the preferred option. The issue of traffic management on the A78 will not go away, but I now look upon this as a starting point for future improvements.

If any constituents have not seen the conflict study but would like a copy sent to them by email or post then please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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Annabel Goldie MSP

GOLDIE: 'METHADONE PARKING' AT HMP GREENOCK IS UNACCEPTABLE

Annabel Goldie MSP has voiced anger at the failure to cut methadone dependency inside HMP Greenock.

Figures obtained from the Scottish Government show that only 21% of prisoners at the Inverclyde jail were on a reducing dose of the heroin substitute.

Annabel, who represents the West of Scotland at Holyrood, secured a promise from First Minister Alex Salmond in 2008 that his government would introduce a new national strategy on drugs aimed at rehabilitation and recovery.

Annabel said: 'This is dispiriting news. Four out of every five prisoners at HMP Greenock are being parked on methadone when we should be helping them out of addiction altogether. That is unacceptable and has to change.

'Greenock Prison must aim to be drug-free. While methadone has a role to play in the process, it shouldn't be the end of the process. Methadone is a substitute for addiction, not a substitute for rehabilitation. Abstinence must be the ultimate goal if we are to clean up our prisons and reduce the numbers of offenders who are released back into our communities with drug addictions.

'Drug addiction in prison causes misery and disorder on the inside and crime and social breakdown on the outside. Folk across Inverclyde shouldn't have to suffer the consequences of the failure to tackle this problem.

'The Scottish Government must live up to its promises to reduce drug addiction and overreliance on methadone across Scottish society, including in our prisons.

'Several things have to be done. Mandatory drugs testing upon entry into prison – and random testing thereafter – is a must. Prisons also need dedicated drug-free wings where addicted prisoners can be rehabilitated, away from the temptation to fall back into addiction. Visitors bringing drugs into prison and those prisoners selling and trading drugs should face tough sentences and sanctions.

'But above all, we have to break the cycle of dependency on both heroin and methadone in HMP Greenock and across Scotland's prisons.'

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71st Ayrshire Scout Group

The local beaver scout group started back on the 30th. Meetings take place every Monday night from 7pm to 8pm at Skelmorlie Primary School. Boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 8 are very welcome to attend. For more information, please call Fiona on 522901.

71st Ayrshire Fund-raising BBQ and Barn Dance

The group are holding the above family event on Saturday 18th September, from 7pm to 11pm at Skelmorlie Mains Farm. Tickets are available from any scout leader: Adults:£5, Children: £2.50 or Family: £15. This is a BYOB event and we would love to all the parents supporting the group.

Fiona C Riddell, Beaver Leader

71st Ayrshire Scout Group

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Inverclyde Academy

Friday 24th September S1 pupils will have school photos taken both as an individual and in their House Group.

Tuesday 28th September S6 will have their Year Group photo taken.

Adult Association

The following classes will be running in the school from September to December.

Monday - Guitar Group (Beginners 7-8pm)

(Intermediate 8-9pm)

Art Group 7-9pm

Tuesday - Cross Stitch Group 7-9pm

Wednesday - Yoga 7.45 - 9.30pm

Thursday - Book Club - This group meets on the last Thursday of the month.

New classes on offer: Local History, Conversational Spanish, Introduction to Psychology and Card Making for Christmas. The dates and times of these classes have still to be arranged, and will only go ahead if there is sufficient interest.

To enrol for any of the above classes please come along to our Enrolment Evening on Tuesday 7 September from 7-9pm in the school. If you cannot manage along then please telephone Morag Wilson on 521626.

Friends of Wemyss Bay

The Friends of Wemyss Bay Station are about to put on their latest exhibition in the Station Gallery. Dugald Cameron will show paintings to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain in 1940.

The exhibition will run from Monday, 13 - Saturday, 25 September. The Gallery is open Mondays - Saturdays, 9.30 - 16.30.

There will be a preview for Friends and invited guests on Saturday, 11 September, from 1100 - 1300. We would be delighted to see you then, or any other time.



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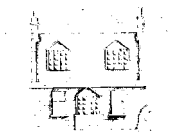
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Ardgowan Football Development

AFD started it's 10th year on Sunday 22nd August with 200 kids registering for the seven sessions. Due to the unprecedented numbers, the highest we have ever had, we have had to re-organise the session times as follows:

Primary 1	12:05 - 13:20	Indoor
Primary 2	13:25 - 14:40	Indoor
Primary 3	14:45 - 16:00	Indoor
Primary 4	12:45 - 14:00	Outdoor
Primary 5	14:00 - 15:15	Outdoor
Primary 6	15:15 - 16:30	Outdoor
Primary 7	11:30 - 12:45	Outdoor

The changes to the outdoor session times will allow each session to have full use of the astrograss pitch which will enhance the quality & range of coaching and level of participation. The new session times will commence on Sunday 12th September. All AFD Sessions are now FULL.

AFD Coaches

We are delighted to welcome three new Coaches - John Cannon, Craig Hearl and Martin MacLean to AFD. The new coaches will work alongside existing AFD Coaches until they complete the SYFA Level 1 – 3 Coaching Certificates. All existing AFD Coaches have completed an Enhanced Disclosure and have achieved SYFA Level 1 - 3. Most Coaches have also completed a certificated First Aid Course. AFD/ATFC now has over 20 Coaches.

ATFC

ATFC enjoyed some recent tournament success with the Under 8's & Under 10's winning the Dunoon 5 A Side Tournament and the Under 11's winning the Prestwick 7 A Side Tournament. Well done boys and good luck to all the ATFC Squads as they begin their league campaigns.

AFD 10th Anniversary

This is a special year for Ardgowan Football Development as we begin the celebration of our 10th Anniversary. We want to make sure that these celebrations involve parents, coaches and most importantly the kids. AFD has nominated Inverclyde Downs Syndrome as our 10th Anniversary Charity and we will present any money raised during the year at our 2011 Gala Day. More detail will be provided in due course but information on key events is provided below:

AFD Kit: This year's Sweatshirts and T-Shirts are embroidered with a special 10th Anniversary AFD Logo

AFD Calendar: We will be producing an AFD Calendar which will be available for sale from October and at the Christmas Fun Day on Sunday 5th December.

AFD Sponsored Walk: There will be a Parent & Child Sponsored Walk along the Greenock Esplanade in March 2011.

AFD Gala Dinner: We are having a 10th Anniversary Gala Dinner in Greenock Town Hall on Friday 29th April 2011.

AFD Gala Day 2011 - The 10th Anniversary Gala Day (June 2011) will be an extra special family fun day as we bring our 10th Year to a close.

Sponsorship

We would like to thank Caledonian MacBrayne and DHL for their sponsorship and also the many small businesses that provide prizes for our Grand Draw and football strips for ATFC.

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Skelmorlie Ladies Reach Last Eight In Golf Classic

The ladies from Skelmorlie Golf Club are celebrating reaching the last eight of the 2010 Mail on Sunday Golf Classic.

The club are ecstatic at reaching Round 9 after winning a thrilling match against Deer Park ladies on Saturday last, in their first appearance in the event. Team member Jenny McGee gave a run down on the latest match.

"Our match against Deer Park turned out to be yet another nail-biter. With the first four games tied at 2-2 it was once again down to our captain Kath Mackellar to keep her cool at dormy two down. This she did in fine style, sinking two crucial long putts to force play on to the 19th hole".

"This was the third such scenario she had been involved in, having been in a similar situation against Dumbarton in Round 3 and Bearsden in Round 5. Once more she played the 1st hole in textbook fashion and having reached the green in two she putted out to seal yet another victory and send us on our way to Manchester next month".as Jenny explained :- "We (Skelmorlie) are only a small club, which many folk,even in our own area, have never heard of. However, in recent years we have gained many lower handicap ladies and therefore felt we were capable of entering a good team. We are a mix of youth and experience, our youngest player being 21 year-old Alex Sargent, who has been playing since a junior of 11 and now plays off 12".

"The rest of our team of six consists of two PE teachers, one retired and one head of department in a local high school, a retired meteorologist, a retired geography teacher and a young mum of two promising boy golfers who is an office manager. All the ladies live locally - two are from Wemyss Bay and one each from Skelmorlie, Inverkip, Greenock and West Kilbride.

The Country Club

Advance notice is given that the opening of the above Club will be held on Wednesday 6th October at 2.30pm when the Speaker will be Mrs Dorothy McMahon on the subject of "The Life and Times of Agatha Christie"

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 alternate Wednesday afternoon 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 and 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.

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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Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay Parish Church News

Soup lunch Alpha: The Alpha Course gives everyone the opportunity to explore the Christian Faith. It is relaxed, low key, friendly and fun.

The next course will take place on Fridays in the Church, where we will share in the soup lunch together at the beginning of each session, followed by a video talk and discussion(say as much as you want or just listen!)

The 9 week course will start on Friday October 8th at 12.15pm Registration forms are available in Church, the Parish Record, or by downloading from the web.

For more information please contact: The Minister Tel: 01475 52070 Email: MorrisCoull@mac.com or Jane Macdougall (Alpha Administrator) Tel: 01475 522596 Email: Jintie@aol.com

Diary of Services: Church Services every Sunday at 11am, all welcome all Services will be conducted by the Minister, the Revd Morris Coull.

Services to note are:

September 12th, 11am Celebration of Holy Communion incorporating the Commission of Visitors leading up to our Stewardship programme, Gifts for God (all those connected to the Church will be invited to a meal at the Brisbane House Hotel In October) and at 3pm the Service of Health and Healing.

October 3rd: Harvest Thanksgiving (Christian Aid envelopes received)

There is a Crèche and Sunday School available at all Morning Services

All are warmly invited to join in the Hall for tea, coffee & fellowship following Worship.

Friday Soups With this very unsettled weather many of you may have been substituting a hot bowl of soup for the salads which we expect to be eating more of at this time of year. With that in mind we will be recommencing our popular Friday lunches on Friday 24th September at 12.15pm in the Church Hall. Please put this date in your diary and come along and join us in a friendly, homely atmosphere. A bowl of delicious homemade soup will be served to you accompanied by a filled roll of your choice and copious amounts of tea, coffee and biscuits.

On many occasions we are delightfully entertained by Campbell Sangster and treated to delicious homemade tablet prepared by Marie McGregor.

A warm welcome awaits our regular folk but we would especially like to have you join us if you haven't been along before. See you on the 24th.

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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.

Any articles, information or queries should be directed to meesh_barrett@hotmail.com. The closing date for the October edition will be Friday 24th September.

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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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