

Wemyss Bay Village News

244th Edition

November 2010

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Winterfest Weekend

Christmas Light Switch on – Friday 3rd December at 7pm, Community Centre car park entrance.

Please come along to celebrate the switching on of our Christmas tree lights. As usual we will start with Carol Singing and hopefully if we sing loud enough Santa will appear. Join us in the Community Centre for our home made Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, tea, coffee and shortbread.

We will have our Fabulous Grotto for all kids big and small to visit. There will also be a kid's entertainer to amuse the younger ones.

It is a lovely time to come together as a village and enjoy a special time of year.

Saturday 4th December from 2-6pm, Community Centre

This year for the first time, the plan is to have a combined Craft Market/Gift Shop the day after the switch-on. Taking part will be some of the crafters who supported us at the Gala with some exciting newcomers.

For the children we will have a 'Make and Take' with Lianne Garven of Kass Ceramics. They will have an opportunity to make Christmas decorations and goodies with prices starting from £1.

For the Ladies we will have a selection of Jewellery stalls including our local Lynn McConnachie and Royal Gems from Gourrock. Both were big hits at the Gala. Another treat will be InBloom showing a beautiful selection of gifts including Nedholm candles, Lolita Glassware, gifts to treat yourself or someone special and lots of festive goodies. Margaret Hunter will be back selling her charity cards.

So come along and start your shopping with us. With 10% of all sales on the day going back into the community centre fund for future events.

Tearoom

There will also be a tearoom for to have a cuppa and a chat after your shopping. Or drop of your husband off for a cuppa and shop in piece.

Wemyss Bay Community Association – From our house to yours

We would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

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 December edition will be Friday 19th November at 6.00pm.

Inverclyde Academy News up to Christmas

Wed 7/11/10 - P7 Open Evening for parents and P7 pupils - 7pm

Thurs 8/11/10 - Chest, Heart and Stroke Foundation taking all S1-S3 pupils for "Fitness" session

Mon 29/11/10 - In Service Day

Tues 30/11/10 - S4 Prelim exams begin

Tues 8/12/10 or Wed 9/12/10 - S5/5 Parents Evening - date and time to be confirmed

Mon 13/12/10 - S4 Prelim exams end

Thurs 16/12/10 - Christmas Concert

Tues 21/12/10 - Christmas services

Wed 22/12/10 - S1 Panto visit to Kings Theatre, Glasgow

Wemyss Bay Nursery and Primary School PTA

In October we had a very successful car boot sale where we raised £500, a very big thank you to all who helped out and all who supported this event.

Our next event is our Christmas Shopping Night in Wemyss Bay Community Centre, Saturday 20th November at 7pm -10.30pm. With a variety of stalls, ie Xmas Cards, The Book People, Lynn McConnachie Jewellery, Candles, Avon and The Chocolate Company. Tickets are £2.50 and this includes a glass of wine/soft drink. Further wine/soft drinks will be available to purchase. Tickets are available to purchase from the school or just pay on the night.

Date of our next meeting is Monday 15th November at 7pm, please come along and share your fundraising ideas.

Stuart MacMillan MSP

I have recently been contacted by constituents, in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay, who have raised their concerns regarding the renewal of the line markings on the A78 and the potential issues this has brought for road safety. One constituent is concerned that there has been a change in priority, in their opinion, and this will require adequate signage to alert drivers.

Therefore, I have written to the Chief Executive of Transport Scotland to raise my constituent's concerns and ask that they investigate this matter immediately. It is imperative that road safety is the top priority.

I would kindly ask that you continue to make me aware of any road safety issues you witness throughout Inverclyde by contacting me at the details attached.

Waste collection

Your black bin will be collected on Tuesdays the 7th & 21st December. Your blue and brown bins will be emptied on Tuesdays 14th & 28th December.

Please check the Greenock Telegraph for any changes to the service over the Christmas and New Year period.

Country Club

Club meetings to be held in November at 2.30pm in The Chartroom, Kip Marina, Inverkip are as follows:

Wednesday 3rd Mrs Gail Allister on the subject of 'The Warburton Story'

Wednesday 17th Mr Iain Macaskill on the subject of 'Homecoming'

There is no open meeting in December and the next speaker on Wednesday 12th January will be Mrs Elizabeth Burns on the subject of 'Scottish Tourist Guides Association'.

Further details may be obtained from Ann Haig on tel. 522316

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1st Wemyss Bay Guides

Although you haven't heard from us in a while it is not because we haven't been doing anything, it's because we have been doing everything!

At the start of the year 1st Wemyss Bay Guides Nicola, Victoria, Jayne, Sophie, Saskia, Megan, Orianne, Dominique and Kathryn won the Guide trophy for Scottish Country dancing. The girls have performed throughout the year at a variety of Guiding events including the Greenock Division Museum display.

At the end of May 19 Guides from 1st Wemyss Bay Guides attended the Division camp at Ardgowan Estate. Over 250 girls camped for the weekend and took part in a variety of activities including climbing, African drumming, low ropes course, a bucking bronco and a horizontal bungee rope run. Five of our younger Guides Amy, Sophie, Victoria, Aile and Diana made their promise on the bungee run and bucking bronco! At night the girls had a campfire, listened to 2 local singers and enjoyed a fantastic disco. The girls met other Guides from all over the Division and made lots of new friends. Everyone had a fantastic time!

In June a group of Guides and leaders joined other Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section and leaders from the Division aboard the Waverley and sailed "doon the water" from Greenock. The Guides enjoyed exploring the boat and seeing their houses from the river when we passed Wemyss Bay.

During July Kirsty M, Kirsty B, Kendal M, Elaine, Nynke, Lisa, Kendal S, Amy F, Jayne, Dominique and Alison went with 6 other Guides and 7 other leaders from Larkfield District to Switzerland for a week. The girls flew to Amsterdam and on to Zurich before driving to Adelboden where they stayed in a Swiss chalet. They visited one of the 4 Guiding Centres, "Our Chalet" which is in Adelboden. This was a fantastic opportunity for the Guides to meet other people from around the world as well as learning about International Guiding. They went tobogganing, visited a traditional woodcarver, walked around Trummelbach Falls, took part in abseiling, zip wires and a high ropes course, enjoyed outdoor swimming in temperatures of 30 degrees +!! The girls went up the Jungfrau which is the highest point in Europe. At the top they took part in sledging and tubing as well as visiting the ice palace. They also went shopping in Adelboden and in Interlaken. At night the girls went climbing, bowling and took part in a quiz. All the girls who went had a magnificent time and have quoted this as their "mountain top moment!"

Since starting back in August all the 36 girls and 3 leaders have achieved their Adventure 100 badge and are working towards gaining the remaining sections of their Scottish Centenary badge. The Guides took part in the Scottish Walkabout Challenge by walking from the community centre to the beach on one of the wettest evenings of the year! They finished with a campfire and portion of chips from the Wemyss Bay chip shop! We held a "bring an adult" night and were delighted with the number of parents and Grans that attended. Thank you! We were also lucky enough to have Lauren, an Australian Guide, who was visiting Rachel join us that evening. She was very enthusiastic to learn about Guiding in Scotland and the girls were very eager to learn about Guiding in Australia. All of the girls achieved their Traditions of Guiding badge. The Guides also had a World Sangam day, where they tried a variety of activities from India including Bollywood dancing.

In October we celebrated the end of our Centenary with a unit party, where we decorated 100 fairy cakes, played pass the parcel which had 100 layers of wrapping paper and enjoyed other party games. All of the girls took home a Guide party bag with badges, pens and pencils. At 20:10, 20/10, 2010 1st Wemyss Bay Guides video linked up with all Girlguiding UK members to remake their promise together. This was particularly special for Mairi and Ayley as they were making their Guide promise for the first time. The unit went to Battery Park and took part in Zumba with over 650 Girlguiding Greenock members, before enjoying songs by the Wherries, and finished the night with a laser show and fireworks.

We have had a jammed packed year and have created a variety of fantastic opportunities for girls and young women in Wemyss Bay all of which are sure to stay with them for the rest of their life. If you or your daughter would be interested in joining our unit we currently have a few spaces and would be delighted to welcome new girls to the unit. All girls aged 10 + are welcome. Please contact Alison Carmichael 520697.



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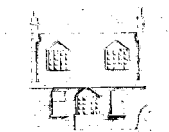
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2nd Wemyss Bay Brownies

Well we've come to the end of our Centenary year and Brown Owl is wearing a badge that says "I survived the centenary", and I think lots of the Guiders feel that way.

We've had a super year. Trips to Netherurd, where the girls canoed, climbed, zip lined and so much more, camp in the rain at Inverkip (hey it's Scotland, it was still super), outing to the ice-rink, fun at Fun World, promise ceremonies on the beach, and on bouncy castles, taking part in Guidespell, dancing in the Festival and our weeks at taking over the McLean Museum.

We had two finishers. Wednesday night when at 201020102010, we joined with girls (and women) throughout the UK to renew our Promise and the girls all received a special badge that they can wear throughout the rest of their Guiding life. Before that I had the honour of lighting the beacon on Lyle Hill accompanied by Lucia Coggins (Rainbow), Jennifer Lyne (Brownies), Mhairi Black (Guides) and Lisa Bond (Senior Section). Apart from looking like drowned rats it was an unmissable experience, the first time it's been lit since the millennium. Up on the hill we could hear the cheers of the 600+ members down at Battery Park. CoOp Funeral Services gave us a chauffeur driven limo to take the girls there and down to the Battery after and the girls really enjoyed that. At the park the girls were enjoying Zumba, the Wherries, our Promise ceremony and then a lazer show and fireworks. Despite the cold and rain 600+ folk left the park with smiles on their faces.

On the Sunday we were invited to Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church to tell the congregation about our "mountain top moments" over the past year. Emily Cunningham read all our Brownie information so beautifully. Then the girls left to go to a party at Skelmorlie Community Centre.

So now it is back to auld claes and porridge. Well not quite. We've got lots of plans for the rest of the session.

Here's to the next 100 years.

Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay Parish Church Sunday Club

It was great to welcome 16 children to the Harvest Party. We played games... "Dookin" for apples and Pass the Pumpkin enjoyed making placemats with Autumn leaves then tucked in to lots of party food! The Sunday Club team look forward to the next Special Event, an 'Advent Party' on Sunday 28th November...more fun activities and more food! All welcome - 11am at the church.

Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church Christmas Fair

Saturday 27th November 10is -12 noon in the Church Hall

Donation Ticket £1.50 which includes tea/coffee and home baking.

Friends of Wemyss Bay Station

At Wemyss Bay Station Gallery, following the very successful exhibition of paintings by local artist, Maureen McGeehan, we will be showing work by Grace Donnelly, Jim Owens and Angus Paton from 23 October until 5 November. Their exhibition at this time last year was well received, and is sure to be enjoyed again. 20% of all sales will be donated to RNLI. To end the year, the Gallery is putting on a special show, "Christmas Lights", work by several artists. There will be a preview on Saturday, 13th November, from 7.00-9.00 p.m., and the exhibition will continue until Friday, 17th December.

The Friends of Wemyss Bay Station were thrilled to win First Prize as the Best Station Adoption Group in the recent national awards from the Association of Community Rail Partnerships. We also received a Second Prize for the Outstanding Station Volunteer - Sheena Inglis for her work with the Station Bookshop.

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Bible Club and Youth Group

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Wemyss Bay Primary School

October has been a short month but pupils have still taken part in some exciting events. We are all looking forward to a very busy November as we will be taking part in Education for Work Week and Scots Poetry Competition for Primary 4 to Primary 7. There will also be the Book fair, Primary 7 Fun Day and Christmas cracker. Reports written by Primary 5.

Street Kids

On Wednesday 29th September Primary 7 went to an event called Street Kids. It was in Ravenscraig Sports Centre in Greenock. Street Kids teaches Primary 7 pupils how to stay safe on the roads and on the internet, about the dangers of drugs and alcohol, about buying fake goods and vandalism. They learned about these things by doing activities, e.g. wearing glasses that made you behave as if you were drunk. They had to take part in a race with the glasses on and try throwing balls in a bucket. In another activity they went into a chat room to see if they were able to work out if there was someone in the chat room trying to get information from them.

The pupils in Primary 7 really enjoyed their morning and said that they had learned a lot in a fun way. Athletics

Four pupils from Primary 7 and four pupils from Primary 6 took part in an athletics event to mark the Commonwealth Games in Delhi. All the schools taking part represented a country in the Commonwealth. Wemyss Bay Primary's country was Nigeria. The team wore green T-shirts and white shorts and had made Nigerian flags to wave. The events were 100m sprint, relay race, shot putt and long jump. Wemyss Bay Primary did really well coming in 4th. Well done to Lewis McLeod, Emma Smith, Sophie McDougall, Jack MacLean, Amy Donnelly, Cara Murdoch, Greg McIntyre and Andrew Wilson.

BT Infinity

For those of you who aren't already aware of BT Infinity, it is BT's next generation broadband network designed to offer considerably faster broadband speeds to customers all around the country.

Obviously it will take quite a few years to implement this nationwide and as was the case with broadband all those years back, villages are normally last to receive an upgrade.

However, BT are offering everybody the chance to nominate their local exchange for the upgrade through their "Race To Infinity" program, regardless of whether you live in a big city or a small village.

I would just like to take this opportunity to encourage everybody to visit <http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com/> and take a few minutes to find out more about BT Infinity and register our local exchange for the upgrade.

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Wemyss Bay Winterfest

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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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