

Wemyss Bay Village News

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Wemyss Bay Community Association

AGM

The annual general meeting will be held in the Community Centre on Sunday the 6th of March at 7pm. Due to members of the Association stepping down after many many years we need to fill the positions to allow the Association to carry on and the Community Centre, the Gala, Christmas Light Switch on to continue.

Wemyss Bay News Editor – this entails the collecting of emails and editing this into a standard template for the Village News.

Distributor – this entails dropping off the news when printed to various people around the village who deliver the news.

Letting Secretary – keeps the Community Centre diary up to date and deals with all booking requests for the Centre.

The Association relies heavily on these positions and if anyone is interested in giving up a small amount of there time please come along to the meeting.

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.

Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay Parish Church

Morning Worship every Sunday at 11am

Sunday Club takes place for the children at the same time. In February we are planning a Noah's Ark Party, in March we hope to have a Spring Festival, the Cradle Roll Party and lots of Easter activities in April. All are welcome.

Kirk Session: meets on Thursday 3rd March at 7.30pm in the Upper Hall

REV MORRIS COULL : FAREWELL DINNER

Arrangements have been made to mark Morris's retirement as our Minister at a Family Dinner to be held at Brisbane House Hotel, Largs on the evening of Sunday 17th April 2011 at 7pm for 7.30pm. The Cost Will Be £17.50 per person which includes refreshments on arrival. Children's menu available at the hotel. Those wishing to attend should contact Margaret Spence on 522300 or spencem@yahoo.co.uk

Weekday Events:

Ballroom Dancing: The Not So Strictly Come Dancing Group in the Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay Church Hall on Tuesday 6th October at 7p.m. until 9p.m. under the guidance of Andy Adair. Even if you've never danced before you will soon learn the basics to get round the dance floor in confidence. Come along and enjoy a pleasant social evening with gentle exercise; it's never too late! The cost is £1.50 per person.

Country Dancing: Every Wednesday evening in the Church Hall at 7.30pm

Friday Soups: Every Friday from 12.15 -1.15pm, delicious home made soup, filled rolls, tea and coffee in the Church Hall. Come and enjoy the company and good food.

Stuart McMillan MSP

Firstly, I wanted to make Village News readers aware that I have managed to secure a meeting with the Minister for Transport to discuss the concerns of local residents in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay regarding the A78 Trunk Road – Inverkip Junction.

Since I've been writing this Village News column the SNP Government, which some predicted would not last three months when elected in 2007, has achieved a lot for people in Inverclyde in the past four years.

As opposed to 60 per cent increases in Council Tax from 1999 to 2007, we have frozen it for three consecutive years. Prescription charges are on the way out and many more schools have been completed in these years. The small business bonus has benefited every High Street and we have recently attempted to levy the rates of the top 200 superstores like Tesco to take more of their share. The latter is bitterly opposed by opposition parties. Free personal care for the elderly has been protected as is free bus travel for elderly, disabled and veteran Scots.

We have seen the graduate endowment for students abolished and proposals brought forward to introduce a fuel duty regulator, something I know will be supported by many residents throughout Inverclyde. I welcome these policies which are positive for Inverclyde.

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St Columba High School

There will be a meeting for parents of second year pupils on Thursday 17th February to explain course choices for third year. The meeting will be held in the school, starting at 7.00pm.

Adult Association

The following classes will take place in the school from January to March:-

Monday - Art Group 7.00pm - 9.00pm
 Guitar Group 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Tuesday - Cross-stitch group 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Wednesday - Yoga 7.30pm - 9.00pm

It is still possible to join any of these classes. For more information please telephone Morag Wilson 521626.

A Great Big Thank You

May I through the village news offer a sincere if somewhat belated thank you to the children of Wemyss Bay Primary School and nursery, for the many wonderful presents I received from them at Christmas

There is no doubt in my mind that I am the luckiest lollypop man in Scotland.

Once again a big thank you

Kenny

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The budget that is available for Central Heating Grants is limited and, as such, we have set qualifying criteria to ensure that our funding is used to help those most in need. If you think that you meet the following criteria and may be eligible for a Central Heating Grant please contact the Inverclyde Care & Repair Service on tel: 787975.

The qualifying criteria are as follows, you must;

- a) have a partial, broken or inefficient heating system or no heating system at all, and
- b) be in Fuel Poverty (i.e. spend 10% or more of your household income on heating your home), and
- c) not qualify for stage 4 of the Scottish Government's Energy Assistance Package.

This approach is designed to complement the Scottish Government's Energy Assistance Package (EAP). The EAP is a 4 stage package, stage 4 of which offers the installation of a new heating system or new boiler to applicants in the following circumstances.

Home owners or private rented sector tenants where they or their partner are;

- * Aged 60 or over and have no central heating system in the home, or
- * living in an energy inefficient home (as defined by an energy audit) where they or their partner are;
- * Aged 75 or over
- * Aged 60 or over and receives one of the 12 qualifying benefits
- * Has a child under 5 and receives one of the 12 qualifying benefits
- * Has a disabled child under 16 and receives one of the 12 qualifying benefits, or
- * Is pregnant and receives one of 12 qualifying benefits

Further information on the Energy Assistance Package can be found on the Scottish Government website - <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/Housing/access/FP/eap> or by calling 0800 512 012.

Wemyss Bay Primary

Engineering and Technology Challenge

On Tuesday 23rd November three Primary 6 pupils and three Primary 7 pupils went to Greenock Town Hall to take part in an Engineering and Technology challenge. When we got there we were put into pair with someone from our school and then put into groups with pairs from three other schools. Every primary school in Inverclyde was there. We were given five minutes to get to know each other then we had two challenges. We had an hour to make a marble run and a quiz board.

The boys at our table made the marble run and the girls made the quiz board. We made the quiz board out of a pizza box, split pins, sticky notes and wire. Our board came first. The marble run was made out of a pizza box, paper, skewers, sellotape, wires, buzzer and tin foil. Unfortunately our marble run did not work.

In the afternoon we had to make a presentation about our future and the values we had. It was a great experience and we all enjoyed our day.

Netball Tournament

On Wednesday 24th November thirteen girls from Primary 6 and Primary 7 went to the Winter League Netball tournament at Greenock Sports Centre with Mrs Eaglestone and Mrs McCallum.

When we arrived there were ten different teams, including us, taking part. The other teams were St Michael's A and B teams, Lady Alice, St Columba's A and B, St Mary's, St Patrick's, St Ninian's and St Joseph's. We were split into two different groups, the pink court and green court. We were on the green court with four other teams. We won two games and lost two games and came third in our group. The first and second teams in each group went through to the semi-finals.

We had lots of fun and cannot wait for the next tournament.



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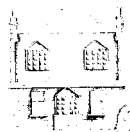
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Wednesday 9th: Mr Ron Hempseed on the subject of 'The Sovereign's Escort'

Wednesday 26th: Mr Jim Hunter on the subject of 'Thiepval and the Somme'

Wednesday 9th: Miss Molly Paton on the subject of 'Antartica'

All members, old and new, and visitors will be made most welcome. The subscription is £10 per annum and £1 for visitors. Further details may be obtained from the secretary Ann Haig on tel. 522316.

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Local contact

Allison: 07875072723

Sara : 07779617957

John : 07515671679

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We have recently received several emails which appear to be from the Royal Bank of Scotland but are, in fact, phishing emails and are not from RBS – example below.

If you receive an email which purports to be from RBS and asks you to click on a link to verify your account information PLEASE DO NOT CLICK ON THE LINK. Delete it from your system.

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council

No meeting of Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council in February. The next meeting will be on Thursday March the 3rd in Inverkip Primary School and the April meeting will be held on Thursday 7th April in the Rogues' Room at the Inverkip Hotel

And Now For the Small Print

Please note that we do our best to ensure that adverts are neither misleading or offensive, however the appearance of an advertisement in the Village News does not imply that either the editors or the Community Association endorse the advertiser and / or their products / services.

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 March edition will be Friday 18th February.

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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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