Wemyss Bay Village News

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Gala Weekend – 9th - 12th June 2011

Building on the success and popularity of the 2010 gala, this year's gala will again be a 4-day event, running from Thursday 9th June through to Sunday 12th June.

GRAND PRIZE DRAW

£2,500 for your 'holiday of a lifetime

In partnership with Kenneth MacLeod Travel Ltd we are having a Grand Prize Draw for a £2,500 'holiday of a lifetime.' The prize allows you to chose a complete holiday package worth £2,500 that you could tailor to your own tastes, or alternatively you could use the prize to put towards a holiday of greater value. Kenneth MacLeod Travel Ltd are also offering £250 spending money or a set of luggage to that value.

We also have a fabulous 2nd prize of a trip for two with Loch Lomond Seaplanes from Luss, which includes an overnight stay at Culag luxury lochside guest house

Tickets for the grand prize draw are priced at £2.50 each and are available from Committee members or can be purchased from the gala box office which will open at the Community Centre on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th May from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Tickets will also be available on Saturday the 11th of June which is the day of the Gala and is also the day when the grand prize draw will take place.

Gala – What's On and Where

Thursday 9th June – Ladies Night
We are holding a Girls Pamper Evening in the Marquee from 7.30pm till 10.30pm. We have our very own cocktail barman for the evening. Beauty therapists will be available to do bite-size beauty treatments from £5.00. So if you fancy an Indian Head Massage, Reflexology, Neck and Shoulder Massage, your nails done or a top-up in the tanning booth please come along and join in the fun. Due to licensing laws this is a strictly over 18 event. Tickets are priced £2 each and include a complimentary drink on arrival as well as the chance to boogie at the disco later in the evening. Tickets are available directly from Bobbie McCabe (tel: 529512) and, if not already sold out by that time, will also be available from the gala box office.

Friday 10th June – Themed Family Disco
The Friday night family disco sets the theme for the Gala weekend, which this year will be Country & Western. So dust off your Stetsons from 5 years ago and come along and join us in the marquee for some rootin'-tootin' fun with our live band Ellis County. Tickets will be available from the box office on 24th and 25th May and there will be a prize for best dressed adult and best dressed child.

Saturday 11th June – Gala Day
The arrival of the Gala King and Queen at 12pm will herald the official opening of our Gala day. There will be kids rides, inflatables, stalls from community groups, the Grand Prize Draw and the return of Wemyss Bay's Got Talent where everyone will no doubt be eager to see a performance from last year's winners 'The Hula Kings.'

We are looking for Wemyss Bay's greatest talent, so whatever your age, whatever your talent, WBGT is the contest worth entering. Application forms are available in the Spar, just pop it into the box behind the counter and our Association member will be in touch.

There will be a Craft Village in the grounds of the Community Centre from 12-4pm. It will feature the work of local designers and makers and give you the opportunity to buy something a little bit different for yourself, family or friends. 10% of all sales on the day will go towards the cost of the Gala so not only will you be supporting local enterprise but also your local community.

Sunday 12th June – Ardgowan Football Development Gala Day
Ardgowan Football Development hold their annual gala day on the Sunday. With over 200 kids in attendance they make full use of the grassed area the 3G pitch and the marquee. Throughout the afternoon parents and family will have the chance to watch their kids display the football skills that they have learned over the past year and to see them presented with their certificates and trophies.

Wemyss Bay Community Association

Your Community Association meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the Inverkip Hotel at 7pm. If you are interested in finding out what is going on in and around the village or helping out at the upcoming Summer Gala please come along. We are a friendly group who make all our visitors most welcome.

Any articles or information for publishing in future editions should be e-mailed to the Village News Editor or placed in the Village News folder in the Spar. If you have any queries about the Community Association or Village News then please don't hesitate to contact us via the e-mail addresses at the top of the page.

Waste collection

Your black bin will be collected on Tuesdays the 24th May and 7th & 21st June. Your blue and brown bins will be emptied on Tuesdays the 17th & 31st May and 14th & 28th June.

Playpark Investment

Inverclyde Council have agreed to improve and upgrade the playpark at the rear of the Community Centre. A total of £75,000 will be spent on extending the play area, replacing the bark with a more suitable play surface, removing one of the existing play units and installing at least 4 new play units. Improvements will also be made to the drainage at the playpark site. The £75,000 budget for the playpark improvements is made up of £50,000 from the Wemyss Bay Planning Bond that has been held by the Council since the Castle Wemyss development and a £25,000 contribution from Inverclyde Council.

Friends of Wemyss Bay Station

The second Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Wemyss Bay Station will be held on Saturday 14th May, at 2.00 pm in Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay Parish Church Hall. After the business part of the meeting, the speaker will be John Yellowlees, External Relations Manager of First ScotRail, on 'Station Adoption'. John has been the driving force behind the adoption programme, which has seen many and varied ideas found for the use of empty station buildings, including our own. Visitors are welcome to join the meeting.

The Friends are pleased to announce that their second-hand bookshop at the station has re-opened, at last. With additional shelving, a new layout, new heating system, and other improvements, the aim is to display even more of our stock, in pleasant surroundings. We have also installed additional planters inside and outside, and are preparing them for the new season.

Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church

You are warmly invited to our Church Services every Sunday morning at 11am. The Sunday Club for children joins the service for the first ten minutes before leaving for their own activities. The exception this month is May 22nd when the Service will be held at the earlier time of 10am, as a bus is leaving just after 11am for the Church Celebration in Edinburgh Princes Street Gardens 'Roll Away the Stone'.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning - May 21st 10am-12noon

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Advance notice is given that the opening meeting 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."

The Country Club 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 afternoons 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 our Secretary, Mrs Ann Haig on 522316.

Facebook & Twitter

In addition to our longstanding Village website, Wemyss Bay Community Association can be found on Facebook. We are also pleased to announce that we now post regular Village News updates on Twitter. You can follow us on Twitter @wemyssbaynews

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council

The next meeting of the Community Council is on Thursday 2nd June at Inverkip Primary School, due to start at 7.30pm and all welcome.

Inverkip Gala Day

Inverkip Gala Day will be held on Saturday 4th June. All the fun of the fair - there'll be a procession of classic cars along Main Street, Inverkip at 11.30 that morning - and then for the Gala itself roundabouts, a zip slide, archery, a climbing wall, a bucking bronco, tea and beer tents, stalls, a brass band and BBQ, children's races, a tug-of-war, baking competition, bonny baby competition and dog competition.

Inverclyde Green Gym

Inverclyde residents are being offered the opportunity to increase their fitness while improving their environment. The Inverclyde Green Gym encourages people to participate in instructor-led environmental volunteering, involving activities such as tree planting, path improvements, beach cleaning and scrub clearance.
Funded by the Inverclyde Alliance, Inverclyde Council's Green Charter and Lower Clyde Greenspace, it is a positive scheme for Inverclyde and directly links people's health to their environment.
Green Gyms can help improve cardiovascular fitness and the activities often burn off more calories than a normal aerobics session as well as providing the added benefits of fresh air, improved environmental quality and the opportunity for volunteers to make new friends. People can join in for the morning or afternoon sessions, or stay for the whole day.
Green Gym sessions will run every Thursday during May and June, with transport and equipment provided. Places are limited, so people wishing to participate should contact Lower Clyde Greenspace on 01475 712071 as soon as possible.

On This Day In Wemyss Bay History

In May 1865 the Greenock to Wemyss Bay Railway line opened leading to further development of Wemyss Bay and the construction of additional large villas, giving rise to the nickname 'little Glasgow.'
In May 2009 Wemyss Bay Leisure Steering Group submitted proposals to Inverclyde Council for a new 3G pitch to replace the previous blaes schoolpitch.

If you have any interesting facts about Wemyss Bay that you'd like to include in our new section we would be glad to receive them at either of our e-mail addresses or alternatively you can drop a note into the Village News folder in the Spar.

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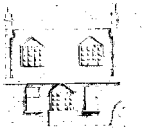

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Inverclyde Local Development Plan - Main Issues Report

The Main Issues Report (MIR) is a consultative document which sets out general proposals for development and in particular, identifies where development should and should not occur. It includes the Council's policies and proposals for the development and use of land, including its 'big ideas' for future development in the form of 'main issues'.

Inverclyde Council is keen to hear what the local community thinks about the issues discussed in the report and welcomes any discussion generated.

The consultation will run from Friday 27 May to Friday 22 July 2011.

Copies of the report can be viewed at your local public library during normal opening hours or at the Regeneration and Planning Service offices at Cathcart House, 6 Cathcart Square, Greenock, PA15 1LS between 8.45am - 4.45pm Mon – Thu and 8.45 – 4.00pm Friday.

Alternatively, view and download the report by going to www.inverclyde.gov.uk and clicking on the box.

Representations can be made by

- E-mailing ldp@inverclyde.gov.uk
- Completing a paper comments form and sending it to Regeneration and Planning Service at the above address.

In the interests of the environment, electronic correspondence should be used whenever possible.

Comments must be submitted by 4pm on Friday 22 July 2011.

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