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Gala Weekend – 9th - 12th June 2011

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. The beauty treatment taster sessions were fully booked and the women of Wemyss Bay enjoyed their Indian head massages, reflexology and nail treatments.

We finished off the evening 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 the weather will be a bit warmer! Many thanks to our cocktail waiter for not only making fantastic cocktails but putting up with over 100 merry ladies!

Friday Night Barndance

The Friday night barndance was kicked off by our live country & western band, Ellis County and their foot-stomping tunes certainly got people up off of their chairs and onto the dancefloor. Thanks must go to the Clyde Coasters who set the standard for line dancing and showed everyone how it should be done.

There were plenty of themed outfits worn, with some people really looking the part. The fancy dress competition was won by a couple who had obviously put a lot of effort into their country & western outfit, which was complete with inflatable horse! Unfortunately this Editor had imbibed a little too much moonshine by that time and forgot to take a note of their details. Belated congratulations and a warm welcome to the Village.

Gala Day - Saturday

Our Gala Weekend started at 12 noon when a limousine arrived outside the marquee and out stepped our Gala Queen, Mairi McLean and her attendant Nicola Anderson with Gala King Andrew Clifford and his attendant Liam Kelly. Family and friends were all there to welcome their arrival and after our Royal party opened the Gala we had the crowning of the Gala Queen and lots of time to take pictures.

Our compere for the day was local DJ, Jim, of Cheers Disco who kept the music coming throughout the afternoon. We also had a roaming photographer on-site for the day, thanks to Mr Rodgers for giving up his day to join us.

We had lots of attractions this year with something for just about every age, the young and the not-so-young. For the 1st time we had Britain's largest inflatable slide, which put a glint in the eye of many adults as well as the kids! The return of the mobile ski-slope proved popular and at this rate it may become a regular visitor the village. The craft village was also another returning attraction and provided the ideal opportunity to pick up hand-made gifts for birthdays, Fathers Day or perhaps something nice for the house.

The Guides ran the tea-room and a few Dads were spotted flexing their arms whilst trying to impress the kids at the Guides coconut stall. The ever popular Beat the Keeper had a queue of kids putting the keeper through his paces and the winners at the Youth Club tombola were able to compare their Meerkats.

The forecast for the day was rain in the afternoon and as predicted it arrived. However, it didn't appear to dampen the spirits of the many in attendance and everyone simply retreated to the marquee or the tearoom for shelter and 'refreshments.'

Wemyss Bay's Got Talent

We had another fantastic year with Wemyss Bay's Got Talent. 1st Prize went to Becky Deveney who sung a fantastic version of the Mark Ronson & Amy Winehouse hit 'Valerie' and it's probably fair to say that just about everyone in the marquee was surprised by the big voice that came from little Becky.

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.

Ardgowan Football Development Prizegiving

AFD continued their 10th anniversary celebrations with their annual display and prizegiving which gave parents the opportunity to see the skills that the kids had learned throughout the previous year. After a display of footballing skills on the 3G pitch everyone packed into the marquee where the kids were presented with their certificates of achievement and special 10th anniversary medals.

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 the Gala weekend could not happen. Thank you to everyone who helped in the sale of the Raffle Tickets.

This year we were fortunate enough to receive grants and donations towards the Gala from Inverclyde Council, Scottish Power and Shell UK. Thank you to those organisations and a further special thanks to a local donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, for their generosity and support this year and in many, many previous years.

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

Wemyss Bay Community Association

Your Community Association meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the Inverkip Hotel at 7.30pm. If you are interested in finding out what is going on in and around the village 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 5th & 19th July and 2nd, 16th & 30th of August. Your blue and brown bins will be emptied on Tuesdays the 12th & 26th July and 9th & 23rd August. Reminders are 'tweeted' each Monday to those who follow us on Twitter.

Friends of Wemyss Bay Station

The first exhibition in the Station Gallery since re-opening will be the "Inverclyde Flying Boat Project", on from Monday, 4th July (afternoon) until Saturday, 9th July, inclusive.

Ray Dixon, who is working on building a replica full scale C Class flying boat in Port Glasgow, will give an informal talk about the project on 9th July at 2.00 p.m. Anyone wishing to attend this talk should leave their name with staff in the bookshop, as seating will be limited.

The Friends are pleased to announce that their second-hand bookshop at the station has re-opened. 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.

Wemyss Bay Adult Association

The enrolment evening for Wemyss Bay Adult Association will be on 7th September and a full programme for the forthcoming year will be available soon.

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.

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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.

Stuart McMillan MSP

It may only be six weeks since the election but already it seems like a lifetime ago. It has been straight back to work in the Scottish Parliament trying to get Scotland working and implementing the many pledges my party made during the election. The early signs are good, unemployment dropped by 10,000 in the last quarter and a recent business survey showed the Scottish economy strengthening and in its strongest position in three years. But there is plenty work to do make sure Scotland recovers strongly from the economic downturn of recent years, all of us in the parliament must continue to work hard to make sure this happens.

With the Scottish budget being cut by the Westminster coalition the next few years are going to be incredibly challenging, but I believe the Scottish electorate have elected a Scottish Government capable of guiding us through these tough economic times. With Alex Salmond and Nicola Sturgeon at the helm we are in good hands.

I would like to remind readers of the Wemyss Bay Village News that my door is always open and to contact me if you have any issues, you can contact via email at stuart.mcmillan.msp@scottish.parliament.uk or by phoning my office on 01418899519

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council

At May's Business Meeting Anne Clark of Inverclyde Council made a presentation on Community Payback. The Scottish Government has changed the law on community based sentences to make them tougher and more effective.

Ms Clark is keen to hear from local residents of any projects in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay they think may be suitable for Community Payback work – painting, decorating, gardening, clearing areas etc

If you have a suggestion please contact her at:

Inverclyde Council
Social Work Services
Community Service Office
Unit 6 Kingston Business Park
PORT GLASGOW
PA14 5DG or
anne.clark@inverclyde.gov.uk

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council will not be holding a monthly Business Meeting in July. The next meeting of the Community Council will be on Thursday 4th of August at 7.30pm - venue to follow.



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Dog Fouling

Unfortunately some dog walkers in the Village are not clearing up the excrement left by their dogs despite the provision of dog fouling bins. Residents are reminded that it is an offence not to remove and dispose of any excrement after a dog has fouled. This applies to all publicly accessible land, including the woods and beach area.

Inverclyde Council has Enforcement Officers who can issue fixed penalty notices of £40 to offenders. It is also a further offence to refuse to provide your name and address to an Enforcement Officer issuing a fixed penalty notice. If you have witnessed dog fouling offences being committed or are experiencing regular difficulties with people allowing their dogs to foul in your neighbourhood you can contact Inverclyde Council in confidence for advice and assistance on 714200.

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On This Day in Wemyss Bay History

In July 2009 work began on the 3G all-weather pitch next to Wemyss Bay Primary School.

In August 2008 the newly refurbished Wemyss Bay Primary School opened to pupils.

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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