

Wemyss Bay Village News

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Wemyss Bay Community Association

Welcome to the 250th edition of Village News. It's not only our 250th edition; it's also exactly 24 years since the first edition dropped through letter boxes in the village. Village News could not have lasted all those years without local input, so a big thank you is due to all those people, organisations and companies who have contributed to, advertised in, edited, printed, delivered and read the news down the years. Thank you and here's to the next 250.

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. The closing date for submissions for the October edition is Friday 23rd September 2011. 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 13th and 27th of September. Your blue and brown bins will be emptied on Tuesdays the 6th and 20th of September. Reminders are 'tweeted' each Monday to those who follow us on Twitter.

Friends of Wemyss Bay Station

The award-winning Friends of Wemyss Bay Station have created a garden at the railway terminal with support from ScotRail.

The garden includes a vegetable plot with beds of carrots, leeks, onions and salad crops. There is also a 'polytunnel', traditionally used to protect young fruit and vegetable crops, in which tomatoes, courgettes and peppers are thriving. The polytunnel will also be used for growing bedding plants for transfer to containers in the station.

All the plants are being cared for by people who live in nearby flats. Nancy Cameron, chairwoman of the Friends of Wemyss Bay Station, said: "The new garden allows local flat-dwellers a chance to reconnect with gardening. Already the beds are planted with onions, leeks, carrots and salad crops."

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.

The Country Club

The opening meeting of The Country Club for the 2011/2 session will be held on Wednesday 28th September at 2.30pm when the speaker will be Mr Stewart Kerr on the subject of 'Business Travels in Russia.'

The Country Club is a non-political and non-denominational club which was founded over 20 years ago for all in Wemyss Bay and the surrounding area aged 50 years of age and over. Meetings are 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 as well as a summer outing.

The annual subscription for the Club is £10 with visitors paying £1 per meeting. We are keen to increase our membership and would like to extend an invitation to all who have some time to spare. So please come along and join us you will be made most welcome. Further particulars may be obtained from our Secretary, Mrs Ann Haig on 522316.

Wemyss Bay Adult Association

Our new Autumn/Winter programme is as follows:-

ART - starts Monday 19 September 7-9 pm for 10/12 weeks

GITAR - starts Monday 19 September 7-9pm for 10/12 weeks

CROSS-STITCH - starts Tuesday 20 September 7-9pm for 10/12 weeks

YOGA - starts Wednesday 21 September 7.30-9pm

New classes on offer are Jewellery Making, Cake Decorating and Chewin' the Fat for Scotland which is a fun look at Scottish History. These classes will only go ahead if there is sufficient interest.

Enrolment for the above classes will be held in Wemyss Bay Primary on Tuesday 6th September from 7-9pm. It may be possible to enrol on the first night of the course, or alternatively you can telephone one of the committee members which are on the back of the Adult Association programme which has been delivered along with your village news.

All classes are held in Wemyss Bay Primary.

For more information, please telephone Morag Wilson on 521626.

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council

The Community Council holds monthly Business Meetings, usually on the first Thursday of the month. Any member of the public (particularly Inverkip and Wemyss Bay residents) are welcome to attend.

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Bible Club & Youth Club

Bible Club and Youth Group will be starting again on Monday, 12th September 2011. If your child or young person would like to join Bible Club or Youth Group, 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 (dodgeball, electricity and many others) and a tuck shop, along with various outings throughout the year. Last year was a busy year which ended in June with a visit to Funworld and Laser Matrix for Bible Club. Youth Group enjoyed outings to Xscape, M&D's, Lazer Planet and the In Bru Carnival. A small number of young people also got to attend the Scotland v. Spain game at Hampden in October which was a great occasion (despite Scotland losing 3-2). Some of the group will be going to the upcoming qualifier against Lithuania in September at Hampden.

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our groups at the Gala Day in June with Beat the Keeper, and special congratulations to the 3 guys who succeeded in the 5 in a row challenge! 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.

Ardgowan Football Development

Registration for 2011/12 took place in August and the new session times are noted below:

- P1. 12:05 - 13:20 indoors
- P2. 13:25 - 14:40 indoors
- P3. 14:45 - 16:00 indoors
- P4. 10:30 - 12:00 Astro turf
- P5. 12:00 - 13:30 Astro turf
- P6. 13:30 - 15:00 Astro turf
- P7. 15:00 - 16:30 Astro turf

Goalkeeping sessions are also available, contact AFD for further info.

Fly Tipping

Unfortunately some residents of our Village seem determined to spoil the Village by dumping their garden refuse on common ground in and around the village. Despite many people's belief that garden refuse is 'biodegradable' and therefore not fly tipping, the fact is that dumping garden refuse is fly tipping and, as such, offenders can be fined. If you have a problem with fly tipping or witness fly tipping you can report this crime using the 'Dumb Dumpers' hotline on 0845 230 4090

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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.

Village News Distribution

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On This Day in Wemyss Bay History

In September 1864 the paddle steamer 'PS Largs' was launched by the Wemyss Bay Steamboat Company.

In September 1987 the 1st edition of Village News was printed.

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.

And Now For the Small Print

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