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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 joining the Community Association, simply finding out what is going on in and around the village or want to lend a hand at our annual summer gala or christmas lights switch-on 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 December edition is Friday 25th November. 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 blue recycling bin will be emptied on Tuesdays the 1st, 15th and 29th of November. Please note that the garden waste collection has now been suspended for the remainder of the Autumn and Winter months and will resume in early Spring 2012. Your black bin will be collected on Tuesdays the 8th and 22nd of November. Reminders are 'tweeted' each Monday to those who follow us on Twitter.

Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church

Services of Worship - Sunday Mornings at 11am to which all are warmly invited. Tea and Coffee in hall following Service - come along and be made very welcome. Children join us for the first 10 minutes before going to have their own time in Sunday Club in the Upper Hall.

Soup Lunches are available on Fridays at 12.15pm in the Church Hall. Please come along and enjoy a bowl of home-made soup and a filled roll.

The Annual Shoe Box Appeal is under way and preparations are in hand to deliver the boxes in time for Christmas. The boxes are given to people living in desperate poverty in Eastern Europe, India and Pakistan. The value of "everyday" items to such people cannot be imagined by those of us who take such things for granted. The closing date for donations is set as Sunday 6th November. Leaflets on how to contribute are available in the Church Hall from where filled boxes will be uplifted for transport to Blythswood Care For further information or to arrange a home pick-up call Bob Smyth on 520854

A Christmas Fayre will be held in the Church Hall Saturday 26th November from 10am - 1pm. stalls, tea, coffee home baking.

Workers Educational Association (Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Branch)

Autumn Session 2011

The Autumn session of the WEA (Workers' Educational Association) has started and has a series of talks, on a wide variety of subjects planned. We meet in the Reading Room above the Library in Skelmorlie Community Centre in Upper Skelmorlie, which is easily accessible by bus (the stop is at the front door) and has a large car park close by. Teas and coffees are available from 9.45a.m. and talks usually finish by 11.30 so there is plenty of time to fit in other activities after lunch.

There is no compulsory membership and you can come along to whatever talks appeal to you. It costs £2.50 or £2.00 for concessions. For further information please phone Jenny McGee (01475 521090)

The Remainder of the Autumn Programme is as follows:

November 2nd - "A Choral Celebration" We welcome back our popular Musical Maestro Glyn Bragg, who will lead us through a mix of sacred and secular music from a variety of choirs from all over the world accompanied by his entertaining repartee.

November 9th - "Power and Paranoia" – Mad Dictators and Crazy Kings. Dr. Oliver Thomson returns with another thought-provoking subject which will inevitably lead to a lively debate!

November 16th - "Central Spain" Roger Watts takes us on a pictorial tour of Madrid and some of Spain's walled cities.

November 23rd - "Waveheart – Sir Andrew Wood of Largo" Brian Searl takes a look at the life of a man who began his career as a Merchant in Leith but rose to become Lord High Admiral of Scotland.

November 30th - "Sherry, Shortbread and a Seasonal Surprise" Our "Free" morning which does "what it says on the tin" A fun end to the session and introduction to the Festive Season.

The Country Club

The November meetings of The Country Club, to be held in The Chart Room at Kip Marina are as follows;

Wednesday 9th November – Mr Eddy Yde on the subject of 'Lands End to John O' Groats'

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. The afternoons are always rounded off with a welcome 'cuppa' and time for a chat and 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. Further particulars may be obtained from our Secretary, Mrs Ann Haig on 522316.

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Our P1 - P3 Indoor Sessions are full and there are limited places available in our outdoor P4 - P7 Outdoor Sessions. If your child would like to join AFD please contact Iain Buchan on 07791 964277 or speak to one of the Coaches on a Sunday.

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

AFD Christmas Fun Day

Our Christmas Fun Day takes place in Greenock Sports Centre on Sunday 4th December from 1pm - 4pm. This is a family day, when our annual club photograph is taken, and brings our 2011 AFD session to a close.

Health & Safety

Parents are welcome to watch AFD/ATFC Sessions/Matches but entry to the Pitch Area is at their own risk. Due to insurance restrictions only AFD/ATFC kids/parents may access the Pitch Area during session times.

Ardgowan Thistle FC

We have four ATFC Teams this year, at Under 9, 10, 11 and 12 age groups, and all kids are selected from the AFD Sunday Sessions. As always, selection is based on ability, attitude, behaviour and attendance at AFD.

AFD £1,000 Draw

Our Annual £1,000 Draw will take place on Saturday 25th February 2012 and we will be issuing tickets to parents in December. As always, all prizes will be worth at least £50. Anyone wishing to donate a prize should contact John Reid on 522431 or reidbrueacre@btinternet.com

No Knives, Better Lives

AFD donated £100 to the charity football match between pupils from Inverclyde Academy and Greenock Morton which was held in memory of Chris Knox who was killed in June. All money raised will go to Victim Support. www.noknivesbetterlives.com/inverclyde

Friends of Wemyss Bay Station

At the recent Inverclyde Gardenfest Awards ceremony in Port Glasgow, The Friends of Wemyss Bay Station were delighted to receive First Prize in the Community Gardens section. We came home with a silver trophy and a very welcome voucher to spend in Cardwell Garden Centre.



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Bible Club & Youth Club

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. Youth Group is from 7.45pm to 9.30pm and is for young people in P7 and high school.

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.

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council

The first monthly Business Meeting of Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council's new session will be held in Inverkip Primary School on Thursday the 3rd of November at 7.30pm

Four of the members of the previous Community Council chose not to stand again and the following nominees were appointed unopposed:

David Adams, Wemyss Bay
Jean Anderson, Inverkip
Tracy Bunton, Inverkip
Lynne Chambers, Inverkip
Ronald Potter, Inverkip
Telfer Ramage, Inverkip
Hugh Ritchie, Inverkip
Gordon Rodgers, Wemyss Bay,
Eileen Virtue, Inverkip

The following meeting of the Community Council will be held on Thursday 1st of December, again in Inverkip Primary at 7.30pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend the Business Meetings. Please let Community Councillors know of any concerns you may have or if you have suggestions, observations or just a general interest in the community contact the Community Council's website on www.inverkip-wemyssbaycc.co.uk

Following a church service there will be a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Pierhead, Wemyss Bay at noon on Sunday the 13th of November.

The switch-on of the Christmas Lights will take place in Wemyss Bay at 7pm on Friday 2nd of December and once again this year the Community Council is planning to provide an entertainer to add to the fun of the event.

Facebook & Twitter

In addition to our longstanding Village website, Wemyss Bay Community Association can also be found on Facebook and Twitter. You can follow us on Twitter @wemyssbaynews



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Inverclyde Carers Centre supports adult Carers throughout the Inverclyde area. Carers can come in and speak to staff confidentially about their caring role or if preferred, speak with other Carers who can also provide support and understanding through groups or meeting up at the centre for a chat.

The centre has an Outreach worker at various locations within Inverclyde to enable Carers to access our services. Home visits can also be arranged for Carers who cannot leave their home due to their caring role.

The centre has recently secured additional funding to increase our presence in health settings and to allow home visits for Carers who are not able to access support.

Inverclyde Carers Centre Outreach service will also be developing its support to unpaid Carers who live in Wemyss Bay and Inverkip and would welcome any comments or suggestions from Carers living in those areas.

Inverclyde Carers Centre is a registered charity (SCO38583) and is part of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers network. If you would like more information about the services we provide, please contact the Inverclyde Carers Centre on 01475 735180.

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Kumon Maths and English classes re-open in Greenock

Kumon is delighted to announce that the Greenock study centre will reopen as of the 1 November at an exciting new venue at the Holiday Inn Express. Many families will be familiar with Kumon maths and English study centres as there is a 15 year history of Kumon classes in the area. During this time the Kumon maths and English study programmes have supported hundreds of students in the local community. Kumon is pleased to be able to offer a local and regular Kumon class back into the community and welcomes Leanne Lyons as our new Instructor.

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Above all, the programmes aim to nurture confident, independent children with key study skills and a passion for learning.

The new Greenock Study Centre will be located at the Holiday Inn Express with classes running after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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The scheme will see 200,000 homes across Scotland being offered free help to save on energy bills which is vital with the onset of winter, just round the corner. It's vital we offer support to those most in need with heating their homes.

Householders can find out more by contacting the Home Energy Scotland Hotline on 0800 512 012 or on 0300 456 2655 from a mobile.

Seasonal flu jab

The annual seasonal flu vaccine protects people over 65, those who have long term medical conditions and pregnant women, against the strains of influenza virus that are likely to be circulating during the next winter flu season.

If you think you're eligible for the flu vaccination, or if you want to know more, contact your GP surgery or NHS Helpline on 0800 22 44 88.

Contact: Stuart McMillan MSP

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