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Wemyss Bay Community Association - New Members Needed

Three years ago the Wemyss Bay Community Association had a situation where there was a requirement for new members. A meeting was held and there was a great response to this request, with new office bearers taking some of the key positions.

We are now in a similar situation where, in the coming months, there will be a number of positions being vacated. If these positions are not filled, the Community Association as it stands will cease to exist. There will be no Summer Gala weekend, no Christmas light switch-on event, no Village News and the keys of the Community Centre will be handed back to Inverclyde Leisure who will make all future decisions on the opening times, weekend availability and booking fees. The Community Association bear the full running and maintenance costs of the Centre and it is not clear whether Inverclyde Leisure would bear these costs in the long term.

The Community Association has decided to hold a special meeting on 26th February at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. This will be the last opportunity to recruit new members.

Please support your local community.

Waste collection

Your blue recycling bins will be emptied on Tuesdays 7th and 21st of February and the black bins will be emptied on Tuesdays 14th and 28th February.

Reminders on 'which bin, which week' are 'Facebooked' and 'tweeted' each Monday to those who follow us on those social networks.

Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church

On Wednesday 18th January the Service of Linkage took place between Inverkip Church and Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay Parish Church led by the Presbytery of Paisley and Greenock. There was a very large attendance at the Service and the sound of more than 200 voices raised in songs of praise was wonderful to hear. The service was followed by food and fellowship in the Hall.

From Sunday 12th February, Sunday Services will begin at 11.30am. From that date the Revd Ian Currie will be Locum Minister in the linked charge of Inverkip Church and Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay Parish Church. Services at Inverkip will start at 10am.

Ardgowan Football Development

Session times are noted below:

P1. 12:05 - 13:20 indoors
P3. 14:45 - 16:00 indoors
P5. 12:00 - 13:30 Astroturf
P7. 15:00 - 16:30 Astroturf

P2. 13:25 - 14:40 indoors
P4. 10:30 - 12:00 Astroturf
P6. 13:30 - 15:00 Astroturf

If your child would like to join AFD please contact Iain Buchan on 07791 964277.

£1,000 Draw - Parents are reminded that tickets and monies should be returned to one of the AFD Coaches by Sunday 19th February at the latest. All parents are required sell the 25 tickets issued and anyone wishing additional tickets should contact John Reid.

The draw will take place on Saturday 25th February 2012 and any local businesses wishing to donate a prize should contact John Reid on 522431 or reidbrueacre@btinternet.com

Bible Club and Youth Group

Our clubs were back on again in January after the Christmas and New Year break, although it was not a complete break for us as Youth Group took a trip to the Inn Bru Carnival during the Christmas holidays. A couple of the girls won giant teddies which they were delighted with! We also had a lot of fun at our Christmas parties with snacks and games at Bible Club and pizza at Youth Group, and special thanks go to the girls from Youth Group who helped out at the Bible Club party. A few of the young people also attended the Connect Christmas night at Greenock Baptist Church in December where they met up with some young people from other groups.

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. New faces are always welcome and it has been great to see a lot of new children at Bible Club recently. 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 other favourites), baking, regular outings and a tuck shop. The clubs are run by Strathclyde Bible Ministries (SBM) and there are no fees for either club. If you would like further information, please contact Stephen Renton on 01505 355994.

Friends of Wemyss Bay Station

The Station Bookshop ended the year in festive mood. Once again ScotRail gave the station a Christmas tree, and on the morning of 3rd December a group of singers from the parish church came along to perform on the concourse. This was greatly enjoyed by the travelling public, and the singers were able to make a generous donation to Glasgow City Mission. The Friends thanked them, and warmed them, with some mulled wine and mince pies. This also marked the opening of the Station Gift Shop, for the weeks up to Christmas, Bobbie McCabe, of Wemyss Bay, organised and displayed the work of several local craft makers in the Station Gallery. A great variety of craftwork was offered, and provided solutions to many Christmas present seekers. The Gift shop was a very successful event.

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‘Crafternoons’ at Wemyss Bay Community Centre

Are you interested in hand-crafts? Or perhaps you know someone who is? Perhaps you are the proud owner of a new sewing machine and are not sure what to do with it. Or maybe you would like to re-visit crafts you learned as a child. Or just want to try something new. A new group is being set up which will meet one ‘crafternoon’ a week at the community centre. Members can come along and share ideas while working on a variety of individual projects. The intention is also to have regular demos by a variety of local crafters so that members can have a taste of something new for a small weekly fee of £2.

If you are interested in joining please call Bobbie on 01475 529512.

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council, as part of its monthly Business Meeting on the 5th of January, hosted a discussion about the proposed housing development at the Inverkip Power Station site.

The application by Scottish Power Generating Ltd was due to be considered by Inverclyde Council’s Planning Board at its November meeting but was withdrawn for technical reasons. It could be re-submitted at any time.

As concerns had been expressed to the Community Council, information sheets were delivered to most homes in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay in advance of the meeting, outlining those concerns. Despite the fact the Inverclyde Local Plan 2005 indicated 400 homes may be built on the site, following reconsideration by Inverclyde Council the numbers have risen to between 640 and 780 in an Urban Village.

Concerns and objections about the proposed development were expressed by all but one of the 130 people who attended the meeting. They included the high number of houses; additional vehicles joining an already overcrowded A78; no indications of improvements to the infrastructure of the area or extended school or medical facilities.

If you wish to make your opinions known to members of the Planning Board, you can download a draft letter from the Community Council’s website on www.inverkip-wemyssbaycc.co.uk

The next meeting of the Community Council will be on Thursday 2nd of February 2012 in Wemyss Bay primary school.

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



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Stuart McMillan MSP

Inverkip Power Station Site

Many Village News readers will have attended the recent public meeting to discuss the future of the Inverkip Power Station site. I note the meeting was well attended and, I'm led to believe, the majority of those in attendance are against the current proposals.

Therefore, I would be keen to learn of Village News readers views on the issue as I have previously undertaken a consultation in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay on the Power Station proposals. I can be contacted at the details attached below.

Flooding

I also want to make Village News readers aware of the recent flooding summit I held in Inverclyde. The issue of flooding has been a long standing problem for the people of Inverclyde and one which requires action in-order to address the issue.

Last month Inverclyde, once again witnessed some of the worst weather conditions in Scotland and this led to disruptions for businesses, commuters and householders.

Therefore, I hope bringing the Minister for Environment and relevant organisations together will allow for a strategy to be put in place to tackle the problem of flooding throughout Inverclyde.

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Any articles, information or queries should be directed to wemyssbaynews@hotmail.co.uk or deposited in the Village News folder in the Spar. The closing date for submission of articles for inclusion in the next edition of Village News is Friday 24th February 2012.

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