

Wemyss Bay Village News

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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.

Waste collection

Your blue recycling bins will be emptied on Tuesdays 6th and 20th of March and the black bins will be emptied on Tuesdays 13th and 27th 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

Friday Soups - If you haven't already put this as a date in your weekly diary then why not give it a try. Delicious freshly filled rolls and a choice of tea or coffee to accompany your choice of one of 3 varieties of wonderful homemade soup. Friendly company and a lovely atmosphere - and all for the amazing price of £3.00. Every Friday at 12.15pm.

Following our linkage with Inverkip Church our Sunday Services of worship now begins at 11.30am. Our Locum Minister for the vacancy is the Revd Ian Currie. We look forward to welcoming you.

Diary of Services

March	2	7.00pm	World Day of Prayer in Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay Church
March	4	11.30am	2nd Sunday in Lent
March	11	11.30am	COMMUNION
March	18	11.30am	Cradle Roll Service (Mothering Sunday)
March	25	11.30am	Stewardship Service thereafter AGM in Church

Friends of Wemyss Bay Station

The Station Bookshop re-opened at the end of February after some further improvements including the installation of 2 handsome new inner doors and new lighting in the gallery.

We are now turning our attention to choosing plants for the containers in and around the station, daring even to think of summer displays.

Wemyss Bay Bible Club and Youth Group

At Youth Group, as Easter approaches, we will be using the Soul DVD as we explore and discuss who Jesus is and why he came using the youth version of the popular Christianity Explored course. Youth Group is for young people in P7 and high school and if you would like to come you will be made very welcome. There is no charge for coming although there is a tuck shop so you may wish to bring money for that. Our activities include a variety of competitions and games which regularly includes the ever popular dodgeball. We will also shortly be arranging our next outing so don't miss out on that. If you have not been for a while it would be great to see you. Youth Group is from 7.45pm to 9.30pm on Monday evenings at 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 and there is no charge for this club either. We have a large enthusiastic group of children at Bible Club so if your child would like to join the fun please bring them along on a Monday evening. The clubs are run by Strathclyde Bible Ministries (SBM) and if you would like further information, please contact Stephen Renton on 01505 355994.

Wemyss Bay Primary School

The school has been celebrating diversity this month through a variety of activities, experiences and workshops. Pupils have been learning about ways they can support other pupils and people within the community to make them feel valued and included. Pupils have discovered that everyone has similarities but are all different in their own special way.

Carers Outreach Meeting

If you look after someone who could not manage without you we would like to hear from you. Does the person you care for have an illness, frailty, disability or addiction issue and you don't know where to turn? If your answer is yes, then we can help support you.

Inverclyde Carers Centre supports unpaid carers throughout Inverclyde including, Wemyss Bay and Inverkip. Come along to meet with other local carers. Our friendly and experienced outreach staff will be available to provide information of the services we offer.

Join us for tea, coffee and home baking or some hot home-made soup and a crusty roll on Monday 19th March at Inverkip Parish Church Hall : 11.00am to 12.30pm.

If you can't make it along on that day please get in touch as we may be able to arrange a home visit.

For more information about the services we provide:

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Stuart McMillan MSP

Budget for economic recovery

Recently, the Finance Secretary put forward a budget aimed at boosting the economy and offering further employment opportunities throughout Scotland. At the same time the budget put forward investment in further and higher education, transport, housing, health and digital projects. All measures aimed at boosting Scotland's economy.

The SNP Government will also support students by investing an additional £19.5 million in our young people, through maintaining top-up funding for student support provided in 2011-12. Added to this, an additional £8 million next year will be provided to the Scottish Funding Council to help colleges play their part in delivering Opportunities for All commitments.

Overall, this Budget will help boost public sector capital investment, takes direct action to tackle unemployment, in particular youth unemployment and enhances economic security across the Scottish economy.

High hedge disputes

I know Village News readers will be pleased to know a members' bill is being brought forward at the Scottish Parliament to tackle high hedge disputes in Scotland.

It may not sound like the most exciting piece of legislation but I know that for many constituents this is an issue that blights their lives and damages neighbourhood relationships.

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Duncan McNeil MSP

Volunteers and the community

Last week I was privileged to present the Millennium Volunteer Award to 30 young scouts, in recognition of their commitment to our community. It was a tremendously positive event, and it was a delight to speak with the young volunteers and their parents. These scouts are the volunteers of the future, and it is crucial that we sustain, support and recognise their efforts.

In an uncertain world, when the reputation of our once respected institutions is in tatters, these young people are learning an invaluable lesson, that volunteering is about giving, not taking. Not only do they get the opportunity to meet new friends and learn new skills, but more importantly, they contribute to the well-being of our community.

There are hundreds of good people locally whose purpose in life is to make a difference. It is easy to underestimate what our world would look like without our dedicated volunteers at our churches, youth organisations, and health or sports services.

Their work is a reminder to all of us that in an increasingly sceptical world, that there are good people out there, dedicating their energy to helping others and making Inverclyde the strong, resilient community that it is.

We owe them all a debt of thanks.

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