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 3rd and 17th of April and the black bins will be emptied on Tuesdays 10th and 24th April.

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 begin at 11.30am. We look forward to welcoming you and please do join us for tea/coffee in the Hall following worship.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning: Saturday 12th May, 10.30am
Tickets priced £2.00. Tea and Coffee, home baking (Bacon Rolls £1.50 extra). tickets available at the door.

Wemyss Bay Bible Club and Youth Group

At Youth Group, as Easter approaches, we will 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.

Bible Club and Youth Group will be off on the 2nd and 9th April due to the Easter holidays. We will then be having our (After) Easter parties for both clubs on the 16th April 2012 with lots of fun, games, food and for the Youth Group, pizza! We are then off again for the local holiday on 23rd April but both clubs are back on the 30th April.

If you wish to come along on a Monday evening you will be made very welcome, it would be great to see you at our Easter parties. 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. Both clubs are held at Wemyss Bay Community Centre on Monday evenings. The clubs are run by Strathclyde Bible Ministries (SBM) and if you would like further information, please contact Stephen Renton on 01505 355994

Friends of Wemyss Bay Station

Our bookshop has re-opened after some necessary spring decoration which included the installation of two new doors, replicas of original ones, and a great improvement. New lighting has also been installed in the gallery to help illuminate the displays.

Plans are in place to install reproductions of some of the very attractive vintage posters which were originally produced to promote holidays on the Clyde and in Rothesay.

Our polytunnel in the Station Garden survived the January gales intact, fortunately, and we have succeeded in overwintering a number of plants. Now we hope to bring on plug plants in preparation for summer planting in the station.

A start has been made on a major eyesore at the exit to the station carpark. Paul Neeson, one of the Friends, is starting to clear away the mass of undergrowth and brambles, not to mention litter, under the clumps of trees at each corner, however Paul could do with some extra hands to help. If anyone in Wemyss Bay could help out for a few hours their assistance would be much appreciated. If you can help, please speak to Paul when you see him in action, or leave your contact details at the Bookshop.

Ardgowan Football Development: Easter Holidays

There are no Sunday Coaching Sessions on 1st or 8th April. Coaching sessions resume on Sunday 15th April. Wednesday sessions will continue as normal for Saturday games throughout the Easter period.

Thank you to all who came along to our Draw and Race Night and made it the best supported night we have had at AFD. Many prizes were won in the hall on the evening including the £1000 raffle winner, Michelle Low. Well done to her. The hall was packed out and with so much money going on all the races over the evening we were able to pay out £500 and £200 for the last race winners. On the evening around £2000 was made. Thanks to all sponsors parents and friends who helped contribute to this fantastic evening and support AFD throughout the year.

A full list of prize winners is available at www.ardgowanfd.co.uk

Wemyss Bay Primary School

Enterprising pupils from Wemyss Bay highlighted their work at a major event in Greenock Town Hall in March.

The school had been celebrating diversity through a variety of activities, experiences and workshops. Pupils learned 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.

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Pupils represented the school over the course of both evenings of the Enterprising Inverclyde Showcase 2012.

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council

The forthcoming business meetings of the Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council are undernoted as follows;

Thursday 5th April - The Chartroom, Kip Marina at 7pm
Thursday 3rd of May - Wemyss Bay Primary School at 7pm
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

Stuart McMillan MSP

Fight to save CMU;
I was disappointed to learn the Health Board is considering closing the Community Maternity Unit at the Inverclyde Royal Hospital and I will fight, once again, to maintain this service.

Whilst there has been a reduction in the number of births in the last year the CMU still provides a vital and excellent service to those that use it.

Four years ago there was a concerted local campaign to save the CMU from closure by the health board and I am sure there will be a campaign of the same vigour this time around.

I view the CMU at the IRH as an important cog in the future of the IRH and I will not accept that closure is inevitable or desired.

Therefore, I have recently met with the Chief Executive of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and have raised the issue with the Health Secretary.

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

Governments the world over are renowned for burying bad news on days when peoples backs are turned and attention is focused elsewhere.

Well, last week, all eyes were focused on Chancellor George Osborne's budget. And with nobody looking, the SNP government took the opportunity to bury some bad news of their own.

The Education Secretary Mike Russell following pressure from teachers and parents agreed to postpone the introduction of the national Curriculum for Excellence. Strange, given his assertion only two weeks ago before the Scottish Parliament's Education Committee that the debate on the Curriculum for Excellence was now "over".

Next the Health Secretary announced in parliament that NHS Lothian had been fiddling waiting time lists to give the impression that they had been meeting Scottish Government targets. This is a worrying development and the government must ensure that such practices are rooted out so that people's trust in the NHS is upheld.

Last, but not least, the Scottish Government climbed down from their long standing opposition to the Scotland Bill and backed the legislation securing greater powers for Holyrood. I welcome the development and it is a significant moment for those of us who believe in a stronger Scottish Parliament and a strong Scotland within the UK.

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