

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 gala on the weekend of 8th - 9th June or Christmas lights switch-on in December 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 1st, 15th and 29th of May and the black bins will be emptied on Tuesdays 8th and 22nd May.

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

Sunday Services : 11.30am

All welcome. Please do join us for tea/coffee in the Hall following worship.

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.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning: Saturday 12th May, 10.30am – 12.30pm
Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Church Hall. Tickets priced £2.00, available at the door. Tea and Coffee, home baking (Bacon Rolls £1.50 extra).

Friends of Wemyss Bay Station

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends will be held on Saturday, 12 May, at 2.00 p.m. in Skelmorlie Church Hall. The speaker will be Ian McCrorie, historian for Caledonian MaBrayne, who will talk about "Caley Boats from Wemyss Bay". Non-members are welcome. The Friends have recently started to improve the exit corners of the station carpark, which have become an appalling eyesore of weeds, brambles, and worst of all, piles of litter and rubbish. 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.

Wemyss Bay Bible Club and Youth Group

There will be no Bible Club or Youth Group on Monday 7th May or Monday 4th June due to school holidays, but we are on all of the other Mondays in May. We will soon be arranging our end of term trips to Funworld with Bible Club and M&Ds with Youth Group so make sure to come along to the clubs to find out details.

We are also planning to run Beat the Keeper again at the Gala Day in June so please come along and support us at that. Over the last month we took Youth Group to Climbzone at Xscape which everyone enjoyed although Gillian, one of our leaders, didn't seem too keen on being quite so high up in the SkyPark! We also celebrated Easter at our Easter parties where we saw a video of the amazing story of Glasgow minister John Harper who travelled on the Titanic.

If you would like to join our Youth Group, we meet 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 and new children are always welcome. There is no charge for either club although there is a tuck shop at Youth Group. The clubs are run by Strathclyde Bible Ministries (SBM) and if you would like further information, please contact Stephen Renton on 01505 355994.

Ardgowan Football Development: Easter Holidays

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

Session times are noted below:

P1. 12:05 - 13:20 indoors

P3. 14:45 - 16:00 indoors

P5. 12:00 - 13:30 Astro turf

P7. 15:00 - 16:30 Astro turf

P2. 13:25 - 14:40 indoors

P4. 10:30 - 12:00 Astro turf

P6. 13:30 - 15:00 Astro turf

Ardgowan Thistle FC U15 have finished second in the Johnstone & District U15 C league and have been promoted next season. Well done to Kenny, Johnny and Martin and of course the boys for a great season in which they finished with only two soft bookings over the year and no sendings off. A credit to the discipline of the boys and management team.

On This Day In Wemyss Bay History

In May 1865 the Greenock to Wemyss Bay Railway line opened leading to further development of Wemyss Bay and the construction of additional large villas, giving rise to the nickname 'little Glasgow.'

In May 2009 Wemyss Bay Leisure Steering Group submitted proposals to Inverclyde Council for a new 3G pitch to replace the previous blaes schoolpitch.

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 via our e-mail address or Facebook page.

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The Scottish Government have recently announced they and COSLA have reached an agreement to cover the costs of the decision taken by the UK Government to abolish the existing Council Tax Benefit in April 2013 and cut the successor budget by 10 per cent. In Inverclyde alone 11,270 individuals were set to be affected by this UK Government cut. Therefore, the swift action taken by the Scottish Government has protected the most vulnerable members of our society from the cuts being implemented from Westminster.

Creative Breaks Programme

The third round of the Creative Breaks Programme is now open for applications. The programme is funded by the Scottish Government as part of their commitment to the development of Short Breaks for the benefit of carers and those they care for and provides nearly £1m of grants to third sector organisations for the provision of breaks. I would encourage those interested to visit the Shared Care Scotland Website at - www.sharedcarescotland.org.uk.

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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