

Wemyss Bay Village News

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★ ★ ★ **Wemyss Bay Gala Weekend** ★ ★ ★

**This year's Gala will again be a 3-day event, running from
Friday 8th June through to Sunday 10th June 2012.**

Friday 8th June - Ladies Karaoke and Curry Night - 7.30pm - 10.30pm

Ladies night moves to the Friday of gala weekend. The fun begins in the gala marquee at 7.30pm.

This year Ladies night will be a Curry-Karaoke Party, all singin' n' all dancin'! Buffet by Compston catering and a glass of bubbly on arrival, all for £10. There will also be cocktails shaken up by Gordon from Flava, a nail bar by James Watt College, stand up bingo and fab raffle prizes and last but not least, a PRICE FREEZE on all drinks at the bar which are selling at our 2010 prices.

Tickets from Bobbie- 529512.

Saturday 9th June - Gala Day - 12noon to 6.30pm

There will be many activities, events and stalls at the Gala Day. Entry is free, so come along and enjoy a day out with the family. There will be various attractions including kids rides, inflatable's, stalls from community groups, and the return of Wemyss Bay's Got Talent!

Activities, events and stalls will include:

- ★ The Grand Opening of the Gala will be at 12noon followed by the crowning of the Gala King & Queen
- ★ Surf Simulator, Equalizer, Giant Slide
- ★ Mini-fairground including Tea Cups & Chair 'O' Planes.
- ★ Wemyss Bay's Got Talent (from 4pm) - singing, dancing, music, comedy, whatever talent you have, this is your opportunity to perform! Application forms available from the Spar Shop in Wemyss Bay.
- ★ Guides will be running the tea room, the cake and candy stall and the coconut shy
- ★ Beat the Keeper - run by Bible Club & Youth Group. £1 for 3 shots! Are you up for the challenge?
- ★ Children's entertainment.
- ★ Dancing displays.
- ★ Licensed bar with a PRICE FREEZE on all drinks at the bar which are selling at our 2010 prices
- ★ Harkie's food van on site all day selling burgers etc.
- ★ Lots more!

For more information on the Gala, look on the Wemyss Bay website www.wemyssbay.net or call Bobbie on 01475 529512 or Donald on 07971 303944.

Sunday 10th June - AFD Gala Day - 11am to 3pm

AFD would like to invite parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and friends to join the kids & coaches at our Gala Day celebrations on Sunday 10th June. This Gala Day will bring another fantastic year to a close and allow the kids to show off the skills they have developed over the last 12 months.

Gala Day Timetable:

09:00 Coaches Arrive at Marquee
10:30 Kids to arrive at Community Centre
10:45 AFD Parade & Welcome
11:00 AFD Coaching Sessions
12:15 Presentation of Certificates & Trophies
13:15 Presentation of AFD Special Award
13:25 AFD Raffle
13:30 Buffet*, Refreshments & Activities
15:30 Close

* As always we would be grateful if parents could bring a plate (or two) of food for the buffet

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 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 12th and 26th of June and the black bins will be emptied on Tuesdays 5th and 19th June.

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.

Wemyss Bay Bible Club and Youth Group

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Bible Club! To celebrate we are hoping to arrange a reunion event later in the year. If you used to attend Bible Club or Youth Group and would be interested in coming to this event, please let Stephen know by contacting him at bibleclub@wemyssbay.net or 07973 880309.

Please come along and support us at the Gala Day as we run Beat the Keeper. June will be busy as we have our summer parties and prizegivings on 18th June as well as taking Bible Club to Funworld and Youth Group to M&Ds. Please note there will be no Bible Club or Youth Group on Monday 4th June due to school holidays. If you would like to join Bible Club or Youth Group, we meet on Mondays at the Community Centre. Bible Club is for P1-P6 from 6.15pm to 7.30pm and Youth Group is for those in P7 and high school from 7.45pm to 9.30pm. If you would like further information, please contact Stephen Renton on 01505 355994.

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Friends of Wemyss Bay Station

The most recent project at the station involves the carpark exit. The corners on to the A78 are a jungle of brambles and weeds, and a magnet for litter - an eyesore for some time. The Keep Scotland Beautiful campaign has spread to stations, and one of the Friends was inspired to tackle the carpark exit. He has organised the clearance of part of one corner, and is creating an artwork in stone and gravel. to represent a steam engine. A group of volunteers got together recently and gathered as much of the litter as they could. Apart from the usual plastic bags and broken bottles, we have also found a toilet seat, a dustpan and brush, a genuine LMS fire bucket, and a WWII incendiary device. This latter object was recognised for what it was, fortunately, and the Royal Navy sent a specialist to remove it.

At the recent AGM of the Friends, the speaker was Ian McCrorie, historian for Caledonian MacBrayne. He gave a most interesting, and entertaining, talk about Caley boats at Wemyss Bay, showing photographs from the days when five steamers could berth at Wemyss Bay, to more recent times. His photographs of early methods of getting cars on board were both hilarious and terrifying. The Friends were especially interested to learn that Ian's great grandfather had been Station Master and Pier Master of the first station, and also of the newly-built station and pier in 1903. It was he who first installed containers of plants and hanging baskets, a tradition which was maintained for many years, and which the Friends are now trying to re-instate.

Ardgowan Football Development

We are delighted to announce that six of the Ardgowan Thistle FC Under 12 Squad have signed for the 18 player Morton Pro-Youth Under 13's Squad. We wish Andrew Wilson, Callum Irvine, Aiden Ferguson, Patrick McCartney, Donald Watt and Declan Tinney all the very best when they represent Morton next season. These boys are a credit to AFD, their ATFC coaches and their parents and fully deserve this fantastic opportunity.

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. AFD would like to take this opportunity to thank John Cannon and everyone at DHL for their continued support of Ardgowan Football Development.

Caring for Carers

There are over 600,000 carers in Scotland and many thousands of them live in Inverclyde. Carers come in all shapes and sizes. You may be a mother, a daughter, a son, a sister, a husband or just a friend. But if you are helping to look after someone, you are also a carer.

Carers are sometimes so busy looking after of their loved one that they forget about themselves - but they need help too. This is why Inverclyde Carers Council is helping to host an event for carers in the village as part of Carers Week 2012.

The theme for the day is "In Sickness and in Health" and there will be information stalls in the Wemyss Bay Community Centre on Thursday 21st June from 1pm to 3pm. A staff member from the Inverclyde Carers Centre will be on hand to provide information about services available to carers such as short breaks, the sitter service, benefits advice, counselling and much, much more.

Carers you are not alone. Help is out there. Come along to the Wemyss Bay Community Centre on Thursday 21st June and get support from Carers Centre and other Wemyss Bay based carers. Mark it in your calendar now.



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Stuart McMillan MSP

People and Communities Fund

The Scottish Government has recently announced the People and Communities Fund (PCF) which aims to support community organisations to grow and strengthen by delivering outcomes to meet and respond to the aspirations of their communities.

There will be at least £6m available for allocation in each of the three years from 2012/13 to 2014/15.

For more information visit - <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/regeneration/community/pcf>

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Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council

The Community Council's next Business Meeting will be on Thursday 7th of June in Wemyss Bay primary school at 7pm.

Duncan McNeil MSP

As convenor of the Health Committee, I recently heard evidence on the Self-Directed Support Bill which seeks to put choice at the heart of care for the vulnerable.

Traditionally the services required by those in need of care have been arranged and managed by local authorities. Self-directed support will seek to move towards giving people greater control about the way support is provided to them.

Those who require care will have the choice of remaining with their current care arrangements, receiving individual budgets via direct payment from the council or employing their own personal assistant. They will also have the option of receiving care from independent voluntary sectors, and indeed, for the first time, friends or family members.

Self-directed support will affect people across the board, the young, the elderly, those who suffer from a physical or learning disability as well as people who are afflicted with dementia or a mental health problem.

It is important therefore that we get it right.

We must ensure self-directed support allows for better quality care for our most vulnerable while they are at home and in the community, and ensure carers that this is not simply a cost cutting exercise.

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Any articles, information or queries should be directed to wemyssbaynews@hotmail.co.uk
The closing date for submission of articles for inclusion in the next edition of Village News is Sunday 23rd June 2012.



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