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Wemyss Bay Gala Weekend

The weekend of the 9th June saw the residents of Wemyss Bay celebrate yet another successful and well attended gala. No mean feat these days when so many community events have fallen by the wayside due to lack of funding or support.

The fun began with a ladies Curry-Karaoke party on Friday last in a huge marquee located beside Wemyss bay Community Centre. They sang and danced the night away and it was a memorable start to fantastic weekend.

Saturday was the gala day proper officially opened at midday by the Gala Queen, Samantha Stocks and her King, Mackenzie Smith, ably attended by Jayne Rice and Blair Cairns. Their arrival by stretch limousine was greeted by a cheering crowd of local residents.

There followed a display by Little Tigers shuto budo club, Grafitti dance troupe and entertainers 'Sid and Liz' from Wemyss Bay caravan park which all went down a treat.

At the same time the local guides had their very popular tearoom running inside the community centre, while a host of other attractions filled the space outside. These included two additional marquees; one for all the Community Groups that use the centre and the other, a dedicated Craft Tent. Plus, all the usual fairground attractions to keep the younger residents happy.

At 4pm the 'Wemyss Bay's Got Talent' contest filled the tent to capacity and was won by a young talented comedian named Ryan Kelly. Second and Third places went to Ellie Sinclair and Rachel McKenzie-Marner who delighted the audience with a song.

Plans are already underway for next year's event which is organised by an army of volunteers and helpers who work all year round to give the community a weekend to remember, right on their doorsteps.

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.

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 the Christmas lights switch-on or next year's Gala please come along. We are a friendly group who make all our visitors most welcome.

Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church

Sunday Services continue throughout the summer months at 11.30am. Worship is conducted by our Locum Minister the Revd Ian Currie. We warmly invite you to these services and hope that you will join us for tea/coffee in the hall following worship. For further information visit our web site <http://www.skelmorliechurch.org.uk>

Wemyss Bay Bible Club and Youth Group

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us at the Gala Day with Beat the Keeper and to all those who helped out. Well done as well to the two guys who succeeded with the 5 in a row penalty challenge! We have had a very busy month with our end of term bouncy castle parties, prizegivings, a trip to M&Ds with Youth Group (which was a great day out despite the rain) and finally our annual trip to Funworld with Bible Club!

Well done to all of the following prizewinners: Adam(x2), Maryanne(x2), Erica, James(x2), Thomas, Rhiannon(x2), Hazel, Lauren McG(x2), Zara R, Sophie, Zara M, Katie, Isla, Lauren McA, Calum, Zoe, Olivia and Nicola! A special presentation was also made to one of our leaders, Gillian, who is getting married later this year and will be moving to N.Ireland. She has been a great leader and will be sadly missed.

We have had a great year and Bible Club and Youth Group will resume in September. The clubs are run by Strathclyde Bible Ministries and there are no fees for attending either club. If your child or young person would like to join and you would like further information, please contact Stephen Renton on 07973 880309. We meet on a Monday evening at the Community Centre. We have regular outings with our Youth Group which this year included a Scotland game at Hampden, a couple of trips to Xscape (for 10 pin bowling, Adventure Golf and Climzone), the Inn Bru Carnival, and M&Ds.

Finally, this year marks the 20th anniversary of Wemyss Bay Bible Club! We may be arranging a reunion later this year. If you used to attend Bible Club or Youth Group and would be interested in knowing more about a reunion, please let Stephen Renton know by contacting him at bibleclub@wemyssbay.net or on 07973 880309.

Ardgowan Football Development

AFD rounded off the season with another successful gala day. Hundreds of parents and friends turned up to see the AFD kids perform their skills in front of them. They were then rewarded with a certificate and trophy for their efforts over the year. Thanks to Councillors Ronnie Ahfeld and Ciano Rebecchi and ex AFD player Jamie Lyden (Dumbarton FC) for helping with the presentations. The day was rounded off with masses of food donated by parents and friends and we thank them all for this. Special thanks to all coaches, wives and friends for their help over the last year and of course on the day. Without you all we could not run as smooth an operation as we do. Any kid who missed the award ceremony can either

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pick up their certificate and trophy at the Community Centre on Sunday 24th June between 1 & 2pm or at next registration day on 12th August.

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.

AFD hope you all have a good summer holiday and that we'll see you again in August.

Stuart McMillan MSP

Summer Tour

Every year I undertake a number of engagements and visits, in West Scotland, in my role as an Member of the Scottish Parliament.

Alongside this, I undertake a yearly summer tour of the region as this provides me with an opportunity to meet a number of businesses, charities and local organisations. Thus, allowing me to learn more about what they do and who they serve.

Therefore, if you have a business, charity or group which you would like me to visit then please do not hesitate to contact my office at the details attached below.

Dyslexia toolkit

Recently, I chaired the Cross Party Group on Dyslexia at the Scottish Parliament. During proceedings we discussed the Dyslexia Toolkit. The free online Assessing Dyslexia Toolkit aims to help all teachers and early years workers to assess literacy difficulties and dyslexia. After September 2012, the extended Toolkit will also help teachers to support pupils with dyslexia.

For more information please visit Dyslexia Scotland Twitter handle - @DyslexiaScotland

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Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council

The Community Council's next Business Meeting will be on Thursday 2nd of August. The venue is to be confirmed nearer the time. Please check the Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council website at <http://www.inverkip-wemyssbaycc.co.uk> for updates.



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Duncan McNeil MSP

Those of you who purchased the Tele on Tuesday would not have failed to notice that there was another car crash on the A78 Inverkip Junction. Frustratingly for Mrs McNicol, this is the second time in as many weeks that a car has crashed through her fence into her back garden.

I recently met with the community council to discuss, yet again, the safety at the junction, and I have asked Amey Highways to take action to resolve Mrs McNicol's problem. It is clear that irresponsible driving is part of the issue and as a result residents have called for a reduction in the speed limit. Although public opinion is divided on this view, we expect reports assessing the benefits or otherwise, of a reduced speed limit from the contractor in the near future.

While much of the concern, over a significant period of time, has rightly been focused on the safety of people using their car to go about their business, it is equally important that we address the wider transport issues.

For too long, community access to public transport in Inverkip and Wemyss Bay has been less than adequate for residents to go to the hospital, to see their GP, to participate in further education at the college, to access leisure facilities or to simply get to the supermarkets. The time has come to have a proper debate on this issue.

We really need a strategy in place to establish what the transport needs are, what options are available to deliver those transport solutions and what subsidies may be available to deliver. I want to encourage debate about these issues with those agencies who have responsibility to bring forward a transport strategy.

I hope that residents will be willing to work with me, making their views known on how best we can create a public transport system that serves the needs of the Inverkip and Wemyss Bay communities.

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Village News will take a break over the summer, with the next edition scheduled to be the September edition (our 260th edition!). 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 Friday 24th August 2012.

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