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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 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.

Letting Secretary Required

We are urgently seeking a new Letting Secretary at Wemyss Bay Community Association. This role involves taking Community Centre bookings from clients over the phone, keeping the letting diary up to date and informing other Community Association members of bookings. It would be great if you were able to come to the monthly meetings, although we would be happy to welcome someone into this role who is not able to make these. In any case, you would be fully supported by the rest of the Committee. Only with the support of volunteers can this community facility be maintained and kept available to the wider community.

If you would like more information about this role please contact our current Letting Secretary, Bobbie McCabe, on 529512.

Thank you.

Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church

Sunday Worship takes place each Sunday at 11.30am and is conducted by the Revd Ian Currie. Sunday Club meets in the Upper Hall following children's address. Access for the disabled is available at the south end of the church.

CD Recordings of the Service are available, if you know of anyone who would like to receive a recording of the Service please take one from the front left pew or call 522596

Waste collection

Your blue recycling bins will be emptied on Tuesdays 16th and 30th October and the black bins will be emptied on Tuesdays 9th and 23rd October. Food recycling bins are collected on a weekly basis alongside the wheelie bins.

Adult Association

It is with regret that after some 30 years in existence, the Association has had to fold. This is partly due to the falling numbers in learners, but mainly due to the crippling costs of lets for the school.

Our remaining funds will be distributed among the community groups in our area.

The committee wishes to thank our faithful learners and tutors for supporting us over the years.

Wemyss Bay Bible Club and Youth Group

We meet weekly on Monday evenings at Wemyss Bay Community Centre on Ardgowan Road. Bible Club is from 6.15pm to 7.30pm and is for children from P1 to P6, while Youth Group is from 7.45pm to 9.30pm and is for young people in P7 and high school. We had lots going on last year and it would be great to see all the regulars back along as well as any new faces who would like to join, so please invite your friends. Activities at Bible Club include games, songs, competitions, Bible time, and quizzes, while Youth Group has similar activities suitable for that age and also includes a tuck shop, multimedia and regular outings to places like Xscape. Both clubs are run by Strathclyde Bible Ministries and there are no fees for either club. If you would like further information, please contact Stephen Renton on 01505 355994.

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.

Friends of Wemyss Bay Station

Summer (what summer ?) is almost over, and there is a chill in the air, not to mention the rain. Despite these conditions, the station has had a really good display of flowers this year.

Our glass canopies have protected the plants from the worst of the wet, and made the most of what heat there has been. As a result, our geraniums are still blooming splendidly, and the station looked well for the recent Inverclyde Doors Open Day. We had more visitors this year, and were especially glad to welcome a party brought to us by the Inverclyde Tourist Group. By chance on that same day a special excursion train came in to Wemyss Bay, bringing visitors from Inverurie and Aberdeen on their way to Rothesay. They may not have planned to do a Doors Open Day visit, but several of them left complimentary remarks behind in the Visitors' Book. Many had never seen Wemyss Bay Station before, and were amazed at its size and architecture.

The Gallery now has a semi-permanent exhibition of photos of the station on display, but continues to put on shows of work by artists when requested. A recent exhibition of work by members of A.G.A.P. (Archdiocese of Glasgow Art Project) was successful, and there will be another of paintings by local artist, Maureen Armstrong at the end of October. The bookshop continues to be an important point of contact with the public, and we would like to remind everyone that donations of books, of all kinds, are always welcome and will be appreciated.

Country Club

The opening Meeting of the Country Club will be held on Wednesday 3rd October at 2.30 in the Chartroom Kip Marina when the Speaker will be Mr Tommy Lawton on the Subject "The History of The Forth and Clyde Canal".

The remaining Meetings for the month of October are as follows:

Wed 17th when the Speaker will be Mr David Black on the subject of "The Haven - Making a Difference"

Wed 31st when the Speaker will be Mr Keith Loxam on the subject of "Life in The Media"

All will be welcome The annual subscription is £10 with visitors paying £1 per meeting

Further details can be obtained from the Secretary Mrs Ann Haig on 01475 522316.

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Workers Educational Association – Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay Branch

AUTUMN SESSION 2012

The new session of the WEA (Workers' Educational Association) has started again with another series of talks, on a wide variety of subjects. We are an enthusiastic, lively group of retirees and our series of morning talks help to keep our grey cells exercised as well as providing a welcoming, friendly forum for meeting like-minded folk with an interest in just about anything.

We meet on Wednesday mornings in the Reading Room above the Library in Skelmorlie Community Centre in Upper Skelmorlie, which is easily accessible by bus (the stop is at the front door) and has a large car park close by. Teas and coffees are available from 9.45a.m. and talks usually finish by 11.30 so there is plenty of time to fit in other activities after lunch.

There is no compulsory membership and you can come along to whatever talks appeal to you. It costs £2.50 or £2.00 for concessions.

For further information or help with transport please phone Jenny McGee (01475 521090)

The Autumn Programme is as follows:

26th September - The AGM followed by another DVD presentation from Alistair Cooke's celebrated "America" series

3rd. October - "EDITH CAVELL"

A look at the life of this exceptional British woman, who is celebrated for saving the lives of soldiers from all sides without distinction, while working as a nurse during WW1.

10th. October - "ROYAL DISEASES"

Dr Oliver Thomson takes a look at some of the many health problems which affected monarchs from Mary, Queen of Scots to the madness of King George III.

17th. October - "THE GREEN MAN"

Who and what is the "Green Man" and what is and was his significance in folklore and why was his image so popular in religious buildings?

Marc Sherland.

24TH. October - Outing to Inverary Castle.

7th. November – "THE FRENCH CONNECTION"

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Calling Young DJing Enthusiasts

Want to try your hand at DJing? Want to earn some extra cash? Want to have fun learning useful new skills?

We are looking for enthusiastic young people to join the DJing team at Wemyss Bay Community Centre. We will train you in all aspects of DJing including setting up and using the sound and lighting equipment. You don't need to have any experience, but if you do you'll be able to put your knowledge to good use!

You'll gain hands on experience of DJing at parties in the Community Centre and the skills you learn will be useful in the future.

You will need your parent or guardian's permission to join the team. As a guide, we're looking for people aged 10+, but we will take details of younger people, as you'll be able to get involved in the future.

If you're interested, please contact Joseph: joseph.j.craig@gmail.com, with "DJ Team" in the subject line.

And Now For the Small Print

Please note that we do our best to ensure that adverts are neither misleading or offensive, however the appearance of an advertisement in the Village News does not imply that either the editors or the Community Association endorse the advertiser and / or their products / services. With respect to articles, we reserve the right to edit as we see fit to prevent offence and / or inaccuracies. We also reserve the right to ask local groups / individuals to respond to any articles received.

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