

# Wemyss Bay Village News

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## **Will the Community Centre Close? Is this the last Village News? Have we seen the last Gala? It's Up To You!!!**

Wemyss Bay Community Centre is at risk of closing! The Community Association, which runs the centre, has been unable to find enough people willing to help run the organisation despite repeated requests for help over recent months in the Village News. As a registered charity, the Association is obliged by law to have a properly constituted committee and, at present, are unable to find people willing to stand for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. In addition additional ordinary committee members and informal co-optees are required to enable the association to continue.

The Association runs the Community Centre, which is currently one of the most successful in Inverclyde. Anyone who has tried to obtain a let recently will know just how busy the centre is. With the Nursery, Mothers and Toddlers, Brownies, Rainbows, Guides, Judo, Karate, Bible Club, Youth Clubs, Ardgowan Football Development, Sunday School and Graffiti Dance Class among just some of the regular lets, and with many one-off lets for parties etc the centre is jumping from Monday morning till Sunday night.

The Community Association also produces the Village News, the successful monthly newsletter which is delivered free of charge to every household in Wemyss Bay. Seventeen years and 179 editions from the first in September 1987, the Village News covers local news and gives clubs and organisations a vehicle through which to publicise their events. It also has an extensive classified section providing the community with details of local businesses and services.

The annual Gala Weekend is organised by the Community Association. Now a three day event, recent galas have enjoyed excellent attendances with most of the local community coming out to join in the fun. With a Ceilidh, fairground rides, stalls, beer tent, all day entertainment and the AFD Football Tournament, the Gala Weekend has become a regular fixture in most people's calendar. The Association also organises the local Christmas lights switch-on and social evening.

All of these functions are in jeopardy but it is not too late yet to save them. A Special General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7.45pm in the Community Centre. The aim of this meeting is to gather support for the Community Association and to identify people willing to become involved in the committee. If there is insufficient interest at this time and the meeting fails to find volunteers, the Association will be dissolved. This means that the keys for the Community Centre will be handed back to Inverclyde Council. You should be under no illusions, they were unwilling to keep the centre open 4 years ago when we were in a similar position and are unlikely to act differently now.

Without your involvement the Community Centre will close after the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September; the next Village News will be the last; there will not be another Gala or Christmas light switch-on.

Kirsty Donnelly, Chairperson of Wemyss Bay Community Association, told the Village News, "Due to circumstances, particularly with the ill-health of George who has been our secretary for the past 4 years, we desperately need to increase the number of people involved in the Community Association. In many ways we see our current situation as a positive means of encouraging new people to come on board and be involved in the work of the Association. The people of Wemyss Bay have always shown a real community spirit and I am sure that this time will be no different and that they will rally round to ensure that we overcome our present difficulties and that the Association and Community Centre continue to function smoothly.

Local Brown Owl Marilyn McLaughlin said, "We have nearly 100 girls involved in Girl Guiding in Wemyss Bay through Rainbows, Brownies or Guides. The organisation gives many girls an opportunity to travel and increase personal development which they may otherwise not have had and as well, of course, of just having fun. I don't know where else we could meet if the Community Centre were to close as we are a cross-section group and would not really wish to meet in one of the churches as some people may feel excluded and the cost of hiring the school is prohibitive. "

There is still time but it's up to you!!!!!!!!!!!!

## **Community Association Seeks Treasurer**

The present treasurer, Finlay McFee, having served in that capacity since December 2000, has indicated that he intends to retire at the forthcoming June AGM. The Community Association wants to start the process of identifying possible candidate replacements between now and then.

The books are now kept on modern software, Intuit's Quickbooks Standard Edition, which includes invoicing capabilities and a fully integrated sales ledger within a full function accounting package. Responsibilities include banking receipts around twice per month ten months per year, producing monthly and quarterly invoices for WB News adverts and community centre lets, paying all the Centre's bills, and reporting on the Association's ongoing financial position at the monthly committee meetings. There are fifty or so monthly advertising invoices, plus a dozen or so quarterly lets invoices, as well as a few monthly regular lets. The Treasurer also prepares the annual set of accounts for independent review in accordance with the rules applicable to Scottish Charities.

The role would suit anyone with a bookkeeping/accountancy background who has several days per month available to keep the ball rolling.

Finlay has made clear his willingness to continue as mentor to the new incumbent if desired. A basic process manual will be available by the start of the new season, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2004. If you are interested in more information as to what's involved, please contact Finlay McFee, tel. **522934** or by e-mail: [finlay@mcfee.scotnet.co.uk](mailto:finlay@mcfee.scotnet.co.uk)

## George Anderson

In March this year we reported that George Anderson, who has been Secretary of Wemyss Bay Community Association for the last four years, had been taken ill and admitted to the Coronary Care unit at Inverclyde Royal Hospital. George underwent surgery for a triple coronary artery bypass. At this time it was discovered that he also had a large aortic aneurism. He is now awaiting surgery to repair this. At present George remains unwell and tires extremely easily. He has therefore decided, with regret that he is no longer well enough to continue as Secretary of the Community Association. Over the years George has been a stalwart within the Community Association, instrumental in the smooth running of various community events. In addition to his duties as Secretary George has dealt with grant applications and has been responsible for arranging maintenance and repairs of the Community Centre. He is also the person who turned out regularly, as a keyholder, to respond whenever the burglar alarm went off – an increasing number of times over the last few years.

On behalf of everyone involved in the Community Association and, we are sure, the community of Wemyss Bay as a whole, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to George for all his time and effort over the last four years. We wish him well for his forthcoming surgery and trust that he has a straightforward and speedy recovery. Hopefully George will feel able to return to his work with the Community Association in the future.

## Population Statistics

The 2001 Census revealed that there were 2,466 people living in Wemyss Bay. This is an increase of 917 on the 1991 figure of 1,549. The figure could be rising still with more houses being built in the village. Selected statistics for Wemyss Bay from the 2001 Census results (available from the SCROL web site):

\* Median Age - Male: 36 years old.

\* Median Age - Female: 35 years old.

\* % Males: 49.96%.

\* % Females 50.04%.

\* % under 16 years: 25.47%. (628)

\* % 16-pensionable age: 65.61%. (1618)

\* % pensionable age and over: 8.92%. (220)

Surely, with over 1800 adults in Wemyss Bay it should not be difficult to find enough people to keep the Community Association going? Or is it a case of and an expectation that someone else will do it?

## Recycling

This month Greenlight will be collecting newspapers & magazines, plastic bottles & milk cartons, food & drinks, rags and carrier bags on Mondays 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September. Do your bit for the environment.

## W.E.A. (Workers Educational Association) Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay Branch

Yes, that's what WEA stands for. Not Women Embroidery Artists, Wonderfully Eccentric Aristocrats nor Wildly Exciting Activists (although some of us may have been these in the past!). We are a group of folk from all backgrounds, of all ages, but who have a common interest in keeping minds active and a wish to go on learning about the world, past and present, and all that entails. If you come along you will get a warm welcome and a cup of tea or coffee, and you will not have to pass a test, or produce a certificate or even have to talk if you don't want to. Just escape the west coast weather and the hurly burly for an hour or so and make some new friends into the bargain.

The series of talks for the autumn session will begin on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 9:45am** in the **Reading Room of Skelmorlie Community Centre**. This opening talk is entitled "Memoirs of a Highland Lady – Elizabeth Grant of Rothiemurchas" and it will be given by Elizabeth Cowan.

Now don't go thinking that you need a degree in history, or in fact a degree in anything, to come along and enjoy this talk. Elizabeth Cowan first talked to us two years ago on the Sir Walter Scott classic "The Heart of Midlothian" and I was the first to admit that all I had read of this was the summary on the inside dust cover! What followed was an enthralling insight into this "difficult" book given in a way which had everyone captivated. The speaker was one of those rare people who could be classed as born teachers. Miss Cowan had not only a thorough grasp of her subject but had the personality to bring it all to life and left us wanting more!

Wednesday mornings from September until early December will provide talks on all manner of subjects, from travel through current affairs, and music to literature. There is something for everyone. You don't have to do anything more than sit back and, hopefully, enjoy an hour or so of excellent and often entertaining speakers with some like-minded people. You don't have to commit to a year's subscription, just pay for each talk you attend. We also organise twice yearly outings to places of interest e.g. this October we plan to go to Dundee for the day to see the Discovery Point exhibitions. Again, none of this is compulsory!

Programmes for each session will be available soon in local shops and some of the subjects to be covered will include: - "A year in the life of Britannia" (the former Royal Yacht), "Titanic after the collision", "Condors over Cotopaxi" – a South American adventure, "Liz Lochhead – a look at one of Scotland's foremost playwrights and poets" plus a couple of musical items, one on jazz and one featuring a local Gaelic Walking Group.

For further information or help with transport please contact **Jenny McGee** on **521090**.

## Councillor Eric Forbes

Following the recent publicity about the difficulties the Community Association are experiencing regarding filling the vacant committee spaces and the potential devastating effects on the Community Centre, Councillor Forbes has raised the matter with the relevant council departments. He advised us that they are considering whether the council would be able to come up with some sort of back-up plan whereby they would keep the centre open. *(This could however mean that the council would have to appoint a hall-keeper with the resultant costs likely to be passed on to groups letting the facilities.)*

Eric would like to remind everyone that, if you have a problem or query which you think he may be able to help with, he can be contacted at the Municipal Buildings **Tel: 717171 Fax: 01475 712976 or e-mail: Eric.Forbes@inverclyde.gov.uk** Out with office hours he can be contacted at **home: 520012** or on his **mobile: 07747 006725**. Eric believes that rather than waiting several weeks for a surgery, it is better for his constituents if he is available at the end of a telephone at any time. Thereafter, if necessary, he can arrange a suitable follow-up meeting.

### **Weems or Wims?**

An on-line poll was run recently on the Wemyss Bay web-site to determine once and for all how people think Wemyss should be pronounced. The question was: How do you pronounce Wemyss? 224 votes were cast (making it the most popular poll so far). The results were as follows: **47 votes (21%) - "Wims"** and **177 votes (79%) - "Weems"**, making "weems" the clear winner.

### **Ardgowan Football Development**

Our Registration Day for 2004/2005 is **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 1pm – 3:30pm**, in the Community Centre, and we strongly recommend your child is registered that day in order to avoid disappointment. Our 2004/2005 Session commences on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August**.

### **Country People's Club**

Are you aged 50+ with some time to spare on Wednesday afternoons? If so, we would be pleased to welcome you to the Country People's Club which was held until recently in the now closed Heywood Hotel. Meetings for the new session will be held at the new venue, "**The Chart Room**" at **Kip Marina** commencing on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm** and fortnightly thereafter. A varied programme has been arranged and the opening speaker will be Mrs Isabel Lind, Headmistress of Ravenscraig Primary School on her subject, "Life at the Chalk Face". The annual subscription is £9.00 with visitors paying £1.00 per meeting. Further details may be obtained from the secretary, **Mrs Ann Haig**, on **522316**.

### **Bulb Appeal**

Work on rhododendron clearance and path construction has started and the Woodland Association will shortly be planting more spring flowering bulbs and wildflowers. Over the last two years we have planted approximately 4500 bulbs (daffodils, snowdrops, bluebells, wood anemones, winter aconites, star of Bethlehem and alliums) but we still need more. Last year many of you bought an extra pack when purchasing your bulbs and donated them or handed in unwanted bulbs from your garden. Again this year we are looking for your help. We are working in an area of almost 18 acres so we need a lot of bulbs and wildflowers. If you are buying bulbs for your garden why not add an extra pack or two for the woods? We are specifically looking for native British bulbs which can be difficult to obtain from garden centres or DIY stores as many are hybridised in order to achieve showier blooms. In addition we are looking for a variety of native wildflowers. As it is against the law to dig up wildflowers these will all have to be purchased from specialist suppliers. We can buy these in bulk to reduce costs (we can also buy bulbs in this way). As an example 50 Wood Anemones will cost us £14 while 50 primroses will cost £28.50 and the same number of snowdrops £8.00.

If you would like to make a donation to be spent on bulbs and wildflowers please make a cheque payable to Wemyss Bay Community Woodland Association and leave it in a sealed envelope, with your name and address in the Village News folder in Spar, or send it to **Eila Roberts, 14 Brueacre Drive, Wemyss Bay**. You will be very welcome to come along and help plant the bulbs.

If you have bulbs to donate please contact Eila Tel: **529375** to arrange uplift. Again, if you would like to, you can help with the planting.

Help us to make sure that we have a very broad selection of native wildflowers in the Woods – in this way we can encourage a large variety of insects, birds and animals, so that they too can enjoy our local greenspace.

### **Back to School**

Congratulations to all the children who have started school for the first time. Didn't they look so smart and grown up in their new uniforms? We hope that they have all settled in and are already enjoying themselves. We also hope that there were not too many tears as they went in for the first time, from both the children and their parents!

Now that the new term has started, the roads around Wemyss Bay primary are once again very busy as parents drop off and collect their children. The area is a "twenty's plenty" zone to try and slow down traffic and prevent accidents. Parking on Ardgowan Road and Lomond Road when collecting children adds to the risk and, despite the signs, some people still park on the zigzags. Not only is this dangerous and selfish, it is also illegal. Why not park in the community centre car park or, better still, walk with your child to school.

### **Toc H**

The first meeting of the Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay branch will take place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm in Skelmorlie Community Centre. Some rigorous changes in the movement as a whole are continuing and this is likely to affect the other seven Scottish branches to some degree. It is likely that advertisements, printing and circulation of the 2005 calendar will be discussed and preliminary arrangements for the Senior Citizens' Party, to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> December, will be made.

The branch has always been grateful for the help and enthusiasm given by regular volunteer helpers since its inception in 1963. Some of these people will be receiving invitations to the first meeting and it is likely that they will be asked to assume some additional responsibilities from existing members of longstanding and, dare we say it, advancing age and mobility.

## Friends of Ardgowan Hospice

The Friends of Ardgowan Hospice ran a very successful bottle stall at the Largs Agricultural Show recently, raising the grand total of £1000. Sincere thanks are extended to everyone who donated or supported the event again this year. The next event will be the Hospice Week door-to-door collection. Please try to give generously to support this very worthwhile local charity.

## Adult Association

Don't hang around this winter; the Adult Association has a varied programme for you to choose from.

Tuesdays 7.30-9.30pm - Home Furnishings/Dressmaking  
8.00-9.30pm - Cross Stitch/Embroidery  
Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm - Yoga  
8.00-9.30pm - Introduction to Interior Design & Home Styling  
Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm - Pilates

In addition to these classes, the following new classes are planned with the date and time still to be finalised: Book Discussion Group; Sign Language; Genealogy.

If you would like to join any of our classes this winter, please come along to our enrolment evening on **TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER** in the School between **7 and 9pm** when we shall be pleased to offer you wine and nibbles. For further information, please phone **Morag Wilson**, on **521626**.

## Bible Club

The Bible Club will be starting up again on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 6:15 – 7:30pm in the Community Centre (assuming that it is still open!). The club is open to all primary age children and any newcomers will be made very welcome. Activities include games, competitions, songs and Bible stories. Contact **Stephen Renton** on **01505 355994** for further details.

## Brownies

The Brownies have started back now after the summer break and already plans are underway for a pack holiday to take place before Christmas. Hopefully we will be able to bring further details in future editions. If you have a girl aged 7 – 10 years who would be interested in joining the Brownies, please leave a message on **520615**.

## Woodland Association

Since funding for major works was secured, legal issues relating to ownership and access to a 1m wide strip of land have led to continuing delays in contractors starting work. Finally the legal wranglings are over and an agreement has been reached to allow work to go ahead. Discussions are underway with the main contractor to finalise a start date and it is anticipated that this will be within the next few weeks. The contractors will be carrying out the major works including path construction and essential tree surgery while volunteers will still have a significant part to play in clearance of rhododendron and litter collection.

The Association is continuing its programme of rhodi-bashing. As more of the wood is cleared of rhododendron it is encouraging to see so many young plants coming through where previously they had no chance of survival. Young beech, birch, ash, rowan and sycamore are prevalent while a few yews are also trying hard to become established. New volunteers are welcome to join the regular rhodi-bashers with the next few sessions taking place on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> & Sun 5<sup>th</sup> and Sat 18<sup>th</sup> & Sun 19<sup>th</sup> September. Work starts at 10.00am and continues until 3.00pm with breaks for coffee and lunch. Even if you are only available for a few hours this would help out. The group meets at the Ardgowan Road end of Cliff Terrace Road. Look out for the signs directing you to that day's area of work. Gloves, tools and refreshments are provided. The Association is aware that the amount of rhododendron which has been cut and stacked is beginning to look unsightly. Arrangements are in hand to have all this material chipped as soon as possible.

The next committee meeting of the Woodland Association will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Inverkip Hotel. Anyone, interested in finding out more about the work of the Association, is welcome to come along, or you can contact Eila for more information on **529375** e-mail: [eilaroberts@care4free.net](mailto:eilaroberts@care4free.net)

## David Cairns MP and Duncan McNeil MSP

David Cairns and Duncan McNeil have joined forces to fight the plans of Argyll and Clyde Health Board for Inverclyde's hospitals. They've told an independent expert about the many flaws in the Health Board's plans to downgrade Inverclyde Royal Hospital and close Ravenscraig. They met with health economist Dr Andrew Walker, who has been appointed to oversee the process, at the Parliamentary office in Greenock to outline the scale of the mistake that the Health Board are proposing.

Duncan pointed out that local people have no confidence in the ability of the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Paisley to cope with the increased workload. He told Dr Walker that constituents have already experienced a poorer quality of service when they have had to go to the RAH in recent months.

David was extremely concerned about the lack of detail in the consultation document. He believes it would be wrong of Health Board members to take such an important decision based on the sketchy evidence in the report.

Both the MP and MSP have vowed to work with patients, unions, community groups, individual members of the public and politicians of all parties to fight these plans. They have attended a series of meetings with consultants at Inverclyde Royal, as well as staff representatives who are understandably worried about the job implications as well as the health ones. David and Duncan are also playing a full role in the all-party group set up by Inverclyde Council to put forward alternative proposals and will be present at many of the consultation meetings in Inverclyde over the coming months.

Why David and Duncan believe the Health Board's plans are wrong:-

- Paisley's Royal Alexandra Hospital will not be able to cope with the increased numbers of patients leading to poorer treatment and longer waiting times.

- There is no evidence that centralising services (other than for cancer) actually provides safer treatment.
- The NHS is becoming more local in its approach – moving services 17 miles away is a move in the wrong direction.
- There is no evidence from other comparable areas that the proposed model of intermediate care will work.
- The Health Board is silent when it comes to the question of where the services located in Ravenscraig will be located.
- Greater Glasgow Health Board is proposing centralising services at the Southern General Hospital, just a few miles from Paisley.
- The entire consultation document is short on facts, long on rhetoric and devoid of evidence to support its claims.

It is a fact of life that, no matter how egalitarian the society, the voices of the influential will, by definition, carry more weight than those of the masses. That is why it is so significant that local consultants have decided to speak out against Argyll and Clyde Health Board's seriously flawed Clinical Strategy.

As the battles over the centralisation of health services in Glasgow, Wick and elsewhere show, the mobilisation of the medical profession is the only chance communities have to put real pressure on Health bosses. And that is exactly what the 50 or so top medics did when they signed a letter to the Board rejecting its proposals. Their intervention means that the detailed and well-founded criticisms we have been making throughout cannot now be dismissed as the sentimental wailing of the ignorant. It is no longer credible to argue that the thousands who have taken part in marches, rallies, meetings, consultation events and letter writing campaigns simply don't understand the issues.

I think we understand perfectly. Consultant surgeon, Ian Morrice, made clear at the recent meeting in the Gamble Halls that his colleagues acknowledge that the current situation needs to change. Certainly anyone who has been watching as we've descended into what seems like perpetual crisis management knows that we need to deal properly with the challenges presented by, for example, the European Working Time Directive, new working practices and Royal College guidelines.

But, as is becoming more and more glaringly obvious with each passing day, ill-thought out plans are not the way to do it.

*David Cairns holds surgeries on the first and third Friday of the month from 10am – 12noon at his Parliamentary Office, 20 Union Street, Greenock Tel: 791820. Alternatively you can phone the office for details of his next surgery in Wemyss Bay.*

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## Share your News

If you have news relating to Wemyss Bay, don't keep it to yourself! Go to <http://wemyssbay.net> and click on news to publish it on the Wemyss Bay web site. Don't forget to let the Village News know too.

## Classified

Do you have something to sell? You can now post it free on wemyssbay.net Check out the classifieds at: <http://wemyssbay.net/business/classified.html>

## The Computer's Swallowed Grandma!

The following poem was sent in to us. Unfortunately we do not know the name of the author but we thought you might find it amusing anyway. With older parents who have fairly recently purchased a computer and are still getting to grips with some aspects, it certainly struck a chord for us!

The computer's swallowed grandma  
Yes, honestly it's true!  
She pressed control and enter  
And disappeared from view.

It's devoured her completely.  
The thought just makes me squirm.  
Maybe she's caught a virus  
Or been eaten by a worm!

I've searched through the recycle bin  
And files of every kind  
I've even used the internet  
But nothing did I find.

In desperation I asked Jeeves  
My searches to refine.  
The reply from him was negative  
Not a thing was found online.

So if inside your inbox  
My grandma you should see,  
Please scan, copy and paste her  
In an email back to me.

## Mobile Phone Mast

The latest information (20<sup>th</sup> August) available from Inverclyde Council's Planning Department is that the applicant has asked that the application be put on hold at present as they look into the possibility of alternate sites. This could change at any time however. If the application were to be withdrawn altogether then objectors would be notified by the planning department. If

however there is simply an amendment to the original application then only those nearest affected by the statutory requirement for neighbour notification would be informed. We will try and keep you up to date (provided that we are still here).

### Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Heather, daughter of Phyllis Macleod, and Simon who tied the knot on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August in the Priory Hotel, Largs. The last time I spoke to Phyllis before the wedding, she had just bought her fifth mother-of-the-bride outfit! We hope everything went smoothly on the day and wish the happy couple a long and happy life together.

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 or their products / services.

### Finally

That's all for this month. The Village News started up in September 1987 and, over the years, there have been a number of editors and regular contributors. As most people know, Ken and I took over a year ago when Phyllis became unwell and we enjoy preparing each edition of the Village News. We have had a lot of positive feedback from people and hope you enjoy it too. We would like to continue for some time yet, however this is all dependant on the Community Association, which publishes the Village News, finding enough people who are interested in helping out on the committee. In addition to letting everyone know what is going on in the village I know that many people hold on to their copy each month just in case they need to contact a local tradesman, shop or one of the many other services advertised regularly. I believe that the Community Centre is an essential part of Wemyss Bay. Without it, all the groups which use it would have to find alternatives venues and, inevitably, some would close, while others would move out of the village. The other casualties, if the Community Association folds are the Gala Weekend and the social side of the Christmas lights switch-on. Over the last couple of years in particular, the Gala has developed and expanded and now covers a whole weekend with a wide variety of events and activities to suit every taste. Do you really want to lose it? Please try and come along to the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7:45pm in the Community Centre to see how you can help and, if you can, give some consideration to joining the committee. Ever the optimist, I am going to put my faith in the community of Wemyss Bay and trust that enough people will come forward and that we will continue next month so, assuming that we do, the closing date for any articles or adverts for the October edition of the Village News will be the 20<sup>th</sup> September. This is an absolute deadline and cannot be extended under any circumstances! If you would like a reminder let us know and we will add you to the e-mail list. If you have anything which you would like include please send it to Eila Roberts, 14 Brueacre Drive, Wemyss Bay PA18 6HA Tel: 529375 E-mail: eilaroberts@care4free.net or place it in the Village News folder, which is kept behind the counter in Spar.

### Kids Stuff

Have you been watching the Olympic Games? This month the word search is about some of the events that are included in the games and, of course, the prizes that can be won. There are so many we couldn't include them all so here are just a few.

S	W	I	M	M	I	N	G	R	L	S	N	T	BADMINTON
H	O	C	K	E	Y	N	E	A	R	S	O	N	BASKETBALL
O	N	O	T	N	I	M	D	A	B	C	L	W	BRONZE
W	D	P	J	W	M	E	L	E	A	I	H	D	DISCUS
J	M	P	O	A	M	F	K	Z	S	T	T	E	DIVING
U	X	R	H	C	Z	I	G	N	K	S	A	E	GOLD
M	A	R	A	T	H	O	N	O	E	A	T	S	GYMNASTICS
P	M	U	J	E	L	P	I	R	T	N	P	E	HAMMER
I	B	L	T	D	N	U	V	B	B	M	E	L	HEPTATHLON
N	F	O	R	E	V	L	I	S	A	Y	H	D	HIGH JUMP
G	H	S	U	C	S	I	D	O	L	G	Q	R	HOCKEY
S	R	L	L	A	B	Y	E	L	L	O	V	U	HURDLES
O	D	U	J	T	P	M	U	J	H	G	I	H	JUDO

### WORDFINDER

Try and find as many words as possible using the letters below. Each letter can only be used once and every word must contain the letter in the middle square. No plurals, names or hyphenated words are allowed. There is at least one 9-letter word.

T	N	D
L	E	O
C	H	A

20 words – at least you're trying!      30 words – good  
40 words – shows promise                      50+ words – brain-box!!