

# Wemyss Bay Village News

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## Wemyss Bay Primary PTA

The PTA is once again running their successful **50/50 Club** in 2006. The proceeds are split as follows - 50% being issued in prize money and the other 50% goes towards the upkeep of our award winning school garden. Membership of this only costs £12 per year for one number. Once payment has been made your number is entered into a monthly draw whereupon a number is selected at random. The owner of the winning number will then be issued with a cheque dependent on the number of members, e.g. if we have 100 members the monthly prize would be £50. There are still a few remaining numbers for 2006 so should you wish to participate please contact Gillian Pollock on 521509. Also a reminder please, to anyone who is yet to pay for a number already requested, please forward all monies ASAP to the school, marked 50/50 club.

## Girlguiding in Wemyss Bay

The Brownies say, "thank you so much" to the management committee of the Community Centre for their very generous contribution which enabled us to have country dancing dresses made, complete with sashes in the official Girlguiding Scotland tartan. Kirsty Carmichael has (with help) had all of these made and we give very grateful thanks to her and helpers for this. I know that with Allison's help the children dance so well, but now they will look brilliant too. Check out [www.wemyssbay.net](http://www.wemyssbay.net) for up to date pictures.

All of the Brownies are working hard on their First Aid badges so along with the Guides should be able to save most of Wemyss Bay from any accidents!!

The Guides had an evening of experimenting with one our national dishes – porridge! And Brown Owl got to judge! Porridge with kiwi fruit, with marshmallows, with chocolate drops, with fudge (really nice) and eight other combinations, and the winner JUST PLAIN PORRIDGE.

The girls (from Rainbows to the elders) are having a ceilidh on 31st of January to celebrate Burns Night.

## Country People's Club

The February / March meetings of the Country People's Club to be held at 2.30pm in The Chart Room, Kip Marina, Inverkip are as follows:

Wed 8th Feb: Miss Lesley Smith on the subject of "A World Cruise (Part 2)"

Wed 23rd Feb: Miss Isobel McCully on the subject of "Inverclyde Tourist Group"

Wed 8th Mar: Mr Tom Dunn on the subject of "Amazon Hope – The Mission of Hope"

All members, old and new, and visitors will be made most welcome. The subscription is £9 per annum and £1 for visitors. Further details may be obtained from the Secretary Ann Haig on 522316.

## Calling Potential Bowlers

Why not give bowling a try? Skelmorlie Bowling Club welcome people of all ages, from 8 years – late years. Coaching is available to any newcomers. If you would be interested in getting involved.co.uk contact Club President for 2006, Ian Broadfoot on 01475 520495 or email: [ibroadfoot@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ibroadfoot@tiscali.co.uk)

## What Would You Like To See In The Village News?

Since taking over editing the Village News two and a half years ago we have listened to a number of suggestions and tried to include them where possible. We are very aware however that many people may be sitting at home with great ideas about how to improve things. If you have any suggestions please contact me and I will do my best to implement them. Perhaps you would like to contribute to the newsletter on a regular basis – if so get in touch and we can chat about how you can contribute. Contact Eila Tel: 529375 E-mail: [eila@wemyssbay.plus.com](mailto:eila@wemyssbay.plus.com) or leave your suggestions in the Village News folder behind the counter in Spar.

## Do You Know This Man?

Hello from New Hampshire in the States.

When I was 16 (I am now 55) in 1967, I attended a French language school in Tours in France. There was a Scot there at the same time and I am trying to get in touch with him. His name was Richard Murdoch and one distinguishing feature was that he was very tall – about 6' 7" or so.

Is there any chance that you can help me find this person? Thanks

*Lida Stinchfield*

*If you can help Lida in her search, please get in contact with Eila at: [eila@wemyssbay.plus.com](mailto:eila@wemyssbay.plus.com) or phone me on 529375 and I will pass on your information.*

## Changes to Advert Billing

From April it will be necessary to pay for Village News adverts in advance. Most advertisers continue with regular adverts and therefore, to save work all round, will be billed on a three monthly basis in advance. It will still be possible to place adverts on a one-off basis, however they will require to be paid for when they are placed. If anyone has difficulty with this, they should contact the community Association Treasurer, Stephen McFeeley on 07782 323501 to make suitable arrangements. Please contact Stephen and not the editor.

## Let Changes

The cost of hiring the Community Centre has remained the same for a number of years. It has become necessary to review these costs and, with effect from April, the cost of hiring the centre will be £5 per hour for community groups and £10 per hour for commercial lets.

## **Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church**

CHURCH DIARY for February 2006  
Every SUNDAY at 11.00am  
Morning Worship, Sunday School and Crèche  
Every MONDAY at 3.15-4.45pm  
Out of the Ark – for Parents and early year's school children  
in Skelmorlie Community Centre  
Every MONDAY at 7.30pm  
Bible Study with a guest speaker once a month  
Every WEDNESDAY at 7.30pm  
Scottish Country Dancing  
Every THURSDAY at 1.15-2.45pm  
Noah's Ark – for Parents and Toddlers  
THURSDAYS (fortnightly) at 7.30pm  
Men's Fellowship  
Thursday 9 February: Illustrated talk on Malta  
Every FRIDAY at 12.15-1.30pm  
Friday Lunches  
Every SATURDAY at 1.30-4.30pm  
Junior Badminton in Skelmorlie Community Centre

### **50-50 AUCTION**

Apart from our regular events, we are holding a 50-50 AUCTION on Friday 10 February at 7.30pm in Skelmorlie Community Centre. If you have any goods you would like to sell bring them along to the Centre and turn them into cash. All you are expected to do is to give half the proceeds to the Church. Details are given on posters around the village.

Guides "THINKING DAY" Service

The annual Thinking Day Service will be held on Sunday 19 February at 11.00am in Church and we look forward to welcoming members of the different sections of the Guides.

### **Gala 2006**

Yes, it is almost the time of year again when we start appealing for help for the Gala. We work on the principle that if we shout long enough and loud enough eventually enough people will come forward to allow the weekend to go off smoothly. This year it is even more important to get help early.

For the last few years the Gala weekends have run smoothly thanks, in no small part, to the organisational skills of Ann Marie Cockburn. Now at college full time and with two young boys, Ann Marie has decided that it is time that she got to enjoy the Gala with her family. Although she will not be too far away with a word of advice, we really need to get organised early in order that other people can take on the many tasks which Ann Marie previously coped with.

A victim of its own success, the Gala has expanded to cover a whole weekend every June. Do you have spectacular organisational skills? Would you like to co-ordinate the Gala? Alternatively, can you help out over the course of the weekend?

It is important to start thinking about what you can do to help. If more people would even give an hour or two over the course of the weekend things would run smoothly (and some of the Community Association Committee might get some sleep!).

If you are able to help, please speak to any member of the Community Association.

### **Bulb and Wildflower Appeal**

The Woodland Association has planted over 5000 bulbs throughout Wemyss Bay Wood but, in order to help reintroduce native species this is a drop in the ocean. 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 Bluebells, Snowdrops and Wood Anemones. We have already had several hundred daffodil bulbs donated and at present do not need anymore of these.

In addition we are looking for a variety of wildflowers including Bugle, Primroses, Ragged Robin, Devil's Bit Scabious and Kidney Vetch. 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 scabious £37.

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the 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.

### **Interested in Advertising?**

1500 copies of the Village News are produced each month. Over 1200 homes in the village receive a hand-delivered copy and the remainder are placed in the doctor's surgery and local shops. In addition copies of the adverts are displayed in the Community Centre for one month.

<u>Advert Size</u>	<u>Dimensions</u>	<u>Price</u>
1/8th page (standard)	64mm 45mm	£12/issue
1/4 page	128mm x 45mm <u>or</u> 64mm x 90mm	£24/issue
1/2 page	128mm x 90mm	£45/issue
Full page	180mm x 128mm	£90/issue

(Dimensions are approximate, width x height)

If you would like to discuss taking out an advert in the Village News, either as a one-off or on a regular basis, why not contact Ken at [eila@wemyssbay.plus.com](mailto:eila@wemyssbay.plus.com) or phone: **529375**. Ken can advise and help with the lay out of your advert and any artwork.

## Hire of Furniture

At Christmas the Community Association was approached by someone, who was having a family gathering, to see if they could hire a table and chairs. It has been decided to offer this facility to anyone requiring it. If you need to hire furniture, a table and eight chairs costs £10. In addition, it is necessary to leave a £50 deposit which is returnable when the furniture is returned to the centre in good condition. If you are interested in this service, please contact Kirsty on 520738.

## Councillor Eric Forbes

The planning permission for Cardell Flats has been granted by the Scottish Executive's Reporter.

The bus shelter on the A78 at the North Lodge is going to be replaced.

I've had complaints about an abandoned car in the Spar car park. I have passed this on to the police. I must repeat that the car park is private and its condition is the responsibility of the shopkeepers through their landlord but there seems to be some difficulty in getting an agreement amongst them (some are happy to be involved).

A feasibility study/outline design is going to take place into a Wemyss Bay Interchange Park and Ride and should be completed by the end of June 2006.

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

## W.E.A. Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Branch – Spring Programme

The WEA meets in the Reading Room of Skelmorlie Community Centre on Wednesdays at 9.45 a.m. until 11.30 approx. There is no membership fee, you simply pay as you go - £1.80 per meeting or £1.50 (concessions) Everyone welcome. For further information or help with transport please phone Jenny on 521090. The programme for February and March is as follows:

**FEBRUARY** - 1st. "THE MUSIC OF VIENNA" - Glyn Bragg.

- 8th. "THE GREAT STINK" - The rebuilding of the Victorian sewers of London. - Brian Searle.

- 15th. "FROM AUCHTERMUCHTIE TO ZETLAND" - Scotland through its place names. - Allan Steel.

- 22nd. "THE PARKS OF PARIS" – Michael Hitchon.

**MARCH** - 1st. "THE SCOTTISH HIGHLAND BOUNDARY FAULT" – Julian Hill.

- 8th. "OVER MY SHOULDER" - A tale of escape and service during the 2nd. World War. - Bob Kutner.

- 15th. "HOW WELCOME IS THE STRANGER" - refugees and immigrants in Scotland. – Bernard Aspinwall.

- 22nd. "A DAY ON THE CLYDE" - Iain Quinn.

- 29th. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING plus a SURPRISE item!

## Have you got something that you'd like to tell me?

As you may have realised for a small place Wemyss Bay has an eclectic cultural heritage. At the moment little of Wemyss Bay's history is accurately or comprehensively recorded. In a recent local history survey of the Inverclyde area Wemyss Bay was not even acknowledged as having anything to contribute to the local heritage of the Inverclyde area. If nothing is done much of Wemyss Bay's current and past history will be lost.

As part of the final year of my degree I am expected to extensively research and if possible execute an arts/history project. I am interested in developing a photographic and oral archive of Wemyss Bay. If possible and with enough community support I hope to develop a small exhibition using photographs, oral history and any interesting items that people may be able to contribute.

So if you have any stories or particular memories of Wemyss Bay that you would like to be recorded please get in contact with me. If you used to work on the estates or at the power station or could put me in touch with people that did I would be particularly interested in hearing from you. In addition if you have any photographs of Wemyss Bay or something that might be relevant to Wemyss Bay's history I would also be very grateful to see them. Anything that you contribute will be dealt with appropriately and if wished passed to the local museum.

Please contact Kimberley Stone, Flat 1/3, 348 Dumbarton Road, Glasgow, G11 6TG

Tel: 0141 339 1983 Mob: 07939 263832 Email: kimberleen@hotmail.com

## Duncan McNeil MSP

It's a measure of the complexity of the system and the difficulty of balancing the plethora of competing interests that it was only at the end of last year that the much-discussed and long-awaited Planning etc. (Scotland) Bill was published.

Described as "the most fundamental and comprehensive reform of the planning system" since it was created in 1948, the Bill aims to make the system more efficient and give local people better opportunities to influence the decisions which affect them.

Under the plans, local Councils will be made more accountable to the communities they are elected to serve. There will be greater transparency in the handling of local authority interest cases and councils will be required to maintain up-to-date, relevant and accessible development plans which have been drawn up with the full participation of local people and with a full assessment of their environmental impact.

Also on the agenda are further measures to encourage public participation in the planning process, including on major applications. And new obligations for the planning system to contribute to sustainable development and a formal role for the Parliament in drawing up the National Planning Framework will also be introduced.

In short, the aim of these reforms is to encourage engagement and openness, instead of the confrontation or imposition which all too often characterises the planning system.

The Bill is now set to be scrutinised by the Communities Committee, which has now issued a call for written evidence on the general principles of the Bill. Written evidence, of no more than six sides of A4, can be submitted by 6th March electronically or in hardcopy. For full details, log on to:

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/committees/communities/05\\_Events.htm](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/committees/communities/05_Events.htm)

A modern planning system which allows quicker decisions for business is a key tool for growing Scotland's economy. But, alongside this, the system must also ensure that such economic development is sustainable and that communities are brought into the planning process at the earliest stages.

*Duncan can be contacted at the Parliamentary Office, 20 Union Street, Greenock PA15 8JL, Tel: 01475 791820, Fax: 01475*

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## Community Association

The next meeting of the Community Association will take place on Sunday 5th February at 7.30pm in the Inverkip Hotel.

## Things You May Have Missed....

A Charlotte, North Carolina, lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars then insured them against fire among other things. Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars, the lawyer filed a law suit against the insurance company. In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost "in a series of small fires." The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason: that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion. The lawyer sued.... and won! In delivering the ruling the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The Judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be "unacceptable fire," and was obligated to pay the claim.

Rather than endure a lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000.00 to the lawyer for his loss of the rare cigars lost in the "fires." After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!!! With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and he was sentenced to 24 months in jail and ordered to pay a \$24,000 fine.

## Having a Party?

If you are thinking of having a party, why not hold it at the Community Centre? Although it is pretty busy, party bookings are still available outwith the regular lets. Even better, why not theme your party? When placing your booking just say if you would like a Bouncy Castle Party or would like DJs "Disco Divas" to provide your entertainment. A 2-hour Bouncy castle Party costs £52, while a 2-hour Disco booking only costs £50. To make your booking or for more information contact **Kirsty** on **520738**.

Remember that if you are having food at your party, the centre's kitchen was refurbished last year and is available for your use.

## What Next For Wemyss Bay Woods?

During the next few weeks a consultation process is going to take place to decide what, if anything, should happen next in the woods and in the terraced garden area. The Woodland Association has already had suggestions that include a cycle track, a fitness/activity circuit and play equipment for youngsters but it is up to you whether any of this will come to pass.

You are likely to be approached at home, in the street, or through groups that you may attend to canvass your thoughts. It is also possible that there may be a survey in a future edition of the Village News. We cannot be more certain as Inverclyde Council are commissioning an independent company to carry out the consultation process. The Woodland Association however would encourage you to take part in any requests for your opinion. Without your views, we cannot proceed.

You are also likely to be asked your opinion on what should happen to the Victorian Terraced Garden. This garden, which is sited below Cliff Terrace Road, and is accessed via the gate in the wall on Ardgowan Road, opposite the entrance to Castle Wemyss Drive, was the idea of George Burns, father to the first Lord Inverclyde, and was a gift to his wife Jane. The garden, which was the creation of head gardener, David Henderson, and his team of seven full-time gardeners took over 30 years to complete. It is described by the Garden History Society in Scotland as "of regional historic importance" and "one of the most important Victorian gardens to have been discovered in recent years". Without your support, any further development and conservation will not happen. The Woodland Association AGM suggested that a programme of conservation and limited restoration would be the most appropriate course of action, with repairs to the base of the Victorian fernery and cliff walls, continued clearance of rhododendron, a limited planting of low-maintenance and woodland plants, and the siting of benches at appropriate view-points. If you have not yet visited the gardens and would like to do so, prior to giving an opinion on their future, the Woodland Association is working in the area on Sat 4th & Sun 5th February and Sat 4th & Sun 5th March when representatives of the Association will be happy to give a guided tour along with some of the historical information.

The woodland and terraced gardens are a community asset; please make sure to express your views.

## Woodland AGM

The Woodland Association held its AGM on Sunday 22nd January and said a fond farewell to Jill Vedebrand, who started everything off back in 2002 when she first raised the issue of protecting Wemyss Bay Woods as a community greenspace for the benefit of local residents. With husband, Tomas, due to retire soon, the couple are moving to Tomas's home country of Sweden to start a new life. The Association wish Tomas and Jill every happiness for the future.

The Woodland Association Office-bearers for the next year are Richard Charnock-Smith, Chairperson, Finlay McFee, Treasurer, and Eila Roberts, Secretary. The committee include Jean Parkinson, Susan McCartney, Maurice Dawson, Jenny Hunter and Sian Burton. New to the committee this year is David Noble.

If anyone wishes to find out more about the work of the Association they should contact Eila on 529375 or

[eila@wemyssbay.plus.com](mailto:eila@wemyssbay.plus.com)

The next working weekend will take place on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th February with the following one on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th March. . We are continuing to work in the area approaching the terraced gardens so enter through the gate in the wall on Ardgowan Road, opposite the end of Castle Wemyss Drive. We work from 9.30am – 3pm and provide all the necessary gloves, safety glasses and tools. In addition we stop for coffee/tea and biscuits in the morning and provide soup and hot sausage rolls at lunchtime. Children are welcome to come along (we do have gloves to fit) however they must be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult.

## An Apology

I would like to apologise to anyone who usually enjoys our monthly Sudoku. Due to a printing error, last month's puzzle contained a mistake which meant that it was impossible to solve. A special thanks must go to Lauren and Rachel Moffat for contacting me to point out the error. Ten year old Rachel is a big fan of Sudoku and never misses an opportunity to complete these puzzles. Hopefully there will be no more mistakes. Sorry!

## Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council

The Community Council meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Inverkip Hotel.

## **David Cairns: Cracking Down on Anti-Social Behaviour in Wemyss Bay**

Most people move to Wemyss Bay because they want to stay in a nice quiet village and just get on with living their lives. But what happens if nuisance neighbours move in beside you and start disrupting your family's life? Well, if they are on Housing Benefit, they could soon find that it is withdrawn if they persistently refuse to mend their ways.

This is just one of the proposals in the Prime Minister's far reaching *Respect Action Plan* which aims to crack down on anti-social behaviour by both adults and young people and stop them wreaking havoc on their local communities. It's time we said to these people that if they don't play by the rules and live like decent members of society then they can't expect the rest of us to subsidise them. I don't see why hard working families struggling with their mortgage should pay taxes to keep a roof over these people's heads.

These are often the same people who break windows in Wemyss Bay Primary school, put graffiti on the local community centre and vandalise your car as it sits outside your house. We all want a community where everyone gives respect and gets respect. And much of the Prime Minister's *Respect* agenda is inspired by what is already happening in Scotland. We know what can be achieved by anti-social behaviours orders when councils apply them rigorously. But we need to do more, and that's why it's right to warn that benefits could be withdrawn from people who make their neighbours' lives a misery.

It time we said that it is not acceptable for groups of youths to hang around the Spar shop and intimidate people going about their daily business; it's not acceptable for people to vandalise the Wemyss Bay train station; and it's not acceptable for groups of youths to go marauding through quiet residential streets frightening everyone who comes in contact with them. Anti-social behaviour has consequences - and for those on housing benefits the consequences may come sooner rather than later.

*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, Fax: 791821, or alternatively you can phone the office for details of his next surgery in Wemyss Bay. These details, along with other information, appear on his website: [www.davidcairns.com](http://www.davidcairns.com)*

**Waste collection** Your blue and brown recycling bins should be collected on Tuesday 14th & 20th February and 14th & 20th March. This means that your residual black bin should be emptied on Tuesday 7th & 21st February and 7th & 21st March.

## **Ardgowan Football Development**

### **AFD £1,000 Prize Draw**

The first annual AFD £1,000 Prize Draw will take place on Saturday 25th February. Top Prize is £1,000 and other prizes include a Digital Camera & Printer Pack, Portable DVD Player, Mobile Phone, Family Portrait Package at Simpson's and much more! Tickets are available from any of the coaches

### **AFD**

AFD now has over 150 kids attending our seven coaching sessions each Sunday. The session times are:

Primary 1	12:05 – 13:20
Primary 2	13:25 – 14:40
Primary 3	14:45 – 16:00
Primary 4	12:45 – 14:15
Primary 5	12:45 – 14:15
Primary 6/7	14:15 – 15:45
Girls	14:30 – 15:45

There are limited places available in some sessions, anyone interested should speak to one of the coaches or phone 07791 964277.

### **Ardgowan Thistle Football Club**

We now have ATFC squads; all selected from AFD, for ages 8, 9, 10 & 11. During 2005 the Under 9 & 11 squads played in a local 7 'A' Side League. Both teams acquitted themselves very well with the Under 9's remaining undefeated.

### **Sponsorship**

Any local businesses who wish to sponsor AFD or ATFC should contact John Reid on 522431.

## **SBM Bible Club and Youth Group**

The Bible Club and Youth Group, run by Strathclyde Bible Ministries (SBM), meet on a Monday evening at the community centre. The Bible Club is from 6.15pm to 7.30pm and all children in Primary School are welcome, from P1 to P7. Activities include games, songs, competitions, Bible stories and other activities. The Youth Group is from 8.00pm to 9.30pm and is for young people in P6, P7 and high school, with activities suitable for that age, including games and a tuck shop. This is a new club that started in September. Contact Stephen Renton for more information on 01505 355994.

## **Wemyss Bay web site**

If you run a group in Wemyss Bay or the surrounding area, you can now add details of your group to the web site and keep those details up to date through an online control panel. Go to the following address to add or update details of your group: <http://wemyssbay.net/todo/>

There are also various new polls on the web site, issues include windfarms, celebrating Britishness, skateboarding and speed cameras. Vote here: <http://wemyssbay.net/news/polls.asp>

Finally, a new message forum, with a lot more features and functionality than the old message board, has been added to the site: <http://wemyssbay.net/wbayforum/>

## **PDSA**

As the newly appointed chair for the Inverclyde PDSA volunteer group I am looking for animal lovers who could donate their free time to a worthy cause. I need to set up a team of volunteers in our area with the view of taking part in as many fundraising opportunities as possible throughout 2006. If you are interested in getting involved I will be only too glad to hear from you. Please contact me on 521694.

*Sharon Miller*

## **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.

## Finally

The closing date for submission of articles and adverts for the March edition of the Village News is the 20th February at 6.00 pm. Send your information to **Eila Roberts, 14 Brueacre Drive, Wemyss Bay** Tel: **529375** E-mail: **eila@wemyssbay.plus.com** or drop it into the Village News folder in Spar. Adverts should be sent to Ken at the same address. If you wish to discuss an article for inclusion or if you have any questions about advertising please feel free to phone us on **529375**.

## Kid's Stuff

To stay healthy we are all meant to eat 5 portions of fruit and vegetables each day. Try and find as many varieties in this month's wordsearch as possible.

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W	L	H	S	A	U	Q	S	T	U	N	R	E	T	T	U	B

APPLE  
AVOCADO  
AUBERGINE  
BANANA  
BRUSSEL SPROUT  
Butternut Squash  
CARROT  
CAULIFLOWER  
CUCUMBER  
DAMSON  
DATE  
FIG  
GRAPE  
KELP  
KUMQUAT  
LEMON  
LIME  
MANDARIN  
MANGO  
MELON  
NECTARINE  
ONION  
ORANGE  
PEA  
PEACH

PEAR

PEPPER  
SWEDE

POTATO  
TURNIP

RADISH  
WATER CHESTNUT

RASPBERRY  
WATERCRESS

RHUBARB  
HAM

## 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 are over 160 possible words and at least one 9-letter word.

P	A	R
T	E	C
S	I	D

30 words – at least you're trying!      40 words – good  
60 words – shows promise                  100+ words – brain-box!!

## SUDOKU

		7				4		
		2				1		
8	3						5	9
9	1	4				2	3	5
	8		5		4		7	
4		9		3		5		7
	2		9		5		1	
3			7	4	2			8

Sudoku is straightforward once you get the hang of it and relies on logic to solve it. Place a number from 1-9 in each empty square so that each row, each column and each 3x3 block contains the numbers 1-9. (This means that no number can appear twice in any row, column or 3x3 block.) Good Luck