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2006 Gala Weekend (Friday 16th – Sunday 18th June)

This year the annual Gala Weekend will take place from Friday 16th – Sunday 18th June. This year, for the first time, we are holding a 70s Night on Friday night. With a popular 70s DJ and a buffet, the evening is sure to be popular. For the third year running we have managed to freeze our ticket prices. Tickets are priced £5 for adults and £3 for under 12 year olds, with the under 5s getting in free. We are also offering a family ticket which will admit two adults and two children for £15. The marquee will be decorated with a 70s theme and we will have appropriate merchandise on sale on the night. Fancy dress is mandatory and it would be great if everyone could enter into the spirit of the evening. Details of ticket prices and box office opening times are to be found later in this edition of the Village News.

The events on Saturday start at 12 noon when this year's Gala Queen, accompanied by her attendants, will officially open the Gala. All the stalls will be run by local organisations or businesses and will include the Brownies, Lending Library, PTA, Mums & Tots and Woodland Association. Once again the youth clubs will be running the tuck shop and the burger stall – last year all the burgers were sold by 1.30pm so, although Liz has ordered even more for this year, you will still have to be quick. Ardgowan Football Development will be repeating their popular pie and Bovril stand. The Community Centre will be given over to the Guides tearoom – always a popular attraction with all the lovely home-baking. Gala Day would not be complete without all the rides for the young and young at heart. This year they will be even bigger and better than before. There will still be the Bouncy Castle, Children's Carousel and the Giant Bouncy Slide for the younger visitors. In addition there will be some aimed at older children, teenagers and adults. Laser Quest is back again this year at popular request. Stephen hopes that he will not be covered in quite so much mud this year in Beat the Goalie.

During Saturday afternoon, Ardgowan Football Development will take on Boca Bay Juniors in what has become a much coveted annual challenge. While we do not encourage gambling, there is a good chance of a couple of pennies changing hands. This year once again, the beer-tent will be providing a wide range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. Spirits, wine, canned and bottled drinks will appear side by side with "Helga's Big Jugs" from Houston Brewery.

Each year, the Community Association has to gamble on the success of the Gala. Even if there is a poor turnout the marquees, bands, rides, beer etc. still have to be paid for. Over the years there have been many generous sponsors who help fund specific items or donate prizes to the raffles. Sponsors are still required for this year's event – would your business be prepared to help or can you provide a raffle prize? Contact Kirsty on 520738.

On Saturday night entertainment continues in the main marquee with music and a karaoke special. Due to health and safety concerns and the conditions of our licence we have to limit the number of people who attend in the evenings. We have decided therefore to introduce tickets for the Saturday night at a nominal price of £2 for adults, £1 for children and £5 for a family ticket to admit 2 adults and 2 children. There will be prizes for the best singers and of course a booby prize for the worst. A lot of people think that they would never take part in something like this but it is great fun and after a couple of visits to the beer-tent your inhibitions will slip away and you will be belting out your favourite songs. Details of ticket prices and box office opening hours are to be found later in this edition of the Village News.

Last year we had a soup kitchen and this proved so popular that this year we are running it again. If you are flagging a bit on Saturday night between 7.00 – 9.00pm or if you just want to line your stomach a bit before your next visit to the beer tent, pop into the Community Centre for a choice of soups made by the Seaview Café.

Ardgowan Football Development will host their Annual Open Day on Sunday 18th June at the Community Centre and Playing Field from 11.15am – 3.00pm. There will be displays of training sessions and games. Ardgowan Thistle Football Club will take on local guest teams. There will also be the annual presentation of certificates and trophies. This is a must for all parents, families and friends of youngsters attending AFD.

Last year was the best Gala yet. A little luck with the weather and your support over the weekend could change that and ensure that this year breaks all the records!!

Thank You Evening

Did you help at last year's Gala weekend? Even if you only helped for a short time or offered to help, the Community Association would really like to thank you. Please come along and join us for a drink on Saturday 6th May at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Last year's gala was one of the best yet and this was the result of a lot of hard work by a lot of people. Despite the work it was a lot of fun. Would you like to take part in helping to run this year's gala? An hour or two of your time over the weekend Friday 16th – Sunday 18th June would really make a difference. Come along to the thank you evening on 6th May and find out about how you can get involved.

Help Make This Year's Gala A Success

As you can see, this year's Gala Weekend will be held from Friday 16th – Sunday 18th June. As usual the success of the Gala depends entirely on having enough volunteers to help out with the preparations and to ensure that everything runs smoothly over the weekend and this year is no exception. We require bar staff, face-painters, people to run the Association's stalls, helpers at the bouncy castle, people to sell tokens for rides, staff for the soup kitchen, raffle ticket and balloon race sellers, furniture removers, tent erectors, cleaners, dish-washers, litter-collectors. There is something that everyone could do, so if you want to be involved in helping your community enjoy a great Gala weekend and are available over the course of the event, even if only for an hour or two, then please phone Kirsty on 520738.

Friday 16th June is 70s Night!

Last year everyone entered into the spirit of the evening by dressing up for a Barn Dance on the Gala Weekend Friday night. This year we hope that you will do the same as we roll back the years to the 1970s with a fabulous 70s DJ. Do you remember the music? Who were your favourites? Perhaps, in the back of your wardrobe, you have even kept some of the clothes! Fancy dress is mandatory so dust them down and come along to, what is sure to be, a great night. Tickets, which include a light supper, will be available from the Box Office but, as the night sold out very quickly last year, make sure that you get along in the first couple of days to make sure that you don't miss out.

Saturday 17th June is Karaoke Night!

For the first time this year, we have decided to ticket the Saturday Karaoke night. For health and safety reasons, and to comply with the conditions of our licence, we have to restrict numbers in the marquee. Despite this we are sure that everyone will have a great time. Last year it was so popular that, once again, we will be running our soup kitchen for those of you who get peckish during the course of the evening. Tickets for the evening will be available from the box office on a first come first served basis. Sorry, but you cannot reserve tickets for either night as it is not fair on other people.

Gala Box Office

The Box Office for tickets for both Friday and Saturday night events will be open at the Community Centre as follows:

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| Thursday | 1st June | 6pm – 8pm |
| Friday | 2nd June | 6pm – 8pm |
| Saturday | 3rd June | 10am – 12pm |
| Sunday | 4th June | 11:30am – 1:30pm |
| Monday | 5th June | 6pm – 8pm |
| Tuesday | 6th June | 6pm – 8pm |
| Wednesday | 7th June | 6pm – 8pm |

Tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis. In order to be fair to everyone, you will not be able to reserve tickets. Prices are as follows:

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| Friday night dance | adult | £5 |
| (Inc. buffet) | child | £3 |
| | family | £15 (2 adults/2children) |
| Saturday night | adult | £2 |
| | child | £1 |
| | family | £5 (2 adults/2children) |

Piper Wanted

We desperately need a piper for Saturday 17th June for around 30mins to precede the Gala Queen and pipe her in to the marquee for her crowning. Can you help? Please phone Jenny on 529698.

Cancer Research Plant Sale

Our local branch of Cancer Research UK are once again organising a plant sale this year. The sale will take place in Skelmorlie Scout Hall on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th May. If you have not been along before, the sale gives you the opportunity to purchase a huge variety of summer bedding plants along with some shrubs. These are available exactly as you would buy them from a garden centre but you have the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting a very worthwhile cause.

Thank You

We hope that everyone has noticed the beautiful display of snowdrops throughout the wood in February and March. Some of the patches are off the main paths so you have to look out for them carefully. Last month also saw daffodils appearing throughout the wood, but particularly along the border with Ardgowan Road. Unfortunately the daffodils planted in the terraced gardens did not do as well as they fell foul to the local squirrels who ate the flower heads off most of the plants before they had a chance to open. Hopefully next year the bulbs will have divided and we will see an even better show. At this time of the year the bluebells and wild garlic are making an appearance so why not take a walk through the wood and admire nature at its best. The Woodland Association would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Bulb Fund or donated bulbs but, in particular, we would like to thank the Youth Club. Following last year's Gala, the club donated all the profits from the Burger stall, a total of £300 to the Bulb Fund. We have not yet spent all the money, but will shortly be buying some more wildflowers for planting in the wood along with a woodland wildflower seed mix. Without the help of the Youth Club we would not be able to do this. Thank you to everyone involved.

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 cost £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**.

Waste collection

Your blue and brown recycling bins should be collected on Tuesday 9th & 23rd May. This means that your residual black bin should be emptied on Tuesday 2nd, 16th & 30th May.

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.

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council

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

Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church

150th ANNIVERSARY

In just over four weeks time our congregation will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the first Church in Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay.

Some of the events taking place are listed below, but the main focus will be on the day of celebration, Sunday 4 June when the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Rev Alan McDonald, will be the guest preacher at a special service to mark the occasion.

It is our hope and intention that all the Churches in the neighbourhood will be represented at the service together with our Primary Schools and local organisations. We are sure it will be a memorable day.

The Service will be followed immediately by a Garden Party at Skelmorlie Castle, courtesy of Mr and Mrs James Wilson. We hope to have several attractions for children and adults alike, and a buffet lunch.

You will be made welcome!

Some of the main events:

Friday 26 May at 7.30pm, FAMILY CEILIDH with the Clyde Coast Strathspey and Reel Society in Skelmorlie Community Centre

Saturday 3 June at 7.30pm, CONCERT with the Variations Choir, accompanied by Derek Fry, with Jennifer Leitch (soloist) and Andrew Johnstone (piano)

Sunday 4 June at 11.00am, ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Sunday 4 June at 12.30pm, ANNIVERSARY GARDEN PARTY at Skelmorlie Castle

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 wind-farms, 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/>

Wemyss Bay Primary PTA

We are once again holding one of our ever popular Car Boot Sales. The details are as follows:

Date: Saturday 13th May 2006

Venue: Wemyss Bay Primary School Playground

Time: 11am - 1pm (Gates open at 10am to allow set-up of pitches)

Cost: £5 per pitch

Contact: Gillian (521509) or Susan (522120) to book a pitch.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Councillor Eric Forbes

There was a questionnaire circulated with regards to the future of the woodlands area in Wemyss Bay and views were being sought as to how locals would like to see it developed. As a result of this exercise some people contacted me and the local MP suggesting that it was the intention of the council to sell of the woodland area for development.

In view of this suggestion I feel it is necessary to set the record straight and say quite categorically that as far as the woodlands are concerned they are designated an open space in the Local Plan and will be protected as such and there is also Tree Preservation Orders in force. Development is not an option and I will support that view in Council.

The school refurbishment is still being discussed and I'll keep stakeholders informed of any news. Some pavement repair has been carried out round about the school area."

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.

Once Upon a Time...

...there was a shepherd looking after his sheep on the side of a deserted road in the Highlands. Suddenly, a brand new bright red Porsche 911 appears and screeches to a halt beside him. The driver, a woman wearing a Chanel suit, Ray Bans and a Cartier watch, steps out and asks the shepherd, "If I can guess how many sheep you have can I keep one?"

The shepherd looks at the large flock and says "Okay".

The woman connects a laptop to a mobile phone fax, enters the NASA website, scans the field using GPS, opens a database linked to 60 Excel files with logarithms and pivot tables, and then prints out a 150 page report on a high tech mini printer.

She studies the report and says to the shepherd, "You have exactly 1,586 sheep".

The shepherd replies, "That's correct. You can have the pick of my flock."

The woman packs away her equipment, looks at the flock and puts an animal in the boot of her Porsche.

As she is about to leave the shepherd says, "If I can guess your profession will you return the animal to me?"

The woman thinks for a moment, and then she agrees.

The shepherd says, "You are an NHS manager."

"Correct" responds the woman, but how did you know?"

The shepherd says, "Simple, first you came without being invited. Second, you wasted a lot of time telling me something I already knew. Third, you don't understand anything about the work I do, but interfere anyway – Now, can I have my dog back?"

David Cairns MP: Volunteers are the glue that keeps our community together

There are hundreds of volunteers throughout Inverclyde all giving up their time to help make our community a better place, and during Parliament's Easter Recess I had the privilege of meeting some of them. Our army of volunteers is the invisible glue that keeps our area together and it's thanks to them that our young people have scouts and guides, our elderly have lunch clubs and young mothers have toddlers' groups. And if it wasn't for the work of volunteers, you wouldn't be reading this newsletter today. I know there are lots of people in Wemyss Bay who volunteer for a wide range of community activities. Many of the organisations our youngsters attend depend heavily on volunteers from Wemyss Bay and, if it wasn't for their dedication and commitment, several troops of scouts, guides, brownies and cubs would simply disappear. Recently the 32nd Renfrew and Inverclyde scout troop celebrated their 90th anniversary, and I was able to present the group with a letter of congratulations from the Prime Minister. There are over 100 children attending this particular scout troop and I know that many of them come from Wemyss Bay.

Lunch clubs were high on the agenda during the recess and I saw numerous elderly residents who can't get to formal surgeries. And I also met a group dedicated to improving the facilities at Gourock's outdoor swimming pool. But no matter where I go, or what organisation I meet, you can almost guarantee that someone from Wemyss Bay will be in there doing their bit for the local community.

Wemyss Bay has voluntary groups covering everything from the community council, to school boards, to dedicated bands of people who go out and clear the local woodlands. Villagers help run many local churches and committees throughout Inverclyde, and they put a great deal of time and effort into making sure their chosen organisation runs smoothly. The community centre is a hub of activity and it is a tribute to villagers that we have so many different groups in Wemyss Bay, and beyond, who depend on you for their continued existence.

Personally I know of over 8 specific voluntary groups in Wemyss Bay alone – not bad for a village of less than 2,000 homes. If everyone in Inverclyde took as much interest in their community as Wemyss Bay residents, our area would improve by leaps and bounds.

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

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.

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 or leave your suggestions in the Village News folder behind the counter in Spar.

Duncan McNeil MSP

Anyone who has ever been involved in a civil court case knows it is an expensive, uncertain and stressful experience.

Thankfully, the vast majority of disputes are resolved without lawyers – and only a fraction of the cases where legal advice is sought ever make it to a full court hearing.

Still, the fact remains that some disputes, whether because of a disagreement over the facts, or the distance between the two parties' positions, can't be resolved without recourse to the courts. And, given what's at stake, it's important that, when called into action, they deliver a high quality service.

Sadly, though, research suggests that many people feel alienated from and may lack confidence in the civil courts. Holyrood, therefore, has been debating how we reform and modernise the civil justice system – something to which the Executive is already committed.

Some progress, of course, has already been made. The Commercial Court at Glasgow Sheriff Court, for example, is proving successful. There are also now tribunals for mental health and additional support for learning – and there is pressure to create more tribunals or specialised courts to deal with, say, housing or environmental matters.

Further, the first round of proposals produced by the major review of publicly funded legal advice is now being put into effect by the Legal Profession and Legal Aid Bill. This will allow, among other things, a wider range of legal service suppliers to apply to provide legal representation in court and will set up an independent Legal Complaints Commission.

While, though, we are moving in the right direction, there is still a way to go and the process of reform is set to continue. We might hope we'll never need it, but we need to be confident that, if things do go wrong, we will have access to justice worthy of the name.

Duncan can be contacted at the Parliamentary Office, 20 Union Street, Greenock PA15 8JL, Tel: 01475 791820, Fax: 01475 791821, by Textphone for the hearing impaired: 01475 791824, by E-mail: duncan.mcneil.msp@scottish.parliament.uk or via his website: www.duncanmcneil.com

Woodland Association

Last month the Association worked with residents of Leapmoor Drive to cut back all the gorse which bordered Ardgowan Road around the entrance to Leapmoor Drive. Despite a rather prickly time, the day's work was very successful and the area looks a lot better. If you have a community event and would like to hire tools from the Association, contact Eila for details on 529375.

Once again this year, the Association will have a stall at the village Gala on Saturday 17th June. We will, once again, be selling toys made of wood, or with a nature theme. Even if you are not interested in purchasing toys we would encourage you to come along and take the opportunity to find out a bit more about the Association and its work. Committee members will be available to answer any of your questions.

Recycling

As you know there is a glass recycling point in the car park next to the community centre and a new glass point at the Inverkip Power Station access road. However, the council would welcome suggestions from residents for an additional recycling point in Wemyss Bay. This point would be for separated glass recycling and possibly dry recyclates. If you have any suggestions please contact Allan Walker at Inverclyde Council on 717171.

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.

New treasurer needed for Community Centre

A new treasurer is urgently required for the Community Association. Stephen McFeeley has unfortunately had to stand down as treasurer which means there is an opportunity for someone else to fulfil this vital function within the community.

The Committee thanks Stephen for his invaluable work over the last year and would ask that anyone interested in taking over the role of Treasurer should **contact Kirsty Donnelly on 520738, or any member of the Committee to discuss.**

You can also email: webmaster@wemyssbay.net

The Community Association, in case you were not aware, are responsible for the day-to-day running, management, letting and upkeep of the Community Centre and also organises the Gala Day, the Christmas lights switch-on and other community events. The Community Centre is in constant use 7 days a week. If you have children then it is very likely that they are involved in at least 1 activity at the centre, if not more.

The next meeting of the Community Association is on Wednesday 3rd May 2006 at 7.30pm at the Inverkip Hotel in the Rogues Room (go upstairs and you can't miss it). Anyone is welcome to come along, see what happens, and get involved if they would like.

To Wash or Not To Wash

Last month saw the tenth anniversary of Real Nappy Week when families were being urged to switch to re-usable nappies instead of disposables to help the environment. Hundreds of events were held by local authorities across the country to highlight the advantage of washable nappies.

Nearly three billion nappies are thrown away in the UK each year, with 90% ending up in landfill sites. Re-usable nappies are the only sure way to solve the nappy mountain landfill problem. Nearly eight million nappies are thrown away each day in the UK.

By opting for washables, as well as saving waste, parents can save an estimated £500 on the cost of nappies for one baby. It can cost as little as £50 to get kitted out with nappies for one baby.

Now that services exist to take away nappies, wash them and return them to your door, this is something to consider if you really want to protect the environment.

Things You May Have Missed

A flock of 20 pigeons with mobile phone technology will monitor air pollution in the skies over San Jose, California from August. Japanese businessmen were urged to dedicate a day as Beloved Wives Day to make up for all the evenings they work.

Dutch transport chiefs let hooligans loose on a prototype train to ensure it was fit for service. "We want to make sure our new trains are idiot-proof" said Amsterdam's council chief.

A management training firm was fined £3,000 after a conference delegate got burnt feet in a motivational "hot coals" firewalk.

An Ohio man has been jailed for burying his car. Matthew Mueller tried to make an insurance claim for \$20,000 for the interred vehicle when he found that he could not afford to repair its damaged engine.

The US department of Transportation has moved parts of Indiana into a different time zone. Eight counties will be re-zoned to reflect where their inhabitants work, trade and receive their television signals from.

The final wish of a Swiss man has been published in his local paper's "Change of Address" column. It reads: "My new address is the Rehalp cemetery, plot number 4276. I look forward to your visit."

Captain Jim Boyd

Former resident of both Wemyss Bay and Skelmorlie, Captain Jim Boyd, has died just weeks after retiring from the Royal Navy. He was 54.

Jim was one of the Royal Navy's most experienced commanding officers and collapsed in the Cairngorms while hill-walking with friends.

He is survived by his two daughters Kirsty and Kerry, two grandchildren, and his mother Jean who still lives in Skelmorlie. Our sympathies to his family.

Finally

The closing date for submission of articles and adverts for the June edition of the Village News is the 20th May 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**.

Wordsearch

Did you know that we should eat at least 5 portions of fruit and vegetables a day to stay healthy? This month's wordsearch contains the names of just some of the fruit available to us. This month, why not try something you haven't tasted before?

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- MANGO
- MELON
- NECTARINE
- ORANGE
- PAPAYA
- PEACH
- PEAR
- PINEAPPLE
- PLUM
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- TANGERINE
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- WATERMELON

WORDFINDER

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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 70 words and at least one 9-letter word.

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

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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