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Gala Weekend Friday 16th – Sunday 18th June

Put the dates in your diary now and don't miss out on the biggest and best Gala yet.

Friday night is a 70's Night! Tickets will go on sale for this year's Friday night extravaganza from **Thursday 1st – Wednesday 7th June. They will be available from the Community Centre box office Mon – Fri from 6pm – 8.00pm, Sat 10am – 12noon & Sun 11.30am – 1.30pm.** 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 and will cost £15. This year's Friday night event is a bit different. The theme is the 70's and we have a fab 70's DJ lined up to entertain you all night, as well as 70's themed decorations in the marquee. All we ask is that you join in with the spirit of the evening and look out your old 70's gear. There will be prizes for the best dressed.

The night will kick off at 7.30pm with the usual raffle, prizes, and buffet. Last year was a complete sell out, so don't miss out this year! It's a great family night out! See you there! (Please note that the marquee will be a no-smoking area. You are welcome to smoke outside the tent.)

Saturday 17th is Gala Day with events starting at 12 noon when this year's Gala Queen, accompanied by her attendants, will officially open the Gala, ably assisted by Councillor Forbes. There will be a variety of stalls run by local organisations including the Brownies, Lending Library, PTA, Largs Gymnastics, Graffiti Dance Group, Mums and Tots and the Woodland Association. Once again the youth club will be running the tuck shop and the burger stall – last year all the burgers were sold out by 1.30pm so get along early if you are feeling peckish. AFD will be repeating their popular pie and Bovril stall (pie & Bovril £1, pie only £1, Bovril only £1!!). The Community Centre will be given over to the Guides tearoom – always a popular attraction with all the lovely home-baking. The Community Association will have a stall, sponsored by the Seaview Café, selling lovely home-made soup for those watching their waistline.

Gala Day would not be complete without all the rides and fairground attractions for the young (and young at heart). This year they will be even bigger and better than before. There will still be the children's carousel and Bouncy Castle for the little ones, with the Giant Bouncy Slide for those a little older. In addition there will be some aimed at older children, teenagers and adults. Laser Quest is back again by popular request and we will also see a return of Equaliser and a Giant Inflatable Assault Course, which could develop into a competition for the whole family and is bound to provide loads of laughs. Stephen hopes that he will not be quite as muddy at the end of this year's Beat the Goalie.

"The Animal Man" will be coming along to the Gala bringing with him a selection of animals from the well-known rabbits and Guinea pigs to the more exotic snakes, giant cockroaches and tarantulas! There will be an opportunity to see some of these animals close up and, for the more daring, you may even be able to pet them. In the centre, for the little ones, there will be a Punch and Judy show. There will be a, soup stall, burger and hot-dog stand, pie & Bovril stall, coconut shy, bottle stall, Father's Day gifts (nice timing as this falls on the Sunday), wooden toys, face-painting, plant stall, Hook-a-Duck, pocket-money toys, tattoos, punch-balls and lots of other sideshows. This year's Balloon Race is sponsored by the Tiro printers – tickets will be available at the box office in the fortnight leading up to the Gala, at the 70s Night and on Gala Day.

This year, once again, the beer tent will be providing a range of alcoholic and soft drinks. Spirits, canned and bottled drinks will appear side by side with "Helga's Big Jugs", last year's sell-out beer from Houston Brewery. We will also have a wide range of soft drinks for the under-18s and drivers out there. Please note, we will not sell alcohol to anyone suspected of being under-18 and it is illegal to purchase alcohol on behalf of anyone underage. Anyone abusing this will be asked to leave as our licence would be in jeopardy if this was to happen and, should the police visit, we would be shut down. The bar will be open from 12noon until 5.30pm and from 7.00pm until 11.00pm. In compliance with the new anti-smoking legislation, the marquee and the community centre are strictly no-smoking areas. You are welcome to smoke in the beer garden.

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Saturday night: After a short break from 5.30 – 7.00pm to allow us to clear up and make sure that we have enough glasses washed for the evening session, the bar will re-open and entertainment continue in the main marquee with music and a karaoke special. From a safety point of view, we have decided to ticket this event for the first time. Tickets go on sale from **Thursday 1st – Wednesday 7th June. They will be available from the Community Centre box office Mon – Fri from 6pm – 8.00pm, Sat 10am – 12noon & Sun 11.30am – 1.30pm** and cost £2 for adults, £1 for children and £5 for a family ticket admitting two adults and two 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 sing in public but, as the night goes on and you are caught up in the atmosphere, you will soon be belting out your favourite songs. Interspersed throughout the evening there will be quizzes and stand-up bingo, again with prizes. Harkie's Burger and food van will be along during the evening for those looking for more than liquid sustenance.

Sunday 18th is AFD Open Day. 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.

Help Still Needed

Help is still needed to ensure that this year's Gala goes off without a hitch. There is something that everyone can do including pulling a pint, clearing tables, face-painting, helping set up and take down the marquees, cleaning the toilets, washing glasses, litter picking, supervising the bouncy castle. You do not need to commit yourself to helping for the whole weekend; an hour or two would really make a difference and allow some of the other volunteers a chance to have a little time off with their families. If you would like to get involved, in any way, please phone **Kirsty** as soon as possible on **520738**.

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**.

Gala Box Office

Still not sure about the Box Office opening hours – here they are one last time. The Box Office for tickets for both Friday and Saturday night events will be open at the Community Centre as follows:

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:

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)

Sponsors Required

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** if you can help.

Houston Brewery Supplies the Gala

The company is at the vanguard of the revolution in Scottish Brewing, carving out a reputation for producing world class award-winning traditional ales. Last year "Helga's Big Jugs" proved to be a favourite and yes, the blousy blonde is back for a second appearance this year! She will be accompanied by "St. Peter's Well". This light, refreshing ale has a rich golden colour, fruity flavour and full hop aroma.

Ardgowan Football Development

The AFD Girls collected 19,500 tokens for the Daily Record Kits for Kids Promotion. This was far more than the 6,000 they needed to guarantee their new kit and, although we don't know if their total is enough to get them to Hampden, we would like to thank all parents, friends and 'strangers' (we received tokens from as far afield as Aberdeen, Leuchars and West Kilbride!) for their fantastic support. The girls attended the Scottish Women's Football Festival at McDiarmid Park in Perth on May 20th. Over 70 AFD kids enjoyed their visit to the Morton v Stirling Albion match. Morton won, the kids had great fun and where a credit to the club and their parents so it was a good day all round.

The Property Shop in Greenock has kindly provided sponsorship for the ATFC 9, 10 & 11 Squads who each now have a new set of strips.

The club took 11 teams to the Cowal Police 5 a Side Tournament and have also entered two major tournaments in Cumbernauld as well as the Loch Lomond International Soccer Festival.

We are holding a second AFD Race Night on Saturday 30th September in the Community Centre. First choice will be given to Parents & Friends who did not get tickets for our Race Night in February but anyone wishing tickets should contact Tom McClurg on 520179. Tickets will be priced £5 which includes a Fish Supper!

The AFD Gala Day takes place on Sunday 17th June and all Parents & Friends are invited along to see coaching sessions, the trophy presentation and a football match.

Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church

CELEBRATES 150 YEARS of CHRISTIAN WITNESS

on Sunday 4 June at 11.00am

The guest preacher will be

The Right Reverend Alan McDonald, LLB BD MTh,

Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

Other guests will include representatives of neighbouring Churches, local schools, uniformed organisations and local authorities

The Anniversary Service will be followed by a Garden Party at Skelmorlie Castle (courtesy of Mr and Mrs James Wilson)

On Saturday 3 June at 7.30pm in the Church there will be an

ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

with the Variations Choir, Jennifer Leitch, Andrew Johnston and Derek Fry

Admission £5.00

YOU WILL BE MADE WELCOME

Centre Targeted By Vandals

On Friday 19th May, a group of around 30 local youths were seen vandalising the Community Centre by smashing all the external lights and damaging the roller shutter door by throwing bricks. The police were informed but were not on hand at the time to deal with the incident. The perpetrators however, have been identified and are well known within the local community. Although we do not intend printing their names, at this time, they can and will be supplied to the police should any further incidents of this nature occur.

The Community Centre is a resource for the entire community and such wilful damage by a small number of ignorant louts affects us all and reflects particularly on their parents. Do you know what your son or daughter does when they roam about in such large groups at night? We do. Maybe you should take the time to find out. Next time their names will be passed over, regardless of their age.

Waste collection

Your blue and brown recycling bins should be collected on Tuesday 6th & 20th June. This means that your black bin should be emptied on Tuesday 13th & 27th June.

David Cairns MP – Looking After Inverclyde's Carers

Wemyss Bay has dozens of carers who look after family members, friends and neighbours who could not manage without their help and support. This army of unpaid volunteers comes from all walks of life, and it is thanks to their dedication and commitment that many of our elderly, sick and disabled can remain in their own homes. So it's only right that we pay tribute to them and Inverclyde's thousands of other carers during National Carers' Week beginning on 12th June.

Carers by their very nature put others first and rarely take time to think about their own health needs. But this year Carers' Week is hoping to change all that and put the health of carers firmly on the agenda. I often see carers at my surgeries and they always ask me the same thing – "Can you help the person I am looking after?" In my five years as the local MP, I have yet to meet a carer who came to me with their own problems, their only concern is for the person they are looking after and how they can make life better for them.

But looking after someone else can take its toll and that's why this year Carers' Week is focusing on health checks for carers.

There are already many examples of good practice around the country where GPs and health centres provide annual health checks for carers and it's something I would like to see adopted throughout Inverclyde. Whether you are a pensioner caring for a confused partner, a young mum looking after a disabled child, or a neighbour who has taken on responsibility for someone who needs help; you too need to look after yourself and regular health checks for carers will help you assess any risks to your own wellbeing.

We are lucky here in Inverclyde to have a really good Carers' Centre in Cathcart Street, Greenock, where any of you who are carers can go along for advice and support. I have been to the Carers' Centre several times and visited many of the excellent local organisations who provide day care and respite care, so that carers can get a break and give their own health time to recover. Remember, if you are one of Inverclyde's hidden multitude of carers, take time to look after yourself, and why not call the local Carers Centre on 735180 to see if they can help you.

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

Poll Results

The Wemyss Bay web site has run various polls recently on various subjects. Current polls include Who will win the World Cup, the National Anthem, Windfarms, Speed Bumps, Youth Facilities and Dog Fouling. The results of some recently closed polls are as follows (results may not necessarily reflect public opinion!):

Celebrate Britishness:

The question was: Do you agree with Gordon Brown that Britain should have a day to celebrate its national identity? The results showed that only 12% were in favour of a day to celebrate 'Britishness', while over 75% said no because they are Scottish. It seems Gordon Brown is out of touch with the people in his own country.

Speed camera:

The question was: Would you be in favour of a speed camera at the train station?

63% - Yes 34% - No 3% - Not sure

It seems people like speed cameras after all!

Skateboarding park

The question was: Would you like to see a skateboarding park in Wemyss Bay?

81% - Yes 16% - No 3% - Undecided

4 out of every 5 people who voted would like to see a skateboarding park in Wemyss Bay, but will it happen?

Go to <http://wemyssbay.net/news/polls.asp> for more polls.

Duncan McNeil MSP

The recently reported stabbing incident in Wemyss Bay is a stark warning that nowhere is immune from knife crime. Of course, the problem here is nothing like as bad as it is in Glasgow or elsewhere, but one violent crime is one too many and cannot be tolerated.

Sadly, too many people, particularly here in the west of Scotland, still harbour the bizarre notion that carrying a knife is somehow normal. And, as night follows day, the carrying of these weapons leads to bloodshed – especially when coupled with drink or drugs.

This culture, then, must change and the Scottish Parliament is taking steps to strengthen the law. The Executive, for example, has included the demands made in our petition – making it more difficult to buy knives and strengthening the powers of police and courts – in the new Public Order and Criminal Justice Bill.

And, as you will doubtless be aware, a month-long national knife amnesty is now underway. Not only will this get deadly weapons off the streets, research shows that such moves also cut crime. Research carried out after the four-week Operation Blade in Strathclyde in 1993 showed that more than 4,500 weapons were surrendered and, in the following 12 months, murder rates fell by 26 per cent. Attempted murders were also down 19 per cent, serious assaults down 14 per cent and offensive weapons possession down 23 per cent.

But, while welcome, measures like this are not the complete answer. We must also tackle violence at its source. I am therefore fully behind the work of Detective Chief Superintendent John Carnochan and his Violence Reduction Unit. As Det Chief Supt Carnochan put it when he visited Inverclyde recently: only properly coordinated action on all fronts will cure Scotland's culture of so-called 'recreational violence'.

The big question, therefore, isn't so much what to do when someone commits an act of violence, but how we stop them becoming violent in the first place. How do we address the conditions – deprivation, a violent family background, poor education, a lack of ambition – in which the violence virus thrives? This approach isn't about making excuses for violence, it's about stopping it. And it's not about doing favours for criminals, it's about building better living environments for everyone.

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

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council

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

Midsummer Charity Ball

A Midsummer Charity Ball will be held in The Gamble Halls, Gourock on 24th June 2006 at 7.00pm. **Tickets are still available** for this year's charity event which aims to raise funds for autistic children and their families in Inverclyde. This formal evening includes a 5-course meal and entertainment is being provided by local band 'Freedom'. Fundraising will continue during the event, with a plethora of much desired items up for auction/raffle. Tel Eileen on 01475 793306 for more information. Organisers are in talks with a number of 'River City' actors who are hoping (depending on their schedules) to attend as well although nothing is in stone yet!!

Raffle Con

It has come to the notice of the Community Association that someone has been going round doors in Wemyss Bay attempting to sell raffle tickets which they claim are for the Gala. You should be aware that this is not genuine and, should you be approached, you should refuse to buy tickets and should notify the police. The only things sold prior to the Gala are tickets for the events, which are sold from the Box Office, and Balloon Race Tickets, which are only sold by members of the Association. The Community Association has passed details on to Strathclyde Police.

Macmillan Cancer Relief

A sponsored walk was held on Sunday 14th May in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief. The walk started at mid-day and participants walked The Greenock Cut Circular Route, some 7.1miles, starting and ending at Cornalees Bridge Park. Katrina, aged 7, completed the circuit and to date has raised in excess of £150 for this very worthwhile cause. If anyone else would like to add to Katrina's total they can do so by contacting the editor on 529375. Well done Katrina!

Woodland Association

The Woodland Association has set up its summer walk programme in conjunction with Scottish Natural Heritage's Local Nature Reserve Celebrations. The LNR Celebration Fortnight takes place in July and, in addition to the regular weekend walks we have scheduled a couple of midweek children's events.

- Sat 1st July** **How a Woodland Works:** A guided walk looking at the structure of a woodland; how light is important; layers within a woodland; windblow – what happens when trees fall down; who lives in a woodland and who eats who.
- Sat 15th July** **Mini-Beast Safari:** Things which are too small to notice can be the things which make a woodland work. Get up close to a selection of creepy crawlies and slimy beasties. Afterwards, make a hibernation chamber for lacewings and ladybugs.
- Wed 19th July** **Artworks In The Wood:** Join us and take part in a range of art activities including petal dying, willow weaving and making shapes and designs from natural materials.
- Wed 26th July** **Bird Walk & Bird Boxes:** A morning finding out about some of the birds who live in the woodland and what they eat. Help our feathered friends by making a nest-box to go up in the wood.
- Sat 29th July** **Wildflowers and Their Herbal Uses:** An insight into how many of the plants, which we now consider to be everyday ones, had former uses and powers which were perhaps less than innocent.
- Sat 12th August** **Treasure Hunt:** A morning of clues and activities for the young and the young at heart.
- Sat 26th August** **Bird Walk & Bird Boxes:** A morning finding out about some of the birds who live in the woodland and what they eat. Help our feathered friends by making a nest-box to go up in the wood.
- Sat 9th Sept** **Artworks In The Wood:** Join us and take part in a range of art activities including petal dying, willow weaving and making shapes and designs from natural materials.
- Sat 23rd Sept** **Fungi Forage:** Some will be safe, some poisonous and some frankly ugly. Come along and find out more about the mushrooms and toadstools to be found locally. Said one toadstool to another "There's not mushroom in here!"
- Sat 14th October** **Bat and Moth Night:** Come for an evening walk and find out about our local night-time wildlife. Learn how to use a bat-detector.

All of the walks depart from the car-park at the Community Centre. With the exception of the Bat and Moth Night, which leaves at 7.30pm, the rest all start at 10am. All of the walks / activities last for around 2 hours.

It is important that all children must be accompanied, at all times, by a responsible adult. Remember to wear shoes and clothing appropriate for the weather conditions and don't forget the midge repellent! For the Bat and Moth Night, please bring a torch. In order to contribute to the costs involved there is a £1 charge for all walks.

For more information about any of the walks or about the work of the Woodland Association telephone **Eila** on **529375** or email: **eila@wemyssbay.plus.com**

Graffiti Dance Troupe Show

Children who attend Lynne Cameron's Graffiti Dance Troupe classes in Wemyss Bay joined those from some of Lynne's classes elsewhere in Inverclyde to present a fabulous show over two evenings last month. Dancing to "You're The One That I Want" from Grease, Michael Jackson's "Beat It", the Pizza Hut theme, Tutti Frutti and tunes from the Little Mermaid, the boys and girls wowed parents and friends who had packed the Arts Guild Theatre to watch.

Wemyss Bay dancers and their parents would like to thank Lynne and her assistant, Laura, for all the time and effort they put in, not only in getting everything ready for the show, but also on a weekly basis at the classes in the Community Centre.

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**.

Your Age By Chocolate Maths!

1. First of all, pick the number of times a week that you would like to have chocolate (more than once but less than 10).
 2. Multiply this number by 2 (just to be bold).
 3. Add 5.
 4. Multiply it by 50 I'll wait while you get a calculator!
 5. If you have already had your birthday this year, add 1756... If you haven't, add 1755.
 6. Now subtract the four digit year that you were born in.
- You should have a three digit number. The first digit of this was your original number (i.e. how many times you want to have chocolate each week). The next two numbers are your age.
This will only work during 2006.

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/>

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.

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 or phone: **529375**. Ken can advise and help with the lay out of your advert and any artwork.

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.

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.

Things You May Have Missed

NASA has set up a "road kill posse" to clear carcasses from the Kennedy Space Centre to take out the food supply of vultures.

NASA fears that collisions with the big birds could damage space shuttle heat shields.

Polite scientists in Venezuela say they have produced a nutritious but flatulence-free version of baked beans.

A Lincoln businessman has been taken to an industrial tribunal after naming a racehorse after a member of his sales staff. The promising two-year-old filly is called Emma Told Lies!

A voice activated remote control has won a Worst Tech of 2006 award. One of the judges commented, "Exactly how lazy do you have to be to use a voice-activated remote control?"

United Airlines has drafted in pit crews from NASCAR races to improve airport turnaround times.

Fancy naming a bridge after a loved one? It'll cost you. The City of Chicago has opened bidding at \$3 million for the right to name its new toll bridge.

Spaniards are calling 500 euro notes "Bin Ladens" because everybody knows what they are but hardly anyone has seen them.

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.

Village News Competitions

Next month's edition of the Village News will be the 200th since it was started in 1987. Look out for some prize competitions and make sure that you get your entries in on time.

Finally

The closing date for submission of articles and adverts for the July edition of the Village News is the 20th June at 6.00 pm. Please note that there will not be an August edition of the Village News because of the summer holiday period. If you have an event happening during August, please make sure that you let us know by the 20th June in order that it can appear in the July edition.

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

Guess what this month's wordsearch is all about – it's not really that hard to figure out that it must be about the gala. If you look hard enough you will find the names of some of the rides, sideshows, stalls and other treats which can be found on Gala Day. Hope the weather is good and that you all come along and enjoy yourselves. See you there!

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DANCE
EQUALISER
FIRE BRIGADE
FUN
GALA
GALA QUEEN
GIANT SLIDE
GUINEA PIGS
ICE CREAM
KARAOKE
LASER QUEST
MUSIC
PUTTING
RABBIT
SNAKE
TARANTULA

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 75 words and at least one 9-letter word.

D	E	N
I	N	T
R	U	A

20 words – at least you're trying!
40 words – shows promise

30 words – good
60+ words – brain-box

SUDOKU

	7				5			
8								2
			7	8				
		8		2			5	
		6	1	4	3	8		
9				7		6	1	
				1	2		7	5
			9		6	2		1
	2				4	6		

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