

Wemyss Bay Village News

200th Edition

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Happy Birthday Village News

This is the 200th edition of the Wemyss Bay Village News. It was started back in September 1987 and at that time was a single A4 (or 4 A5) sheets. Since then, it has gone from strength to strength and is now at least 16 A5 sheets per month and, occasionally, 20 A5 sheets. As more and more organisations contribute news each month, so the advertising has grown to cover the costs. In the last year alone the Village News brought in a profit of over £2000 to the Community Association. The money has been used to offset the costs of the Gala and Christmas Lights Switch-On.

We took over editing the News in September 2003 and since then have looked forward each month to receiving everyone's articles for each edition, although sometimes the work on all the new adverts is daunting. We introduced a Kid's Page when we started and, to celebrate this, the 200th edition, this month there will be prizes – one for primary age for the Wordsearch, one for secondary pupils for the Wordfinder and one, open to all ages for Sudoku. Drop your answers in to the Village News folder in Spar or, for the Wordfinder, e-mail us at: eila@wemyssbay.plus.com We look forward to receiving all your entries. Make sure to include your name, address and age.

Eila & Ken

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

The success of the Gala each year is dependent on the hard work of an army of volunteers who turn up over the weekend to help out, in addition to members of the Community Association who give a lot of their time in the weeks leading up to the big event. A big thank you is extended to everyone who was involved in any way. In particular thanks should go to Kirsty, chair of the Association who worked tirelessly to ensure that everything ran smoothly. Work started well before Christmas to ensure that everything was organised. I am sure that everyone who came along over the weekend and had a fabulous time would like to congratulate Kirsty and her willing(!) team for all their efforts.

Each year many local business and individuals sponsor the Gala by donating money or raffle prizes. Each donation is very gratefully received and is put to good use. We would like to thank the following for their support this year: A.D.DRAUGHTING AND DESIGN; ADULT ASSOCIATION; ALLISON AKHTAR; ANGELA'S SOFT FURNISHINGS; ARCHIE; ARDGOWAN RIDING CENTRE; BAY GARDEN SERVICES; LYNN BRENNAN (JASMINE ROOM); BROWNIES; DAVID CAIRNS MP; CARDWELL GARDEN CENTRE; DDZ MARINE; JAMES DARRAH; KIRSTY & SANDY DONNELLY; COUNCILLOR & MRS FORBES; THE FORESTER'S HOUSE; FUNWORLD; GARDENS AND GRASS; GERRY'S BLINDS; GUIDES; HAIRSHADES; ALISON HENDRY (PONDERA MASSAGE); HERBALIFE; INGRID; KEOGH & SAVAGE; KIP McGRATH EDUCATION CENTRE ; LAMB'S COACHES; LONDIS PHARMACY; KARATE; KIP IRONING SERVICES; MACARI'S FISH & CHIP SHOP; RHONA MARTIN (TIRO PRINTING); MATHERS SATELLITE & SECURITY; NEIL MOONEY (CLOCHGATE FINANCIAL SERVICES); FINLAY & LORRAINE MCFEE; McLAUGHLIN TRAINING CONSULTANCY; PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION; PARKDEAN CARAVAN PARK; PARTYLITE ; PEARSON'S GARAGE; PORTA NAUTICA; PRACTISER BUSINESS SERVICES; PURE INDULGENCE; RETROSWEETS; SEAVIEW CAFÉ; SMART CARTRIDGE; SPAR; BRIAN SPENCE (WEMYSS BAY PHARMACY); STATION BAR; USA LIMOUSINES; WATERFRONT LIEISURE COMPLEX; WEMYSS BAY HOTEL; WEMYSS BAY WOODLAND ASSOCIATION; YOUTH CLUB (P4 – P7).

We would also like to give special thanks to Hugh Meek for all the electrical work involved over the course of the weekend, the Seaview Café for providing the soup for the Community Association's stall and finally Brian Lynch for making us a new bar which will last for many years to come.

In addition, thanks to piper, Wilma Carroll. Thank you Paul Wilson for photographs of the Wemyss Bay Royal Family. To Evelyn Ritchie, for helping with the selection of the Royal Family and supervision on the day and to Jim Glass for assistance in providing tables and chairs, thank you. For all the additional cleaning in the Centre, thanks to Catherine Lowe. Thanks Inverclyde Council Cleansing Department for additional bins and recycling facilities, and to Colin for cleaning around the centre in advance of the Gala, thanks. (More thanks in the September edition.)

The Best Gala Yet!

This seems to be the opinion of the majority of people who attended this year's fun packed weekend. The 70s Night on Friday night was hugely popular, with most people entering into the spirit of the event and dressing up. All 250 tickets were sold out within only 2 nights.

Despite early rain, Saturday afternoon brightened up and the same record attendances were seen on Gala Day when crowds of locals and visitors to the area turned out to enjoy a huge array of stalls and sideshows, organised by local groups, in addition to the exciting fairground rides. Events got under way when Gala Queen Hollie and Gala King Andrew along with attendants Kirsty and Declan were crowned and the Gala declared open by Councillor Forbes. Saturday night was Karaoke night in the marquee with a variety of singers (some good, some not so good!!!!) belting out their favourite songs. The evening was so popular last year that we ticketed this year's event. Like the 70's Night, the tickets sold out in advance at record speed. If you missed out, we are sorry, but you will just have to get down to the box office on the first night it opens and get your tickets earlier next year! Despite the heavy rain over night, Ardgowan Football Development displayed their talents at their Open Day and tournament on Sunday when parents, family and friends turned out to watch the children being put through their paces.

Hire of Furniture

The Community Association can rent out furniture from the community Centre at a very reasonable cost. 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**.

SBM Bible Club and Youth Group

The Bible Club and Youth Group, run by Strathclyde Bible Ministries (SBM), held their summer parties and prize-givings on the 19th June at the Community Centre. Prize-winners were Victoria Jackson (x3), Melissa Murdoch (x2), Chloe Campbell (x2), Katie Donnelly (x2), Katie Sutherland, Grant Jackson (x2), Orianne Murdoch, Amy Donnelly, Zoë McCallum, Jennifer Drainer, Chantelle Murdoch, Elaine Boag & Colette Scott. Congratulations to them all. We also have some items of clothing that were left at Bible Club. Please contact Stephen Renton on 01505 355994 if you think they might belong to your child. Thank you to everyone who supported the Beat the Keeper event at the Gala Day. We raised a record amount of money and special thanks go to Daniel Wright for helping out as the goalkeeper all afternoon and to AFD for letting us use one of their sets of goals. Our planned starting date for Bible Club and Youth Group after the summer is Monday 11th September, 2006.

Ardgowan Football Development Gala Day

The inclement weather never dampened the spirits of the AFD gala day. The kids were paraded onto the park and showed some of their skills to the hundreds of parents and relatives who came along to see them. Special guest Warren Hawke presented the awards and then delivered a great speech on why young kids should have an education before starting in football. Iain & Keith delivered speeches to all in the marquee and gave their views of the past year. Nacho Novo then presented a special award for attendance & enthusiasm to Jack Dunsmuir. The crowds were then provided with a hoard of sandwiches and cakes, brought by many of the parents and friends, and served by the footballers' wives. The day finished with a challenge match from Inverclyde u11's. Thanks to all who helped and attended on the day and we hope to see all kids back again on the 13th of August at registration day in the Community Centre from 12 to 2 for P1's to P3's and 2pm to 4pm for p4's to P7's & girls.

Wemyss Bay Primary PTA

We have now reached the end of another successful fundraising year for the school. Money raised this session has been used to purchase a wide variety of items such as musical instruments, a laptop, digital cameras, display boards and to supplement reading materials for the school library.

Special thanks go to all parents, friends relatives and school staff who have supported our many varied fundraising events - we couldn't do it without you.

We look forward to starting it all again in September where we will be organising another of our very successful car-boot sales. Details nearer the time.

Inverkip and Wemyss Bay Community Council

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

Councillor Eric Forbes

Before I speak about the Gala weekend, I have to mention another success which came to Wemyss Bay in the shape of the "Golden Shoe Award", which I presented to Wemyss Bay Primary. To explain: The UK Walk to School Week is an annual event which invites all schools across the country to encourage their pupils to WALK rather than BE DRIVEN, to school. The Scottish Executive and Inverclyde Council actively promote the activity and many other health initiatives.

2006 is the inaugural year of the competition within Inverclyde and the Transportation and Roads Service sponsored the Walk to School Trophy in the shape of a Golden Shoe won by Wemyss Bay Primary. All 26 Primary Schools were invited to participate and 22 competed - an excellent response for our first event. Approximately 3,900 children participated.

"WELL DONE WEMYSS BAY PRIMARY."

The next event is the International Walk to School Week which is scheduled for October. Hopefully the school will take part again and add to the trophies in its very full cabinet.

Some very interesting facts and reasons led to this type of event and I feel I should share them with you as I feel they are very pertinent and maybe change attitudes:

BACKGROUND

- a) Over the past 20 years, the number of pupils being driven to school has doubled.
- b) 40% of primary & 23% of secondary pupils are driven to school.
- c) Most journeys are less than 2miles.
- d) Prior to 9a.m., 20% of traffic is attributed to "school run" vehicles.
- e) Major congestion result on routes to school and at school gates.

WHY WALK?

- a) Brisk walk burns up calories
- b) Free exercise (adults and children)
- c) Healthy body and mind (children bright, alert and ready for class)
- d) Social contact (adults and children)
- e) 50% of children driven to school would prefer to walk with friends
- f) Less cars at school gates results in a safer environment
- g) Reduce pollution
- h) Reduce car costs (petrol, wear and tear)

This should give some food for thought and perhaps a different approach to future journeys to school.

I must now move to the second success of the week, and now I refer to the GALA WEEKEND which was a weekend of fun and happiness, shared by a large number of people from Wemyss Bay and many visitors. A great big thank you must go to the organisers, to the volunteers who gave of their time willingly and to the many villagers who supported all the events and different organisations raising funds for their activities. A very fine example of how a community works together. THANKS TO EVERYBODY.

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.

Adult Association

The following classes/groups will be on offer in the primary school week commencing 11 September.

TUESDAY	SOFT FURNISHINGS	8-9.30PM
	STITCHES	7.30-9.30PM
WEDNESDAY	YOGA	7.40-9.15PM
THURSDAY	SALSA DANCING	7.00-9.00PM

NEW classes on offer this Autumn:- Computing for the Terrified; Digital Photography; Sketching, Watercolours and Acrylic Painting; Ceramics; Salsa Dancing; Book Discussion Group; Jogging Club

Our ENROLMENT EVENING for the above classes/groups will be Tuesday 5 September in the school. Why not pop in for a chat and a glass of wine.

Our programme for this year will be delivered to your door along with the September issue of the Village News.

Brownies

Well it's the end of another session, and it's thank you time.

Many thanks to Kirsty and Allison Carmichael for all their help with the country dancing team. They have done so much for us, between training the girls all these years, helping them win the Rob Roy trophy so often and now the Glasgow Festival, and being the inspiration behind outfitting them so well.

Weren't the girls such wonderful dancers on Saturday at the Gala? I was so proud of them.

Thank you Denise for your patience in teaching all our weans First Aid. It has given them so much more confidence, as well as an extra skill.

Thank you Alison Battley for being there when I was away on business. Folk like you are the salt of the earth.

Thank you Erica for turning up each week, and then having the cheek to say "I know I'm not much good, but do you want me back next session?" You are worth your weight in gold.

Thank you Amy Newlands for being there week after week. Where would the youth of Wemyss Bay be without folk like you.

Thank you to our families for their support that have allowed us to be as daft as we have over the past year, and we love you for it.

The Brownies have had a super year, ending up with a big barbeque at Lunderston Bay and then our own night at the beach.

We had a stone "skliffing" competition, we "guddled" in rock pools, we roasted marshmallows and made smore's (when you eat one you want smore) and then had an old fashioned sing-song round the campfire.

We had 35 Brownies, assorted big and wee brothers and sisters, mummies, daddies and grannies, and I don't know who enjoyed it most – the Brownies or the mummies or the grannies, or maybe it was me.

Bless you Ruth for keeping it all going when I was away so much!

Happy holidays.

Brown Owl

girlguidingwemyss@yahoo.co.uk

Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS: The celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of the opening of the first Church in the parish will live in the memory for a long time to come. The Anniversary Service on June 4 was a remarkable event graced by the presence of the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Right Rev Alan McDonald, who was accompanied by Judith, his wife. We were delighted to have the company of Father Tom Boyle and the Rev Ernest Scott who also took part in the service; and local churches were also represented.

We also enjoyed the involvement of most of our local organisations, particularly the Guides, Brownies, Scouts and Cubs, and our schools.

On the same afternoon, the Garden Party at Skelmorlie Castle was a fitting finale to 10 days of events which included an excellent Ceilidh Dance to the foot-tapping music of the Clyde Coast Reel and Strathspey Society, and an exceptionally fine concert given by the Variations Choir from Largs and supported by soloist Jennifer Leitch and pianist Andrew Johnston.

Throughout the week an Exhibition of photographs and memorabilia spanning much of the last 150 years of community and church life brought back many outstanding memories.

It was an amazing time for us all!

Throughout July and August a Summer Sunday School and Creche will operate for those who wish to bring their youngsters to Church. NOAH'S ARK and OUT OF THE ARK will resume after the School holiday.

11.00am, every Sunday – MORNING WORSHIP

YOU WILL BE MADE WELCOME

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 or 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.

Waste collection

Your blue and brown recycling bins should be collected on Tuesday 4th & 18th July and 1st, 15th & 29th August. This means that your black bin should be emptied on Tuesday 11th & 25th July and 8th & 22nd August.

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.

All of the walks depart from the car-park at the Community Centre 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! In order to contribute to the costs involved there is a £1 charge for all walks.

Look out for details of our September and October walks in the next Village News. 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**

What Would You Like To See In The Village News?

We would like to thank everyone who has commented, on the whole favourably, about the Village News. Since taking over editing the Village News three 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.

David Cairns MP: More time off for workers in Inverclyde

We all like to have time off our work to recharge our batteries and spend time with family and friends, and for many people in Inverclyde, particularly those who work in the public sector or for large employers, this is not a problem. Maybe some of them are members of your family, neighbours or fellow employees whose terms and conditions of service are different to your own. There are actually thousands of workers in our community who only receive the minimum four weeks holidays. And, if you are one of these people, your employer can insist that you take all your public holidays out of your minimum entitlement. But all that may be about to change as a result of proposals from the Department of Trade and Industry: The UK Government is considering raising the minimum four weeks annual leave that full time workers are entitled to. This would mean that someone working a five day week would see their holiday entitlement rise from 20 to 28 days. This would make a real difference to many employees in Inverclyde, particularly low paid workers, women and part-time workers, as they are often the groups who are forced to take bank holidays from their existing meagre leave entitlement.

People sometimes forget that before the law was changed in 1998, there were over 3,000 workers in Inverclyde who did not get proper paid holidays. Getting four weeks paid leave was a real bonus to them, but I believe we should now do more and I'm calling for the Government to give 28 days annual leave to everyone who works a five day week. And it's not just workers who will benefit from this change in the law, there is a strong business case for it too. Happy, well rested employees are less likely to leave a company and will bring a greater enthusiasm and dynamism to their jobs.

We hear a great deal about work life balance these days and this is a real attempt by the Government to put it into action. Adding 8 Bank Holidays to workers' annual leave entitlement will have a tremendous impact for thousands of people throughout the area. They will have more time to spend with their family; more time to pursue their hobbies and interests; and more time just sit back, relax and watch the world go by.

The DTI consultation on the extra holidays closes on 22nd September and, if you would like to make your views known to the UK Government, you can email annual.leave@dti.gsi.gov.uk. You can also find out more about the consultation at www.dti.gov.uk/publications.

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

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.

Anonymous Articles

We recently received an article for the Village News, which was sent anonymously. While we are happy to print articles and withhold the sender's name, if requested, we must have a note of the person's name and contact details before we can print anything. This is to protect us, should someone later complain about an article. You will find that any publication will take the same position. If the sender of the recent article would like to contact me again, with their name(s) and contact details, we will be happy to include their article in a future edition.

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.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards and good wishes received during my recent illness. In particular I would like to thank the Community Association and Woodlands Association committees and Councillor & Mrs Forbes for flowers; Jean Parkinson for all her help and for bringing me the papers every day; my mum and Thelma Broadfoot for dog walking (Corrie, Caillish & Riba thank you too!). I would especially like to thank Jim Glass and the other gentleman who came to my aid when I collapsed near the doctor's surgery.

Eila

Now Here's a Tale That Takes Some Beating.....

A seven-year old boy was at the centre of a Paisley courtroom drama recently when he challenged a court ruling over who should have custody of him.

The boy had a history of being beaten by his parents and the judge initially awarded custody to his aunt, in keeping with child custody law and regulations requiring that family unity should be maintained to the maximum degree possible.

The boy surprised the court when he proclaimed that his aunt beat him more than his parents and he adamantly refused to live with her.

When the judge then suggested that he live with his grandparents, the boy cried out that they beat him too.

After considering the remainder of the immediate family and learning that domestic violence was apparently a way of life among them, the judge took the unprecedented step of allowing the boy to propose who should have custody of him.

After two recesses to check legal references and confer with child welfare officials, the judge granted temporary custody to St Mirren Football Club, whom the boy firmly believes are incapable of beating anyone!

Guess The Name of the Duck

On Friday and Saturday nights during the Gala Weekend, the Woodland Association was running a Guess the Name of the Duck competition. The duck's name was Grace and this was picked by Liz Canning who won the cuddly toy and £25. Well done! (Please note that this was separate from the Treasure Hunt sheet which also had a soft toy and £25 prize. At the time of going to print this had not yet been won.)

And Now For the Small Print.....

Please note that we do our best to ensure that adverts are neither misleading or offensive, however the appearance of an advertisement in the Village News does not imply that either the editors or the Community Association endorse the advertiser and / or their products / services.

With respect to articles, we reserve the right to edit as we see fit to prevent offence and / or inaccuracies. We also reserve the right to ask local groups / individuals to respond to any articles received.

A Special Thanks

You may have noticed that the Community Association paid for the hollows in the playing field behind the centre to be filled in and re-turfed prior to the Gala. With the costs of labour, over twenty tons of top soil and the turf, we certainly wanted to make sure that it survived the warm weather prior to the Gala. We tried running hoses from the centre and from nearby houses but the water pressure was inadequate and it looked like we would have to resort to a chain gang carting buckets of water to ensure that the new grass survived. However Strathclyde Fire Service based at Skelmorlie came to the rescue, sending a fire tender down on several occasions to water the grass for us. Thank you so much.

Since the Gala we have had no problems as our typically West Coast weather has done the job for us!

Finally

There will be no August edition of the Village News. We have found previously that, with most groups closed for the summer, there is not a lot of information to go out and, in addition, it gives our dedicated band of distributors one month off. We will return as normal with the September edition. The closing date for submission of articles and adverts for the September edition of the Village News is the 20th

August 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**.

We hope that all our readers, contributors and advertisers have a lovely summer – enjoy your holidays!

Prize Kids' Stuff

This month's edition of the Village News is the two hundredth since it started in 1987 – probably before most of you were born. To celebrate we are giving away prizes for each of the quizzes. There will be one £15 prize for each puzzle. The wordsearch is open only to primary age, but anyone can enter the others. The winners will be the first all correct (or for wordfinder the most words) drawn from a hat after the closing date of 31st July. Fill in your answers and drop them into the Village News folder in Spar.

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- TRAIN STATION

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.

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V	E	O
S	R	C

- 20 words – at least you're trying!
- 25 words – good
- 35 words – well done
- 45+ words – brain-box!!

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