

# Wemyss Bay Village News

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## Back to School

For some, first day at school can be a traumatic time with tears and tantrums, while others have been looking forward to it for months (and that is just the parents!). Didn't all the new primary 1s look great as they headed off to school in their uniforms? The Community Association hopes, that by now, everyone is settled in and enjoying this new experience.

At this time of year, with all the little ones starting out, it is appropriate to remind everyone of the potential dangers of parking around the school. Did you know that it is now recognised by experts that a child's road sense is not fully developed until the age of 11 – most of the time they are perfectly safe but occasionally, when distracted, or if they see someone they wish to speak to on the other side of the road, they just run out.

During recent years, several children have been knocked down around the school. Let's all work together to try and prevent a tragedy happening this year. Do not park on the zigzags – not only is it dangerous but it is also illegal. Use the car-park at the Community Association which is just a two-minute walk from the school with no roads to cross. The car-park at the shops is always particularly busy during drop-off and pick-up times. Please take particular care here and watch out for children running across the car-park, especially when reversing as many of the P1s and 2s are too little to be seen through your rear-view mirror. Do not park in the surgery car-park. It is reserved for patients and staff and it is essential that patients can get parked here quickly in the event of an emergency and similarly that the doctors can get out quickly if necessary. People often park right up to the corners of Lomond Road, Brueacre Road and the roads leading out on to them. This restricts the view of drivers trying to turn and is both dangerous and contrary to the Highway Code, which could result in the police taking action. Finally, please show consideration for those living in the immediate surrounding of the school and do not park across their driveways – how would you feel if they came along to your home and blocked you in?

If we all show some common sense we can ensure the safety of all the children on the roads around the school.

## Wemyss Bay Primary PTA

The start of another fundraising year (how quickly does the summer holidays just become a distant memory ??).

A warm welcome to the parents of all the new Primary Ones. We wish to take this opportunity to explain a bit more about the PTA.

The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) raises funds for much needed resources to supplement the schools allocated budgets. This money is raised by a series of varied events such as Car Boot Sales, Family Bingo nights, Ladies nights, Beetle Drives and Discos for the children etc. All monies raised are spent to benefit all areas of the school, from the Nursery right through to Primary Seven.

We would, therefore, like to extend an invitation to attend the AGM which will be held on Monday the 11th of September 2006 at 7pm in the school. All parents and guardians are welcome to come along and find out a bit more about the PTA. We look forward to meeting you then.

## SBM Bible Club and Youth Group

The Bible Club and Youth Group, run by Strathclyde Bible Ministries (SBM), start again on Monday 11th September, 2006 in 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 similar activities suitable for that age, including games and a tuck shop. There are no fees for either club. Contact Stephen Renton for more information on 01505 355994.

## What's On In the Community Centre?

Interested in what's going on in Wemyss Bay? Here is a run-down of everything that happens regularly in the Community Centre. For more information on any of these groups you need to get in touch directly with the relevant organisation.

Monday	6.15 – 7.30pm 7.45 – 9.30pm	Bible Club (P1 – P7) run by Strathclyde Bible Ministries Youth Group (P6 – S6) run by Strathclyde Bible Ministries
Tuesday	9.30 – 11.30am	Tiny Tots
Wednesday	7.30 – 9.00pm	Judo
Thursday	9.30 – 11.30am 7.00 – 9.00pm	Tiny Tots Youth Club (P4 – P7)
Friday	6.30 – 8.00pm	Judo
Saturday	10.00am – 12.00pm 12.30 – 1.30pm 2.00 – 3.00pm	Graffiti Dance Dancercise Karate
Sunday	10.30 – 11.30am 12.00 – 4.00pm	Sunday School Ardgowan Football Development

In addition to these activities the centre is used by the Nursery on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and every weekday afternoon. Although all the children are now based in the school, they are taken to the centre for their gym and music sessions and any other activities which require space to run around.

Saturday and Sunday afternoons after the Karate and Football are largely reserved for parties – sorry we are unable to fit them in between lets mid-week due to the time required at the end to tidy up or take the bouncy castle down. It is possible however to shoe-horn a few more lets into the calendar in the spaces between or after the current regular lets. If you are interested in booking the centre for a one-off or regular let contact **Kirsty** on **520738**.

## Retirement

If you dropped in to our local Spar on Friday 18th August, you may have noticed banners and balloons adorning the shelves. After 22 years of managing the shop, Ann Lynch decided to take semi-retirement. She has stepped down from her management role and now looks forward to chatting to all the customers when working behind the till.

Ann would like to say a big thank you to staff, both old and new, family and customers for a memorable last day as manager. Also thank you for all the lovely presents, flowers, cake, champagne, cards and good wishes throughout the day.

## 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.

## 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/>

## Sky Dive

On Saturday 12th August six very brave (or just plain stupid!) young people from Spar took part in a tandem sky dive, falling 10,000 feet, in a bid to raise money for Meningitis Research. Those taking part in the jump at St. Andrews, were Cheryl Andrews, Jennifer Hoey, Susan McKenzie, Paul McLaughlin, Lee Miller and Karen Workman. At the last count they managed to raise £1,530 thanks to the generosity of customers, however there is still sponsorship to be collected and when the grand total is known we will tell you about it in the Village News.

The day was largely a success, with good weather and 5 successful dives. Unfortunately Paul had a bad landing and sustained some injuries. Everyone at Spar, and we are sure the customers, wish him a speedy recovery.

## Woodland Association

If you have visited the main wood in the past few months, you can't fail to have noticed the natural regeneration which is taking place with native plants re-establishing themselves now that the invasive rhododendron has gone. As the native plants increase we will see an increase in the numbers and variety of wildlife enjoying the wood. A recent bird survey showed that numbers had already increased and, if you keep your eyes and ears open as you walk around you will see a large variety of birds. The Association has placed over 40 nesting boxes around the wood, which we hope will come into their own in spring. In addition, although there is plenty of wood to be found naturally, in order to make it easier to spot birds, we have also introduced a number of feeder stations. The improvements to access, with the creation of proper paths, have meant that the wood can be enjoyed by many more people.

There are a number of ways in which you can become involved and help with the Association's work. One of the most important and easiest is to keep your eyes open and report incidents of anti-social behaviour to the police. Perhaps you would be prepared to take a plastic bag with you when you walk through the wood and collect any rubbish you find. If a few more people were to do this, then our already stretched volunteers could concentrate on other work rather than having to organise litter collection mornings as well. Maybe you would take a turn filling the bird feeders as this needs done several times a week. You can join the Association – in addition to updates on our work you have the satisfaction of knowing that your membership money enables us to continue running and membership only costs £2 for an individual or £3 for a household for a calendar year. Finally, why not consider joining one of our regular work parties – they are a great way to fit in a bit of exercise and are also enjoyable and sociable days. For information about any aspect of the work of the Association, or if you are interested in getting involved, please contact Eila on 529375.

The Association has decided to increase the number of work sessions for the next couple of months in a bid to complete the rhododendron clearance of the lower wood prior to the winter months. We will be working on Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd, Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th and Saturday 30 September. During October we will be working on Sunday 1st, Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th and Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th. We are continuing to work in the area adjoining Ardgowan Road heading up to the point at the end of Cliff Terrace Road so enter through the gate in the wall on Ardgowan Road, opposite the end of Castle Wemyss Drive and turn up the hill to your left. We work from 9.30am – 3pm and provide all the necessary gloves, safety glasses and tools. In addition we stop for coffee/tea and biscuits in the morning and provide hot sausage rolls at lunchtime. Children are welcome to come along (we do have gloves to fit) however they must be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult. We have a small, but dedicated, band of volunteers but it would really make a difference to our work if a few more people were to join us, even for an hour or two.

The Association has a number of bush-saws, bush-hooks and loppers which are available to hire, for a reasonable cost. To date these have been borrowed by two residents' associations who were carrying out work in their local area. If you would be interested in hiring the tools please contact Eila on 529375.

## Wanted

Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay Parish Church of Scotland is looking for Sunday School teachers - experienced or not - even if not available every Sunday. (Protection of Young People training and checks would be required). If you have a Christian background and feel you could help, please contact Bill Wright 01475 520095.

## Toch

The first meeting of the Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay branch will take place on Monday 25th September at the Skelmorlie Community Centre. It is likely that advertisements, printing and circulation of the 2007 calendar will be discussed together with preliminary details of the Senior Citizens' Party on 9th December.

The Branch has always been grateful for the help and enthusiasm given by volunteer members since its inception in 1963. Some of these will be receiving invitations to our first meeting to hear their views on branch activities. Meantime members of the branch are continuing to give pro-active support in a number of local associations in the area.

## Inverkip & Wemyss Bay Community Council

We hope young and old alike have been enjoying some of the wonderful weather we have seen so far this summer and that the number of midges around has not spoiled too many barbecues!

Community Windpower Ltd of Cheshire has now submitted a planning application for 10 wind turbines to be located in Leapmoor Forest. These turbines will be 125 metres high (over 400 feet) and sited only 1200m from homes in Wemyss Bay. In a unanimous vote at a public meeting last November villagers decided it was not appropriate to site a windfarm so close to the villages of Inverkip and Wemyss Bay, within Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park.

At the beginning of August we arranged two public meetings, one at Inverkip Primary School and another at Wemyss Bay Community Centre where speakers talked and answered question on the proposed windfarm. At the meetings Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park manager Charles Woodward announced that the park would be lodging an objection, and Phillip Norris of the tourist group Dunoon and Cowal Marketing also announced they would be objecting. Other objections have been lodged by the majority of the Community Councils around the park including Dalry where Community Windpower constructed a windfarm at Wardlaw Wood.

Anyone who is interested should seek out the two informative books of planning documentation at Inverkip Library or Greenock Central Library prior to making a decision on whether to object to David Ashman at Inverclyde Council's planning department. A non-technical summary can be downloaded from the developer's web site at <http://www.cwp.notcon.co.uk>

If you want to object on line then [www.saveyourregionpark.com](http://www.saveyourregionpark.com) has an easy to fill in form that goes directly to the council email for objections at [devcont@inverclyde.gov.uk](mailto:devcont@inverclyde.gov.uk)

The Community Council is actively seeking new members. If you are interested please contact Lynne Chambers on 522603 or Innes Nelson on 520092. If you have any concerns that we can help with please contact us or we would be pleased to see you at our monthly meetings, which are normally held at 7:30pm on the first Thursday of each month in the Rogues Room at Inverkip Hotel.

## Country People's Club

Are you aged 50+ and gave some time to spare on Wednesday afternoons? If so we would be pleased to welcome you to The Country People's Club.

Meetings are held in The Chartroom, Kip Marina commencing on **Wednesday 4th October at 2.30pm** and fortnightly thereafter.

A varied programme has been arranged and the opening speaker will be **Mr John Gallagher** on the subject of "**History of Scottish Variety Theatre**".

The Annual subscription is £9.00 with visitors paying £1.00 per meeting. Further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Mrs Ann Haig, on 522316.

## Missing Cats

Our two cats have gone missing – can you help? Zara, a cream British Short Hair, and Freya, a brown tabby Norwegian Forest Cat, were last seen on Monday 7th August in the late evening. They went missing from the Brueacre Drive area. Please check any outbuildings or garages which may have been accessible.

The cats are very timid as they have not long moved in with us, so please approach with care. If found, please call us and we will uplift them. Any information on sightings would be gratefully received.

Please contact David or Tracey at home on 01475 529586 or mobiles 07879 256318 or 07802 196096 respectively.

## Councillor Eric Forbes

Well school holidays over and the school term has started. The situation regarding the refurbishment and extension to the school is that it is at pre-contract design stage and the expected time for start is April 2007 with completion in April 2008. The situation will be discussed at the Education Committee on 22 August 2006. Dialogue regarding the issue of decant or not will soon be opened up and an open and transparent consultation will take place with the stakeholders. No decision as yet has taken place. I will keep you updated.

Over the last few months there have been sporadic incidents of ante-social behaviour across the village and I have been in constant discussion with the police re. the actual policing of the village, and I am determined to get it to a satisfactory level. There also has been criticism of the police "CALL CENTRE" and the response callers receive to their complaints. Without being too critical and sounding unsupportive of the police, a job I know is not easy to do at times, I am not really convinced that this is the way to deal with the public and run a public service. I have made my feelings known to the senior management of the Police. If problems arise with regard to this, or any other issue, please make contact with me.

**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](mailto:Eric.Forbes@inverclyde.gov.uk) Out with office hours I can be contacted at home: 520012 or on my mobile: 07747 006725. Although I am holding a surgery on Tuesday 29th August in Wemyss Bay Primary School between 7.45pm and 8.45pm, 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.**

## 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.

## Woodland Walks and Activity Sessions

The Woodland Association is continuing with its programme of walks and activities as follows:

- 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 Oct**     **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 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 & Moth night please bring a torch as we will be finishing after dark. In order to contribute to the costs involved there is a £1 charge for each event which run from 10 – 12 noon each day, with the exception of the Bat & Moth Night which runs from 7.30 - 9.30pm. The meeting point for all events is the Car Park at the Community Centre, Ardgowan Road, Wemyss Bay. For more information, or to book a space call Eila on 01475 529375.

To date the walks have been very successfully attended with all participants having a great time. During the summer we have held 2 Bird Mornings, when over 30 bird boxes were made and put up in the wood and everyone took part in a range of other bird related activities, an Artwork session, when everyone completed and took home a range of crafts, a Treasure Hunt, Wildflower & Herbal Uses walk and a Mini-Beast Safari.

## Please Note

In this edition of the Village News you will find a report from Inverkip & Wemyss Bay Community Council regarding the meetings they held about the possibility of a wind farm being situated at Leapmoor. The Community Council has taken a principled decision to oppose any such development. You will also find a flier from the company involved, which is obviously in favour of a development.

Wemyss Bay Community Association is totally separate from both of these parties. The Association is the group who run the Community Centre, Village News, Gala and Christmas Lights event. The Community Association is apolitical and does not, and will not, take a position one way or the other. The decision is up to you, however we believe that you should have the opportunity to hear from interested parties on both sides of the debate.

## Skelmorlie and Wemyss Bay Parish Church

Getting back to the regular pattern of life after the holiday period is often difficult enough, but after such a glorious summer it seems even harder.

Our Church programme may sound routine and repetitive but the content of Worship and the various associated organisations depends primarily on those who are prepared to become involved.

We believe that the Church has a major role to play in community life and is always available to those who need personal help. The Church also provides for wider interests – *as listed below* – and is pleased to welcome all who are willing to participate.

### MORNING WORSHIP

Every Sunday at 11.00am

Worship is open to all, whether committed believers or honest searchers.

Enquiry classes for potential members are available.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL and CRECHE

Every Sunday at 11.00am

Children of all ages are made welcome.

### OUT OF THE ARK

Every Monday after School – in Skelmorlie Community Centre

This group is for children in the early years of Primary School

Contact: *Fiona Neilson*

### BIBLE STUDY

Every Monday at 7.30pm (*from 17 September*)

For all who are keen to discover the relevance of the Bible today.

Contact: *The Rev Bill Armstrong*

### BALLROOM DANCING

Every Tuesday at 7.30pm (*from 3 October*)

Contact: *Andrew Adair*

### COUNTRY DANCING

Every Wednesday at 7.30pm (*from 27 September*)

Contact: *Helen Howie*

### NOAH'S ARK

Every Thursday between 1.15 and 2.45pm

A Parents and Toddlers group providing fun and games in a Christian setting.

Contact: *Fiona Neilson*

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (with Inverkip Church)

Fortnightly on Thursdays (*from 28 September*)

For men of all ages and interests. The programme includes speakers, and DIY nights.

Contact: *The Rev Bill Armstrong*

## 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](mailto:eila@wemyssbay.plus.com) or leave your suggestions in the Village News folder behind the counter in Spar.

## **Clyde Coast Strathspey & Reel Society**

The Society is always glad to welcome players of any instrument - we start on Saturday 2nd September in Skelmorlie & Wemyss Bay Parish Church Hall at 10:00am, or contact Elizabeth Robertson 01475 675681

## **Can You Help?**

I am looking to rent a garage in the Wemyss Bay area in order to store my convertible over the winter period. If you can help, please contact Gary on 07796 980881 or email: gadje@hotmail.co.uk

## **David Cairns MP - Listening to what you have to say**

Have you ever felt that politicians don't listen to you and that you never get a chance to tell to them and what you really think? Well, why not come along to our next tea and coffee morning in St Joseph's and St Patrick's church hall in Forbes Place and tell us what is important to you. Our MSP Duncan McNeil will be there with some of his council colleagues, and we very much hope that you will be able to join us. We are kicking off at **10am on Saturday 16th September** and we will be writing out to many Wemyss Bay residents with a personal invitation. But don't worry if you don't get one, you are welcome to come along anyway. It is all too easy for politicians of all political parties to fall into the trap of devising well meaning policies and think that they are doing what people want. But if we don't actually ask you, and listen to what you say, then how will we know? We face all kinds of issues in Inverclyde from anti-social behaviour to Housing Stock Transfer to regeneration. We don't have all the answers, the real experts are people like you who live in Wemyss Bay and know what needs to be done in the area to solve its problems. That's why I hope you will come along to St Joseph's and St Patrick's church hall on 16th September, and tell us what you think we should be doing and where you think we may be going wrong.

We've held a number of successful tea and coffee mornings throughout Inverclyde, but it's a while since we have been to Wemyss Bay and I know from my postbag there are a number of issues that villagers are worried about. Chief amongst these is anti-social behaviour. You should not have to put up with rowdy neighbours, groups of youths running about the streets, or have to worry about your car being vandalised. There are all sorts of policies to deal with this, but do you think that they are being implemented properly, and what do you personally feel needs to be done to make Wemyss Bay a safer, more secure place for you and your family?

We want to listen to your views. You can come along and talk to us about anything and everything from schools to wind farms to regeneration. This is a real chance for you to influence local politicians and tell us what you would like us to do about the issues that really matter to you. You don't need to have a particular problem to come along and see us. We would be happy to just chat to you about your priorities for Wemyss Bay and Inverclyde, or talk to you about any other subject that is important to you. So don't sit at home and say nobody ever listens to you, go along to St Joseph's and St Patrick's Church Hall at 10am on Saturday 16th September and tell us what we should be doing to make life better for you and your family.

**David Cairns holds surgeries on the first and third Friday of the month from 10am – 12noon at his Parliamentary Office, 20 Union Street, Greenock Tel: 791820, Fax: 791821, or alternatively you can phone the office for details of his next surgery in Wemyss Bay. These details, along with other information, appear on his website: [www.davidcairns.com](http://www.davidcairns.com)**

## **Feeling Unappreciated at Work?**

The New York Times reported recently that bosses of a publishing firm are trying to work out why no one noticed that one of their employees had been sitting dead at his desk for five days before anyone asked if he was feeling okay. George, 51, who had been employed as a proof-reader at a New York firm for 30 years, had a heart attack in the open-plan office he shared with 23 other workers.

He quietly passed away on the Monday, but nobody noticed until the Saturday morning when an office cleaner asked why he was working during the weekend.

His boss said, "George was always the first guy in each morning and the last to leave at night, so no-one found it unusual that he was in the same position all the time and didn't say anything. He was always absorbed in his work and kept much to himself. A post mortem examination revealed that he had been dead for five days after suffering a coronary. George was proofreading medical textbooks when he died.

You may want to give your co-workers a nudge occasionally. The moral of this story: Don't work too hard. Nobody notices anyway!

## **Duncan McNeil MSP**

When you consider the amount of badly-written rubbish you need to read at your work - vacuous reports; unpunctuated emails; rambling memos laced with the latest management-speak clichés - I don't blame people who come home at night and can't face looking at another word.

Thankfully, the summer - especially the sort of summer we've just enjoyed - is the perfect chance to administer the antidote, get out into the garden with a cold drink and rediscover the joys of reading for pleasure.

I got hooked on books when I was growing up, when reading was the key to endless worlds of adventure. Today's kids, though, don't need to get Treasure Island off the shelf for that; they can simply reach for their personal DVD player or PSP.

But, while the competition facing books for young people's attention has never been greater, neither has the importance of good literacy skills - especially in the job market.

An effective, not to mention fun, way of getting children into books, however, is reading with them from a young age and the Scottish Executive has invested nearly £2million in over 1,700 home reading initiatives.

Getting the storybook out might not be top of your priority list when you get home tired from work, but, as I rediscovered with my grandchildren, it can be entertaining for both of you. It also ensures - no matter how busy you are - that you set aside some time every day to share an activity with your child.

Not only that, reading with your children will give them a head start at school and allow them to develop a love of literature which will stay with them for life (despite the best efforts of the compulsive memo-writers they'll encounter along the way). And that is a gift far more valuable than any computer game.

**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](mailto:duncan.mcneil.msp@scottish.parliament.uk) or via his website: [www.duncanmcneil.com](http://www.duncanmcneil.com)**

## 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**.

## Waste collection

Your blue and brown recycling bins should be collected on Tuesday 12th & 26th September and 10th & 24th October. This means that your black bin should be emptied on Tuesday 5th & 19th September and 3rd, 17th & 31st October

## 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
¼ page	128mm x 45mm or 64mm x 90mm	£24/issue
½ 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.

## The Attic Players

The Attic Players restarts in September and we are always glad to hear from anyone who is interested in getting involved, whether directing, acting, working lights, making up faces or scenery or making tea or anything in between. Contact: Hazel Gray 01475 529591

## Congratulations

The winner of the Woodland Association's Treasure Hunt sheet from the Wemyss Bay and Skelmorlie Galas was Miss Morag Jackson from Skelmorlie. The winner at the Inverkip Gala was 4 year old Jack Noble from Wemyss Bay. Both received a soft toy and £25.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Finally

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

### Kid's Stuff

Were you away somewhere nice on holiday while the school was off for the summer? Perhaps you stayed in Britain, or maybe you went abroad somewhere. There are so many countries all over the world that you can visit on holiday. Can you find all the countries in this month's wordsearch?

C	O	R	F	U	L	P	R	G	A	U	I	N	I	A	P	S
A	I	L	A	R	T	S	U	A	F	W	Y	B	O	P	C	E
N	M	L	I	B	Y	E	K	R	U	T	A	C	R	O	E	L
A	N	E	B	A	H	A	M	A	S	J	I	M	T	R	R	A
D	U	F	F	U	B	O	W	X	R	X	C	L	F	T	I	W
A	P	R	A	N	P	G	A	M	E	Z	A	E	I	U	L	A
I	S	B	F	I	A	E	B	M	S	N	O	T	H	G	E	R
I	U	E	I	T	H	R	R	A	D	T	E	C	N	A	R	F
C	R	E	T	E	E	M	M	N	A	K	I	N	G	L	U	P
A	L	C	L	D	T	A	H	E	A	U	S	T	R	I	A	S
A	E	E	S	S	T	N	U	P	I	C	D	A	Z	I	B	I
C	Q	E	U	T	A	Y	N	E	K	I	I	Z	E	S	R	R
R	E	R	L	A	N	Z	A	R	O	T	E	N	A	D	Y	E
O	O	G	U	T	R	V	I	L	Y	L	A	T	I	L	A	L
N	G	E	N	E	E	W	S	O	C	C	O	R	O	M	R	A
I	E	A	I	S	I	N	U	T	G	U	L	A	R	L	O	N
M	A	J	O	R	C	A	Y	B	D	E	N	G	L	A	N	D

AUSTRALIA  
AUSTRIA  
BAHAMAS  
CANADA  
CORFU  
CRETE  
CUBA  
DOMINICAN  
REPUBLIC  
ENGLAND  
FRANCE  
GERMANY  
GREECE  
IBIZA  
IRELAND  
ITALY  
KENYA  
LANZAROTE  
MAJORCA  
MEXICO  
MINORCA  
MOROCCO  
PORTUGAL  
SPAIN  
SCOTLAND  
TUNISIA  
TURKEY  
UNITED  
STATES  
WALES

### WORDFINDER

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

I	D	S
V	E	O
S	R	C

20 words – at least you're trying!  
35 words – well done

25 words – good  
45+ words – brain-box!!

### SUDOKU

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

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