

WELCOME BACK TO THE BOOKSHOP



The bookshop re-opened on Monday 20th July. Our opening hours are now 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Friday and 11.00 am to 3.00 pm on Saturday.

There are a number of changes, in order to meet safety requirements:

- There is a one-way system through the shop. The main door is now exit only, so customers enter the shop through the end door.
- There is a larger display of fiction outside the shop, with an honesty box for payment, so not everyone may need to come in.
- Customers are asked to wear disposable gloves or use hand gel, which we provide, before handling any books.
- We are now able to accept payment by debit card or credit card.
- Books donated to the shop have to be quarantined and we only have limited space for this – so anyone with more than two carrier bags of books is asked to contact us in advance. Please call 07532 083778 or email info@friendsofwemyssbaystation.co.uk.

Customers are reminded of the need to maintain social distancing of 2 metres between family groups. Face coverings must be worn in shops and on ScotRail stations, unless you have a legal exemption.

Mike Thurlow

We have received an exceptionally large donation of transport books and maps from the estate of the late Mike Thurlow, who lived in Wemyss Bay. Mike was an engineer who worked at Inverkip power station. He travelled widely and took a great interest in railways. In order to accommodate all of the books, the Gallery is currently serving as the 'Transport Department'.

We were also given a large collection of railway timetables and tens of thousands of photographs, which we have passed to appropriate dealers in return for donations from them. However, we have retained photographs of local interest, and an album of these is in the Gallery.

On top of that we were given an old British Railways name sign from Queen's Park station, which Mike had in his collection. It has been sold by auction. (The sign dates from before the station and the park lost their apostrophe).



This generosity has gone a long way towards compensating for sales lost while the shop was closed. We are very grateful to have been remembered in this way and our thanks go to Agnes McAuley who has been dealing with Mike's estate.



GARDENING

ScotRail, quite understandably, suspended all station adoption activity during lockdown, so we were not able to undertake the usual planting of the tubs and towers on the station concourse. The limited availability of plants restricts what can be done for the rest of the season.

Our gardeners have now been able to plant the tubs with a colourful mixture of pansies, petunias, busy lizzies and marigolds, and are tending the shrubs. Unfortunately, the towers may remain bare. However, a special effort will be made to have a particularly good display in 2021!

TRAINS

Some trains to Wemyss Bay have more carriages than usual, in order to assist social distancing. There has also been greater use of the new class 385 trains. The normal timetable resumed at Wemyss Bay on 3rd August, but ScotRail is still asking people only to travel by train if making a necessary journey. Passengers are asked to follow five rules for safer travel:

- Don't travel if you feel unwell
- Avoid main commuting times (07:00 – 09:00, 16:00 – 18:30)
- Don't board if you think it's not safe
- Cover your face and maintain physical distancing
- Be patient – most seats need to be empty

Keep safe!