



# NEWSLETTER

Spring 2026

## BOOKSHOP IMPROVEMENTS

We have created a Children's Corner in the Gallery, with all of the children's books moved from the Fiction Room. This gives space where children can sit on a rug by their shelves, without causing congestion. It also provides a suitable setting for the Book Bug sessions we host in partnership with Inverclyde Council's library service.



*Our new Children's Corner and some of the remounted photographs in new frames.*

We have also upgraded the display of historic photographs in the Gallery, with new, larger prints, all in uniform frames. It has been possible to squeeze in a few more shelves and cupboards for all of the books.

With winter now past, we are back to our full opening hours, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Saturday, with late opening until 7.00 pm on Thursday from the beginning of April.

## GARDENING IMPROVEMENTS – AND AN APPEAL

The daffodils are in bloom on the station concourse and our new shed is in place in the garden plot at the south end of the car park. The shed is a useful facility for those who maintain the floral displays on the concourse and it looks much better than the old polytunnel which it replaced.

The flowers on the station concourse are under cover, so need frequent watering, particularly during the summer. We could do with a few more volunteers to help with watering, but you need to live locally and be reasonably fit to operate the electric bowser. If you could spare a couple of hours each week to help with this, please let us know. Call in at the shop or email [info@friendsofwemyssbaystation.co.uk](mailto:info@friendsofwemyssbaystation.co.uk)



## FESTIVE FUN

It seems a long time ago, but Stocking Filler Saturday on 13th December was a big success. Many people came to see the stalls on the concourse, and the stall-holders did a brisk trade in festive items and crafts. We were very pleased to welcome back Greenock Salvation Army Band and the combined choirs from the local churches, both of whom performed on the concourse. Thanks go to everyone who came and supported the event.

## VOLUNTEERING



We have featured in a short film produced by CVS Inverclyde to encourage volunteering. Simon, Sue, Agnes and Brenda all explain why they like working in the book shop.

The film was shown at the Waterfront Cinema in Greenock, before the main feature, throughout March and is at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXdztlfn5DI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXdztlfn5DI)

## INVERCLYDE HERITAGE FAIR

Inverclyde Heritage Fair is an opportunity to find out about the local history of our area. It brings together a wide range of organisations with an interest in the heritage of Inverclyde, who put on displays about their work. We have been attending for several years. This year the Heritage Fair is on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, but at a new location, the Old Gourock & Ashton Church Halls, Binnie Street, Gourock, PA19 1PW. It is open from 10.30 am until 3.30 pm and entry is free.