

KIRKY NEWS

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Happy New Year
to one and all!

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AIRPORT

(Roger Holme)

The Government has published its proposals for expansion of the airport. There is still the possibility that Glasgow will be chosen against Edinburgh but this seems unlikely and we must face the possibility that Edinburgh airport will be expanded, possibly in the direction of Kirkliston.

Some form of expansion is needed at the airport but this could be achieved by extending the current taxiway system. The plans contain several options, including plans for a second, parallel, runway built north of the existing one. This would mean the loss of properties at Carlowrie, Foxhall and the old road toward Carlowrie, possibly even some properties near the old station. Other plans involve more extensive use of the crossing runway meaning much more traffic would pass over the north east part of the village.

Many residents of Kirkliston are blissfully unaware of these plans. Copies were delivered to every household in Newbridge and Ratho Station but not Kirkliston! You can download them from the internet at -

[Http://aviation.dft.gov.uk/consult/airconsult/scotland/index.htm](http://aviation.dft.gov.uk/consult/airconsult/scotland/index.htm)

The Library also have a limited number of copies.

I urge all residents at least to get a copy of the proposed plans and write to the Department of Transport with their views. It would also be useful to copy your letter to - our MP John Barrett (johnbarrettmp@parliament.uk) and MSP M Smith (Margaret.Smith.msp@scottishparliament.uk) and to this newsletter (kirkynews@hotmail.com).

The deadline for objections has been extended because of opposition from groups in SE England - write now!

CARER SUPPORT GROUP

Giving support to Carers living in S Queensferry, Dalmeny, Kirkliston, Ratho and Ratho Station who are caring for family members, friends or neighbours on a daily basis. Giving information on what Benefits and Societies are available to help them cope with day to day living. Organising respite when Carers need a well-earned rest

For more information on any of the above, please contact our office on 031 331 5570, ask for Gillian Smith or Gina

KIRKLISTON CARE

Kirkliston Care is managed by The Queensferry Churches' Care in the Community Project. We aim to support Older People and Carers living in the Kirkliston area by providing daycare and/or a befriending service for older people who are isolated due to illness or disability. The Club is held in Kirkliston Community Centre on Thursdays between 1.30 pm and 3.00 pm. Transport and lunch is provided. If you are interested in joining or becoming a volunteer, please call into the Community Centre on a Thursday. Ask to speak to Gareth Wilkinson or phone the project office on 0131 331 5570.

KIRKLISTON LIBRARY

Kirkliston Library now has five new PCS offering free access on the internet to all library members.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Volunteers are required to assist with the Library Link Door to Door Minibus Service.

The service offers accessible transport to enable elderly and housebound residents of the South Queensferry, Kirkliston and Ratho areas to make use of Library facilities on a fortnightly basis.

Escort Duties include:

- *** Assisting readers on and off the minibus
 - *** Ensuring passengers are seated safely
 - *** Helping to carry readers' books
 - *** Assisting with refreshments in the library
- Anyone interested in helping out with this valuable service and who can spare one Tuesday morning, please contact Roy Drury at S Queensferry Library on 0131 529 5575

PROPOSED MEDICAL CENTRE

(Joe Henderson)

The form of the building developed is a combination of one and two storey elements. The two lower elements form the entrance/waiting room and consulting room respectively; This two storey block houses the majority of the administrative functions of the building.

The entrance itself is splayed out to funnel patients into the building in a welcoming, natural flow. It has a glazed roof to make the space light and pleasant to be in. The waiting room has a curved wall to the exterior and gives the internal space a much less formal and intimidating feel. Throughout the building, light will flood in through roof-lights.

The reception desk is in the centre of the building situated to allow unobscured views of all public areas. A separate Entrance for staff is provided to the rear of the building, accessible from the car park.

BROADBAND CONNECTION

BT state that "With BT Broadband, using the internet can be 10x faster....." Alas there is a snag, Kirkliston is not on their list, and they say that an upgrade of the exchange would be too expensive.

However, they did suggest that if 400 names were recorded of people who were interested, they would upgrade the exchange.

Telewest tell us that Broadband IS available in Kirkliston!

To ensure all households receive a copy of KN we need volunteers to help with distribution. If anyone would like to come on to the Committee, they would be more than welcome

VETERINARY SURGERY

In response to the article in November's issue Re "Calling All Vandals", especially about dog poo!, we are informed by the Surgery that they supply bags for people with dogs who are conscientious enough to pick up the offending litter. They also have a bin set outside the surgery, and another one is available to place somewhere in the Main Street. However as the bins are privately owned, the Cleansing Department are not responsible for emptying them. A 'phone call would have to be made to the Council making a request for this facility – are you prepared to do this?

DEVELOPMENT WORKER FOR KIRKLISTON ACTION GROUP

I would like to introduce myself, Pamela Bagnall the new Development Worker for the Kirkliston Action Group. My post is part time and short term until the end of March 2003.

My main priority is to work with Kirkliston Action Group to assist in developing youth and skate facilities in the village. If you are interested in becoming involved with the KAGs Group, or for further details, please call me on 0131 333 4597.

SCOTMALT SITE FIASCO

Disappointment, frustration and anger – these are the reactions of many villagers to the news that long-awaited decisions on the fate of the Scotmalt factory site at Newliston Road have once again been scuppered. Bellway Homes have withdrawn their planning application to redevelop the site after the failure of prolonged negotiations among the parties involved. This is the second application for this site to have been withdrawn after a massive input of cash and effort, and neighbours are now questioning the attitude of Council planning officials. The amount of time and money – public and private – that has been wasted on this project is nothing short of scandalous and many people would like to know how this has come about.

NEW WORKER AT COMMUNITY CENTRE

Hello Kirkliston Residents, I'd just like to introduce myself to you all. I'm David Hand, the new Community Education Worker, based at the Community Centre. I have a programme there- responsibility for the the- and supporting develop- liston community. This- Youth Work, Adult- port to voluntary- vising local people ad- issues. I will be at the- days and can be con- tacted there is you feel I may be of some help to you or your group.



PRIZE QUIZ

We are afraid, and a bit disappointed, that there were no winners in the November issue of the above quiz – the reason alas – no one entered!!

There was a prize to be won, kindly donated by the Pharmacy. Is it worth trying another, or give it a miss in the next newsletters?

AZAMI KARATE GROUP

The Azami Karate Group runs a children's Karate class at Kirkliston Leisure Centre on Fridays from 5.00 'till 6.00.

The class is for children aged 5 to 15 years, and the first lesson is free so if anyone wants to try, just pop along and give it a bash.

Peter Rogers (4th Dan)

SCOTTISH SLIMMERS

Morag Kiltie, Class Manager, is doing an abseil of the Finnieston Crane in Glasgow in April for the Daily Record's Save our Children appeal, and she is looking for volunteers to help!

Contact her on 01506 872314, or email her on moragkiltie@hotmail.com

She has a new class in the Community Centre on Tuesday mornings at 10 am. (The class in the Community Centre is still being held at 6 pm Tuesdays).

DANCE CLASSES @ KIRKLISTON LEISURE CENTRE

Popmania (5-8yrs) -

*Friday 2-3 pm**

Dance to the latest pop music. Cool routines and dance funkiness! Help to make up your own moves and express your own personal style

Dancemanía (9-14 yrs)

*Friday 3-4 pm**

Dance to the latest chart sounds with a mix of Pop, Street Jazz and Hip Hop!. Learn funky MTV style dance moves to get you noticed.

£2.30 per person

Bookings now being taken @ Reception

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