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QUEENSFERRY HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY BAND



Queensferry High School Community Band, which contains a number of Kirkliston young musicians, was originally formed as a school band and moved on to be a Youth Band when a number of the players left school but wanted to continue playing. Recently the same players plus a few incomers have formed an adult band registered with the Scottish Brass Band Association.

On March 13 they travel to the Scottish Championships in Motherwell to try to win the Fourth Section, gaining promotion to the Third Section and so qualify for the British finals in Harrogate in September.

In March, the band will stage their Annual Festival of Brass appearing with the renowned Whitburn band on March 24. Tickets will soon be available from band members or from Mr Gilmour, phone 319 3210.

Another March engagement will be for Polmont Rotary at a concert in Falkirk Town Hall together with the famous Jim McLeod Scottish dance band and other well known artistes. Later in the year they will also be at our gala and the Ferry Fair. In October they go to Aberdeen for an event organised by local Kirky Rotarians D Buchanan and R Brechin. The young Kirky players who have progressed through the system are a credit to Kirkliston and themselves.

NEW TRANSPORT PROJECT

The Kirkliston Community Transport Association have been set up to provide community transport serving Kirkliston and surrounding areas for the benefit of many groups and organisations, including those for children and the elderly. Thanks to funding from S Queensferry Rotary (£550) and our Community Centre Management Committee (£1250) a minibus, based at the Centre is now available for hire (although a further £1000 has still to be found to complete the deal!). For more information, phone 333 2353.

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YOUTH CONFERENCE

Community Education in Kirkliston and South Queensferry have organised a conference for secondary school aged young people at Ratho Adventure Centre on the afternoon/evening of 12 March (transport will be provided). There will be both "issue based" and fun workshops designed to give young people a say about local services and how to improve them. Senior council officials and local councillors will be there to answer questions. Any young person interested in attending, contact Dave at Kirkliston Community Centre on 333 4214.

FROM OUR MAIL BOX

Whilst the Council has certainly made a number of improvements in terms of slowing traffic moving into and within the village, I feel it is high time something was done about the number and sizes of articulated HGV lorries still using our streets as "**rat runs**", rather than the main road alternatives. Can anything be done to **action** "unsuitable for HGVs", rather than it being no more than a suggestion?

(from a computer course student and village resident)

At the Women's Rural Institute in Kirkliston, we have a very good syllabus on the go at the moment and although we have a big membership, we are always looking for more ladies to come along. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the Community Centre starting at 7.15 pm. At the March meeting we are having a demonstration of how to make Greetings Cards for any occasion. The evening usually finishes about 9.30 pm. Hope to see more ladies there soon.

(This is an exercise for our computer class in the Community Centre - Pat Carson)

GENEALOGY

Local interest has been so great that the new course in Genealogy now starting at the Community Centre is already full.

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KIRKLISTON LIBRARY

Services for the housebound and those unable to get to the library themselves through disability:

There are 2 services – the first is Library Link, a fortnightly Tuesday morning minibus service which collects people and brings them to the library. There is time to choose books, read the paper or just enjoy a cup of tea and a chat. The second service is Home Delivery, where books, cd's etc can be delivered to individuals' homes. This is also a fortnightly service. Anyone interested should contact the library on 529 5510.

Just now there is sale of withdrawn books which are no longer required. Instead of 50p for hardbacks and 25p for paperbacks, there is a special promotion of all books at 25p, or any 5 books for £1.

KIRKLISTON GALA DAY

The 76th Gala is only 3 months away. Jasmin Gallo-way will be crowned on 12 June as Queen for 2004. The Gala Committee currently only consists of 9 members and they would welcome any assistance. If you can help out in any way during Civic Week or on the Gala Day please contact Sandra Tulloch on 333 3243. Meanwhile, plans are afoot for the following events:

26 February – Pub Quiz in Newliston Arms

March – Clairvoyant Event

April – Race Night

Please come along and boost the fundraisers. There will be a full list of Civic Week events in the next issue of Kirky News.

QUEENSFERRY CHURCHES' CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

The Pension Service now offers advice on pension and benefits entitlement at The Haven (25B Burgess Road Queensferry) every Tuesday from 11 am to 1 pm. If you need information, either visit or call 0845 60 60265 to arrange an appointment.

QCCC have had a specific request for a Male Befriender to visit (1-2 hrs per week/fortnight) a person whose interests include gardening, DIY, fishing and water colour painting. If you can help please phone Lorna on 331 5570.

QCCC are planning a sponsored walk on Sat 29 May from Ratho to The Haven. Your interest can again be registered with Lorna.

All carers are invited to 2 free information sessions at The Haven : 3 Mar - Benefit Information (12 - 4pm)

31 Mar - Understanding Stroke (10-3.30pm)
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