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**Our Gala
Queen
for 2004
is Jasmin
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KIRKLISTON GALA DAY 2004

The 76th Kirkliston Gala Day is only a few weeks away! Civic Week has been especially extended this year, as the Community Centre will be in use for the European Elections on 10 June and so the Children's Disco will now take place on 3 June instead. The Adults' Disco will be held in the Bowling Club on Saturday 5 June, with Sports Day and a Teddy Bears' Picnic at the Leisure Centre on Sunday 6 June. The football tournament will take place on 7 June and the basketball tournament the following night on 8 June. Also on 8 June is a new event for S1-S3 girls – a Beauty Night in the Church Centre. Children aged 4-8 can come along and see "Mr Barking" at the Church Centre on Wednesday 9 June. The Fancy Dress competition will be held at Allison Park (Leisure Centre if the weather is poor) on Friday 11 June, the night before Gala Day.

This year's Gala Carnival will take place directly after the parade – lunch bags must be purchased in advance and will be available from 12.45 pm in Allison Park. Some of the features on offer during the afternoon will be "Slinky Chics", Cub Karts, Cobblers the Clown, Rodeo Bull, Falconry, Archery, Pony Rides, Bungee Run and a whole lot more. All events will be detailed in the Gala Day programme which will be available in the fortnight before Civic Week – as usual, it will be sold around the village and also in the Post Office and the Pharmacy. We hope that we have another heatwave and that, whatever the weather, you come along and enjoy the fun!

As always, the Gala Committee would welcome any assistance you could give. If you can help out during Civic Week, or on the Gala Day, or would like to be involved in any way, please contact Sandra Tulloch on 333 3243.

FAIR AND CAR BOOT SALE

The Primary School PTA's Fair and Car Boot Sale is on Saturday 22 May from 10 am – 12 noon in the School grounds. Entry is £1 for adults and 50p for children and includes tea, coffee or juice and a selection of home baking.

There will be lots of attractions including plant, craft and bric-a-brac stalls, home baking, tombola and a raffle with a first prize of combi TV-DVD. There will also be a bouncy castle, fire engine, face painting and lots of fun activities for the kids.

Entry for car booters is 9 am – 9.30 and is £5 per car (please bring your own table, rails etc). All proceeds go towards outdoor playground equipment for the school.

PARISH CHURCH – CRECHE

Did you know that every Sunday between 10.50 and 12.10, there is a creche available in the Church Centre? The creche is available every Sunday, even during Communion, Family Services and school holidays! The creche is staffed by volunteers who have all undertaken training, all of whom are parents themselves. So if you have a child aged 0-3, feel free to drop by and leave them to play in the creche while you get peace to enjoy the service.

SCOTMID PLANS

Following several objections to the scale of the proposals and their likely impact on traffic, Edinburgh's Planning Department have refused Scotmid's application to redevelop their site at the Toll. The store group have now lodged an appeal with the Scottish Executive who are arranging for the next stage in the proceedings to take place between 9 am and 5 pm in the Community Centre from 13 – 15 July. More details will be published in due course.

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Thanks to our growing band of volunteers, Kirky News is being distributed more widely around the village. If you would like to join the committee, please get in touch

FROM THE MAIL BOX

Re the item in the last KN, I live at the top of Path Brae. This stretch of road must rank as the most dangerous in this area, where cars travel well above the speed limit. During peak times, it is impossible for someone elderly to cross. I have contacted the local transport department, with no response as yet. Surely a speed camera could be fitted or a pedestrian crossing, or a chicane coming up the hill which would hopefully slow the juggernauts driving along the High Street and shaking house foundations. **Perhaps** the Council could limit the size of lorries allowed in the village, and stop cars etc, using Kirkliston as a short cut – we live in hope.

Worried Kirkliston resident.

Can anyone suggest a more convenient site for the village's recycling banks?

Trauchled Trash – carrier!!

NEW LEARNING CENTRE

Duncan & Susan Walker, partners in Walker Partnership (Scotland) LLP and local residents for over 20 years, have opened a new learning centre called Sanctuary at their office in South Queensferry.

The centre provides a high quality learning environment for those wishing to progress their own personal or professional development. It is an approved Learn Direct for Scotland and SVQ branded centre, providing learners with e-mailing materials from Learn Direct's online library and will shortly be offering free learning opportunities to all through the Scottish Executive's new Individual Learning Account grant scheme.

The range of learning opportunities are extensive ranging from 'Health & Safety' or 'Learn to speak Gaelic' to 'Understanding Financial Accounting'. The learning can take place online using high speed, networked, broadband access, flat screen personal computers or offline utilising an extensive list of professional trainers. Corporate and individual memberships offering unlimited use of the centre are now available by contacting Sanctuary. A 10% discount is available to all Kirkliston residents for Accounting, Business and Personal Financial Services, until the end of May 2004.

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KIRKLISTON PLAYGROUP

The Playgroup is held in the Thomas Chalmers Church Centre. Sessions Mon, Wed, Thur & Fri 9.15 am – 11.45 am during school term. Placements for 24 children, aged 2 – 5 years. Registered by the Care Commission (Scotland).

Parents should feel free to approach any member of staff regarding the welfare of their children at any time.

Contact: During Playgroup hours - 0131 333 4088

After 1 pm - 0131 333 3725

SUMMER FUN

Plans are already afoot at the Community Centre for two lots of holiday activities. During three weeks in July, there will be special sessions for the under 12's on 3 mornings per week – but make sure you register in good time. Also, for older pupils, there will be activities such as sailing and video making, along with Ferry youngsters. Check out the details at the Centre.

MEDICAL PRACTICE

This is the year of the "new" health Centre, but perhaps even more important, the "new GP contract". You may wonder what that means, but I can tell you, it is the end of the family doctor service that has existed since 1948. From 1 April 2004, you will not be registered with your personal GP. Don't blame me, I did not change the rules. It means you will register with a medical practice, and not with a named doctor. The most important change nationally is to do with night and weekend work, although those of you who have needed a doctor at these times will already know that we have used a deputising service for a decade, so for Kirkliston, there will be no change. If you have problems such as high blood pressure, diabetes, asthma, or cancer etc, please don't get upset if we pester you with letters and phone calls asking you to come in and see someone – the new GP contract requires us to do it! **(Dr Robert Milne)**

WEATHER FORECASTING

In addition to other attractions, K'ton has its own resident weatherman – Sid Sumner, who has now clocked up half a century of weather watching. He first became interested in meteorology before World War II whilst experiencing the dramatic climatic conditions of Malaya, and he kept up his hobby during and after some 40 years' service in the RAF. Now, despite many other interests, he still spends up to half an hour every day collecting and assessing data, so that he can keep up to date a weather map on a large wall chart showing the whole of Europe, using magnetic strips and symbols – just like on TV! For local information, he has a rain gauge in the garden as well as sensors which record temperature highs and lows, barometric pressure, wind speeds etc, and he can read off these statistics on a small screen indoors. This enables him to prepare forecasts, usually for the next three days, but sometimes for longer in settled conditions. Here's hoping he has good news for us for the Gala Week!

Next issue in three months time, online version updated more frequently. Get your news and views in for publication. Please phone Frances on 0131 335 3705, Email: franchapman@bgrkirkliston.fsnet.co.uk