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CAN YOU SPARE A MINUTE PLEASE?

The Senior Citizens Forum (Edinburgh West) was set up in 2003 as a Scottish Charity and have since been active in a wide range of issues which affect the local communities of Queensferry, Dalmeny, Kirkliston, Newbridge, Ratho and Ratho Station. Help has been given financially by BP Chemicals and "Help the Aged".

Our membership of forty nine is proceeding well, but we are looking to extend that number and are keen to attract members who would be prepared to take an active part in the business. The matters we deal with are serious, and we would welcome the addition of someone experienced in organising our Social Calendar. We meet at The Haven, Burgess Road, Queensferry once a month.

Anyone willing and able to help us is welcome. The work is varied, the hours uncertain and remuneration comes in the form of "Thank You" notes, but it isn't dull!

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WHERE ARE YOUR PRECIOUS SNAPS?

Most people, when asked what would they save if a fire suddenly broke out in their home, answer "*my photographs*". Yet our photos sometimes get shoved into drawers or boxes, or worse stored in albums that chemically destroy the very images they were meant to protect.

Scrapbooking is all about creating a "*memory album*" using your snaps and stories. Albums can cover any subject – it's up to you. It's a great way to get those photos appreciated by friends and family, and it takes less time than you think.

I came across "*Creative Memories*" when I was expecting my first child. I come from Australia and wanted an album where I could put photos and write stories about people in the pictures for my own children. I loved it so much that I started my own business using their products. Through home classes, I will show you how to safely preserve and chronicle your memories for future generations.

If you would like to find out how to start, I can be contacted at home on 319 2112, or by email at scrappyjosimpson@yahoo.co.uk. I would love to help you preserve your memories.

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GUILD

The Kirkliston Branch of the Guild meets in the Church Cent re on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from October to March at 7.30 pm. The Guild's current theme is "Dare to Care" and last Autumn they filled (with the help of the congregation) 63 Christmas shoe boxes for people in Eastern Europe. The branch have ongoing projects and have learnt about the people and places they are hoping to support. Their friendly meetings see them working, learning, laughing and worshipping together. A warm welcome is assured at the Guild. Also, the ladies of the Dorcas lunch club serve home made soup, rolls and toasties on Tuesdays from October to Easter. Why not put 5 Oct in your diary and join them at the Centre.

LIBRARY NEWS

Kirkliston Library has documentation relating to the planning appeal for the new Scotmid store, available for public consultation. Also available is the updated plan for the new A8000 being constructed to the north of the village. The plans can be viewed until 3 September, in the library.



Children: There is a story time for younger children being held on the last Saturday of each month. Under 5's are welcome between 10.30 and 1.00 for stories and colouring in.

This year's reading scheme for children, "*The Reading Rollercoaster*" has been a huge success over the summer holidays. Each child chooses and reads six books and for each story read receives a set of colourful stickers for their "Rollercoaster" collector's folder. On completion of the scheme, every participant is awarded a certificate and a medal, and has their name entered on the "Roll of Honour" which is on display in the library.

Library Link: The library hosted two successful evenings in conjunction with the Kirkliston Pharmacy's alternative therapy practitioners, and it was very gratifying to see the library being used as a community resource in this way. If you have any ideas for talks, events, reading groups etc, please tell the librarian, who will see what can be done.

Edinburgh Airport: On a slightly different note, the Kirkliston Community Council is meeting on 24 August at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre. The meeting is being attended by Mr Richard Jeffrey, Managing Director of Edinburgh Airport Ltd, who will give a presentation on the future plans for the airport. This will provide an opportunity for residents to air their concerns over the very considerable impact this development will have on the village.

GALA COMMITTEE AGM

The above meeting will be held in Sept (date will be advertised later) in the Community Centre – all welcome. If you would like to come on the Committee please contact Morag on 333 3420.

We thank once again our Minister for her help in printing the Kirky News

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FIRST BUS CHANGES From 16 Aug the No 38 bus terminus will be Falkirk instead of Striding. Better check your times!

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

NEWS FROM QUEENSFERRY CHURCHES' CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

It's Official – On the 10 March 2004, The Haven was officially opened by MSP for Health and Community Care, Malcolm Chisholm.

If you would like to be involved, we currently have a vacancy on a Tuesday at The Haven for a volunteer with specific responsibility for the kitchen. Working between 10.00 am and 1.30 pm, duties include making tea and toast, plating up the lunches provided by the High School and operating the dishwasher.

Our Befriending service is also very popular and we are looking for people who can commit 2 hours on a weekly or fortnightly basis to become a friend to an older person who is isolated at home through frailty or ill health. We are hoping to advertise our volunteering opportunities by delivering leaflets locally. To join, contact Lorna Russell on 0131 331 5570 or lorna.russell@qccc.org.uk.

On 7 February, our volunteers enjoyed an evening of intrigue at a Murder Mystery Evening. The Winchburgh Players Drama Group gave a fabulous performance, and we must thank Scott for the use of the Masonic Hall, and Shonagh from the Ferry Tap for a superb supper. If anyone is interested in hosting a similar event, the Winchburgh Players are constantly adding to their catalogue of murder mysteries. For details contact Effie on 01506 890707.

We also thank Dixons for their generous grant which allowed us to buy a TV, video, DVD, and digital camera. Our bottle stall at the 2004 Raft Race proved very successful, and we raised a total of £614.19. Tesco also gave us a donation of £500 through money they raised on the day. We were also delighted to receive a cheque for £2000 from the Sports Man Dinner. We plan to spend the money on a courtyard garden at The Haven. Students at Oatridge College have been busy drawing up plans and we are looking forward to seeing their ideas.

The Carer Support Service is hosting a Carer Drop-In at The Haven. This is available on the last Wednesday of each month between 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm. Come along for a coffee, tea, biscuits and a chat.

During Carers Week, a Quiz was held at the Kirkliston Bowling Club. This was well attended and everyone commented how much fun the evening proved.

FROM THE MAIL BOX

Further to the comment on the speed of Kirkliston traffic, you might be interested in the results of some sample speed measurements I took within the village not so long ago. Of particular interest might be the measurement between the two **SLOW** signs painted on Newliston Road between the Manse and Gate-side Road exit. Here, the results showed 94% of vehicles over the 30mph limit, with more than 26% travelling over 40mph. The highest speed recorded on the test was 52mph.

Very similar results were obtained on the Winchburgh road approach from Allan Park to the pedestrian crossing and also on the Queensferry road approach at Newmains Road exit.

I notice that Linlithgow now has a 20mph limit on the main through road. Why not Kirkliston?

(Rob McEwan)

KIRKLISTON PLAYGROUP

Kirkliston Playgroup was started in 1976 in the Health Centre but when about 14 years ago the Centre needed extra accommodation, our then Councillor arranged for the Playgroup to move to the Pavilion at Allison Park.

The Pavilion looks a bit bleak when the shutters are down, but it is a pleasant surprise inside, well equipped with lots of toys. The children also make good use of the fenced outdoor play area. Mothers who attended as youngsters now bring their own children to the playgroup, which takes 10 children from 2 years 3 months (nappy changing no problem). Sessions are Tues, Thurs, Fri, 9.30 – 11.30 during school term time at £2.50 per session, including a snack. If you wish to put a name on the waiting list, please phone 07754513468 during playgroup hours. After hours, contact Janet on 333 3287.

COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

Summer hasn't been a quiet time for staff and volunteers at the local centre. Twenty five primary aged children have attended a play scheme 3 days per week with a programme that has included swimming, arts and crafts, circus skills, sports and two trips out to Linlithgow Palace and Blair Drummond Safari Park.

For teenagers, a series of workshops and trips has also taken place. This has included sailing, snowboard and dance lessons, plus trips to Loch Katrine, the Time Capsule and on the Maid of the Forth. Drop in Youth Clubs have also been open including the one run at the Leisure Centre on Friday nights.

For the adults, the Centre was used as a venue for a French jazz band who were appearing at the Edinburgh International Jazz and Blues Festival.

All of these activities are run at a minimum cost to the local community, and are partly funded through securing Council grants. All local people are eligible to use the Community Centre on Queensferry Road, so keep your eyes peeled for the new programme of activities

What do you think of Kirky News?

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