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STOP PRESS

Folk who signed the recent petition against the opening of a further off-licence in the village will be interested to learn that the licence application has been refused by the authorities.

HELLO AGAIN!

The Senior Citizens Forum (Edinburgh West) are looking for a volunteer to organise our slowly emerging social calendar, covering such events as Social Evenings, our Open Day and various activities in our local communities. If you wish to become part of an increasingly effective Forum, please contact either Roy Keenan (President) on 331 3055 or Frances Chapman (Secretary) on 335 3705. Thank you.

DONATIONS

This year, instead of the traditional Harvest Thanksgiving gifts of produce, our minister Rev Glenda Keating asked that cash donations be given to purchase Aquaboxes to send out to Darfur.

Aquaboxes, an invention of Rotary International, are each capable of purifying 33,000 litres of contaminated water, rendering it fit to be drunk by people in disaster areas. Such has been the response from the parishioners and villagers of Kirkliston that a magnificent total of **£4,278.74** has been raised including **£225.05** from the Fun Quiz sheets that have been keeping us all guessing.

Five boxes are already on their way to Sudan and with the help of all who have so generously given, many more will soon follow.

A SNIPPET



Come and see Santa and his sledge on the afternoons of
18 Dec at Scotmid, South Queensferry
or 19 Dec at Tesco's, South Queensferry

KIRKLISTON PHARMACY & CLINIC XMAS OPEN NIGHT TUES 16 NOV 6 – 8.30 PM

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LIBRARY NEWS



We are hoping to start a book group for adults. We already hold story times for under 5's on the last Saturday of the month from 10.30 – 11 am. We also need a volunteer driver to help with the Library Link Service. If you are interested, please give your details to one of the staff.

COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMENTS

Did you know that everyone who lives, works or attends education in Kirkliston is **automatically** a member of our Community Centre? As such, **membership is free** and we will assist in setting up interest groups or classes in anything local people feel they would benefit from.

At the moment, amongst other things, we run youth clubs for 12 – 16 year olds on Wednesdays, and 6 – 11 year olds on Fridays. We are also home to Highland Dancing, Carpet Bowls, Badminton and an Under Threes group. There is also a room with computers which you can book out to use. They have standard software loaded, and internet access which is **FREE**. If you are not sure how to use them, you can come along to workshops on Wednesdays 10am – 12 noon where you can learn by doing, with someone to help you if you get stuck. If you want to learn about digital photography, and how to make best use of this on the computer, there is currently an Adult Education class on Thursdays 6.30 – 8.30.

Should the times or the activities not suit, phone the centre at 333 4214, or Ben Seix (332 6316) and they will try to help you.

END OF AN ERA

Local lady Anne Martin has just completed a remarkable period of service – last month she retired as Lady Captain of Dundas Parks Golf Club, having been an office bearer in the Ladies' Section for almost quarter of a century! All the ladies duly thanked her at their Annual Meeting and Prize Giving at the Newliston Arms. Among the trophy winners were other Kirklistonians, Gill Davidson, Liz Wardell and Jenny Dinwoodie. Congratulations to them all.

GOOD WISHES TO CATHY WATSON



Cathy has just retired as a home help in Kirkliston after 26 years of service. She left Beaulay in 1963 settling in Dalmeny for 5 years before moving to Kirkliston. She was a lollipop lady for 3 years before taking up the post of home help. Always cheerful, she will surely be missed very much by all her clients and we join them in wishing her a very happy retirement.

As this will be the last issue of KN for 2004, we take this opportunity of wishing everyone a happy Xmas and a Guid New Year

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**SAVE YOUR HOME FOR THOSE YOU
CHOOSE, NOT FOR YOUR CARE HOME FEES**

It is a sad fact that we need to plan more carefully for our future if we wish our beneficiaries to inherit what is rightly theirs. We read too frequently of how local authorities have forced our elderly population to sell their homes to pay for long term care in old age, which in many cases has taken the biggest asset the majority of us will ever have. Families of this vulnerable sector of the community are also disheartened when everything we have worked for is wiped out in just a few years of long term care.

The incentive to buy our own home is therefore under threat if our efforts to become homeowners result in a financial loss because of the Community Care Act.

A property trust from National Legal Services is designed to protect the value of the share of the deceased partner in the property from being used to pay the care bills of the surviving partner. If they require permanent residential care the local authority cannot claim the share held in trust thus saving the property. The property trust also allows the surviving partner all the benefits of occupation or to move to a different property and will prevent the deceased partner's share in the property being inherited by a second husband or wife.

**FOR AN INFORMATION PACK ON THIS AND OTHER WAYS
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**DO YOU WANT SOME
EXERCISE?**

**Kirky News is now reaching most parts of the
village, but some streets are still missing out....
eg: Liston Road/ Liston Drive, Carmel Avenue/Road
Toddshill Road and the Auldgate Estate**

DELIVERERS WANTED

**QUEENSFERRY CHURCHES CARE IN THE
COMMUNITY**

Murder Mystery Evening: You are invited to come to our Murder Mystery Evening in Kirkliston Bowling Club on Friday 26 November at 7.00 pm and the Mystery will start unfolding at 7.30. Sit back with us to enjoy a superb performance by Winchburgh Drama Group. Work out Who Dinnit, Why and How, to win a prize. We can promise an evening of good company, intrigue and a delicious two course supper. Tickets are £10 including entertainment and supper, and are available from the Project's home at The Haven, 25B Burgess Road, South Queensferry, or you can call in to Kirkliston Community Centre on Wednesdays and Thursdays or telephone 331 5570, email: mai@qccc.org.uk. If you book a table of 6 tickets we will be delighted to present you with a complimentary bottle of wine.

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Pensions Advice: Are you getting all your pensions? Do you know about Pension Credit? Do you need help with application forms? The Pensions Service in partnership with Queensferry Care in the Community holds a weekly advice surgery for pensioners at the Haven, 25B Burgess Road, South Queensferry. The Surgery is held every Tuesday from 11.00 am -1.00 pm. If you require advice or information on any aspect of your pension or benefit entitlements, drop into the Haven or phone 0845 6060265 (local call rates) to make an appointment.

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Benefits Maximisation: The Pensions Agency together with the Social Work Department are holding an Information Day to help you claim for all the Benefits and pension you are entitled to. They will both be available on Wednesday 17 November from 10 am – 12 noon. Come along to the Haven, and get advice from the experts.

CHILDREN'S GALA UPDATE

In 2005, Civic Week will be from 5 to 11 June so get the dates in your diary now. Last month's AGM was very poorly attended and there are now only 10 Committee members. More volunteers are urgently needed to join them. Meetings take place usually once a month, then once a fortnight after Easter. If you don't feel able to be a Committee member, you could perhaps organise an event or join our willing band of helpers – we would love to hear from you. Please contact Fraser (333 2201) or Julie (333 4213).

Before the end of 2004, we are planning to hold a Clairvoyant Evening and of course, the Annual Christmas Fayre. Events planned for 2005 include a Children's Storytelling/Book Sale Morning, Adult and Children's Discos, Pub Quiz Night and much more – keep your eyes open for the posters around the village in due course.

Remember, 2005 will be Kirkliston's 77th Gala year – please help us to keep it going and offer any assistance you can.

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