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WELCOME to the first KirkyNews of 2005! We hope to provide you with items of interest throughout the year, but for this we need your help – please let us know what you want published – diary dates, events, history, opinions, compliments or just to let off steam! Send us an email at the usual address or phone 333 3586 and we will do all we can to help.

FURTHER AIRPORT NEWS

When Richard Jeffreys, MD of Edinburgh Airport Ltd, came to talk about the development plan last August more than 200 people tried to get into the Community Centre to hear him, and almost 30 failed to get in. Now an updated master plan is being prepared and Mr Jeffreys will be giving a presentation to the Community Council and the public on **Tuesday 29th March** in the Masonic Hall.

Put a note in your diary now and look for more details nearer the time, to make sure that you have a chance to hear about these developments which will have such an effect on our village.

INGLISTON MARKET

Villagers were surprised to learn that Spook Erections have decided to close the well known Sunday Ingliston Market later this year! Although not as popular as it was, it is still seen as a popular haunt of younger residents who see no obvious reason for its closure. As plans now stand you have until September 25th to shop for bargains – after that

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STOP PRESS

New Plans from Scotmid

In a bid to get the go ahead for their expansion Scotmid have employed new architects. The new designs were presented at the Community Council's February meeting.

Turley Associates' latest designs seemed more sympathetic with the surrounding buildings. The shop area would be almost doubled in size (396 M²), 12 flats for sale, plus 10 for rent. They hope to put in the planning application next month, with work starting by the end of this year, and the new shop ready by mid-2006. Several interested members of the public felt that the new proposals were at least more visually appealing than the earlier submissions

DO YOU WANT TO TRY PAINTING?

A local artist is offering a free course of lessons for people over 60 in Watercolour and acrylic techniques. Participants must supply their own materials. There will be five lessons initially at fourteen day intervals. For more information telephone 333 1907.

If you are not over 60 there is a thriving club in Queensferry, meeting on Tuesday in Rosebery Hall. Or the informal club set up in Dalmeny Church Hall by well known Ferry man Ian Slee on Wednesday afternoons, though this has been so successful that there is a waiting list to join. Some Kirky ladies travel all the way to Winchburgh for the Wednesday evening class with individual tuition and professional coaching on alternate weeks.

For more information on what is available phone 333 3586

BLACK MARK

A mobile unit from the NHS Breast Screening Programme has just completed a two week stint at the Leisure Centre – offering all women aged between 50 and 70 a convenient opportunity to be X-rayed. Though Kirkliston was not the worst for this, one lady in four did not keep her appointment. It seems a pity that this valuable service is not more fully used.

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP REPORT

The Book Group is currently meeting every fourth Wednesday between 7 and 8.30pm. The group provides an opportunity for interested readers to meet with like-minded others, and refreshments are provided. The aim is for an informal, but, we hope, thought provoking discussion on contemporary literary fiction, although we may well be discussing more classic, traditional works as the group progresses. The meetings are running for an initial six month trial period, and prospective members are welcome to drop in to the library for a reading list. We may consider running a second group in the afternoon depending on the level of interest expressed.

NEWS FROM QUEENSFERRY CHURCHES CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

We urgently need to raise funds for the sheltered garden project which means so much to so many. Sponsored walk on **Saturday 7th May** with a light lunch at the Haven, everyone invited to join us. To register your interest or collect a sponsor sheet (or make a donation) either pop into the Haven or contact us on 331 5570.

We would like to introduce Evelyn who joins us as a voluntary fundraiser. She has got her wok cut out and we wish her every success. You can help by entering a **competition** for suggestions and ideas of how to raise funds. The best suggestion will win a voucher for a "Meal for Two" kindly donated by Frankie and Benny's.

Entries in no later than Tuesday 3rd May and the winner will be announced at the sponsored walk. The Murder Mystery Night in October raised nearly £350. Our thanks go to Hawes Garage, The Rail Bridge, The Stags Head, Orrocco Pier, Frankie and Benny's, Georges Hair and Miss B. Bell who kindly donated raffle prizes. A quiz also raised £60.

We are also very grateful for the following donations, £300 from the Restaurant Staff at the Rail Bridge, £35 from Members of the Queensferry Bowling Club, £20 from Mrs M. Gray and finally to the member of staff from the Royal Bank of Scotland whose monthly donation of £10 through "Give as you Earn" gives us £30 though tax benefits and a commitment from the bank to match contributions.

CALLING ALL UNDER -12s

Here are some brain-teasers especially for Primary school pupils. Just put your answers on a sheet of paper with your name, address and age and hand it into Mrs Milnes Pharmacy by 15th March. The first entry, with the most answers correct taken out of the hat wins a prize. [Answers in next issue of Kirky News]

- 1) How many awards did Franz Ferdinand win at the recent BRIT awards
- 2) In what year was the village primary school opened?
- 3) How many homes are there in the Maitland Hog Lane?
- 4) Who crowned the Gala Queen in 2004?
- 5) How many badminton courts are marked out in the Leisure Centre?
- 6) Which team does Craig Gordon play for?
- 7) How high above sea level is the "Green Man" crossing at the Toll?
- 8) Who is the park called after?
- 9) When does the library close on a Saturday?
- 10) What is the name, first name and last name, of the Janitor at the community centre?

OUR BEST WISHES TO FRANCES

This issue has been hurriedly produced by a team of "reserves" as the mainstay of the Kirky News, Frances Chapman, has been hospitalised. We send her our best wishes and look forward to having her back in charge for the next issue in three months time.