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KIRKLISTON GALA DAY 2005

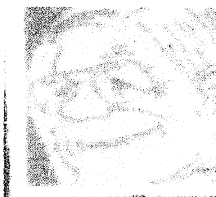
The Kirkliston Children's Gala Day is almost here - we are all hoping for great weather when Hayley McFarlane is crowned as the Gala Queen on 11 June. Civic Week starts with an Adult Disco on Saturday 4 June with Sports Day at the Leisure Centre on Sunday 5 June. The football tournament will take place on 6 June and the basketball tournament the following night on 7 June. Also on 7 June there is a Beauty Night for P7 - S2 girls - this was a really successful evening last year and is back by special request! Children aged 4-8 can come along and see "Alexander the Great" at the Church Centre on Wed 8 June



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 the Rodeo buli, human football, DJ Colin Baird, archery, stiltsmen, a climbing wall 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 available 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.

Children's Discos for P1-P7 children will take place at the Community Centre on Thursday 9 June and the Fancy Dress competition will be held at Allison Park (Leisure Centre if the weather is poor!) on Friday 10 June, the night before the Gala Day.

As always, the Gala Committee would welcome any assistance you could give us if you can help out during Civic Week or on Gala Day or would like to be involved in any way please contact Morag Carnall on 333 4261.



The new Proprietor Derek Service is no stranger to the village having supported the development of both the Bowling Club and The Masonic Club in the past when working with Skol Lager. Derek then joined Carlsberg of Copenhagen and until recently was General Manager for Scotland. He is currently Vice President of the local Rotary Club. His wife Anne and daughters Kirsty and Kara have Girl guiding connections and Anne is a former District Commissioner.

Plans are afoot to develop the food availability and Derek has been joined by Shonagh Brown from The Ferry Tap in South Queensferry who brings a wealth of experience and varied menus. It is the intention to develop the function trade catering for weddings, parties, business meetings etc with longer term plans to reopen the upper floors to include eight en suite bedrooms and a meeting room.

Other developments may include whisky and wine tastings and the possibility of establishing a weekly Jazz/Folk Club.

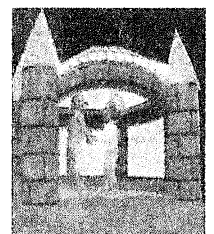
Derek has spent most of his working life in the licensed trade and welcomes the opportunity to serve the Kirkliston community at the Newliston Arms.

DISTILLERY NEWS

We understand that the company involved in redeveloping the factor site at the foot of Path Brae is stepping up efforts to obtain full planning permission to build over 100 houses there. Local opinion suggests that the sooner final decisions are made the better.

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Next issue of Kirky News due August. If you feel you have anything of interest to readers in Kirkliston, whether a happy event, or something you are disgruntled about, please let us know

NEWS FROM QCCC

Across the country Volunteers Week will be celebrated between the 1st and 7th June. We at QCCC are very grateful to our volunteers without whose constant support and dedication QCCC could not exist.

To celebrate Volunteers Week, we are hosting a Ceilidh on Friday 3 June at Kirkliston Bowling Club, 7.30pm – 11.30 pm. If you haven't got your ticket yet, ring 331 5570 to reserve a ticket to collect on the night.

For the past 18 months QCCC has enjoyed our own premises – The Haven. This has allowed us to evolve and provide the opportunity for in-house learning for all staff and volunteers. We have accessed internal knowledge and resources to provide learning on various subjects that include Communication with People with Dementia, Deaf Awareness, Elderly Abuse, Moving and Handling, Challenging Behaviour and Boundaries and Confidentiality.

We record our congratulations to staff that have achieved SVQ level 2 in Social Care and the European Computer Driving Licence and our ongoing support and encouragement to staff working towards SVQ level 4 in Social Care and the Registered Manager Award. If you want to know more about volunteering opportunities with QCCC contact Lorna on 331 5570, alternatively Email lorna.russell@qccc.org.uk.

QCCC are now producing personalised cards for all occasions. These are available from The Haven, price £1. Telephone 331 5570 to place your order.

Car Washing Service

We have just had confirmation that we can provide a car washing service in Tesco Car Park on Saturday 11 June as a fund raiser. The service is being provided by Cleaning Zone at the cost of £4 per car. All proceeds to Queensferry Churches' Care in the Community.

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GARDEN PARTY/FAMILY GATHERING

1st Kirkliston Scout Group have a Marquee – 24.5 ft long x 17 ft wide, which is available for use **locally** for £70. (scouters erect the marquee and take it down).

For further details, please contact Lorna Reid 333 4621 or David Brown 333 1105

1st KIRKLISTON RAINBOWS

The above is for girls between the ages of 5 – 7 which is held on Mondays 6 pm – 7pm in the Masonic Hall, Kirkliston. Arts, crafts and outings are involved and lots more.

You can put your daughter's name on the waiting list when they are four.

For more information, phone Mandy on 335 3910 with details

We are indebted to Rob Brechin for his assistance in using the Church's printer to run off this issue

REPORT FROM KIRKLISTON PLAYGROUP

We are coming to the end of what seems to Janice and me to have been a happy and successful playgroup year at the park pavilion.

We have been able to buy some new toys with a very generous donation from customers and staff at the Newliston Arms Hotel. A number of nearly new toys have also been handed in. As most of our children are going to nursery after the summer, there are a few places available for children aged 2 1/4 – 3 years starting August on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

For more information, or to visit us, phone Janet 333 3287.

FROM THE MAILBOX

Can anyone recommend an honest/reliable gardener for maintenance work on an OAP's garden in the Boland estate? If so, please phone 333 3586 for more details. **(A concerned friend),**

VANDALISM

I live on the South side of the village, and when I meet neighbours, they all complain about the recent spate of vandalism; in the last week alone, I've heard of six separate incidents. However, I've also seen more police activity here than ever before – more power to their elbow! (or should that be truncheon!)

(Exasperated Resident)

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QUIZ ANSWERS

The village primary school pupils passed up on a wadge of extra pocket money as no entries were received for the last issues quiz. For the record, here are the answers we were looking for:

1. Franz Ferdinand won two Brit Awards
2. The primary school was opened in 1974
3. Maitland Hog Lane has 79 houses
4. The Gala Queen was crowned last year by Mrs Milne, the pharmacist
5. The Leisure Centre has 4 badminton courts
6. Craig Gordon makes the saves for Hearts
7. The Green Man at the Toll is exactly 150 feet (45.72 metres) above sea level
8. The Park commemorates William Allison, who farmed at Almondhill, and was a JP, councillor and church elder
9. Saturday closing time at the Library is 1 pm
10. The Community Centre Janitor is Paul Vaughan

BLOOMING GOOD VALUE

Once again the village Gardening Association is holding a sale of top quality bedding plants etc. Come along to Almondside on Saturday 28 May to join the queue at 10 am sharp!

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