

KIRKY NEWS

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Who is this cute wee boy who will reach the big 40 on 27 August? Of course it is GLENN of "Georges" the hair-dressers. All the girls in the shop would like to wish him a very happy birthday



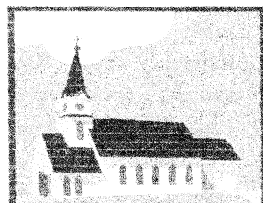
CHANGES IN KIRKLISTON

In recent weeks we have seen several changes in the Kirkliston business community. Perhaps the most obvious is the new ownership of the pharmacy which is now run by National Co-operative Chemists Ltd. We shall all miss Janine Milne's cheery personality in the shop which she modernised so successfully, but she is not entirely lost to the village, as she still has the complementary medicine suite. Since the shop transfer last month, she has been away on a family holiday which we trust gave her a well earned rest.

There have also been big alterations within the Old Health Centre, now called the Castle Innovation Centre. This is already home to several independent concerns, including

- 1) Castle Security Integrated Systems Ltd (providing home/business alarms, CCTV's, structural cabling etc)
- 2) David Perry trading as Orchard Brae Financial Services (advising on personal finance, mortgages, loans etc) and
- 3) Kerri Allan and Clare Pettigrew, who are both chartered physio-therapists.

There may yet be further new faces arriving as work on the premises nears completion.



Kirkliston Parish Church is continuing to hold evening services for those who cannot come in the morning. These praise services are at 6.30 pm on 2nd Sunday of each month in the Church centre.

BURGLARS BEWARE

A tide of anger is rising at the spate of burglaries which has plagued residents on the north edge of the village. No fewer than 16 houses there have been broken into in the last couple of months, causing not only serious financial loss but also much stress and heartache. These are not opportunist thieves, but obviously experienced criminals with a lot of local knowledge who are prepared to ransack every room when they know the residents are not at home. Now householders warmly welcome initiatives to set up Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the most vulnerable areas.

First to act was Ian Fowler, who had many years experience as a senior police officer. He mooted the establishment of a Watch scheme in Allan Park, and his ideas were taken up by Sandra Tulloch, who came up with similar proposals for Humble and Newmains Roads. To date, 95% of the replies received have indicated "interest" in the project.

Obviously, such schemes require close co-ordination with the police, and our immediate point of contact is our Community Beat Officer, Martin Brunton. He can be contacted at Queensferry Police Station on 331 1798 or by email at martin.brunton@lbp.tnn.police.uk. Meanwhile, potential intruders have been confronted by local people on at least two occasions, and the police have detailed descriptions of some suspects. Hopefully the miscreants will be taken off the streets sooner rather than later, but for the moment we are all being asked to be extra careful about our own domestic security, especially if we are going to be away on holiday etc. Also keep your eyes open, and be aware of anything that seems unusual or out of place. A quick 999 call or a word with Martin Brunton, could provide the police with just the information they need to rid the village of these parasites.

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HERE WE ARE AGAIN

(Report from the Senior Citizen's Forum)

Radio

We at Edinburgh West are fully supportive of Jubilee FM in their application for a community radio licence which will allow them to operate all year round. You can add your support by either writing to Station Director Charles Fletcher c/o Rosebery Hall, 17 High Street, Queensferry, or by email at jubileefm@yahoo.co.uk.

Outing

Some seats are still available for our trip to Callander with High Tea at Sherries Restaurant, and a boat trip on Loch Katrine which is scheduled for 16 August. Full details can be obtained from Rena Johnson on 331 2587 or Betty Hardie on 331 1856.

Down to Business

Details of our Annual General meeting will be made available shortly.
(Roy Keenan, President)

DEVELOPMENTS AT THE DRAM

It is time to welcome the newest residents in this ever-expanding community, as the first six houses on the old Drambuie site are now occupied. We hope the new arrivals are enjoying life in Kirkliston, and we trust they will soon get involved with some of the many groups active in the village. Miller Homes say there has been lots of interest in the development, which offers a choice of nine house styles. They have just opened two 4-bedroom show houses, which can be viewed daily between 11 am and 6 pm.

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At the July meeting, it was announced that planning permission has at last been granted for housing on the Path Brae distillery site, and it is believed that Scotmid will also receive planning permission for their proposals at the Toll as soon as a parking issue is resolved. Amongst other business Councillors agreed that they should support Gateside residents who are worried about vermin infestation near their homes.

The next meeting of the Council will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 30 August in the local Council Office in Station Road. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

HAZARDS AT "THE HOLMIES"

Users of the public footpath between the bowling club and the new cemetery are now realising how much they owed to the late Rennie Logan for all the work he did in keeping the whole length clean and weed-free. Since that time one neighbour has been public-spirited enough to clean along his boundary (our grateful thanks to you, sir!) but the remaining sections are now in an unacceptable state, what with knee-high weeds, stinging nettles, broken bottles, empty beer cans and piles of dog dirt. It is claimed that the ground belongs to Dalmeny Estates who are not required to maintain it, but if enough folk make a fuss perhaps we will get to use our path again without needing shovels and machetes!

NEWS FROM QCCC

In this edition of the Kirky News, we really want to say a BIG thank you to the community that has supported us and has helped us to achieve a courtyard garden, to be enjoyed by all our members.

The sponsored walk on 7 May raised a staggering £2840 – well done to everyone. I must mention John who volunteers in Day Care on a Thursday. With support from his family, friends and neighbours, he raised over £460.00 by doing a sponsored swim on the same day. Our bottle stall at the Raft Race raised £431. With the money raised within the community and generous donations from The Sportsman's Dinner and Queensferry Rotary Club and a grant from Edinburgh City Council, it was all systems go. Our glorious Scottish summer has meant that the garden could be enjoyed immediately.

I would also like to thank the local businesses that have supported us by donating raffle prizes – George's Hair Salon, Health & Beauty at the Terrace, Frankie & Benny's, The Stag Head Hotel, The Spring Health & Beauty Salon, Orocco Pier, Absolutely Blooming, Lloyds Pharmacy and Deep Sea World.

DIARY DATE: Our volunteers have organised a fund raising coffee morning on Saturday 24 September, between 10.00 am and noon, in the Parish Church on The Loan. Tickets are £1 and include refreshments.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: We currently need Volunteer(s) Receptionist. If you enjoy speaking to people directly or on the phone, have experience or want to gain experience of office administration and are available to assist for any hours between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm on either Monday or Friday, please contact Lorna on 331 5570.

LIBRARY

Over the Summer holidays, many children joined the Reading Voyager Scheme. All those who completed the course received a medal and their names are now inscribed on the Hall of Fame displayed in the Library.

FROM THE MAILBOX

In our garden, we have several young shrubs which must be removed by September. There are 5 *Lonicera nitida* (Poor Man's Box), 1 weigela and 2 lavender, all 3 years old and approximately 2 – 3 ft high. If anyone can make use of them, they are more than welcome to come and take them away (using their own tools!) Please phone 333 3586 to arrange.

(E Greig)

Has anyone here received this year's issue of the Council's "A to Z" handbook? They say all houses got one in June, but I've yet to meet anyone who received theirs – or the "money off" vouchers which should be inside! I for one am going to contact the City Chambers about this.

(Resident)