

KIRKY NEWS

ISSUE NO 14
NOVEMBER
2005

NEW Website: www.kirkliston.org



LOUISE CAMERON

A great many of you reading this article will either have attended or contributed in some way to the fundraiser held on behalf of our daughter, Louise at Kirkliston Bowling Club earlier this year.

By all accounts a great day was had by all and with news travelling fast in

Kirkliston the ladies decided to join their battle weary or rather "bottle weary" men later in the evening where the fundraising we understand continued until very late!

Louise is eight years old and suffers from Cerebral Palsy. She relies on others for all her daily needs. Despite her difficulties, she is a happy girl with a smile that would light up any room and when she is watching videos that she finds amusing, her laugh comes from the soles of her feet.

The money raised on Louise's behalf has been used to buy an electrically adjustable bed which is far more comfortable than her old hospital one. The new bed also saves a lot of wear and tear on a grateful Mum and Dad. The remaining money raised has been invested on Louise's behalf and over the years will be used to purchase equipment which although essential is rarely available through the Health Service.

Dougie and I have been able to thank a few people individually as and when we have seen them, but feel that a wider acknowledgement of all the effort put in is appropriate.

Louise, Dougie and I would like to thank Gus Henderson and Gordon Crooks and the Committee of Kirkliston Bowling Club for all their efforts in organising this event and to all of you who attended and contributed, we are very humble and truly grateful.

Josie Cameron

Welcome to Anne Paterson who has taken over from David Hand as Community Education Worker. She can be contacted on 333 4214



As this is the last issue of Kirky News for 2005, we would like to wish everyone a very happy Xmas and a good New Year. Next Issue Feb 2006

MAJOR ISSUES

The West Edinburgh Local Plan which was officially approved this month concentrates most new development here, with more than 100 houses and possibly some business development on the malt factory site on Path Brae, plus over 600 houses and a separate primary school to be built on the north side of the village. Both the Community Council and Councillor Longstaff are known to be critical of the scale of the expansion and have expressed concern that Kirkliston could be swamped in ten years time.

The time scale is still uncertain, but of immediate concern is how our children's education will be affected. Many – though not all – residents see a second school as dividing the community. Like the Community Council, the School Board is not happy with the proposals and has already arranged meetings with Education Authority officers to discuss the improvements the Board sees necessary at the existing school, such as the total removal of the TU units, a planned extension plus general refurbishment of the existing building etc. (Some money has already been earmarked for this work). Some parents are now trying to organise a petition to gain support for this issue. The Board of Kirkliston Primary School is resolute in its determination in seeing that the necessary improvements to the School are carried out by the local Education Authority.

SCOTMID UPDATE

Scotmid have received planning permission in principle for their Kirkliston store which will see the current store more than double in size and the building of 22, 1 and 2 bedroom flats above it. A spokesperson for Scotmid said "All going well, we would hope to begin work during the first half of next year. However when work begins, we would have to close the store during the 6 – 9 month construction period. Scotmid realise the importance of this store and would decant it into portacabins to ensure residents can still get their essential groceries. Scotmid promises that the store size will more than double to over 5,000 square feet bringing much improved shopping for the people of Kirkliston".

*Celebrating our first year
Thank you to all our customers past, present and future*

Bewitched Salon

32 Main Street, Kirkliston EH29 9AE
For your hairstyling appointments call 0131 333 3080
www.bewitchedsalon.com

We had a slight hiccup with our website. This has been rectified and the new one is as above

NOVEMBER NEWS FROM QCCC

This year Queensferry Churches Care in the Community has organised a Grand Christmas Raffle. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 21 November and the draw will take place on Friday 23 December. We have been donated some fabulous prizes which include £250 cash, TV and DVD, round of golf, meal vouchers, shopping vouchers, beauty vouchers and lots more. Tickets cost £1 and can be purchased from The Haven, 25b Burgess Road, South Queensferry. If you could sell tickets on our behalf, we would love to hear from you. Contact Andy Paterson on 331 5570.

Councillor George Grubb has very daringly agreed to do the Looney Dook on behalf of the QCCC. I am sure that there is no need to mention that the annual event happens on 1 January at 1.00 pm. Anyone wishing to join Councillor Grubb on his adventure or sponsor him should contact Andy Paterson.

Did you know that we recycle all printer and toner cartridges and mobile phones? Collection points in Kirkliston include: The Parish Church and The Community Centre.

Volunteer Opportunities – Befriender: Do you have one – two hours to spare during the day? We need volunteers to regularly visit older people that are isolated within their home. Your commitment could be every week or fortnight. By fulfilling this position, you will be helping an older person enjoy their independence and enjoyment of home life for as long as possible. For more details, an informal chat or application form, please contact Lorna Russell on 331 5570.

KIRKLISTON NURSERY SCHOOL RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Many villagers will have wondered about the new green flag flying at the nursery school. This has been awarded in recognition of our work as an Eco-school. The children are now experts in all aspects of recycling and reusing.

Another addition to our garden is our "Four Seasons Mural". The children worked with Lisa Pritchard, a local ceramic artist, and used broken tiles etc to their own designs. The project was part funded by the Auldathie Trust which has helped us in the past with transforming our playground into an environmentally friendly garden. Jean Kershaw, project officer with the Auldathie Trust, commented that the project was for the whole community to enjoy. Mrs Drylie, the Headteacher of the nursery school, is very proud of the children's achievement and happily extends an invitation to all villagers to pause for a moment as they pass the school and see if they can spot the ladybird!

SCOTTISH SLIMMERS is now being held on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the Newliston Arms Hotel
Come along and lose those extra pounds to look your best in your party dress!

KIRKLISTON PS – PTA XMAS MARKET

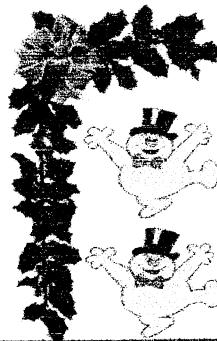
The PTA is holding their annual Christmas Market on Friday 2 December from 6.30 – 8.30 pm. Stalls will include new books, crafts, greeting cards and wrapping paper, Xmas decorations and gifts. There will also be the popular home baking stall, tombola and various games to play. There will be activities for children as well as the chance to visit Santa in his Grotto. Raffle tickets will be on sale during the evening for the opportunity to win a special Xmas hamper and other prizes. It is "pay at the door", with refreshments included.

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Bowling Group: The family of the late Kate Crombie donated a new bowling carpet, bowls etc to the Group and the "First Roll of the new Bowl" Ceremony took place on Wednesday 21 Sept. Kate started up the Bowling Group over 20 years ago and when the family knew that these items were needed, they were happy to help. Her daughter Patricia rolled the first bowl and the afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Computer Class: A free computer class has started in the Centre on a Tuesday morning from 10 am – 12 noon. Anyone interested in computers, whether a beginner or someone who has a little knowledge, will be welcome.

Yoga Class: A new Yoga Class has started in the Centre on a Tuesday morning, from 9.30 – 10.30 am and on a Thursday evening from 7.45 – 8.45 pm. This is a free four week class and depending on interest, a further class may continue at a small charge.



CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Come and Join the Dancing Snowmen
Friday 9 December 2005
7.30pm in Kirkliston Community Centre
Bring your own bottle and a Xmas Gift
(£3.00) for a Xmas Dip
Prizes for best Team Name (Team of 4)
Refreshments will be provided
Team applications to the Centre Office
Tel 0131 333 4214

GALA DRAWS & DISCO DATES

The selection of the 2006 Gala Queen and her Court will be held on Mon 19 Dec. All P1 and P7 children wishing to take part are invited to come along to the Community Centre (with an adult). The P1 draw will start at 6pm, followed by the P7 draw at about 7 pm. The P7's are invited to stay for a celebratory disco which will kick off as soon as the draw is completed. You can find out Who's Who in the next edition of Kirky News! The next Committee Meeting will be on Tues 6 Dec at 8 pm in the Newliston Arms. We hope to arrange a Clairvoyant evening, a Pub Quiz and a Ceilidh. Please come and support us. Bring your ideas and your friends to ensure a great 78th Gala.