

KIRKY NEWS

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ITEMS FROM THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Pike's Pool

Residents have been surprised by the actions of the owner of Pike's Pool in letting large amounts of the water drain away particularly when the swans are nesting. "The Council and I have been aware of this precipitate action almost since it happened and are doing everything possible to remedy the situation" said Cllr John Longstaff "but it seems that as this is private land, the options are limited".

Allison Park

Locals will be shocked to learn that there are proposals by the owner, Hopetoun Estates, and a developer to build housing on part of Allison Park used for the children's Gala. Fortunately, the new Rural West Edinburgh Local Plan safeguards the park as public open space and chances of planning consent being granted are very slim, especially if Kirkliston folk are opposed to the scheme.

Flower Show

Chairman of the Flower Show Committee, John Longstaff, reports that this year's show will take place at the Community Centre on Saturday 2 September. The show will be opened by BAA Edinburgh's Managing Director, Richard Jeffery. BAA have always been staunch patrons of the show.

Kate has a drop in
clinic in the
Community Centre on
Tuesday evenings from
6 to 8 pm

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NEWS FROM QCCC

The Virgin Pie Party held in February was enjoyed by all and raised over £200. The event proved to be a lot of fun, and by popular demand the event will be repeated on 14 November. Mark this on your calendar and buy your tickets early.

The Ready Steady Cook event held in March was very popular with over 80 people attending. Thanks to the Celebrity Chefs, John and Donna from the Rail Bridge Restaurant. Thanks also to Scotmid and Tesco for providing the ingredients. We hope to provide copies of the recipes used during the evening.

The success of these event is a tribute to the energy, commitment and enthusiasm of Evelyn, our Volunteer Fundraiser. If you would like to find out more about volunteer work with QCCC, speak to Lorna on 331 5570.

A Leap of Faith was taken by our six volunteer abseilers when they braved the Forth Rail Bridge on 9 April. The event raised in excess of £3000. A second abseil has been arranged for 7 October at The Falkirk Wheel. If you would like an opportunity to experience abseiling, and could raise a minimum of £100 in sponsorship, contact Evelyn on 331 5570. To abseil you need to be at least 16 years old, age 18 and under would need parental consent.

Gillian Smith our Care Support Worker has received funding to provide activities for children with disabilities. These include fortnightly sessions of Enjoy a Ball, held at the Scout Hall, Port Edgar between 2.30 pm and 3.15 pm, and weekly Fun Sessions held between 4.00 pm and 5 pm at The Huts, just off The Loan. For more information phone Gillian on 331 5570

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUBS are for the
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On the 2nd Sunday of each month
in the Thomas & Donnan & Donnan Club
at 10.00 am. The club is open to all
young people aged 10 to 18 years
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NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Annual General Meeting of Kirkliston Community Centre will be held in the Centre on Monday, 15 May at 7.30 pm. There will be refreshments and Cheese and Wine, so please come along and join in. Remember everyone in the village automatically becomes a member.

Kirky Girls Group has started on a Tuesday afternoon straight after school, 4 to 6 pm at Kirkliston Community Centre. This Group is for girls in S1 to S4. The kind of activities will be play-station, dancemat, arts and crafts, smoothie making, hair and beauty, chill out, pool table and much more. For more information please contact Anne in the Community Centre on 333 4214 or Isla in the Community Office at Queensferry High School.

A Silver Surfers Afternoon will be held at the Community Centre on Thursday 25 May from 1.30 to 4.30 pm. Everyone over 50 is welcome to come and have a try using the computers. Help will be on hand to show how to turn a computer on, write a letter, send an e-mail, use the internet and more.

Classes at Kirkliston Community Centre

The Drop-in Computer Class for people who have already done a beginner class is continuing at the Centre.

Anne is keen to find out what other classes, groups or events you would like the centre to put on. Do drop in to see her or Aileen, or phone 333 4214 and give us your ideas.

FORTHCOMING "COMING ATTRACTIONS"!!

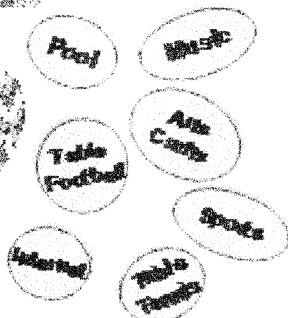
Coming Back for the Second Time!!

The Sydney Zenith New Orleans Jazz Band will be performing in the Centre at 7.30 pm on 22 July. Phone now to book your tickets as they will be on a strictly first come, first served basis. This group is part of the Edinburgh Jazz Festival and those who heard them in 2003 will remember what a fantastic evening it was! Tel 333 4214.



Drop-In Youth Club

Wednesday
Evening
from
20th April
7 pm to 9 pm
£7 incl 61 incl 62



Kirkliston Community Centre, Queensferry Road

KIRKLISTON BUS USERS GROUP

At the meeting of the Kirkliston Bus Users Group there was little complaint about the 38 service. It is appreciated that there will always be the occasional problem, but generally the service throughout February was good. All members of the group are logging their daily journeys to try and pinpoint any regular bus problems that First Bus may be able to rectify once they are made aware. If any other regular bus users would like to join the group they will be made very welcome at the monthly meetings held in Kirkliston Council Office on the first Wednesday of the month. Any specific problems should be reported directly to First Bus by phoning the Customer Service Department on 08708 727271, emailing contact.scotlandeast@firstgroup.com or writing to the Customer Service Department, First Bus, Carmuir House, 300 Stirling Road, Larbert FK5 3NJ.

(Clive Chambers, Chairman KBUG)

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This year is Community Council election year, as each Council lasts 3 years. Returning Officer, Cllr John Longstaff, JP, reports that there will be no need for a poll on this occasion, as the number of people nominated is fewer than the maximum number for the Council. The following will therefore serve on Kirkliston Community Council for the next 3 years:

Jane Batty, Brian Brooks, James Brown, Ross Clark
Joe Henderson, Clifff King, Steve Lee, Mae McGregor,
Ina Morris

At its first meeting, to be chaired by Cllr Longstaff, the new Council will elect its office bearers.

The Kirk will be represented on the Community Council by the Rev Glenda Keating, and Edinburgh West Conservative Association will also have representation as a local interest group.

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In the Feb issue of Kirky News, we announced the forthcoming wedding of Jolene Liston and Steven Forrest. We are pleased now to show a picture of the happy couple on their wedding day