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This way is not right

The right of way through the old Scotmalt site will probably remain closed for some time yet. To comply with their planning approval, the developers carried out some archaeological digging but the Council's Archaeology Dept. have now asked the developers to have more trenches dug in the vicinity of the right of way, and the need for this extra work is causing a major dispute among the parties involved. The developers say the right of way would have been re-opened before now, but as the ground has been partially undermined it must remain closed for health and safety reasons. We are assured that a right of way is allowed for in the planned redevelopment, but this is scant comfort for the young families and old folk from the Gateside estate who are forced to make lengthy and tiring detours up Path Brae, probably throughout this winter. This land has been lying vacant for weeks, the fencing is regularly climbed and/or breached, and people are now using neighbouring properties as short cuts. For several months the dust, noise, smoke and smells from the site have been tholed because they were unavoidable. Losing the right of way, however, is galling to residents who feel it is quite unnecessary, and they are disappointed that no-one with any influence seems prepared to act to hasten the reinstatement which would at a stroke remove so much frustration for so many villagers.

Reiki Massage Relaxation Techniques

Kirkliston & Linlithgow
Leisure centres

Full & taster sessions available

Corine Maxwell

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Sadly, we have to report the death earlier this month of **FRANCES CHAPMAN**, co-founder and mainstay of this publication. She was responsible for the establishment of Kirky News over the last four years, and her cheery drive and enthusiasm will be greatly missed, not only by her family and friends but also by the wider community she did so much to serve.

Go Getting GALA

Preparations are well underway for next year's GALA. The selection of the Queen and her court will take place on 9 Feb. and details will be advertised nearer the time. Meanwhile, this year's brand new committee are keen to hear from anyone in the village (especially newcomers) who may have suggestions for either the actual Day or the Civic Week. For further information, please phone Margaret Mayer on 333 1860.

Lifelong learning in Kirkliston

Computer classes are continuing in Kirkliston Community Centre on a Thursday Afternoon, 1-PM, 3-PM and 6 – PM though the evening session has not been very popular this term. Is this because the time is no good (too early?), the day unsuitable or is there no demand for evening classes? Please let us know. Some of our computers have already been replaced and, when the last few have been replaced we will be able to run classes on Modern equipment, probably similar to what you have at home. Would you be interested then?

Reading Writing and number work are now also being covered on Wednesday morning, 10 am – 12, to give you a chance to brush up your English, spelling, punctuation, reading grammar or self expression and to practice number work. This is particularly useful if you are starting a new job, changing jobs or getting back into the jobs market after having been out for a bit. It is also important if the kids are starting school and you suddenly find that you are supposed to know all the answers.

If you have any questions or queries phone Ben on 316 4057 or email Ben.Seex@educ.edin.gov.uk

QCCC say "Join us on Wed. 29 Nov. at Kirkliston Bowling Club for our popular Virgin Vie party – a great opportunity to get special Christmas gifts! Tickets are £1 at the door (including coffee) and the fun starts at 7.30pm. Then, on 22 Dec., our Grand Christmas Draw will be made at The Haven: be sure to get some tickets as some superb prizes are up for grabs."

WELFARE FOODS SCHEME REPLACED

Healthy Start replaces the old scheme on 27 Nov. Thereafter, instead of milk tokens, eligible people will receive vouchers to exchange for milk, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables and infant formula. Free vitamin supplements can also be obtained. The vouchers can be used in any shop taking part in the Healthy Start scheme, including greengrocers, milkmen, market stalls, chemists, corner shops, food co-operatives and supermarkets. (More details are at www.healthystart.nhs.uk.) The Community Centre

will no longer be acting as an agent for the Welfare Foods

Scheme and so after 27 Nov. will not be able to exchange infant tokens for infant formula. The Healthy Start web site has a section where you can type in your postcode and get a list of the local shops taking part in the scheme. If you do not have access to a com-

puter, Anne or Aileen at the Centre (333 4214) will be pleased to give you the list. They tell us they will miss meeting the parents and babies who have come to the Centre for infant formula: you are welcome to come to the Kirkliston 0-4s drop-in adult/child group where parents can play with their children and meet other adults. The group meets in the Centre on Mons and Weds from 9 to 11.30am.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

meetings are held at 7.00pm on the last Tues. of each month in the Council Offices in Station Road. Members of the public are welcome to attend, and minutes of previous meetings are available in the Library.

OUR DORCAS

ladies are once again laying on their renowned Christmas Lunches in the Church Centre, this year on Tues. 12 December, from 12 to 2pm. Come along and enjoy a 3-course meal, plus tea/coffee and mints, for £5. The event is really in aid of the homeless and underprivileged at Christmas, but it is also a special treat for all of us, so get the date in your diaries now!

P**PRIMARY SCHOOL** Following the recent impassioned debate about future primary education in the village, the good news is that Council officials have now agreed to meet the School Board before Christmas to discuss amended plans, which will hopefully lead to a satisfactory outcome. The school recently wished Mrs Adair the Deputy Head Teacher a long and happy retirement and now look forward to welcoming the new DHT, Mrs Macleod, who will be joining them in January from Juniper Green. The PTA is holding various events, with the Christmas Raffle to be drawn at the Christmas Market on Friday evening, 24 November. More details and tickets from the school (333 3260). By Act of the Scottish Parliament, the School Board will be formally dissolved by next August, to be replaced by a Parent Council. The makeup and workings of this will be decided mostly by parents of children at the school. The School Board and PTA will be discussing this in the coming months, and would be delighted to welcome anyone with any views. Please contact them via the school.

DVD Filmshow

On Saturday 2nd Dec. 8 pm the local Police Youth Action Team and local organisations are putting on a film show of "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" at the Thomas Chalmers Centre. Tickets are £2 and are available from the Community Centre, the Library, the Leisure Centre, the Chip Shop and at the door. If successful this could become a regular event for 14 to 16 year olds..

UNIFORMED YOUNGSTERS

We have been asked to give newcomers to the village some info re organized activities available to youngsters in Kirkliston. For starters, here are some contact details for the various uniformed groups currently functioning here.

For: Rainbows (5-6 yr-old girls)

Brownies (7-10 yr-old girls)

And Guides (over 10)

Tel Sandra Tulloch-333 3243

For: Beavers, Anne Baird-333 2221

And Cubs, Val McReight-333 4858

(There is no Scout Group at the moment)

For Boys' Brigade, Lindsay Stein- 01506 858603

Edinburgh Achievement Awards

Kirky folk were well represented at this year's awards sponsored by Standard Life. The awards recognise "success, best practice and innovation" in all aspects of the City's Children & Families Dept. Almost 50 nominations included the Kirky News (in the "Active Citizens" category) and the Nursery School's "Seasons in Our Garden" (in the "Creativity in Learning" category.) Entries ranged from "Vulnerable Babies Project", through family literacy schemes to music and foreign exchanges, and play and sports programmes. Queensferry XL Club was also nominated, and the High School was "Highly Commended" for their Mentoring Project. At the awards ceremony at The Hub awards were presented by a string of celebrities and all nominees were praised for their contributions.