

KIRKY NEWS

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Kirkliston Gala, 9 June 2007

Well, once again the Gala is almost upon us. There is a full programme of events during Civic Week and also on the day itself. Full details are available in the programmes, which, if you miss one of the helpers selling them door to door, can also be found in various local shops in the next week or so.

Races will take place on the Gala day this year as will the ever-popular Tug of War. Competition is hotting up for the 'Best Dressed House' and completed forms should be returned to the Gala Committee on the last rehearsal BEFORE the dress rehearsal, which is 5 June.

The Gala Committee would like to send their best wishes to Queen Elect, Ashley, on her big day and to wish everyone a happy and enjoyable Gala.

News from Kirkliston Nursery School

Along with all the village, our deepest sympathies have been extended to the McCraw family following Charly's tragic accident. We were lucky to have Charly as a pupil at the nursery school where she will be fondly remembered. The nursery staff and pupils have decided to commemorate Charly's life with a tree which we will plant before the end of this term.

Tragic accident

It is with great sadness that we must report the death of Dr Milne in a recent car accident. Our thoughts are with family, friends and colleagues. A book of condolences has been set up at Kirkliston Medical Centre.

New Parent Council for Kirkliston Primary

Kirkliston Primary now has a 'Parent Council' – as the Scottish Parliament knows it – called the Kirkliston Primary School Association (KPSA). Parents met on Tuesday 15 May to discuss, amend and agree the proposed constitution.

All parents, including the new P1 intake, are invited to go along to the AGM on 29 August to take part in selecting KPSA parent members under the new constitution. Details will be on the school website soon (www.kirkliston.ik.org).

Council shake-up

Kirkliston now forms part of Almond Ward in Edinburgh Council, along with Queensferry, Dalmeny, Ratho Station, Cramond, Newbridge, Davidsons Mains and Silverknowes. This ward is now represented by three councillors: Kate MacKenzie (Conservative), George Grubb (Liberal Democrat) and Norman Work (SNP).

Cleaning up Kirky

Recent clean ups along the cycleway to Queensferry have highlighted the positive response and commitment from local residents. The cycleway has been transformed, so thank you to all who helped out, particularly David and Adrian.

Young people from the Open All Hours youth club have been cleaning out the burns around Allison Park, a mammoth task undertaken with real enthusiasm.

Children, parents and teachers of Kirkliston Nursery recently cleaned up the gardens on Manse Road, picking up nearly 20 bags of litter.

Is Kirkliston ready for a clean up group? Money is available for community groups looking to improve their area; it would be great to see Kirky getting its share.

Please contact Park Ranger, Iwan Thomas, at park.ranger1@btconnect.com or on 07990 787026.

Niddry Castle Golf Club

18 hole – SS69 – Par 70 (SS71 – Par 71 for ladies)

Is looking for new members!!!

- No joining fees in all categories of membership
 - Payment arrangements of subscriptions can be made with the Club Treasurer
 - Outings catered for
 - A trial round of golf may be booked by appointment for those interested in joining
- Contact the Clubhouse at Castle Road, Winchburgh EH52 6RQ on 01506 891077 for an application form or complete the form on our website at:

www.niddrycastlegc.co.uk

Please email news, views and announcements to kirkynews@hotmail.co.uk, call 333 3586 or write to us at Kirky News, c/o Kirkliston Community Centre, 16-18 Queensferry Road, Kirkliston EH29 9AQ.

Tree wardens

Edinburgh Council is looking for volunteer tree wardens for the Kirkliston area. This involves identifying and surveying notable trees, some tree planting and maintenance and encouraging people to look after trees in their area. Full training given. Contact Alan Mitchell on 469 3677.

Community Council meetings

There will be Community Council meetings on:

Tuesday 26 June

Tuesday 31 July

(may not take place due to holiday season)

Tuesday 28 August

Meetings start 7pm, Council offices in Station Rd.

Kirkliston Flower Show

This year's Flower Show is on Saturday 25 August at Kirkliston Community Centre.

Kirkliston Playgroup

A village playgroup is held at the pavilion in Allison Park from 9.30am to 11.30am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during termtime. Indoor and outdoor play, art/craft, stories, singing and games for children aged two to three. For more information, contact Janet on 333 3287.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

If you would like to find out more about the Rainbows, Brownies or Guides in Kirkliston, please phone Sandra Tulloch on 333 3243.

It's never too late to get started and get active

Kirkliston Leisure Centre wants to help the older members of our community to get active. That's why they offer a weekly Get Up and Go Session and a monthly tea dance.

To find out more about the Kirkliston Leisure Centre and memberships, drop in, call 333 4700 or go to www.edinburghleisure.co.uk

Free taster up for grabs... All you have to do is pop into Kirkliston Leisure Centre, fill in a quick questionnaire and they'll give you a free taster session for Get Up and Go or the gym.

Library Link

Volunteers needed for the Library Link Door-to-Door Minibus Service. Can you help out one Friday morning a month from 10.30am to 2pm? The service offers transport to enable elderly and housebound residents of the South Queensferry and Kirkliston areas to use library facilities.

Anyone interested in helping out, please contact Roy or Jeff at Kirkliston Library on 529 5513.

Rhymetime

Nursery rhymes, music and songs for 0-4 year-olds at Kirkliston Library on Tuesday 12 June from 1.45pm to 2.15pm.

Big Wild Read

Any child can register from 29 June and take up the challenge of reading six library books by the end of August.

As part of the Big Wild Read promotion, there will be a number of special events at the library including a Teddy Bear's Picnic on Tuesday 10 July at 11am, The Rainforest Roadshow on Friday 27 July at 1.30pm, the Big Wild Storytime on Saturday 28 July at 11am and Animal Mask Making on Friday 3 August at 2.30pm.

Free business advice and support

Thinking about becoming self-employed? Do you want to start your own business, launch a community business or social enterprise? The West Edinburgh Business Incubator (WEBI) offers free advice, support, encouragement, guidance and training. To find out more, call 455 3370.

News from Queensferry Care in the Community

The recent Sponsored Walk and Golf Competition raised in excess of £3,000.

Last month the Queensferry Care Volunteers enjoyed a night in at the movies. The evening was great fun and a good opportunity to meet with other volunteers.

There are various volunteer opportunities available, for more information, contact Lorna on 331 5570 or go to www.qccc.org.uk

News from Kirkliston Community Centre

Senior Youth Club – from Wednesday 6 June, all P7s starting secondary school in August are welcome to attend the youth club at the Community Centre from 7pm to 9pm. Cost 50p.

Give it a Go – for anyone interested in taking up adult learning opportunities at Norwood Community Centre, Station Road, Ratho Station, on Thursday 21 June from 9.30am to 11.30am.

Summer Adventure Unlimited Programme for Young People – a two-week programme of activities and excursions for young people, S1 to S4, from 16 July.

The Kit Carey Jazz Band is coming to Kirkliston Community Centre on Saturday 18 August at 7.30pm. Tickets £7.

For information on any of the Community Centre's activities, contact Anne or Aileen on 333 4214.

Blue Light Disco for P7s

Blue Light Disco at Rosebery Hall, Queensferry on Thursday 14 June from 7pm to 9pm for all P7s going up to secondary school. Transport available from Kirkliston and Dalmeny. Tickets £1.

Website problems – www.kirkliston.org

We are currently unable to load *Kirky News* items onto the website. We hope to rectify this shortly.