

KIRKY NEWS

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SCHOOL KITCHEN CLOSURE

Primary school kitchens in a number of Edinburgh schools - including Kirkliston Primary - are being axed to cover a Council budget shortfall.

Grace Walker, assistant cook at Kirkliston Primary School, has already collected hundreds of signatures on a petition to keep its kitchen open. She said: 'Nobody is happy about this. The meals are very popular with staff and children. We must supply about 100 [meals] a day.

'[Closing the kitchen] doesn't make sense, especially as Kirkliston is expanding.'

FREE HOME SAFETY VISIT

Do you have smoke detectors fitted in your home? 114 people were killed or seriously injured due to 1100 house fires across Lothian and Borders last year. To keep you safe from fire, Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service are offering free Home Safety Checks, and installation of free smoke detectors to everyone, regardless of age, mobility, or where you live in the area. If you would like to arrange a home safety visit from your local fire station, please call **0800 169 0320** to arrange a suitable time and date.



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LOCAL HANDBALL HEROES

A successful season for the Kirkliston Junior Handball Team was nicely finished with an impressive victory in the Scottish Junior Cup Finals in Largs in May. The team had already won the 2008 Scottish Junior League.

If you're interested in joining the junior handball team, please call the Kirkliston Leisure Centre **333 4700** for more information. If you are interested in sponsoring this successful team, please contact Margaret Comrie on 07825 419 690.

KIRKLISTON NURSERY FUNDRAISING DAY

Kirkliston Nursery School is holding a fundraising day on Saturday 21st June (10am to 12 noon) at Kirkliston Community Centre to raise money for Ikageng Primary School in South Africa, so its pupils can receive one nutritious meal a day.

There will be stalls selling homemade wares. Plus mini makeovers, face painting, crafts for kids, lucky dips, massage and the usual raffle and tombola.

LITTER-BUSTERS

Another successful litter pick up was held last month. Although there was a pick-up a few months ago, the clean-up team still managed to collect a huge amount of rubbish.

Organisers would like to thank all of the volunteers who turned up to help, including Councillor Kate MacKenzie who took time out of her busy schedule to come along for an hour and fill a couple of bags. The next litter collection is scheduled for the second Saturday in September.

BUMPY ROAD FOR RESIDENTS

You may have noticed, some of the worst pot-holes on the B800 New Liston Road have recently been filled in. Although the road is in need of complete resurfacing, the City of Edinburgh Council do not intend to carry out the work before the junction (at the Newbridge end) is redesigned to accomodate the new business park being built at the former Marshall's chicken plant.

If you would like to report or complain about the poor road conditions, you can contact CLARENCE on **0800 232323** or email clarence@edinburgh.gov.uk

SCOTMALT SITE NEWS

Look out for action from mid-June at the foot of Path Brae, as site preparation work starts at the housing development site. Melford Developments, who are keen to work with local residents and the community council, are aware of the importance of the footpath through the site, and have allowed for this in their plans.

DOZY PARKERS BEWARE

Parents and carers were delighted to see the extension of zig-zag 'no waiting' lines on Queensferry Road, outside the nursery and community centre. However, they've been disappointed with the irresponsible drivers who continue to ignore the restrictions. Police are prepared to take action, and they've confirmed that photographic evidence is enough for them to investigate offending drivers.

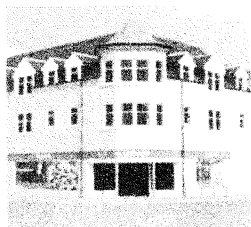
PIKES' POOL PETITION

The newly formed Kirkliston Enviromental Group (www.kirkeg.co.uk) are concerned that the habitat at Pikes' Pool is being destroyed, with the diversity of wildlife in the area being severely affected. A petition has been prepared to try to save this area for future generations of Kirkliston residents, so please add your signature to help save Pikes' Pool.

Have you got a story you'd like to share with the village? Email kirkynews@hotmail.co.uk or call **333 3586**
Visit www.kirkynews.btik.com

SCOTMID TO OPEN JUNE 27

The new purpose built Scotmid will open at 12 noon on **Friday 27th June**. The 260 sqm (2,800 sq ft) shop, will trade from 7am-10pm daily. The store will offer groceries, an in-store bakery, Paypoint, newspapers, magazines, cash machine, Lotto, and helpful staff.



80th Kirkliston Gala Day

This year, Kirkliston celebrates its 80th Gala Day. To mark the occasion, there's a whole host of activities on offer to entertain the family.

Saturday 7 June

Coffee morning with lots of memorabilia from Kirkliston's past. 10 am to 12 noon, Church Hall

Monday 9 June

Football competition for kids in P1 to P7. 6pm to 9pm, Kirkliston Leisure Centre. Cost £1

Tuesday 10 June

Beauty night for young people in P5 to S2. 7pm to 8.30pm, Kirkliston Community Centre. Cost £2

Wednesday 11 June

Entertainer, Tricky Ricky for children aged 4 to 8. 6.45pm to 7.30pm, Kirkliston Bowling Club. Cost £2.50 (tickets in advance)

Basketball competition for kids in P4 to P7. 6pm to 8pm, Kirkliston Leisure Centre. Cost £1

Thursday 12 June

Disco for children in P1 to P3. 6pm to 7pm, Kirkliston Community Centre. Cost £1.50

Disco for children in P4 to P7. 7.15pm to 8.45pm, Kirkliston Community Centre. Cost £1.50

Saturday 14 June

Gala Day: crowning ceremony - 11am, parade - 11.45am, carnival events from 12.30pm to 4.30pm, Allison Park

CALLING ALL EX-GALA QUEENS

Have you ever been a Kirkliston Gala Queen? If you have, the Gala Committee would love to hear from you. Call Margaret on 333 1860 if you'd like to join in.

SUMMER FUN AT THE LIBRARY

Kirkliston Library has a great calendar of summer reading activities planned for all ages. There are prizes on offer for children and teenagers, and the library book group continues to meet on the last Wednesday of every month at 7pm. For more information, please call Kirkliston Library on 529 5510.

ALMOND NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

The next meeting is to be held in the South Queensferry and Rosebery Hall Community Education Centre, High Street, South Queensferry on Tuesday 17 June 2008 at 7pm. There will be a drop-in session from 6.30pm with council staff available to answer questions about services. Contact Eleanor Gaw on 529 7440 for more information.

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Find out what's happening at your local community centre. For more information on the activities below, contact Anne on 333 4214.

Kirkliston 0-4s is a drop-in group for parents and carers on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9am to 11.30am (school term time only). It is a place to come and play with your children, and meet new people.

Kirkliston 0-4s is holding a family day on Tuesday 5th August from 10am to 2pm in the Kirkliston Nursery School playground. All parents with 0-4s are welcome to come to the regular groups, and to the family day.

The **Senior Youth Club** meets on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm for young people in S1, S2 and S3. From the 4th of June, young people who will be going into S1 in August 08 are also very welcome to come. The club's held at the Community Centre and costs 50p.

School's out for summer and there's a summer programme of mainly outdoor activities for young people in S1 to S4 from 14th to 25th July. Look out for the local publicity.

Computer classes - Broaden your skills and your contacts by joining our free and easy computer classes, which start again in August/September.

Everyday reading, writing and numbers - If you'd like a chance to brush up your reading, writing and/or number skills, or you just want to keep up with what your kids learn at school, contact Ben Seex on 339 8278.

New Courses

If there are any courses you'd like the community centre to put on, for example: first aid, food hygiene, or perhaps leisure classes like creative writing, please visit the community centre or call Anne on 333 4214.

Thinking about quitting smoking? There's a group held every Tuesday from 11am to 12pm at Kirkliston Community Centre to support you and give advice on how to stop smoking, (including nicotine replacement) in a relaxed and informal setting. For further details call Stop Smoking Adviser, Maureen Matthews on 01506 446656.

NEW ARRIVALS

Yolande – ex editor of the Kirky News – has had a baby girl, we would like to send them both, and their family, our best wishes.

The Kirky News team would also like to welcome Nadine as the new editor of the Kirky News. She responded to our advert in the last edition.

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