

# KIRKY NEWS

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## HEADMASTER RETIRES

Mr Bill Cartner, headmaster of Kirkliston Primary School, recently retired after more than 26 years. He has known hundreds of parents, staff and children over the years – and still recognises a surprising number of them!

The children held a special assembly in his honour, with each class performing something they had been practising in secret for weeks. Then, in the style of Eastenders, a taxi arrived to take him away through a parade of children.

## KIRKLISTON GALA AGM

Did you enjoy this year's Gala celebrations? If you did, why not get involved with next year's event by joining the Gala committee?

The committee meet once a month from October to April, and then fortnightly on the run up to the day. If you can't join the committee, but would like to offer you help in any please call Alyson Robinson on 0131 333 4178.

You can find out more about joining the committee at the Gala AGM, the date and venue for the AGM will be advertised locally.

## GOOD NEWS FOR IKAGENG

The Kirkliston Nursery School parents raised £550 for Ikageng Primary School in South Africa at its fundraising day in Kirkliston Community Centre in June. As a result of their fabulous efforts, and sponsorship by individuals and businesses, £2,000 was sent to the school in July.

As well as buying food, Mr Weilbach, the headteacher, bought shoes for all the children since many of them cannot make the long walk to catch the bus because they have no shoes. He also distributed blankets to pupils to keep them warm as the school cannot afford heating during the winter.

A tree with leaves representing funds raised is on display at the community centre. Individual leaves can be sponsored for £100, each leaf also represents a child being fed for a year. If you would like to sponsor a leaf, please contact Shelagh Westwater on 0131 333 3192.

## BEST WISHES GLENDA

Minister Glenda Keating has left Kirkliston for the new pastures of South Ayrshire. Glenda and her husband Rob were active members of the community. They'll be missed by the congregation and those who knew them in the wider community.

## FUNDRAISING AND KILT SWINGING FOR QCCC

Queensferry Churches Care in the Community (QCCC) is holding a family ceilidh on **Saturday 1st November** at Kirkliston Bowling Club. The Columille Ceilidh Band promise a great evening from 8.00pm – midnight.

Including supper, adult tickets are £8, and children's tickets are £4. Family tickets (two adults and two children) cost £20. QCCC is also hosting an evening of music on Friday 7th November in the Thomas Chalmers Centre within the Kirkliston Parish Church. Tickets are £7.50 and are available from The Haven.

The Kirkliston Boys' Brigade is undertaking a sponsored adventure challenge at Ratho Climbing Centre on **Sunday 2nd November**, and a few brave souls will be abseiling down the Forth Rail Bridge on Sunday 5th October to raise money for QCCC. Give them your support by cheering them on - or even better - by sponsoring them.

Other planned fundraising includes can collections in South Queensferry at Scotmid on Saturday 11th October and Tesco on Saturday 20th December.

And finally, would you like to brave the elements of the Firth of Forth on New Year's Day for QCCC? Please call 0131 331 5570 for more information.

## GREEN FINGERS AND LITTER PICKERS NEEDED

Do you like to be in the fresh air? Would you like to get some exercise? If you answered yes to these questions, then why not join Kirkliston Environment Group for litter picking or bulb planting **Saturday 11th October**. Volunteers are asked to meet at 10am outside the leisure centre.

New Members are always welcome to make Kirkliston a cleaner and greener place. For more details email David Batty, [dsbatty@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dsbatty@tiscali.co.uk)

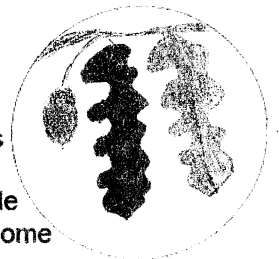
Following a series of successful litter clean-ups in the village, the Kirkliston Environment Group has now been established. The committee is made up as follows:

**Chairman** - Robert Brechin

**Secretary** - David Batty

**Treasurer** - Mike Jefferies

Its mission is to improve the general environment by encouraging residents to take pride in their village. In the longer term, the group hopes to be able to carry out regeneration projects on some of the derelict areas in the village.



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## RAZZLE DAZZLE 'EM

Do your little ones fancy getting their toes tapping? The Razzle Dazzle dance group holds classes every Thursday in Kirkliston Church Hall:

3.45pm - 4.15pm... age 2 to 4 years - tap and disco

4.15pm - 5.15pm... age 5 to 8 years - tap and disco

4.45pm - 5.45pm... age 9 to 12 years - disco and tap

5.45pm - 6.30pm... age 12 upwards - disco and street jazz

If you bring this article with you, you'll receive your first dance class free.

## PARENTING SOLUTIONS

Your local health visitors would like to invite all parents and carers to the following parenting sessions on Fridays from 10am to 11.30am at Kirkliston Community Centre.

**10th October** - Keeping cosy in winter while being environmentally friendly

**17th October** - Relaxation, aromatherapy and massage for mums... and dads too!

Each session is a good way to meet parent support workers, health visitors and the early years team, ask questions, and have a cup of tea and a chat with other parents. For more information, contact the health visitors in Kirkliston on 335 5320, or South Queensferry on 537 4445, or the Early Years Centre on 331 3594.

## CHRISTIAN ACTION BUS

The Christian Action Bus is a Kirkliston Church initiative staffed by trained people who would like to connect with young people, and share their knowledge and love of Christ. There's a chilled out atmosphere on the bus, so you can pop in to say hello to the trained volunteers. Over the next few months, the buses will visit the village on Friday nights and make the following stops:

**7.00pm** at Gateside; **7.40pm** at Humble Road and **8.20pm** at the leisure centre until 9pm.

## KIRKLISTON CUBS

Kirkliston's Cubs are urgently looking for a new leader. It's a voluntary post, but a uniform and training will be provided. The Cubs meet on a Tuesday evening from 6.30pm to 8pm. If you are over 21, and would like to work with children aged 8 to 10 years, please contact Peter on 333 0799 or Lorna on 333 2438 for further information.

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL FLOWER & CRAFT SHOW

Community Association Plate, Highest points in show - Irene Whittaker; John Drysdale Memorial Trophy, Highest points in show runners-up - Tom Milne and B McDonald; Community Council Rose Bowl, Flowers - David Buchanan; DB Marshall Trophy, Vegetables - B McDonald; Charters Cup, Industrial - Irene Whittaker; Wilson Floral Art Bowl, Floral Art - E Marshall; Community Council Art Cup, Art - G Gowens; Committee Quaich, Craft - Daisy Wylie; Community Council Figurette, Photography - Irene Whittaker; Bowling Club Goblet, Home Brew - Steve Watson; Maurice Pearce Memorial Cup, Best exhibit flower and vegetable - Alastair Mackie; Youth Club Trophy Junior Cup (Age 8 - 13 years) - Aleisha Chalmers; Mackie & Brechin Cup, Age 7 years and under - Joanna Tulloch; Highest Number of Entries - Irene Whittaker.

## KIRKLISTON 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. All parents with 0-4s are welcome to come to the regular groups.

The **Senior Youth Club** meets on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm for young people in S1, S2 and S3. The club is held at the Community Centre and costs 50p.

**Computer classes** - Are you worried by the web or do you feel edgy about using email? Why not broaden your skills and contacts by joining our free and easy computer classes. Classes run every Wednesday from 1pm to 3pm and 6pm to 8pm.

**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.

## SWRI

Scottish Women's Rural Institute meets at the community centre at 7.15pm on the second Tuesday of the month, with the next meeting on 14th October. All women are very welcome.

## Jazz Night

Thanks to everyone who came along to the jazz night in the community centre in August. Seventy people bopped along to the Spirit of Rhythm jazz band who performed a lively programme of New Orleans style jazz.

**Thinking about quitting smoking?** There's a group held every Tuesday from 11am to 12pm at the 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.

## SWIMMERS WANTED

**FAST** - Ferry Amateur Swimming Team - are looking for new swimmers (age 7 - 17 years) to join their club. For more details, visit South Queensferry High School Leisure Centre.

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