

Kirky News

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SANTA'S VISIT:

Santa and Rudolph's annual trip this Christmas Eve, will start at Gateside at 3:30pm, before heading on to Main Street, The Glebe, Toddshill, The Dram, Glendinning, Allan Park, Main Street, Newmains and Boland with a wee break with mulled wine and mince pies around 7.30pm in the Square to meet folk leaving the Family Service.

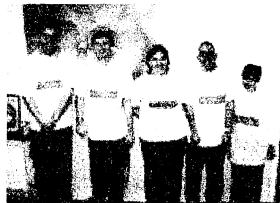
"How many roads must a man walk down"

Local man Clifford Plester has hung up his walking boots, after walking for charity for 25 years. He has raised the magnificent sum of £28,000 mainly for St.Columbas Hospice - Well done Clifford !!

Do you have additional support needs or a learning disability?

The Sunshine Club, Research Team invite you to an Open Event where you can get information on services, such as housing, employment and social type activities. The Event is on Tuesday 2 December, from 4.30-6.30pm in The Priory Church, 8 Hopetoun Road, Sth Queensferry. A finger buffet will be provided. This is part of The Sunshine Club's Community Research Project.

Hope to see you there



Our c.a.b. (Christian Action Bus)

Fridays up till 12th December, starting again on Friday 9th January at: Gateside 7-7.40pm,

The Glebe 7.40-8.20pm

Leisure Centre car park 8.20- 9.00pm.

Regular c.a.b visitors should watch out for news on our Christmas get together for 19th December.

This year has been a great learning experience for both the c.a.b. leaders and the 10-15 year olds who have visited us. We look forward to the Friday nights we are going to have together in the new year. Parents can be assured that all leaders have undergone training and have Disclosure Scotland certificates

Kirkliston Library: Christmas Crafts afternoon on Friday 12th December from 2.30pm – 3.30pm.

For 7 -11 year olds making some colourful items for decoration or gifts. Free tickets from the library or phone 529 5510 kirkliston.library@edinburgh.gov.uk

Christmas closing 5pm on 24th, re-open at 9am on Sat 27th Dec. At New Year close at 5pm on 31st Dec and re-open at 9am on Sat 3rd January. Seasons greetings to everyone from Lorna, Julie, Joyce and Roy.

Gyle Christmas Light Winner

Well done to **Megan Bruce**, age 10, one of the winners of the Gyle Shopping Centre 'Design a Light' competition. Her winning design has been made into a Christmas Light and is now on display at the Gyle.

Working for Families in Kirkliston

Are you a parent/carer who is working, wanting to work, or who wants access to training, work placements, volunteering or other opportunities?

Sam Baird is the local Working for Families adviser and can help with confidential advice on childcare costs, job opportunities or money and benefit solutions. She can meet you at Kirkliston Community Centre or any other convenient location. To make an appointment contact her on 07798 950 546 or phone the Working for Families Freephone number on 0800 432 0044

Standard Life Edinburgh Achievement Awards 2008

Congratulations to Kirkliston and South Queensferry health visitors working with the Queensferry Early Years Team. They won a Highly Commended award for their successful TOPS (Talking Over Parenting Solutions) courses held in Kirkliston Community Centre.

Physiotherapy Scotland

Exercise classes for the over 60's to promote fitness, well-being and relaxation from 2 - 3pm on Mondays (ladies only class) and Thursdays (Mixed class) and cost £1.70 per session. At Kirkliston Community Centre Contact Claire Potter on 333 3554 or

Email: cp2@physiotherapyscotland.co.uk

Queensferry Care in the Community - thanks and congratulations to **Sandra Youngs and Stephanie Walker** volunteers with QCCC for 10 years. Thanks to everyone who supported the Flutter Buy Coffee Morning which raised £1,100. Please support our can collection at Tesco on Saturday 20th December.

If you can spare a couple of hours either weekly or fortnightly and would like to visit an older person in their own home please contact Lorna on 331 5570 or visit our website www.qccc.org.uk. We wish you and yours a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Kirkliston Environment Group

has been involved in planting 3,000 bulbs around the Leisure Centre, two litter picks in the Village and in the Primary School's Eco Day. Edinburgh Airport has funded our litter picking equipment.

Our next clear up will be "the vicinity of Pike's Pool". We will meet at the Sports Pavilion adjacent to Allison Park at 10.00am on Saturday 13th December. We look forward to seeing you!!

Wishing all our readers happiness at Christmastime and in the New Year 2009, The Kirky News Team

Any complaints about the No 38 service?

Can be lodged on First Bus official forms available at Kirkliston Council Office

Gala Committee

Ceilidh to be held **Sat 24th Jan** at Kirkliston Bowling Club. Tickets £10 from Committee members.

• This year the Gala committee is very small and needs lots of helpers to make sure the day runs as well as it did this year. It is a fantastic day for the children but it takes a huge amount of organising and lots of helpers to let the children have a very safe and enjoyable day. If you can offer some help or wish more information phone Lisa Mackay on 333 3621.

Park Your Views Here

What do you think of the parks and green spaces in this area? Wildlife haven or waste ground? Litter strewn or litter free? Edinburgh Council are running an online survey to find out what you do and don't like about parks here and across Edinburgh. Make your opinions known by clicking : www.edinburgh.gov.uk/parksurvey

Plane Speaking Public Meeting was held on 26th November. Campaigners pledged to take action to stop the expansion of Glasgow and Edinburgh airports just weeks before the Scottish Parliament considers the National Planning Framework which could give the green light to expansion. Local communities around the airport have joined with national lobby groups to pledge a sustained campaign of opposition should the expansion plans be given the green light. **For more information/interviews:** Tilly Gifford 07717887221

Edinburgh & Lothian Council on Alcohol (ELCA) Weekly Advice, Information, and Counselling Service

Are you concerned about your own or another person's level of drinking, or perhaps you would just like to know more about how alcohol can affect your health and daily life. Find more about our **free confidential services** - Phone today on **337-8188** and arrange to meet with a counsellor in the Kirkliston or South Queensferry area.

1st Kirkliston Scout Group

Scout Hall Latest: Our hall now has new flooring with a smart new kitchen and toilets. We are hoping to get the driveway resurfaced soon plus new access lighting.

Breakfast with Santa on Saturday 6th December 9:30 -12 noon in the Church Hall, The Square, Tickets available at the Kirkliston Primary School Adults £5 / Child £2.50 or call Pam Hull on 333 1570

Annual Edinburgh Scout Post 2008

Only 21p for delivery of your Christmas Card in: Edinburgh, Balerno, Currie and Juniper Green - EH1 - EH17 plus Ratho EH28, Kirkliston EH29 and Sth Queensferry EH30. NOT WINCHBURGH.

The Local Collection Points are Mackie and Brechin, George's Hairdressers, and Kirkliston Library

Deadline on Tues 9th December 4:00pm

Rural West Edinburgh Local Plan: West Edinburgh Planning Framework 2008 includes major proposals for the expansion of Edinburgh Airport, the relocation of the Highland Showground and a new International Business Gateway. **Rural West Edinburgh Local Plan Alteration** – a change to the development plan for the area.

West Edinburgh Strategic Design Framework – more detailed planning guidance. Draft copies are currently available for consultation purposes – **we want to know what you think** – They can be viewed and you can find

out how to make your comments: at Kirkliston Library or Online:

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/developmentframeworks and www.edinburgh.gov.uk/rwelp or Contact

Alison Kirkwood 469 3590 or come along to our drop-in community consultation event on Wed 10 December at Hillwood Primary School, Ratho Station 6.30-9pm. Planning Officers will be available to answer your questions. All

welcome

Last month the Parish Church Exhibition and

Autumn Fayre in the Church Centre raised £2,300 at a very successful event. Many local folk found plenty to see, buy and enjoy. It was gratifying to note that all the hard work of the organizers was so well supported by the whole community.

Kirkliston Community Centre (333 4214)

- **Senior Youth Club** meets on Wednesdays from 7 to 9pm for young people in S1 to S3. The cost is 50p
- **Computer classes** at the Community Centre, start 20th Jan, 1-3pm and 6-8pm. Workshop from 3-5pm – do your own thing with help at hand.

- **Everyday reading, writing and numbers.** A chance to brush up reading, writing and/or number work or to keep up with what your kids learn at school

- **Learn Something New in the New Year** **Saturday Mornings**, starting off with a First Aid course on Sat 10th January 10am-12.30pm.

Also planned are: Job Searching on the Internet and Form Filling, Basic Cookery, Presentation Skills for the Terrified, Understanding Self-Assessment Tax Forms, also a 2-session Emergency First Aid Certificate course. Do let Anne know if there is a class you'd like.

Quiz Night will be held on Friday 6th February at the centre. Keep the evening free and come and join us for an evening of fun. The cost is £1 per person. Applications for teams of four – prize for the best team name – to the Centre Office by Monday 2nd February. Individuals are welcome – let Anne or Fran know and we will make up teams. Phone: 333 4214.

BWCC Christmas Carol Service – Saturday 20th December at 7.30pm in KCC. All welcome, refreshments served afterwards. NB: Refurbishment work is planned to begin early 2009 at 70 Main Street..

Have you got a story you'd like to share with the village. Email us at kirkynews@hotmail.co.uk, phone 333-3586 or send to the Community Centre, Queensferry Road, Kirkliston EH29 9AQ