

KIRKY NEWS

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ARE YOU ONE IN A THOUSAND?

Saturday 4th April sees the rescheduled **Big Clean-up** taking place across Kirkliston and Queensferry. This year, the aim is to recruit over 1,000 local people to get involved with giving the area a spring clean. Come and join Kirkliston Environment Group on Saturday 4 April at 10am at Kirkliston Leisure Centre. For further information contact David Batty (Secretary, KEG) on 0131 335 3604 or dsbatty@tiscali.co.uk

NEW HEADTEACHER

Kirkliston Primary School has appointed a new headteacher, Lynn Paterson. The Kirky News caught up with her for a quick chat.

KIRKY NEWS: Tell us a bit about yourself.

LYNN: I began my career as a class teacher in Penicuik. I worked with some very inspiring colleagues there. Together, we ran skiing clubs and fencing clubs; combining great fun and learning at the same time. From there I moved to Glasgow in anticipation of getting married. I then became a senior teacher at Greenhills primary in East Kilbride at the tender age of 26! After many happy years there, I moved to Bannockburn as assistant head teacher, and then as deputy head teacher. I then moved to Edinburgh to become the head teacher at Drumbrae Primary School. It was a superb school team with excellent colleagues in neighbouring cluster schools.

KIRKY NEWS: How have your first few months been?

LYNN: It is going well. I would like to thank the staff team, children and community of Kirkliston Primary for their warm welcome, and assure them that we are ready for our journey towards excellence.

THE CRAMOND ANGLING CLUB

Are you interested in fishing locally? The Cramond Angling Club has been in existence since the 1950s and, like the River, the Club has had its ups and downs. Thankfully the Club appears to have turned a corner in recent years, with a growing membership (186 members in 2008) and currently in excess of 130. The Club has an active committee, which meet monthly at the Cramond Boat Club. With a growing membership, they have been able to extend their fishing rights. The club now holds the fishing rights from Kirkliston to Cramond, offering approximately six miles of fishing. Please remember that the Law states that written permission is required to fish in Scotland. For more information on membership and day tickets - please visit www.fishalmond.co.uk

BE VIGILANT

In recent months, the Wimpey housing scheme has had two separate spates of thefts from locked huts and garages using the field at the back for access. Many neighbours had broken locks and fences. There was a vehicle seen at night in one group of incidents in Maitland Road with someone seen trying huts and garages. In Humble Road there was one actual break-in during the daytime using a spade. Please be vigilant, and report anything suspicious to the police.

WHAT A PONG!

Local farmers are owed an apology after being accused of creating a terrible stench which plagued the lower end of the village for two days! It turned out to be an overflowing manhole, which brought a major blockage of the main sewer at Newliston Road. After emergency drainage, the smell subsided, and work to remove the obstruction is now underway.

REGISTRAR RETIRES

Ina Morris has retired after 33 years as Kirkliston's registrar. Local resident Ina carried out her duties diligently as well as providing Housing Services for the Kirkliston community. She conducted her first birth registration on the 21st July 1975 and her first civil wedding in July 1978. Ina received an array of gifts and good wishes from colleagues and friends on her last day in January.

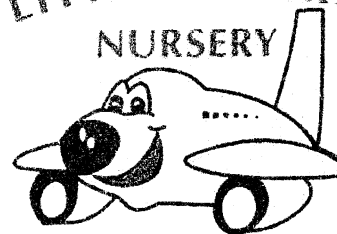
FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

Queensferry Food Initiative (QFI) was developed to support healthy eating in Queensferry and surrounding areas. Their food market aims to provide a range of fruit and vegetables at reasonable cost. The food market operates from the Priory Church, South Queensferry. There are bus stops close by. The food market is open from 8:45am to 12:30pm every Mon.

OUTDOOR EASTER SERVICE

Celebrate Easter at Allison Park at 3pm on Sunday 12th April. Kirkliston Churches are getting together to put on a fun, family Easter afternoon. The short service will be followed by FREE hot dogs, crafts, and chocolate eggs for all.

LITTLE FLYERS
NURSERY



PLAYGROUP

Morning places and creche hours
available for children aged 2-5 years.

Open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.15-11.45am

Thomas Chalmers Church Hall, Kirkliston

Please contact Michelle Mcleary on 01506 854066
or Jennifer Brown on 0131 333 4088 for more
information.

LIBRARY LINK

The Library Link service is a free fortnightly Friday morning minibus collecting anyone who has difficulty getting to the library because of disability or infirmity. It is a friendly and social morning with an opportunity for chat, refreshments and time to select books or music CDs. If you or your friends/family would benefit from this service please get in touch with the library on 0131 529 5510 for further details.

CHATTERBOOKS

Chatterbooks Children's Bookgroup is about to start a new programme of activities. Meetings take place in the library once a month on Wednesday afternoons. Children in P4 and P5 are invited to come along to the first meeting on Wednesday 22nd April. There are only 12 places, so please register your interest at the Library.

RHYMETIMES

The next afternoon of rhymes and songs for under 3s and their carers will take place on Tuesday 31st March at 1.45pm. All welcome – just drop in.

BOOK GROUP

The library's Book Group continues to meet on the last Wednesday of every month from 7pm to 8pm. There is a varied programme of books for discussion this year, and new members are always welcome.

NEW MINISTER

The Kirk Session and the Congregation of Kirkliston Parish Church of Scotland are pleased to confirm the appointment of the Rev, Margaret (Maggie) Lane as the new Minister at Kirkliston. After an exhaustive interviewing process, where a number of candidates were interviewed, Margaret Lane was judged to have the qualities and experience of life within the Church of Scotland necessary for the Congregation here in the Parish of Kirkliston. We offer her a very warm welcome to the village.

CAB

The Christian Action Bus has been out and about every Friday night, providing a great hang out for local young people. A ceilidh was held on the 28th February, and raised £904 for CAB which will help keep the bus running for another year. The bus passes through Kirkliston on Fridays: Gateside from 7pm to 7.40pm; The Glebe at 7.40pm to 8.20pm and the leisure centre at 8.20pm to 9pm.

PUT A DATE IN THE DIARY

Have you got an event planned in the village? Do you want to make sure it doesn't clash with anything else happening locally? Well log your event in the community diary to make sure there's nothing else planned for the same day. The diary is kept in the library.

PARKING HAZARD ON MAIN STREET

A request has been made for people not to park their cars on the footpaths on Main Street. It is a hazard for pedestrians, people in wheelchairs and people with pushchairs. It also causes difficulties for people with visual impairments.

HELP REQUIRED ON GALA DAY

We're looking for someone with a 4x4 with a towbar who would like to help pull a trailer on Gala day - Saturday 13th June 2009. Please contact Laura Crawford for more details on 0131 333 2364.

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 P7 and S1 to 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. Please contact the community centre to find out when the classes will restart.

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.

The community centre is now a **Guidance Access Point** where you can get free help and advice about:

- Education opportunities
- Getting a job or training
- Volunteering

Call Anne on the number above to make an appointment.

The **Kirky News** team is looking for people to deliver the newsletter to houses in the Gateside area and on Queensferry Road. Any help would be welcome, even it is to a few houses, or to a few neighbours. The Kirky News comes out four times a year.

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, Debbie Love on 01506 446524.

There's a **Gala Easter craft day** for nursery to P3 aged children on Monday 6th April. There are two sessions, from 10am to 11am, and 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Please bring along a boiled egg to decorate for the best decorated egg competition. Parents must stay with their children during the sessions. Teas and coffees are available.

Have you got a story you'd like to share with the village?
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