

KIRKY NEWS

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GALA CIVIC WEEK

This year, we have a bumper week organised from Saturday 7 June, culminating with a Gala Day on Saturday the 13 June. There are lots of great events planned for all of the family. Programmes will be on sale round the doors and in various shops in the village. The main events are:

Scottish Wildcats, High School Musical Tribute act	Freestyle professional footballer display
Tug of war	Maze
Climbing wall	BBQ
Bucking bronco	Face painting

CAB (Christian Action Bus)

The group has been amazed by the number of children who have come to meet and chat with them in the CAB on Friday nights.

The bus will be in the village every Friday night through the holidays. Parents are invited to come along too, and enjoy the buzz of the bus.

You can find them at Gateside (7pm-7.40pm); the Glebe (7.40pm-8.20pm) and the Leisure Centre (8.20pm-9pm). Contact Morag Carnal or Christina Pearson on the bus.

OPEN SPACE AUDIT PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Council is interested in which open spaces people use, how they use them and what people think of their quality. To take part in the audit, you can complete a questionnaire (available from the Council or online), write to the Council, or join them for the workshop on Tuesday 23 June at Kirkliston Community Centre from 6.30pm-8pm.

For more information, visit www.edinburgh.gov.uk/openspacestrategy You can email your thoughts to openspacestrategy@edinburgh.gov.uk or by post to City of Edinburgh Council, G:1 Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh EH8 8BG

GOOD NEWS

Earlier this year, many local folk signed Catherine Baird's petition against the City Council's intention to stop funding for 36 people, including her son Brian, to attend the Garvald Centre in Gorgie. The centre provides support services for adults with disabilities. With your support, now she is happy to report the Council has agreed to continue the funding. Catherine would like to thank everyone who supported the campaign.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Elections will take place this year for the Kirkliston Community Council. Applications from members of the public are welcome for the 10 positions available. Local organizations are encouraged to register as Local Interest Groups. Up to five of these positions are available. The Council meets on the last Tuesday of every month (apart from July and December). Anyone interested in joining should visit www.kirklistoncc.com or phone 333 4214

KIRKLISTON IN BLOOM

Kirkliston Environment Group (KEG) would like to thank everyone who turned out to help with the Big Clean Up. Over 50 volunteers turned up on the day, our biggest turn out so far. A large amount of rubbish was collected. The next litter pick is scheduled for October.

Many of you will have admired the beautiful display of spring bulbs on the west of the village. This was all thanks again to the many volunteers who helped us plant the crocus and narcissus bulbs, but also to Edinburgh Council who planted 20,000 more! As it was a great success, the Council have pledged to plant another 20,000 bulbs by the Leisure Centre, and to supply KEG with 20,000 bulbs to plant in the Path Brae area. To do this we will need **LOTS** of helpers!

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Bellevue West Community Church meets in Kirkliston Community Centre (their normal venue at 70 Main Street is undergoing refurbishment works which are expected to last until the end of this year) every Sunday at 11am. There are activities for all ages with refreshments served at the end. Everyone is welcome.

The Community Church's Kidzone (for primary school children) runs on Thursdays from 6.30pm. Teen Night (S1 to S4) is on Thursdays at 7.45pm.

The new Pastor, Colin MacPhie, who started on 3rd May is acquainting himself with the local area and church members.

NEW MUMS' GROUP

A New Mums and Baby group now meets at the community centre on Tuesdays. The group previously met at the Health Centre, but the mums are impressed with the new venue.

ARE YOU A BUDDING EDITOR?

The Kirky News is looking for an editor. It's a great opportunity to gain experience of editing and writing. There are four editions a year, and it's a good way to keep abreast of what's happening in the village. Please call Anne on 333 4214 for more information.

We are also looking for deliverers. Would you like to deliver to a few neighbours? Any help would be welcome.

NEW TOPS

A new TOPS (Talking Over Parenting Solutions) programme will be starting in September with a new set of topics. The previous programme won a highly commended award at the Standard Life Achievement awards in November 08. Local parents are invited to a coffee morning at the community centre on 12th June from 9.30am-10.30am to give their views on what topics they would like in this new programme.

WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY?

Quest Seekers Reading Scheme – Let your child's imagination run free at Kirkliston Library this summer! Quest Seekers will take young readers into a mysterious and wondrous land of dragons, fantasy and adventure where they can discover the joy of reading. Sign up at the library from 29th June and receive a cool membership card and Quest Seekers poster, plus lots of other gifts for children who complete their 'quest'.

Teddy Bear's Picnic for the under 5s on Tuesday 4th August 10.30 – 11.30

Comic Characters Drawing Masterclass for people aged 10–15 on Tuesday 18th August 1.00pm– 3pm

Quest Seekers Crafts for 6–9 years on Tuesday 14th July 2.30pm–3.30pm

All library activities are free but places may be limited so must be booked in advance. For more information, contact Kirkliston Library on 529 5510 or kirkliston.library@edinburgh.gov.uk

The **Library Book Group** continues to meet on the last Wednesday of every month from 7pm–8pm. The next book for discussion on 24 June is *A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian* by Marina Lewycka. These will be followed on the subsequent Wednesdays by *The Night Watch* by Sarah Waters and *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* by Mark Haddon. All books and refreshments are provided by the library – new members always welcome.

KIRKLISTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Find out what's happening at the Community Centre. For more information on the activities, please call Anne or Fran on 333 4214.

The **Guidance Access Point** offers advice, information and support on careers, education and training for everybody. It's a free and friendly service that can help you work out what you want to do, and what you need to do to achieve your goals. There's also support available to help you with reading, writing, numbers and computers.

Centre AGM on Monday 22nd June at 7pm

Please do try to come to this meeting which has had to be rearranged as not enough people came to the meeting held in May.

The **Senior Youth Club** meets on Wednesday evenings from 7pm–9pm for young people in P7 to S3. Cost 50p.

There are **Summer Activities For Young People** planned from 27th July to 7th August. Both outdoor and indoor activities are planned, including a trip on the Maid of the Forth. It is for young people going into S1 up to S4. There is an open day about the programme on 22nd July at Drumbrae Leisure Centre.

WORD 2003 For The Terrified And Quilt Making For Beginners are being offered as free Saturday morning taster sessions on 20th June from 10am–noon.

How can we improve the centre's **Computer Classes**? Most people want to have a go at using the internet and email, but there are some interested in word processing and spreadsheets. Tutor Ben Seex would welcome feedback from past students, or anyone thinking of taking a course at the centre. Please call him on 339 8278.

New Courses

Please contact the community centre if you would like to do a particular course through community learning. Maybe you want to learn more about food hygiene, creative writing, budgeting, or making a gourmet meal. Perhaps you're looking for new skills to improve your chances of getting a job. Please contact the centre on the number above to share your thoughts.

Jazz Night – This is being planned

WORKING FOR FAMILIES IN KIRKLISTON

Are you a working parent or carer who would like access to training, work placements, volunteering or other opportunities? Sam Baird is the local Working for Families adviser and can help. Contact her free phone on **0800 432 0044**.

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