

KIRKY NEWS

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HORTICULTURAL & CRAFT SHOW

This month saw our annual Flower Show. From a strong field the trophy-winners were adjudged to be: Irene Whittaker, Tom Milne, David Buchanan, Ann Denholm, S. Kite, Daisy Wyllie, S. Watson, Aleisha Chalmers, Samantha Tulloch and Joanna Tulloch. Congratulations to them, and to all the others who helped make the show so successful.

K. P. S. A. FUNDRAISERS

Come along to the Coffee Morning at the School on Sat 3rd Oct from 10 to 12. As well as tombola / home baking there will be various animal-themed activities and prizes, while in the Bike Corner you can have tyres, brakes and chains checked (£4 adult bike, £2 child bike). Entry, including tea and biscuits, is £1 for adults, 50p for children. Also, don't forget their annual Christmas Market, which is planned for late November.

FOLK NIGHTS

New local players and listeners are invited to come along and enjoy the traditional music sessions held in the Newliston Arms lounge area on most Monday evenings, when up to a dozen people can be playing between 9 and 11pm.

HAZEL TODAY, GONE TOMORROW

Around 25th Nov, some of the hazel trees in the small community garden on the corner of Manse Road will be cut down. This ancient technique, known as coppicing, will help to stop the trees becoming overcrowded, it opens up the wooded part of the garden, making it feel safer, and it will let more light in so that the bluebells planted by Kirkliston Nursery can grow more strongly. Hazel wood can be used for weaving, making walking sticks, carving and makes good firewood. If you can use some of the wood being felled, please come along and help yourself – sustainability in action! For more information please contact the CEC Park Ranger on 07990 787026.

KIRKY NEWS BY E-MAIL?

To reduce the workload for our volunteer deliverers, we are examining the feasibility of sending future editions electronically to all the computer buffs who check their inboxes regularly. If you would be happy to receive your copies in this way, please send your e-mail address to us at the address at the top of this page. Obviously our strategy for next year will depend on your response.

WELL DONE TO K. E. G.!

Many unsolicited compliments have been paid on the success of Kirkliston Environment Group's efforts to make the village a nicer place in which to live. Their latest projects are:-

- 17 Oct – Litter pick. Meet at the foot of Path Brae at 10am.
- 31 Oct – Bulb planting at Path Brae and Gateside. Meet as above. Lots of helpers are needed for this!
- 14 Nov – Litter pick. Meet at the Leisure Centre at 10am.
- 12 Dec – Litter pick. Meet at the bridge at the start of the old airport road at 10am.

High visibility vests, gloves, bags and pickers are all provided. If you can help, please join in – just for as long as you wish!

REGISTRATION FACILITIES

Staff at the Council office in Station Road would like to remind residents of the service they provide in the village.

- The office can be used to register any birth or death that occurs across Scotland.
- A duplicate certificate can be obtained for any birth, death, marriage or civil partnership already registered. These duplicates are accepted as originals.
- Notices can be accepted for any wedding or civil partnership taking place within the City of Edinburgh District boundaries as long as the celebrant is either a minister or a humanist celebrant.
- As well as taking notices for weddings and civil partnerships out-with their office, they also have a small wedding room to the rear of the office. This room holds up to 20 guests.

Please ring 333 3210 for an appointment or pop in to discuss any of these facilities.

TALKING OVER PARENTING SOLUTIONS

The next TOPS course will start in Queensferry on 27th Oct from 9:30 to 11:30am at Queensferry Community Centre. Register on the first day and come to some or all of the topics. The first session covers childcare choices and options. For more information contact health visitors at Kirkliston on 335 5320.

DANIEL STEEDMAN

We offer our condolences to Daniel's family after his tragic and untimely death which shocked the whole village. He will be very sadly missed by everyone.

FORTH REPLACEMENT CROSSING

We will not escape all of the inevitable turmoil when work on the new bridge gets under way. Not least will be the consequences of the Kirkliston Construction Compound (with parking for 75 cars) which Transport Scotland intends to establish just outside the village. Our interest and concerns will be represented by the Bridge Replacement Interest Group South (BRIGS) so look out for their publicity.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Quest Seekers: - Congratulations to everyone who took part in this summer's reading challenge for children. There was a big increase in the number of children who completed the challenge at Kirkliston Library this year - well done!

Rhymetimes: - The next afternoon of rhymes and songs for under-3's and their carers will be on Tues 6th Oct at 1:45pm. Regulars and newcomers are welcome - just drop in.

The Book Group meets on the last Wed of every month, from 7 to 8pm. The meeting on 30th Sep will look for ideas for which books to discuss next. New members are always encouraged.

Graphic Novel Workshop: - On Fri 23rd Oct at 2:30pm the library will host a graphic novel workshop for teenagers, run by Glasgow-based duo "Metaphrog". Free tickets will be available from the library from a fortnight before the event. Look out for posters nearer the time.

Library Link: - This service is a free fortnightly Friday morning minibus, collecting anyone who has difficulty getting to the library because of disability or infirmity. It's a great chance to have a cup of tea and a chat, with time to choose books or music CDs. If you, or someone you know, would benefit from this please get in touch with the library on 529 5510.

Local Groups: - Staff are trying to provide the public with more information about local groups and organisations in Kirkliston. If you run such a group, it would be much appreciated if you could provide details to the library. Many thanks.

BELLEVUE WEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

All are welcome at their Sunday services at 11am, while on Thursdays, KidZone offers free activity for youngsters in P1 to P7 from 6:30 to 7:30pm, followed by TeenNights (for people in S1 to S4) from 7:45 to 9:15pm in the Community Centre.

GRAMOND ANGLING CLUB

They hope to develop the paths for fishing along our stretch of the Almond early in 2010. Villagers may already have seen electrofishing and invertebrate sampling carried out by SEPA near Maitland and Boathouse bridges.

THANKS: - We would like to thank our departing editor, Nadine Urquhart, for all her help in editing the recent issues of Kirky News.

KIRKLISTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

For more details on the following activities, please call Anne or Fran on 333 4214.

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

Jazz Night: - The Forth River Ragtimers played a great variety of numbers at the Centre's annual concert in August, and made this a very enjoyable event.

New courses: - Please contact Anne if you would like to do a particular course through community learning. Maybe you want to learn more about food hygiene, creative writing, budgeting, cookery or quilting. If you're looking for new skills to improve your chances of getting a job, do tell her.

Open all hours: - **Kirkliston Leisure Centre** This starts back on Fri 25th Sep from 7 to 9pm. A wide variety of sports, arts and crafts is available for young people from P7 to S4

STOP PRESS - K.E.G.

Meeting on issues and advice on waste recycling at Kirkliston Community Centre on 17th November at 7.30pm. Look out for more information.

Kirkliston Smiles Better!

Six months on from the refurbishment, Kirkliston Dental Surgery is pleased to welcome our new dentist Mr Victor Rahbar to the practice. Victor came from private dentistry in Denmark to set up home in Edinburgh with his wife and family. He has now settled in to the practice and brings a wealth of skills in cosmetic and traditional dentistry. Victor is looking forward to welcoming previous patients of Miss Antigoni Mitsioni who left to go back to her home in Greece. Victor is excited to be working alongside the in-house laboratory where he can offer a very personalised service for cosmetic dentures, crowns, veneers and tooth whitening. The lab also provides an emergency dental repair service.