

KIRKY NEWS

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COUNCIL OFFICE CLOSURE

Rumours abound that Edinburgh Council are about to close our local office in Station Road. We have learned that in the current financial situation a comprehensive review of all Council resources is being carried out to identify where the essential savings can best be made. Final decisions will be taken at the next meeting of the full Council on **17 December**. This meeting may be of interest to those wishing to retain the services provided by our office.

PARISH CHURCH

Here are the details of December's events:-

Sun 13 11am – 9 lessons & Carols

Wed 16 7.30pm – Rotary Carol Concert

Sun 20 2.30pm – Kirklands Sheltered Housing

Mon 21 9.30am – Schools Christmas Service

Tues 22 7pm – Remembrance Service for Bereaved

Thurs 24 6.30pm – Family Service – followed by mince pies and mulled wine!!

Thurs 24 11pm – Watch-night Service

Fri 25 10.20am – Christmas Morning Service – *Bring a Toy!*

Sun 27 11am – All age service

THOMAS CHALMERS CHURCH CENTRE

This is a modern building with very good facilities, in terms of rooms, main hall, coffee area and kitchen facilities. The Centre is an excellent venue for parties, social events, club meetings and conferences. To get more info about this and to arrange bookings please contact the Convenor of the Hall Management Group, Peter Woollven on **0131 333 3862** or email peterwoollven@aol.com

WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY?

Children's Event

Come along for Christmas Crafts on **Fri 18 Dec**, 2.30 – 3.30 pm for ages 5 – 10 years! This activity is ticketed – free tickets will be available from the library from a fortnight before the event.

Library Book Group: There will be a meeting of the book group on **Wed 16 Dec** at 7 pm, when they be discussing "Fathers and Sons" by Richard Madeley. New members are always welcome!

DORCAS LUNCHES

This year's special Christmas lunch is on offer in the Church Centre from 12 till 2pm on **Tuesday 8 December**. As always it is excellent value at £7.50 for three courses plus tea or coffee and all proceeds will go to help the homeless in Edinburgh. A real treat for everyone!

FORTH REPLACEMENT CROSSING

A bill has just been presented before Parliament regarding the Forth Replacement Crossing (FRC). This will undoubtedly cause a great deal of disruption both during and after the building phase, which is expected to last for 5 years, commencing in 2011. The new bridge and connecting roads will have Intelligent Transport Systems technology to manage traffic flow, while the existing bridge will carry only buses, taxis, light bikes and pedestrians. Transport Scotland's exhibition is in the Community Centre on **3 & 4 Dec** 10.30am-8.30pm and **5 Dec** 10am-5pm. Anyone wishing to submit objections has 70 days from presenting of the bill, meaning a deadline of around **26 Jan**. You can view the bill in the Library or on the Scottish Parliament website or on: www.forthreplacementcrossing.info Residents are also advised to visit the BRIGS website at <http://www.brigs.btik.com> which is regularly updated.

KIRKLISTON ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Rob Brechin, Chair of KEG thanks everyone who turned up at the recent litter pick. The last litter pick of 2009 will be on **Sat 12 Dec** – meet at the east end of Main Street at the old railway line. The litter picks in 2010 will also be on Saturdays' – **9 Jan, 13 Feb, 13 Mar** and **10 April**. The Kirky News team would also like to thank Rob and his tiny band of stalwarts who planted well over 10,000 crocuses at the south side of the village. In the Spring watch out for the newly planted bulbs sprouting in the Path Brae area.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE CHRISTIAN ACTION BUS

"Especially at this time of year, leaders on the cab love to spend time with the children and tell them of God's love for them. We also do craft work, listen to music and try fun things like skipping which the kids love.

You can find the cab every Friday night at Gateside from 7 – 7.50pm, The Glebe 7.50 – 8.30, and the Leisure Centre 8.30 – 9pm.

*Our church is planning a roadshow on **Friday 18 December** at the usual cab stop at Gateside. Do come out and join us."* Christina Pearson

VILLAGE DIARY

At this time of year, we hear of unfortunate date clashes between different functions. It would be helpful, if organizers of local events checked the diary held in the Library before finalizing their plans.

BELLEVUE WEST COMMUNITY CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

Sunday 20 December – 11am Christmas family service at the Community Centre. *It would be great to see you there.*

Monday 21 December – 7pm. A contemporary Christmas evening at the Primary School. "Follow the Star" presentation includes drama, music and carols followed by light refreshments. Free for all. *Come along and enjoy the fun!*

E-MAILING THE NEWS It seems we are not all converted to electronic wizardry yet! We thank the five readers who took the trouble to respond to our suggestion, but the proposal must be shelved for the time being. However, it is our intention that the latest issue will always be available on our website.

TALKING OVER PARENTING SOLUTIONS

Your ideas and suggestion on what T.O.P.S. might provide next year would be most welcome at their Coffee Morning from 9.30 to 11.30am on **Tuesday 8 December** at the huts of Queensferry Community Centre, next to the Hideaway Café (**Tel 331 3594**). A crèche will be provided for Over 2s.

GAS INSTALLATION

The long awaited provision of a gas supply to the Gateside estate is now on the horizon. A public meeting is to be held in January. Look out for more details on the noticeboard or on the web-site: www.gateside.btik.com

BETTER BIN PROVISION

Large communal recycling bins for glass, paper and packaging are to be provided before Christmas in Maitland Hog Lane, opposite the electricity sub-station. No doubt they will be well used after Santa has been!

TAI CHI CLASS

Classes are held in Hillwood Primary School, Ratho Station on Thursdays from 6.45 to 8pm. The first lesson will be free and then a set of 4 lessons will cost £20.

POSTAL SCAM

Watch out for a postcard from PDS asking to phone an 09 number (**this will cost you £15!**). Don't phone but contact Royal Mail Fraud on **0207 239 6655**.

SANTA

Santa will be preparing the sleigh for his usual village tour on Christmas Eve. He hopes to start his rounds before 4pm, and will be pausing in The Square, to meet everyone after the Family Service. He hopes to complete his visit earlier than last year! **Merry Christmas everyone!**

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.

Support is available to help you with reading, writing, numbers, English as a Second Language.

Computer classes

Please contact the centre if you would like to come to a computer class.

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, cookery or quilting. Perhaps you're looking for new skills to improve your chances of getting a job.

Quiz Night

The Centre's Annual Quiz Night will be held on **Friday 27 January** at 7.30 pm. This is always a fun evening. Teams of 4 (if you are yourself or just two or three we will make up teams). Look out for the posters or phone the centre for more details.

Senior Youth Club is on Wednesdays. It is from 7pm-9pm for young people in S1 to S3. Cost 50p. Everyone is welcome to come.

Junior Youth Club is on Fridays from 4pm-6pm for children in P5 to P7. All welcome.

Youth Café for young people from S3+. Look out for publicity the new year.

Open All Hours – Kirkliston Leisure Centre

The last session before Christmas will be on **Friday 11 December** and the programme resumes on **Friday 12 January 7 - 9pm**.

There is a wide variety of sports, arts and crafts for young people from P7 to S3.



PRETTY WOMEN Nails & Beauty

Opening on 12/12/09

Within Georges Hair Salon at

12 Main Street Kirkliston

Call in and book your treatment

and receive 10% off *

Facials, Nail Treatment, Ear Piercing, Hair Removal, etc.

*** Offer ends 31/01/2010 ***