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COUNCIL OFFICE MOVES

We have received the following announcement from the City of Edinburgh Council :-

The Local Office services will be moving across the road to the Library later this year. On the 11th Feb, Councillors approved the Services for Communities Department's proposal to deliver these services from the existing Library, and to close the current local office building. You will still be able to access the current range of Council services, (including making payments for rent/ council tax), report faults & make enquiries as well as using the library. You will be able to register births, deaths and marriages, but there are no plans to conduct weddings in the joint building. At the same time, private meeting space will be provided to support shared use. The Council is looking to retain storage facilities for Christmas and local events and the history group, and the land and facilities for the local gardening club.

The plan is to co-locate services so they are all in one building, and to contribute towards Council budget savings while minimising the impact on local people. Planning for this is at an early stage and timescales are not yet set. Local staff will work closely with the community and elected members to make sure that these services are maintained at a high standard through the changes and into the new set up. Regular updates will be provided through the Community Council and newsletters. No changes will be made to services without ensuring that local people are aware of what is happening and when.

The West Team lead for this project is Margaret Meehan, Customer Services Team Leader, and you can contact the West Neighbourhood Team on 0131 529 7440, or westteam@edinburgh.gov.uk.

Our Community Council strongly opposes the proposed closure. After constructing a comprehensive case, including submitting a detailed objection letter and a very well-supported petition, they are hugely disappointed that CEC have decided to proceed. This is not the end of the road though, and KCC will continue to push CEC for a detailed justification of this decision, and challenge it with whatever means are necessary.

CAMPAIGN GROUP

A new group is starting up to allow residents to discuss issues such as the above closures, heavy goods traffic, new housing, bus fares, bridge construction etc. The first meeting is on Wed 31 Mar, at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. The group is not affiliated to any organisation, and warmly welcomes everyone along to the sessions.

GATESIDE TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Association thanks everyone who came along to support, help and enjoy their events. They were delighted to have raised a few hundred pounds. They are currently working on an improvement plan for the area and trying to co-ordinate a few other events. Volunteers are encouraged to get in touch, no experience required.

The next meeting is on 12 Apr at the Community Centre at 7pm to discuss the improvement plan for Gateside which includes safer routes to school, cycle paths, youth shelter, seating, trees, plants, roads, paths and signs. All suggestions welcomed.

GOLF SOCIETY

The Golf Society which meets at the Bowling Club basically has 4 golf outings each year, over the months between May and August. Each outing consists of 36 holes of golf, breakfast, lunch and high tea, as well as transport to and from the course. All details are on the notice board in the Bowling Club. They currently have 12 members but would welcome any one interested in joining them. This year the fees are just £250.

They also welcome visitors, who can pay the cost of their day's golf on the day if preferred.

The Society would gladly welcome either new members, or golfers who would simply like to have a good day out at a very reasonable cost.

KPSA SPRING FAYRE

The annual Spring Fayre will take place on Sat 27 Mar at the school from 10 - 12 noon. There will be a variety of stalls, such as Home-baking, Tombola, Second hand Books/CDs/DVDs and Arts & Crafts, as well as various games, bike check/degrease corner, raffle and more... Donations for all stalls would be gratefully received. Entry: £1 adults and 50p children. Thank you for your support.

WELLIES FOR THE WALKWAY

Walkers are criticising the state of the old railway walk from here to Newbridge. The popular footpath is now so overgrown and poorly drained, conditions have been described as "dire" and complaints have been sent to Edinburgh Council, who are responsible for its maintenance.

LIBRARY NEWS

Explore Learning will be running a children's Easter event in the library for 6 - 10 year olds on Wed 14 Apr from 2 pm - 3pm. Free tickets will be available from the library from a fortnight before the event. Look out for posters.

FROM BLACK MARKS TO GOLD STARS

This winter the Council did their best while gritting only main roads but we had real problems, not least at untreated Gateside Road where the school buses could not negotiate the steep hill and so many pupils missed school. However, residents and visitors have been admiring the newly resurfaced B800 between the village and Newbridge. What a pleasant surprise that the potholes have gone, so soon after the winter weather removed the previous resurfacing. The new railings on the High Street have also been well received, with comments that they are much nicer than the previous barrier. So, well-deserved thanks to whoever is responsible!

CHRISTIAN ACTION BUS

A great time was had by all at last month's CAB Ceilidh, and the organizers would like to thank everyone who supported the event, which raised £860 to keep the Bus on the road.

ACCESS COURSES NOW AVAILABLE



ACCESS TO BUILT ENVIRONMENT
(National Certificate in Built Environment Award)
prepares adults for entry to a wide range of
HN or degree courses including:

Architectural Technology, Civil Engineering,
Construction and Project Management,
Quantity Surveying, Urban Studies



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Edinburgh's Telford College
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To find out more, call freephone
0800 7310949
Or e-mail: swapeast@ed.ac.uk

SWAP-East is a charitable body, registered in Scotland with registration number SC026180.

For details of other Access courses contact the Community Centre on 333 4214.

WELL DONE, KEGS!

At the last litter-pick, some 20 folk filled 30 binbags of rubbish, all from the outskirts of the village. The next blitz will be on the Pike's Pool area, and supporters of our Environment Group are asked to meet at Allison Park Pavilion on Sat 13 Mar at 10am.

BELLEVUE WEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

An "Open Week" of special activities will be held in the refurbished building at 70 Main Street, between 12 and 17 Apr. Everyone in the community will be welcome: look out for publicity in the next few weeks.

KIRKLISTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

For more information on any of the centre's activities, please call Anne or Fran on 333 4214.

Kirkliston 0-4's

If you are a parent/carer for children between the ages of 0-4 then why not pop into the sessions at the Centre on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9.00-11.30am. The sessions are set up by one of the staff from Queensferry Early Years Centre providing lots of interesting activities for you all to have a go at, similar to what children would enjoy in a nursery setting. You can also get tea/coffee and the children can have juice plus some nice food to nibble on. Come and have some fun and a chance to meet other adults and children.

For more information contact Queensferry Early Years Centre on 331 3594.

Talking Over Parenting Solutions

Six T.O.P.S sessions were held in our centre this year, on topics such as Stress Management, Promoting Positive Parenting and Healthy Eating. The sessions were open to anyone caring for children, the attendance was pretty good and those who came along seemed to enjoy themselves. The same topics will be covered in Queensferry starting on 20 Apr so if you missed the Kirkliston sessions feel free to attend there. For more information, leaflets are available or contact Queensferry Early Years Centre on 331 3594.

Youth Cafe is on Wednesdays, from 6.30 – 7.30pm for young people in S1 to S2 and 7.45 – 9pm for S3+. Everyone is welcome to come.

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

Blue Light Disco for P7s at 7pm on 26 Mar after Big Clean Up. Phone the centre if transport is needed.

Adult Education Programme: Examples are: IT, Web-based design, Form filling, Literacy, First Aid, Daytime yoga, Family nature walks, One Step Ahead of the Kids, Support for passing CSCS and SVQ Care. A 5 week beginners' computer class will be run on Tues 1 - 3pm, starting 27 Apr. If you wish to practise your computer skills the tutor will be available to help after 3pm Tuesdays, or enquire about other times.



PLAYGROUP
THOMAS CHALMERS CHURCH HALL
KIRKLISTON

*Open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.15-11.45

*Places available for children aged 2-5 years

Please contact Michelle on 0131 333 4088
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