

KIRKY NEWS

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The *Kirky News* team would like to round off the year with a few thanks. Firstly to the Parish Church for its ongoing support of our newsletter and to the Community Council for its financial support. Secondly we would like to say a big thank you to our team of deliverers who do a smashing job getting the *Kirky News* through your door. And finally, thank you to everyone who contributes, regularly or just once, to the newsletter. (Please note that the deadline for submitting articles for the next edition of the *Kirky News* is February 26 2011.) The *Kirky News* team would like to wish our readers a very happy Christmas and all the best for 2011.

Yolande Nelson, Editor, *Kirky News*

KIRKLISTON PARISH CHURCH ADVENT SERVICES

Sunday December 12, 11am: Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday December 12, 6.30pm: Café Church celebrates Christmas in the Church Centre
Sunday December 19, 11am: Children's Nativity Service
Tuesday December 21, 7pm: A service for those who have been bereaved
Thursday December 23, 9.30am: Primary School Christmas Service
Friday December 24, 6.30pm: Family Service for Christmas Eve
Friday December 24, 11.15pm: Watch-Night Service
Saturday December 25, 10.30am: Christmas Day Family Service
Sunday December 26, 11am: Boxing Day Service

KIRKLISTON COMMUNITY CHURCH hope you have a wonderful Christmas. There are a variety of festive events that you are warmly invited to in the coming weeks:

Saturday December 4, 10am to 2pm: Christmas Market including beautiful craft gifts, nativity scene, photos and café
Sunday December 19, 11am: Christmas Family Service – a relevant and informal time of worship and joy
Sunday December 19: early evening carol singing around the village in conjunction with Kirkliston Parish Church – look out for further details
Monday December 21, 8pm: "A celebration of Christmas" – a mixture of traditional carols, contemporary choir pieces, special guest singer-songwriter, **Steph McLeod**, and more
Sunday December 26, 11am: Boxing Day Thanksgiving Service
The café offers a range of delicious hot drinks and fantastic home baking. **Open Wednesday 7pm to 9pm and Friday 10am to 12pm.** All welcome at any or even all of the above. For more information, please call **0131 333 3482**.

KIRKLISTON LIBRARY

There will be a Christmas Crafts afternoon at the library on Friday December 17, 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Suitable for 5 to 10 year olds, there

will be the chance to make some colourful items suitable for decoration or gifts. Free tickets available from the library in person, by phone on **0131 529 5510** or by email at: kirkliston.library@edinburgh.gov.uk

The Christmas Bookbug rhyme session for babies and toddlers is on **December 17 at 10.30am**.

DORCAS LUNCHES

The annual Christmas fundraising lunch by the Dorcas Group of Kirkliston Parish Church will be held on **Tuesday December 7 from 12noon** in the Church Centre. Lunch costs £7.50 – the same as the last two years – and includes three courses plus tea or coffee and mints. The event represents excellent value for money whilst helping those less fortunate. In the past, considerable amounts have been raised to help with Christmas lunch for the homeless in the Edinburgh area and, hopefully, this year will be no exception.

The word 'Dorcas' can be found in the *Bible* in Acts, chapter 9, verse 36. Tabitha helped poor people throughout her lifetime by making clothes. Her name in Greek is Dorcas and, originally, the group not only provided a simple lunch but also reasonably priced children's clothing. Over time, the clothing provision has ceased but the lunches continue every Tuesday. Everyone is welcome either at the regular Tuesday lunch or at the annual Christmas fundraising lunch. Dorcas lunches resume after Christmas on **Tuesday January 11, 12noon to 2pm**. The Dorcas group would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

QUEENSFERRY CHURCHES CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

QCCC would like to thank everyone who has given their support throughout 2010 and would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy 2011.

If you are interested in joining QCCC, a volunteer is needed to help out in the kitchen on a Wednesday, 11am to 1pm. If you are interested in this vacancy or want to know more about volunteering opportunities, contact Lorna on **0131 331 5570** or visit their website at www.qccc.org.uk

UPDATE ON KIRKLISTON LOCAL OFFICE MOVE

The proposed changes to the library to incorporate local registry services were passed in mid-October. It is anticipated that the work will be carried out in December or January, taking around two weeks. There will be some unavoidable disturbance but the library will stay open throughout. The existing Local Office at 19 Station Road is open for business as usual but the building is now on the market.

The West Team lead for this project is Margaret Meehan. You can contact the West Neighbourhood Team on **0131 529 7440** or by email at westteam@edinburgh.gov.uk

REPRESENTING SCOTLAND AT THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES

was local lad, Ross Creber. 22-year-old Ross was in the cycling team, competing in the road race (198km). He travelled out to Delhi the week before his race after three months' hard training and racing in Holland.

Kirky News (KN): *Ross, we heard a lot about the athletes' village and facilities. How did you find it?*

Ross Creber (RC): Facilities were excellent. Our rooms were clean and comfortable. The food hall was good and there was a lovely leisure pool for chilling out. There was a really good atmosphere and the locals were extremely helpful and friendly. Security was very tight and we had an armed escort every time we left the village.

KN: How did your race go?

RC: Really well. Road racing is a team event and all members have a specific role. My job was to look after David Miller (previous world champion and winner of the Commonwealth Games time trial), as Dave was our best chance of a medal. For example, I had to drop back to pick up drinks bottles for him, then sprint to catch him up, protect him from crashes and give him my wheel if he got a puncture. It was pretty tough as the temperature was 42°C and the pace was over 40km/hour. Our team did brilliantly with Dave winning the bronze medal.

KN: So what's next?

RC: I am at uni in Newcastle so I've got a bit of study to catch up on! I'll carry on training hard over the winter with lots of racing again next year. I am hoping to race on the track as well as the road next season. I'm looking forward to some home support at the next Games in Glasgow!

THE RACE IS ON, KIRKLISTON WANTS SUPERFAST BROADBAND

BT are currently giving five communities the chance to fast-track their local exchange to be upgraded to fibre optic broadband (superfast broadband). Additionally, BT will donate £5,000 worth of computer equipment to a winning local community. You have to register your interest online in conjunction with your landline phone number and address; details can be found at the following address www.racetoinfinity.bt.com

Kirkliston has 3,113 eligible phone lines available to register their interest. So far, less than two per cent of the village has registered.

This is our opportunity to do something that will benefit the whole community equally and all you have to do is say 'yes, I want a better service'.

Don't have Broadband? Don't worry. Your landline is still eligible and you can use PCs at the local community centre and library to register.

KIRKLISTON LEISURE CENTRE currently have spaces in a variety of pre-school and children's coaching classes. These include gymnippers, mini-kickers and tots tennis for pre-school and tennis, gymnastics and little flicks for primary school children. They also offer matchplay sessions for S1 and above on a Wednesday night for only £1 on the recently refurbished astros. For adults, there is a great fitness class programme as well as the gym. Pop into the centre for further details or call **0131 333 4700**. New class starting January 2011: pre-school trampolining on Sundays 10am to 11am. Limited spaces available.

KIRKLISTON ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Following two successful litter picks on October 16 and November 13, the Kirkliston Environment Group is meeting on **Saturday December 11 at 10am** at Kirkliston Library to clean up the centre of the village ahead of the festive season. All welcome in this worthwhile endeavour to have Kirkliston looking its best for Christmas.

KEG would also like to report another year's successful bulb planting. Take a walk near the school in the spring and enjoy the display of 18,000 bulbs planted by enthusiastic volunteers and pupils from Kirkliston Primary School.

ARTIST AND CRAFTMAKERS' FAIR

There will be an Artist and Craftmakers' Fair at Priory Church, South Queensferry on **Saturday December 11 between 11am and 4pm**.

This is a lovely event featuring work by local artists. There is a wide variety of work on display and for sale at reasonable prices: jewellery, scarves, woodturning, painting, cards and fashion.

It's a great way of supporting your local community and picking up a few Christmas presents, not to mention enjoying a festive mince pie and glass of mulled wine and other homebaked treats at the café.

LOOK OUT FOR FATHER CHRISTMAS VISITING KIRKLISTON ON CHRISTMAS EVE - CHECK THE LOCAL PRESS FOR TIMES.

FREE TO GOOD HOME

Gardener's 8ft x 6ft wooden greenhouse: just come and collect. For more details phone **0131 333 3436**.

LITTLE FLYERS NURSERY



PLAYGROUP

* OPEN WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY 9.15-11.45 a.m.

* SPACES AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN 2-5 YEARS

Please contact Michelle on **01506 854066** or on **0131 333 4088** for more information

THOMAS CHALMERS CENTRE, THE SQUARE, KIRKLISTON



PIANISTS!

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