

KIRKY NEWS

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GALA 2011 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Sunday June 5 Family Treasure Hunt and BBQ

£1 per adult and 50p for children, teams to register and start between 2pm and 2.30pm outside the Kirklands on Main Street; BBQ and finish at Leisure Centre

Monday June 6 Football Tournament

P1 to P7, £2 on the night, Leisure Centre, 6pm to 9pm

Monday June 6 Gala Zumba

Ladies and Gentlemen! Zumba your way to the Gala Day. Dress in "Pink", £4 on the night, Leisure Centre, 8.30pm to 9.30pm

Tuesday June 7 Girls Cheerleading Party

P4 to P7, £2 on the night, TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE, Community Centre, 7.30pm to 9pm

Wednesday June 8 Entertainer - "Tricky Ricky"

Nursery to P3, £3, tickets in advance
(by popular demand, there are two shows this year), Church Hall, 4pm to 4.45pm/5.15pm to 6pm

Thursday June 9 Disco

Nursery children, £1 on the day, 4pm to 4.45pm

P1 to P3, £2 on the night, 6pm to 7pm

P4 to P7, £2 on the night, 7.30pm to 9pm

TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE, Community Centre

Friday June 10 Final Rehearsal, Allison Park

3pm/(Leisure Centre at 4pm in event of inclement weather)

Saturday June 11 Judging of Decorated Houses

9am to 10.30am

Coronation of Queen Elect, Allison Park 11am,

Parade 11.45am (approx)

Carnival 12.30pm (approx)

STRONG HELPERS REQUIRED!

The Gala stage needs to be moved from its current location to a new storage facility. As it is big, heavy and there are lots of parts, as many hands as possible are needed. If you can spare an hour on **Thursday June 9 at 7.30pm**, please go along to the rear of the old council offices in Almondside.

PARADE

To ensure everyone stays safe and gets a good view of the parade, please exit the park as quickly as possible after the crowning and stay on the pavements. If you are a parent and would like to walk beside your child in the parade, you must become a registered marshal and be equipped with the necessary hi-visibility clothing. If you would like to register, please contact Laura Crawford at crawfies@tesco.net or speak to a committee member.

KIRKLISTON ENVIRONMENT GROUP

The Kirkliston Environment Group would like to thank everyone who has supported them so far this year by taking part in bulb planting and litter picks. The weather severely hampered efforts but the whole community will have enjoyed the beautiful Spring bulbs

that were blooming every way into the village, giving a colourful welcome to residents and visitors alike. A new list of events and dates will be available in September.

KIRKLISTON LEISURE CENTRE

Have you tried Zumba? Tuesdays 7.15pm to 8pm and Thursdays 9.45am to 10.45am.

Little Flyers Nursery from Kirkliston Leisure Centre Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9.15am to 11.45am.

Soft play sessions with bouncy castle, giant connect 4 and lots more for £1.75. Tuesday to Friday, 9am to mid-day.

Please note that the trial early opening has finished and the centre opens now at 9am, Monday to Sunday.

ELECTION RESULTS

Kirkliston has a new MSP after the Scottish Parliament elections which saw Margaret Smith (Lib Dems) defeated by Colin Keir (SNP) to represent Edinburgh Western. Colin has still to announce his surgeries but can be contacted by email on

colin.keir.msp@scottish.parliament.uk

KIRKLISTON FLOWER SHOW

Grab your trowels, your paints and your baking equipment because the Kirkliston Horticultural and Craft Show is on the horizon!

This annual event is packed with classes ranging from painting to plants and photos to home brewing so whatever your creative spark, you could be in with a chance of a cash prize or, if you're really lucky, a trophy with your name on it!

If you think you might win a prize or just want to pop in for a tea or a coffee or a shot at the tombola then come on down to the Community Centre on **Saturday September 3** and bring your friends and family along for a grand day out!

To celebrate the show's 40th anniversary, the Mackie and Brechin cup (presented to three to seven year olds) has a new class: paint a stone no larger than 10cm.

It's never too early to start your entries, time to get busy.

IN MAY, 25 YEARS AGO Kirkliston Boys Football Club won the Scottish Under-11 Youth Cup, which was quite an achievement for a team formed only 2 years earlier. The club was sponsored first by the Community Centre and then by the Bowling Club, and was run, with great support from the parents, by Tommy Titterton and Joe Curran, assisted by Linda Murray. We'd like to hear more about that memorable event, plus details of what football is available to local youngsters today.

QCCC

Queensferry Care extends a warm welcome to Bill McLaren, who joined in March. Bill shares the role of co-ordinator with Gillian Smith and will be at Kirkliston on a Wednesday and Thursday.

It was goodbye to Mae Smith who left QCCC on May 6. Mae has been involved with QCCC as a student, a volunteer and as a member of staff over the past 10 years and her sunny disposition will be greatly missed. QCCC wishes her every future happiness. QCCC are currently recruiting volunteer befrienders. If you can spare one to two hours each week or fortnight to visit an older person in their own home, please contact **Lorna on 0131 331 5570** for an application form and further details. Alternatively visit their website at www.qccc.org.uk

KIRKLISTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

The AGM for Kirkliston Community Centre took place on May 13, paired with the quiz. The meeting was quorate. However there are still places on the management committee for interested people. Pat Carson, chairperson, stressed that the management committee was essential to the very existence of the Community Centre and that it provided the direction, the energy and the quality control for the future. New members are always welcome, call **0131 333 4214**, or email KirklistonCC@gmail.com. The quiz was won by THE EMPTY TABLE, named by the only member present when the quiz started, others arrived later. It was a close fought contest with the winner only two points ahead of second place, who were only one point ahead of third. The quizmaster remarked that this was an exceptional brains trust as there was not a single question that did not have a correct answer from at least one of the teams. Congratulations to all.

A final question:- "Would you like to join the management committee?" The prize is that you then get the centre you want and the one that YOU think Kirkliston needs.

INFORMATION OR CONSULTATION?

Several local folk have complained to us about the lack of consultation over current developments. Particularly, there is resentment about the way in which City of Edinburgh 'experts' have decided to spend the £280,000 which the building consortium were required to provide for the benefit of Kirkliston. It has already been earmarked for signage, seats and paving on the principal routes through the village despite the local controversy over how best to use the space no longer needed for a second school. Is this the best use of public resources? And finally, it was only by accident that residents in Auldgate found out about the scale of tree-felling, landscaping and engineering work about to start close to their properties for the sewerage installations needed for the new Cala houses. Fortunately, in this instance, Cllr MacKenzie arranged a site meeting with the builders. The dozen residents who managed to attend were happy with the way their concerns were taken on board. Such co-operation is appreciated by all.

KIRKLISTON PARISH CHURCH

After a serious swimming accident whilst in Israel in March, Minister, Maggie Lane, is making a good recovery. She has been overwhelmed by the

generosity and good wishes received from the community, and is grateful for all the love and support given. **Services continue as normal:**

Sunday 11am (crèche available)

Youth Fellowship 6.30pm to 8pm (Contact Dan Pearson on 0131 333 0333)

Drop-in Café Tuesday 9.30am to 11am with a short service at 11.15 in the Church Centre and

Healing Rooms open for prayer between 12pm and 1.30pm, Tuesdays, Thomas Chalmers Centre.

Christian Action Bus (Cab)* as usual on Fridays 7pm to 8pm at Gateside and 8pm to 8.45pm at the Leisure Centre.

*The Christian Action Bus (Cab) is an outreach event from Kirkliston Parish.

The recent family ceilidh was well supported and everyone had a great time. It is hoped to repeat the event next year.

KIRKLISTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Kirkliston Community Church is located at 70 Main Street, Kirkliston. There is a family service, with provision for babies and children, every Sunday morning at 11am.

On the last Sunday of the month, there is an evening service at 7pm.

The Café, Thursday 10am to 2pm, Friday 10am to 12pm, offers a great selection of hot drinks, home baking and bacon rolls. It's a wonderful place to spend some time with friends or relax on your own.

Kidzone, Thursday 6.30pm to 7.30pm, provides an opportunity for primary-school-aged children to have fun and learn more about the Christian faith.

If you have any questions or would like a visit please phone the pastor, **Colin MacPhie**, on **07505 223336**.

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