

KIRKY NEWS

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KIRKLISTON FLOWER SHOW

The Kirkliston Community Council 40th Horticultural and Craft Show, aka the Flower Show, was held on Saturday 3 September 2011. This year's show received the highest ever number of entries.

Trophy winners were:

Community Association Plate: highest overall points in show – Robert Brechin

John Drysdale Memorial Trophy: runner-up to CAP – Irene Whittaker

Community Council Rose Bowl: flowers section – David Buchanan

DB Marshall Trophy: vegetables section – Tom Milne

Wilson Floral Art Bowl: floral art prize – no entries

Community Council Art Cup: art section – George Gowans

Committee Quaich: craft section – Alison Carcus

Community Council Figurette: photography section – Peter Marsden

Bowling Club Goblet: homebrew section – Robert Brechin

Maurice Pearce Memorial Cup: best exhibit in flowers and vegetables – Tom Milne

Youth Club Trophy: youth section (ages 14-18) – Aleisha Chalmers

Junior Cup: junior section (ages 8-13) – Samantha Tulloch

Mackie & Brechin Cup: childrens' section – David Westwater

GALA DAY UPDATE

As you all know, the weather this year on Gala Day was unkind, to say the least. As well as dampening everyone's spirits and putting paid to months of hard work, the appalling weather has had a huge impact on funds. This has come on top of having to replace equipment damaged by the severe winter. As a result, the pressure is on for the 2012 Gala Day to raise enough funds.

To put on Gala Day costs £10,000 but if the money can't be raised, there will be no Gala Day next year. The plea for help, therefore, is even more heartfelt than ever. As much help as possible is needed: supporting the fundraising events or, even better, joining the committee or registering as a helper. It's a great opportunity to make new friends and have some fun. You don't have to be a parent and sparing a few hours of your time will go a long way.

The AGM is on **Thursday 29 September** in the Newliston Arms Function Suite at 7.30pm.

As there is no central funding, advertising and fundraising events are the main source of income for the Gala, your support is vital.

Fun Day

The committee would like to thank everyone who came along to the Fun Day and those who donated their time, prizes or home baking. **£1,600 was raised – a great start towards Gala Day 2012.**

GALA FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Blue Delta Band and Disco

Saturday 1 October, 7.30pm to late at Kirkliston Bowling Club.

Tickets are £5, available from a committee member or contact **Lee on 0131 333 2308.**

Pampered Chef evening

Thursday 27 October at the Newliston Arms Function Suite.

Tickets are £2, available from a committee member or contact **Lisa on 0131 333 3621** or pay on the door. Entry includes a welcome drink and nibbles.

Children's Hallowe'en discos

Friday 28 October at the Community Centre.

P1 to P3: 6pm to 7pm; P4 to P7: 7.30pm to 8.45pm. Fancy dress optional.

Coming soon...

Another fantastic tribute act night at the Bowling Club in November – look out for more details advertised in the Gala Programme

Advertising

If you would like to advertise in the Gala Day Programme, please contact Nicola Elder at **nicolaelder@btinternet.com** Programmes are sold throughout the village so it's a great way to let everyone know about your business or organisation.

Donations and sponsorship

Raffle prizes are always needed. If either you or your business would be interested in donating a prize, please contact a member of the committee. Also, if you would like to sponsor part of the day or a particular event, do get in touch.

Contact details

These can be found on the Gala Day website at **www.kirklistongala.co.uk** or on facebook.

Nominations for 2012 Crowner

Every year, the committee discusses potential nominees to crown the following year's Queen. Either a prominent figure or someone who has contributed and made a difference to the community is usually chosen. Nominations are now invited for the 2012 Crowner. Please email your suggestion through the Gala website at **www.kirklistongala.co.uk** or contact **Lisa on 0131 333 3621.**

KIRKLISTON ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Kirkliston Environment Group are meeting in September to plan their forthcoming activities. Keep your eyes open for news about the programme of litter picking, bulb planting and other activities that will be taking place over the autumn and winter from October onwards.

QCCC NEEDS YOUR VOTE TO WIN UP TO £6,000

QCCC has applied to the Royal Bank of Scotland's Community Force award scheme to win a grant of up to £6,000 to extend and develop its existing Befriending Service.

This service, run by volunteers, currently provides companionship and support to 22 older people in their own homes and communities. Its popularity ensures that there is always a waiting list. The aim of the service is to provide contact with the wider community through assisting the person to use local services and join in any activities the person is interested in. This reduces social isolation and encourages independence.

You can help QCCC win the top award by registering your vote by telephone on **freephone 0800 2110245, minicom 0800 0155 545** or online at **<http://communityforce.rbs.co.uk/>** You can vote from 26 September until 23 October. If you need further information, call **Liz McIntosh on 0131 331 5570** Monday and Tuesday, 9am to 5pm, or Wednesday, 9am to 1pm.

BUS ROUTE CHANGE

We await the response to a petition from over 300 Newbridge residents which has been sent to First Bus (and our three councillors) objecting to the re-routing of the number 38 bus service which no longer goes through Newbridge. This change affects many elderly folk in Kirkliston who now find it harder to get to the RBS branch there.

NETWORK RAIL EGIP (EDINBURGH/GLASGOW IMPROVEMENT PROJECT)

Did you know that EGIP will have a big impact on Kirkliston. As part of this project, the Dalmeny Chord line is back in scope. This will see high-speed trains running along the north of the village and then on to the new train station at Gogar. Up to six trains an hour may use this line. Consultation is underway. For more information and to find out how you can have your say, go to **www.networkrail.co.uk/asp/11743.aspx** or call **0808 280 2000**.

FORTH REPLACEMENT CROSSING COMPOUND AT KIRKLISTON

The J1A construction complex at the west of the village is now active. Over the coming weeks the site will be built up ready for full use. A special number has been set up for resident queries/concerns: **0800 078 6910**.

HEALING ROOMS

Healing Rooms Scotland have opened another Healing Room in the Thomas Chalmers Centre, The Square, Kirkliston. The Healing Room is open every Tuesday from 12noon to 1.30pm.

A Healing Room is simply a private place where you can come to receive healing prayer for any condition: physical, emotional or spiritual. This is offered free of charge and no appointment is necessary.

A Healing Room is also open at the Haven, South Queensferry, every Monday evening from 7pm to 9pm.

DORCAS LUNCHES

The weekly Dorcas lunches start again on **27 September**. They take place every Tuesday from 12pm to 2pm in the Thomas Chalmers Church Centre in the Square.

All ages are welcome at the lunches, particularly children. All proceeds go towards the running costs of the church centre.

Kirky crafters also sell their handmade greetings cards during the lunches. Please go along and give your support; faces old and new will be made most welcome.

NEW STREETS

What we knew as Almondhill Farm actually comprised three smaller farms: Loanhead, Meadow and Catelbock – hence the latest street signs in the Cala estate for 'Catelbock Close'.

COPY DEADLINE

The deadline for copy for inclusion in the next (Christmas) edition of the **KIRKY NEWS** should be emailed to **kirkynews@hotmail.co.uk** by **18 November 2011**.



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