

KIRKY NEWS



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As 2011 draws to a close, The Kirky News team would like to thank our team of volunteers who, for yet another year, have delivered the Kirky News to your door. We would also like to thank all those who contribute, regularly or just once, to the newsletter. On February 25 2012, the Kirky News will be holding a coffee morning at the Thomas Chalmers Centre from 10am to 12noon. This is mainly to boost our dwindling coffers but will also give you the chance to meet the team, put forward any suggestions concerning the newsletter or find out about joining us as a volunteer. We look forward to seeing you then. In the meantime, we would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and all the best for 2012.

Yolande Nelson, Editor, Kirky News

(Please note that the deadline for submitting articles for the next edition of the Kirky News is February 29 2012.)

KIRKLISTON PARISH CHURCH

Little Coffee Stop

A new drop-in café for parents and carers with children will take place every Friday morning starting on **December 2** from 9.30am to 11.25am in the Thomas Chalmers Church Centre, The Square.

Parents can book their children into the free crèche for an uninterrupted hour or more and enjoy some valuable "time out" chatting with friends. Messy play is available for the children to ensure they have a good time too. More volunteers, however, are needed.

If you feel you would like to be involved, either in the café or with the children, please speak to Helen Hogg on **07525 941501** or Maggie McConnachie on **07545 270001** or Rev Maggie Lane on **0131 333 3298**.

SERVICES FOR ADVENT

You are warmly invited to come along to any of the Services taking place over the festive period to share in the joy of Christmas:

December 11 at **11am**: nine lessons and carols

December 17 at **2pm**: carol singing at Kirklands Sheltered Housing

December 18 at **11am**: children's nativity service

December 21 at **7pm**: a service of commemoration for those who have been bereaved

December 22 at **9.30am**: primary school Christmas service (if the weather is bad, the service will be held at the school)

December 24 at **6.30pm**: Christmas Eve family service

December 24 at **11.15pm**: watch-night service

December 25 at **10.30am**: Christmas Day family service (bring along one of your toys or gifts with you)

January 1 2012 at **11am**: New Year service

DORCAS LUNCHES

Dorcas Lunches are having their annual Christmas lunch on Tuesday December 6 in the Thomas Chalmers Centre from 12noon to 2pm. A fantastic, four-course meal will be provided for just £7.50. All proceeds go to homeless charities within the Edinburgh area.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

Father Christmas will be visiting the village on Christmas Eve, check the local press for details and times. He hopes to be in The Square at 7.30pm for children to meet him before he has to head back to Lapland.

GALA DAY NEWS

A Morning with Santa is taking place on Saturday December 3 from 10am to 12noon at the Thomas Chalmers Centre. There will be children's crafts, homebaking, lucky dip and the chance to tuck in to a bacon roll before visiting Santa in his grotto. The Gala Committee will soon be inviting all Primary 1 and 7 children to take part in the 2012 Gala Day. Letters will go out to all children who attend Kirkliston Primary School but parents or guardians of P1- or P7-age children who do not attend the school should contact Lisa on **0131 333 3621** or via the website www.kirklistongala.co.uk in order to be included in the invitations.

CAB

CAB has been going out to children in the village for four years now and, owing to its popularity, will continue for a fifth year. The year will finish up on December 16 in the Thomas Chalmers Centre. **CAB** will be joined by other Centre users to enjoy an evening of entertainment. **CAB** will be back on the road every Friday from **January 13**: Gateside, 7pm to 8pm and Leisure Centre, 8pm to 8.45pm.

KIRKLISTON LIBRARY

Beginners computer classes will be starting up again at Kirkliston Library in the new year. If you are interested in joining the '21st century', please contact Julie on **0131 529 5510**. There will be a Christmas bookbug session on Friday December 16 at 10.30am and, lastly, the staff at Kirkliston Library and Local Office would like to wish customers a very Merry Christmas.

FANTASTIC FIREWORKS

Congratulations must go to the Gateside Residents' Association for organising and running a most successful bonfire and fireworks night on November 5. The event was very well run and gave a lot of pleasure to the 500 or more spectators. Hopefully this will become an annual village event.

KARATE JUJITSU CLUB

The Club is looking for new junior and adult members of all ages. The Club meets every Saturday from 12noon to 1pm at Kirkliston Leisure Centre and is both for those wanting to learn serious self defence and those who just want some exercise and to have some fun. The class is led by Sensei Mike Gilhooley, world-class 7th karate jujitsu Dan.

QCCC

The demand for volunteer befrienders continues to grow.

This valuable service helps to relieve social isolation for older people that are unable to leave their home. If you think you would enjoy visiting an older person in their own home and can make a regular commitment to visit weekly or fortnightly, please contact Lorna on **0131 331 5570**.

You will receive full training and ongoing support.

Do you have a musical talent that you would be willing to share with QCCC? This could be a regular commitment or a one off. For more information, please contact Lorna on **0131 331 5570**.

QCCC would like to extend their grateful thanks to everyone who has supported them through 2011 and to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN AGAINST CLOSURE IN VAIN?

Following the 2010 campaign to save Kirkliston Leisure Centre from closure, membership and usage increased. However, overall usage is still below the targets set by Edinburgh Leisure and, as we move closer to a new financial year, the Centre is likely to be reviewed again. Please can everyone consider giving KLC another try over the winter months – you could make it your New Year's Resolution!

KIRKLISTON LEISURE CENTRE

Little Flyers Nursery at Kirkliston Leisure Centre offer supervised sessions every Wednesday to Friday from 9.15am to 11.45am. This allows you to leave your little ones while you enjoy a fitness class or a session in the gym. The Leisure Centre are offering the first session free during the January term. Plus if you book four sessions, you get the fifth one free! (You are required to book in advance for any free sessions with Little Flyers). Hourly sessions are also available from £7.50.

BROADBAND PROVISION IN KIRKLISTON

Following a campaign initiated by local resident, John Tominey, supported by local councillor Norman Work, MSP Colin Keir, and MP Mike Crockart, a meeting took place on Thursday November 10 with Government Minister Alex Neil to discuss broadband provision in rural west Edinburgh. Mark Elder represented Kirkliston Community Council.

No commitment was made that Kirkliston would definitely be upgraded, and certainly no timescale was promised, but the consensus was that Kirkliston has a good case with an increasing population, good proximity to existing infrastructure and the potential for the service to be commercially viable depending on take up. The meeting achieved its purpose of raising the profile of Kirkliston and helping to ensure we are not 'forgotten'. The Community Council will continue to work with residents to ensure Kirkliston remains on the agenda; please get in touch if you would like to help.

KIRKLISTON ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Successful litter picks were held in October, November and December. Bulbs have also been planted around the Pike's Pool area. Further litter picks are planned for next year as follows:

January 14: Library car park

February 11: start of railway walkway to Dalmeny

March 10: Path Brae

April 14: entrance to village from South Queensferry

June 2: Library car park

Other recent activities include the upgrade of the surface of the railway walkway to Dalmeny. Forthcoming events include switching on Christmas tree lights in the village and placing tubs at the four entrances to the village in Spring. Support has been given to the newly-formed Friends of Pikes Pool. New members

are welcome. Please contact David Batty at

dsbatty@btinternet.com

HEALING ROOMS

The Kirkliston Healing Room is now open every **Thursday** instead of Tuesday **from 11.30am to 1pm** in the Thomas Chalmers Centre. A Healing Room is simply a private place where you can come to receive healing prayer for any condition, physical, emotional or spiritual. Prayer is offered free of charge and no appointment is necessary. A Healing Room is also open every **Monday** evening from **7pm to 9pm** at the **Haven, 25 Burgess Road, South Queensferry**. For more information, please contact **07768 530800**.

RETIRED? INTERESTED IN NEW LEARNING AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES?

Edinburgh U3A (University of the 3rd Age) has over 1,200 members and exists as a co-operative to enable members to share learning and leisure activities. U3A membership is not related to a specific age but to a period in one's life (the 3rd age) after the 2nd age of full-time employment and parental responsibility. Activities are centred on over one hundred activity groups ranging from aquafl to yoga through art, craft, languages, photography, science and walking. The Lunch Club has reasonably-priced monthly lunches at various city venues and the Visits Group organises coach outings about eight times a year. There is also an open meeting once a month in which there is a short talk and a chance to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee in a friendly atmosphere. Further information can be found at www.edinburghu3a.org.uk or by contacting Liam McDowell, Editor of the Edinburgh U3A magazine, on **0131 333 2143**.



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